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IN THE STARS

EVENTS
TUE. JAN. 29
JOINT PAIN SEMINAR
The Houston Methodist Joint Program in Baytown has the expertise in joint replacement surgery. Seminar to take place Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019 from 6-7 pm. at 4401 Garth Rd. in Baytown, Main Conference Room.

SAT., FEB. 2
BRAS FOR THE CAUSE
A fundraiser for breast cancer patients, to be held at the Southern Lakes Estate in Crosby.

SAT., FEB. 9
VALENTINE'S GALA
Campaign Fundraiser for Sherman Eagleton Black Tie, Jeans and Boots dinner and presentations contact Ricky Larkin at 281-726-2842 for tickets, info.

WED., FEB. 20
CROSBY CHAMBER ANNUAL AWARDS
Crosby-Huffman Chamber Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation, Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Hilton Garden Inn Baytown, Tickets \$50/person at chamber office 281-3286984.

BIRTHDAYS
Jan 25-Jeffrey Langham
Jan 26-Ida Mueller
Charles Johnson
Jan 27-Ashley Almanza
JoAnn Blaskey
William R. Patterson
Tyler Wingate
Jarret Cutbirth
John Martin
Jan 28-Cindy Fikes
Johnnie Stotts
Jan 29-Scott Marshall
Michael Wettstein
Jan 30-Riley Chambers, Jr.

DEATHS
Bobbie and Ronnie Otis

HIGHLANDS

Ruben Lopez Firefighter of the Year

HIGHLANDS- Recognition and thanks for service was the theme for the annual Highlands Volunteer Fire Department awards banquet, held last Saturday evening at Monument Inn.

ESD#14 president Jim Strouhal presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Ruben Lopez, Jr.

This award is given in memory of Cecil Kelly, who volunteered with the Highlands VFD for over 42 years before retiring in 1996. The recipient chosen by vote of the membership is a firefighter who performed above and beyond the call of duty.

A large crowd of firemen and families, friends, com-



Ruben Lopez, Jr. second from left, receives his Firefighter of the Year Award. Pictured from left, Assistant Chief Mike Carsner, Lopez, Fire Chief Harvey Little, and ESD #14 board president Jim Strouhal.

munity supporters, and board members attended the dinner. Fire Chief Harvey Little emceed the ceremony, introducing awards, guests, and honorees.

Chief Little reviewed the history of the department for 2018. He noted that there were a total of 2771 calls for service, compared with last year's 2827. Of these 2018 were EMS calls compared with 1965 the previous year. Life Flight was called 20 times, compared with 22 last year. There were 720 calls for fire responses, compared with 864 in 2016. The department responded to 157 Motor Vehicle Accidents in 2017, compared to 151 the previous year.

Chief Little reported on accomplishments in the training of members. The department received a grant from the Texas Forestry Service to purchase a forcible entry training door, simulated smoke machine for search and rescue training. Using HVFD equipment, the department held training sessions at the Houston Fire Department facility.

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Eagleton working Best Practices



Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton stands behind new Assistant Chief B. Jorey Herrscher, Captain Issac Villarreal, Captain Henry Elkin, legendary Sergeant Terry Ganey, Major Rick Larkin, Chief Deputy Kirk Bonsal having come from the District Attorney's Office, Major David Jones, out front is Harris County Sheriff's Office Director Jacqueline D. Fortune of the Community Engagement Division at the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Stonebridge at Newport Clubhouse. Over a century and a half of law enforcement experience at one table.

See Eagleton working best, continued on Page 6

Chili Feast set for Feb. 2



These Lady Rotarians remind you to buy your ticket while there are still a few available, to the Rotary Chili Feast, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Catholic Church social hall. Pictured Denise Smith, Sheila McDonald, Betty Brewer, Rose Smith, and Patricia Scott. You can contact any of these ladies or other Rotarians and local businesses. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door on Saturday. First Prize in the raffle is a new car from Turner Chevrolet.

Crosby pile-up injures 4 kids



Sandwiched between a speeding car and a waiting car four children were injured inside in last Saturday's wreck on FM 2100. Speeding and lack of seatbelt restraint faulted.

CROSBY - A four vehicle accident at about 8:45 p.m. last Saturday, January 19, at the east access to US 90 on FM 2100 injured a dozen people, five of them were children.

According to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzales, "Four children were injured in the vehicle at the time of the crash. The only one wearing a seatbelt was in the front of the vehicle. One went by Life Flight, looks like he will survive. Was seated in the back left, remarkable he survived. By state law, children must be restrained appropriately at all times when traveling in a car, these types of accidents stress the importance of that."

