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Crosby Rodeo
June 3 - June 11

JUNE 3, FRIDAY
5pm Cook-Off
CARNIVAL KICK-OFF
7:30pm BAG OF DONUTS
JUNE 4, SATURDAY
8am BBQ-Cookoff
10am Parade
7:30pm DREW PARKER
JUNE 7, TUESDAY
10am Cowpoke Pageant
JUNE 9, THURSDAY
4pm Buyers Dinner
5:45pm Awards
6:00pm Livestock Auction
JUNE 10, FRIDAY
10am-12pm FFA & 4-H Day
7:30pm CPRA
Championship Rodeo
JOSH WARD &
JON WOLFE
JUNE 11, SATURDAY
10am Little Wrangler Rodeo
7:30pm CPRA
Championship Rodeo
DOS BORRACHOS
KEVIN FOWLER
ROGER CREAGER

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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

FRI-SAT. JUN 3/4
Crosby Library Book Sale

Friends of the Crosby Edith Fae Cook Cole Branch Library Book Sale will take place on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 1-6pm and on Saturday June 4, 2022 from 10am-5pm.
Children's books, mysteries, romance, cook and craft books are just a sample of book choices. There's so much more and discounts too!
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Spearman Memorial Issue

On the 1 year Anniversary of the loss of our colleague Lewis Spearman, we will publish tributes in his memory.
You are invited to submit your thoughts and remembrances for inclusion in this special Memorium. Email grafikstar@aol.com.

In Highlands and Crosby Everyone reads the STAR-COURIER. Your Hometown Newspaper.

Crosby Rodeo saddles up June 3rd

Events cover two weekends

By Gilbert Hoffman

CROSBY – The much anticipated return of the Crosby Rodeo, after a Pandemic hiatus, will open with the popular New Orleans group Bag of Donuts Friday night, June 3rd at 7:00pm playing classics from the 60s until today.
Also on Friday, the BBQ cook-off gets underway, at 5:00pm and will conclude on Saturday, with an awards ceremony.



BAG OF DONUTS, a New Orleans party band, will open the Rodeo on June 3.

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On Saturday June 4 starting at 8am the BBQ Cook-off will continue, and at 10am a parade is scheduled. That evening the concert is by Drew Parker, starting at 7pm.
Student Exhibitors will show their animals for judging on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8, and then the Livestock Auction will be held Thursday, June 9. This starts with a Buyer's Dinner at 4pm, Awards Presentation at 5:45pm, and

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Crosby ISD graduates 450 Seniors

By Brett Birkinbine

Congratulations to the Crosby High School Class of 2022. 450 seniors became proud Crosby Alumni on Friday, May 27. Cougar Stadium was packed with families and loved ones.
All of us here at Crosby ISD wish our graduates good luck in their next chapter. Dozens of students graduated with dual credits, including associate's degrees from Lee and San Jacinto College.
Graduates heard speeches from Superintendent Paula Patterson as well as the Valedictorian Brynna CoVan and Salutatorian Emma Yates. Superintendent Patterson encouraged students to always remember their Crosby High School roots, nearly 30 years to the day after she herself graduated from Crosby High.
Patterson remarked, "Wherever life takes you, wherever you go, take Crosby with you, it's helped you to grow. No matter the forecast, no matter the weather, we truly are Better Together."
Crosby ISD is so proud of all the graduates as they write their next chapters.



Crosby's 450 graduating seniors toss their caps into the air, a traditional symbol of passing into the next phase of their life. MORE PHOTOS on page 2.

Uvalde mass shooting stirs up Gun Control debate

PROTESTS MOUNT AT NRA CONVENTION

HOUSTON – Protestors outside the NRA (National Rifle Association) national convention at GRB Convention Center this weekend, blamed the proliferation of guns and lack of regulations in Texas and nationwide with the increase in mass shootings, as evidenced recently in Texas with mass murders in Uvalde, Sante Fe, Sutherland Springs, El Paso, and Midland.
Last week's school shooting of 19 victims at Robb Elementary in Uvalde has focused the public's attention on the need for government leaders to increase restrictions on gun ownership, rather than loosen rules as has happened recently in Texas.
Speakers at the NRA convention talked of the



At a Press Conference in Uvalde after the shooting, Beto O'Rourke interrupts to shout at Governor Abbott "It's On You."



