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- Nursing Home visits no Okay

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**COVID-19
RESOURCES**

City of Houston Pre-Screening 832-393-4220
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**COVID-19
Cases as of
August 11, 2020**

**HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES**

134,187 POSITIVE
1,519 DEATHS
76,412 RECOVERED

TEXAS

517,109 POSITIVE
9,196 DEATHS
358,312 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

5,139,920 POSITIVE
164,502 DEATHS
1,714,960 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

20,196,850 POSITIVE
738,910 DEATHS
12,452,222 RECOVERED

BIRTHDAYS

- Aug 13- Christeen Cutbirth
- Aug 15-Sherry Kelley
David Langham
Beverly Nuckols
Elizabeth Price
Becky Williams
- Aug 16-William Don Carwile
B.L. Owens
- Aug 17-Amanda Abbott
Rhonda Brewer
Amy Chase
Amy Murphy
Thomas Parrish
Katherine Young
- Aug 19-Lisa Cutbirth
Sherwood Jett
Natalie Elizabeth King

ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 14-Joe & Polly Lowden
- Aug 15-Rusty & Maria Williamson
- Aug 18-Bruce & Debbie Mercer
- Aug 19-Tony & Margaret Boyd

Arkema motions charge misconduct

HOUSTON - When the Arkema criminal trial resumed weeks ago in the new setting, second floor of NRG Arena, both prosecution and defense filed motions charging each other with legal misconduct; prosecutors alleged jury tampering, the defense alleging disregard for disclosure obligations and violation of due process.

Just as flood waters receded, as Crosby residents were beginning to recover from Hurricane Harvey in late August of 2017, US 90 was shut down and over 200 residents were evacuated from their homes because it was learned that there could soon be an explosion at Arkema Chemical Plant. Trailers containing chemicals that had lost their refrigeration had reached critical tem-



peratures and were separated from others to a nearby warehouse. When the explosion happened, fumes were emitted that hospitalized more than twenty people including first responders.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg took the unusual step to bring criminal charges against certain

decision makers for Arkema. Alleging that Arkema acted recklessly through a 'gross deviation' from objective standards of conduct within the chemical manufacturing community."

Mostly that Arkema did not move potentially explosive chemicals prior to Hurricane Harvey making landfall before flooding

Criminally charged are then CEO Richard Rowe and Plant Manager Leslie Comardelle and former Logistic Vice President Michael Keough is charged with assaulting two law enforcement deputies in the release of fumes.

Arkema defendants hired Rusty Hardin and Associates and Drumheller, Hollingsworth and Monthly. Calling the freakish 60 inches of rain "an act of God," they began their defense on a note of unavoidable circumstance. And they countercharged prosecution with political prosecution.

Now jury tampering is alleged by prosecution saying the company sponsored pay per click advertising online at www.arkema-americas.com linking data not admissible in trial and

presenting arguments favorable to the company. The motion is to be ruled on as trial resumes September 22.

Two motions are filed on behalf of defendants; a Brady violation and not disclosing expert reports, and exhibits back in February. Judge Belinda Hill expressed concern about the State's non-disclosure, granting defense a continuance, delaying the trial date.

The defense later introduced motions of impeachment evidence and investigation of law enforcement on the witness list for the prosecution and further destruction of material evidence and nondisclosure of contradictory witness statements were also charged.

Commercial dumping hits Newport Elementary

Private trash haulers saving a buck for themselves don't want to pay commercial landfills to handle their loads of garbage, so often unincorporated areas often find illegal commercial dumping grounds like on the drop off road to Newport Elementary, here, discovered last Friday.

Such illegal commercial dumping cost Crosby Independent School District their recycling revenue a couple of years ago. At the middle school in Crosby the recycle bids were frequently filled not with paper (the only legal entry) but with buckets, plastic, pallets and office waste was thrown. The revenue generated by recycling was to be used for extra curricular expenses.

Superintendent Davis had to curtail the program as the dumping had created an expense when Cros-



So what should a person do if they see illegal dumping in their neighborhood? Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen said don't confront anyone, but get pictures and video if possible.

It is of interest if anyone has an outside camera that might have photographed near the road that winds back into the woods near the school that parents wait on to allow children to depart and reboard. Report environmental crimes in Harris County by calling 832-927-1567.

by needed it least.

Precinct One Constable's Office handles environmental crimes for all of Harris County. Last year it filed close to 400 illegal dumping charges, cases where trash and tires were left piled on vacant lots and in ditches.

"If you were to go to one of the commercial landfills and actually weigh the material that you are hauling there's a cost associated with it," said Constable Alan Rosen. "So people figure this will be pure profit if I just dump it right here."

"When there's a small dumping site that happens other people think that's a place where they can dump stuff too," added Rosen.

Rosen indicates his department deployed 100 undercover cameras to catch people dumping illegally in Harris County. The program has had some success.

Precinct 3 busts coke and meth



CORY TALBERT
Charged with manufacture and delivery of Controlled Substance

August 7, Precinct 3 Crime Interdiction Unit went in pursuit of a speeding vehicle. While fleeing the suspect threw objects from a vehicle, later recovered, including a stolen gun. He was forced to stop on Homestead, quick search of the vehicle revealed a duffel bag containing 22 lbs. of meth and over 2 lbs. of cocaine.



THEA continues virtual Environmental meetings

HIGHLANDS - The monthly meeting of the San Jacinto River Coalition, and THEA, continue to be held as a virtual meeting on the internet, due to the Pandemic closing all of the available community centers.

Jackie Young Medcalf held the August meeting last Tuesday, and reviewed the significant material that had recently been released by the EPA. This is a series of reports, known as the 30% Remedial Design, numbering about 12 books and 30,000 or more pages.

Her review was from the viewpoint of how the toxic waste will be remediated, how it is characterized for disposal in a landfill, and how it will be safely disposed of and stored for perpetuity.

