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- United Way of Greater Baytown Meeting
- Liberty Opry Concert
 Baytown Native serving at U.S. Naval Aviation

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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Hosted by Eastside Veterans and Community Bank of Texas. 9 am -2 pm at 6202 FM 2100, Crosby, Texas, 77532. Flag presentation by Baytown Ceremonial Team. Free hot gods and drinks to all

THURS. JUNE 20 CROSBY CC MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, June 20th, at Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy 90 in Crosby. Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

WED., JUNE 26 CANCER SURVIVORS CELEBRATION

At Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, 4301 Garth Rd., Baytown, 77521. 11:30 am - 1 pm. Celebration of life with music, photo booth, lunch and Cancer walk. See AD, page 8 for details.

SAT. JUNE 29 FREE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

(weather permitting)
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mobile fleet to help
meet residents' current
needs based on surver
results. Free health
services, recovery
resources and family fun
activities at Crosby
Community Center, 409
Hare Rd. in Crosby.

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 13–Earlene Michalsky Jun 14–Shelby Russell Jun 15– Tina Hill Jun 16– Steffany de la Cruz Tim Grisham Evelyn Del Angel Jun 17–Garret Oviedo Brandi Rutledge Jun 18–Erica Castro David Mata

Jun 19-Lara Sue Hill ANNIVERSARIES

Jun 18–Cliff & Janise McKee Jun 19–David & Susie Coffman

"Tough Enough" awards \$172,000



Tough Enough to Wear Pink awarded \$130,000 to Pink Heals Foundation Houston Methodist Baytown Cancer Center and \$42,000 to Houston Candlelighters from funds raised from Bras for the Cause held last February at last Saturday's event filled Crosby Fair & Rodeo. Tough Enough to Wear Pink is a Committee of Crosby Fair & Rodeo dedicated to helping those fighting cancer in the surrounding community. The Pink Heals is a national foundation active in many cancer centers devoted to helping cancer fighters handle the day to day struggles.

Great time to be a Hearn



Magie Hearn and Hunter Hearn found this to be their time as she, last week's Salutatorian, had Grand Champion Market Broilers at the Rodeo and he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies on June 5. She wants to be a pilot and he plays baseball, ya' know.

GC Steer nets \$19,000 at Livestock Auction



Abigale Brady shows the Grand Champion Steer that was bought by Angel Brothers of Baytown for \$19,500 at the Livestock Auction last Wednesday. (Star-Courier photo/Spearman)

Crosby's recovery plans crumble old admin. bldg.



The old Administration Building for Crosby ISD was to be a new DHS school to keep disciplinary challenged students in the district. Delapidation and a moldy interior presented health problems and called for demolition.

CROSBY – Superintendent Scott Davis has visited multiple civic organizations over the last month communicating the state of the school and his vision for where the school district ventures from here.

Davis will be first to say that Crosby ISD isn't completely recovered from the financial emergency in which he had to lay off teachers in midyear but the "worst is over and now we can begin to move forward."

By now many have figured out that the 2017 - \$109.5 Million bond might be called the C.Y.A. bond in that the driving factor behind it was that cost overruns and change-orders

See Crosby Plan, p. 8

Eastside Veterans recognize Dahu



Eastside Veterans' Celebration awarded the Community Recognition Award to Charlie Dahu of Hungry Jacks in appreciation for his constant efforts to help out the community where it needs it and supporting the First Responders.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

National History Day Competitors Visit With Babin



Goose Creek CISD students competing at National History Day in Washington, D.C. visit with U.S. Congressman Brian Babin in his office at the Capitol. Pictured are Brandon Broussard, Tramy Nguyen, Babin, Ruth Patino, Reese Benoit and (back right) Reese's brother Riley Benoit.

Goose Creeek CISD swears in new Board members



Shae Cottar is sworn in as a Goose Creek CISD School Board member, representing District 7, at the recent regular board meeting.

Jessica Woods, signs her Oath of Office after being sworn in for a second term, representing District 3 on the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees.



Tiffany Guy takes her Oath of Office, representing District 6 on the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees.