Speakers at the NRA Convention in Houston last weekend included Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, but Governor Abbott withdrew and sent a recorded message.



A Texas town, and a nation, mourn for the senseless killings of 21 victims in Uvalde.

increased safety by arming the public, but most public opinion rejected that theory, and called for action from government to bring a reduction in shootings. Proponents of restrictions in gun sales and military style weapons, point to experience in other countries, such as Australia and New Zealand, where to-
tal bans on guns has brought a sharp reduction in killings, both mass shootings and individual deaths.
Even in Texas, they point out that a ban on assault weapons was effective, but when it expired the number of

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BPD Search & Recovery Just Got Better, With Assistance from SCTHS Students

Students in the Stuart Career Technical High School Advanced Automotive Academy participated in a cooperative project with the Baytown Police Department's Search and Recovery Team. The police department provided the students with a Chevrolet Camaro that will be used in underwater retrieval train-

The Baytown Police Department is one of several partners that work closely with SCTHS Academy students.



Stuart Career Technical High School Advanced Automotive Academy students pose proudly with members of the Baytown Police Department's Search and Rescue Team. The students worked on a cooperative project with BPD during the spring term.

GC CISD Summer Meal Schedule to Begin May 31

Meals will be provided Monday-Friday, May 31-June 17th at the following campuses: Goose Creek Memorial, IMPACT Early College, Stuart Career Tech, Sterling, Baytown, Junior, Highlands Junior, Horace Mann Junior, Highlands Elementary, and San Jacinto Elementary Schools.

Meals will be provided Monday-Friday, May 31-June 23rd and July 11-24th

The “Summer Meals in the Park” initiative will run Monday-Friday, May 31-July 22nd; closed the week of July 4th, at the following locations: Jenkins Park (4334 Crosby Cedar Bayou) and Bergeron Park (1520 Louisiana Street) from 10:30-11 a.m.; Sterling Library (1 Mary Wilbanks Avenue); and Stratford Branch Library (509 Stratford, Highlands) from 11:15-11:45 a.m.

All meals are open to the public for children one to 18 years old.

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ON THE HILL

NEW! Dial-a- Story from the Dayton Metro Library



Dayton Metro Library has begun offering Dial-a-Story: free, recorded stories children can listen to by phone any time of day or night. Three different stories for young children are currently available, with more coming soon. Listeners can reach Dial-a-Story at 937.250.7500.

"Dial-a-Story is perfect for parents who need something to occupy their child on the bus, in the car, or waiting in line," said DML Programming Manager Julie Buchanan. "Children can listen to the story, then re-tell it to their parents in their own words."

Three new stories will be offered each month. November's stories are:

Thank You Omu by Oge Mora

Burger Boy by Alan Durant

Sky Blanket created and told by Omope Carter Daboiku

"Today's technology means children get an awful lot of visual stimulation, and sometimes it's just too much," said Buchanan. "Dial-a-Story lets children imagine the characters and actions however they choose. It develops their listening skills, and dialing the number themselves can even be helpful practice with numbers."

The Library suspended in-person storytimes and other popular family programs for the time being, due to COVID-related limitations on public gatherings. In December, however, the Library will begin offering live, interactive storytime sessions via Webex. Video storytimes, STEM activities, and other programs are viewable anytime on DML's Facebook page.

Dial-a-Story is free at 937.250.7500.

Galveston Bay Foundation plans Benefit for Shell Recycling Program

KEMAH, Texas – The Galveston Bay Foundation announced plans for the inaugural **Houston Oyster & SeaFest** sponsored by Coca-Cola, which will be held Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at **The Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park**. The festival will feature a variety of acclaimed restaurants from throughout the greater Houston area and will also include live music, libations, educational exhibits and more. Event proceeds benefit the **Galveston Bay Foundation's Oyster Shell Recycling Program** and habitat restoration efforts.

