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IN THE STARS

EVENTS
THURS. JAN 21
Crosby Chamber Luncheon
Monthly Luncheon, at Crosby Church. Lunch catered by Teapot Depot, begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost \$20. SPEAKER is Jamie Lee, Third Coast Bank, talking on the SBA New Relief Package (PPP and more). RSVP by Jan. 19, at 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.
SAT. JAN 23
Parade for Sara Rupp's 100th Birthday
Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. from Thorn to Greendale, past Ms. Rupp's house. Everyone welcome to join the parade. Meet at the Super Car Wash lot on Main Street starting at 10:30 a.m.

Crosby 21-Aledo 56
Cougars winning season closes one short of state title

By Allan Jamail
Arlington, TX. AT&T (Cowboy) Stadium, Friday, January 15, 2021 Crosby's head coach Jerry Prieto took his Cougars farther than they've been in 61 years. It was in 1960 the last time they played for a state championship. The Cougs with a 12-4 record for the season don't have to hang their heads; the scrappy team upset several teams to get there and should be proud to be the 5A Div 2 Region State Runner-up Champions. They've been billed as the underdogs but won four



Crosby Cougars entering the Dallas Cowboy Stadium (Linda Jamail photo for the Star-Courier)



Crosby Cougar senior #1 Reggie Branch runs 2 yards for Crosby's 2nd score. (Allan Jamail photo for the Star-Courier)

consecutive games over undefeated teams only to lose to one of the states perennial power house teams, the Aledo Bearcats. The Aledo team won their third consecutive championship and set a record for having won a total of ten state titles. Crosby's team had to travel over four hours to play the Aledo team in their own backyard who traveled a mere 30 minutes to play in front of what appeared to be a home field crowd. Never

See COUGARS LOSE, p3

Murder victim found in Highlands Canal

Tuesday, January 12, at nearly 7:30 a.m., Harris County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 12,000 block of Woodforest Blvd. concerning a Missing Person. A woman told them that her boyfriend, Jonathan Tisby, gave a mutual friend a ride, Monday night. Then she described a telephone call from her boyfriend at close to 3:45 a.m. that morning, in which she heard an argument in the background. Suddenly, her boyfriend's cellphone disconnected. She stated that she was unable to re-establish contact with her boyfriend. Jonathan Tisby was driving a white, sedan, Buick LaCrosse with paper license plates, at the time of his disappearance. At approximately 3:45 p.m. afternoon, Harris



The Victim and his car are pulled from the canal on Jones Road at Thompson last Thursday afternoon. Authorities searched for two days for the car, which was under water. A confession from Fransha Brooks to the shooting led to the discovery of the car and the body inside.

County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a call at an apartment complex off of Normandy and Woodforest. The caller advised the 911 Operator that she was involved in a Murder on Monday night, and she shot a male driving a white Buick. When Deputies arrived at the apartment complex, she provided additional information and stated she shot the male multiple times and drove the car, with the male inside it, into a canal near Jones



Fransha Brooks



Jonathan Tisby

See MURDER VICTIM, page 2

COVID-19
Cases as of January 18, 2021

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

453,152 POSITIVE
4,630 DEATHS
356,843 RECOVERED

TEXAS

2,127,825 POSITIVE
32,600 DEATHS
1,677,588 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

24,041,339 POSITIVE
398,588 DEATHS
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WORLDWIDE

95,435,122 POSITIVE
2,037,076 DEATHS
52,525,515 RECOVERED

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 22—Linda Craig
Vernon Hassell
Richard McKinney
Reynaldo Perez
Kristi Simmons
Kathy Zadraba Stuart
James Walker
Beth Wotipka
Sara Rupp

Jan 23—Tiffany Kirkwood
Brad Loggins

Jan 25—Jeffrey Langham

Jan 26—Ida Mueller
Charles Johnson

Jan 27—Ashley Almanza
JoAnn Blaskey
William R. Patterson
Tyler Wingate
Jarret Cutbirth
John Martin

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 25—Jim & Ronda Laut

DEATHS

Jennifer P. McKinney
Ernest Todd Ross
David Henry Walts

HIGHLANDS' CROSBY/LYNCHBURG ROAD
Pct. 2 widening roadway to 5 lanes

HIGHLANDS - Extreme changes began early nearby when Center Point Energy began erecting towering powerlines to points north last month and a pipeline's machination were being made at the connecting route point. Crosby/Lynchburg Road from Lochness to Thorn is being widened by Harris County Precinct 2 into a 5 lane non-divided highway, like Barrett Station is today. The Project called R13, Crosby - Lynchburg 4 by Harris County Precinct 2 is designed with a center turn lane running at least most of that distance. The reconstruction makes a



Centerpoint Energy put in new towering power lines at left along Main Street in Highlands. Next some gateway walls are being demolished to make way for a five lane highway to Barrett Station.

"two lane into a 5 lane concrete road with continuous left turn lane, storm sewers and traffic signals." The project is still being bid but is estimated to cost about \$9.5 Million. The County hopes to complete

of Highlands. R38, Wallisville Intersection Improvements begins at Wade Rd. and runs to Main Street in Highlands, with plans to make installations and turn-lane improvements at Wade Road, Thompson Road, and Crosby/Lynchburg. Total estimated cost is \$3.5Million. Completion is expected to be by first quarter 2021. Commissioner Garcia is committed to improving infrastructure, and roads in Precinct 2. In fact Precinct 2 is expending 200% more on infrastructure capitol projects, including drainage and roadways.