Rodeo Wrap-up



Flanked by Rodeo Chairman Ricky Larkin and Eddie Glover of the Rodeo Board are the scholarship recipients for 2010 year.



2019 Crosby Fair & Rodeo Grand and Reserve Exhibitors



Crosby Fair & Rodeo recognizes the service of Kris Dalquist here with husband Lonny at left and Mr. Gillespie at right with a bracelet.



Gene Hicks Senior was recognized for his many years of service and dedication to the Crosby Fair & Rodeo with a Lifetime Membership Award at the 2019 Livestock Auction.



Above Jayden Mathney clung on for dear life to win Thursday's Mutton Bustin'



Pink Heals Foundation Houston Methodist Baytown Cancer Center is pleased with their check for \$130,000 even though the photographed one is a bit dated.

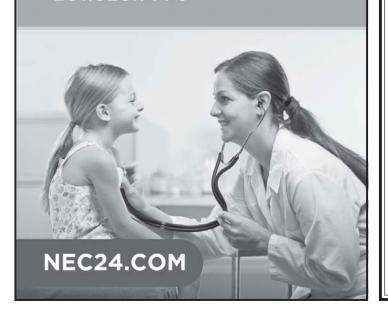




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ROUND-UP

Storytime at Jones Library

Storytime is held every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the Kidz Zone of the Jones Public Library.

They have a circle time of singing, dancing, and learning, story for the week and fun craft that matches the book.

Storytime is geared toward children aged 2-4, but all ages are welcome!

Storytime at Parker Park -

ST@PP is held every Friday from 10:30 - 11:30 AM at Parker

Park in Dayton. They spend time reading a book about nature, activities, art, and so much more with playtime afterward.

This storytime is geared toward children of all ages

June 20th - Open Mic Night

Join them Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 for their Monthly Open Mic Night!

Teen and adult residents are invited to come out and perform or be a part of the

You can sing, recite poetry, monologue, share a short story, whatever way your artistry leads.

Coffee and refreshments available for all participants and audience members.

Sign ups are on a first come first serve basis, 10 slots available.

Goss Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library the week of June 17.

• Tuesday, June 18 2:00 pm, Teens Splatter Paint Day @ the library (ages 12-18 yrs)

• Thursday, June 20 - 2:00 pm, NASA Space Center Houston @ McLeod Park (all ages)

• Thursday June 27, 7 pm at the Library -Houston Astronomical Society Family Program. Learn about the stars & planets! Touch a real meteorite! Questions? 281-576-2245

Evening Pilot Club of Baytown Installation

2019-2010 Installation Banquet, Tuesday, June 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner, at Springhill Suites by Marriott, 5169 I-10 (behind Cracker Barrel) Baytown, TX. Reserve at 832-293-

Baytown Native trains to serve as the next generation of U.S. Naval Aviation Warfighters

By Lt. Paula Knight, Navy Office of Community Outreach

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - A 2012, Goose Creek Memorial High School graduate and Bay-town, Texas, native is participating in a rigorous training process that transforms officers into U.S. naval aviators.

Ensign Chris Cowen is a student pilot with the "Wise Owls" of Training Squadron (VT) 31, based in Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. The squadron flies the T-44C Pegasus aircraft.

A Navy student pilot is responsible for learning how to fly a multi-engine

itself so being able to learn about naval aviation is rewarding," Cowen said.

Cowen credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Baytown.

"I learned a good sense of responsibility and work ethic from my parents,"



ENSIGN CHRIS COWEN (NAVY PHOTO)

The T-44C Pegasus is a twin-engine, pressurized, fixed-wing monoplane used for advanced turboprop radar aircraft training using two 550 shaft "Flying is pretty cool in horsepowered engines. with a cruising airspeed of 287 mph.

VT-31's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as in-still leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete four phases of flight training in order to graduate, including avia-

tion pre-flight indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training. After successfully completing the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted "Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft or Marine Corps' MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft. They are later assigned to a ship or land-based

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation. and that the nation's pros perity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water: 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Cowen plays an impor-

tant role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of National Defense

Strategy.
"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driv-

See U.S. Aviation,

Ex-husband on trial in killing of realtor



STEVEN McDOWELL

CHAMBERS COUNTY Baytown Realtor Crystal McDowell, 37, disappeared in August 2017, just before Hurricane Harvey, and a month later her body was discovered near her home in west Chambers County She had been strangled, said authorities, allegedly by her husband.