Jackie also reported that Gary Baumgarten of the Dallas EPA had made a presentation to the CAC, or Community Advisory Council via Zoom, to explain the details of the 30% Remedial Design.

One of the important revelations of the study, is that due to the toxic waste be-



JACKIE YOUNG MEDCALF

ing deeper than originally assumed, much more material will have to be removed, and the project is now projected to take 7 years, instead of the original 2 to 3 years. The new

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Pct 1 renames Robert E. Lee Street as "Unison" Street

Harris County Completes the Final Step in Renaming Street that had a Confederate Name

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – Commissioner Rodney Ellis, and Community Leaders witnessed the re-naming of Road from "Robert E. Lee" to "Unison"

Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis had the following remarks:

"If our county is going to address systemic racism in our past and present, we cannot let symbols of racism and hatred continue to fill our public spaces. That is why on Wednesday, August 5, Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis and community leaders observed workers as they installed Unison street signs on a road formerly named after Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

Precinct One requested



Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis helps change the Street Sign in East Harris County, from Robert E. Lee Street to Unison Street.

Harris County Engineering Department change the name because who and what we choose to honor publicly should reflect our shared values. Symbols of the Confederacy and its goal of maintaining the institution of slavery have no place on Harris County roads."

Last month, Commissioners Court renamed the road to Unison following Precinct One's community outreach and a public hearing.

Precinct One workers installing street signs at five intersections on Unison Road between John Ralston and Van Hut.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Garcia brings Covid-19 Testing with rapid results

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia issued the following statement regarding Covid-19 Testing:

"I understand there are many individuals who want and need to get tested for Covid-19, but lack access or ability to travel to a designated site. To meet this critical need, I've partner with UHPHealth to offer income based FREE testing with rapid results at two of our community centers.

North East Community and East Harris County Activity Center are now offering blood and nasal swab testing from 8 AM to 4 PM Monday to Saturday. The test is offered for free for those who qualify and self pay is also available. Antibodies tests are being offered and results are available within ten minutes. Antibody testing determines whether you had COVID-19 in the past and now have antibodies against the virus."

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT covid.uhphealth.org

Accessibility to testing is essential to ensure the health and safety of the community. If you are not feeling well, please get tested. I will continue to do everything I can to ensure Precinct 2 residents have access to testing resources close to home.

Precinct 2 Food Distribution continues at Crosby Comm. Center

Our food distributions are back! On Friday, August 14, starting at 10 AM, we will be at Crosby Community Center. This will be done in a Drive-thru style and MUST REGISTER for this event. To register, please visit <https://crosbycc.eventbrite.com>.

Nuestras distribuciones de alimentos estan de regreso! El viernes 14 de agosto, a partir de las 10 AM, estaremos en el Centro Comunitario de Crosby. Esto se hará en un estilo drive-thru y DEBE REGISTRARSE para este evento. Para registrarse, por favor visite <https://crosbycc.eventbrite.com>.

FREE Houston COVID-19 Testing Sites Week of Aug. 10, 2020

- Kingwood Park Comm. Center (Drive-thru), 4102 Rustic Woods Dr, Mon-Sat through Aug. 22 - 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Appointment not required but available via doineedacovid19test.com.
- Griggs EC/PP/K School (Drive-thru), 801 Regional Park Dr., 77060 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- UMMC Tidwell (Drive-thru) 510 W Tidwell Rd., 77091 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- Ibn Sina Comm. Clinic (Drive-thru) 5012 N Shepherd Dr, 77018 Until September 30 Appt required via 832-426-3760.
- Forest Brook Middle (Drive-thru) 7525 Tidwell Rd., 77016 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- Delmar Stadium (Drive-thru) 2020 Mangum Rd, 77092 Monday - Saturday - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 832-393-4220 for access code.
- Iglesia Pentecostal Unida Hispana (Drive-thru), 6518 Fulton St, 77022 Aug. 11-15 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- HCC - Northeast (Drive-thru) 555 Community College Dr, 77013 August 10-15 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appointment required via tcovidtest.org or 844-778-2455.
- HCC - Felix Fraga (Drive-thru) 301 N Drennan St, 77003 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- Minute Maid Park, Lot C (Drive-thru or Walk-up), 2208 Preston St, 77002 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appt not required but available via texascurativeinc.com.
- HCC - Southeast (Drive-thru) 6815 Rustic, St., 77087 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- Cullen Middle (Drive-thru) 6900 Scott St., 77021 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- HCC - South (Drive-thru) 1990 Airport Blvd, 77051 August 10-15 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appointment required via tcovidtest.org or 844-778-2455.
- Merfish Teen Center (Walk-up) 9000 S Rice Ave, 77096 - August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - No appt required.
- PlazAmericas (Drive-thru) 7500 Bellaire Blvd, 77036 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- Butler Stadium (Drive-thru) 13755 S Main St, 77035 Monday - Saturday - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment required.
- Ibn Sina Comm. Clinic (Drive-thru) 11226 S Wilcrest Dr, 77099 Until September 30 Appt required via 281-495-7462.
- LaRoy Crump Stadium (Drive-thru) 12321 High Star Dr, 77072 August 10-14 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Appointment required via tcovidtest.org or 844-778-2455.
- Eldridge Urgent Care & Family Medicine - 1398 N Eldridge Pkwy, 77077 - M-F: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Sat: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment required.
- Darrell Tully Stadium (Drive-thru) 1050 Dairy Ashford, 77079, Mon-Sat through Aug. 22 - 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Appointment not required but available via doineedacovid19test.com.

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ON THE HILL

CORVID-19 CASES CHAMBERS COUNTY

As of August 11, 2020

Tested-6,273
Recovered-840
Hospitalized-10
Confirmed Cases-993
Deaths-6

Baytown EXPO is postponed

BAYTOWN EXPO POSTPONED, 38th Annual Community Collision Baytown Business Expo will be held on Jan. 14, 2021. Contact Rikki Wheeler for details (281) 422-8359.

