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IN THE STARS

EVENTS
THUR. OCT. 14
Highlands Chamber Luncheon
 Thursday Oct. 14 luncheon at the San Jacinto Community Center 12 noon. Randy Casey will speak on Healthcare Insurance and the open enrollment period. RSVP to HighlandsChamber@verizon.net \$15 includes lunch.

THUR. OCT. 21
Crosby Chamber Luncheon and Board Election
 October Luncheon. Thursday, October 21st at Crosby Church. The address is 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby, Texas 77532. Lunch will begin at 11:30am. Voting will be held at this Luncheon. There are seven positions to fill for 2022. Only CHAMBER MEMBERS in good standing may vote. If you have any questions regarding your status to vote or how many votes your business receives please contact Chamber at 281-328-6984 or email us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

The following is a list of NOMINEES so far, but you still are able to continue to nominate!
 Shirley Dupree-Huffman Ed Foundation/Incumbent
 Keenan Smith-Crosby Church/Incumbent
 Jamie Lee-Third Coast Bank/Incumbent
 Margarette Chasteen-Rodan & Fields/Incumbent
 Eric Jennings-DocResources/Incumbent
 Sue Fitzgerald-Dove Shipping
 Kay Sosa-Visiting Angels
 Please RSVP by October 19th. You can call 281-328-6984, email chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org or register also.

BIRTHDAYS
 Oct 14-Jerry Taylor
 Brendon Lee
 Oct 15-Melody Drew
 Eric Johnson
 Rusty Ressler
 Oct 16-Maggie McArdle
 K.D. Strickland
 Jacob Stuart
 Oct 17- Clanton Vaughn
 Oct 18-Shannon Coward
 Robbie Ressler
 Raymond James
 Oct 20-Ellen Holton
 Oct 21-Cleta Hart

ANNIVERSARIES
 Oct 16-Edgar & Evelyn Wotipka
 Oct 18-Karen & Derek Etkins
 Oct 19-Alton Bubba & Sandra Williams
 Oct 20-Vernon & Lois Searcy
 Oct 20-David and Leon Lee
 Oct 23-Johnnie & Melissa Miley

DEATHS
 Jimmy David Love
 Viola Victoria Stubbs

HIGHLANDS Jamboree & Spooktacular set for Oct. 30

HIGHLANDS – Chamber of Commerce Director Jessica Woods has announced that after missing the Jamboree last year, due to the Pandemic, the community will be able to participate in a combined Jamboree and Halloween celebration, named a “Spooktacular” on Saturday, October 30. The Highlands 64th Annual

Jamboree will include a parade, crafts show, Expo, and Children’s Pageant on Saturday, October 30th.

The Parade will begin at 10 am and travel south on Main Street.

The Craft Fair and Expo will open after the parade at Highlands Elementary Campus on E. Wallis-



The 2019 Jamboree Parade featured the Highlands Rotary Club as the Parade Marshall, and Terry Davis award winner.

vile Rd. The popular Children’s pageant will start at noon following the parade awards, taking place in the elementary school multipurpose room.

For more info, email HighlandsChamber@verizon.net, message us on Facebook, or call/text Jessica @ 713-851-5746.

Crosby ISD investigates racist graffiti

CROSBY – The school district is now investigating vandalism in the form of graffiti with racist remarks, discovered in one of the student rest rooms at the high school. The markings may be the result of a national trend, promoted on the internet site TikTok, encouraging students to rebel against schools with this type of defacement.

Students and parents at Crosby High School have expressed shock and concern about the vandalism.

The district sent out a letter to parents informing them about “derogatory racial remarks” written on Crosby High School bathroom tiles. Now, the district is asking parents to talk with their students and remain vigilant in observing and reporting suspicious behavior.

“We need to make you aware of an incident that

happened at Crosby High School this week. A bathroom was vandalized with derogatory racial remarks. Campus administration is investigating. Remember, any student involved in vandalism of any kind in our schools will be held to the strictest disciplinary action.