Witnesses say seven victims were taken to the hospital by three HCESD#5 Ambulances, the EMS service for Crosby, and one child went by helicopter to Memorial Hermann Hospital. The rest of the injured declined transport.

Harris County Sheriff's Traffic Investigators say the cause of the acci-

dent was that one woman failed to control speed collided with a car filled with unrestrained by seatbelt children in the back seat. Investigators say that 42-year-old woman was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Camaro in the 13549 block of F.M. 2100.

"As the female driver was approaching a 2014 Dodge Dart driven by a 30-year-old male. The Camaro, failing to stop in time, struck the back end of the Dart at a high rate of speed. A 7-year-old child that was sitting behind the driver was unresponsive as deputies and EMS personnel arrived. The child's condition is good and expected to make a full recovery."

The female driver was issued a citation for failure to control speed. Traffic deputies are still investigating the male driver as to why the children were unrestrained in the vehicle.

In fact, all the details of the four car pile up are still under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Traffic Division.

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HIGHLANDS Fire Dept. presents 2018 Awards

HIGHLANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The EMS department has purchased new intubation equipment which improves first attempts by 100%.

Membership in the HVFD stands at 64. 35 regular, 5 apprentices, 19 retirees (not in the total), 6 EMS full time paid, and 18 EMS part-time paid.

Station #27 now is staffed with a night duty fire crew, and ESD#14 monthly meetings have moved to the new building.

Service Awards were presented to members of the department. Other awards presented by Chief Little included Citizen of the Year, to David Sellers, and Business of the Year, to Bubba's Bait Shop. Rookie of the Year was presented to Matthew Bennett.



MASCOTS (L to R) Mike Carsner, 2018 Mascot Cullen Little, 2019 Mascot Daveah Asher, and Chief Little.



25 YEAR AWARD, to Bobby Birdsong.



35 YEAR AWARD, to Tracy Neathery



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD to Bubba's Bait Shop, Guy Gauthier Sr., and Pamela Gauthier.



TOP TEN RESPONDERS, right to left, Ruben Lopez 393, Guy Gauthier 305, Patrick Brown 269 (not pictured), Christofer Contreres 192, Nate Scott 180, Tim Covington 130, Wayne Speaks 130, Ryan Lopez 117, Ryan Hotchkiss 106, and Benjamine Hackler 93 (not pictured).



ELECTED OFFICERS included Kyle Little, Guy Gauthier, Ruben Lopez, Daniel Grabill (not pictured), and Assistant Chief Mike Carsner, and Chief Harvey Little



HIGHLANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2019 includes 64 members plus 19 retired. These are the firefighters and EMS personnel that were present at the Awards Banquet.

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ROUND-UP

Sen. Creighton appointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education for the 86th Legislative Session

Senator Creighton receives the first chairmanship of a standing Senate committee of his Senate career

AUSTIN, TX - January 18, 2019, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick released Senate committee appointments for the 86th Legislative session. Senator Creighton (R-Comroe) was one of the selected Senators to serve in a leadership position. Senator Creighton will serve on the following committees:

- Senate Committee on Higher Education, Chair
- Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs, Vice Chair

- Senate Committee on Business & Commerce
- Senate Committee on State Affairs
- Senate Committee on Property Tax

"I look forward to serving in a big role this session. I appreciate Lt. Governor Patrick for entrusting me with the duty of leading the Senate Committee on Higher Education as well as appointing me to these other powerful committees," said Senator Creighton. "Issues regarding higher education are important in today's booming Texas economy. It is imperative that our institutions of higher education are producing the best and greatest minds in the world to match the growing job market demand."

Although Senator Creighton has served as a chairman of Senate committees and other leadership positions in the past, this is the first time he will chair a permanent, standing committee that exists during a legislative session. The Senate Committee on Higher Education handles all issues related to post-secondary education. Senator Creighton will also serve as the vice-chairman of the Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs.

"I am also looking forward to vice-chairing the Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs," said Senator Creighton. "In the wake of Hurricane Harvey and other major flooding events, this is a great opportunity to bring meaningful reforms to flood control and mitigation for the hardest hit communities in my district and across the state."

In the 86th Legislative Session, Senator Creighton served on the Senate Committees on: Business and Commerce (vice chair); State Affairs, Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; Transportation; and Criminal Justice.

"Today's appointments are a victory for the citizens of southeast Texas," said Senator Creighton. "I am excited now to get to work and continue being a strong advocate for Senate District 4."

SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON represents District 4, which encompasses parts of Montgomery, Harris, Chambers, Jefferson and Galveston Counties.

