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Trail Rides, BBQ, Parade open RodeoHouston

NORTH HARRIS COUNTY – The Rodeo was in town starting this week, and the evidence was wagon teams and horse riders throughout our city streets. They were headed to Memorial Park, where on Friday night they camped prior to the big Rodeo Parade Saturday morning in downtown Houston. And then on to the Rodeo, which officially starts with events and entertainment on Feb. 28. Another tradition everyone was looking forward to was the BBQ cook-off, since it was not held last year due to the pandemic



The **SPANISH TRAIL RIDE** went through Aldine and North Houston. It started in Shepherd, Texas travelling 109 miles. It has 125 riders and 9 wagons. This year it was mourning the loss of its popular trail boss, Joe Cantrell to a tragic accident at home a few days ago.



The **NORTHEASTERN TRAIL RIDE** has 150 Riders and 7 wagons. Starting in Cheeks, Texas they stopped in Crosby and Sheldon, camping along the way. They also paid a visit to Sheldon Elementary School on Old Beaumont Highway to visit.

which canceled the whole Rodeo. There are 10 Trail Rides that participate in the event, with over 2000 riders, wagons, and horses. They start in small towns around Houston, and proceed to NRG stadium and the Rodeo grounds. The tradition started in 1952 in Brenham. A unique feature of the rides are the stops they make along the way, making friends, sharing western lore, and usually introducing school children to horses and wagons. *Continued. See Rodeo & Trail Rides, Page 8*

John Garcia named Crosby Firefighter of the Year

The Crosby Volunteer Fire Department 2021 Awards and Appreciation banquet was held January 29, 2022, at Monument Inn. **PICTURED AT RIGHT:** 2021 Firefighter of the year: John Garcia (pictured center). Presented by Assistant Chief Russell White (pictured left) and Chief Alan Kulak (pictured right).

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2021 Top Responders (1,047 total responses by Crosby VFD in 2021) Warren Thompson (343 responses); Jeff Stillwell (242 responses); Gage White (225 responses); [Not pictured: Sam Parker (445 responses); Chris Riker (241 responses)]

Local woman to head March of Dimes drive

Houston, TX – HCA Houston Healthcare and March of Dimes (MOD) Houston announces the appointment of Jeanna Bamburg as chair of the 2022 Houston March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement™. “Jeanna is a longtime supporter of March for Babies and will focus her efforts to raise awareness and critical funds for March of Dimes,” said Jen Torres, MOD senior executive director. “We are thrilled that she has accepted this opportunity to lead our local movement to make America a more equitable place and ensure that every mom and baby is healthy.” Bamburg is CEO of HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, located in Pasadena, well known for its obstetrics and midwifery services. She is asking local businesses and community members to join her and HCA Houston Healthcare in supporting March for Babies. “The number of babies born preterm here in



A native of Highlands, and the North Channel area, Jeanna Bamburg is the CEO of HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast. Formerly she headed the HCA East Houston Hospital on the East Freeway. She will head the “March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement™” drive of the Houston March of Dimes organization.

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Crosby Superintendent’s message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families, Welcome to March! I recently reflected with my cabinet members about our favorite seasons. Many said Spring, as new life begins, and plants start to bloom. I am partial to Spring because the season holds so much promise. In the last year, Spring has also been a transformational time for me, personally. Next month, I will mark one year as Superintendent of Schools of Crosby ISD. What a pleasure it is to see our students grow, learn, and achieve day after day.



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON Speaking of achieving, springtime also means spelling bee time! Congratulations to Dominique “Nicky” McAnespy, 4th grader from Crosby Elementary School, who won the Crosby ISD District Spelling Bee on Febru-

ary 28th. She is now invited to compete in the Houston Public Media Spelling Bee with students from Districts across the Region. We are rooting for you! We are also cheering on our Crosby High School Boys’ Basketball team standing strong in the playoffs. They’ve won Bi-District and Area battles so far. As of this writing, they’re headed to the Regional Quarter Finals next. I hope to see you in the stands. Recently, I convened the first session of the Superintendent’s Cou- *Continued. See Crosby Superintendent, p. 5*



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CROSBY FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET,

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2021 Rookie of the year: Chat Hartzog Presented by Training Captain Gage White.