Her husband, Steven McDowell, confessed to investigators of the killing at that time, according to prosecutors, but he pleaded not guilty at arraign-Page 6 ment and is now on trial.

Baytown Rotary awards scholarships



BAYTOWN ROTARY CLUB on May 22 awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. There were three types of \$2000 scholarships, named Bob Kalbitz Interact, Charles White Service Above Self, and First Generation to Attend College. Pictured above are: Rotary President Suzanne Heinrich, Jackson Farnsworth, Chloe Simmons, Katia Gonzalez, Wendy Giang, Eric Farquhar, Jaquelyne Cruz, Kiyanna Lewis, Kimberly Murillo, Mariana Rodriguez, Gabriella Ybarra, Hannah Christensen, Soham Sandeep Datar, Madilyn Lawrence, Janci McClellan, Ashlyn Bernshausen, Rafa Ribeiro, Everett Chrutchfield, Shaily Yadav, Lizeth Mendoza and Rotarian Kirk Lowe.

June 22 Concert at Liberty Opry

en his love of performing Elvis songs to competitions and gigs across the country as an Elvis Tribute Artist.

This summer, he'll tour Europe performing Elvis songs from the 1950s. He day, June 22 at the Liberty Opry Theater. 1816 Sam Houston St. in Liberty.

Local award winning Elvis tribute Artist Vince King will also perform Elvis' 70's concert years! Tickets are \$30 and \$35. For reservations, call 936-336-5830. www.libertvoprv.com

Snow, 16, had grown up dancing and crooning Elvis Presley tunes around his house, but never in front of a crowd.

At a restaurant in Roanoke, James Wages, an Elvis tribute artist wearing a lavish white jumpsuit swaggered off the stage and started talking to the then 12-year-old.

"He went up to our table, not knowing who we were and talked to us," Snow said. "My dad told him I like to sing some Elvis around the house, and he said, 'Oh really, why don't you shake a leg up on the stage in a little bit."

Despite being shy and looking more like Buddy Holly at the time, Snow

Snow quickly rose up the ranks, adding moves, "I just fell in love with



Moses Snow performing as Elvis Tribute

Looking back on the performance, Snow said it was a humble beginning and a far cry from where he is today. Now, he's one of the top amateur Elvis tribute artists in the nation. He recently won the Florida Elvis Extravaganza.
"It's really crazy to see

how far Elvis has taken

me," Snow said.
What started at that

restaurant turned into se-

ries of gigs and competi-

tions across the country.

Wages took him under his

wing, giving advice on how

to enter the business as an

Elvis tribute artist.

Snow said.

overcame the nerves, falling back into the comfort and familiarity of "Blue Suede Shoes."

After feeling the adrenaline and seeing the crowd's reaction, Snow said a switch flipped that

it," Snow said.

new songs, rhythm guitar and coming to fully understand and emulate the

> Elvis swagger. The difference between Elvis and Moses is large when he's going about his normal day. But once he gets on the stage, wearing the suits and shoes, with a mic in his hands Snow said he feels like Elvis.

> "There's a big separation between me personally, being myself and from on stage," Snow said. "When you put the stuff on and sing like him and move like him, you feel

> > See Liberty Opry, Page 6

Summer Reading at **Chambers County Libraries**



library! All branches of the Chambers County Library System have activities weekly for kids, and teens! Adult programs are also happening throughout the summer. Stop in any time to sign up. Program ends July 13.



★ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Older Father Seeks Benefits for Young Children and Wife

Dear Rusty: I was 62 in February and my 44-year-old wife and I have 3 young daughters ages 5, 7 and 13. My 2019 income via wages will be about \$98,000. My wife does not work outside our home. In round numbers my Social Security full retirement benefit is estimated to be about \$3,000 per month if I wait until 2023. I understand I am eligible to start receiving reduced benefits at age 62 and I could also collect an additional 50% up to 80% of my full retirement benefit for my young daughters until they graduate from high school. My questions are: What determines where in the range of between and 150% and 180% my extra benefit would be? Would my benefit be reduced because of my income (I know my benefits may be taxed but the question is, will my benefits be reduced)? Finally, is my wife also eligible to receive any benefits because we have 3 young children? Signed: Older Father

Dear Older Father: In your situation the Family Maximum would apply and there is a rather complex formula which Social Security uses to determine that maximum. The computation is based upon your "primary insurance amount" (PIA), which is the amount you are entitled to at your full retirement age (regardless of when you claim) Your PIA is broken into 4 parts and a percentage of each part is taken as an amount which contributes to your family maximum. The four parts (in 2019) and percentages taken are: 150% of the first \$1184 of your PIA; 272% of your PIA amount between \$1185 and \$1708; 134% of your PIA amount between \$1709 and \$2228; and 175% of your PIA amount over \$2228. Your family maximum will be the sum of those computations. What's left after your PIA is deducted is equally apportioned among your other eligible beneficiaries. For example, if your estimated 2023 PIA is \$3000, using the above formula your family maximum would be about \$5245. After subtracting your PIA amount, there would be about \$2245 to be apportioned evenly among your 4 eligible

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dependents (\$561 each). But no dependent benefits can be paid until you start collecting your benefits.

Once your benefits start, your wife will be eligible to collect "child in care" spousal benefits, but the amount will be limited by the Family Maximum as described above. You already know that your children can no longer receive benefits when they graduate high school (or turn 19). When a child is no longer receiving benefits, the amount they were receiving is added proportionately to your remaining dependents. When your youngest daughter reaches 16 years of age, your wife can no longer receive child-in-care spousal benefits, but she will be eligible for regular spousal benefits when she turns 62.

Yes, your Social Security benefit will be reduced by your earnings if you claim SS benefits before your full retirement age and your current earnings are over the annual earnings limit. If you claim in 2019, you will not be entitled to benefits for any month you earn more than \$1470. After this first year, you'll be subject to the annual earnings limit (which changes yearly but for 2019 is \$17,640) and exceeding that limit will mean that SS will withhold \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. In the year you reach your full retirement age (which is 66 _), the earnings limit goes up by about 2.5 times (\$46.920 for 2019) and the penalty is less (\$1 for every \$3 over the limit), and once you reach your full retirement age there is no longer an earnings limit. But if you exceed the annual limit, SS will withhold future benefits until they have recovered what is due. But here's a big red flag: anyone collecting benefits on your record will also be "contingently liable" for any overpayment made to you, so their benefits will be withheld as well until Social Security recovers any overpay ment as a result of you exceeding the earnings limit

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Governor signs school safety, mental health bill

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 signed three bills into law to improve school safety and expand access to mental health resources.

"After the horrific shooting (at Santa Fe High School on May 18, 2018) and the subsequent school safety roundtables, I made school safety an emergency item to help prevent a tragedy like this from happening again," Abbott said. Today, I am proud to sign legislation to make Texas schools safer for students and teachers. I thank members from both chambers as well as the many stakeholders, who worked tirelessly to get these bills through the Legislature and to my desk today."

-Senate Bill 11, by Senate Education Chair Larry Taylor and sponsored by Rep. Greg Bonnen, both R-Friendswood, strengthens emergency preparedness and response protocols, improves school facilities standards establishes better threat assessment protocols, and provides schools more funding for school safety efforts, Abbott said. The bill also establishes the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium to leverage higher education expertise in the state to improve the mental health care systems for Texas children.
—House Bill 18 by

House Calendars Committee Chair Walter "Four" Price IV, R-Amarillo, and sponsored by Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, increases mental health training for educators and other school professionals to aid in early identification and intervention; emphasizes importance of mental health education for students; and improves access to mental and behavioral health services through school-based mental health centers and the hirfessionals

—House Bill 1387 by Rep. Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, and sponsored by Senate Higher Education Chair Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, removes the cap on the number of school marshals that may be appointed per campus. STATE CAPITAL
HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Abbott was joined at the bill signing by members Sens. Taylor, Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, Watson, Sen. Higher Education Vice Chair Royce West, D-Dallas; and Reps. Greg Bonnen; Will Metcalf, R-Conroe; Price; and House Appropriations Chair John Zerwas, R-Richmond.