Everything about this incident goes against what Crosby ISD stands for. On our campuses, we teach respect for all people and property. This could likely be part of a wider trend on social media encouraging teenagers to vandalize school bathrooms. Regardless of the motivation, destruction of school property is illegal and disrespectful. Students who choose to participate in this behavior will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct and could be required to pay restitution for the property



VIEW on Social Media site shows racist graffiti written on tile walls in the Crosby High School boys bathroom.

to create a safe place for all students and allow us to remain focused on teaching and learning.”

Crosby ISD parent Bo Winn, whose two daughters go to Crosby High School let him know about harmful and racist messages written on the tiles of a school bathroom. “They said in the boys’ bathroom every single stall had something different on it,” said parent Bo Winn. Messages that included phrases like, “Whites Only,” “No Blacks Allowed,” and “Pick my cotton,” among other written derogatory phrases, according to students and photos now circulating on social media.

“It’s disgraceful. Where are people’s values anymore,” said Crosby ISD parent Gail Schmidt.

Many parents were *Continued. See Graffiti, Page 4*

Crosby defeats Kingwood Park easily, 67-13



Above, #20 running back Quincy Jones carries the ball over the Goal Line for a touchdown. Jones scored 3 TDs, carrying for a total of 105 yards. QB Cyryn Myles, #10, also scored 2 TDs, with 11 carries for 113 yards. Myles also completed 7 of 8 passes, for a total of 129 yards. Final stats for the Crosby Cougars were 520 total yards, with 188 passing and 332 rushing.

Highlands Rotary recognized by State Rep. Briscoe Cain



Rotary club president Jerry Fallin, and Past President Andy Scott, receive a recognition certificate from representatives of State Rep. Briscoe Cain, naming the club the “Best Little Club in District 5890.”

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OPINION
By Stephanie Swanson
League of Women Voters of Texas

Texans oppose unjust Gerrymandering

Austin, TX — Fair Maps Texas will be hosting a virtual press event as the 87th (3) Special Legislative Session gavel in on Monday. The press conference will feature a diverse group of Texans from across the State who have been impacted by our current gerrymandered maps, those who are not usually included at the table when maps are being drawn. These Texans will be speaking on the need for a fair and open districting process, one that fully considers the vital input of communities most impacted. These Texans are calling for better representation, for it's the same legislators that were elected under our heavily gerrymandered maps that are passing regressive policies that are hurting all people, especially poor and low-wealth Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian people.

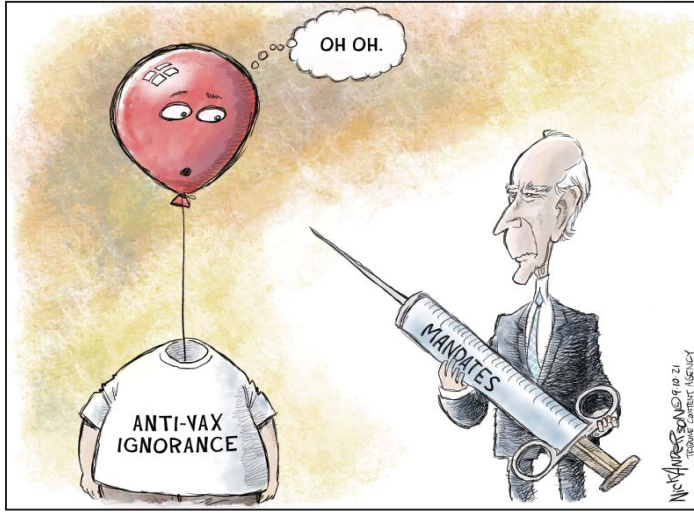
In 2011, Texas drew maps that intentionally discriminated against people of color. The federal court that reviewed those maps noted the "exclusion of minority member and public input despite the minority population growth, the misleading information, the secrecy and closed process, and the rushed process." Recently the same panel of judges stated, "Given the record produced in 2011, the State must implement a process that, by any reasonable definition, is 'fair and open.'"

At this press conference, Texans will stand together and demand that the Legislature use a "fair and open" redistricting process and demand that the U.S. Congress pass all provisions of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, reforms desperately needed in order to protect the rights of voters in the redistricting process.