Captain of the Year Warren Thompson



2021 Officer of the year: Russell White. Presented by Chief Alan Kulak (pictured right).



Crosby VFD 5 year service awards presented to: Brian McInahan (pictured center left) and Miguel Najera (pictured center right). Presented by Assistant Chief Russell White (pictured far left) and Chief Alan Kulak (pictured far right).



Crosby VFD 10 year service awards presented to: Ben Hathorn (pictured 2nd from left), Jason Banks (pictured 3rd from left), and Ryan Allen (pictured 2nd from right). Presented by Assistant Chief Russell White (far left) and Chief Alan Kulak (far right).



Crosby VFD 40 year service award presented to: Chief Alan Kulak (pictured right). Presented by Assistant Chief Russell White (pictured left).



Ladies Auxiliary 5 year service award presented to: Kaylan Elles (pictured far right). Ladies Auxiliary 10 year service award presented to: Michelle Hathorn (pictured far left). Presented by Ladies Auxiliary Secretary Ashley Staton (pictured center) and Crosby VFD Assistant Chief Russell White (pictured center).



Ladies Auxiliary Member of the year presented to: Michelle Hathorn (pictured far left). Presented by Ladies Auxiliary Secretary Ashley Staton (pictured center) and Crosby VFD Assistant Chief Russell White (pictured far right).

Photos courtesy of Crosby Volunteer Fire Department

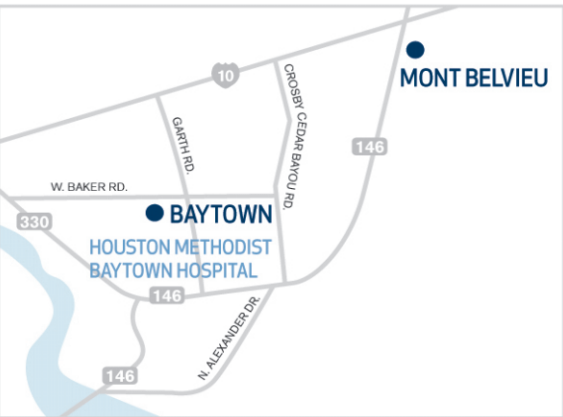
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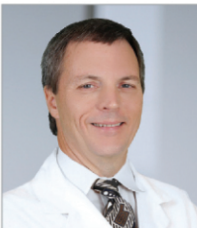
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ON THE HILL

Spanish lessons for County Employees

The Library will soon start offering basic conversational Spanish classes for county employees. Offered every Monday from Noon-1 at the Chambers County Library in Anahuac (meeting room). Learn the basics from teacher Victoria Figueroa. Learn in a fun and relaxed setting. Bring your own supplies for notes, and bring your lunch! Cookies and other goodies will be provided. Classes start Monday, February 28.

Register here, or just pop in to join us: <https://>

History Heals Luncheon

Chambers County is excited to partner with the History Heals Foundation (HHF) to host the First Annual History Heals Luncheon on March 29, 2022 at the White Memorial Park Community Building.

This event will serve as the Kick Off of several months of promotional and fundraising events leading up to HHF hosting The Wall That Heals in October 2022. More information regarding The Wall will be provided at the luncheon.

The luncheon is dedicated to honoring Vietnam Veterans and fallen soldiers and will focus on remembering the Vietnam War and it's lasting impact on Chambers County.

Sponsors are needed. If you would like to support this endeavor, please contact Samantha Humphrey at shumphrey@chamberstx.gov.