Hegar certifies budget

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 5 announced the certification of House Bill 1, the general appropriations act for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

HB 1, legislation appropriating \$250.7 billion in total spending, was approved by both houses of the Legislature in late May. The next stop for the budget bill after Hegar's certification is the governor's desk for final approval. "I'm proud to certify this budget and send it on to Gov. Abbott for final approval," Hegar said.

Hegar, who manages the state's pocketbook, pledged to continue to monitor the Texas economy, noting that it has expanded at a rapid pace over the last 18 months.

"We've seen tremendous growth in Texas over the last year and a half, which allowed lawmakers to $make\ historic\ investments$ in education and provide much-needed property tax relief," Hegar added. "Uncertainty in the global economy, however, as well as increasing unpredictability surrounding inter national trade policy at the federal level, may have dampening effects on the Texas economy in the coming years.'

Revenues increase in May

Comptroller Hegar last week said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.01 billion for the month of May, an amount 9 percent more than reported in May 2018.

The revenue growth was propelled by both business and consumer spending, Hegar said, adding that the strongest growth was in remittances from the manufacturing, wholesale trade and services sectors, with strength apparent in the retail trade sector.

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.47 billion, up 7.4 percent from May 2018 and slightly above projections he presented to the Legislature in the Biennial Revenue Estimate in January 1000 presented to the Legislature in the Biennial Revenue Estimate in January 1000 presented to the Legislature in January 1000 presented to the Legislature in January 1000 presented to the first tax 1000 presented to tax 1000 presented to

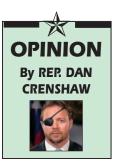
Hurricane season begins

The Texas Department of Public Safety launched its hurricane readiness campaign just before June 1, the first day of hurricane

Gov. Greg Abbott said emergency management professionals across the state are prepared to assist in the event of severe weather. He urged Texans to heed all warnings from local and state officials and to have a plan in place to protect loved ones and property in the event of a hurricane.

Hurricanes and tropical storms can spawn tornadoes, dangerous coastal water conditions and storm surges, and can cause extensive flooding damage. DPS Director Steve McCraw said, "There are a few steps everyone can take now that can make all the difference, like assembling an emergency disaster kit and rehurricane viewing evacuation maps and routes. By helping your family plan ahead, you will be ready to respond quickly should a storm head

your way."



Government's part in recovering from Harvey and prepping for future storms

HOUSTON, TX – June 6, 2019 – In the days and weeks after Hurricane Harvey hit in August 2017, the Houston area faced an unimaginable level of devastation and destruction. Families were forced to move from flooded homes, businesses were destroyed, and our city found itself in a state of shock

My district, Texas' 2nd Congressional District, was hit from all sides. Seventy thousand households made FEMA claims totaling more than \$700 million.

But in the midst of the chaos, we saw something amazing and unique. Houston and the surrounding communities persevered and came together. Every day, ordinary Texans became heroes.

Texans pride themselves on being self-reliant. This is why we voted to pass a \$2.5 billion bond to invest in flood mitigation projects. When we turned to the federal government and asked for help, it was because we truly needed it.

Perhaps most important, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Management and Budget need to release the congressionally appropriated \$4 billion that our community desperately needs. Much of the Texas delegation in D.C. is laser-focused on getting these funds into Texas. We've written letters, put forth legislation, and are in contact with both agencies regular-

A bipartisan piece of legislation cosponsored by members of the Houston region and the surrounding areas would release these funds within 60 days. A similar prov mandating the release of funds within 90 days, was included in the \$19.1 billion disaster relief package. That package passed the House Monday night and will be signed into law by the president.

Hurricane Harvey tested our community in the most extreme circumstances. But unsurprisingly, Houstonians rose to the challenge during the worst of times. We saw the best in one another and learned valuable lessons

Now, as we begin 2019's hurricane season, it is time to take what we've learned and act on it. We need to make tangible changes that will protect our families, our neighbors, and our communities before another catastrophic weather event tests us again.