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Parade set for Sara Rupp on her 100 year birthday



HIGHLANDS - A life celebration in the form of a parade is to be held for Sara Rupp next Saturday. Born on January 22, Sara turned 100 years young. Jeanie Kratky tells us that the Rupp family from throughout the country, friends and friends she doesn't know will birthday parade down Thorn Street to celebrate in driving by her residence.

Parade participants will line up at the Super Car wash corner of Main Street, and Thorn, Highlands across from Charlie's Ice House at about 10:30. At 11:00a.m. the parade starts. Parading will travel Thorn to Greendale passing before Sara's decorated house and the lady herself.

The Rups are locally distinguished by baseball and coaching baseball. In fact, Coach Rupp will act as parade marshal.

Body in Canal,

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Road and Thompson Road, in the McNair area.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit took over the investigation and contacted the Harris County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit. After a two day search of the canal, the white Buick LaCrosse, with Jonathan Tisby's body inside, was located and recovered. Jonathan Tisby appeared to have suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The suspect, Fransha Brooks, 32 years of age,

has been charged with Murder and booked into the Harris County Jail.

Fransha Monique Brooks, 32 is charge with Murder to be heard in the 180th District Court with bond pending. If anyone has any additional information regarding the Murder of Johnathan Tisby, they are asked to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit at 713.272.9100.



Authorities examine partially submerged white Buick with a body inside, in the canal at Jones Road and Thompson Road.

Judge Bates holds Bike Giveaway



Bike Giveaway at Baytown Courthouse

BAYTOWN, TEXAS- On Saturday, December 12, 2020, forty-five deserving students selected by their respective schools throughout Channelview ISD, Crosby ISD, Galena Park ISD, Goose Creek CISD, and Sheldon ISD, received bikes donated by Judge Lucia Bates and community leaders. "The children were excited to receive the early Christmas gift, and it was a delight to see them ride the bicycles in the parking lot as soon as they received them", stated Judge Bates.

Judge Lucia Bates is serving her first term as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 2

Man charged in local wreck

CROSBY - A man was charged with intoxication manslaughter after a woman lost her life last Sunday.

On January 17, at about 4:42 p.m., an unidentified white female, was driving north in a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer, and stopped at the four-way stop sign in the 10,000

block of Garth Rd. near FM 1942. Apparently the woman attempted to turn left to travel west on Barbers Hill Rd.

Suddenly, a gray 2020 Dodge Ram 2500, operated by Kelvin Currie, southbound ran the stop sign, and struck the Chevrolet as it was turning left. The Chevrolet driver

died as a result of the crash.

Witnesses say Currie attempted to leave the scene on foot without attempting to render aid or provide his information.

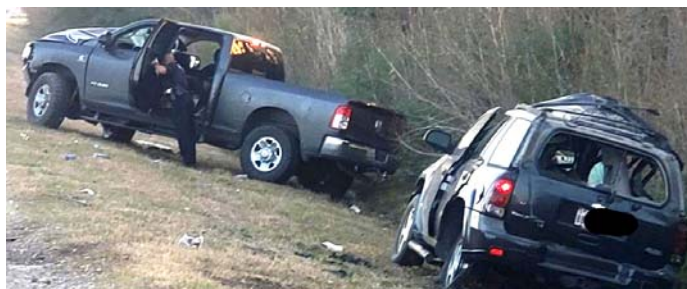
A witnesses followed Mr. Currie, and he was detained by responding deputies when they arrived.

Mr. Currie showed signs

of intoxication to deputies examining him following the fatal accident, and was later charged with intoxication manslaughter, and failure to stop and render aid.

This crash is being investigated by the Harris County Sheriff's Office-Vehicular Crimes Division.

Deputies tried to put together what happened at the intersection of Barbers Hill Road and Garth last Sunday at about 4:45 p.m. Adding to the confusion a auto pedestrian accident came in at about the same time. Witness assistance was critical for deputies to solve the mysteries of this case.



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Cougars Lose,

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less the Cougars kept the game tied 14 up until into the second quarter. It was then the Aledo team pulled away making 6 more touchdowns (TD's) to Crosby's 1 in the fourth quarter, beating Crosby 56-21.

The highly recruited Bearcat DeMarco Roberts made 6 rushing TD's, averaging 8 yards a carry. "He was the big play maker," Crosby coach Jerry Prieto said. Roberts was named Offensive MVP of the game.

The Cougs had TD's by quarterback Deniquez Dunn, wide receivers Reggie Branch and E'Monte Wilson, all three seniors, extra points were made by senior Trevor Helburg. Their offense made 369 yards to the Bearcats 615.



Cougars # 12 Jalen Herman, senior wide receiver scores games 1st touchdown on a 9 yard pass from quarterback Deniquez Dunn. (Allan Jamail photo/Star Courier)



Crosby #13 senior wide receiver E'Monte Wilson catches a Deniquez Dunn pass for a big gain. (Allan Jamail photo)



CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – 2020-2021

Photos by Allan Jamail / Crosby Star Courier
OUTLINE: The Crosby Cheerleaders was a part of the entourage going with the Crosby Cougars football varsity team to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium, Friday, January 15, 2021. The Cougars got the Runner-Up trophy for the 5A Div 2 Region State Championship Game with the Aledo Bearcats. Bearcats 56 - Cougars 21.