Covestro and Mont Belvieu dedicate solar powered charging station at City Park

Residents of Mont Belvieu can now take a break in shade at its city park while harnessing energy from the sun to charge up their portable devices.

Thanks to a generous donation from Covestro, a new solar-powered charging station using state-of-the-art technology was unveiled Monday, January 21 with leaders from the city and the company.

"We encourage diverse thinking and creative problem solving that embodies Covestro's new vision 'to make the world a brighter place,' which includes incorporating sustainability in every element of our strategy," said Rod Herrick, Covestro Vice President and Site Manager. "This solar-powered charging station helps make the world we live in brighter by reducing our



Covestro representatives and City Officials unveil charging station.

environmental impact and is a testament to our dedication to this effort."

The picnic table-style installation seats four comfortably is located between

the park's playgrounds and splash pad and features a table with bench seats with a solar panel shade over the top.

The solar station is a fully engineered true off-grid solar powered charging station. It is equipped with a power design that

delivers dependable year round charging power even with days of cloudy weather.

The charging station has eight USB ports, four 120V outlets, timer-operated LED flood lights, and a charge meter that allows park patrons to check the current charge capacity of the unit. Park patrons can use it to support charging tablets, laptops, cameras and other electronic devices.

The solar-powered unit was unveiled as leaders ceremoniously plugged in their electronic devices utilizing the sun's energy - even on the cloudy day.

"This is a wonderful addition to City Park and a true benefit to our residents. We are so thankful

See Charging Station, Page 6

Cedar Bayou Apache Lane flooding project presented to the public

EAST HARRIS COUNTY - On January 16 the Harris County Flood Control District held a meeting at the San Jacinto Community Center in Highlands, to inform the public about partnering with the Harris County Precinct 2 Engineering Department to address flooding issues in residential neighborhoods in unincorporated regions of Harris County with focus on stormwater drainage improvements and to receive input from the public.

Reid Mrsny, a Public Engineer with Harris County, points out that his group is working to find solutions for flooding issues on Apache Lane near Cedar Bayou.

Voters approved \$2.5 billion in bonds to finance flood damage reduction projects within the county. The county is moving forward with planning and construction of projects with bond funding, making effort to make transparent those projects

to residents.

This meeting is listed on the Harris County Flood Control District website and information can be obtained and comments made at www.hcfcfd.org/E12, the district's website.

Stormwater drainage was discussed with what engineers believe are the best remedies and they heard residents express what they believe are stormwater problems and

potential improvements.

Internal neighborhood drainage systems and related infrastructure that move flood water to major drainage channels or bays were explored. Municipalities typically handle internal drain systems like underground sewer systems and roadside ditches.

A presentation proceeded an open house discussion with the project team.



Residents at the Harris County Flood Control District meeting study information handouts, while others listen to a presentation of the proposal.



HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2 Infrastructure Director Jeremy Phillips, left, talks with residents of the area, while Harris County Engineer Reid Mrsny, right, presents details of the drainage proposals to the audience.

United Way receives \$3.3 million in funding requests

January 17, 2019, Baytown, Texas - United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County (UW) anticipates at least \$3,300,000 will be requested for agency program funding. This is up 18%, or \$508,727, more than in the prior year. Each year, the number of funding requests and amount has grown. "For nearly 75 years, agencies have relied on United Way to help fund their programs and operations," said Daryl Fontenot, President, Board of Directors. "In recent years, the funding for programs has become more diversified for local programs, but there continues to be heavy reliance on United Way." The campaign is ongoing and donations are needed to provide more funding to local programs. For the current year, there are 25 agencies receiving grant funding for 33 local programs, totaling \$2,006,440.

The community impact grant funding process is currently underway. An announcement for funding will be made no later than June 2019. Community Impact grants are how your UW invests in local programs providing services in the Baytown area, Highlands and Chambers County. Funding decisions are made by volunteers through an annual competitive application process. Volunteers review each grant application and meet with agency representatives to discuss the request for program funding. They use an objective scoring tool that looks at program outcomes, budget, and alignment to UW's funding goals, and general activities related to the program. Each agency

reports on fundraising efforts and volunteer recruitment. They are encouraged to seek funding from multiple sources and focus on good governance through a volunteer board of directors. The final score is then used to determine which programs to fund and the amount of each award. Awards are limited by the amount of funds available through the annual campaign.

United Way's funding goals:

- Education has two goals. 1) improve access for all children to quality early childhood education, and 2) engage and educate teens and young adults about higher education.

- Financial Stability's goal is to support services that create opportunities to improve financial stability related to: increasing financial literacy, stable housing & homelessness, increasing job skills and employability, and increasing lifelong household earnings.