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HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS

200 years of local history

By Gilbert Hoffman

In 2023 the town of Crosby will celebrate its Bicentennial, or its 200th birthday. Local historian Jody Fuchs has been collecting a massive amount of old photographs, to publish in a book to commemorate the occasion.

Jody ia a trained architect, with a natural interest in historical buildings and townscape. He has retired from the petrochemical industry, and works full-time on a book that at present is 500+ pages. He is not sure how many pag-es the book will eventually hold, because he is still collecting and editing his collection. He says that he has reviewed at least 40,000 photos for this project, and so far 2500 have been included in the draft copy of the book, entitled "A Visual History of Crosby."

Jody is writing a series of historical articles that are being published in the Star-Courier, and he also presented some of this information to the Highlands Rotary club las week.

The first settlers in Crosby came about 1821, he said, and at that time there were only 10 towns in Texas. In 1823 the town was formally founded, at first named Gentry and in 1877 changed to Crosby. It was named after the railroad's attorney, he said. Crosby also has been known as "Lickskillet" a nickname without a true

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JODY FUCHS presented some of his historical research to the Highlands Rotary club recently.

reason. In 1823 there were about 250 families in the area, and Crosby was a prominent town. However, Lynchburg was the largest town in southeast Texas at that time. After the rail-road came through Crosby in 1860, it became the largest town on the east side. By 1839 there were only about 1500 persons living in the town of Houston.

An Indian tribe known as the Karabwa was first on the land, but by 1840 they were gone.

Crosby was populated by a rich mix of ethnic races, including Swedes, Czechs, Germans, and former slaves

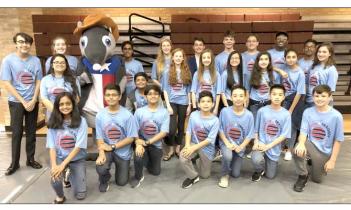
As a sign of their commercial success, Crosby has a bank by 1913, 2 saloons (most of Texas was dry), liberty stables (you could pay for a ride, like a taxi, or rent a wagon and horse), 5 or 6 cotton gins,

and an ice house. Progress came early to Crosby, and in 1913 they had phone service connecting local businesses and reaching out to towns such as Goose Creek, and in 1918 they had one of the first concrete roads built in Texas. It was a novelty that drew builders from all over the state to see it.

Highlands at the time was a large, 34,000 acre agricultural farming community. It was known as Elena, and the Elena Fruit and Cotton Farm was 17,000 acres, growing figs and rice among other crops. Elena was an important stop on the Interurban, which carried workers from Houston to oil fields in Baytown regularly.

Jody said he is actively looking for more photos and information to finish his book, and urges you to contact the Crosby Historical Society if you have any

Texas History Day Participants



Goose Creek CISD students recently participated in Texas History Day on the University of Texas campus. Pictured are (back row, from left) Kevin Salazar, Brooke Schrull, the Texas Armadillo, Puneet Singh, Evelyn Longorio, Adam Kinder, Brandon Broussard, Connor Fanning, Gabriel Brock, Atharv Sinde, (middle row, from left) Ruth Patino, Harsh Agrawal, Hannah Coker, Reese Benoit, Samantha Phan, Viridiana Nunez, Lilyanna Garcia, Isabel De La Rosa, (front row) Anushka Ranjan, Arin Sood, Swayam Gupta, Alek Chen-Barbosa, Abraham Greene, Allen Chen and Dylan Cantin. Not pictured are Tramy Nguyen, Simran Singh and Matthew Cosep. Patino, Nguyen, Broussard and Benoit will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in National History Day on the University of Maryland campus June 9-13. History Day competitions are under the direction of Faith Longorio, social studies coordinator. Steve Koester, director of educational technology, drives the projects to the national competition each year.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Nahum, Haggai, Hizkiah?