COVID-19 Shots available in Chambers County

Chambers County Public Health will be offering several COVID-19 vaccine clinics in the coming weeks at no cost to the public. Please visit bit.ly/chamberscovaccines to register for an appointment. Appointments are required. First, second, third and booster doses of vaccine will be available at each clinic.

If you have questions regarding vaccines or your eligibility, please call Chambers County Public Health at 409-267-2931 or email vaccines@chamberstx.gov.

Baytown Fire Department's 2021 Firefighter of the Year Award

This past Friday, Chief Dobson awarded Lieutenant JD Giles as the Baytown Fire Department's 2021 Firefighter of the Year for his dedication and hard work with the department's new alerting system and solutions to radio issues.

Lieutenant JD Giles has been with the Baytown Fire Department since June 1st of 2004 and is currently assigned to Baytown's South Command station as the EMS supervisor and assistant to the Battalion Chief on A-Shift. Lt. Giles found his passion for firefighting after becoming a junior firefighter with the Crosby Fire Department at age 16. Throughout his career, he has worked for two 911 centers and helped establish a regional dispatch center for multiple Fire and EMS agencies in East Harris County. In March of 2014, he



L-R: Chief Dobson and JD Giles

was assigned as the Lieutenant at Station 4 on A-Shift. Before being promoted to Lieutenant, Lt. Giles was promoted to Equipment Operator at Station 3 in October of 2009, and then later assigned to Station 6. He has been activated with the City of Bay-

town's EOC during several large natural disasters and assists with projects dealing with dispatch and call notification systems. Lt. Giles has a close working relationship with Memorial Hermann LifeFlight and has facilitated several classes with them to help improve the edu-



L-R: Lieutenant JD Giles and Chief Dobson

cation of Baytown medics by elevating patient care in the field. He also serves as a committee member and advisor for the new Baytown Fire Explorer's Post 1173 program. Lt. Giles is happily married with 3 wonderful children. In his spare

time, he enjoys spending time with his family, as well as playing pickleball and chess.

Congratulations, Lt. Giles. We appreciate all your commitment and hard work you give to the department each and every day! #2021FirefighterOfTheYear

ExxonMobil Gift Creates Five New Lee College Scholarships

February 25, 2022 – ExxonMobil continues its legacy of sustained support of Lee College with a \$50,000 gift to the Lee College Foundation. The funds will create five new endowed scholarships for students training for a career in the advanced refining and petrochemical industry.

"We are thrilled to provide these scholarships for students interested in a career in the industry. We have worked hand-in-hand with Lee College to develop a pipeline for employment and it is important to continue to nurture and support that," said Zoe Barinaga, process manager for ExxonMobil Baytown Chemical Plant.

This latest gift brings a total of seven endowed scholarships at Lee College from ExxonMobil. Students studying in energy



industry programs at Lee College such as process technology, pipefitting, welding, safety management, logistics and supply chain management, CADD/engineering technology, and others will qualify for these new scholarships. The scholarships will apply to both associate degree and academic certificate students.

"Lee College is grateful for the tireless generosity of our partners at ExxonMobil who continue to work with us creating direct pathways to successful careers for our students who can graduate without

the burdens of student loans," said Dr. Lynda Villanueva, Lee College president.

Barinaga added, "As hiring at ExxonMobil Baytown continues to increase, we are in need of trained and educated individuals interested in helping the industry grow, and there is no better place to get that than in our own beloved community."

Lee College Foundation Board Chair Stephen DonCarlos said, "Through its programs, initiatives, and partnerships, ExxonMobil continues to demonstrate their long-standing commitment to academic excellence and we are once again humbled by their support of Lee College."

The new ExxonMobil scholarships will be available to students starting at Lee College in fall 2022.

