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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

FRI., SEP. 7 CROSBY LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold their Fall Book Sale on Friday, September 7th - 1pm - 6pm. Saturday, September 8th - 10am - 5pm. Tons of books!! Many in mint condition. Please come by the Crosby Library at 135 Hare Rd. For more information, call the Library at 281-328-3535.

SAT., SEP. 8 COMMUNITY FISH FRY & AUCTION

Catfish dinners \$10, 11 am to 2 pm; silent auction & bake sale 11 am - 2 pm; live auction 12:30 p.m. at Highlands United Methodist Church, 107 West Houston in Highlands. See ad, page 2 for more details.

THUR., SEP. 13 MEN'S PROSTATE HEALTH SEMINAR

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, 4401 Garth Rd., Hospital Boardroom, Baytown, TX 77521, 6-7 p.m. Come learn about new procedure to treat enlarged prostate in men. Call 281-428-2273 to reserve. See ad, page 8 for more details.

TUE., SEP. 18 WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY CLASS

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, 4401 Garth Rd., Community Room, Baytown, TX 77521. 6-7 p.m. To reserve call 281-428-2273. See also ad, page 8 for details.

BIRTHDAYS

- Sep 7-Phillip Cumbie
- Sep 8-Janice Havard
- Annastacia Nichols
- Lorie Taylor
- Sep 9-Lori Howard
- Nicholas King
- Maegan Lindsey
- Allison Little
- Edwin Sheffield
- Michael S. Sullivan
- Cynthia Wotipka
- Sep 10-Connie Cook
- Patty Mueller
- Kelly Whatley
- Patrick Wood
- John D. Cutbirth Jr.
- Sep 11-Brittany Branch
- Laura Kaune
- Chase Nelson
- Randy Sloan

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sep 7-James R. & Kathy Townsend
- Sep 12-Randall & Lisa Henning

EPA expands Superfund interviews to two days in Highlands, with wrap-up session

HIGHLANDS – Janetta Coats of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has announced that she will be in Highlands on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 1pm to 5pm, and Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 1pm to 7pm, conducting one-on-one interviews with residents that have been affected by the waste pits, or have an opinion for the official CIP record. Interviews will take place at the Highlands Community Center, and last about one hour each. Everyone is welcome to participate, by calling Coats at 1-800-533-3508 to schedule an interview. A Round Table Discussion will take place from 5pm to 6pm on Wednesday.

Coats issued the following statement on the CIP interview process:



Congressman Brian Babin examines the Geofabric materials to be used in the ongoing repairs of the cap over the toxic waste pits in the San Jacinto River. Babin visited the site in July, with EPA Region 6 Remedial Chief John Meyer.

We appreciate your willingness to participate in the interview process to update the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Community Involvement Plan (CIP). The community interviews are conducted to gather information for the CIP. The interviews are a way to meet with community members and learn about their site-related needs, concerns, and expectations, as well as how the community gets information and prefers to receive information from EPA.

The CIP is a required activity under the National Contingency Plan (NCP) to ensure the public appropriate opportunities for involvement is a wide variety to ensure public involvement. We will interview a broad range of people in order to gain the greatest variety of perspectives about the site, including PRPs, if needed.

In general the objective for the community interviews will include:

- identify community members to be interviewed

See EPA Interviews, See EPA Interviews, Page 6

Truck/car collision injures driver

BARRETT STATION – A local pickup was mangled and Lifeflight helicopters had to standby as Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. attempted to rescue a pickup driver in critical condition after a roadway crash with a truck from a sand mining operation.

The accident occurred just before 7:00 a.m. last Thursday on Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. near Floy.

The driver of the tractor trailer truck said he was pulling onto Crosby-Lynchburg when the pickup smashed into the rear of the trailer.

A man driving the car was trapped for a half hour before Crosby VFD could free him with the jaws of life.

Harris County Sheriff's Traffic Investigators continue to look into the circumstances.



The roof of the pick-up was crushed in and the front of the vehicle is nearly flattened following a collision with a sand transport truck whose driver insists was pulling onto Crosby-Lynchburg Road when the alleged speeding pickup hit the rear of his vehicle.

Crosby 28 New Caney 14

Crosby evens up last Season



PORTER – It may be poor revenge to steal away with the season opener, against shutting down someone's season. But it looked sweet when the Crosby Cougars defeated the New Caney Eagles at Texan Stadium 28-14 last Friday.

So, Jaiden Howard has returned with a penchant for converting third downs personally as quarterback. His attack would net a TD on the first drive. He would go seven of thirteen for 114 yards with two touchdowns and an interception passing last Friday. He would dash 130 yards in the game.

New Caney had an air

attack with it they tied the score. Crosby would score two more touchdowns before the half, Jaiden Howard convinced us that he can also throw several times but never better than when Matthew Fagnana caught a pass for a third of the field touchdown.

A defensive stalemate had exhausted the first half. But Crosby's defensive efforts looked most effective at critical times.

Zachary Simon and Noel Wright II proved they could catch. Marquise Doucette would haul in the game ending touchdown in the second half and the second touchdown for Crosby.

