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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THURS. JUNE 20 CROSBY CHAMBER 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) Harris County Public Health will feature its mobile fleet to help meet residents' current needs based on survey results. Free health services, recovery resources and family fun activities at Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd. in Crosby.

**SUN. JUNE 30
KLOBASA FESTIVAL**
11:00 a.m. at Knight of Columbus Hall in Crosby. See details, p. 2

Hunter Hearn plays America's Pastime

Signs with MLB Phillies



The Hearn family with Hunter's girl friend, with Carol and Blane next to Coach Deggs.

CROSBY – Blane and Carol Hearn raised a son who played baseball since he was four years old.

The couple sat with this reporter at Blane's shop, where he was reconditioning a truck from the 1940s and making a fantastic queen sized bed from vintage truck parts, complete with lights and radio. He showed me what he was making for his customer as I made my way through a menagerie of artisan life-like, taxidermic crafted deer heads.

"I was concerned to see if he wanted to keep living baseball after college," said Blane, "Hunter answered, 'I can do this, dad.' So, I knew he would get after it."

Hunter signed with Philadelphia Phillies in the 26th round of the Major League Baseball draft on June 5. That means he gets to try professional baseball and is in Florida training currently. The training isn't a walk in the park, it is the same work-

out as U.S. Navy Seals endure for fitness training. The details of what his freshman year in the big leagues will be are still open, although he has a great history as a catcher, the minor's papers only say "outfield." We are told that is just generic.

Hunter is a graduate of Crosby High School and Sam Houston State University with a degree in Construction Science and Management with a minor in General Business Administration. Hunter continues to hold baseball records at both his former schools. His senior year the Cougars advanced to Regional Semifinals having won more matches than any year previous. He was All-District his last three years at Crosby and was second team 5A All-State catcher his senior year. He lettered in football, track and baseball. Under coach Wiggins Hunter was named first team all state and second team all state helping the team to district championship, hitting .440 with 12 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 34 RBIs as a senior.

Hunter's Sam Houston State Record is profound. He had 245 hits there, sixth place for all time hitters. In his senior year he hit 76 times and held an average of .336 batting. In the final nine games of his Bearkat senior year, Hunter had 16

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Crosby looks at HB3 funds

CROSBY- At the June 17 meeting of the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees meeting Lisa Jones gave a report of the 2019-2020 Budget including how the school district expects that House Bill 3 will effect that budget.

The school is going to hold an open meeting next Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget with any of the public that might make it into the new Administration Building known as the bus barn or old HEB. The purpose is to adopt the 2019-2020 budget based on the old law. The tax rate will go into effect in September or October. The budget will be

amended when the new HB 3 is better understood. "With a measure of caution and a great deal of thanksgiving and hope take this report we are giving tonight," said Superintendent Scott Davis.

HB3 requires increased compensation to full time personnel such as 75% for teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians and prioritizing differentiated compensation for classroom teachers with over 5 years of experience. Regarding salaries Davis said, "The thing I am most excited about is that those

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Waste Pits cap needs major repair

HIGHLANDS – Members of the San Jacinto River Coalition learned at a meeting last month that major repairs were needed to the northwest corner of the Waste Pits site and its cap.

The meeting was held Tuesday, June 4th at the Community Center. THEA director Jackie Young led a review of the EPA Update meeting that was held May 7th in Highlands, and then brought the group the latest news on work being conducted at the site.

Construction equipment including several cranes, trucks, cement mixers, formwork and a work crew of about 15 can be seen from a safe distance, working on the placement of a new technique known as Articulated Concrete Block Mat or



Articulated Concrete Block Mat is the current solution for sealing the toxic waste under the cap.

(ACBM).

The EPA is calling this current work "Slope Enhancement" and says it will take about a month to complete. They said that this method has key benefits

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Waste Pits meeting,

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method of sealing the waste material. This is the third time that major repairs were required on the cap. Work was also done in July 2018 and November 2018, but this is the first time that the ACBM technique has been used. The cap was constructed in 2011, and has a history of unreliable performance.

In updating the status of the Superfund site, Jackie said that Phase 1 Pre-Design Investigation had been completed. This including refining the volume of waste, evaluating disposal options, assessing the construction approach, and study of groundwater migration into the site.