Tickets for the festival start at \$35, and VIP experiences are also available. For tickets and more information, visit galvbayevents.org.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample a variety of menu items including **cooked oyster bites** and **signature seafood dishes** from all participating restaurant partners. Event restaurant partners include: 1751 Sea and Bar, BB's Tex-Orleans, Brennan's of Houston, Captain Benny's



Seafood, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Frank's American Revival, Harold's in the Heights, Indianola, Liberty Kitchen & Oysterette, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks, The Oceanaire Seafood Room, the Palm Restaurant, Pier 6 Seafood & Oyster House, and Willie G's Seafood & Steaks.

The festival will also feature food trucks, beer, wine and vodka bars, and live music performances by

Hunter Perrin and Thunderado and Kung-Fuze.

All proceeds from the Houston Oyster & SeaFest benefit the Galveston Bay Foundation's Oyster Shell Recycling Program. Started in 2011, the Oyster Shell Recycling Program has collected more than 1,300 tons of oyster shells from 26 restaurant partners located from Houston to Galveston for use in habitat restoration



projects. To learn more about the program, visit galvbay.org/oysters.

"We are tremendously proud of the success of our Oyster Shell Recycling Program and the habitat we have restored using shell that otherwise would have been thrown away," said **Bob Stokes, President of the Galveston Bay Foundation**. "Funds raised through this event will make it possible for us to expand the program to include more Houston area restaurants and restore more habitat at a critical time for oysters in Galveston Bay."

The inaugural Houston Oyster & SeaFest is made

possible with support from corporate event sponsors including Coca-Cola, Avera, Corda, the Coastal Conservation Association, H-E-B, Intercontinental Terminals Company, and Phillips 66. Food and beverage sponsors for the event include Prestige Oysters, Barrier Beauties Premium Sustainable Oysters, Bloody Revolution, Deep Eddy Vodka, Miller Lite, Molson Coors, Saint Arnold Brewing Company, and Topo Chico Hard Seltzer.

About Galveston Bay Foundation

Established in 1987, Galveston Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come. It implements diverse programs in land preservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, youth education, and advocacy. For further information, contact the Foundation at (281) 332-3381, visit www.galvbay.org or follow us on Twitter @GBayFoundation

Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

When Should I worry About Ringing in My Ears?

"Why do I hear ringing in my ears?"

It's a concerning question to ask yourself.

If you hear ringing in your ears, you know just how bothersome or distracting this noise can be. And that it's distinctly different from those random, phantom sounds you might have heard on rare occasions after standing up too fast or while dealing with a headache.

"Hearing a continuous sound in one or both of your ears is called tinnitus," says Dr. Sara Chen Xie, an ENT doctor at Houston Methodist Baytown. "It's most often described as a ringing, but people can hear tinnitus differently."

The common descriptions of what tinnitus sounds like include:

Low- or high-pitched tone

Static or buzzing
Humming
Cricket-like sounds

"Tinnitus can vary over time, sometimes becoming fairly disruptive and even debilitating," says Dr. Xie. "If it's keeping you from carrying out or enjoying daily activities, it's time to do something about it."

What causes ringing in your ears?

"Hearing a continuous ringing in your ears is almost always a side effect of hearing loss, typically an early indication of it," says Dr. Xie. "Hearing loss happens in your ears, but the resulting ringing you may hear as a result does not. It's happening in your brain."

Your brain plays an in-



DR. SARA XIE

tegral role in hearing — making sense of the sounds around you by processing the information received from your ears. It helps you focus on the most relevant sounds you're hearing, distinguishing these from background sounds and filtering out unwanted noise.

As you can imagine, this is a busy job for your brain.

Hearing loss reduces the amount of sound your brain has to interpret, giving it less to do. Tinnitus is one unwanted consequence.

How do you stop the ringing in your ears?

