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## IN THE **STARS**

## **EVENTS**

#### **NOW - OCT. 31**

PUMPKIN PATCH At Crosby United Methodist Church, 1334 Runneburg Rd., 11 am - 7 pm.

#### FRID., OCT. 19 CROSBY UNITED **RUMMAGE SALE**

Crosby United Methodist Church rummage sale, Oct. 19 & 20, 8 am - 2 pm, 1334 Runneburg Rd.

#### SAT., OCT. 20 HIGHLANDS FIRE **DEPT. BBQ & RAFFLE**

All Day at Station #1 on San Jacinto Street across from the Railroad Park.

#### **SAT., OCT. 20** A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Crosby, 5822 FM 2100. Invites Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce

## SAT., OCT. 20 FALL FESTIVAL

At Eastgate Church, 1707 CR 611, 2-5 p.m. Games, bounce house, food. eastgate-church.com.

### SAT., OCT. 27 HARVEST MOON FESTVAL

At Crosby United Methodist Church, 10 am - 3 pm. Craft vendors, silent food court, pumpkin patch, rummage sale, children's area. See inside for more details or call 281-328-2616.

#### OCT. 27 & 28 ST. MARTIN DE **PORRES ANNUAL** BAZAAR

Live Performance Saturday 9pm - 1 am - Nooney & the Zydeco Floaters. See AD on page 7 for details.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Oct 18–Shannon Coward Robbie Ressler Raymond James Oct 20–Ellen Holton Oct 21-Cleta Hart

Oct 22-Elizabeth Graves Sarah McSeveny Jeremy Thompson Albert Zarsky

Oct 23–Pam Almaza Augusto Salazar Teddy Kaminski Randy Schield

Oct 24–Jimmy Gleason Mei-ing Liu Hoffman Phillips Agustin Sandoval Abigail Lynn Elkins

Oct 18-Karen & Derek

Oct 19-Alton Bubba & Sandra Williams
Oct 20–Vernon & Lois

Searcy Oct 20—David and Leon

Lee Oct 23–Johnnie & Melissa Miley

#### **DEATHS** John Thomas Dyer III

## Miss Highlands 2018 Payton Radle

### is Jr. Miss The 2018 Miss Highlands Pageant was held last Saturday night, host-

ed by the Highlands Horizon club. Earlier in the day, they also held the Jr. Miss Highlands pageant. Miss Highlands 2018 is Kaitlyn Rolin. She is a jun-

ior at Goose Creek Memo-rial High School, and her parents are Glenn and Teri Rolin. Jr. Miss Highlands 2018 is Payton Radle. She is a

7th grader at Highlands Junior School. Her parents are Tammy & Chris Felder, and Steven Radle.

Hundreds attended the event, held at the Highlands Junior School audi-torium. This is the 61st annual Miss Highlands



2018 Miss Highlands Kaitlyn Rolin is crowned by 2017 Miss Highlands Victoria Gonzalez.

pageant. The Theme was "Bringin' Back the 80's." The emcee for the shows was Baytown Assistant Police Chief David Alford, with the help of Victoria Gonza-

COLOR PHOTOS of the Highlands Pageant, Page 8

# Kaitlyn Rolin crowned Crosby ISD cuts 33 teachers

CROSBY - A school board meeting last Monday filled many in on how the next incoming audit will address the financial conditions and the State of Texas Comptroller had issued a perview of the financial conditions.

Following the Board of Trustee Meeting on Oct. 15 the Crosby ISD School District issued a statement: 'At last night's Regular Board meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the recommendation to terminate the contracts of 33 district employees on a Chapter 21 or non-Chap-ter 21 contract. Last week at a Special Called Meeting on October 8th, the District declared a state of Financial Exigency making it possible to conduct a mid-vear reduction in



Chief Financial Officer Lesa Jones gave a financial update report concerned with the T.E.A. Financial Accountability System. The Resource Guide expects Financial Accounting and Reporting.

See Crosby Board Meeting, Page 10

# Burglary of Rodeo Fairgrounds solved

CROSBY - The Crosby Fair & Rodeo has been the victim of many burglaries over the last two decades and the board members de-



Unnamed suspect taken into custody claiming a 5500 Dodge Truck listed



This tractor and trailer were stolen from the fairgrounds and the stolen

cided to put new technology together and team with Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton's Department to stop this expensive drain on a charity that be stows college funds to local high school students.

Last Oct. 7 they were hit again but measures were in place to identify the perpetrators and the Constable's Deputies wee able to find the stolen goods by Oct. 9. Later when a sus pect called to get his truck back from impound, he was invited to come get the truck and upon arrival and a few questions later, placed under arrest.