2020 - 2021 CROSBY COUGAR MASCOTS

The Crosby Cougar Mascots, Mr. Coper (left) and Ms. Cloe. On Friday, January 15, 2021 Coper and Cloe traveled with the varsity football team to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium to entertain and keep the fans motivated during the Cougars 5A Div 2 Region State Championship Game with the Aledo Bearcats. The mascots compete annually for their position. The 2020 - 2021 mascot winners were, Kalee Rucka as Cloe the Cougar and Kaden Morris as Coper the Cougar. The names and information was provided by Amanda Rucka. The Cougars got the Runner-Up trophy. Bearcats 56 - Cougars 21. (Allan Jamail photo)

L-R: Summer Desselle JV(10), Taylor Destin V(11), Lauren Budd V-Co-Captain (12), Shan'ya Eagleton V(11), Haley Novak V(10), Mia Reid V(10), Lexi Perez V(10), Allison Prince V(10), Jadyne Parkinson V(11), Cassie Jacobson V(11), Madelyn Helburg JV(9), Katelyn Smith JV-Co-Capt.(9). Not pictured due to performing team duties: Autumn Long V-CAPTAIN (12), Lillian Leman V-Co-Captain (11) & Keedrian Griffin JV-Co-Capt. (9). Coach - Kirstin Reuter, Information provided by Lara Leman, CHS Cheer Booster President.



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OPINION
By **BILL KING**



“Highlights” from the City of Houston Audit

The City of Houston is required by state law to file its annual audit (the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report or “CAFR”) within six months of the end of its fiscal year, which is June 30. Every year the City takes full advantage of the time allotted to quietly release its audit over the holidays when the inevitable bad news will get little press coverage, a tactic particularly convenient in election years.

Consistent with this long-standing practice, the City posted its audit in late December. There is much to unpack in this 420-page report, but here are some of the “highlights”:

For the eighth time in the last decade, the City reported an operating deficit in its general fund. This year the deficit was \$180 million (p. 221-222) but would have been \$384 million higher had the City not deferred some of its pension expense by “spreading” investment losses over the next five years. (p. 114, et seq.) To be fair, I am sure the pension funds have recovered to some degree from their levels on June 30; however, they will still be well below the targets.

The City’s pension expense (before deferrals) was \$917 million, which is the third year in a row since the 2017 pension “reform” that the expense was higher than it was before the “reform.” (p. 117)

The City’s total pension debt (including the deferrals for investments not performing according to assumptions) increased by \$847 million. (p.116-117)

The City “found” \$578 million in TIRZ assets that it claims had never been reported. (p. 133, Note 16). It, therefore, made an “adjustment” to add those assets to the books, which allowed the City to avoid the embarrassment of reporting its first ever general fund deficit in excess of \$1 billion. (More to come on this.)

City total revenues were up by 1.5%, but its expenses increased by 3.8%. (p. 8)

The property tax levy was up by 6.1%. (I’ll bet you thought it was limited to inflation and population growth by the City charter.) (p. 239)

HPD recorded the fewest number of arrests in over 20 years. (p. 252)

The amount of asphalt used by the City to fix potholes fell by 87% (11,5071,526 tons). This is such an anomaly, I would assume this is some kind of error or change in the reporting method. (p. 252)

The City had 3,083 new water connections, the lowest number since 2011. (p. 252)

The City reported its first decline in population (a drop of roughly 5,000) since the 1980s. For the last four years, the City has grown at 0.3% annually, which is below the average for the U.S. (p. 245)

These “highlights” pretty well speak for themselves. We have not solved the City’s pension problems. The City still has an enormous structural deficit. The City’s growth has stalled.

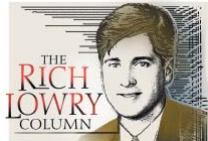
The City of Houston is at an inflection point. We have seen what has happened to other great American cities when they ignored these kinds of trends. Houston is not immune from becoming another Detroit. Whether it does or not depends on us.

OPINION

Twitter Deranged Our Politics

THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN
By Rich Lowry

Twitter Deranged Our Politics —Donald Trump was the president of Twitter. What radio was to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and TV was to Ronald Reagan, communicating 280 characters at a time on a social media platform that is a watchword for hyperactive inanity was to President Trump. It is symbolically appropriate that the effective end of his power after the siege of the U.S. Capitol has coincided with the suspension of his Twitter account. He may well get impeached a second time, but for now, the punishment that really stings is Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey deciding after sitting down with his woke colleagues that Trump must pay the ultimate price for his post-election misinformation and agitation. This judgment is as arbitrary as Dorsey’s worst critics would expect, and it will be impossible for Twitter to enforce anything resembling a consistent line following its Trump suspension (the platform didn’t seem particularly exercised by all of the voices valorizing last summer’s riots as an “uprising”). But there’s no doubting Dorsey’s power. He has rendered the president of the United States practically mute. Trump remains in the Oval Office and, in theory, commands the biggest megaphone on the planet. He could still make statements, hold press conferences, sit down for interviews or meet with his cabinet. In his reduced and isolated state, though, none of these options are as appealing as letting his