The first step to treating tinnitus is to get your hearing checked by an audiologist.

If you have hearing loss and worsening tinnitus, the good news is that you don't have to live with a never-ending soundtrack of unwanted noise.

"When treating tinnitus, the goal is to activate and condition your auditory cortex — reinforcing it to listen to real sounds and training it to not think about the unwanted noise it's perceiving," says Dr. Xie.

Most people find success in using masking sounds to reduce their tinnitus, but this isn't always the case. Medications may be required.

It's also important to consult a doctor about your symptoms since, in rare cases, tinnitus can be a side effect of something other than hearing loss, which can change how your doctor approaches your care.

For more information on the full range of services offered at Houston Methodist ENT Specialists Baytown and to schedule an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/ear-nose-throat/ or call 281-427-2747.

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COUNTY TALK

Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was written before the Uvalde school shooting, and emphasizes the need for gun control reform.

Judge Hidalgo voices concern over increase in gun violence; criticizes NRA

HOUSTON – Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner Adrian Garcia held a news conference Tuesday to release new data showing an increase in guns being used in homicides in Harris County.

This comes ahead of the National Rifle Association's annual meeting in Houston.

According to data from the county's Institute for Forensic Sciences, the percentage of homicides involving a gun increased from 76% in 2018 to 84% in 2021. Preliminary data from 2022 shows that guns have been involved in 87% of homicides.

Additionally, Hidalgo's office said 2021 data showed that Black residents were disproportionately victims of gun homicides, comprising 55% of all gun homicides in the county.

“Over the past couple of weeks, our nation has had to endure yet another spate of mass shootings and tragedies driven by gun violence,” Hidalgo said, mentioning the recent deadly shootings in Buffalo, Milwaukee, and the shooting at a flea market in northwest Harris County. “We cannot talk about addressing violent crime without also addressing the role guns play in violent crime.”

Hidalgo's office said research shows states with “weaker” gun laws suffer from higher rates of gun deaths, including homicides, suicides, and accidental killings. Between 2011 and 2020, data suggested that the rate of gun homicides in Texas increased by 90%, the judge said.



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“The reason is simple — there is a very powerful gun lobby that cares more about their own special interests than the safety of that community, and that very powerful gun lobby feels so emboldened as to have a major conference right here in Harris County,” Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo announced her intent to introduce a resolution dedicating the month of June “Gun Violence Prevention Month” to honor the lives of the thousands of victims who have lost their lives to gun violence in Harris County.