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination PODS and Clinics

By Chambers County Public Health

McLeod Park – 10717 Langston Dr
Friday, February 18, 2022 9am-12pm
Friday, February 25, 2022 9am-12pm

Mont Belvieu – 10616 Eagle Drive
Wednesday, March 02, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday, March 09, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 8:00am-3:30pm
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm

Winnie – 203 East Broadway
Thursday, March 03, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm
Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm
Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm

Anahuac – 102 Airport Rd.
Friday, March 11, 2022 8:00am-3:30pm
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OPINION

By U.S. Senator
JOHN CORNYN



Cornyn Statement on Russian Invasion of Ukraine

“The United States has played no part in creating this crisis, but we have a responsibility to support the Ukrainian people as they fight to defend their own sovereignty.”

AUSTIN –U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) released the following statement in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine:

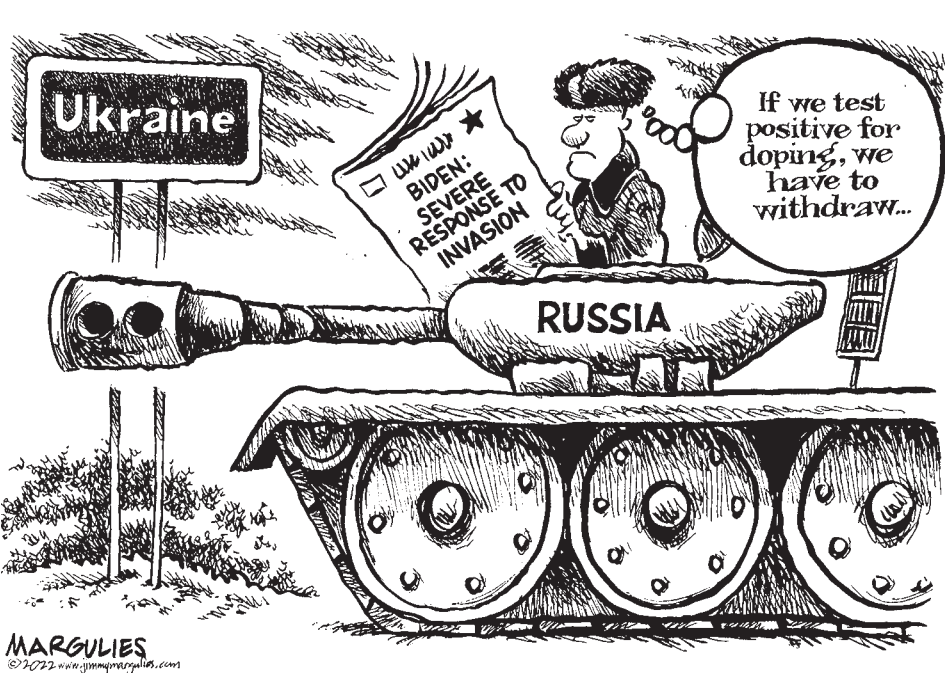
“America stands with Ukraine, and we will do everything we can to help them defend themselves against the Russian Federation.”

“The United States has played no part in creating this crisis, but we have a responsibility to support the Ukrainian people as they fight to defend their own sovereignty.”

“Putin has tried to get away with as much as he can, and it would be naive to think that he will stop at Ukraine. Ukraine is on the front line of a crisis, but the security of Europe is also in question.”

“This is not just about Ukraine. This is not just about Europe. This is about America’s credibility and that of our friends and allies around the world and our willingness to stand up for our values and defend our freedoms. If the U.S. fails to support Ukraine, other authoritarian movements like those in China and Iran will take note.”


Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Early voting for March 1 primary

EARLY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 1 PRIMARY ENDS FRIDAY.

Initial reports indicate turnout has been low, as is traditional in midterm primary elections, with less than a fourth of registered voters going to the polls most years.

Voters will pick nominees for Texas’ governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, comptroller and railroad commissioner, as well as legislative and county races.

Texas Secretary of State John. B. Scott’s office provides a website that allows voters to see who is on the ballots in all races at votetexas.gov. Texas law allows registered voters to participate in either party primary, but not both. In addition, a voter in the Republican primary cannot participate in any runoffs in Democratic races, and vice-versa. However, in the November general election, voters are free to choose candidates from both parties.