- Health has two goals: 1) increase the availability of healthy food choices for those accessing food pantries and identify best practices to achieve a healthy community by making healthy choices related to disease prevention, 2) ensure access for those in crisis to efficient and effective services and increase availability and knowledge of mental health care for all.

For more than 70 years, United Way of the Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County has tackled our community's most difficult issues in the areas of education, financial stability and health. For more information about your United Way, visit: www.unitedwaygbacc.org

★ OPINION PAGE ★

TEXAS SENATE NEWS RETURNS FOR THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
Finance Chair lays out Budget Highlights

By Richard Lee

(AUSTIN) — January 16, 2019 — The Senate will put more money towards education, mental health and transportation, according to the chamber's chief budget writer, Finance Committee Chair and Flower Mound Senator Jane Nelson. The state is in better shape economically than in January 2017, where state revenue collections had decreased nearly a percent over the previous biennium. Less revenue means a tighter budget, but that's not the case this session, with strong economic growth leading to nearly \$120 billion in available general revenue, according to the Comptroller's office. That's up from a little less than \$105 billion two years ago. The budget filed late Tuesday is an increase of \$8.4 billion over last biennium, for a total of \$112 billion in general, non-dedicated revenue for state services in 2020 and 2021.

In a statement released Tuesday, Nelson said that past conservative budgets have left the state in great economic shape today. "Our commitment to fiscal responsibility is paying major dividends, affording us an opportunity to secure the Texas miracle for generations to come. This budget makes targeted investments in education, including a well-deserved pay raise for Texas teachers, and continues our work on transportation, mental health and other key priorities," her statement read.

The Senate's budget includes more funding for public education, including \$3.7 billion for a \$5000 across-the-board teacher pay raise and \$2.4 billion to fund enrollment growth of about 65,000 new students. It also includes \$2.3 billion to reduce reliance on property taxes and recapture, known more commonly as the "Robin Hood" system of public school finance. Finally, it would earmark \$230 million to maintain current premiums and benefits for retired teachers.

For health and human services, the Senate budget would spend a total of \$7.5

billion across 21 state agencies to improve access to mental health care and reduce waitlists. It would fund women's health programs at a record level of \$285 million and would include funding to maintain current caseloads at Child Protective Services.

The Texas Department of Transportation would get more money, nearly half a billion dollars, raising the total appropriation for the agency that oversees planning and construction of state transportation infrastructure to \$31.2 billion. State parks and historical sites would get more money under the Senate plan, with all sporting goods sales tax collections going to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Historical Commission.

Because the Legislature budgets for the future, every session lawmakers have to reconcile accounts between projected costs and revenues and actual costs and revenues. This session, the Senate will consider \$4.2 billion for that purpose as detailed in the supplemental appropriations bill, SB 500. That includes \$1 billion for Harvey disaster recovery, \$2.1 billion for the Medicaid Shortfall and \$600 million to address pension shortfalls for teachers and state employees. It would draw \$2.5 billion out of the state's Economic Stabilization Fund to help pay for these and other expenses.

The Governor must sign a budget before the Legislature leaves in late May, and what passes will be the result of negotiations between the House and Senate. In 2017, the Senate proposed spending \$103 billion that January, but the final budget signed by the Governor totaled almost \$108 billion. This year, the House filed budget would spend \$115 billion, about \$3 billion more than the Senate. Both chambers historically pass their appropriations bill by late March or early April in order to give House and Senate negotiators enough time to reconcile the two versions of the state budget for the next two years.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, January 22 at 11 a.m.



State's top elected officials take oaths of office at inauguration

AUSTIN — Public officials and private citizens gathered at the south steps of the state Capitol on Jan. 15 for a day's worth of inaugural events, most notably the administering of oaths of office to Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who were reelected to four-year terms in November.

In his inaugural address, Gov. Abbott predicted the 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature, which convened on Jan. 8, would be "transformative." He said that with the help of Lt. Gov. Patrick and newly elected House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, leadership would "usher in a new era for children, teachers and taxpayers."

"We must finally rein in skyrocketing property taxes in Texas," Abbott said. "To fix this, Texas must limit the ability of taxing authorities to raise your property taxes. At the same time, Texas must end unfunded mandates on cities and counties. And taxpayers should be given the power to fire their property tax appraiser."

Abbott touched on a list of other topics, such as job growth, the state's low unemployment rate, the importance of public education and public education reform, the need for teacher pay raises and better teacher retirement, enhanced school safety and progress in natural disaster recovery efforts.