Phase 2 will include a Pre-Design phase similar to Phase 1 but refined, a Treatability Study of the materials and methods, and then a Remedial Design with construction plans to implement the remedy.

Jackie reported on a meeting with EPA about Community Concerns, and noted these five areas:

- Health
- Cleanup
- Community Involvement
- Wildlife
- Watershed

Part of the Phase 2 work will be to classify the type of waste in the pits. Guidelines call for it to be either hazardous or non-hazardous, and which choice will have a bearing on how it is removed, and where it can be disposed of. Jackie is concerned that tests so far have not classified the material as hazardous, but she says the tests are incomplete and not looking for dioxin and furans.



A concrete mixer at left, with forms for pouring the ACBM mat.



An excavator replaces some missing rock cover at the site's edge. Note the wooden roadway built to carry the heavy equipment and not disturb the existing cap structure below.

Jackie displayed a chart showing characteristics of the two classes of waste. Hazardous wastes have ignitability, reactivity, corrosivity, or toxicity.

To protect the community and the disposal area, she claims that the waste must be classified as hazardous and the disposal method design based on this information.

Another issue that was discussed was the location

of the orange marker buoys meant to keep barge and tugboat traffic away from the Superfund site. Conditions at low tide have revealed that the marker buoys are not far enough out to keep water traffic safely away. EPA said they moved them on the eastern portion in February 2019 in response to citizen complaints, but will extend them farther out on the rest of the cap site.

Commissioner Garcia now offering free SAT Prep Course at eleven Precinct 2 locations

Precinct 2 and Project Grad Houston Team up to help students prepare for the SAT

HOUSTON, TX – (June 17, 2019) – Commissioner Adrian Garcia is working to fulfill his promise to make education a priority by launching a free test-prep program. In partnership with Project GRAD Houston, Harris County Precinct 2 will now offer a free 4-week course that will help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

The session will be held in multiple locations throughout the Precinct starting July 27, 2019 to

August 22, 2019. Precinct 2 residents and students will be able to take part in these classes twice a week from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"I believe education is the key to success and I want to make sure that everyone has all access to every educational opportunity," said Commissioner Garcia.

SAT exams are essential for the admission to colleges and universities throughout the United States. Prep courses could range an average of \$200 to \$900. Thanks to Commissioner Garcia's partnership, students can now register and take this course for free.

"This is an opportunity for all the students that have a dream to move on to higher institutions to get professional and a well-structured curriculum for their SAT preparations," said Commissioner Garcia.

For eligibility, applicants must be registered to take the SAT exam on August 24, 2019 and be a resident or student in Precinct 2. Applications must be submitted by Friday, July 12, 2019.

To learn more about the program, applicants can call (713) 274-2130, visit www.hcp2.com/testprep to download application, or email testprep@hcp2.com

Eastside Veteran's host Flag Day at Community Bank



Dr. Gracey and Bob Ward host the public for an open celebration of Flag Day last Friday in the parking lot of Community Bank. The Bank called in the Freedom Riders of the David H. McNeerby Crosby American Legion Post 658 including the new commander, Dan Webb to hoist the flag as color guard and a hot dog as above was offered to all to remember the adoption of the U.S. Flag on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress and it is the US Army birthday dating from June 14, 1775 by the Committee of the Whole.

New Kindergarten Principal



Kriste Davis here between Carla Mills Windfont and John Swinney is the new principal of Crosby Kindergarten. She is the wife of the Superintendent and has served as a teacher, counselor and campus administrator.

HB3 Funds,

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that decided to stay with this district are the winners."

The estimated local property values went up so M&O collections went from \$21,590,606 to \$23,117,375 in 2019. Extra state aid budget due to growth in 2018-2019 is \$1,579,698 and is targeted for fund balance growth. Under the Old Law there were to be no raises for anyone, new positions were to be growth only based and were to be one secondary math teacher, two elementary bilingual teachers and one speech language pathologist.

2019 expenses not related to the payroll are a \$40,000 demographic study and a TASB Compensation Staffing study for \$27,000. A Technology replacement cycle to catch up on new developments. A new Bus Replacement Cycle under a grant from Volkswagen for 2019-2020 and 20-21 of about \$358,000 per year. That is 10 buses per year for a 20 bus total. The grant funds about 64% of the total cost. And the van White Fleet will increase about \$200,000.