Rotary's annual Washer Tournament set Sep. 15

HIGHLANDS – The Rotary Club is all set to hold their 12th annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament, on Saturday, September 12th.

The event is open to the public, as well as all Rotarians. It will be held at Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street. 2 person teams must register by 1:30 that day, and the cost to play is \$50. Awards include trophies and cash prizes, and competition is fierce.

Rotary is also looking for sponsors, individuals or companies. Sponsorships vary from \$100 to \$500.

Monies raised by the tournament go to the Rotary International Foundation, to be used for fighting polio, and half of the money is returned for a community project.



Champion washer throwers last year included Daryl Reuter (left) of the 2nd place Reuter Boys team, and Justin Graves (right) of the 1st place Flying Saucer team. Almost 50 teams, or 100 throwers, competed in the all-day tourney.



CONGRATULATIONS to Coach Jeff Riordan, who nabbed his 61st win to claim the title of winningest football coach in Crosby Cougar history!

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★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

GCCISD Kicks off 100th Anniversary at Three Back-to-School Convocations



Photo by Susan Passmore

Combined theatre, drill team, orchestra, band and choir students from Goose Creek Memorial, Robert E. Lee and Ross S. Sterling High Schools wowed the audience with a lively musical number, "One Hundred Years of Class," lyrics and music by Phillip Morgan and transcribed by Kevin Coward and Michael Grauvogel. The opening number of the three convocations honored the 100th anniversary of Goose Creek CISD.



Photo by Susan Passmore

Harlem Elementary staff with Betty Baca (far left), principal, prepares for the annual convocation at Goose Creek Memorial High School and for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

You're getting a new Medicare card

By Bob Moos/
Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Your new Medicare card is coming soon.

From now until April 2019, Medicare is mailing new cards to the more than 60 million Americans with Medicare. The 3.9 million Texans with Medicare will begin receiving their cards this month.

The new cards will no longer have your Social Security number on them. Instead, they'll have a new Medicare number that's unique to you and will be used for only your Medicare coverage.

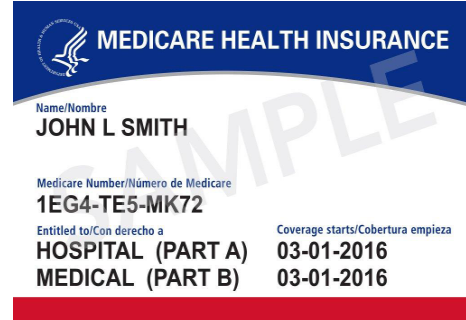
Don't worry. Your Medicare benefits will remain exactly the same. Nothing about your health care coverage will change.

A recent federal law requires the removal of Social Security numbers from Medicare cards to help protect you from identity theft. Many people asked for the new safeguard, and Congress responded.

You don't need to do anything or pay anyone to get your new card.

If someone claiming to be from Medicare calls you and requests your Social Security number or other personal information, that's a scam. Hang up and call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 to report the incident.

Likewise, if anyone tries to charge you a fee for the new card -- or for processing a "temporary" card until your new card arrives --



that's a scam, too. It's another scheme to get your bank or credit card information.

Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to provide personal information to receive your new card.

Medicare will send your card to the address you have on file with Social Security. So, if you need to update your mailing address, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount or call 1-800-772-1213.

Because of the many cards to be mailed, they're being sent out in waves -- several states at a time. Texans with Medicare will receive their cards over the next month.

When you do receive your card, destroy your old one. Don't just toss it in the trash, where a crook can get hold of it. Cut it into small pieces so that your Social Security number can't be read.

Then start using your new card right away. Doctors and other health care providers know the new cards are beginning to ar-

rive in mailboxes and will ask for yours when you need care, so carry it with you.

Protect it as you would any other card with personal information. Removing your Social Security number will safeguard you against most identity theft, but thieves might still use it to try to get medical services.

One final note: If you're in a Medicare Advantage plan, your plan's ID card will remain your main card for health care benefits. Keep it and use it when you require care, though it's smart to have your new Medicare card as well.

For years, people who mistakenly gave out their Medicare numbers have fallen victim to identity theft and discovered their bank accounts emptied. The redesigned Medicare cards should help prevent that.

Look for your new card in your mailbox soon. If you have any questions or need help, visit medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227.




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Corporate Friday Fish Fry
Friday, September 7, 2018
Catfish Dinners \$ 10.00

Delivered to businesses in the area during lunch time.

Minimum Order: 10 Dinners



107 West Houston, Highlands, TX 77562

Community Saturday Fish Fry
Saturday, September 8, 2018
Catfish Dinners \$10.00
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ROUND-UP

WCCC Luncheon

September 11

Come see what Small Businesses can do! Join the Chamber's Small Business Spotlight and learn about the awesome goods and services area small business members can provide! Bring your whole staff for lunch and to peruse local vendors and suppliers for a mere \$25 per person. If you are a small business that has not yet signed up to exhibit, please call 281-576-5440 for registration form and more information.