The name of the perpe-

See FAIRGROUNDS, page 6

## Arrests made in Vision Center burglaries

CROSBY - Family Vision Center of Crosby has been buglarized several times in spite of security devices and twice in the last 9 months with a total loss of about \$1000,000.

The burglars seemed to target designer frames and sunglasses in both burglaries.

Harris County Precinct 3 Constables Office conducted an undercover operation that resulted in arrest of three individuals. They have been charged with Burglary of a Building however a fourth suspect remains at large.

During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that other shops that sell designer frames and sunglasses were targeted and the span of activity ranges into Montgomery County. Precinct 3 is working with Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Burglary Investigators to solve those cases







Joshua Thomas

# **Crosby loses to Port** Neches 48-45



With the ball in the air about to be caught, Crosby defender number 15, Jaden Fields 2 steps away from knocking the pass down couldn't get there in time. With 3 seconds left on the clock, number 12 Peyton Proenza for the Port Neches Groves Indians catches a 13 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Roschon Johnson for the final score of the game. Crosby 45 Port Neches 48. (Photo by Allan Jamail).

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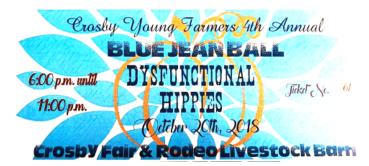
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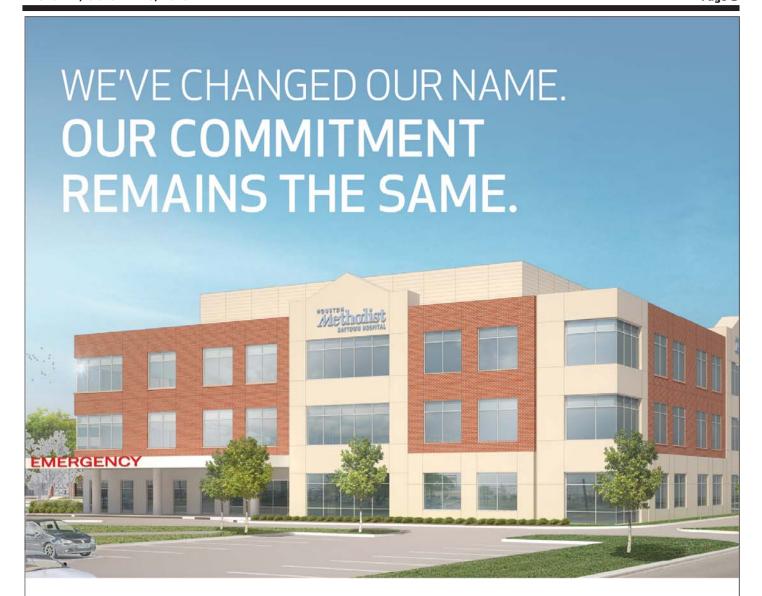
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  - Primary care
  - Surgical services





## ★ OPINION PAGE ★

# Panel hears about what's being done to 'harden' school campuses

AUSTIN — The Texas House Committee on Appropriations met Oct. 9 to hear ideas on improving school safety in the aftermath of the May 18 Santa Fe High School shooting that left eight students and two teachers dead and 13 injured.

"It's an unbelievable reality that shootings in schools are occurring more frequently," said state Rep. John Zerwas, chairman of the powerful, state budget-writing committee. "As a Legislature we must do what we can to ensure our schools are places of learning and not places of fear."

During the four-hour hearing, the committee heard invited testimony from representatives of the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Education Agency, the Office of the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board and others. Santa Fe Independent School District Superintendent Leigh Wall testified that federal and state grant funds are being spent in his district on items such

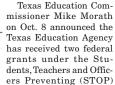
Architectural redesigns to accommodate metal detector units;

Panic buttons and automatic locks;

Mental health services;

Staff training; and
 Adding security per-

#### Safety grants are awarded



School Violence Act
Both grants, worth \$1
million each, will be used
to support mental health
training for Texas school
districts, as well as establish effective campus
threat assessment practices across the state.

"Texas remains committed to providing a safe learning environment for every student on every public school campus

# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

across our state," Morath said. "By focusing on these two key areas of mental health and preventative measures, we strengthen our state's ongoing commitment to school safety."

## Anti-drug funds to come

Drug deaths in Texas have been increasing and nearly half of them are attributed to opioid overdose, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services

On Oct. 9, the DSHS announced the receipt of a \$2.66 million grant to help fund the expansion of the state's public health response to opioids over the next year.