The district staff took information from TASB,

TASBO and Texas Education Agency and methods and calculations are still being developed, so everything is an estimate.

Property values jumped 10.2%, that's right your stuff is worth more now that it has been flooded.

In the calculation of Tier 1 State Aid, Crosby ISD will see an increase of \$2,930,382. Under the new law AA Weights SPED FTEs increased to 1.15 so the district is to enjoy an increase of \$361,962. Under HB3 they are expecting an increase of \$233,539 for career and technology based training. Where as in the gifted and talented enrollment a decrease of \$195,770. Crosby will benefit from the new law's BA*0.1 Bilingual/ESL ADA \$39,675.

In transportation per mile allotment could hurt Crosby a little due to the expanse of the district.

The district is now required to go back to full day Pre-K but should see a \$857,318 increase in funds to do so.

Due to growth of about 5.7% from 2017 to 2019 Crosby could increase state aid by \$1,437,283.

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ROUND-UP

Free CERT Training

Free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. Thursdays evenings, September 5 - October 24, 2019, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Baytown Emergency Operations Center, 205 E. Wye Drive, Baytown, TX 77521.

8 week CERT Training includes: disaster preparedness, medical triage/treatment, disaster psychology, terrorism awareness, fire suppression, light search & rescue, CERT organization, Course Review/Disaster simulation. To register, please contact Earl Smith 713-274-1748 or earl.smith@oem.hctx.net

Goss Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library the week of June 24.

- Tuesday, June 25 - 2:00 pm, Teen Movie "The Martian", refreshments will be served. (ages 12-18)

- Thursday, June 27 - 7:00 pm, Family Night at the Library with the Houston Astronomical Society, come see meteorites and look through telescopes. (all ages)

Questions? 281-576-2245.

United Way & Chambers County Annual Meeting

United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. The meeting will be hosted at Wismer Distributing Company, 3827 I 10 East, Frontage Road, Mont Belvieu, TX. The Board of Directors, volunteers and staff will provide a report to the community. This will include information on funding, disaster recovery, and special recognition of volunteer leadership representing the Board of Directors. The meeting is open to the public. Donors, volunteers and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend. RSVP online at www.unitedwaygbacc.org/2019annualmeetingrsvp or call 832-926-4006 by July 1, 2019 to attend this lunch meeting.

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

Houston Astros mascot visits Chambers library



Houston Astros mascot Orbit visited the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library on Thursday, June 13. Orbit and his sidekick read a story, skit, and autographed for the crowd.

Orbit will make an appearance at the Chambers County Library in Anahuac on Tuesday, July 2 at 2pm at the American Legion Hall, and make his final appearance at Winnie at the Winnie-Stowell Community Building on July 3 at 2pm. Orbit's appearance is part of the Chambers County Library System's "Summer in Space" Summer Reading Program. There's still time to sign up and participate! For more information and upcoming programs, please visit the library's website at www.chambers.lib.tx.us

CRCUsponsors GCCISD Education Foundation All-Star Gala

By Susan Passmore

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is proud to announce that Community Resource Credit Union (CRCU), longtime partner with Goose Creek CISD, is a top MVP Sponsor for the All-Star Gala September 14, 2019, at Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros.

CRCU has supported the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation since its inception in 2009, not only as a donor, but also as a participant in fundraisers and events. David Frazier, president/CEO of CRCU and currently vice president of finance for the Education Foundation, was on the steering committee for the Foundation as well as the original board of directors, serving as vice president of development. He also served as Education Foundation president for two years, and sponsorships continued to grow under his leadership.

"CRCU is proud to support the GCCISD Education Foundation because of the impact these innovative teaching grants make on the campus, in the classroom, but most importantly, to the students,"



Erika Foster (middle), director of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, welcomes Community Resource Credit Union as an MVP Sponsor for the Education Foundation's All-Star Gala at Minute Maid Park in September. Pictured are Yvonne Silva (left), senior business development officer, and David Frazier, president and CEO for CRCU.