WILDFIRE ACTIVITY INCREASES WEST OF I-35

Blustery winds and freeze-dried vegetation are increasing the number of wildfires reported west of Interstate 35 and into South Texas, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

“Wildfire activity has increased across the state and is driven by underlying drought and above-normal grass production from last year’s growing season,” said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service fire chief. “We have increased the number of personnel, equipment and aircraft in state to assist with response as we’re concerned about large areas of the state.”

Since Feb. 14, local and state firefighters have responded to 91 wildfires that burned 7,312 acres.

Nine out of 10 wildfires in the state are caused by humans, according to TFS, which has fully staffed task forces and fire-suppression equipment staged in Victoria, Kingsville, Childress, Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Burk Burnett, Fredericksburg, Smithville, McGregor, San Angelo and Mineral Wells.

NUMBER OF IMPRISONED TEXANS STAYS STEADY

After a drop last year when some inmates were released due to COVID-19 concerns, the state’s prison population has stayed steady, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. As of January, 118,733 adults were in Texas prisons, up about 1,000 from a year ago.

The state’s total operating capacity is 129,681 beds, according to TDCJ.

More than \$112 million in cancer prevention grants



The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas announced 74 new cancer research and prevention grants totaling more than \$112 million.

“The grants awarded today illustrate the broad spectrum of CPRIT’s impact in the fight against cancer,” said Wayne Roberts, CPRIT’s chief executive officer. “From recruitment awards bringing topflight researchers to Texas, continued investment in cancer prevention and screening programs across the state and supporting cancer-fighting innovation in early-stage companies, Texas just took another major step forward in becoming a national leader in conquering cancer.”

The projects approved include 65 academic research grant awards, seven prevention awards, and two product development research awards, which were granted to 16 institutions and companies across the state. The awards are designed to expand access to clinical trials, incubate innovative cancer research, support the state’s emerging biotechnology industry, provide needed cancer screenings for underserved Texans and recruit outstanding cancer researchers to Texas, according to the news release.

UTSA, BAYLOR GAIN TIER ONE ACADEMIC RANKING

The University of Texas at San Antonio and Baylor University have earned the national research ranking of Carnegie Tier One, joining nine other

Texas universities that have been recognized for academic excellence at doctoral universities with “very high research activity.”

In addition, Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University, Tarleton State University and The University of Texas at Tyler have earned Tier Two research rankings for “high research activity.”

“The Lone Star State is truly brimming with promise,” Gov. Greg Abbot said. “The 22 Texas universities now ranked among the best in the nation as Carnegie Tier One and Tier Two research universities are a reflection of the breadth and depth of academic excellence at our institutions of higher education as they open the doors to opportunity for all Texas students.”

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education was developed in 1970. It is based on an institution’s annual research expenditures and other factors.

COVID-19 CASES STILL DROPPING, BUT DEATHS UP

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in the past week again dropped dramatically to 65,521, down 40% from the previous weeks and 85% from the record high set the week of Jan. 17. However, the number of new deaths in Texas increased to 1,588, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 5,681 COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state, down 30% from the previous week.

Since the pandemic began, there have been 6.575 million confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas with 83,648 deaths reported, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center. Meanwhile, the number of Texans who are fully vaccinated has slowly trickled upward to 17.16 million, with 6.18 million receiving a booster dose.

top ten

World’s Largest Companies*

1. Walmart

2. State Grid (China)

3. Amazon.com

4. China National Petroleum

5. Sinopec (China)

6. Apple

7. CVS Health

8. UnitedHealth Group

9. Toyota Motor

10. Volkswagen

Source: Fortune Global 500

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Adequate Accommodations”

“I can always sleep in my rain jacket,” my husband Peter announced.

Vacationing in rental homes is usually a bit of an adventure. We don’t need luxurious digs, and instead look for apartments offering a hefty discount if we stay for a full month.