The grant comes from the Atlanta, Georgia-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The funding will help local health departments and health care providers prevent overdose deaths, enhance the available data on opioid use in Texas and expand the prescriber network for medication-assisted treatment.

The funds will improve the state health department's ability to track opioid-related illnesses and other conditions being seen in emergency rooms around Texas. It will also provide researchers and the public with more information on opioid use and its consequences via the DSHS Texas Health Data website, allowing access to more data more quickly down to county and ZIP code levels.

"Having more information on where opioids are being used and their effects on communities will let state agencies and our partners in cities and counties focus their efforts where the needs are most pressing," said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. "Using data to better understand and respond to the opioid crisis will ensure that resources provide the

most benefit for the people

Additional funds will be used to train public health personnel at the community level on when and how to properly administer naloxone, a drug that may be administered to prevent someone who has overdosed on an opioid from dying.

#### Fraud unit makes arrests

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Oct. 12 announced that four individuals have been indicted on 30 felony counts of voter fraud and arrested following an investigation by his office's Election Fraud Unit.

The defendants, Paxton alleged, were paid to target elderly voters in certain north-side Fort Worth precincts in a scheme to generate a large number of mail ballots and then harvest those ballots for specific candidates in 2016.

"Ballots by mail are intended to make it easier for Texas seniors to vote. The unfortunate downside is their extreme vulnerability to fraud," Paxton said. "My office is committed to ensuring that paid vote harvesters who fraudulently generate mail ballots, stealing votes from seniors, are held accountable for their despicable actions and for the damage they inflict on the electoral process."

#### Tax revenue will be sent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Oct. 10 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$736 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of October.

The amount, Hegar said, is 11.4 percent more than his office reported in October 2017. Allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly, he added.

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# Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor Association of Mature American

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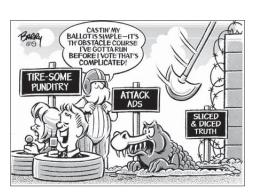
Ask Rusty – Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty

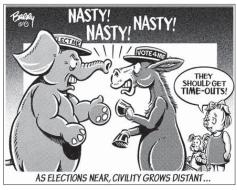
Dear Rusty: I've never been a fan of socialized medicine, so wasn't happy with that whole "Great Society" thing that happened back in the 1960's, which is where Medicare started. Just on principle, I refused to sign up for Medicare when I turned 65, but with age comes wisdom, I guess, so now I find that maybe I should have. I'm 68 now and starting to develop some health issues, but my insurance agent says that because I didn't sign up for Medicare when I was 65 there's going to be penalties. We didn't talk about how much, but I'm hoping you can give me some insight on what I'm up against. Signed: Wiser Now than Before

Dear Wiser: While I always admire one who sticks to their principles. I also believe, to coin a phrase, that wisdom is the better part of valor. You've been lucky health-wise and avoided a major health crisis for the past several years, but with the wisdom gained by age now realize that the Medicare you paid into over your lifetime isn't such a bad thing after all. The problem is, the law requires that you enroll in Medicare at age 65 unless you have other "creditable" coverage (e.g., from an employer or the VA). To have not done so does, indeed, mean that by enrolling now you'll have to pay a "late enrollment penalty," at least for Medicare Part B (doctors and outpatient services) and Part D (Prescription Drug coverage). Assuming you're eligible for or collecting Social Security, your Part A (hospitaliza tion) coverage should be free, even if you didn't enroll during your "initial enrollment period" (IEP), which started 3 months before the month you turned 65 and lasted until 3 months after.

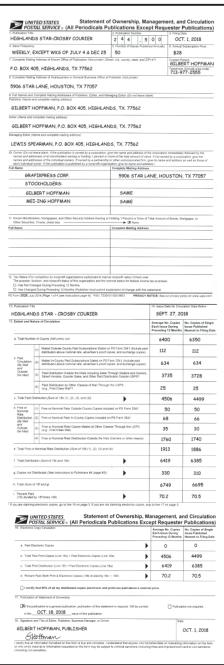
The Part B penalty for late enrollment is applied as a supplement to the base Medicare Part B premium amount which, for 2018, is \$134 per month if you earned less than \$85,000 as a singlefiler in 2016 (the premium is higher if you earned more than that). The late enrollment penalty for Part B is 10% additional for each full year after the end of your initial enrollment period, so \$134/month plus 30% means you'll be paying \$174/month instead, and the penalty is recurring every year. In fact, if the Part B premium g (as it periodically does), so will your penalty because the base number is higher.