Lt. Gov. delivers remarks

Patrick echoed Abbott's call to operate as a unit with Speaker Bonnen.

"The people of Texas didn't elect us to be silent on things that matter," Patrick said. "They elected us to work together and do what is right for the people of Texas. We have a moment in time, right now, to set the stage for an even greater Texas for future generations. It is within our grasp. The elections are over for now — we will have them again in two years to air out our differences — but for right now, it's time for us to work together for all of the people of Texas. I intend to do my part."

Patrick announced that Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, chair of the Sen-

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

ate Finance Committee, has filed Senate Bill 3, which he called "the first across-the-board pay increase for Texas teachers in nearly 20 years." SB 3, he said, would give every one of Texas' 350,000 teachers a \$5,000 raise beginning in the next school year, and that would be the first step in increasing the base pay of teachers by \$10,000. Patrick added that Nelson also had filed Senate Bill 1, the state budget, legislation that includes \$3.7 billion to fund the teacher pay raise.

Panel chairs are named

Patrick, who presides over the state Senate, on Jan. 18 made public his selection of 16 committee chairs and members of each panel.

The appointments, he said, "reflect the proven leadership, commitment, solid work ethic and wide range of expertise of the 31 senators who have been elected by the people of Texas to represent them." Complete lists of panel members may be found at www.senate.texas.gov. These are chairs and vice chairs for each panel:

- Agriculture: Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso;
- Administration: Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, and Pat Fallon, R-Prospers;
- Business & Commerce: Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, and Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville;
- Criminal Justice: John Whitmire, D-Houston, and Joan Huffman, R-Houston;
- Education: Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, and Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville;
- Finance: Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen;
- Health & Human Services: Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, and Charles Perry, R-Lubbock;
- Higher Education: Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, and Royce West, D-Dallas;
- Intergovernmental Relations: Eddie Lucio Jr., and Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown;
- Natural Resources & Economic Development: Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, and Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo;
- Nominations: Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway, and Kirk Watson, D-Austin;
- Property Tax: Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, and freshman Angela Paxton, R-McKinney;
- State Affairs: Joan Huffman, and Bryan Hughes;
- Transportation: Robert Nichols and Kelly Hancock;
- Veterans Affairs & Border Security: Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, and Bob Hall, R-Edge-wood; and
- Water & Rural Affairs: Charles Perry, and Brandon Creighton.

Jobless rate stays low

December was the 104th consecutive month of positive employment growth, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Jan. 18.

Texas gained some 38,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm positions during the month, pegging the unemployment rate at 3.7 percent and maintaining the same historic 43-year low the state has enjoyed since October 2018.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded December's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA and Odessa MSA, which tied for the second lowest with a rate of 2.6 percent. The Austin-Round Rock MSA recorded the third lowest rate of 2.7 percent.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"Well," said Steve, polishing off the last of his coffee, "what should we discuss this fine morning?"

"I'm awful glad you asked, ol' pard," came the cheerful voice of Windy Wilson, emerging through the swinging doors that came from the kitchen of the Mule Barn truck stop. "Yessir. Awful glad."

Steve and the other members of the world dilemma think tank looked in amazement as this old camp cook and cowboy came over with the coffee pot and topped off their coffee mugs. Windy had found a dish towel and wrapped it around his waist, too.

"Windy?" said Doc. "Mighty fine-looking dish towel you're wearing."

"Thanks, Doc. I consider it the apex of dining room fashion for a volunteer coffee guy. Took me a while to talk Loretta into lettin' me wear it, howsomever. I guess she ain't up on dining room fashions."

"Let me guess," said Doc. "This must be your helping day, right?"

"Right as grain, Doc," Windy said, cheerfully. "I thought about it and decided I'd devote my helpin' day to the good ol' Mule Barn."

We all knew Windy dedicated one day each week to helping others. This sometimes meant helping them when they really didn't need it, but hey, the older folks in our town get some trash picked up in the yard and some kindling split. You know.

"So fer a conversational subject this sparklin' a.m.," Windy said, "I believe I'd meander through the mysterious of ancient history, beginnin' with them Egypt guys. Whadda ya think?"

"Might just do that, Windy," said Steve. "But if you don't mind me asking, why are you helping out with the coffee in here rather than cleaning up somebody's yard?"

Windy looked around to see if the other 43 people in the café could hear, then leaned down toward Steve. "Lot warmer in here than it is in somebody's yard, and thassa fact."

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Bobbie and Ronnie Otis



Memorial Services for Bobbie Marie Otis and her beloved husband, Ronald Lee Otis, both age 79, of Broadus, Texas will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the First Baptist Church in Broadus. A second service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Sterling White Funeral Home in Highlands, Texas. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Dr. W. Wayne Barth, will officiate both services.