6. Who was the father of James and John? Zebedee,

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Bless them; 3) Harp; 4) Moses; 5) Dry bones; 6) Zebedee

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

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by Wilson Casey 1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Luke 6, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do to those who cursed them? Smile, Walk away, Laugh, Bless them

3. What instrument did David play for Saul that caused the evil spirit to de-part? Drum, Harp, Tambourine, Flute

4. From John 3, who lifted up the serpent in the wilderness? Paul, Peter, John the

Baptist, Moses 5. What horrible things did Ezekiel see filling a valley? Serpents, Locusts, Dry bones,

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Don't let injuries slow you down

BAYTOWN — (June 5, 2019) Professional athletes are not the only people suffering with orthopedic and sports injuries Everyday types of injuries from carrying groceries or unloading the dishwasher happen all the time and can also lead to longterm problems if not treated

properly.

Back problems, joint pain and disorders and osteoarthritis are among the top reasons for

seeing a doctor. "Musculoskeletal issues result in millions of orthopedic visits every year," said Dr. Karthik Jonna, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in knee and hip surgery at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

Jonna says it's important to listen to your body when it's telling you to slow down.

"Sometimes we try to push through the pain, but you can end up doing more damage if you're not careful. When you have joint and muscle pain, you can't always walk off the pain or solve it by taking anti-inflammatory medicines," he noted.

With age, Jonna adds, our ability to heal is not as fast as it once was and elasticity in the tendons diminishes—like a rubber band that loses its elasticity over time. He suggests modifying your activities or trying a new activity that puts less stress on the body, such as

When to Get Checked Injuries are bound to happen whether you're competing in sports or just taking a walk around the block. Minor injuries can often be treated at home with rest, ice, compression and elevation. But there are times when it's important to see a doctor so you can avoid further damage and ensure that you can heal properly.

It's wise to get medical help if

you experience symptoms such as instability, limited range of motion, numbness or tingling, persistent joint pain, significant swelling, tenderness or weakness, or lack of strength while moving a limb or muscle after an injury

In addition, any impact to the head should be taken seriously, whether it's from a sports collision or a minor fall at home



Dr. Karthik Jonna

"Always seek medical help for signs of concussion, such as any loss of consciousness, confusion or dizziness following a bump on the head," Jonna said

Joint Replacement Surgery For those suffering with daily debilitating pain caused by arthritis, joint replacement surgery, primarily of the knees o hips, may bring relief and mprove quality of life. Advances in technology have made these procedures very common and the recovery time has been reduced as well. Artificial joint durability—joints can be made of

plastic, metal and/or ceramic—is also vastly improved, so most patients who receive one will never need another Affecting 1 in 5 Americans. arthritis is typically the culprit in causing joints to become so stiff. tender and painful that joint replacement surgery is

considered. The resulting pain can be so pervasive that nonsurgical measures meant to manage it, such as pain medications and creams, exercise, physical therapy, steroid or other injections, and bracing the joint, provide only brief relief.

"By the time people get to the point where they are considering joint replacement, they're enduring pain on a daily basis and it's dominating a significant part of their life," Jonna explained. "It's the kind of pain that leads them to become less active. Joint replacement surgery will lead to the elimination of the pain and suffering." For more information and to

schedule an appointment with an orthopedic specialist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown, or call 281-427-7400

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board to receive \$150 million for Flood Control Dam Infrastructure Projects

TEMPLE - June 10, 2019 - Projects to repair and rehabilitate flood control structures across Texas will now be funded thanks to a \$150 million appropriations bill legislators passed this session. The Governor signed the bill into law on June 6, 2019. These structures serve as a critical protection for our state's infrastructure, private property, and lives. The State appropriated the funds to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) to administer through grants to the local sponsors of Flood Control Dams, including Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

"The primary purpose of these Flood Control Dams is to protect lives and property by reducing the veloc ity of floodwaters, thereby reducing flows to a safer rate," said Barry Mahler, TSSWCB Chairman.

The Texas Legislature also addressed statewide flooding issues with the passage of Senate Bill 8. authored by Senator Charles Perry, which cre-ates the first State Flood Plan for Texas. Partnering with the Texas Water Development Board, TSS-WCB will incorporate earthen dams as part of the bigger picture for flood mitigation strategies, establishing a ten-year plan to have all high-hazard dams meeting high-hazard safety standards.