Fair Maps Texas is a nonpartisan reform effort aimed at fixing the broken redistricting system in Texas.

We are: ACLU TX, Clean Elections Texas, Common Cause Texas, Common Ground For Texans, League of Women Voters of Texas, March To The Polls, National Council of Jewish Women - Greater Dallas, Our Vote Texas, Texans Against Gerrymandering, Texas Civil Rights Project and Tex PIRG

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders

Redistricting skirmish continues in the Legislature

Along party lines, the Texas Senate passed a redistricting plan Friday that pits the only two Black members of Congress from Houston against each other and does not create any more minority-majority districts, reported the San Antonio Express-News. Attempts to amend the plan by Democratic legislators were all rejected by the redistricting map's principal author, state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston.

The Texas House has yet to release any redistricting proposals for Congress during the third special session, which ends Oct. 18. If the House doesn't pass a redistricting bill, it's likely both chambers will have to return for a fourth special session this year, the Express-News reported.

STATE CLIMATOLOGIST: TEXAS IS GETTING HOTTER

The state climatologist recently predicted that Texas will continue to get hotter and for longer periods of time during the next 15 years. In "Assessment of Historic and Future Trends of Extreme Weather in Texas, 1900-2036," John Nielsen-Gammon predicted the average annual temperature in Texas will be three degrees warmer than the average from 1950-1999, and the number of 100-degree days could nearly double compared to 2000-2018.

The report, sponsored by Texas 2036, a nonpartisan nonprofit group named for the state's bicentennial in 15 years, indicates that the average coldest monthly temperatures will continue to rise, though that will vary across the state, as will rainfall predictions. Extremely severe weather is expected to increase. "Storm surges from hurricanes will tend to be more severe because of



higher relative sea levels, and a possible increase in extreme hurricane intensity may further increase storm surge risk," Nielsen-Gammon wrote.

OCTOBER IS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

One in five children report being bullied, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. In Texas, at least 40% of those bullied have seriously considered suicide. The agency "provides caregivers the tools to empower their children to be anti-bullying champions and to get messaging out about bullying prevention" at GetParentingTips.com.

The content is designed to help parents and other caregivers to have conversations with their children about bullying. "The conversation to prevent bullying can start as early as when a child learns the difference between kindness and unkindness," according to TDFPS.

NEARLY 1,000 DIED DUE TO DRUNK DRIVING LAST YEAR

A statewide impaired-driving campaign aims to cut the number of Texans killed in drunk driving crashes, according to the

Texas Department of Transportation. In 2020, 963 people in Texas were killed and 2,114 injured in alcohol-related crashes, according to TxDOT. Drinking and driving is completely preventable and can cause serious physical, emotional and financial consequences. Sober ride options include a designated driver, calling a cab or rideshare service, using mass transit or calling a sober friend.

TxDOT's Drive Sober, No Regrets campaign is conducting outreach events at college campuses across the state in conjunction with football season. The events include video testimonials of Texans who deal with the daily consequences of drunk driving, either as a survivor or offender.

COVID-19 CASES STILL DROPPING

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the state is steadily dropping, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, with 45,884 cases reported in the past week, along with 1,201 new deaths. Both categories are down more than 20% compared to the previous week. Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas also continue to drop, with 6,730 reported Sunday by the Texas Department of State Health Services, a drop of 18% from the previous week.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated has crossed the 15 million mark, which is 51.6 percent of the state's total population.

ARTS COMMISSION SEEKS 'YOUNG MASTERS'

The Texas Commission on the Arts and the Texas Cultural Trust are seeking applications for the 2022 class of Young Masters. The program provides "exemplary Texas-based arts students" in grades 8-11 with financial assistance to pursue study in various areas of the arts, such as visual, literary, folk arts, music, dance, theater and media art. Those chosen as "Young Masters" receive grants of \$5,000 per year to further their studies. More information can be found on the TCA website: arts.texas.gov.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Generally Good Habits

I am a person of generally good habits, which is why it is puzzling when I acquire a bad one.