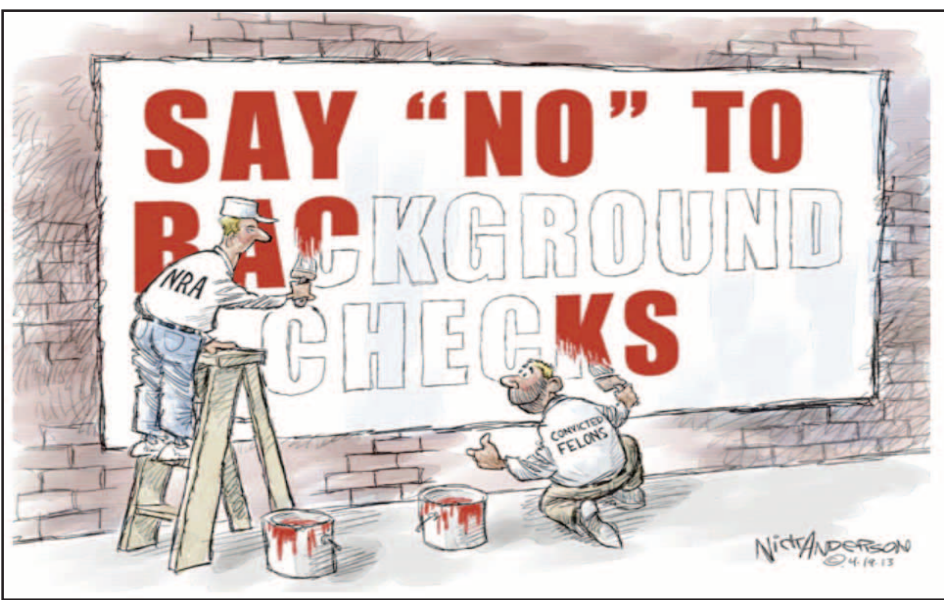
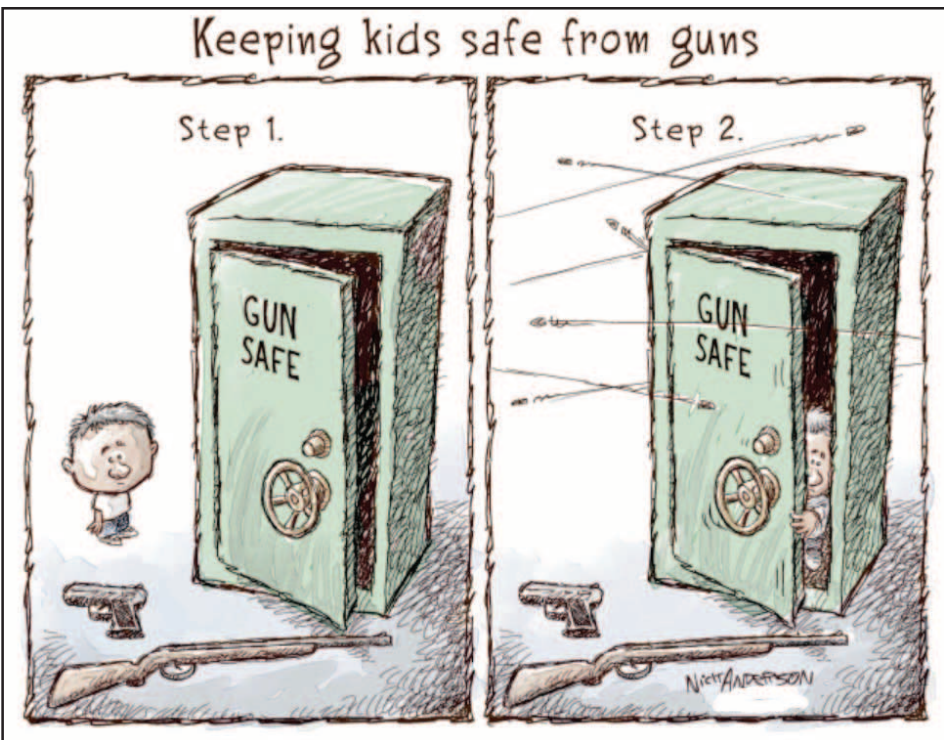
“This is about ensuring that people understand the responsibility that goes with gun ownership,” Garcia said. “It speaks to the reality that a gun left unlocked, left within the reach of a child, left unsecured in a vehicle can ultimately cause harm in a home, in a family, but also be at the reach of an evildoer who will use that weapon against one of our law enforcement officers or another member of the community.”

According to data released by the CDC this month, firearm deaths have surpassed car accidents as the number one killer of young people in the United States.

“If you want to be for guns, encourage common-sense regulations, common-sense safety measures, and fund law enforcement to go after those who will use those gun switchers, those Glock switchers that we have seen that cause incredible harm,” Garcia said.

The National Rifle Association issued a statement in response saying, “Politicians like Judge Hidalgo embrace policies that release violent criminals onto streets without a hint of justice while the NRA champions the right of law-abiding gun owners to defend themselves, their loved ones, and their homes. While Hidalgo continues to side with criminals, the NRA makes no apologies for standing with law-abiding citizens.”