Bobbie and Ronald passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on January 18, 2019 in San Augustine County, Texas.

Bobbie was born February 8, 1939, in Muskogee, Oklahoma to the late Edythe Marie (Berry)

Browning and Byron Burnice Browning. She was a bookkeeper for many years working for San Jacinto Bookkeeping Service. She retired to Broadus where she enjoyed doing arts and crafts and visiting with her neighbors. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Broadus and enjoyed visiting with the First Baptist family.

Ronald was born October 23, 1939, in Goose Creek, Texas, (Baytown) to the late Lorette Elise (Lenoir) Otis and Cecil Edwin Otis. He worked in the petrochemical industry for many years. He later worked for Clark Fire Equipment in sales and service. He retired to Broadus where he was an avid outdoorsman. He

loved fishing and hunting. He was known to always lend a hand to those in need in his church and community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Broadus and enjoyed visiting with the First Baptist family and his neighbors.

Those left to cherish their memory include beloved daughters, Deborah Bailey Horton and her husband Greg, of Pasadena; Marilyn Jordan Douget and her husband Steve, of Anahuac; Carolyn Otis Fink and husband David, of Needville, and Tina Wilson and her husband Bryant, of Pasadena. Beloved grandchildren include, Michael Bletsch and his wife Callie, of Richmond; Jessica Swearingen of Lago Vista; Jason Jordan of Charleston, S.C.; Dustin Temple and his wife Jessica, of Richmond; Lindsey Byrum and her husband Kevin, of Lago Vista; Brandon Lee Wilson of Pasadena; Candice Nicole Wilson of Pasadena; Justin Wilson and his wife Raven, of Pasadena; Kayla Marie Fink and Nicole Lynn Fink of Buda; Jaclyn Horton and Travis Horton of San Antonio; Bobbie's sister, Jane Anderson of Cold Springs, and Ronald's brothers, Roland Otis of Pasadena and Paul Otis of Crosby. They leave behind 4 great-grandchildren who will greatly miss their mamaw and papaw.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her parents, Edythe Marie and Bernice Byron Browning, brother Gary Browning, and sister Shirlene Dresser. Ronald is preceded in death by his parents, Lorette Elise (Lenoir) Otis and Cecil Edwin Otis, his sister Madeleine Vessels, and daughter Brenda Otis Swearingen.

Community Center offers special events

Zumba Gold
Friday, February 1, 2019, 10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. New exercise dance class!! Great for beginners!! Come and learn some new dance moves to some great music!! Entertaining and fun for everybody!!

Sweetheart Dance
Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Open to Mothers and Fathers, Sons and Daughters!!! Snacks, drinks, DJ, cotton candy, and door prizes. Bring your camera to take pictures with our photo booth. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance via paypal@kerri.almendarez@pct2.hctx.net.

Bean Bag Baseball
Monday, February 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Come join the fun while you toss bean bags and score a homerun!! Two teams and the competition gets pretty hot!! New to May Center this year!!

May Community Center's free intergenerational programs are part of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia educational and recreational commitment to Harris County residents. May Community Center is a Precinct 2 Community Center located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs please call (713) 274-2434.

Rotary Peace Conference

HOUSTON, Texas, January 2, 2019 -- Rotary International (RI) Districts 5890 and 5910, part of a worldwide Service organization that promotes integrity, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders, today announced they will be sponsoring a Peace Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8686 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054 February 9, 2019. The Conference presentations will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM, followed by a reception for the public to visit with the cadre of speakers and guests.

Given a climate of conflict, partisanship, criminal activity and confrontation across local, regional and international arenas, organizers intend to promote the concepts of respect, compromise, reform, and negotiation by highlighting national and international leaders that are paving the future with these virtues. A formidable slate of speakers has been drawn upon to discuss the fight against Human Trafficking, Reformation in Criminal Syndicates, Peacekeeping efforts in former Soviet Republics, Recovery Efforts in Northern Iraq, and the growing Humanitarian footprint in Russia.

Rotary Governor - District 5890, Carmen Cuneo, explained, "We want to showcase to the Houston Community, that while our world faces significant challenges to individual freedoms and human rights, there are numerous efforts out there, by good

people, trying to find Peace and demonstrate Fairness to their fellow man. It is our hope that public presentations like this will groom and motivate individuals, groups, organizations, and governments to do likewise within their fiduciary responsibilities."