As for Medicare Part D. although it's hard to justify paying for prescription drug coverage you may not currently need, the sticker shock for enrolling if you need to later is quite severe. Compared to the Part B penalty, the computation for late enrollment in Part D is complicated You owe the penalty, again on top of your regular Part D premium amount, if you go more than 63 days past your IEP without a creditable Medicare Part D drug plan, a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan which includes drug coverage, or another healthcare plan includes creditable prescription drug cover age. Part D premiums are set by the insurance carrier which provides the coverage, but the penalty amount is set by Medicare, as follows: 1%









of the "National Base Beneficiary Premium" (\$32.02 for 2018), times the number of full months you didn't have creditable Part D coverage (rounded to the nearest 10 cents). That amount is added to the Part D premium amount as determined by your insurance provider. And like Part B, the penalty for late enrollment in Part D coverage is recurring and may increase with changes to the National Base Beneficiary Premium as computed by Medicare.

It's important to note that since you're well past

your IEP, your timing to enroll in Medicare is now limited. You can only enroll in Part A & B during the annual "General Enrollment Period" which runs from January 1 to March 31 for coverage to begin on July 1st. And you can only enroll in a Part D drug plan during the annual Open Enrollment Period which runs from October 15 to December 7.

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## **ROUND-**UP

#### Genealogy After Dark Program

On Friday, October 19th from 10am until 8:30pm all three branches of the Chambers County Library System will be participating in the 18thAnnual Genealogy Lock-in, hosted by the Waco McLennan County Library and the Genealogy Network of Texas. The libraries will be streaming eight virtual programs throughout the day that cover a wide range of topics, including genealogy basics, DNA testing, and photo preservation. The event is come-and-go and doesn't require pre-registration For more information call 409-267-2550.

#### Jones Library Computer Classes

Do you need/want to learn more about basic computer functions? Jones Public Library has just the help you need! During the month of October they will be hosting 4 FREE basic computer classes. The classes will be held on October 23, 25, 30 and November 1st in the computer lab at the Jones Public Library beginning at 10 am, 801 S. Cleveland St., Dayton, TX. 936-258-7060.

#### Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library events

• Tuesday, October 23

- 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mo) • Thursday, October 25 4:30 pm, Tween Treats

(ages 7-11 yrs)
• Thursday, October 25
- 5:00 pm, Adult Book Club

•Friday, October 26 -10:30 am, Storytime (0-5

yrs)

\*Saturday, Ocotber 27, 8:00 pm Outdoor Movie Night! Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom

John Hall Drive, Mont

# Barbers Hill ISD students earn National Merit Scholars recognition

Barbers Hill High School seniors Kathryn Hok and Kaitlyn Robinson were named 2019 National Merit Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation this month.

Both students are ranked in the Top Five of the Barbers Hill Class of 2019.

"To get to this level of academic achievement requires determination, hard work, and a willingness to stretch themselves by taking advanced level courses," said Asst. Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction Sandra Duree. "I'm so proud of these students and the amazing BHISD staff. Working together toward a common goal helps us move forward in our quest for excellence for all students."

Robinson plans to attend Texas A&M University next year, and Hok is considering several university options.

Commended Students placed among the top



50,000 scorers of more

than 16 million students

who entered the 2019 com-

petition by taking the 2017

Preliminary SAT/National

Merit Scholarship Qualify-

ing Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

About 34,000 Commended

Students throughout the

nation will be recognized

for their exceptional aca-

The College Board in

Barbers Hill seniors

Jade Meador, Adriana

Torres-Rodriguez, and

Isaac Recio were named

Scholars in the program

based on their scores on

the PSAT/NMSQT in this

September named three

Barbers Hill High School

students as National His-

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score in the top 2.5% of Hispanic test-takers in the region during their junior year, as well as achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA.

"We are very proud of these three students," said BHHS Principal Rick Kana. "They have pushed themselves academically and stand out as leaders on our campus. They are so deserving of this recognition, and we are proud to have them at Barbers Hill High School."

Each year, the National Hispanic Recognition Program recognizes approximately 5,000 students nationwide out of over 250,000 Hispanic students who take the PSAT/NM-

# Texting to 911, now available in **Chambers County**

The municipalities and unincorporated cities of Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Liberty, Matagorda, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties now can text to 911. The Gulf Coast Regional 911 Emergency Communications an-

nounced recently.