The meeting will take place at The Tower Club, Houston Raceway Park, 2525 South FM 865, Chambers County, 77623 at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, September 11

Everyone Welcome - RSVP Required Attendance is \$25 with your reservation. Your quick RSVP is helpful and appreciated! Please call Rhonda at 281-576-5440 before noon Thursday, September 6, to register.

City of Baytown Recreation Center

Feasibility Study

The City of Baytown is currently studying the feasibility of a new Recreation Center for the City of Baytown residents. As part of the development of the study, an online public survey and a town hall meeting were previously conducted to gather input from residents on the types of indoor spaces and amenities they would like to see in the new facility.

Public input will be gathered at a second Town Hall Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, from 5:30-7:00 PM, at the Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street, Baytown, Texas. All residents, business owners, elected officials, and community stakeholders are invited to attend. At the Town Hall Meeting, community members can participate in a come-and-go event regarding the proposed indoor spaces and programs, initial schematic design of the proposed recreation center, and provide feedback regarding the proposal. Conceptual renderings will also be available for review and comment.

The City of Baytown is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas. In order to keep up with the expected growth and development in the area, the City is looking ahead and planning for the future of the community. The City invites all citizens to get involved with this exciting planning process. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Korpita atskorpita@burditt.com.

Former Crime Stoppers Board Members receive Service Appreciation Awards



Photo by Susan Passmore

Randy Casey (right), Baytown Crime Stoppers Board chair, presents service appreciation awards to retired board members (from left) Clint Johnson, Judy Barrow and Byron Jones. Johnson is a former Baytown police officer, Crime Stoppers coordinator and board member/chair, and he was recognized for 16 years of service to the Baytown Crime Stoppers Board. Barrow served for 18 years on the Baytown Crime Stoppers Board and held the positions of chair, vice chair and secretary during her tenure. Jones served as the BPD Chief of Police and was a Crime Stoppers coordinator and later a board member for eight years.

GatorFest Cook Off - Sep. 7

Texas GATORFEST, the Lone Star State's most unique festival, would like to invite you to participate in the Annual Texas GATORFEST Barbecue Cook-Off to kick off this year's festival. The family oriented festival is one of the fastest growing festivals in Texas. It has established a reputation for being "good old fashioned Texas fun" and providing visitors with a variety of entertainment. The celebration of the alligator and its wetlands habitat has something for everyone!

The cook off will be held the weekend before Texas GATORFEST 2018 - September 7 & 8th, on the festival grounds in historic Fort Anahuac Park.

George Dearborne and Branded live Friday, Sep. 7 at the Texas Gatorfest BBQ Cook-off Street Dance.

Participants and visitors alike will enjoy the entertainment throughout the day on

the Gator Pit stage located within the cook-off area.

This Year's GatorFest Pageant is Saturday, September 8, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am with Mr. Gator Tot followed by the rest of the groups at Anahuac ISD Auditorium.

Festival's Live Music is scheduled for Sep. 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

- Friday, September 14, 2018
- 6:30 pm Bayou Roux
- 8:30 pm Brian Jack & The Zydeco Gamblers
- 10:30 pm Wayne Toups & ZydeCajun
- Saturday, September 15, 2018
- 8 pm William Clark Green
- 10 pm Aaron Watson
- Sunday, September 16, 2018
- 12:30 pm Larry Tillery Band

New this year is Extreme Jeep Show on Sunday, September 16, 2018 with registration beginning at 8:30 am.

For complete list/schedule of events, please visit www.texasgatorfest.com

SAFETY CONCERNS ON MARKET STREET

By Michael W. Palmer

On August 21, The P&Z Commission approved the request for installation of eight; "No Parking," and one No U-Turn sign and "No Standing Signs" which will be permanent placement signs on Market Street, Carnegie Street, and Gentry Street.

The meaning of "Stand" or "standing" means to halt an occupied or unoccupied vehicle, other than temporarily while receiving or discharging passengers.

"Carnegie Street can hold six lanes of traffic comfortably," said Matthew Johnson - Traffic Engineer for the City of Baytown. He also said, "The identified safety concern was that drivers were queuing up in the eastbound lanes of Market Street starting from the high school parking lot driveway. This situation is an unsafe condition due to the queue terminating near the end of a blind curve on a bridge. I am pleased that the plan is moving forward."



Map Credit: Nearmap and City of Baytown

Police Chief Dougherty said, "I am in favor of any-

thing that the city may implement that will improve our quality of life and make our streets safer for our motoring and pedestrian public."

GCCISD has previously cited concerns in 2013 regarding vehicle safety since drivers were parking in one of the northbound

lanes of traffic to drop off and pick-up students. An official of GCCISD released a statement; "According to Dr. Farnsworth, this has been a safety issue for parents who have been blocking traffic on city streets. If approved, parents will still be able to use Carnegie Street by

the fieldhouse to pick up and drop off students, but they won't be able to park there. They will still be able to drive up to the front of the school to pick up and drop off."