thumbs do his work for him, one outlandish tweet at a time. Now that this avenue is foreclosed to him, he’s less of a presence, even as the political world continues to be obsessed with him (in particular, the manner of his exit from office). It’s not exactly a slow news environment. Yet, without Trump’s tweets stirring the pot at all times of the day, the nation’s political debate feels a little less fevered. Twitter is Exhibit A for Marshall McLuhan’s axiom that the medium is the message. There is plenty of worthy news coverage and real-time commentary on Twitter. But that’s not where the emotional center of gravity is, as one would expect of a platform built for instantaneous, unfiltered reactions. It’s this aspect of Twitter that perfectly matched the president’s proclivities. He found a natural home in an environment that encourages, and often rewards, snap judgments, insults, soon-to-be-forgotten pronouncements, grotesque oversimplifications and the spread of false or dubious information. Trump wasn’t careful about what he said anywhere, but he reserved his most lurid and poisonous communications for Twitter. It was the place easiest for him to, for instance, absurdly accuse Morning Joe host Joe Scarborough of murder or insult the looks of his

alleged paramour Stormy Daniels. It was a symptom of his erratic, easily distracted, and thoughtless governing style that he used Twitter as a tool of his administration. He warned foreign leaders, fired officials and made pronouncements on legislation on Twitter, often leaving allies and his own government baffled by what was supposed the line between “just a tweet” and an official order by the president of the United States. Twitter was an especially ready forum for airing conspiracy theories. Asked prior to the election about his giving credence to the lunatic idea that Navy SEAL Team 6 had been assassinated, Trump shrugged and said it was only a retweet. In the wake of his election defeat, his Twitter feed became a nonstop source of bad information dredged up from the worst corners of the internet. If Trump was the foremost offender, Twitter hasn’t done us any favors in this period of our national life. It has fed moral panics and enabled cancellation mobs. It has exposed journalists who once made a pretense of objectivity as rank partisans. It has enticed once serious people into crowd-pleasing clownishness. It has made politicians dumber and cruder. It has distorted political reality for people across the spectrum. It, in short, has helped derange our politics, with the former Tweeter-in-Chief leading the way.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By **Chris Cobler**



Observers welcome quiet Opening of Texas Legislature

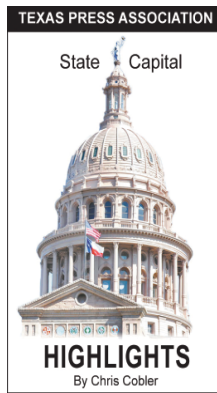
The Texas Legislature opened quietly, which delighted everyone after the violence inside the U.S. Capitol the previous week.

At the Texas State Capitol, a variety of legislative agendas took center stage at the start of the 87th session, which will run 140 days. Gov. Greg Abbott’s goals include ensuring Texans have access to high-quality healthcare, improving public safety, getting Texans back to work and promoting the state’s economic recovery. Many other state organizations announced their agendas, too:

- The Texas Farm Bureau outlined 11 priorities, starting with protecting property owners’ rights under eminent domain law. Other legislative priorities include protecting landowners and agricultural producers’ rights to surface water and groundwater; legalizing reasonable chemical controls for feral hogs and maintaining all current legal methods of controlling feral hogs; and supporting efforts to install broadband and cellular infrastructure in underserved rural communities.

- Raise Your Hand Texas is focused on making sure public dollars remain in public schools. Some of those policy recommendations include protecting all investments made in 2019’s House Bill 3, including the funding for full-day pre-kindergarten; ensuring federal stimulus dollars are used to increase public education funding; continuing to invest in students with the goal of reaching the national average in per-student funding; and opposing any form of taxpayer subsidies to private schools and vendors, such as tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, vouchers for students in special education and virtual vouchers.

- The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers will be working with lawmakers to avoid proposals to raise



whether all energy sources are paying as much as oil and gas producers.

“Renewable energy projects in the state do not pay a severance tax to the state like we must do,” Modglin wrote in Shalemag.com. “Those arguing Texas and the U.S. should fully transition to renewable energy sources have offered no plan for how they will fund schools, roads and water infrastructure in the same way oil and gas severance taxes do. For example, electric vehicles are currently not required to pay for the use of roads like gasoline and diesel vehicles must.”

CONNECTING RURAL TEXAS

Regular readers of “Capital Highlights” know of readers’ high interest in improving the access to high-speed internet for rural Texans. Connected Nation Texas recently asked lawmakers to offer their thoughts on the need.

“Many of the counties I represent do not have a hospital or even a doctor, and broadband can help bridge the healthcare gap these rural residents face,” said Sen. Charles Perry, a Republican representing West Texas’ District 28.

Connected Nation Texas does not do any lobbying for legislation, but state program director Jennifer Harris said she anticipated many lawmakers would try to offer solutions this session.

Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Trent Ashby, R-Lufkin, have announced their intent to file legislation aimed at expanding access. They said their bill would “affirm the state’s commitment to closing the digital divide for Texans who lack either access to internet service or the means to subscribe to the services offered in their community.”

“The coronavirus pandemic has underscored the need for reliable access to the internet and exposed the breadth of ways in which connectivity impacts daily life,” Ashby said in a statement. “It’s my hope that passage of this bill will ensure our state is serious about working to make 21st century investments in favor of economic development, education, healthcare, public safety and the many other industries which benefit from connectivity.”