The ability to send a text message to 9-1-1 is an enhancement to the existing 9-1-1 system and will provide direct access to 9- $1\hbox{--}1 services for individuals}$ with a hearing or speech impairment. Additionally, it offers an alternate method of requesting help in situations where an individual's safety might be compromised by speaking out loud, such as an active shooter, domestic violence, home invasion, or abduction.

If there is an emergency and you are unable to make a voice call, remem-

• Don't text and drive! • Send your location

and type of emergency

- Use plain language and avoid abbreviations and slang
- · Photos & videos cannot be sent to 9-1-1 at this time
  - Do not include 9-1-1 as
- part of a group text
   Only text 9-1-1 when you are unable to make a voice call

Text-to-911 service is not available everywhere, and is subject to the same limitations and challenges as all wireless calls. If you are in an area that does not accept text to 9-1-1 requests, you will receive a  $bounce\ back\ message\ from$ the wireless provider asking you to call 9-1-1 for help. At this time, you can only send a text to 9-1-1 from a phone with an active text and data plan for all cell phone companies that offer this service to their wireless customers.

Voice calls are still the best & fastest way to get help. "Call if you can, Text if you can't".

# Covestro invests 1.7 Billion in Baytown

Covestro accelerates its investment activities to capitalize on the strong MDI market growth. Today, the Supervisory Board of Covestro has approved an investment of around EUR 1.5 billion to build a new world-scale MDI plant in Baytown, USA. This investment at the existing site in Baytown is the largest single invest-ment in the history of the company. Total capacity of the new train will be 500 kilotons MDI per year, start of production is expected in 2024. At the same time an older, less efficient MDI unit of 90 kilotons production capacity will be closed. Thus, total MDI capacities of Covestro in the NAFTA region will reach around 740 kilotons per year making Covestro the industry capacity leader in the re

gion by 2024. With that, Covestro will also strongly underline its global industry capacity leadership position.

"Demand for innovative MDI materials will continue to grow for the foreseeable future and likewise promises attractive capacity utilization rates. We have already announced a significant increase in capital expenditures, now it's time to put it into action", said CEO Dr. Markus Steilemann. "With the new MDI train in Baytown, we will further strengthen our global leading position in Polyurethanes, even better serve our customers and create long-term share-

holder value." The decision to build the new worldscale plant in Baytown was taken following a thorough analysis of different options. Besides the attractiveness of the domestic market, main advantages of Baytown are leading cash costs as well as significant benefits in terms of available infrastructure and logistics. The superior cost position is mainly driven by economies of scale and a high degree of vertical integration. Furthermore, low energy and shipping costs due



"Umbrella Allev" is

to high domestic demand in North America add to the Baytown case With the new plant, Covestro's future MDI capacities in North America of 740 kilotons per year by 2024 will also catch up to the company's future capacities in EMEA (820 kilotons per year by 2022) and APAC (670 kilotons per year by 2021).

## Pilot Club supports Communities in Schools

of major impor-tance to the Pilot Club of Baytown. Pilot recently made a donation to the local Communities in Schools (CIS) organization. Communities Schools works directly inside schools, building relationships that empower students to succeed inside and

outside the classroom. Across the country, approximately 1 in 5 children under 18 live in poverty shouldering more than they should have to. These are disproportionately children of color who already struggle with issues of access and equity. Without communi-



Pilot Club of Baytown donates to Communities in Schools (CIS) Pictured are Pilots, Susan Moore Fontenot (education co-leader), Clarissa Martinez, Jenice Coffey (education co-leader), CIS Executive Director Cheryl Parker, and Pilots, Kerri Hurlbut and President Gladys Pryor.

ty support, they are more at risk for missing school, dropping out and failing to earn a high school diploma. By helping our most vulnerable students stay in school and succeed in life, we are building stronger, healthier and more

economically stable communities where every person is capable of reaching his or her greatest potential. See more about Communities in Schools at www.communitiesinschools.org

#### finalist for state award Finalists for the 2018 Texas Downtown Associa tion President's Awards Program were recently

announced in Austin. For over 30 years the awards program, sponsored by the Texas Downtown Associa $tion\,(TDA), has\ recognized$ outstanding projects, places, and people of Texas downtowns. One hundred and eleven entries were submitted in eleven different categories from communities across the state. Judges reviewed entries online and then met in Baytown's Umbrella Alley person to make their final selection of award finalists and winners.