The need for the additional restrictions on parking and standing within the zone stems from an unsafe situation that coincides with functions at Lee High School. Drivers routinely stand and park their vehicles along the roadway, blocking traffic and creating a visual obstruction to through traffic, between the Lee High School parking lot driveway and City of Baytown Public Works. The zone includes both sides of Market Street in order to keep pedestrians from indiscriminately crossing Market Street to board a parked or standing vehicle.

Patient thrives after Weight Loss surgery

BAYTOWN — (August 31, 2018) — Carrie Pryor-Newman struggled with her weight for years and had tried virtually every diet plan and workout regimen out there with only sporadic success before a newspaper ad changed her life.

"I had lost weight before, but it always came back bigger and bigger," Pryor-Newman, 54, said. "But I saw an ad about a weight loss seminar and decided to attend. Following the seminar, I made an appointment to begin the process to have weight loss surgery."

Pryor-Newman, a multimedia specialist with the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD), attended the seminar hosted by Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital bariatric surgeon Dr. Laura Choi, director of the Houston Methodist Weight Management Center at San Jacinto, with her husband of 30 years, Rick Newman. The Baytown native and mother of three previously underwent double knee surgery and was taking medication for high blood pressure and was seeking long term relief for joint pain related to the extra weight.

The Baytown hospital's Weight Management Center offers personalized care

for patients dealing with conditions attributed to obesity through medical nutritional counseling and bariatric (weight loss) surgery. Choi says the pathway to improved health begins with patients gaining an understanding of the factors that led to excessive weight.

"Obesity is a challenging issue that people face day-to-day," Choi said. "It's quite frightening to think about undergoing surgery, especially for a problem that our society stigmatizes. That's why we want patients to be aware that this is a disease that has complex factors and is difficult to treat. Counseling starts with patients learning about their own habits and behaviors and the factors in their life that led to the problem so they can alter that pattern in a healthy direction."

Pryor-Newman said Choi emphasized that weight loss surgery is a tool to be used toward not only losing weight, but altering the patient's lifestyle. She has lost about 60 pounds since the December 2017 surgery—and is keeping it off.

"It's working out great, but I understand the surgery is just a tool; one that I'm using along with a much better diet and more exercise to improve my overall



Dr. Laura Choi, left, and Carrie Pryor-Newman

health," Pryor-Newman said.

Bariatric surgery procedures restrict the amount of food that can be eaten and/or changes the route food takes through the body so less food is absorbed. Patients whose body mass index (BMI) is in the morbid obesity range (40 or above) are eligible for surgery. Patients whose BMI is in the 35-40 range are also eligible if they have existing medical conditions considered to be caused by or associated with morbid obesity, such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high stroke risk and heart disease. Approximately 100,000 surgeries are performed each year in the U.S.

according to the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

"Our program highlights the fact each patient's story is special, but it's not unique," Choi said. "A lot of people are suffering with the disease and its consequences. We are here to offer help and work as a team for the ultimate goal—to help patients live a healthier life."

Pryor-Newman is enjoying less joint pain and renewed energy since the surgery, but she stresses that maintaining her new lifestyle is paramount.

"I tell anyone considering weight loss surgery that going through surgery doesn't mean you're not going to be

fat again," Pryor-Newman said. "You have to change your lifestyle, but if you're ready to do that, I suggest doing it sooner rather than later."

Choi hosts a free weight loss seminar at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital on Tuesday, September 18. For more information and to register, visit houstonmethodist.org/events, or call 281-428-2273.

About Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist San Jacinto provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care.

Houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto

★ OPINION PAGE ★

How Accurate is Your Weather Forecast?

(StatePoint) The weather is not just an idle topic for chit chat. It matters. Particularly when you have a vested business interest in the outcome, or you simply want to make plans for the next few hours or days.

These days, there are innumerable sources for weather forecasts widely available. Unfortunately, these sources don't always say the same thing. So, how do you know which weather forecasting service or app is offering dependable information you can trust?

According to AccuWeather founder, president and chairman Dr. Joel Myers, choosing the most accurate source of weather forecasts and warnings will go a long way to help keep people and their families safe and help to protect businesses' property and assets as well as minimize liability.

"The greater the accuracy of weather forecasts and warnings, the better the decisions people and businesses can make in the face of hazardous weather events, the more lives are saved, the more property is protected, and the more losses are reduced," said Myers.

The good news is that weather forecasts are becoming more accurate, thanks to improved data-gathering technology, computers powerful enough to analyze it faster than ever before and better algorithms. Personal technology has also made it possible for individuals to get more localized weather reports, with smartphone apps able to provide weather predictions based on a user's exact GPS location.