We did this three years ago in Pamplona, Spain. The apartment required climbing six flights of stairs, but it had a great view of the city—because we were right in the center of it. Only at night did this become a problem, as we discovered that the residents of Pamplona didn’t have dinner until 9 o’clock and really didn’t get going until midnight. It was loud. There was drunken singing and bottle-smashing and hollering seven nights a week. Miraculously, the streets were swept clean by morning. The next night, it began all over again.

“Let’s stay a little more out of the way next year,” Peter suggested.

The next year we stayed in a little village in Spain. The apartment was described as “cozy,” which every Realtor everywhere will tell you is code for “tiny,” but it was historic and on a quiet street and we were only two people. How bad could it be?

It turns out that, several hundred years earlier, this apartment had provided very adequate accommodations for cows—who were quite a bit shorter than Peter. Peter spent the entire month ducking his head as he went from room to room and, inevitably, missing a few times. The bathroom was located up a very narrow and impossibly steep flight of stairs. Peter started taking a hiking pole with him to the bathroom at night for security. I would hear “Tap! Tap! Tap!” and know Peter was beginning his harrowing ascent to the bathroom.

“Let’s get a little bigger place next year,” Peter suggested.

The next year’s trip did not happen, but this year we are staying in the mountains of Mexico and got an especially terrific discount—because we rented it a year in advance, at the height of the pandemic, hoping things would work out. We thought others might join us but no one did, so Peter and I are rattling around in an enormous three-story home—like pennies in a jar. We’d booked it because the location is ideal and the pictures were lovely, showing little gas fireplaces in every room.

When we arrived, we were told how to turn on the television and the Wi-Fi, but no mention was made of the charming gas fireplaces.

“How do we light these?” I asked the property manager.

“You don’t,” he said. “If you are cold, there are extra blankets.”

Before I had time to ask anything further, he left. For the first few days, this didn’t seem as if it was going to be a problem. Then it got cold—not below freezing, but fairly close.

That’s when Peter’s rain jacket came out.

I was already in bed, wearing a puffer jacket when Peter donned his bright green jacket, hopped into bed, and turned off the lights.

“I wonder how many people have slept in their rain jacket?” Peter wondered aloud.

“Oh, I imagine the folks who climb Mount Everest and camp on the North Pole do. It’s an elite crowd,” I assured him.

Peter started to laugh, and his jacket made crinkling noises as he did.

“We came here to escape the cold, as I recall,” he said.

And we did. But, more than that, we came to do something new, to see another part of the world, and to experience life in a different way.

And we are. Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir is called “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

top ten

MOST POWERFUL MILITARIES

1. United States

2. Russia

3. China

4. India

5. Japan

6. South Korea

7. France

8. United Kingdom

9. Brazil

10. Pakistan

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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

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Crosby Historical

The Crosby Historical Society will be holding a public meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 2 p.m. at the Crosby Brethren Church, 5202 First Street, Crosby, TX.

Guest speaker will be local historian, Chuck Chandler. Topic will be early Methodist Churches and Penn Family.

Chandler is past vice president of the Baytown Historical

FRI-SAT. MAR 4-5

Crosby Library Book Sale

The Friends of Crosby Library Spring Book Sale will take place Friday March 4th, from 1 - 6pm, and Saturday March 5th, from 10am - 5pm. Select from a variety of new and gently used books, movies, cds and more.

***Take advantage of the Special: Buy 2, Get one free

*** Proceeds benefit Crosby Edith Fae Cook Cole Branch Library and support summer reading programs in our community.

For more information, call the Library at 832-927-7790.