Baytown's Umbrella Allev is one of the finalists for the Texas Downtown Association Spirit of Downtown Award. The Baytown Tourism Division on behalf of the Baytown Pubic Art Visioning Committee unveiled the beautiful Umbrella Alley in the Downtown Arts District in



early May 2018. This Public Art Visioning Commit-tee is made up of individuals from the downtown business area including the Art League of Baytown, Lee College Art Department, Sterling Municipal Library, and other local influencers who hold Baytown's best interests at heart. In the past, the allev was filled with broken concrete and graffitied walls, but now the Umbrella Alley is occupied with colorful umbrellas that swing back and forth in a whimsical limbo. casting dancing shadows along the alley walls and

See Umbrella Alley,

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> State talker by WESTON COTTEN Attorney for the Estate

## Fairgrounds burglary,

trator has not been released by the department but his photograph has. It seems he had placed a stolen vehicle and several stolen items at his father's house and when found the father told deputies who had placed those items there.

Stolen from the Crosby Fair & Rodeo Fairgrounds were a zero turn grass mower, a John Deere Tractor, tractor equipment and a trailer. They were all found in proximity to a stolen a commercial truck.



Suspect probably wishes he had never seen this truck that was the give away for the rest of the crimes



An expensive mower taken from the fairgrounds on a trailer.

## Umbrella Alley,

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ground: the alley walls are getting a splash of color as a mural comes to life that focuses on the highlights of Baytown. The artists working on this mural are students from the Lee College Art Department which is located at the end of the Downtown Arts District. This collaboration among downtown partners has garnered regional response, and brought special attention to the Downtown Arts District area and the business's that are located there.

"We are proud of the Umbrella Alley project, and the excitement it has garnered for our downtown," says Anna Yowell, Tourism Coordinator. "We look forward to doing more Public Art projects in the fu-

Winners will be announced on November 7 at the Awards Gala held in conjunction with the 2018 Texas Downtown Conference in Corpus Christi. In addition, Citizens are encouraged to go to the Baytown Tour-ism Facebook page to vote for the Umbrella Alley photo. The picture with the most likes in the Spirit of Downtown category, will receive the People's Choice Award. To vote, please visit the following link: https:// /bit.ly/2AdRdnH.

For more information about the President's Awards or other programs of the Texas Downtown Association, please visit www.texasdowntown.org.



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# Rotary

## HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS Rotary welcomes new member Irene Adcox

HIGHLANDS - The Rotary Club welcomed a new member at their luncheon last week. Seen at right is Irene Adcox in the center, with her sponsor Sheila McDonald and Rotary 5890 Assitant Governor Gilbert Santana.

Santana gave a talk to the club on requirements to earn a Rotary Presidential Citation. Highlands has had this honor before, and is working toward a repeat.

The national theme for Rotary this year is "Be The Inspiration." The international president is Barry Rassin of East Nassau, the Bahamas.



# **OBITUARIES**

#### John Thomas **Dyer III**



Charlotte, Garry Dyer, Raymond Dyer and wife Kim, Darlene Boutwell and husband Steve: sister Will-

well as numerous nieces. nephews, extended family

members and friends. The family invites you to join Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will follow at 11:30 A.M. at San Jacinto Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

Carter ~ Conley

# Homecoming at Northside Baptist in Highlands

Northside Baptist Church of Highlands will celebrate Homecoming Day and their 57th Anniversary on October 21, 2018 at 10:45am. Please note they will begin Worship Service 15 minutes earlier than the regular

Pastor David R. Brumbelow will be preaching.

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Also participating in the song service: Karen Bascom, The Parrish Singers, Patricia Brockinton, Eva Arriaga,

Phillis Williams. Dinner on the Grounds will follow this service.

Music Minister Gene Please join for a great time of singing, preaching, fellowship, and good

food. Everyone invited. Northside Baptist Church is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road, Highlands, TX. 77562. For more information visit nsbchighlands.org.



John Thomas Dyer III, 91, passed from this life on October 11, 2018. John, known by many as J.T was born to parents John Thomas and Adeline (Theresa) Dyer II on November 30, 1926 in Richmond, Texas. He proudly erved his country in the United States Navy dur-ing World War II and worked for Southern Pa-cific Railroad for 40 years. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Maggie Dyer; and son, Robert Dyer. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Larry Dyer and wife

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## **Water District** Notice of Re-Scheduled Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Fresh Water Supply District #6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530. Your individual taxes may increase of decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property

FOR the proposal: Gary O'Brian, Edgar Granados, Carl Green and Darrell Fry

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in the taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

This Year Last Year Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) \$0.21457/\$100 \$0.22156/\$100 Adopted Proposed

Difference in rates per \$100 of value

Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-) + 3.2576 %

\$ 77,152

General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) \$ 11,065

Average taxable Value \$ 65,580 \$ 145.30 Tax on average residence homestead § 134.54