August 18 WEST CHAMBERS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON Topic: State of the School District at the Eagle Point Golf Pavilion 21,450 Eagle Point Drive, Mont Belvieu. Presentation by Barbers Hill ISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole (281) 576-5440, limited seating.

July IONES LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Jones Public Library hosted their annual Summer Reading Program throughout the month of July. The event was done entirely online due to Covid-19 safety precautions. It was a different kind of Summer Reading Program, but our patrons made it an incredible summer!

The Jones Public Library would like to thank everyone that helped to make this Summer Reading Program a success! Many thanks to the Friends of the Library organization and Lambda Alpha Sigma for their donations that made our Door Prize days and Grand Prizes possible. Thank you to Patti Jett and Kaci Martin for their incredible production work on all of our videos. Finally, to our patrons who stuck with us on this crazy ride. You are the reason we are able to do this work, your dedication is what makes programs like this a success. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

Barbers Hill ISD set to open classes Aug. 17 amidst controversy and concern

CHAMBERS COUNTY – Parents in the Barbers Hill school district seem ready to send their children back to school, in spite of the threat of the COVID-19 virus rampant in the state.

Many parents are comfortable with the in-person option but the issue is causing tension between the superintendent and the Chambers County Public Health Department.

The department on Wednesday August 5th posted a letter saying it had “urged” local school boards to “take further action to protect their staff and students by delaying in-person instruction until September 8th at the earliest.”

Classes are scheduled to begin August 19 with parents having the option of starting kids online or at home, per TEA guidelines.

“With them giving the option to home school or send the kids to school, I think that eliminates a lot of the number of kids in school, which makes it easier for them to social distance,” said one parent.

The advisory applied to all school districts in Chambers County, but they have all chosen to open before the suggested date of September 8.

Barbers Hill teachers actually reported for training this week, on Monday August 10.

Other Chambers County districts include Anahuac, who will start on



GREG POOLE
BHISD Superintendent

Wednesday August 13, and East Chambers starting on Monday August 17.

In response to the Health Department letter, Barbers Hill superintendent Greg Poole issued a strong response, saying Chambers County Health Authority Dr. W. Clay

Brown is basing his suggestions on “hunches” and “offers no data to back up this claim,” referring to Brown’s assertion that planned measures likely will not be enough.

Poole also added the county’s letter amounts to “fear-mongering.” Parents that were interviewed seemed to approve of the opening date set by the board and the superintendent.

“You can learn more in class than on the computer,” Lothridge added.

Other parents agreed. “In-person learning is a lot better, it’s more disciplined,” said Kendra Eyth. “I feel like they get more out of it. At home, it’s difficult.”

“I think that it is good

to be in-person,” said Kinsey Spiegelhauer.

Two days after their initial letter, the Chambers County Public Health Department issued another statement, which seemed to be an apology and reversal of their position.

It read “Chambers County, Texas and Chambers County Public Health recognize that neither of their entities have jurisdiction over when schools begin in-person instruction. Further, they acknowledge the fact that decisions regarding this matter are solely left up to each school district based on state level guidance.

Chambers County supports each District’s reopening plan and respects their jurisdiction and judgment in reopening.”

Middleton - Now okay to visit nursing homes

HHSC TO ALLOW VISITATION TO NURSING HOMES AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced yesterday that they will begin to allow limited public visitations to nursing homes and long-term care facilities under new, strict safety measures.

The new allowance comes with enhanced safety measures aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

This is great news for those that haven’t seen their loved ones in nursing homes or long-term care facilities in months.

You can find more on this new action and associated guidelines here.

Very Truly Yours,
Mayes Middleton

HHSC to Allow Limited Visitation at Nursing Facilities and Long-Term Care Facilities

State Enhances Certain Emergency Safety Rules AUSTIN –The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) today announced limited visitation rules for nursing facilities and long-term care facilities. HHSC is also issuing enhanced emergency rules requiring additional actions by nursing facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

“This is a rapidly evolving situation and we are constantly assessing what actions are necessary to keep residents and staff safe in these facilities,” said Phil Wilson, Executive Commissioner, Texas HHSC. “By following these procedures and rules, facilities can more effectively

prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help us achieve our shared goal of reuniting residents with their families and friends.”

“Access to family and loved ones is an important part of every resident’s health and well-being, which is why this policy shift is a move in the right direction for some of our most fragile Texans,” said Sen. Lois Kolkhorst (SD-18), Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

“Today’s announcement is a critical first step for every person in a long-term care facility and their loved ones,” said Rep. James Frank (HD-69), Chair, Texas House Committee on Human Services. “This decision

underscores that state leaders recognize the need to balance the emotional and physical health impacts of isolation against the serious dangers that COVID poses to these vulnerable Texans.”

Nursing Facilities

For the health and safety of facility residents and staff, public visitation is limited to outdoor visits only. Physical contact between residents and visitors is not permitted. Additional conditions a facility must meet to conduct limited outdoor visitation include:

- No confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in staff in the last 14 days.
- No active positive cases in residents.
- Any facility previously

experiencing an outbreak that has fully recovered must be adequately staffed and following adequate infection control procedures.

Facility staff are being tested for COVID-19 weekly.

Further guidance on limited nursing facility visitation rules, which include window visits and vehicle parades, will be posted on the HHSC COVID-19 provider web page.

Limited indoor and outdoor visitation procedures are allowed. Physical contact between residents and visitors is not permitted.

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Weight Management Surgery Orientation

Houston Methodist Baytown Offers Online Weight Surgery Orientation

BAYTOWN — (August 5, 2020) — Research indicates obesity—defined as a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or above—is linked to the development of a variety of potentially serious medical conditions, including type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and heart disease.