Cartoonist Nick Anderson says he has drawn too many gun violence toons over the years:



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LETTERS
TO THE
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Sen. Carol Alvarado on Gun Safety Reform

Austin, TX — The Texas Senate Democratic Caucus sent the following letter to Governor Abbott:

Dear Governor Abbott:

The members of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus urge you to immediately call an emergency special session to address gun violence in Texas in the wake of this latest gut-wrenching tragedy. We demand that this special session include passage of legislation that would:

- Raise the minimum age to purchase a firearm to 21;
- Require universal background checks for all firearm sales;
- Implement “red flag” laws to allow the temporary removal of firearms from those who are an imminent danger to themselves or others;
- Require a “cooling off” period for the purchase of a firearm; and
- Regulate civilian ownership of high capacity magazines.

Texas has suffered more mass shootings over the past decade than any other state. In Sutherland Springs, 26 people died. At Santa Fe High School, 10 people died. In El Paso, 23 people died at a Walmart. Seven people died in Midland-Odessa. After each of these mass killings, you have held press conferences and roundtables promising things would change. After the slaughter of 19 children and two teachers in Uvalde, those broken promises have never rung more hollow. The time to take real action is now.

“Thoughts and prayers” are not enough. Lamenting the fact that “evil” walks among us is not enough. Laying the blame at the feet of a broken mental health care system—that you and other state leaders continue to underfund severely—is not enough. We need evidence-based, common sense gun safety laws. Without a doubt, if at least some of the measures noted above had been passed since 2018, then many lives could have been saved.

We must address the physical and mental health of our nation, and confront the public health issue at hand—gun violence. Guns should not be easier to access than health insurance, baby formula, voting, books and enlisting in the military. We are not trying to take away Second Amendment rights. Instead, we are asking for reasonable laws or restrictions that will create a safer Texas for all of us. Taking action requires bravery. The proposed solutions are not new. We cannot wait for another tragedy to occur. Texas has the power to protect its people; it is time we do so.

We ask you, Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Speaker Phelan to step up and join us in passing common sense gun safety measures that are supported by a vast majority of Texans and could help keep a gun out of the hands of the next would-be mass shooter.

The Texas Senate Democratic Caucus represents urban and rural communities across the state, serving more than 12 million Texans. The 13 current members are Chair Carol Alvarado (Houston), Vice Chair Nathan Johnson (Dallas), John Whitmire (Houston), Judith Zaffirini (Laredo), Eddie Lucio, Jr. (Brownsville), Royce West (Dallas), Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (McAllen), José Menéndez (San Antonio), Borris Miles (Houston), Beverly Powell (Fort Worth), Sarah Eckhardt (Austin), Roland Gutierrez (San Antonio) and César Blanco (El Paso).

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GOOSE CREEK NEWS

A Bright Beginning for Migrant Students in GCCISD

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey

The Goose Creek CISD Bilingual, ESL and Migrant Education department held its first *A Bright Beginning* graduation on May 19th. Three students and their parents completed the program. Dr. Pilar Moreno-Recio, Director of Bilingual/ESL and Migrant Education, and Mario Rico, MEP Support Liaison, led the program. The students performed and Andreina Diaz, Migrant Recruiter and NGS specialist, presented them with their diplomas.

A Bright Beginning is a program designed to foster oral language and early literacy development for three and four-year old students, by working with the parent and child in their home. The curriculum is aligned with the revised Texas Pre-K guidelines. Once a student completes the program, they will begin to understand the relationships between oral language, print, and the tools of literacy; thus, becoming better prepared for school.

The Migrant Education program is designed to provide and support programs that help migrant students overcome the challenges of mobility, cultural and language barriers, social isolation and other difficulties associated with a migratory lifestyle. These efforts are aimed at helping migrant students succeed in school and successfully transition to post-secondary education or employment.

Photo taken by Carrie Pryor-Newman:



A Bright Beginning Class of 2022 graduates: Jordan Pulido, Rafael Pantoja and Kylie Ybarra.