Annual increase/decrease in taxes if

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Average appraised Value \$ 73,765

\$11.572

Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) +\$10.76 And percentage of increase (+/-) +7.9976%

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

Permit No. WQ0001062000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. ZXP Technologies LLC, 409 East APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. ZXP Technologies LLC, 409 East Wallisville Road, Highlands, Texas, 775c2, which operates ZXP Technologies Wastewater Treatment Facility, a contract packaging facility for automotive and industrial products, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0001062000, which authorizes the discharge of boiler blowdown, stormwater, and wastewater from antifreeze and oil bleam, areas, antifreeze and oil pleackaging areas, antifreeze and oil packaging areas, and railroad unloading areas at a daily average flow not to exceed 115,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001. The TCEQ received this application on January 30, 2018.

The facility is located at 409 East Wallisville Road, two miles north of Interstate Highway 10 and 0.3 mile east of South Main Street, in the community of Highlands, in Harris County, Texas 77562. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.818251&lng= 95.05029&zoom=13&type=r

The effluent is discharged to Spring Gully (above tidal); thence to Spring Gully (tidal); thence to Burnet Bay in Segment No. 2430 of the Bays and Estuaries. The unclassified receiving water uses are limited aquatic life use for Spring Gully (above tidal) and high aquatic life use Spring Gully (tidal). The designated uses for Segment No. 2430 are primary contact recreation and high aquatic life use.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Stratford Library, 509 Stratford Street, Highlands, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "II/we | request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

ion may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requesto submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the executive director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html">www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html</a> within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid">www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid</a>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html">www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html</a>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep">www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep</a>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from ZXP Technologies LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. George Browning at (281) 426-8834.

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Tax Income Dedicated to Dept (I&S Fund)	\$ 489,600 \$ 9,090,034
TOTAL	\$ 5,050,034
Expenditures - General Fund	
Department 11 - General Administration	\$ 681,071
Department 12 - Emergency Management	\$ 60,645
Department 13 - Code Enforcement - Health	\$ 124,699
Department 14 - Fire Department	\$ 88,438
Department 15 - Parks & Recreation	\$ 794,821
Department 16 - Police Department	\$ 2,436,308
Department 17 - Municipal Court	\$ 463,239
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Department 20 - Garage Department Department 21 - Sanitation	\$ 66,191 \$ 648,032
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Department 24 - Emergency Medical Service	\$ 602.392
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,605,767
Total Expenditures - General Fund	\$ 8,591,675
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Income Less Expenditures - General Fund	\$ 8,760
Income From Water Fund	\$ 2,588,825
Expenditures - Water Fund	
Department 31 - General Administration	\$ 377,915
Department 32 - Water Systems Department	\$ 1,497,191
Department 33 - Waste Water Systems Department	\$ 688,544
Department 34 - Mayor and City Council	\$ 12,640
Total Expenditures - Water Fund	\$ 2,576,290
Íncome Less Expenditures - Water Fund	\$ 12,535
CITY OF JACINTO CITY	
BUDGET PROPOSAL 2018-2019	
GENERAL & WATER FUNDS	
	2018-2019
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Current Taxes	\$ 489,300
Transfer from Water Fund	
Total Income	\$ 489,300
Expenditures	6 400 000
2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Bond Agent Fees	\$ 489,300 \$ 300

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**LEGAL NOTICE** 

2018 Property Tax Rates in City of Jacinto City
This notice concerns the 2018 property tax rates for City of Jacinto City. It presents information
about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine
property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if
you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the
taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by
dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with
adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate: Last year's operating taxes

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Last year's debt taxes

Last year's total taxes

Last year's tax base

Last year's total tax rate

This year's effective tax rate:

x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate

+ This year's debt rate

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,398,157
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$421,922,169
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.) This year's rollback tax rate:	\$0.805399/\$100
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$2,924,430
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$421,922,169
This year's effective operating rate	\$0.693121/\$100

= This year's total rollback rate

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Jacinto City adopts a 2018 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.805399 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2017 taxes by \$15,151.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation. Type of Property Tax Fund Ralance ral Fund Debt Service

Schedule R - 2018 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Pay
Debt Schedule	435,000	54,300	0	489,300
Total required for 20	18 debt service		\$489,3	000
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid	from other resources			\$0
- Excess collections las	t year		\$7,0	38
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2018		n 2018 \$482,262		
+ Amount added in ant collect only 98.84% of	icipation that the unit will its taxes in 2018		\$5,6	i60
= Total debt levy			\$487.9	22

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can This notice contains a sulminary of a future friends and refuse to inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002. Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Date Prepared: 10/01/2018

## **SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE**

The Harris County Emergency Services District #14 will hold a meeting at the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, 2301 E. Wallisville Road, Highlands, TX 77562 at 12 noon, on Monday, October 22, 2018, to consider adopting a tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is 0.0500 per \$100 of value.