Bariatric surgery treats obesity by restricting the amount of food you can eat and/or changes the route food takes through your body so that less food is absorbed. According to the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, roughly 100,000 such surgeries are performed each year in the U.S.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital bariatric surgeons Dr. Laura Choi and Kendell Sowards, MD host a free online weight loss surgery orientation to help you decide if the surgery is right for you. In the best interest of our patients, staff and community, this information session will be conducted via Webex from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11.

The Houston Methodist Weight Management Cen-

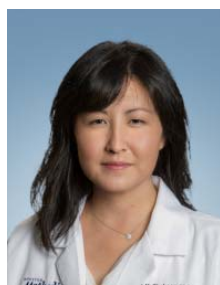
ter-Baytown offers personalized care through medical nutritional counseling and bariatric (weight loss) surgery for patients affected by conditions attributed to obesity.

“Weight loss surgery helps patients reduce their calorie intake, but the procedures are combined with counseling and dietary education to help patients learn about their own eating habits and stay fit after they lose weight,” Choi said.

Orientation participants will have the opportunity to meet with Choi and Sowards virtually and learn about the types of bariatric procedures offered. You will also gain an understanding of what happens before, during and after surgery, ask questions and hear from others considering weight loss surgery.

Following the session, you will be asked to provide your contact information so Houston Methodist Baytown’s bariatric coordinator may contact you to verify health insurance benefits and schedule your initial consultation via a telemedicine visit.

Patients whose BMI is 40 and above are eligible for bariatric surgery, while



DR. LAURA CHOI



DR. KENDELL SOWARDS

those whose BMI is in the 35-40 range are also eligible if they have existing medical conditions considered to be caused by or associated with obesity.

The most commonly performed weight loss surgery procedures are the sleeve gastrectomy, which reshapes the stomach into a thin, sleeve-shaped organ that helps to limit the amount of food that can be consumed at a given time, and the Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. With this surgery, part of the stomach is stapled off, leaving a small pouch that will only hold a few ounces of food. The digestive tract is redirected to bypass the upper small intestine, which reduces total calories absorbed.

“The Weight Management Center offers comprehensive nutritional and counseling after-care programs to help our patients adjust to the physical and emotional changes that frequently occur post-surgery,” Sowards said. “It is vital that patients be willing to make major lifestyle and dietary changes in order to achieve optimal results following any bariatric surgery procedure.”

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is open and caring for all of our community and has implemented the following enhanced safety measures in all of its doctors’ offices and clinics in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to

ensure the health and well-being of our patients:

- Screening all patients when scheduling appointments for symptoms and exposure risk
 - Minimizing the number of patients we are seeing per day in our clinics by expanding virtual services and staggering in-person appointments
 - Using Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recommended testing for our employees
 - Screening all patients upon arrival with temperature checks and an exposure questionnaire
 - Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while providing patient care
 - Reorganizing waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing
 - Implementing additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces
- Visit houstonmethodist.org/events or call 281-428-2273 to register. Once registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a URL to the scheduled Webex meeting. For additional information, call 832-667-5673.

★ OPINION PAGE ★

**LETTERS
To The Editor**

BAYTOWN – Opinions vary widely on whether the Robert E. Lee High School name should be changed. Below is one person's opinion, and you are invited to send us yours for possible publication. The Goose Creek school board will consider this at their next meeting in September, and may make a decision at that time.



Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, Texas

We need to change the name to reflect our values and culture

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter regarding the name change of Robert E. Lee. I was born and raised in Baytown, as was my father and grandparents. I went to Lee and graduated in 1994. I am in support of changing the school's name to something that better embodies who we are as Baytownians. I have a Master's Degree in United States History and teach at Austin Community College. I say that because I feel I have the education and expertise to speak on the issue of who Robert E. Lee was, what he stood for, and why the school's name is hurtful to African Americans in our community. Please understand that this is not a "new" issue. People have been pushing to change the name for decades, and we have failed to hear them for decades. We are better than that.

In high school I remember watching students parade the Confederate flag around every football season. I engaged in debates then trying to explain how hurtful and cruel that was to our African American friends, and I was met with backlash. It was cruel then. It is cruel now. African Americans in Baytown are our friends, family, classmates, and colleagues. They deserve to attend a school with a name that instills pride, strength, unity, and honor, all of the things Baytownians hold dear. Robert E. Lee does not do that. Lee was a traitor. He betrayed our nation when he participated in secession and led the war to keep African Americans in bondage. General Lee writ in 1856 that "the blacks are immeasurably better off here than in Africa, morally, socially, and physically. The painful discipline they are undergoing, is necessary for their instruction as a race, and I hope will prepare and lead them to better things. How long their subjugation may be necessary is known and ordered by a wise and merciful Providence. Their emancipation will sooner result from the mild and melting influence of Christianity, than the storms and tempests of fiery Controversy." There is a debate amongst historians regarding the strength of his support of slavery. But whether he strongly or mildly supported slavery should not be the metric with which we use in determining whether a school should be named after him. He led a war that cost the lives of more than 600,000 Americans in order to keep millions of African Americans in slavery. We are better than that.

I know many of those opposed to the name change argue that we are wanting to erase history and our traditions. There is a difference in preserving history in order to learn from it and celebrating those events. We do not seek to erase our history. We seek to celebrate the people embody the greatest virtues of our country. Naming any institution after a slave-owning traitor is not "preserving" history, but exalting those Americans who betrayed our country, our Constitution, as well as those who have died for this nation. It is cruel and abusive to expect generations of African Americans children to walk the halls of a school named after someone who fought to keep them in bondage. It does not instill pride in them. It is hurtful. They deserve more than that. We are better than that.