Frazier said. "Our teachers generously give of their time, resources, and energy each and every day. The Education Foundation gives CRCU the opportunity to give right back to them!"

Besides supporting the GCCISD Education Foundation, CRCU provides planners for all GCCISD faculty and staff members, along with door prizes for events, including iPads for the annual back-to-school

convocations and new teacher orientation week.

One of the highlights of the annual Retiree and Teacher of the Year Gala is CRCU's presentation of an iPad to the District Elementary Teacher of the Year and the District Secondary Teacher of the Year. CRCU and Lamar Elementary just celebrated 25

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City of Beach City News update

Hello, Neighbors!

As you may or may not know, the City of Beach City does not and has never levied a Sales and Use Tax. For many of us, this has been a point of pride. However, there are some issues to consider. First of all, to institute a sales and use tax, it would have to be put on an election ballot and approved by the voters of Beach City. Currently, when you make a taxable purchase in Beach City, you are only required to pay the state tax (6.25%) and Chambers County Health Services (.5%) for a total of 6.75% in taxes. Unfortunately, in many cases (especially online taxable purchases to be delivered to our homes) this is not the tax rate charged. Speaking from my own experiences, I have been charged at a rate of 8.25% every time that I paid attention to the sales tax charges. I do not know who benefits from the extra 1.5% collected but I do know it is not Beach City.

In Texas, the maximum allowable total sales and use tax rate is 8.25%. This leaves a potential 1.5% in Beach City available to any authorized taxing entity including Special Purpose

Districts such as Chambers County Health Services (which already has 0.5%), and Transit Authorities. This portion cannot be reserved for future use by Beach City. The only way to ensure that this was available to the City in the future would be to claim it via voter approval before some other taxing entity is able to claim it. The likelihood of this happening is slim but possible. I am proud to say that the City is financially sound at this time and expected to be in the foreseeable future. City Council voted unanimously to have this issue placed on the November ballot at our May 28, 2019 City Council meeting. I will call for at least two public hearings before the election to answer questions and allow public comments.

The bottom line is we want to make sure that the citizen's interest are protected and voices are heard. Ultimately, the decision is made by you the voters. As your elected City representatives, it is our job to ensure that you are presented the facts so that you can make an informed decision.

Jackey Lasater,
Mayor, Beach City**

New unit enhances Womens' Health Services



The OB Hospitalist Group staff (left to right), Rakhi Dimino, MD, medical director; Kathy Lee-Ostermayer, George Kingsley, Rachana George, Theresa Castillo, Angela Kim.

patients as quickly as possible after they arrive on the unit," said Karen Childs, MSN, RNC-OB, director, Houston Methodist Childbirth Center at Baytown. "The OBED physicians work with our nursing staff and physicians to collaborate on any issues that may require intervention and also work on the unit to help private phy-

sicians with any special or emergency cases that may occur."

Founded in Greenville, SC in 2006, the OBHG is the nation's largest and only dedicated OB/Gyn hospitalist provider. Dr. Rakhi Dimino, OBHG's medical director of operations, is based in OBHG's Houston office and says the HMB hospitalist staff

consists of four core physicians, with an additional two physicians who serve in back-up or support roles.

"We have a small team of very experienced physicians, which allows us to get to know the hospital's nursing staff and the patients," Dimino said. "It truly is a partnership with Houston Methodist Baytown's nursing staff, medical

staff and administration to care for the women in the Baytown area and provide support for the hospital's caregiver team members. We provide a layer of safety and patient satisfaction for all women in the OBED and work with the patient's physician in the admitting process."

The specially trained OBHG physicians are available on-site 24/7 to be at the mother's bedside to help in times of emergency during labor and delivery, as well as post-delivery.

"The on-site availability of our OB hospitalists improves the quality and safety of women's health care, reduces risk and supports the hospital's medical staff," Dimino said. "Our common goal is making sure Baytown area women have a safe place to deliver babies."

For more information on the full range of services offered by the Houston Methodist Childbirth Center at Baytown, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-420-8625.