John Hathaway, Rotary Governor District 5910, further elaborated, "Rotary International's Foundation has chosen 'Peace' as one of its six areas of focus, for the future. Staging events like this where the public can listen to and interact with such reputable achievers in these fields, is one way we hope to plant new ideas for peace-making efforts in future generations."

For more information on this event, including the full speaker line-up, registration, and costs, please go to: <https://bit.ly/2ReW-PYI>

About Rotary International

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. It was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members. For more information contact Kenny Vernor: ken@vernor.com

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Colorectal Cancer Screening Can Save Lives

BAYTOWN — (January 18, 2019) — Very few people look forward to discussing issues relating to the colon or rectum with their doctor, but it's a necessary conversation.

Of cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. and the third most common cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Dr. Ziad Kronfol, a colorectal surgeon at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, says colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that has a screening method that not only detects the cancer in its early stages, but also helps prevent the cancer in the first place.

Screening Recommendations

"Colorectal cancer almost always develops from polyps in the colon or rectum. With screening tests such as colonoscopy, polyps can be found and removed before they become cancerous," Kronfol said. "If a cancer is found during screening, the earlier it is found the greater the chance it can be surgically removed laparoscopically with small incisions."

Unfortunately, fewer than half of adults age 50 and older get the recommended screenings, ac-



Dr. Ziad Kronfol

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration.

According to Kronfol, the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend colorectal cancer screening for men and women at average risk beginning at age 45 and continuing until age 75. Continuing beyond this age should be considered on an individual patient basis, and only after considering the patient's overall health and other factors.

"People at an increased risk for developing colorectal cancer should discuss screening earlier and may require more frequent tests. Talk to your doctor about a screening schedule that's right for you," Kron-

fol said.

Risk Factors

The exact causes of colorectal cancer are not known. However, certain factors increase your risk of developing the disease. According to the National Cancer Institute, they include:

- Age. Most people who develop colorectal cancer are over age 50.
- Polyps (abnormal growths that protrude from the inner wall of the colon or rectum). While most polyps are noncancerous, the majority of colorectal cancers develop from polyps.
- Personal history of colorectal cancer. Women who have had ovarian, uterine or breast cancer also have a higher risk.
- Family history of colorectal cancer.
- Ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease
- Diet. Eating a lot of red and processed meats and not many whole grains, fruits and vegetables may increase risk.
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Smoking

For more information on colorectal cancer screening, prevention and treatment and to schedule an appointment with a specialist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown, or call 281-428-2273.

Eagleton working Best,

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NEWPORT - Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton introduced his executive staff and plans to bring better than better law enforcement to locals last Thursday, January 17 at Stonebridge in Newport.

First, he always thanks those that voted for him. The achievement of putting 15 more deputies in the Precinct without increasing costs. He seems most proud to have achieved the Best Practices standard he set for Precinct 3 even before taking office and shared the credit with the officers that help make it a reality. His precinct made over 5,000 high water rescues during hurricane Harvey. The Precinct accrued over \$5,000,000 worth of high water equipment at no cost to the local tax roles.

Eagleton explained how his units are being proactive, not reactive to interdict crime. He initiated an Environmental Patrol con-

cerned with those that make messes like dumping trash or creating poisonous situations.

Captain Isaac Villarreal is over the Drug Task Force, has about 30 years experience and spoke of how low level drug dealers drag down a community based on his years in narcotics. "Our goal is to improve the quality of life. In a year and a half we have seized over 145 pounds of meth, thirteen pounds of cash..."

Chief Deputy Kirk Bonal explained in detail how Precinct 3 has been recognized by the Texas Chief of Police Association and how Best Practices was implemented. "Dedicated to providing the most professional service possible."

A new Precinct 3 patrol station will be opening at the former fire station on Dell Dale in Channelview based on the long history

of trying to get a station into a neighborhood with an increasing crime situation.

Eagleton has a fundraiser coming up on Feb. 9, the contact is Ricky Larkin for tickets to this Valentine's Gala a blacktie, jeans and boots event.



Precinct 3 searched far and wide to find a replacement for Assistant Chief Deputy Greenwade, who was murdered on duty and found B. Jorey Herrscher above.

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to Covestro for their partnership and support of this project," said Mont Belvieu Mayor Nick Dixon.