There are countless Americans to choose from who epitomized all the characteristics we want for our children and our community. Barbara Jordan was a warrior for education and was the first African American to be elected to the Texas Senate. John Lewis, Medgar Evers, Rosa Parks, and Cesar Chavez were all giants who spent their lives serving this nation and fighting for the equality of all Americans. I could go on and on and on. We have no shortage of brilliant, courageous, and valiant Americans who represent the spirit of what it is to be a Gander and a Baytownian. It is times for us to do better and better. It is time to ensure that all Baytownians feel welcome, loved, safe, and proud as they walk through the halls of our schools. It is time for us to live up to who we say we are as a community. It is time to prove we are better than that.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Lyons-Hunt



**THE
POSTSCRIPT**
By
Carrie Classon

"Summer Storm"

I was headed out for my daily hike. There was thunder in the distance. "It's getting lighter," my husband, Peter, said. "I don't think we're going to get any rain." The air smelled like a storm to me, but what do I know? If my dog, Milo, were still alive I would have asked him. Milo would huddle in the corner of the kitchen when a thunderstorm approached. "There's no storm on the radar," Peter would tell him. Milo didn't care what the radar said. We called him, "Doppler Dog," because if Milo was in the corner, bad weather was never far behind. But Milo is no longer with us and I was headed out on a hike. "Do you think I need a hat?" I asked. If the sun came out, I'd want a hat. "I don't think you'll need it," Peter assured me. It might be worth noting that both Peter and I grew up on the plains of the Midwest where you can see a storm coming from miles away and the weather is predicted accurately to within the quarter of an hour. We live in the mountains now and things are different. I left the house without a hat and it started to rain before I'd even made it to the trail. That might have been a good time to turn around. I didn't. I go on my hike almost every day. I hike in the snow and the drizzle and the cold. "There is no bad weather," a naturalist in Alaska once told me, "only inappropriate clothing choices." I like that. So, when it started to rain, I wished I had my hat. But the weather was warm and, as Peter pointed out, it was getting lighter up ahead. Unfortunately, that's not where the weather was coming from. By the time I got to the trail, the rain was steady but it wasn't cold. I started walking faster. It was just as the trail goes into a ravine that the sky opened up. A sheet of rain fell and, in moments, I was as wet as it was possible to get. I was now going at a brisk trot. It couldn't have been more than five minutes later that the sky crackled with lightning. I have never had thunder crash so close overhead in my life. My hair would have stood on end if it hadn't been plastered to my head. The lightning and thunder were simultaneous, so I figured I had walked smack-dab into the middle of a summer storm. The rain was now coming down in buckets and the entire trail had become a swiftly flowing stream. I needed my hiking poles to hop along the newly formed riverbank—jumping from one rock to another, my boots filled with water, my eyes stinging from the rain—and all I could think was, "Oh my gosh, it's good to be alive!" By the time I was headed home, the rain started to slow. It came to a stop about a half-mile from home. I noticed the puddles getting smaller until the ground was nearly dry. Peter was surprised when I got home. "You sure hiked fast today!" He had no idea what had been happening just a couple of miles away. At our house, it had hardly rained. I got in a hot bath and, as I washed the mud off my legs, I knew I would never have gone on that hike if I'd known how bad it would get. And I was so glad I hadn't missed it. Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Chris Cobler

Instead of No. 2 pencils, PPEs top back-to-school list

Back-to-school lists aren't the same this year. Gov. Greg Abbott talked last week about why the state is stockpiling personal protective equipment. "As local school boards make determinations on how and when they choose to open schools, the state is working to help ensure that there will be a strong supply of PPE waiting for them to keep students, teachers and staff safe," he said.

Texas already has distributed to Texas schools: 59,410,640 masks 567,948 gallons of hand sanitizer 24,017 thermometers 511,294 face shields

SENDING UP A FLARE

The Railroad Commission of Texas is proposing rule changes to reduce the amount of flaring in the oil and gas industry.

The proposed regulatory changes include:

- Reducing the time for operators to obtain an administrative exception to flare gas. For certain exceptions, the duration might be reduced by 50% to 80%.

- Providing incentives for operators to use technologies to reduce the amount of gas flared.

- Requiring operators to provide more specific information to justify the need to flare or vent gas in accordance with state rules.

The draft changes are open for a 30-day comment period and may be found on the Railroad Commission's website, <https://rrc.texas.gov/about-us/resource-center/forms/proposed-form-changes/>.

Flares, which can burn for weeks at a time, release harmful chemicals such as benzene as well as fine particle pollution, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, heavy metals and black carbon. Several of these combustion-related pollutants are linked to a higher risk of preterm birth and reduced birth weight in other contexts, according to a recent study by the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

"Our study finds that living near flaring is harmful to pregnant women and babies," said Jill Johnston, an environmental health scientist at Keck. "We have seen a sharp increase in flaring in Texas' Eagle Ford Shale, and this is the first study to explore the potential health impacts."

GET A HOSPITAL ROOM WITH A VIEW

Being able to see trees while recovering from surgery decreases patients' need for pain medication and shortens their recovery time, according to a study shared by the Texas A&M Forest Service on Twitter.



"As research is being conducted and becoming available, findings reinforce what much of the urban forestry community already knows — that trees have a positive impact on human health," said the Southern Group of State Foresters, a nonprofit organization promoting the importance of healthy forests to a stable economy in the South.

DOCS EMPHASIZE PRIMARY CONCERNS TO ABBOTT

Primary care doctors are urging the governor to expand on reforms begun because of COVID-19.

The Texas Primary Care Coalition sent an open letter to the governor asking him to take a variety of steps to increase residents' access to health care. Texas ranks 47th out of the 50 states in the ratio of primary care physicians available, the coalition wrote.

Because of the pandemic, the group noted, Abbott took an important step by directing the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency ruling to allow medical visits conducted via telemedicine to be paid at the same rate as in-person visits.