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

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Couple with Age Difference Planning Benefits

Dear Rusty: I am nearing my full retirement age of 66 and given the differences in age of my wife and I, and the retirement benefits we will each receive; I was wondering what the best options are for us claiming SS and when. I am 65 and will turn 66 (my full retirement age) in September and my benefit then will be \$2347/month as per the latest estimate on the SSA website. My Wife is currently 58 years old. Her full retirement age is 67, which will be in January 2028. Her estimated SS benefit at full retirement age will be \$2498/month. I have read some things regarding being able to defer one of the benefit payments and receive the other (higher) amount based on certain criteria. I'm not sure if it would apply or be of benefit to us but was wondering if it would. I am looking for the best options to receive the most in benefits that would apply to us.

Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: I think you're referring to the "restricted application" which can be used to collect spousal benefits while allowing your own to grow, but I'm afraid that is not something you can take advantage of. It's an option not available to your wife because her birth year is after the cutoff imposed for that option by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and it's not available to you because your wife isn't yet eligible to collect Social Security on her own work record.

You have the option to take your full benefits in September at your full retirement age (FRA) or, if it's financially feasible, you may also choose to delay past your FRA to claim. If you delay past your FRA you'll earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of 2/3rds of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay) up until age 70 when your benefit would be 32% more than it will be in September. Whether that's a good choice for you depends upon how badly you need the money right now, and your health and expected longevity. If you enjoy at least average longevity (mid-80s) then you'll get the most in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until age 70 to claim.

Your wife cannot collect Social Security benefits until she reaches age 62 in 2023. If she claims at that time she'll be automatically deemed to be filing for both her own SS retirement benefit and any spousal benefit she might be due from your record. However, given the benefit estimates you've shared she'll not be eligible for a spousal benefit from you (nor will you be eligible for benefits from her). Spousal benefits are only paid if 50% of the higher earner's benefit at FRA is more than the lower earner's FRA benefit amount. Since neither of you will be eligible for a spousal benefit, your wife should also consider delaying past her full retirement age if her personal and financial circumstances at the time permit. To do so, she will gain 24% more benefit at age 70 than she would get at her full retirement age of 67.

So, for both of you to achieve the most you can get, the longer you both delay past your respective full retirement ages the more your benefit will be, up to age 70 when the maximum is reached. Since your wife won't reach her FRA until January 2028 but will be eligible to apply for benefits in 2023, be aware that if she applies before her FRA her benefit will be reduced (according to the number of months before her FRA that she applies), and that if she starts her benefits before her FRA and continues to work, she'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit. The earnings limit changes annually, so I can't tell you what it will be in 2023, but it will be more than the 2019 limit of \$17,640.

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A TEN-YEAR-OLD BOY'S SUMMER

BACK THEN	NOWADAYS
7 a.m. -- get up	10:30 a.m. -- get up
7:15 a.m. -- look for worms	10:32 a.m. -- play video games
8 a.m. -- family breakfast	Noon -- pizza & soda pop
8:30 a.m. -- go by Bobby's	12:01 p.m. -- play video games
9:00 a.m. -- go fishin'	2:30 p.m. -- donuts & candy
11:30 a.m. -- collect bottles	3:00 p.m. -- play video games
Noon -- family lunch	5:00 p.m. -- pizza & soda pop
1:30 p.m. -- build tree house	5:25 p.m. -- play video games
2:30 p.m. -- go swimming	8:30 p.m. -- ice cream & candy
4:30 p.m. -- play baseball	8:45 p.m. -- play video games
6 p.m. -- family supper	midnight -- pizza & soda pop
7 p.m. -- play baseball	12:15 a.m. -- play video games
9 p.m. -- hide 'n' seek	3 a.m. -- ice cream & donuts
10:30 p.m. -- Z-Z-Z-Z-Z...	8:30 a.m. --

Governor signs disaster-related legislation

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, and 23 House and Senate members joined Gov. Greg Abbott in Houston on June 13 as he signed four disaster preparedness and relief bills into law.

The group met at Gallery Furniture, owned by Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, to look on as Abbott put his signature on the bills. When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston in August 2017, McIngvale opened two of his stores to shelter storm-displaced Houstonians and his company deployed its largest moving truck to rescue people in flooded neighborhoods.