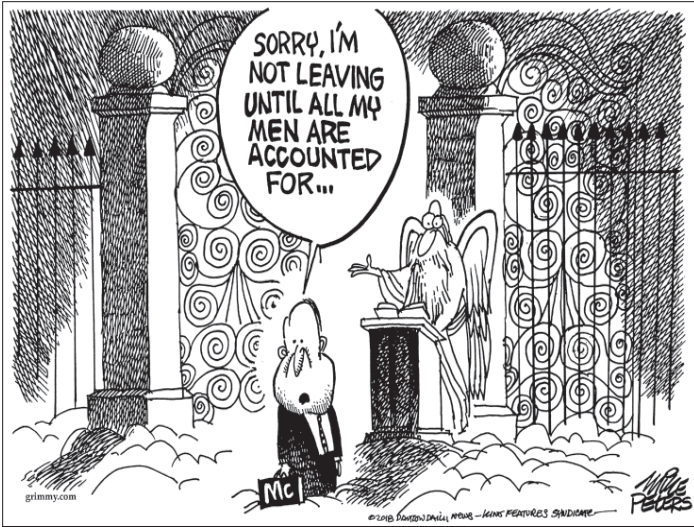
Despite improved capabilities and technologies, many weather providers continue to regularly cough up inaccurate or misleading forecasts to consumers and businesses relying on them. Why? Sometimes it's due to a flawed algorithm. Other times, it's a lack of high-quality data, the systemic pessimism or optimism of a

particular provider for fear of getting it wrong, or a unilateral system for analysis that relies on computer modeling alone to generate a forecast. While artificial intelligence and supercomputers can perform certain aspects of forecasting, human meteorologists play a vital role in helping average people make sense of it all, say experts.

All weather apps are not equal. In the case of AccuWeather, a leading provider of weather forecasts and warnings globally, leveraging "consensus forecasting," has proven beneficial, whereby humans and computer models make accurate predictions, and then human meteorologists interpret and communicate the impact. Indeed, a recent report conducted by independent industry tracker ForecastWatch, analyzing the accuracy of six top global weather forecast providers, reconfirmed that AccuWeather was the clear winner in forecast accuracy and had the highest margin of statistical forecast accuracy in each of three areas it verified: high temperature, precipitation and wind speed.

Available for free on all Android and iOS devices, the award-winning AccuWeather app, can be a good resource before you leave home for the day, connecting to desktop computers and TVs, as well as when you're on-the-go and using a smartphone or other mobile device, offering push notifications and 24/7 access to weather data and other weather-related tips and resources. It also provides MinuteCast precipitation forecasts, updated minute by minute, up to two hours ahead.

When it comes to weather forecasts, the powerful combination of accuracy and detail -- both in location and time -- as well as a strong emphasis on how predicted weather conditions will impact users, provides an added layer of insurance for better planning and better living.



Texas leaders call for new trade agreement to include Canada

AUSTIN — The White House last week announced a preliminary new trade agreement had been secured between the United States and Mexico.

While details of the pact are forthcoming, the White House said the agreement would "create more reciprocal trade that grows the economy, supports high-paying jobs for American workers, protects American intellectual property" and "is a mutually beneficial win for North American farmers, ranchers, workers, and businesses."

Gov. Greg Abbott reacted on Aug. 27, saying, "Today's agreement between the U.S. and Mexico is a step in the right direction. Texas is the nation's top exporting state, and with Mexico being our largest trading partner, this new deal should be good for the Texas economy. Canada is our second-largest trade partner, and I remain hopeful that negotiations with Canada will be equally productive."

The White House released a transcript of President Donald Trump and President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico discussing what a new agreement between the two countries would require. Trump said cars imported from Mexico would have to contain a greater percentage of parts and equipment originating in North America. During their conversation, Nieto asked Trump to include Canada in the agreement, but Trump stopped short of making such a promise.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, hailed the prospect of a new trade agreement, saying, "This is a positive step and now we need to ensure the final agreement brings Canada into the fold and has bipartisan support. A trilateral

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agreement is the best path forward, and any modernized agreement should do no harm to states like Texas whose economy has seen the benefits of cross-border commerce. Millions of jobs in Texas depend on an updated NAFTA, and it's important that we get this right."

NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, was signed during the Clinton administration and took effect Jan. 1, 1994.

Russell Boening, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, also welcomed the news, but emphasized that his organization wants Canada considered. "The North American Free Trade Agreement has benefited U.S. agriculture and we hope this new deal promotes even more trade with our neighbor to the south," he said. "We hope Canada comes to the table soon and joins this agreement or enters into a new agreement with the U.S. on its own."

Campuses earn designations

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on Aug. 28 announced that more than 400 campuses that achieved a "Met Standard" rating in the 2018 state accountability system also earned all distinction designations applicable to their individual school.

"Earning one or several campus-level distinctions is notable and should be applauded by a community as an outstanding achievement," Morath said. "For a school to earn every potential distinction applicable to their campus is difficult, but a reflection of some truly amazing work by our educators," he added.

Up to seven distinction designations can be earned for: Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading; Academic Achievement in Mathematics; Academic Achievement in Science; Academic Achievement in Social Studies; Top 25 Percent; Comparative Academic Growth; Top 25 Percent; Comparative Closing the Gaps; and Postsecondary Readiness.

Texas' 2018 accountability ratings for school districts, charters and campuses statewide were released by the Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15. More information is available online at TXschools.org.