"With three months of experience to document the viability and cost-effectiveness of telemedicine, Texas should eliminate the

barriers that could keep primary care physicians from maintaining this service beyond the pandemic, including requiring state regulated insurers to continue payment parity between in-person versus virtual visits," the consortium wrote.

PUT FIBER IN YOUR COMMUNITY'S DIET

Libraries and the rural communities they serve need to make fiber a top priority, according to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Libraries should make every opportunity to acquire fiber optic connectivity, wrote Henry Stokes, a technology consultant for the commission, in a recent blog post. He said they need to jump on Facebook's news that it has been working to develop a robot that can deploy fiber optic cables quickly over power lines. This would dramatically reduce the cost of fiber construction.

"Harnessing it will ensure that both the library and the community it serves will continue to thrive in the future," Stokes said.

THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

Happy American Wind Week. When you drive through West and Central Texas, as we did recently visiting family in Colorado, you readily see why Texas is the country's top producer of wind energy.

PoweringTexas.com is observing the fourth anniversary of American Wind Week Aug. 9-15. No word on whether blowing out candles is involved.

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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

STEVEN MITCHELL DOBBS
September 12, 1960 ~ July 23, 2020 (age 59)



Obituary
Faith, Family, and Friends.....that was always my focus and passion.....and in that order, and with those priorities in line, all other struggles along my life seemed to fall in place according to God's plan for me until that moment on Thursday, July 23, 2020, when, in an instant, he called me home to be with him. Wow, what a glorious moment it was to experience Jesus, face-to-face, and begin my new and eternal life in Heaven.

I was born Steven Mitchell Dobbs on September 12, 1960, in Elmhurst, Illinois. My dad, Charles Pittman Dobbs, was a great man of God; he loved his family, his country, and his community. He served our county proudly and owned his own business with strong conviction and principle. My mom, Dorothy Norene Smith-Dobbs, worked just as hard as my dad, raising and nurturing me and my three siblings, David, Cynthia, and Andrew. Together, they molded us into achieving a strong Christian Faith, and a sense of service and obligation to our families, community and country.

Growing up, I really enjoyed the outdoors, especially playing in the Illinois cornfields in the warm months and the snow in the winter. I later found peace with the time I spent in the woods and fishing in Mississippi, and then camping and playing on the sandy beaches of Florida. I embraced the joys of all of the places we moved to and each place helped to mold me.

After grade school, I started playing the French horn and became involved in the church youth group. I enjoyed singing in the choir, choral groups, and quartets. I had a knack for performing and being on stage in front of an audience - something I proudly passed onto my daughter Taylor.

After graduating from Dunedin High School in Florida, I ventured to Tennessee for Bible College at Tennessee Temple. I worked as a missionary, in the oil field and in the IT world, but in 1984, I enlisted in the United States Army. I served our great country for six years as a Russian Linguist, and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. The values my dad instilled in me were strengthened through the values and discipline taught to me by military service.

Before enlisting in the Army, I met the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. We were part of a singles group at a church in Pampa, Texas. Her name was Kerrie Sue Knox. On July 31, 1982, she became my wife and lifelong best friend. This was one of the greatest days of my life and my love for her was one of the deepest loves I have ever felt, and that love helped us build a faithful life and family through the next 38 years.

Over our life together, Kerrie and I welcomed three daughters into our family. The births of Micah, Morgan, and Taylor were three of the greatest days of our lives together and my life was forever changed. I felt a strong responsibility to guide my daughters in a faithful

★ **OBITUARIES** ★

CHERYL SUE ZARSKY

Cheryl Sue Zarsky age 73 went to be with the Lord Tuesday August 4, 2020. Cheryl was born in Houston, Texas March 30, 1947 the daughter of the late Melvin White and Ora Johnson-White.

She enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding horses, dancing, cook offs, or just, "Shootin' the Bull" with her friends.

She worked as a legal secretary over thirty years. Her career highlights included involvement in the Watergate Scandal and working for Attorney: Leon Jaworski.

Cheryl, graduated from C.E. King High School class of 1965 and participated as Majorette. She was past member of the Eagles Lodge on Market St. since 1975, lifetime member of Saltgrass Trail Riders Association, and member of the Honment Park Baptist Church since the age of ten.

Cheryl, raised her children in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and has been associated

with the Catholic parish for over forty-five years.

Also her late husband Albert F. Zarsky made their home in Crosby, TX for thirty five years.



Where they made dear friends, loved life, and made every day count. Cheryl, was a generous lady with an open heart full of love and passion for her family and dear friends, she was always willing to help others. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents as well as her husband Albert F. Zarsky, and her

aunt and uncle W.G. and Annie Mae Key. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her son Wesley Gene "W.G." Zarsky (Michelle), daughter Cherié Suzanne Zarsky, and her grandchildren Weston and Gavin Zarsky.

Funeral Services will be held 2PM Saturday August 15, 2020 at Sterling White Funeral, 11011 Crosby Lynchburg Rd Highlands, Texas. Visitation will be held from 12-2PM Saturday at the funeral home with internment to follow in Sterling White Cemetery.

Happy Trails Party for her life to celebrate among Family and Friend to follow. "Don't worry about the Mules, just load the Wagon."

Condolences and memories can be shared online at www.sterlingwhite.com.

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★ **THOUGHTS FROM HILLSIDE CHURCH**

By Dr. Mark Trice



Clean Your Boots

Whether you're working a horse, gardening, or doing messy jobs around the house, one thing remains constant - dirt. If your boots hit the ground, they'll likely end up with a good coating of dust, dirt, or mud. It comes with the territory and you deal with it. When you're done working, you simply take time to clean your boots.

It's the same way in life, especially with the unique challenges we're facing today. We are not of this world, but we are certainly in it, and we're not called to just hang out here. In a sense, we Christians are living in a foreign country and we are Heaven's "boots on the ground" - combat troops that have been sent to wage war with the enemy.