Habits are probably the most important thing when it comes to having a happy life. I eat things that make me feel good and are good for me. I take my long walk every day. I do daily pushups (even though I hate them). I go to the doctor on a regular schedule, sleep a good amount every night. I haven't smoked a cigarette since I was in my 20s when it seemed like fun. I stopped drinking alcohol when I realized it wasn't doing anything positive for my health. All in all, I take a certain amount of pride in having good habits about things large and small.

Then I started getting up in the middle of the night and snacking.

This new habit is not a good one. I realize nocturnal noshing is not a life-endangering habit, but it amounts to eating an extra meal a day and, worse yet, I don't usually brush my teeth. I go back to bed and fall blissfully asleep immediately, full of peanuts and raisins.

The next morning, I wake up and say, "Did I do that again?" And I did. I feel as if a second Carrie—a mischievous nighttime Carrie with no concern for either her teeth or waistline—is undermining my efforts to lead an orderly life.

After several nights in a row of doing this, I confessed to my husband. "Peter! I've been getting up in the middle of the night and eating peanuts and raisins!"

"You probably needed them," he says. Peter is no help at all. If I started up on hard drugs, he'd probably tell me I needed them.

"But I don't!" I insist. "I've never done this before." And it's true.

I don't know what has triggered this late-in-life, late-night bingeing, but I know that, when I'm doing it, it's very enjoyable. There's nothing haphazard about this—it is all quite deliberate. I sit in the dark in my comfy chair, looking out the window, seeing where the moon is in the sky, listening to middle-of-the-night sounds. I munch on my peanuts and raisins in a little wooden bowl. I have some ice water, sometimes a second small bowl, and then become overwhelmingly sleepy and go back to bed.

In the morning I say, "I did it again!"

"I didn't hear you," Peter says. Peter was sound asleep.

"It was the middle of the night!" I tell him. "Why was I eating peanuts in the middle of the night?"

Today looks as if it will be the final day of serious renovations in our house. There are two men working at the moment and two more will arrive any minute, and after that, we should have our home—finally—to ourselves.

And maybe that will be the end of my peanut eating.

It sounds like an elaborate justification, but I am looking forward to the quiet—the kind of quiet I have in the middle of the night with just me and my little wooden bowl full of peanuts and raisins, the lights out, the house to myself. No banging or hammering or sawing or drilling. Just me and the quiet and a few illicit peanuts.

My daytime self disapproves. But my nighttime self says, "Take it easy, Carrie. It's not going to kill you. It's just a few peanuts in the middle of the night."

Generally, I trust my daytime self. But maybe my nighttime self knows something I don't.

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

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ON THE HILL

FM 1942 to be closed Oct. 15 to Oct. 17

Chambers County was recently notified by the City of Mont Belvieu's Office of Emergency Management that FM 1942 at the railroad tracks will be closed from October 15 at 9 p.m. through October 17 at 9 p.m.

Please plan to take an alternate route during this closure and be prepared for major traffic delays.

Genealogy program at MB Library on Oct. 15

The Chambers County Library System will be holding a virtual genealogy program on October 15 from 10am-7pm. The program is sponsored by the Genealogy Center of Waco-McLennan County Library and Central Texas Genealogical Society. The event includes 8 programs ranging from beginning genealogy to more intermediate and advanced topics. Learn the basics, all the way to solving mysteries from the 18th and 19th centuries using DNA. This informative program will be presented by professionals in their respective fields. Registration is required, and participants will receive a link to view individual topics the day of the program. Visit the library's website to register, or call your local branch. www.chambers.lib.tx.us

Curbside service at County Libraries

The Chambers County Library System continues to offer curbside service through the remainder of 2021. Books, DVDs, audiobooks and other items can be reserved and picked up at any of the branch libraries. The public can also send documents to branch emails for printing, send items to fax, or request copies. There is no charge for these services. A notary public is available, but please call ahead to make an appointment.

Hours for all locations, we are curbside Monday-Friday, 8-5 and Saturday, 9-1.