*In the attached photo (L to R): Mont Belvieu Assistant City Manager Scott Swigert, Mont Belvieu Councilmember Arnold Peters, Head of Communications for Covestro Baytown Jennifer Walsh,

Mont Belvieu Mayor Nick Dixon, Community Development Director for the City of Mont Belvieu Ricardo Villagrand, Covestro Baytown Vice President and Site Manager Rod Herrick -, Mont Belvieu Mayor Pro-Tem Joey McWilliams

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 29,625,551	\$ 10,101,892	\$ 1,057,574	\$ 40,785,017
5800 State Program Revenues	45,479,348	345,510	569,717	46,394,575
5900 Federal Program Revenues	2,492,419	--	9,573,923	12,066,342
5020 Total Revenues	77,597,318	10,447,402	11,201,214	99,245,934
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	50,214,444	--	3,923,323	54,137,767
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	521,889	--	--	521,889
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	431,707	--	--	431,707
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,042,153	--	246,383	1,288,536
0023 School Leadership	4,901,645	--	--	4,901,645
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,368,977	--	920,469	3,289,446
0033 Health Services	883,610	--	--	883,610
0034 Student Transportation	3,020,971	--	--	3,020,971
0035 Food Service	--	--	5,805,258	5,805,258
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,663,888	--	417,758	2,081,646
0041 General Administration	2,867,215	--	--	2,867,215
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	8,360,469	--	--	8,360,469
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,093,438	--	--	1,093,438
0053 Data Processing Services	1,456,573	--	--	1,456,573
0061 Community Services	--	--	9,500	9,500
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	135,409	5,310,000	--	5,445,409
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	--	5,637,918	--	5,637,918
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	20,405	--	20,405
0081 Capital Outlay	358,100	--	--	358,100
6030 Total Expenditures	79,320,488	10,968,323	11,322,691	101,611,502
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,723,170)	(520,921)	(121,477)	(2,365,568)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915 Transfers In	--	--	1,035,807	1,035,807
8911 Transfers Out	(308,766)	--	(1,035,807)	(1,344,573)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(308,766)	--	--	(308,766)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,031,936)	(520,921)	(121,477)	(2,674,334)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	34,432,548	14,302,148	1,964,279	50,698,975
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 32,400,612	\$ 13,781,227	\$ 1,842,802	\$ 48,024,641

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018

Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
3780 Local, Intermediate, and Out of State Revenues	\$ 105,806,377	\$ 26,318,672	\$ 1,557,591	\$ 3,210,134	\$ 136,892,774
3800 State Program Revenues	105,103,775	297,857	--	2,802,843	108,204,475
3900 Federal Program Revenues	4,139,554	--	--	29,868,321	34,007,875
3020 Total Revenues	215,049,706	26,616,529	1,557,591	35,881,298	279,105,124
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	115,986,516	--	--	13,077,153	129,063,669
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,491,641	--	--	99,767	2,591,408
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,699,463	--	--	2,791,230	5,490,693
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,714,129	--	--	561,052	6,275,181
0023 School Leadership	14,617,490	--	--	227,221	14,844,711
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	7,287,911	--	--	348,908	7,636,819
0032 Social Work Services	503,214	--	--	531,500	1,034,714
0033 Health Services	1,825,495	--	--	205,959	2,031,454
0034 Student Transportation	8,496,837	--	--	483,233	8,980,070
0035 Food Services	1,279	--	--	15,125,225	15,126,504
0036 Extracurricular Activities	4,617,071	--	--	847,154	5,464,225
0041 General Administration	8,298,551	--	--	1,712	8,300,263
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	25,734,510	--	--	265,258	25,999,768
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,564,646	--	--	833	2,565,479
0053 Data Processing Services	3,918,290	--	--	300	3,918,590
0061 Community Services	891,407	--	--	706,597	1,598,004
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	344,059	28,099,523	--	--	28,443,582
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	10,400	11,458,845	--	--	11,469,245
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	2,310	146,581	806,462	--	855,353
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,716,391	--	96,753,497	1,258,499	98,728,297
Intergovernmental:					
0090 Payments to County Appraisal District	936,346	--	--	--	936,346
0030 Total Expenditures	207,870,856	39,694,949	97,560,059	36,575,511	371,631,375
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	7,178,850	(13,078,420)	(89,002,468)	(644,213)	(96,528,191)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Refunding Bonds Issued	--	14,889,000	--	--	14,889,000
7912 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	--	85,350,000	--	85,350,000
7913 Sales of Real or Personal Property	125,203	--	--	31,814	157,017
7916 Premiums or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	--	963,564	10,456,462	--	11,420,026
7980 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	125,203	15,852,564	95,806,462	31,814	111,809,043
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	7,304,053	2,765,144	5,824,054	(612,399)	15,280,852
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	145,800,878	8,430,816	66,355,513	4,602,729	225,189,936
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 153,104,931	\$ 11,195,960	\$ 72,179,567	\$ 3,990,330	\$ 240,470,888

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