I'm not talking human enemies, of course, but spiritual. Ephesians 6:12 (NLT) reminds us that "we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." It's a pretty constant battle, and sometimes it leaves us feeling like we're trudging through mud-filled trenches.

Yes, having read the end of the book, we know what's coming down the road. We can almost see ourselves riding a host of white horses behind our King. In the meantime, however, we must not only be alert and actively engaging the enemy, but we must also be mindful of the necessity of recovery time, setting aside time to "clean our boots" so we don't get weighed

down. It's almost impossible to wage spiritual warfare without also dealing with some spiritual dirt. Battle fatigue is common, and it can open us up to all sorts of things from fear to unforgiveness to utter hopelessness. When we walk off the battle field in victory, the devil sometimes comes running in with one last shot that can catch us off guard. Many times, we leave the field feeling dirty from all we've encountered.

We can avoid battle fatigue and being shot down, but it takes conscious effort and an investment of time. Between battles, we clean our boots through worship, through delving into the Word, through actively opening our hearts to Him, and through letting Him fill us with His Spirit all over again. It is these times of intimacy with God that restore us, strengthen us, and give us what we need to get back up and back out there in the fight.

We must also remember that soldiers don't fight alone. This is one of the reasons church attendance is so very important. Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) tells us "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." The day of His return is definitely drawing near; never doubt it. The closer we get to the end, the greater the battles get, but we need not fight alone: Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our fellow believers, we are a powerful army!

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FRANKIE DOYLE TAYLOR

Frankie Doyle Taylor, 68, of Old River-Winfree, Texas, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at his home. He was born on May 29, 1952, in Bentonville, Arkansas, to the late Marvin and Ineva Taylor. Frankie graduated from North Shore High School, class of 1970. A couple of years later, he joined the United States Army, where he proudly served his country until 1974.

Frankie worked as an operations supervisor with Oxy Vinyls, LP in Deer Park for thirty years before his retirement in 2018. In 2007, Frankie and his wife Barbara relocated from the North Shore area, making Old River-Winfree their new home.

Frankie pursued many interests, some of which included his passion for freshwater fishing and spending quality time with his many grandchildren who affectionately called him "fa daddy". He also enjoyed eating, watching television and catching a great deal on the clearance racks.

Frankie was a simple and dedicated man who did not need much to make him happy.



He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Frankie was preceded in death by his parents; and his son Shawn Patrick Taylor. He leaves behind to cherish his loving memory, his wife Barbara Sue Taylor; his children Corey Taylor and wife Jen, Brian Michael Taylor and wife Danyale, Michael Leath-

erwood and wife Jamie, Brian Chad Leatherwood and significant other Theresa and Brittany Wisner and husband Justin; his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sister Judy Patin and husband Dale; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Friends are invited to visit with the family beginning at 10am, on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at Fellowship of the Nations, 13305 Woodforest Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77015. A celebration of Frankie's life will follow at 11am at the church, with Rev Johnny Brady officiating.

Condolences can be shared online with the family by visiting www.SterlingFuneralHome.com

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path and teach them the values that I learned from the experiences and lessons from my earlier life. I felt that they should also have my unwavering support, guidance, and love.

Our family enjoyed many road trips together and we loved staying in various state and national parks and experiencing Disney World at Christmas time. The "Happiest Place on Earth" is truly magical at Christmas Time. I also enjoyed a game of golf, softball or cards. The competition intrigued me and, win or lose, completing a game, or any challenge in life, always left me with a feeling of being a winner.

After experiencing many years of various careers, I felt the calling to attend Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service and serve my community as a funeral director. Serving families in their time of deep grief became a passion for me. I believe that everything I learned and experienced in my life led me to this calling to complete the life on Earth that God gave me to serve him best.

Throughout my Earthly life, I tried to hold strong to my convictions. My deep faith in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has guided me in a passionate life of service to Him, and also to my family, friends, community, and country.

Although I now enjoy the Glory of being with Jesus now, my family is experiencing the deep grief

that I have helped many families with. I have left behind a strong and faithful wife, Kerrie and three dynamic daughters, Micah Lee Dobbs, Morgan Lynnee Gutierrez and her husband Bryan, and Taylor Ruth Dobbs. I also leave three amazing grandchildren, Emma Leigh Constance, Olivia Madeline Gutierrez, and Everett Henry Gutierrez. My siblings also remain to continue our parent's teachings, David Dobbs and his wife Gay, Cynthia Fetrow and her husband Steve (what a great name), and Andrew Dobbs and his wife Meagan along with their children and families.

My family will be gathering at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee, Texas from 5-7 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 to meet with friends and share stories and celebrate my wonderful and full life. A second time of visitation will be held again on Wednesday from 10-11 AM before my funeral service which will begin at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at First Baptist Church of Highlands, Texas. My Earthly shell will be laid to rest with Final Military Honors at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 30, 2020, at Houston National Cemetery.

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" -Acts 20:35

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quantity is calculated to be 210,000 cubic yards, 30% more than the original figure of 162,000 c.y.

Jackie reported that at the CAC meeting, they discussed various types of cofferdams that will be required to hold back the river and allow excavation of the toxic material. The also discussed that these will have to be very long, 70 to 100 feet, and most of that will be buried in the river bank. Installation of the cofferdam is expected to generate noise in the neighborhoods, and questions arise about whether the slopes will be destabilized, and will traffic on the I-10 highway be distracted by the noise and activity.

Baumgarten told the group that the material would be removed in trucks, not river barges, and over 10,000 truckloads would be required. Then the material would be transported to a licensed toxic waste landfill 100 miles away, perhaps near the Texas Louisiana border. Jackie questioned whether the material could be safely stored in perpetuity, and said that she didn't want to move our problem to someone else.