In addition to curbside service, there are weekly virtual story times, and craft programs on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Take and make crafts for kids and teens are offered each month.

Special consideration for computer appointments is being made for people who need to do job or school related assignments (masks encouraged). We ask that people use the computers quickly to limit exposure. We also offer 24/7 Wi-Fi with mobile printing.

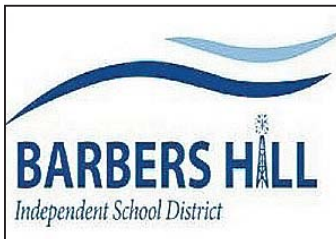
The library will continue to work closely with county and health officials to provide a safe environment when it comes time to reopen to the public.

If you don't have a library card, you can apply for an eCard to access the library's online resources. Visit our website here www.chambers.lib.tx.us <<http://www.chambers.lib.tx.us>>

BHISD earns top scores in state testing

Texas Education Agency released 2020-2021 state accountability scores in August, and Barbers Hill ISD ranked at the top of its 40-district comparison group statewide.

"Our outstanding scores can be attributed to the heroic effort of staff members who put students first despite obstacles, students who came to school and gave it their best, and a community who continued to trust and



support us in these unprecedented times," said Deputy Superintendent Sandra Duree.

The district's overall passing rate was 89 percent, which is 22 points higher than the state

average and ahead of second- and third-ranking Dallas-area districts Frisco ISD and Wylie ISD.

"State accountability scores are one measure of success," said Duree. "Last year we celebrated so many successes, such as our highest number of Advanced Placement scholars, a National Merit Commended Student, and our new Social Emotional Learning program, not to mention our dozens of state qualifiers and state champions."

Barbers Hill ISD ranked first among all districts in Texas with similar demographics (beyond the 40-district comparison group), and

seventh overall among same size or larger districts in Texas.

"These remarkable scores cannot undo the stress, anxiety, and loss that COVID has caused," Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole said, "but we are justifiably proud that we put children first and our students truly reaped the benefit."

For more information, visit www.tea.texas.gov.

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Mammograms Offer Defense Against Breast Cancer

BAYTOWN — (September 30, 2021) — Each year, during October's designation as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, statistics reminding us of the impact that breast cancer can have on our lives are everywhere.

For example, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates more than 281,000 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2021. But there's another statistic we may not hear as much: the number of women who now call themselves "breast cancer survivors."

The ACS reports that there are roughly 3.8 million women in the U.S. who have had a history of breast cancer that are now living life as survivors. That number is expected to continue on an upward trend thanks in large part to the effectiveness of preventive measures—particularly regular mammography—in detecting the disease in its earliest stages.

Mammograms can detect breast cancer in its early stages, up to two years before a lump can be felt. Early detection significantly improves the chance of a cure and mammography is the most effective tool available in diagnosing breast cancer at an early stage.

Patients at the Houston Methodist Breast Care Center at Baytown have access to the technological advances provided by 3D mammography, or digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT), which separates the layers of the overlapping tissue and improves the ability of breast radiologists to find early cancers.

"Women should have yearly mammograms beginning at age 40—or younger if you have a family history—and should encourage their friends and family to have them as well," said Dr. Esther Dubrovsky, breast surgeon at Houston Methodist Breast Care Center at Baytown.



DR. ESTHER DUBROVSKY

Dubrovsky adds that women of all ages should regularly self-check their breasts to detect any noticeable lumps or changes in the tissue. Lifestyle changes, such as being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, limiting alcohol consumption and reducing stress, may also play a positive role in breast cancer prevention.

"It's crucial to know how your breasts normally look and feel," Dubrovsky said. "After all, you're the first

line of defense when it comes to breast cancer."

