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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**THU. JULY 28
Crosby New Educator's Luncheon**

Goody Bag Items (250) and Door Prizes Needed!
New Educators Luncheon is fast approaching the Chamber, scheduled for July 28th at Crosby Church, located at 5725 HWY 90 in Crosby and will begin at 11:30am. This is our Monthly Member Luncheon where we host a lunch to WELCOME all new educators to our Crosby and Huffman School Districts. This year's luncheon will be Presented by: United Community Credit Union
We also give every new educator a gift bag full of items donated by our business members to welcome them to our towns. As well, we do a drawing and gift the teachers door prizes given by our members. If you would like to make sure your company is represented and the new educators know your company please be sure to donate to this event. You can call the Chamber Office with any questions.
Please call Chamber Office at 281-328-6984 or email us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org to register for event. Price for luncheon is \$20.00

We are asking for Goody Bag items and Door Prizes. If you wish to put items in the Goody Bags PLEASE make sure that we have your 250 items NO LATER than July 25th. Feel free to drop your items off at our office anytime Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm or call us at 281-328-6984; you can also email to chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org with any questions or if you need us to pick up your items.

**Crosby F&R donates \$90,000 to Cancer research
Bras for the Cause Annual fundraiser**

BAYTOWN — The Crosby Fair & Rodeo's Crosby Bras for the Cause Committee continued its strong community-wide support of breast cancer prevention, patient support programs at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital by recently presenting a check for \$90,000 to support the hospital's Pink Heals Fund and Bras for the Cause Breast Care Fund.

The money was derived from the committee's annual Bras for the Cause fundraiser. This was the 10th anniversary of the event, which has given over \$1 million over the years.

"The committee would like to thank the people of Crosby and surrounding communities for their support," said board member Debbie Holmelin. "The people of this community are the reason Bras for the Cause is able to make such a generous donation to a very worthwhile organization."

Pink Heals is a patient assistance fund that provides financial assistance to eligible patients undergoing treat-



Photograph: (left to right) Director of Oncology Services & Breast Care Center, Nancy Thompson; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Shawn Tittle; Chief Nursing Officer, Becky Chalupa; Chief Executive Officer David Bernard. Photo by: Stacy Binford

ment at Houston Methodist by paying third-party vendors to cover expenses such as mortgage, rent, utilities, medical equipment, prescription medications and transportation. The Breast Care Fund covers screening and diagnostic mammograms as well as breast biopsy and MRI procedures for eligible patients.

"This generous gift demonstrates our community's trust and confidence in our staff and physicians, and allows us to continue providing unparalleled cancer care to the Baytown community and surrounding area," said Nancy Thompson, Director of Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center at Baytown. "The Bras for the Cause Committee continues to demonstrate amazing dedication and compassion with its support of cancer screening and cancer treatment in our community."

For more information about the Cancer Center, or to schedule an appointment, call 281.428.2273.

Famed Highlands Jr. School Coach Gets Her Flowers

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey

"Now you know I don't like to be made a fuss over," Coach Eva Bradford said through tears to a packed crowd of family members, former and current students, and colleagues. Coach Bradford was honored during a gym naming dedication at Highlands Junior School on May 19th. The ceremony was originally scheduled to take place in 2020, but had to be postponed due to COVID.

Coach Bradford is a



Coach Eva Bradford flanked by former and current Highlands Junior School employees at the Recognition Ceremony in May.

staple in the Highlands community; having spent her entire 42-year career at Highlands Junior School. A decorated educator, she has earned several honors, including Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Barbers Hill Sports Hall of Honor, Highlands Junior "Teacher of the Year" as well as being named a Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Students Choice recipient.

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Crosby ISD will elect 7 new trustees in November

Filing Period begins July 23

CROSBY – The filing period begins soon for members of the public who wish to run for a seat on the Crosby Independent School District Board of Trustees.

All seven Trustee positions will be on the November ballot as part of the 2020 Census Redistricting process. Positions 1 through 7, including the At-Large Position 6, will be up for election this fall. Elections are conducted biennially in November. However, the Board approved all seven seats on the ballot this year due to the redrawing of single-member districts. The Redistricting process was completed to accommodate

population changes between the 2010 Census and the 2020 Census.

The Candidate Filing Period begins July 23 and runs through August 22nd at 5pm. Applications are accepted at the Crosby ISD Operations Center, 14670 FM 2100, Crosby, TX, 77532. Applications must be notarized. Our staff members can serve as a notary if needed.

There are a number of eligibility and application requirements to be a Crosby ISD Board of Trustee member. Among them: you must be a resident and registered voter in the single-member district from which you are running. The at-large position is available for any resident who is a registered voter residing within the boundaries of Crosby ISD.