The upcoming legislation includes:

- Creation of a broadband development office within the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- A broadband development program funded by the newly established broadband development account.

- Establishment of a broadband development map to be updated regularly and published by the office.

The development within a year of a statewide broadband plan.

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OBITUARIES

ERNEST TODD ROSS

Ernest Todd Ross passed away in Pasadena, Texas on January 3rd, 2021. Ernest Todd Ross is preceded in death by his Mother Theresa Flo Ross in February of 2020.

Ernest Todd Ross is survived by his Sons Ernest Paul Ross of Houston, Texas, Ernest Todd Ross of Bessemer, Alabama, and Joshua Walker of Wheeling, West Virginia; Father Ernest Delbert Ross; Sister Tara Erna Neal and husband Mark; Grandson Cristan and Grand Daughters Calie and Ameliea.

Ernest Todd Ross was born in Steubenville, Ohio



in June of 1962. He graduated from C.E. King High School in Houston in 1978. Mr. Ross had a varied

working career in the Oil Field Services, as a Painter, a Carpenter, Blinds Installer and Telemarketing. He will be missed deeply by his Family.

Future remembrance services are pending.

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David Henry Walts was welcomed into Heaven on January 3, 2021, at Memorial Herman Hospital in Humble, Texas. He was the loving Husband of Dorothy Ann (Zycha) Walts. David was born, baptized in Ben Hur, Texas, and confirmed at Saint Leo the Great Church in Houston, Texas.

Married to Dorothy Zycha at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crosby, Texas on June 29th 1974, and Spent 50 wonderful years of marriage with his wife Dottie. David was a loving person and his passion in life was caring for his wife Dottie and his extended family and animals. David loved hunting, fishing and playing his guitar. David was also known for

his sense of humor and always had a smile for everyone. David enjoyed life and the get togethers with friends and relatives. He personally like to tell jokes to make people laugh and smile.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father Henry Walts and mother Bertha Walts. David was survived by his wife Dorothy Walts; his brother Jim Walts, his sister Janelle Morgan. He was also survived by a large Zycha family and will certainly be missed by his many in-laws, nieces and nephews, who he shared many good times.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Wednesday, January 13,

2021, beginning at 10 am, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg Rd, Crosby, Texas 77532. A rosary will follow at 10:30 am. A funeral mass will be held at 11 am with a burial immediately following in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Gulf Pump Road (1942), Barrett, Texas 77532

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JENNIFER P. "JENNY" MCKINNEY

HUGHES SPRINGS—Jennifer Lea Posey McKinney was born on August 10th, 1961 to Buddie and Shirley Posey in Houston, TX. She died peacefully in her home on Sunday, January 17th, 2021 after a ten year battle with breast cancer. Jenny's battle with cancer was marked by her devotion to the Lord, His word, and His church. She spent the last several days of her life surrounded by friends and family who she loved very much.



left this earth, she would see the face of Jesus and be healed. Her family rejoices in her healing, and the promise that they one day too will be reunited with her and her Savior.

Jenny is survived by her loving husband Stephen McKinney; son, Chris McKinney (Keisha) of DeQueen, Arkansas and their son Joshua; daughter, Cara Carrington (Kevin) of Lowell, Arkansas and their children Molly and Sophie; son, Clay McKinney (Emily) of Conway, Arkansas; sister, Deborah Posey of Houston, TX; sister, Kathryn Posey and her daughter Gracie (Ian) of Channelview, TX; sister, Malinda Zamarripa (Robert) of Pittsburg, TX and their children Faith, Hope, and Matthew; mother-in-law, Betty McKinney of Hughes Springs, TX; sister-in-law Brenda Sellers (Greg) of League City, TX and their children Brent (Katie) and Sean (Lacey); sister-in-law Elizabeth Meyer (Danny) of New Boston, TX and their son Luke; brother-in-law Greg McKinney (Mary) of Hughes Springs, TX and their children Jarrod (Brittany), Ryan (Mariah), and Chad (Katelyn); brother-in-law Jeff McKinney (Janie) of Hughes Springs, TX and their children Kurt (Ashley), Julie (Casey), and Blake (Alisha); and numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Jenny was preceded in death by her father, Buddie Posey; mother, Shirley Posey; father-in-law, L Ray McKinney; and brother-in-law, Mike Wellborn.

Jenny was raised in Channelview, TX along with her three sisters. Jenny sang in the choir, was a Channelette and graduated third in her class. Buddie and Shirley filled their home with love and laughter, and the four Shirley girls lived a very full and wonderful childhood together full of music, horses, dancing, water skiing, camping, and family road trips. Jenny, her parents, and her sisters were faithful attendees of Old River Terrace United Methodist Church. She came to know Jesus as Savior at age 11, and her mother and the church were instrumental in her growth as a young Christian. Jenny attended San Jacinto College after graduating from high school; she had a part time job at CornDog 7, where she met Stephen McKinney. They were married on January 24th, 1981 at Old River Terrace United Methodist Church.

Steve and Jenny lived and raised their family in Hughes Springs, TX. It was Jenny's greatest joy to be a wife and mother. Despite multiple miscarriages, God gave her and Steve three beautiful children - Chris, Cara, and Clay. Jenny loved her Hughes Springs community and was very involved at First Baptist Hughes Springs and taught multiple Sunday School groups and TeamKids. She was a part of the church choir for many years and loved to sing praises to her God, both at church and at home. It was very important to her that she and her family were involved in church together. She worked diligently to stay in touch with all her extended family and keep up with their wants, needs and happenings. After her children left her home, she invested much of her time in Jenny's Hope. Jenny's Hope was a ministry that was named

in her honor and gave her great joy and a new opportunity to meet new people and serve their needs in the name of Jesus.