Knowing the breast cancer warning signs will help you recognize when to alert your doctor. Dubrovsky advises seeing your doctor if you experience any of the following symptoms of breast cancer, but keep in mind that most breast lumps aren't cancer:

- A painless lump or mass in or near the breast
- A change in breast size or firmness
- Breast skin changes, such as dimpling, a sore or rash
- Nipple itching, burning, rash, turning inward or discharge
- A warm area in the breast
- Pain in the breast
- Swelling under the armpit or of the arm
- Bone pain

Visit houstonmethodist.org/breast-care or call 346-292-PINK (7465) to schedule a mammogram in the state-

of-the-art Houston Methodist Breast Care Center at Baytown, located in the Outpatient Center (1677 W. Baker Rd., Suite 2301). The center provides a better approach to cancer care utilizing a team approach to fighting breast cancer that includes oncologists, surgeons, and cancer-specific radiologists, nurses and navigators.

Houston Methodist Baytown takes every precaution to safeguard your safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospital is designated as a vaccine hub, where vaccines are free and available to everyone age 12 and older. Houston Methodist is currently offering third doses of the fully FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine to patients 12 and older who are immunocompromised and received their second Pfizer dose at least 28 days ago. To register and for information, visit houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.



OBITUARIES

JIMMY DAVID LOVE

Jimmy David Love passed away on September 30th, 2021, at his home in Highlands, Texas. He was born on April 1, 1940 and battled Leukemia for eleven years before passing away at 81 years old. He went off to the US Army at age 17 and served our country from 1957-1960.

Jim was an avid fisherman, gardener, and could run any piece of heavy equipment he came across. He loved to take vacations with his wife and any casino owner knew he was in trouble when Jimmy Love walked in. He spent countless years running trotlines on the San Jacinto River while developing Love's Marina and made many friends along the way.

He spent most of his



later life spoiling Edna and their dog Pappy. No day was complete without each of them having a glass of sweet tea and a cup of Blue Bell. He also loved to pass his knowledge down and spent many hours teaching his sons and granddaughters how to make and rig trotlines.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Lois Love; sons, Curtis & Kevin Griffin; grandchildren, Peter & Stacy Nunez, Kristin Griffin, and Hannah Griffin; and

great-grandchildren, McKenzie & Carson. He also leaves behind his beloved dog Pappy.

We would like to give special thanks to doctors Dallal Abdelsayed and Pamela Medellin for their years of exceptional care for Jim.

The memorial service will be at Sterling White Funeral Home in Highlands, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project.

We are at peace knowing that Jim has reunited with our Heavenly Father and no longer in any pain.

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VIOLA VICTORIA STUBBS

Viola Victoria Stubbs, 64, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on Sunday, October 3, 2021 in Baytown, Texas. She was born January 3, 1957 in Houston, Texas to parents Max William Ackerman and Viola Strakos Ackerman who preceded her in death along with her husband William Dwayne Stubbs Sr.; sister, Dorothy Sue Ackerman; grandparents Max L. Ackerman, Angeline Janak Ackerman, John Strakos Sr., and Ludmilla Budova Strakos; uncle Charles Bederka; aunt Doris Bederka; and cousin Liz Skrla.

Viola was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend to many. She enjoyed playing slot machines, watching football, and spending time with her friends and family; especially her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.



Viola leaves behind to cherish her memory her children Angela Jentho and husband Jamison Zimnoski, William Dwayne Stubbs Jr. and wife Jo Ann, Ashley Stubbs and husband Stephen Vahldiek; grandchildren Tyler Jentho, Scottie Jentho, and Kayden Stubbs; great-grandson Jameson Jentho; sisters Mildred Bebee and husband Bruce, Mary Ackerman, and Sandra Arsement; nieces Lindsay Parmer and Jennifer Pulsifer; nephews Eric Arsement and Hannah Adams, Tyler Bebee, and Corey Bebee; great-niece Dixie Adams; great-nephews Owen Parmer, Ethan Parmer, Hollis Arse-

ment, Jamison Pulsifer, and Bentley Adams; and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for Viola will be held 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 8, 2021 at Sterling-White Funeral Home, Highlands, Texas. Funeral services will take place 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Sterling-White Funeral Home officiated by Deacon Archie Benham. Interment will follow in Sterling-White Cemetery. Serving the family as pallbearers will be William Dwayne Stubbs Jr., Jamison Zimnoski, Tyler Jentho, Stephen Vahldiek, Scottie Jentho, and Eric Arsement. Honorary pallbearers will be Kayden Stubbs, Wesley Skrla, Kevin Skrla, Pat Skrla, Douglas Parmer, Corey Bebee, and Tyler Bebee.