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Mar 3–Theresa Abbott
Irene Fleming
Jahnise McKee
Jerry Thompson
Mar 4–Evelyn Banks
Cathie West
Jamie Yarbrough
Eric Wood
Mar 5–Drexel Rohde
Mar 6–Theresa Abbott
Mar 7–Shirley Brantley
Michelle Cavazos
Don Stone
Dustin Stone
Mar 9–John Boehm
Terri Martin
Mar 10–Eric Groce
Mar 11–Marcille Robinson
Mar 12–Hope Dammon
Alexis Bowen

ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 3–Jimmy & Teri Gleason
Mar 5– Raymond & Mary Helen James
Mar 16–Yvonne & Dale Browder
March 31–William & Susan O’Neal


Keep Houston COVID Safe



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Crosby ISD names Operium Baldwin Principal of the Year!



Crosby Superintendent Paula Patterson with Principal of the Year Operium Baldwin.

(Crosby, Texas) – This week, Crosby ISD named Ms. Operium Baldwin as our 2021-2022 Principal of the Year! Ms. Baldwin is the Principal of Crosby Kindergarten Center.

Superintendent Paula Patterson and District leaders surprised Ms. Baldwin during what she thought was a training meeting. She received flowers and balloons from the District and her campus team.

Ms. Baldwin was raised in Barrett Station and is a longtime Crosby resident. Ms. Baldwin says she is blessed to have the opportunity to work and make a difference in the Crosby/Barrett Station communities where she grew up.

During the surprise announcement, Superintendent Patterson told Ms. Baldwin and her staff, “I love the culture and the fun you have, but I also love the instruction that happens on this campus.

They’re learning, and you prove that. You guys do an amazing job, and you have an amazing leader. This is well-deserved.” Ms. Baldwin said, “I am truly grateful. I have a wonderful staff. This has been a great experience for me, and a great experience as a first-year principal.”

Previously, Ms. Baldwin served as a Pre-K teacher, Kindergarten teacher, and campus instructional coach at Crosby Kindergarten Center. She next served as Assistant Principal at Drew Elementary in 2018, before becoming Principal at Crosby Kindergarten Center for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Baldwin embodies the passion of a champion for our youngest students. About 700 Pre-K and Kindergarten students are under the care of Ms. Baldwin and her staff. Her passion and enthusiasm for our smallest Cougars can’t be beat.

Crosby Superintendent’s Message,

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gar Council for 2022. I meet once a quarter with students from 3rd to 12th grade. We have lunch and brainstorm ways of improving Crosby ISD in the weeks, months, and years to come. This session, I asked the students what a perfect classroom looks like and who has made the biggest impact on their lives so far. Their answers were excellent, and I appreciated their honesty. I believe students are not only our biggest stakeholders, but when we listen and reflect, they can also be our biggest problem solvers.


This time of year is also when our campuses start recruiting for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We want the best, brightest, and most passionate educators to find their future

in Crosby ISD. We want true champions for our students, no matter the position. It takes someone very special to be a member of our Cougar family. If you know someone whose passion can’t be beat, ask them to look at our open positions and apply. Our job listings are posted at www.crosbyisd.org/jobs right now. Our Human Resources Department updates that page often.

One last reminder, Spring Break runs March 14 through March 18. I hope you and your loved ones get a chance to disconnect and enjoy time with each other. Family activities are great, especially those that spark imaginations and fuel a passion for learning.

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County moves COVID threat to Level 2 ORANGE



Harris County Judge Lowers COVID Threat Level to Orange

Harris County, Texas - February 24, 2022, Judge Lina Hidalgo today announced that she is lowering the county’s COVID-19 Threat Level Indicator from Level 1: Red to Level 2: Orange. The move comes as positive cases and COVID-19 ICU populations are decreasing.

“The omicron wave hit Harris County very, very hard,” said Judge Hidalgo. “In fact, only now have our hospitalization rates dropped to levels that don’t immediately threaten the capacity of our healthcare system. While we’re moving in the right direction, there are no guarantees we won’t see another wave in the future. My hope is that the on-demand availability of vaccines and treatments

will help us to avoid another dangerous spike. I continue to urge folks to get vaccinated. Doing so will allow us to deal with COVID-19 as a manageable risk rather than an emergency that unnecessarily threatens lives and the capacity of our entire healthcare system.”