McPhee Rotary Scholarship awarded to Nathan Cavazos



IN THE STARS

- BIRTHDAYS**
- Jun 2–Martha Keyes
 - Bettie Woosley
 - Jun 4–Whitney Sain
 - Mary Ann Stone
 - Michael Taylor
 - Patricia E. Sparks
 - Jun 5–John Abbott
 - James Allen
 - Amanda Taylor
 - Teresa Griffith
 - Jun 6–Barbara Nelson
 - Jesse Smith
 - Darlene Walter
 - Jun 7–David Dunlap
 - Ray Stanley
 - Ruby Wendler
 - Jun 8–Nathan Abbott
 - Jun 9–John David Gross
 - Beuana Cumbiek
 - Jun 10–Kimberly Minter
 - Cassie Scott
 - Charles Massey
 - Lisa Worthen
- ANNIVERSARIES**
- Jun 2–Glen & Nell
 - Salters
 - Jun 4–Donnie & Connie
 - Larrison
 - Jun 6–Randy & Nita
 - Sloan
 - Jun 8–Judy & Allen
 - Dunn
 - Joe & Elizabeth Price
 - Jun 10–Christ & Pam
 - Mosley

Nathan Cavazos, from Crosby isd, was awarded the 2022 Pat McPhee Rotarian Scholarship at the Highlands Rotary Awards Banquet on May 9th at the Highlands Community Center.

The award was presented by Barbara McPhee, widow of Rotarian Pat McPhee.

Cavazos will attend Texas A&M and major in Petroleum Engineering. He is also in the Top 10 of his graduation class. \$32,000 was awarded in scholarships by the Rotary Club, from proceeds generated by the Annual Chili Feast.

Cassie Stanley named new co-admin for Highlands History Group

By Cynthia Wotipka Boland

I am very excited to announce that Cassie Stanley has been promoted to be co-admin of our Highlands, Texas History group!

Although I've known most of the Stanley family for 50+ years, I had never met Cassie until today when I came to Highlands and made a special stop to meet her! I wanted to ask her in person to step up to be my assistant and I'm so glad that she said yes! Cassie is a nat-

ural for the team and she stepped right in to the Moderator job about two years ago and just nailed it! Please take a minute to congratulate Cassie and thank her for her dedication and new role!

The rest of the admin team is Tara McKinney, Glenda Rodgers Wyatt, Kathy Cutchin and Cary Hall. We will be looking for one more Moderator to start training so if this is something that you are interested in, please contact Cassie or myself.

OBITUARIES

JARROD K. LAPLANTE

Jarrold K. LaPlante, 45, of Huffman, TX, passed away from this life too soon May 18th, 2022. He was born January 22nd, 1977, in Houston to parents Rex LaPlante, III and Wanda Kaye Kidd.

He graduated from Hargrave HS in Huffman and played football. After high school, he worked in construction. He went on to become a skilled and meticulous renovator of homes and businesses. He learned this trade from lifelong friend Chuck Cates.

He loved to cook, especially gumbo and grilling. He had a hidden passion for writing poetry. He



enjoyed playing with his numerous nieces and nephews making them laugh and smile. He was a very loving and kind-hearted soul being greatly missed.

Jarrold is preceded by his grandparents Clyde and Maudie Flowers and Rex LaPlante, II and wife Gloria.

Jarrold is survived by his daughter Macee, his grandchildren, his

father Rex LaPlante, III and wife Gloria, his mother Wanda Kaye Kidd and husband James, his brothers Rex LaPlante, IV and wife Ana, Seth LaPlante and wife Tracy, Sean LaPlante and wife Melanie Anne, Devin LaPlante and wife Melanie, his sister, Addie LaPlante.

Services are in care of Sterling-White Funeral Home & Cemetery, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Road, Highlands. Services will be June 3, 1-3:00 p.m.

The family is asking for donations to cover expenses at <https://gofund.me/c2a50d9c>.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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Uvalde mass shooting stirs up Gun Control debate

PROTESTS MOUNT AT NRA CONVENTION

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BETO O'ROURKE AND SHEILA JACKSON LEE AT THE NRA PROTEST AT DISCOVERY GREEN LAST FRIDAY. SEE STORY FOR BETO'S REMARKS.
(Photo Courtesy Courthouse News/Karen Yip)

deaths from mass shootings increased sharply.