Jackie also questioned not only the remediation details in the report, but the testing procedures and locations, and the acceptable levels of toxicity that will be left behind.

The RD said that the Sand Separation Area, ad-

acent to the North Impoundment, could be left unremediated to return to safe levels by "natural recovery, with monitoring." Jackie said that tests of this area were not made in the right areas, and retests showed levels of toxicity at 3000 parts per trillion (ppt), 10 times the acceptable 300 ppt.

In the Northern Impoundment, the remediation level will be 30 ppt, but she said that some retests have shown a Dioxin known as TCDD to be as high as 96,000 ppt, and Furian as high as 200,000. She said these are not acceptable levels to be left behind.

The data is hard to analyze, she said, because there is so much. The Appendix C with lab reports is 21,000+ pages, and perhaps not complete at that. She pointed out a notation made by the consultant, GHD, that said some of the samples had been removed from the report, at the request of the PRP (Responsible Parties).

Jackie called for more transparency in the remediation reports and the process they represent, and perhaps the need for resampling and new criteria for allowable toxicity levels.

An example of less transparency is a "hot spot" in the Southern Impoundment that EPA does not plan to remediate, because it is outside their arbitrary site boundaries.

Nursing Home Visits okay,

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Additional conditions a facility must meet to conduct limited visitation include:

No confirmed COVID-19 positive staff in last 14 days.

No active positive cases in residents.

Adequate staffing to facilitate visitation in compliance with infection control requirements.

Use of plexiglass as a safety barrier for indoor visitation to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Further guidance on limited indoor and outdoor visitation rules will be posted on the HHSC COVID-19 provider web page.

Emergency Rule Enhancements

Enhanced emergency rules for nursing facilities include:

Each facility must have a COVID-19 response plan that includes designated staff to work with cohorts of residents who have tested positive for COVID-19, and staff should not change designation from

one day to another, unless required to maintain adequate staffing for a cohort.

All nursing facilities must screen all residents, staff, and people who come to the facility in accordance with specified criteria, and each resident must be screened at least three times a day for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

Each facility must have plans for obtaining and maintaining a two-week supply of personal protective equipment and resident recovery plans for continuing care when a resident recovers from COVID-19.

The full emergency rules will be posted on the HHSC COVID-19 provider web page.

The latest guidance for nursing facilities is posted here. Texas HHSC continues to investigate all long-term care facilities in the state that report one or more positive case of COVID-19, as well as coordinate closely with local, state, and federal health authorities.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Galena Park ISD will hold a public meeting at 4:45 pm, August 25, 2020 in Galena Park ISD Administration Board Room 14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston Texas 77015. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.12810/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.33250/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-0.11% decrease
Debt Service	2.12% increase
Total expenditures	0.15% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$11,845,962,736	\$12,565,228,011
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$131,702,384	\$116,476,653
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$9,449,872,862	\$10,141,552,169
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$105,062,865	\$94,944,762

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

**"New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

***"Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$368,848,148

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.14165	\$0.33000*	\$1.47165	\$6.672	\$5.213
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.08561	\$0.34150*	\$1.42711	\$6.273	\$5.750
Proposed Rate	\$1.12810	\$0.33250*	\$1.46060	\$7.013	\$5.233

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$114,010	\$125,778
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$71,710	\$69,790
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.47165	\$1.46060
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,055.32	\$1,019.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$35.97

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.46060. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.46060.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$168,656,215
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$9,162,054

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 43774

APPLICATION Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 43774, which would authorize modifications to and continued operation of the Ship Building and Repair Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. 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=29.789722&lng=-95.065277&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities will emit the following air contaminants: exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The applications were submitted to the TCEQ on July 15, 2020. The permit renewal will be issued in conjunction with the amendment. This permitting action also includes the incorporation of permits by rule related to this permit. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. The applications will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at http://www.swslp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Permit_43774_Public_Notice.pdf beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the applications. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the applications. A public meeting about the applications will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the applications or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the applications, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the applications, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for these applications.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the applications, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for these applications. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the applications, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for these applications.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the applications. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues submitted by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written 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 www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/comments.html, 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 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Southwest Shipyard, L.P., 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3858 or by calling Ms. Elizabeth Stanko, TRC Environmental Corporation, at (713) 244-1039.

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Logan ships off to Navy boot camp in 10 days.

Logan's family is pictured with him at right. His mother is Jessica Woods, grandmother Virginia Woods, and they are so proud of the young man he is. All the hard work to follow the Eagle trail has hopefully prepared him for a life of service to God, Country and Community.



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Lake Houston projects begin with dredging

The City of Houston has announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency approved a project to build new gates on the Houston Dam to cost about \$47.1 million last August.

Lake Houston's capacity had decreased some 20% since it was built in 1954, according to the Texas Water Development Board, then Hurricane Harvey came to add more problems. Because Lake Houston can hold less water, flooding risks increase so, dredging projects are necessary.

The Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District took away more than 2 million cubic yards of sediment from the West Fork

of the San Jacinto River, now the City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control District and Coastal Water Authority plans to continually dredge Lake Houston to restore capacity lost in several flooding events.

Work began in January, moving about 400,000 cubic yards of debris from the mouth bar at the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. This project should take about a year and cost nearly \$40 million.

Two dredging projects funded by \$6 million left over from a \$50 million grant from Gov. Greg Abbott's office and \$30 million passed during the 86th Texas Legislature will to dredge Lake Houston

area via Senate Bill 500 will be executed by the county. A dredging company was needed to begin long-term dredging operations to the lake. The Coastal Water Authority hired Black & Veatch last April as design contractor. Construction is likely to be finished by late 2022 or early 2023.

The San Jacinto River Authority and the Harris County Flood Control District are working with consultants for sediment solutions in the river and lake. They are hoping to achieve an agreement with the flood control district to fund a sediment study, which could cost about \$400,000. The study should take about a year.

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