Senator Perry has been an advocate for addressing the State's earthen dam funding saying, "The funding of the earthen dam program is a responsible, and proactive measure to ensuring the safety of the citizens of the state as we continue to grow into areas which once had little devel-

opment.' Currently there are 2.041 dams which were originally built by the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) through federal programs in Texas with the understanding that local sponsors would supply operation and maintenance. Local sponsors in-clude Soil and Water Conservation Districts (a subdivision of state government), cities, counties, water control improvement districts, river authorities, and other special purpose districts.

"TSSWCB recognizes the monumental importance in the upkeep of flood control structures and is proud that the Legislature chose to make a significant investment to safeguard a critical element of the State's infrastructure," said Rex Isom, TSSWCB Executive Director and current Chairman of the National Watershed Coali-There are 622 dams that

are classified as high hazard, meaning there is a potential loss of life if the dam fails; however, only 123 of these meet high hazard criteria. That means that currently 499 dams need rehabilitation and upgrade to meet safety criteria that will adequately protect lives downstream totaling over \$1.5 billion, including anticipated federal and local match over a ten-year period

U.S. Aviation,

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ing these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Cowen is most proud of getting selected to fly the E6 aircraft, Boing 77

"It is a coveted selection that I am really proud to have earned," Cowen said.

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Cowen, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Cowen is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"I have a few family members serving in the military, including my old-er brother, he is the reason I went into the Navy," Co-

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Cowen and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving in the Navy is an opportunity to serve a cause bigger than myself,"

Liberty Opry,

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kind of how he felt on stage. It's cool it's hard to describe. You feel like how he felt."

After completing his school work, Snow spends his days studying the artist, watching documentaries and researching his life and his career.
Snow said it's impor-

tant, not just to replicate the moves and the voice, but to understand who Elvis was and how he got to be the King.
"There's a lot to study

about the guy. There are lots of little details you have to focus on to get the essence of him right," Snow said. "I'm still practicing and learning to this day through documentaries. You can't fill his shoes. That's why I consider my-self an ETA [Elvis tribute artist] instead of a impersonator.'

Snow said there's a big difference between impersonation and being a trib-ute artist. Being an impersonator you claim to be Elvis, he said.

"Being an ETA, it's like a tribute. It's honoring Elvis," Snow said. This summer, Snow will

ily, honoring the king of rock-n-roll at competitions and gigs. He'll also perform on cruises this summer. While his accomplish-

tour Europe with his fam-

ments are long, including winning competitions against professional Elvis tribute artists and touring the world, Snow said there's a lot more he can do. But he doesn't foresee leaving the king behind.

"I want to do Elvis for as long as I possibly can," Snow said. "As of accomplishing stuff, there's still a lot to accomplish. There's still so much to do out there in the ETA world. Germany is a big step for

"I want to continue this for as long as I can."
His main goal, once he

turns 18, is to win the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Competition in Memphis,

"If you win first place, you are considered the ultimate, the ultimate champion," Snow said. "That's my goal. It's the biggest of the biggest competitions in the ETA world.



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amine documents at the East Houston office of LJA Engineering, Inc, Amtek Plan Room, Dodge Data & Analytics, AGC of Texas, Construct Connect and the District

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at the Harris County F.W.S.D. No. 6, Conference Room, 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530. Bids from Firms other than the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Attendees <u>WILL NOT BE</u> ACCEPTED.

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Crosby Plan,

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had made the 2013 bond for \$86.5 Million short about \$16.5 Million in Covering Yon Assets, about \$6 Million more than it could receive with no reserves to cover the shortfall. Back then, the district had allowed about \$10.9 Million to cover past overruns

from the newer bond.

Davis' voice reflected the stress of the financial emergency that has now been attended. He expressed regret that it was necessary to make Pre-K. a half day.

In the 2017 Bond, the

In the 2017 Bond, the old administration building was to be made into a

school for kids with disciplinary problems, so that they would not have to be moved out of the district. So it was said, then it would be noted that the expense would be prohibitive and the funds applied elsewhere.

As the school moves forward all elementary campuses will be rezoned. Crosby Kindergarten is to become a new Pre-K through 5th Grade. To begin the process of rezoning a new demographic to determine attendance zones is to be completed in January or February of 2020.

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Remy Ballard was Friday's Mutton Bustin' Champion, awarded a Belt Buckle from James Motley.



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