The NRA convention drew a crowd of about 55,000 over 3 days, according to the city. Demonstrators called for a cancellation of the convention, but the City of Houston claimed that contractually they were unable.

Speakers at the convention included Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, but others including John Cornyn, Governor Greg Abbott, and Dan Patrick cancelled their appearances due to the proximity to the Uvalde massacre.

Trump in his speech called for a series of measures that largely mirrored what other Republicans had proposed throughout the day: Schools with a single entryway, with armed guards stationed there, and exit-only fire escapes. He also said some teachers should be allowed to carry firearms.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott canceled his planned appearance at the NRA convention and instead pre-recorded a video in which he was dismissive of calls for gun reforms.

“Remember this: There are thousands of laws on the books across the country that limit the

owning or using of firearms, laws that have not stopped madmen from carrying out evil acts on innocent people in peaceful communities,” he said.

In his remarks, Ted Cruz said “The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun,”

Cruz, meanwhile, blamed a “cultural sickness,” including fatherless children and video games, for mass shootings. He said schools should have a single entry point defended by multiple armed guards.

In celebration of its 150th anniversary, the NRA went big for its Texas meeting, with a sign outside the convention center promising “14 acres of guns and gear.”

Guns of all shapes and sizes were on display, from antique pistols to automatic weapons, with some decorated in camouflage and others in American flags. Hundreds of vendors set up booths for the weekend, selling ammunition and a variety of gun paraphernalia.

Outside the convention center, thousands gathered for a protest organized by gun control advocacy groups including the Harris County Democratic Party.

Many there said they were furious that the NRA would go on with its convention after a school shooting in the state just days earlier.

The focus of those protesting in Houston on Friday, in speeches and interviews, was on guns. Many argued for a ban on the sale of assault rifles.

Among the demonstrators was Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic challenger to Governor Greg Abbott in November's general election. Beto has called for “red flag” laws and a ban on the sale of AR-15s, sought to extend an olive branch to NRA members.

“To those who are attending the NRA convention across the street: You are not our enemies. We are not yours. We extend our hand, open and unarmed, in a gesture of peace and fellowship, to welcome you to join us to make sure this no longer happens in this country,” O'Rourke said during a speech at the protest.

“But the time for you to respond and join us is now. We cannot wait any longer for you,” he said. “Those who will be the victims of the next mass shooting unless we act are counting on us at this moment. So please join us now or be left behind.”

Crosby Rodeo starts June 3,

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then the Auction starting at 6pm.

The big weekend comes up starting Friday night June 10th with FFA and 4-H Day at 10am, and then the C.P.R.A. Championship Rodeo at 7:30pm. The concert that evening is by Josh Ward and Jon Wolfe.

On Saturday, June 11 the Little Wrangler Rodeo will be held, starting at 10am in the Arena. And who doesn't love “Mutton Bustin'?”

That evening the last Rodeo event will be held, and the concert will be Dos Borrachos, otherwise known as Kevin Fowler & Roger Creager.

There will also be a Raffle held as part of the Rodeo, and prizes include a 2022 John Deere Gator 4-wheeler, a Ruger rifle, and a Springfield pistol. Chances are \$100, and there will only be 350 sold.

Admission to each night of the Crosby Rodeo is \$15 for adults (\$20 day of the show), and \$5 for children. Tickets are available through the CRF website, www.crosbyrodeo.com.

Da'Vonte Mouton earns B.S. from Concordia University, NE

SEWARD, NE (05/09/2022)— Da'Vonte Mouton of Crosby, Texas, earned a B.S. from Concordia University, Nebraska.

On May 7, Concordia University, Nebraska awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to more than 400 graduates. The Class of 2022 was honored during undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4 Drew Parker

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others.

Parker made the move to Nashville, Tennessee in 2015 and signed a publishing deal with RiverHouse/ WarnerChappell in September of 2017. He is a co-writer on Luke Combs' debut platinum record “This Ones For You”, Jake Owen's single “Homemade” and Luke Combs' “1,2 Many”.

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