"Thanks to the work of the Legislature, we are rebuilding Texas stronger and more resilient than ever," said Abbott. "In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, we saw the unshakable spirit of the Lone Star State through the generosity of Texans helping their neighbors. These important pieces of legislation are a symbol of that spirit, as well as a sign of Texas' commitment to improving the way we respond to natural disasters."

The bills Abbott signed at the gathering include:

— HB 5 by Rep. Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, requiring the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to develop a catastrophic debris management plan and training and establish a work group to make recommendations on how local governments and property owners' associations can assist with recovery efforts. HB 5 also requires the TDEM to develop a model contract for debris removal.

— HB 7 by Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, and Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, requiring the governor's office to develop a list of waivers that could be implemented following a disaster and requiring the TDEM to develop a plan to assist local communities with disaster preparation contracts for services.

June 16 was the final day for Gov. Abbott to approve, veto or allow to become law without his signature legislation passed in the 140-day 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature that ended May 27.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

— SB 6 by Kolkhorst and Morrison, requiring the TDEM to develop a disaster response model guide and a wet-debris study group for local communities and creating a disaster recovery loan program within the TDEM for communities that suffered significant infrastructure damage.

— SB 7 by Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, and Rep. Phelan, establishing the framework for providing a total of \$1.6 billion through the Texas Infrastructure Resilience Fund as matching funds available to communities hardest hit by Hurricane Harvey, and through the Flood Infrastructure Fund for statewide infrastructure projects to mitigate future flooding events.

Senate members present as Abbott signed the bills included: Kolkhorst, Creighton, Huffman, Carol Alvarado, D-Houston; Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood; Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston; and Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels. House members present included: Phelan, Alma Allen, D-Houston; Gina Calanni, D-Katy; Garnet Coleman, D-Houston; Sarah Davis, R-West University Place; Harold Dutton, D-Houston; Sam Harless, R-Spring; Dan Huberty, R-Houston; Will Metcalf, R-Conroe; Rick Miller, R-Sugar Land; Mayes Middleton, R-Wallisville; Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City; Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston; Valoree Swanson, R-Spring; Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands; and Armando Walle, D-Houston.

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Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 12 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$782.1 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The amount is 10.1 percent more than the comptroller's office distributed in June 2018.

Local sales tax allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Board of plumbing lives on

Gov. Abbott on June 13 signed an executive order for the State Board of Plumbing Examiners to continue its functions until May 31, 2021.

Without Abbott's action, the board would have been abolished on Sept. 1, 2019, because the Legislature did not act to renew its functions under the Texas Sunset Act, a law that requires periodic review of state boards and commissions for continuation or abolishment.

Abbott said it is necessary to continue the board "to perform its indispensable role in protecting Texans" in fulfilling the demands for rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey and for "keeping Texas prepared and able to recover from future disasters."

Lawmaker is elected mayor

State Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, emerged the winner of a June 8 runoff election with challenger Scott Griggs and was elected mayor of Dallas. The oath of office is to be administered on June 17.

Johnson, who succeeds Mike Rawlings as mayor of Dallas, joined the Legislature in April 2010 after winning a special election to succeed state Rep. Terri Hodge.

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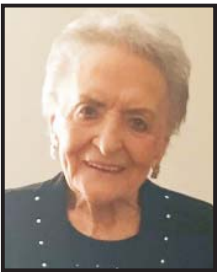
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Juanita Barker Regan

Juanita Barker Regan, “Nita”, 96, passed away on Friday, June 14, 2019. Nita was born on August 1, 1922 in Houston, Texas to Levi J. Guillot and Beulah M. Couvillion Guillot. She graduated from Jeff Davis High School. She married Neal Barker on May 1, 1940, and together they raised their children with high standards. Nita was a long-time resident of Channelview and after retiring, she moved to Crosby. She enjoyed playing Bingo every Thursday night, travelling, and shopping. She never held back to tell you what she really thought. Nita had an outgoing and magnetic personality that will be missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her former husbands, Neal Barker and Rusty Regan; son, Dennis Barker; parents, Levi and Beulah Couvillion; brother, Raymond Guillot; son-in-law, Wallace Hinson; grandson, Criss Hinson, and great-

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grandson, James W. Hinson.