Level 2: signifies a significant and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning that there is ongoing transmission of the virus. At this level, unvaccinated residents should continue to mask, physically distance, and avoid all medium and large gatherings. Vaccinated individuals should follow the latest local public health guidance on whether to also wear a mask while indoors in public places, in crowded outdoor settings, and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

After two years, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will kick off at the end of the month. The Harris County Public Health team urges residents to wear face coverings, given the continued presence of the Omicron wave in our community and asks that unvaccinated individuals, per the threat level system, avoid medium or large gatherings.

The COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine booster are available at no charge for all Harris County residents 5 and above. To find out more information, locations and hours, click here.

For a complete list of indicators, guidance, and related information visit ReadyHarris.org.

March of Dimes drive,


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Texas and nationwide is staggering,” said Bamburg. “By joining this movement, individuals and groups can take action to help ensure March of Dimes can continue the vital research, programs and advocacy that allow moms and babies to get the best possible start.”

Each day in the United States, one woman dies every 12 hours from pregnancy-related causes, and 1 in 10 babies is born too soon. “Although we see thousands of healthy babies born each year in the greater Houston area, we also see thousands of babies who need life-saving treatments in our neonatal ICUs. The work of the March of Dimes is unparalleled in what they do for moms and babies, and I’m so proud to be a part of this important work that affects so many lives,” Bamburg added.

Houston March for Babies: A Mother of a Movement™ is back in-person and will be held at 8:00am, Sunday, April 24, 2022, at the University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road. Visit marchforbabies.org for more information, to donate and start or join a team.

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STAR ENTERTAINMENT

The following entertainers will perform on the RODEOHOUSTON stage in NRG Stadium, Feb. 28 – March 20.

- Monday, Feb. 28:** Cody Johnson
Tuesday, March 1: Keith Urban
Wednesday, March 2: Tim McGraw– Armed Forces Appreciation Day
Thursday, March 3: For KING & COUNTRY
Friday, March 4: Ricky Martin
Saturday, March 5: Jon Pardi
Sunday, March 6: Los Tucanes de Tijuana– Go Tejano Day
Monday, March 7: Luke Bryan – First Responders Day
Tuesday, March 8: Maren Morris
Wednesday, March 9: Kane Brown
Thursday, March 10: Journey
Friday, March 11: Bun B's H-Town Takeover – Black Heritage Day
Saturday, March 12: Parker McCollum
Sunday, March 13:



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Spanish Trail Riders trail boss Joe Cantrell was mourned. He led the ride for 42 years, until his fatal accident only a few days ago.



The RodeoHouston Parade was held Saturday morning in downtown Houston, with all 10 Trail Ride units participating.



Here is one of the colorful wagons of the Northeastern Trail Ride, as they proceeded down Old Beaumont Highway in Sheldon.



The HCSO Texas Mounted Patrol is gearing up for their 73rd annual Pony Express Ride to Austin this Sunday. The Pony Express will hand deliver invitations to the 90th anniversary of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to Texas elected officials.

- Dierks Bentley**
Monday, March 14: Sam Hunt
Tuesday, March 15: Gwen Stefani
Wednesday, March 16: Khalid
Thursday, March 17: Chris Stapleton
Friday, March 18: Marshmello
Saturday, March 19: Brad Paisley
Sunday, March 20: Concert-only performance George Strait, with Ashley McBryde

The 2022 Rodeo is scheduled for Feb. 28 – March 20. The 2022 World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, presented by Cotton Holdings, is scheduled for Feb. 24 – 26. For more information, visit rodeohouston.com and connect with #RODEOHOUSTON online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for all the latest news.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo promotes agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage and provides year-round educational support within the community. Since its beginning in 1932, the Rodeo has committed more than \$550 million to the youth of Texas and education.

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