Governor honors McCain

Gov. Abbott on Aug. 25 joined a long list of dignitaries and citizens offering condolences on the death of Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, longtime member of Congress, former presidential candidate, U.S. Navy pilot and former prisoner of war.

"John McCain was born to lead," Abbott said in a news release. "Throughout his military career, his years of cruel imprisonment and torture as a prisoner of war, his decades of dedicated service in Congress, and his quest as a candidate for the highest office, his fighting spirit could not be broken. Though he often could have chosen the easier path in life, John McCain would never surrender his love of country. He was an American warrior. Cecilia and I ask the people of Texas and of his beloved nation to join us in prayer as we mourn the loss of a true statesman."

McCain, 81, died of glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer, on Aug. 25. President Trump on Aug. 27 signed a proclamation for U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff until McCain's burial.

Editorial

On the other hand y.o.l.o.

By Lewis Spearman

CROSBY — When the Superintendent of Crosby ISD Scott Davis unintentionally quoted the band Traffic in the song "Low Stomp of High Heal Boys" last month everyone jumped to the conclusion that "living beyond all your means" was a bad thing.

Pretty sure "Low Stomp of High Heal Boys" should be our theme song for the next five years or so as we quit digging and climb out of the difficulty. There is such a thing as U-Tube for those unfamiliar with the song, it is worth a listen.

Whatever else can be said of the years 2014 to early 2018, Crosby had panache' a plenty and was the envy of many a rival with a new stadium, a new pro-football styled score board, fireworks, and dazzling stunts like smoke swirling skydivers. It is far more fun to attend a football game in the guise of 'Cow Bell Ringing Rednecks' than 'Austere Auditors'. So, here is another way of looking at the financial crisis, "You Only Live Once."

One of the intangibles gained by all the lavish dressing was that most of the students at the high school got involved in something school related. Who wouldn't want to join JROTC when they are getting a new school wing and a firing range. And in a highly life and money saving way, drug usage dropped dramatically, or so I am told.

And officially, we don't know what happened.

Sure, we changed curriculum a few times at a cost of \$75,000 a pop but we needed to know what way to teach suited Crosby. Turns out we were right all along, but we had to look at alternatives to come to understand that. You just cannot leave that to experience, even though we ultimately did.

Upon learning that the TEA is not investigating the district or former administrators one has to wonder where the district came up \$7.6 million short in M&O and having to borrow from construction debt. The district may have spent \$8 Million more in 2016-2017 than it collected but it put on a great show.

Our community must back Superintendent Scott Davis to correct our financial woes. He promised to be the "invisible sage," I am told our public demanded in a meeting attended mostly by school staff. No wait that is "transparent." As God is my witness that will be a new experience for this reporter. The transparent district did not return phone calls about Carla Merka leaving to go to Pasadena nor did it return any calls when the second financial person exited to confirm or deny that it had happened.

When trustees asked about the practice of allowing \$50,000 can be used by administration from the fund balance to handle small cost overruns they were told "It is just a common practice," not revealing that where the fund balance was \$10.6 Million in August 2016 it had declined to \$5.4 Million in 2017. That was not transparent or the work of an "invisible sage."

A sincere quote from a man I have come to respect is, "When you ask an academic a question, they are answering another question than the one you asked."

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Sandra D. Moore



Sandra D. Moore, 62, of Fullerton, Nebraska went home to be with the Lord while in the loving arms of her family on Friday, August 24, 2018, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born September 9, 1955 in Omaha and adopted by her loving parents, Orville and Betty Dodds, at two months of age. Sandra graduated from Stromsburg High School in 1973. She shared in many activities while living in Stromsburg, including teaching the art of Swedish dancing to many of the children who entertained at many events and, especially, the annual Swedish Festival. She was an active member of the Eastern Star and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stromsburg, in which she participated in many activities such as the Bell Choir, church choir, and along with many Christmas programs. Additionally, she helped her father in many of his business endeavors throughout her years in Stromsburg.

In 1998, Sandy and Dave moved to Nance County, initially in Genoa where Dave was a deputy county sheriff, and then to Fullerton shortly before Dave became Nance County Sheriff.

In addition to her love and support for her family, she also enjoyed fishing, camping, her dogs, and cats.

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents, Betty and Orville Dodds, and mother and father-in-

Habitats for Butterflies and Hummingbirds

Have you noticed that the migrating hummingbirds have arrived? More butterflies seem to be around as well. Instead of filling those feeders, perhaps a better choice would be to plant host and feeding plants for these tiny friends.

Butterfly habitat is in a critical stage in this country, due to our passion for large mowed lawns, which take away much of our weedy wildscapes. In addition, what flower beds are planted do not always contain plants that would be of help to sustain these populations. When you add the indiscriminate use of insecticides, it adds up to a triple whammy for keeping these creatures at populations large enough to continue in the future.