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Graffiti at Crosby HS,

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outraged. Parent Bo Winn continued, "Those kinds of slurs, I don't raise my children that way and it's a good thing that my sons have already graduated because I would be very upset if they were exposed to that," Winn said. "I think the kids that are doing it need to be held responsible, and I think their punishments need to fit, for lack of a better term, their crime."

Winn said they hope the district can hold the students who committed this accountable for their actions.

—courtesy KPRC, updated

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic Celebrates North Channel Clinic Opening with Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic providers and staff and the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of North Channel Clinic with a ribbon cutting on Sept. 23. Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel providers and staff welcomed Chamber staff and members as they celebrated outdoors with refreshments that included specially designed cookies. Chamber members commented on the growth in the area and how the new North Channel Clinic fills a critical need in the community.



From left to right: Darnald Kimble Jr., ambassador, North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce; Stephanie Rosendahl, administrator, North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce; Yesenia Doyal, membership director, North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce; Margie Buentello, president and C.E.O., North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce; Adam Mitchell, M.D., managing physician, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel; Jackie Baker, clinic administrator, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel; Bianca Joseph, R.N., nursing supervisor, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel; and Alvin Payne, regional administrator, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel and Summer Creek clinics.

New clinic expands access to coordinated, evidence-based care for residents living near the ship channel

HOUSTON (Aug. 23, 2021) – Today, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic opens its 26th location in The Shops at Stone Park in the North Channel area. Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel, a 7,500-square-foot clinic, brings comprehensive care closer to area residents and their families and is one of six new clinics opening in 2021. The Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel opening follows two openings earlier this year at Memorial City and Lake Jackson.

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel is located on the east side of Beltway 8 and Wallisville Road at 5820 E. Sam Houston Parkway N., Houston TX 77049.

"At Kelsey-Seybold, one of our goals is to find ways

to make access to care more convenient for our patients. The new North Channel clinic helps bridge a gap for patients who live in this area but have had to travel to other clinic locations to receive care," said Adam Mitchell, M.D., managing physician, North Channel clinic. "We are so excited to welcome new and current patients to this convenient location and look forward to taking care of them for years to come."

The new North Channel clinic will continue Kelsey-Seybold's expansion of coordinated, evidence-based care in the ship channel area, which is currently underserved and has limited options for primary care. Patients age five and older will have immediate access to two primary care providers. The clinic has room for up to four providers and has an on-site laboratory and X-ray, plus

access to an extensive network of specialists throughout the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic system including nearby Summer Creek and Pasadena clinics.

"When we build a Kelsey-Seybold Clinic location in a new community, it takes very little time for patients to decide that our model of coordinated care is what they want for themselves and their family members," said Jacqueline Baker, clinic administrator at North Channel clinic. "We're so excited to establish our practice in this community and look forward to greeting new and current patients to our beautiful, new clinic."

The new North Channel location was designed by architects at Powers Brown Architecture. United Constructors was the general contractor.

Ribbon cutting opens Green Elementary



Goose Creek CISD host a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for Edward Franklin "E.F." Green Junior School on Wednesday, September 29th at 6 p.m. The 192,000 square foot, two-story building, located at 5737 E. Wallisville Road, is home to 1,100 students. The campus, which opened August 18, 2021, was built to alleviate overcrowding in the district's junior schools.

Green was the first Black educator to become a district-level administrator. Former principal at Carver High School, he served as deputy superintendent for curriculum and guidance, retiring after 48 years in education.

This campus is one of several new facilities built by funds from the \$335 million bond, which was approved by GCCISD taxpayers in 2019.

Attendees took part in a ribbon cutting followed by the dedication, which included a cornerstone ceremony by the Goose Creek Masonic Lodge, Number 1192 and a student-led campus tour.

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