Jenny was a "knower". Her quick mind kept up with details that served her in her work and personal life. Those around her came to depend upon her knowing. Combined with her loving servant heart, her joy and contagious laugh, her commitment to seek the best in others and to speak truth, Jen was a powerful force that God used to bless those with whom she connected.

Jenny was diagnosed with breast cancer on December 16th, 2010. Throughout her battle with cancer, she was never afraid of the fight. She always believed that her fight with cancer was a way to show others how to live a life of faith. God was her strength and comfort during the battle, and she wanted others to know that. Despite her cancer diagnosis, Jenny lived a very full life for the last 10 years. All three of her children are married, and she was blessed with three beautiful grandchildren. Becoming "JenJen" was an added joy to her life, a joy that she at times was not sure she would receive. She spent many days traveling, laughing and making memories with her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters, and extended family.

Jenny's battle with cancer ended on January 17th. Even to the end of her life, Jenny's prayer was that throughout this trial her God would be glorified. She proclaimed the name of Jesus and spent time praying and singing with her family. It was most evident to her and her family that the peace and strength of God was with them. She and her family understood that when she

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at First Baptist Church with Bro. Joseph Adams and Bro. Daniel Bramlett officiating. Burial will follow at Hughes Springs Cemetery under the direction of Reeder-Davis Funeral Home in Hughes Springs. Mrs. McKinney will lie in state from 12:00 noon until service time Wednesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society: <https://donate3.cancer.org/> or Cypress Basin Hospice: <https://cbbhospice.org/get-involved/donate/>

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

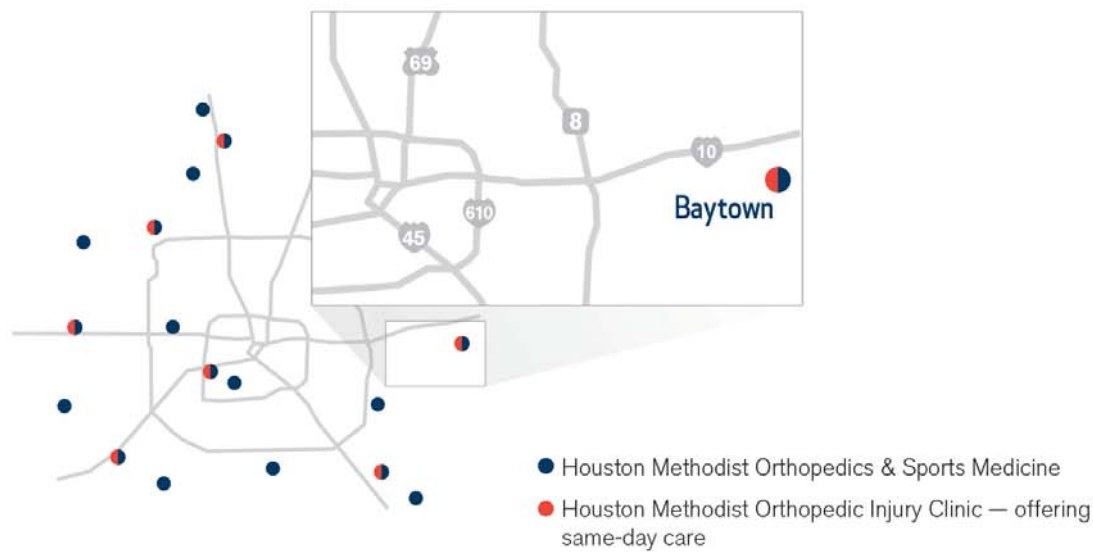
Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 111,740,914	\$ 31,413,264	\$ 1,631,862	\$ 2,373,821	\$ 147,159,861
5800 State program revenues	122,034,474	283,255	-	3,942,984	126,260,713
5900 Federal program revenues	4,791,222	-	-	31,859,818	36,651,040
5020 Total revenues	238,566,610	31,696,519	1,631,862	38,176,623	310,071,614
Expenditures					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	118,862,521	-	-	14,627,990	133,490,511
0012 Instructional resources and media services	2,362,142	-	-	19,991	2,382,133
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	4,248,768	-	-	3,020,798	7,269,566
0021 Instructional leadership	6,397,613	-	-	649,510	7,047,123
0023 School leadership	16,220,237	-	-	95,466	16,315,703
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	7,826,500	-	-	544,744	8,371,244
0032 Social work services	592,562	-	-	438,267	1,030,829
0033 Health services	1,924,924	-	-	295,950	2,220,874
0034 Student transportation	9,263,598	-	-	242,534	9,506,132
0035 Food services	287,316	-	-	14,194,248	14,481,564
0036 Extracurricular activities	3,865,300	-	-	1,218,900	5,084,200
0041 General administration	9,310,128	-	-	58,641	9,368,769
0051 Facilities maintenance and operations	30,515,910	-	-	1,304,871	31,820,781
0052 Security and monitoring services	3,980,016	-	-	-	3,980,016
0053 Data processing services	5,124,229	-	-	26,430	5,150,659
0061 Community services	1,444,557	-	-	717,011	2,161,568
Debt service:					
0071 Principal on long-term debt	344,957	14,886,608	-	-	15,231,565
0072 Interest on long-term debt	10,400	17,363,092	-	-	17,373,492
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees	-	145,873	934,865	-	1,080,738
Capital outlay:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction expenditures	3,909,681	-	32,879,293	-	36,788,974
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments related to shared services arrangements	-	-	-	395,167	395,167
0099 Payments to appraisal district	1,043,300	-	-	-	1,043,300
6030 Total Expenditures	227,534,659	32,395,573	33,814,158	37,850,518	331,594,908
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	11,031,951	(699,054)	(32,182,296)	326,105	(21,523,294)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7911 Refunding bonds issued	-	14,850,000	-	-	14,850,000
7911 Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds)	-	-	92,760,000	-	92,760,000
7912 Sale of real and personal property	73,160	-	-	12,678	85,838
7916 Premium on issuance of bonds	-	1,546,886	13,174,865	-	14,721,751
8940 Payment to bond refunding escrow agent	-	(16,252,175)	-	-	(16,252,175)
7000 Total other financing sources and uses	73,160	144,711	105,934,865	12,678	106,165,414
1200 Net change in fund balance	11,105,111	(554,343)	73,752,569	338,783	84,642,120
0100 Fund Balance - beginning	166,473,183	10,442,380	32,217,212	5,357,445	214,490,220
1300 Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	302,035	302,035
3000 Fund Balance - ending	\$ 177,578,294	\$ 9,888,037	\$ 105,969,781	\$ 5,998,263	\$ 299,434,375