When folks see caterpillars on their flowers and vegetables, they immediately reach for the bug spray. Most of these "worms" are larvae of moths and butterflies. A decision needs to be made about whether a perfect rose or tomato is worth a dead butterfly. Sometimes it is, sometimes it isn't. But awareness is the point; an informed decision, however painful, is a better decision. Hand-picking a caterpillar off one plant can be more effective, and better for your health, than broadcasting insecticides into the garden.

Placing plants for butterflies to feed upon is one thing; they also need "host" plants that will house the caterpillars that will then cocoon and become butterflies. Most folks have heard about the monarch butterflies and their need for milkweed plants. Placing milkweed among your other plants can not only provide that critical habitat for the monarchs, but when they totally devour the milkweed in the space of a few hours, your bed still looks presentable, because the milkweed is tucked in among other plants. And think of old-fashioned plants when you plan, like lantana and zinnias, which the butterflies like to sit and feed upon. One more thing - if it has been very dry, consider providing a patch of mud near your butterfly plants. The butterflies get minerals from playing in the mud!

Hummingbirds are also affected by these same sorts of issues. They need flowers that are ideally of a shape that suits their beaks, usually of a tubular shape. Liatris, pentas, salvias and shrimp plants all provide these flowers. Think about how red, orange, yellow, white, pink, blue, purple, and lavender would look in your beds - all attract the hummingbirds. And if you do use feeders, keep them reasonably small, and change

their contents frequently. Spoiled sugar-water can harm these fascinating creatures. Lists of appropriate flowers for hummingbirds and butterflies can be found on the web.

Now, back to the garden: flower bulbs should be showing up soon in the stores; buy now and throw them in the chiller, to plant around Christmas and New Year's Day. Nasturtium seeds can be sown, as well as bluebonnets and poppies; snapdragons and other cool-weather flowers should begin to show up in the garden centers in pots for planting.

If you're thinking vegetables, now is the time to "go green." Chard, collards, spinach all can be started from seed now. Many herbs do very well in our fall and winter weather, so look for oregano, parsley, cilantro and rosemary, if you don't have them already. Having a fall crop of tomatoes for Thanksgiving is always a comfort; get the plants in now and you'll have braggin' rights. Strawberries may begin to show up in stores: varieties best for our area are Chandler, Sequoia, Allstar, and Cardinal. Plant them high; strawberries hate wet feet, and they don't like snails and slugs, either. Mulching the plants with hay helps both these issues.

A lot of folks are noticing fall webworms in the

nut trees right now. This is usually the big infestation time. Once again, these are caterpillars. If you can break the bag open, the birds will solve your problem, but you can also get some BT (Bacillus thuringiensis) insecticide in the bags and kill the caterpillars. Unfortunately with pecan trees, the webworm sacks are usually too high to reach.

If you have a lot of house plants that have been spending their summer on the patio, you might want to start a plan of action for their transfer back inside. First, check the plants for any infestations of scale, aphids, or ants who have decided the pots are nice places to nest! Trim them up, give them a light feeding, and tidy up the outsides of the pots. If you can begin to slowly change them from full sun to partial sun to shade, they will be less likely to lose their leaves and look forlorn when you get them into the low-light conditions inside. When you do move them in (usually when that first big front comes in October), remember that the humidity levels are considerably drier inside. Don't leave them standing in water, which is worse than not watering at all, but try to raise the moisture level by misting or leaving a pan of water to evaporate nearby.

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Hurricane Harvey survivors recover, rebuild, inspire

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas one year ago, bringing destructive winds and floodwaters that claimed many lives and caused immeasurable damage.

Looking back on a year of recovery, we reflect on the struggles hundreds of thousands have faced in Harvey's aftermath. Texans, however, also take pride in the triumphs of so many survivors who have overcome difficulties and destruction Harvey dumped into their lives.

"Hurricane Harvey was an unprecedented natural disaster that devastated lives, homes, infrastructure and natural habitats," said Paul Morris, director of the FEMA Texas Recovery Office. "The response, however, showed the true nature of our state and our neighbors, helping one another and refusing to give into the troubles thrown their way."

Harvey dropped more rain than any storm in recorded continental U.S. history and caused nearly 780,000 Texans to evacuate their homes, including over 122,000 who were rescued by local, state or federal first responders as well as private citizens from Texas and Louisiana.

Thousands of homeowners and businesses have since rebuilt, many with the help of federal grants, U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans and flood insurance payments, which total in the billions. Many more have picked themselves up and started fresh in new apartments or houses.

FEMA had pre-positioned personnel and supplies as Harvey approached last year, and was ready to join state and local agencies, nonprofits and the private sector in responding to survivors' immediate needs. Within days,



the number of responders from FEMA, other federal agencies and the Texas National Guard topped 31,000.

State agencies and local governments hit the ground running after Harvey and established innovative partnerships with FEMA that deliver resources effectively and efficiently. This enables the state to guide its own recovery, and allows communities to decide how they will rebuild.

Today, Texans find themselves in the midst of another hurricane season. There will never be a better time to plan for the unexpected and take action to protect one's home, property and family. For information on how to prepare, visit www.ready.gov.