Nita is survived by her daughters, Barbara Burrow and husband George, and Mary Helen Wolf and husband Jimmy; daughter-in-law, Leslie Barker; grandchildren, Craig Ball and wife Sherry, Melonie Phillips and husband Lee, Melinda Peterson and husband Jerry, James Hinson

and wife Kim, Mistie Broussard and husband Jerrod, Dennis Barker Jr. and wife Michelle, and Mark Wolf and wife Dawn; seventeen great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation for friends and family was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 12:00pm-2:00pm at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 2:00pm. Interment followed in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562.

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Crosby Alumni Association
announces 2019 scholarship recipients



CHS Alumni Association's Scholarship recipients and Alumni members left to right: Bernice Florus Novosad CHS 1963, Franny Martin Hobbs CHS 1970, Baylea Cotton 2019 Graduate, Dayton Berezoski 2019 Graduate, Phalicity Davis 2019 Graduate, Joyce Polka Boyles CHS 1957, Emma Bradberry McDonald CHS 1961, and Patsy Svrcek Spitzmiller CHS 1960. Alumni members not pictured are:

Bob Boyles CHS 1957, Melanie Ransom CHS 1872, Sydney Hargrave Bolloom CHS 1957, John Lindsey CHS 1971, John McDonald, CHS 1960, Tricia Meigs CHS 1970, Bonnie Leissner James CHS 1959, Brenda Gracey Tuttle CHS 1959, Paula Novasad Reed CHS 1988, Shirley Lesikar Sebesta 1963, and Taylor Ransom CHS 2007.

Plans are underway for the 37th Annual Crosby High School Alumni Reunion. The event will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 at the Crosby American Legion Hall located on FM 2100.

The reunion begins at 4:00 pm with a social time and refreshments. Music by Stan Kubin, from the Crosby High School graduating class of 1963 and The Barn Band begins @ 6 pm until 9 pm. The public

is invited, as well as all former Crosby High School graduates regardless of the year graduated.

The Crosby Alumni Association committee is proud to announce each scholarship has been increased \$500.00.

Crosby High School senior recipients Baylea Cotton, Dayton Berezoski, and Phalicity Davis each received a \$3,500 scholarship.

The association has awarded \$131,550.00 in scholarships to 77 CHS seniors. This annual reunion is the only fundraiser that is held, and money generated, allow the scholarships to be presented to CHS seniors the following year.

For more information on this event, call or text Franny Martin Hobbs @ 832-514-9892 or Tricia Meigs @ 713-459-8731.

GCCISD Teacher of the Year Gala



Goose Creek CISD Teachers of the Year (front, from left) Kiki Moore (James Becker Thomson Special Education Teacher), Caitlin Huebner (HAABE ESL Secondary), Jo Ann Fenley (HAABE ESL Elementary), Jessica Vega, Jackie Brown, Neisa Villegas, Ciara Marks, Pam Bradford, Stacia Laird, (middle, from left) Esmeralda Cantu, Adriana Cienfuegos, Brandy La Bouve, Robin Edwards, Ofelia Wells, Kristin Reyes, Janette Kelley, Amy Serrano, Anna West, Teresa Black, (back, from left) Margaret Cayton, Jennifer Martin, Tracy Gaston Gray, Amanda Majeed, Angie Johnson, Valerie Currie, Jennifer Hollis Ashworth, Lauren Hoyt, Janoy Roberson, Rachel Prettyman and Ian Sobczak. Not pictured are Lizzet Austin (HAABE Bilingual Elementary) and Rovena Moreno.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of 3 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Job and which other Old Testament book mention the constellation of Orion? Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel, Amos

3. What prophet took a wife of whoredoms named Gomer? Hosea, Jonah, Amos, Micah

4. From Judges 14 what did Samson eat from the carcass of a lion? Manna, Honey, Berries, Figs

5. What sin against the Holy

Spirit results in eternal guilt? Blasphemy, Adultery, Murder, Non tilting

6. Who was the father of Joshua? Abraham, Aaron, Nun, Moses

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Amos; 3) Hosea; 4) Honey; 5) Blasphemy; 6) Nun

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Leviticus 19:32

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Historic Crosby (Phase 5)



Gas station located at Kernohan and Main Street.