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Dayton Chamber News

Monthly Networking Luncheon

Guest Speaker:
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Lunch will be
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Join us for our luncheon Tuesday, February 2, 2021, in the ballroom of the Dayton Community Center 801. S. Cleveland St.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm

We are asking you to please RSVP by 5:00 pm Friday, January 29th to be entered in the drawing for a chance to win a door prize.

Hearts & Minds Early Learning Center

We will be celebrating Hearts & Minds Early Learning Center's second location opening in Dayton! The ribbon-cutting will be at their Dayton location, 106 S. Cleveland St. at 11 AM on January 27, 2021. We hope everyone can make it to show support to this new Dayton business.

Dayton Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Banquet

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Due to the recent spike of Covid-19 cases within the county and for the safety of our members, we have decided to postpone our Annual Banquet to Saturday, February 27th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm in the Dayton Community Center Ballroom.

First Responders Luncheon!

Save the Date for the First Responders Luncheon!

Join us for our luncheon Tuesday, March 2, 2021, in the ballroom of the Dayton Community Center 801. S. Cleveland St.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm

Chambers County designated as Vaccine HUB

CHAMBERS COUNTY – Samantha Humphrey, Public Information Officer for the county, reports receiving quite a few calls and emails over the weekend regarding Chambers County's designation as a COVID-19 vaccination HUB. She said that the county is still in the very early stages of planning

vaccination sites.

Here is some basic information that may be of use:

Chambers County learned of their designation as a vaccination HUB on Saturday, January 16, 2020 and immediately began working to identify potential mass vaccination sites and staff.

The county has a limited

number of vaccines available currently, and so pre-registration for sites will be required. Information regarding pre-registration for these sites will be released soon. No unregistered walk ups or drive ups will be accepted.

Because of the limited number of vaccines available at each site, we will

not be releasing locations publicly. Only the date will be public. Once a person registers for a vaccine date, they will receive the time and location of their vaccine site, as well as any additional pertinent information.

Vaccines will be available for all Phase 1A and Phase 1B populations.

Registration will take place on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once information is finalized, we will publicize it. Residents who have signed up for the Chambers Warns (mass alert) system will receive a phone call and/or text and we will also promote through the media.

Lawmen shot at chasing suspects

Mont Belvieu - A wild chase with gunshots between Chambers and Harris County happened on Dec. 29.

Sheriff Brian Hawthorne reports that on December 29, about 2:25 a.m., the Chambers County Sheriff's Office Business and Residential Neighborhood Task Force (TF BURN) was patrolling in the 9500 block of N. Hwy 146 when a 2019 Polaris Ranger 1000 All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) occupied by three subjects was observed driving on a public roadway.

When Deputies tried to make a traffic stop the vehicle refused to stop and fled to Harris County.

Subjects abandoned the ATV in the 5200 block of East Wallisville Road and fled on foot, as Chambers County Deputies and officers with Baytown Police Department pursued.

During the foot chase one of the subjects discharged a firearm at pursuing deputies and officers. Multiple resources to include Houston Police Departments Air Support, a drone and multiple K9's attempted to locate the subjects but were unsuccessful.

The ATV's owner was notified and arrangements have been made for him to recover the vehicle.

On December 29, at approximately 1:18 p.m., Chambers County Sheriff's Office Detective Dickens was conducting a follow up investigation in the 5200 block of the Highlands Ranch Subdivision located



This stolen ATV with three suspects aboard fled from deputies from Chambers County near Highway 146 to near Highlands Ranch on Garth Road north of Baytown on Dec. 29. Soon after the chase began on foot one of the suspects fired a pistol at the lawmen.

in Baytown, attempting to obtain video surveillance footage of the subjects.