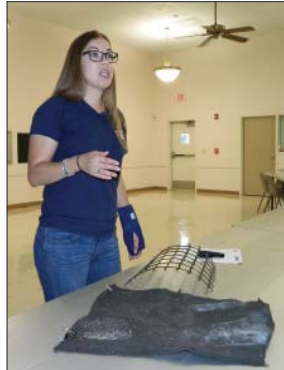
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- identify issues/questions/ and concerns most important to community members
- Identify potential environmental justice issues
- identify most important communications outlets (newspapers, websites, blogs etc., most commonly used)
- people the community trust
- identify unmet needs in the community.

Group interviews, telephone, and focus groups in conjunction with individual interviews may be conducted.

The following dates have been secured at the Highlands Community Center/Highlands, Texas to schedule individual and group discussions:



Jackie Young shows samples of two types of Geofabrics that were used to cap the Waste Pits. The Geotextile in the foreground was used on most of the cap, and the Geogrid was used on steep slopes where the fabric would not stay in position.

September 11, 2018 1pm until 5:00 pm.

September 12, 2018 1pm until 7:00 pm.

Round Table Discussion: September 12, 2018, 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

We will not have a power point presentation. The interviews will be questions and answer discussions.

You will be contacted via phone or email in advance to schedule an appoint during the times identified above. All interviewees names are confidential and will not be used in the CIP.

Although it may or may not take an hour for each interview, we would like to allow enough time to answer any additional questions you may have during the interview. After all the interviews are completed, a summary will be prepared and provided in the CIP in the Community Needs and Concerns section of the CIP.

Hurricane Harvey By the Numbers

It takes **ONE** team

18

Long-term recovery groups established to help survivors continue their recovery

41

Counties designated for Individual Assistance from FEMA

53

Counties designated for Public Assistance from FEMA

295

Communities in Harvey-impacted areas participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

1,471

Public Assistance-obligated projects to repair damaged infrastructure

19,049

Survivors assisted by temporary housing and innovative repair programs

91,353

NFIP claims closed

287,867

Texans who were assisted through a Disaster Recovery Center

373,470

Approved FEMA Individual and Households registrations.

12,953,322

Cubic yards of debris cleaned in Harvey-impacted areas

\$23,311,619

Funds dedicated to Disaster Unemployment Assistance

\$891,014,201

Obligated for Public Assistance projects

\$1,635,707,823

Grants for housing and other disaster-related expenses paid to survivors

\$3,395,627,700

Approved U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans

\$8,806,511,919

NFIP payments

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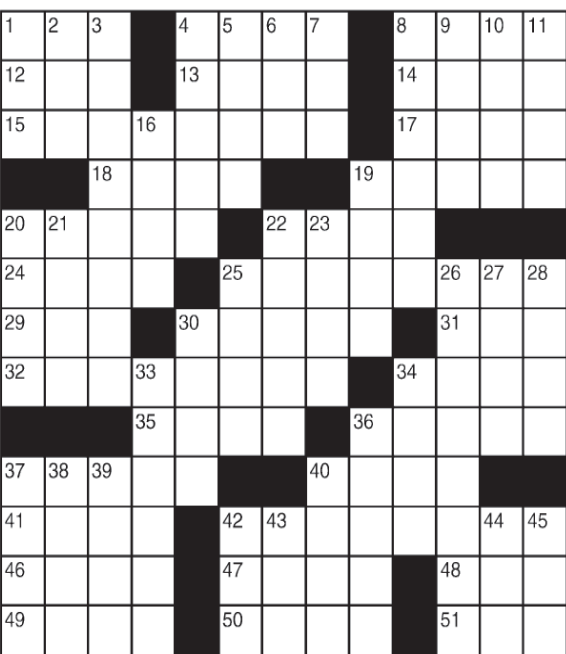
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- 18 Catches some rays
- 19 Playful water critter
- 20 Moral standard
- 22 Own
- 24 Destroy
- 25 Peace
- 29 Inseparable
- 30 Permanent inmate
- 31 "Golly!"
- 32 Snakes
- 34 Chew away (at)
- 35 Gross
- 36 Dentist's suggestion
- 37 Coarse
- 40 Funeral stand
- 41 Sea flier
- 42 Pepper or York
- 46 Kill a bill
- 47 Hexagonal state
- 48 Fresh



- 49 Anytime now
- 50 Huff and puff
- 51 As well

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- 1 - de deux
- 2 Census statistic
- 3 More deserving
- 4 Swiss money
- 5 Periscope part
- 6 Dine on
- 7 Billboards
- 8 Cushion
- 9 Touch
- 10 A few
- 11 Palm reader, maybe
- 16 Futile
- 19 Finished
- 20 Love god
- 21 Melody
- 22 Substantial
- 23 War god
- 25 Go under
- 26 Unknowing
- 27 Earl Grey and kin
- 28 Some evergreens
- 30 Poland's Mr.
- 33 Urban bird
- 34 Merriment
- 36 Battle
- 37 Guns the engine
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