This week's historical photo of Crosby is of the gas station located at Kernohan and Main Street. It began as the Sirocka Station in the early 1920's, but over the years it has been ran by a number of different families. "Smitty" Prescott and his sons ran it for a long time, as did Travis Davenport and his sons. Other families like the Giles family ran it for shorter periods, but dozens of Crosby's youths worked at this station as a one of their first jobs.

The first building built on the property was the Sirocka Saloon that was built in 1907. Eventually, Joe Sirocka lost his liquor license in 1916 just prior to the Prohibition era. Shortly there after he tore down the saloon building and built a small gas station. Over the years, the building was expanded, and Jay Oberpriller eventually bought the property and leased it to various individuals. It has remained a Humble affiliate branded gas station for most of its life. Humble Oil original began as Standard Oil, and it was owned by John D.

Rockefeller. However, the Sherman Antitrust Act split up the company in 1911.

Many of the gas companies we know of today were ultimately formed from the split including Chevron, Exxon, Marathon, Mobil, Pennzoil, Texaco and Unocal, along with over twenty other companies. Those included a number of pipeline companies. This gas station carried fuel from Humble, Esso, Enco, Enjay and eventually Exxon, all of which received their gas from the nearby refinery in Baytown. Eventually two of the companies that were split off, rejoined each other to form ExxonMobil.

The Lone Star sign company operated out of the building before it was bought by the State and torn down to make room for the railroad overpass. As a kid, this one of the coveted locations to occupy during the Halloween night water balloon wars, because it had an easily accessible water hydrant for filling balloons. It was also at a stop sign, so it was a good spot to toss water balloons at your friends' cars when they came to a stop.

This is the fifth photo in a series, of historic photos of Crosby in honor of its upcoming bicentennial. Over the next few weeks, we will hopefully present some more historic photos. Crosby was settled in 1823, making it one of the oldest settlements in Texas. Lifetime resident Jody Fuchs, is preparing a photographic history of the community in preparation for the upcoming event, and is looking for other old or interesting photos of the community. He is working with members of the Crosby Historical Society, Donna Davenport and Klaus Duda.

The book will cover the entire 200-year pictorial history of the town, as well as briefly covering the surrounding communities of Highlands, Huffman, Lynchburg, Barrett, Baytown, Liberty, etc. If you have any interesting photos or artifacts of the area or its residents from 1823 until the present, please contact the Crosby Historical Society at 281-731-7010.

Hunter Hearn,

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hits. In May at the close of his senior season, Hunter worked the cycle to push his team to an 11-5 win over rival, Northwestern State. He had nine RBIs in the first in the first four games of the year. He pounded a two run home run at Minute Maid Park yielding the Bearkats a 7-6 comeback win over Vanderbilt U. then seated 12th in the nation.

Carol teaches kids dance, confidence and poise, "As parents, Blane and I know how much he will miss playing for Sam Houston, but he is excited to start this new journey. Coach Deggs' Bearkat program at Sam Houston, taught him to be comfortable being uncomfortable and to outwork the hardest worker on the field. Hunter was blessed with the best coaches from age 3 to 22. Crosby's Little League program gave him his start at age 3, and he hasn't stopped working since. Playing sports for Crosby Middle/High School are some of his most cherished memories. Baseball has brought so many wonderful people into our lives. We were blown away with all the community support throughout his high school and college years. There is no doubt he is going to give it his all to make Crosby proud."

According to Blane, "Hunter started all four years at Sam Houston." in fact early in his freshman year he



played 47 games with 28 starts in right field, seven in left and four as designated hitter, scoring second on the team for sacrifice flies (3) and fifth place slugging, he was omnipresent as a senior.

It got notice, in both of the final weeks he was Southland Conference Hitter.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 91606

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Intra-Services, Inc., PO Box 1348, Channelview, TX 77530-1348, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 91606, which would authorize modification to an Industrial Tank Cleaning Facility located at 16217 Ridlon Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 3, 2015. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at the North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, 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 comment or to ask questions about the application. 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. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. 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. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.791388&lng=-95.1125&zoom=13&type=r>.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, 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 Public Education Program toll free at 18006874040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Intra-Services, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Anthony B Donovan, EH&S Coordinator at (281) 452-9803.

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