While checking the area Deputy Dickens observed a person exit from behind one of the residences, matching the description of one of the suspects. The subject had dropped his cell phone and had returned to retrieve it, at the same time Deputy Dickens was checking the area. As Deputy Dickens attempted to speak with the suspect, he again fled from deputies.

After an extensive search that included DPS Aircraft Operations, DPS Troopers, Parks and Wildlife, Baytown Police, Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Deputies and the Chambers County Sheriff's Office, the subject was finally apprehended.



Terrance Alexander

Information obtained on scene positively identified Terrance Jarrell Alexander, 20, of Austin, Texas, as the person that discharged a firearm at law enforcement officers and also led to the identification of additional

suspects involved in this incident. These suspects are also being investigated for numerous other ATV thefts throughout Harris, Liberty and Chambers Counties.

Terrance Jarrell Alexander was arrested and booked into the Chambers County jail for evading arrest, \$25,000 bond, with stolen vehicle valued less than \$30,000; theft, \$2,500 and aggravated assault against public servant (First degree felony) \$250,000 bond.

Sheriff Hawthorne created TF BURN to add additional deputies patrolling business and residential neighborhoods in hopes of reducing crime during the holiday months.

"I am extremely proud of the deputies that have worked TF BURN, as well as the detectives of the Criminal Investigations Division for their due diligence in exhausting all measures to solve this and other crimes in Chambers County," said Sheriff Hawthorne.

According to Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton, "Precinct 3 Deputies assisted Chambers County Sheriff's Office in the apprehension of suspect Terrance Jarrell Alexander who had evaded multiple law enforcement agencies. Alexander was wanted in connection to a stolen ATV and is being investigated for his role in a string of thefts in Harris and neighboring counties. Terrance Alexander was charged and booked into the Chambers County Jail."

County Buildings Closed to Rentals

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS – All Chambers County-owned community buildings will remain closed to public use until further notice.

"We are again seeing a period of widespread community transmission of COVID-19," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia, "and we don't feel that it's safe to reopen community buildings for rental at this time."

Outdoor events are still being considered on a case-by-case basis. Those interested in hosting an outdoor event in County jurisdiction must submit an Outdoor Event Application for review in advance. This application can be found under the Permitting page of the Chambers County website (co.chambers.tx.us).

"Times are still dark, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel with vaccines rolling out," continued the Judge. "We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to move forward with reopening in the near future."

More information will be released as it becomes available. In the meantime, Chambers County residents are encouraged to continue following guidelines. Avoid large gatherings when possible, practice social distancing and wear a face covering when in public.

Don't Let Ankle Sprains Sideline You

BAYTOWN — (January 7, 2021) — Ankle sprains are a minor injury but a major pain. Because ankle sprains can happen during routine activity or active exercise, the condition can impact nearly anyone. A simple misstep can result in a sprain that can linger for several weeks.

An ankle sprain happens when ankle ligaments are stretched beyond their normal range of motion. Sprains can range significantly in severity and are often accompanied by pain, which can take several weeks or more to fully resolve. Mild sprains may be caused by overstretching or irritating ligaments while severe sprains can involve tearing of the ligaments.

"Significant pain, severe swelling, bruising of the ankle or a popping sensation at the time of injury are signs that your ankle injury could be more than a simple sprain. Contact your primary care physician or orthopedist if you

suspect a more serious problem," said Dr. Andrew Friedmann, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in foot and ankle conditions at Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Baytown.

For mild sprains, some basic first aid can help with healing and recovery. Use the RICE method for the first 48-72 hours to reduce pain and swelling. After the first few days, gradually increasing activity may help improve flexibility and movement following the injury.

R = Rest

Rest your ankle as much as possible during the first day or two to help promote healing. Avoid overworking the ankle and any activities that cause discomfort.

I = Ice

Ice reduces swelling and the initial pain of your ankle sprain. Apply a wrapped ice pack to the injured ankle for 10-20 minutes, using it every two or



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three hours in the first two days following an injury.

C = Compression

Compression helps reduce swelling and stabilizes an injured ankle. Use an elastic bandage or wrap or try a brace. "Several types are available that can provide added support to your injured ankle. Make sure it's not too tight to avoid cutting off the circulation to your foot or causing discomfort," Friedmann said.

E = Elevation

Keeping the injured an-

kle above your heart helps reduce swelling and removes excess fluid from the injured area. Elevating your foot while relaxing or sleeping with a pillow underneath your ankle can assist in the healing process.

"Following the first few days of a sprain, gentle stretching or light exercise, such as walking can help your recovery. In any healing process, listen to your body. If an activity causes significant discomfort or pain, stop and contact your doctor to avoid a more serious injury," Friedmann explained.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is taking every necessary precaution during the coronavirus pandemic to keep you and our staff members safe. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are:

- Screening all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office
- Wearing masks and personal protective equip-

ment (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

Located in the recently opened, state-of-the-art Outpatient Center, the specialists with Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Baytown—Dr. Friedmann, Mark Franklin, MD, Dr. Karthik Jonna, David Mann, DO, Dr. Jennifer Wagner and Michael Hopson, MD—provide comprehensive care for the full range of orthopedic conditions, including joint replacement, arthritis, fracture care, rotator cuff injuries and sports medicine. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 281-427-7400 or visit houstonmethodist.org/orthopedics.