No change in the tax rate is planned.

The ESD#14 tax rate has not increased since the inception of ESD #14 in 1999. The proposed tax rate for the 2018 tax year is the same rate of 0.0500 per \$ 100 he value that has always been in place for ESD#14 since its formation.

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#### TERRI DARLENE LOUTHAN

The residence ad dress of the admin istrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is

c/o Weston Cotter 5223 Garth Rd. Baytown, TX 77521

All persons having laims against this Estate which is cur rently being admin stered are required to present them ithin the time and in the manner pre scribed by law.

Dated this October 15, 2018.

State talk

by WESTON COTTEN Attorney for the Estate

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#### NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 469,421; Estate of ELTON LEE RODGERS., Deceased: In Probate Court No. 1 of Harris County, Texas Deceased, were is sued on September 28. 2018.

#### LIZZIE JOANN RODGERS

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

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## Crosby Board Meeting,

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force. These employees will continue employment with Crosby ISD through December 20th."

"We are working through this process with a heaviness in our hearts," said Scott Davis, Superintendent of Schools. "It is our desire to help those affected by the reduction in force find new employment and provide assistance, wherever possible, to facilitate the transition."

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It is believed that some 46 other contracted employees have been laid off to hit about \$5.5 Million in employee reduction.

Initially, the administration believed that the 2017-2018 audit would be presented to the Board of Trustees in open session at Monday's board meeting. But, the audit firm requested additional time to complete the audit and present it at a future special-called board meeting. This is the audit that the

school has had done for an extensive time and apparantly had done so without warning in the past. Evidently, if one really has to look into something extra time will be needed.

During the meeting Monday, employees were among the people that spoke before the meeting including Rachel Newber-ry librarian of Charles R. Drew Elementary. Paul Grantham read an open letter from teachers to the board decrying the loss of their jobs when it wasn't their mistake. Another member of the community spoke decrying that she had been unaware of the dire financial situation until she read about it in a paper at the local post office, she indicated that many seniors in the community did not have internet. She also wanted to know how much her tax would be going up.

The district lowered the

tax rate this year, however appraised value seems to go up in Harris County, ha...often.

In 2016, the report of the State Comptroller claimed that Crosby ISD had \$215,000,000 in sinking debt and \$238,328,217 in Maintenance and Operations Tax Supported Debt., according to the Texas Bond Review Board. This at a time when Crosby had about 5,680 students or about \$41,959 per student. This is way less than Lubbock-Cooper ISD and Ennis but way over Flour Bluff ISD with about \$14,981 per student and Plainview had \$0 per student. They are schools of similar sizes.

Crosby's Bond Elections were \$105,900,000 for new schools and additions in 2017 and \$86,500,000 for new school buildings and technology in May of 2013.

## Crosby loses to Port Neches, 48-45

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CROSBY COUGARS FALL TO PORT NECHES GROVES INDIANS

By Allan Jamail

Crosby, Texas - Friday, October 12, 2018 the Crosby Cougars fall from the undefeated ranks when the visiting Port Neches Groves Indians scored in the final seconds of the game, the final score 48 to 45. In a fierce offensive battle both teams scored 93 points with 13 touchdowns to keep the crowd well entertained. The In-

dians scored first but the Cougars came back to tied in game. Throughout the game the lead changed several times but with less than two minutes to play in the fourth quarter Crosby scored giving them a 5 point lead. The Indians took the Cougars kickoff and marched down the field for their final drive and with 10 seconds on the clock quarterback Roschon Johnson threw a 13 yard pass in the end zone to wide-receiver Peyton Proenza. With a 1 point lead over the Cougars, the Indians made a two point extra

point conversion to take a 3 point lead with 3 seconds on the clock. The clock ran out on the Cougars before they could get close enough to kick a field goal to tie the game to put it into overtime. Crosby's record is 5 wins and 1 loss while Port Neches has a 4 wins and 2 loses. In District records Crosby is 2 - 1 and Port Neches is 3 - 0. Crosby travels to Santa Fe Friday, October 19 th for a district game, the Indians has 3 wins and 3 loses with a 2 - 1 District record.





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