You can see the full list of eligibility requirements on Crosby ISD's 2022 Board Elections web page at www.crosbyisd.org/boardelections. This site features a map with an address search to locate your single-member district; application documents; and deadlines for the election process. Questions can also be submitted to the Director of Communications and Community Relations, Mr. Brett Birkinbine at communications@crosbyisd.org. Board of Trustee members serve as volunteers who help guide the District in approving policies, setting goals and curriculum standards, and celebrating achievements of students and staff in Crosby ISD.

GCCISD Superintendent's message -- Grateful

Grateful

I cannot believe the 2021-2022 school year has come to a close. I often reflect on how the school year began and how it ended and I can't help but think of one word: grateful. I'm grateful for our educators. We know the challenges you have faced, both in and out of the classroom, and your resilience continues to push us to do more to support you. We are grateful for our support staff that are often both the first and last in our buildings. We could not do what we do without you. We are grateful for our parents and community members that continue to stand in the gap for us as we've prepared for the difficult times ahead. And lastly-we are grateful for the 24,000



SUPERINTENDENT RANDAL O'BRIEN

students that call GCCISD home. Without you, there is no us.

The district continues to experience major growth; which is a great thing! So much so, that it was inevitable we would need to open new schools to service neighborhoods in both the Baytown and Highlands

areas. The doors of our newest junior school, E.F. Green, opened on the first day of class in August 2021. The board unanimously approved the naming of the district's Early Learning Academy Central location in honor of Sheila Cason Liles during their February 2022 Board meeting. Liles was a Baytown native and a graduate of Lee High School. An experienced educator with a passion for early childhood education, she received many accolades during her tenure in the district; including being named the first principal for B.P. Hopper Primary School in 1980. After 22 years in the district, she

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GOOSE CREEK NEWS

Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees named Region 4 Board of the Year.



The Goose Creek CISD board members

HOUSTON (July 5, 2022)—The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees has been named the Region 4 School Board of the Year for 2021–2022 as part of the annual Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards Program.

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees was recognized for its dedicated support to students and educators. The Board recognizes the importance of creating a culture of mutual respect and trust among all members of the education community. Accordingly, the district's educational philosophy focuses on providing each student access to high-quality instruction, supports, facilities, and other educational resources. To support that philosophy, the board has approved a number of policies, including a 2019 bond that provided more than \$49.7 million for technology improvements as well as the expansion of the district's pre-k programs.

The board also has launched wellness initiatives for both students and staff members. Through Be Well Baytown, an initiative of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Goose Creek has implemented the CATCH curriculum, opened walking trails at four elementary school campuses, and added shade structures at five campuses to promote sun safety. To support employee wellness, Goose Creek has partnered with Next Level Urgent Care to provide full-time staff members with access to health and wellness resources, including medical care. The district also offers an employee fitness center.

"Congratulations to the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees for being selected as the School Board of the Year for Region 4, the Greater Houston Area! This is a historical event and the first for Goose Creek," said Dr. Randal O'Brien, superintendent, Goose Creek CISD. "I would like to thank our Board of Trustees for providing administration with a clear and concise vision of providing excellence in all that we do and a heart that challenges us to continuously improve what we accomplish each and every day for the sake of our students, faculty and the community that we love and serve."

Goose Creek also has seen continued gains in student performance, despite COVID-19. Graduates in 2021 earned more than \$16 million in scholarships, and 45 students earned associate's degrees in 2021–2022. The district also is home to nationally recognized college

and career readiness programs, with its STEM Academy, Health Science Academy, and Global Business Academy receiving Model status from the National Career Academy Coalition.

Goose Creek CISD serves nearly 24,000 students in the communities of Baytown and Highlands. The district includes six high schools, six junior high schools, and 16 elementary schools. Two new elementary schools, an Early Learning Academy, and the GCCISD Robotics Center are slated to open for the 2022–2023 school year. Goose Creek CISD is the largest employer within the district boundaries with more than 4,000 staff members.

"We are honored to be able to recognize the dedication and hard work of the members of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees for their unfailing commitment to excellence in service for children," said Dr. Pam Wells, executive director, Region 4 Education Service Center. "We congratulate them on the well-deserved recognition and wish them the best on their nomination."

The Goose Creek CISD board members are Richard Clem, president; Tiffany Guy, vice president; Howard Sampson, secretary; Helen Berrott-Tims, Assistant Secretary; members Mercedes Renteria, Jessica Woods, and Shae Cottar; and Dr. Randal O'Brien, superintendent.

The Texas Outstanding School Board will be announced during txEDCON, the TASA/TASB Convention, held September 23–25 in San Antonio.

About Region 4 Education Service Center

Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4), located in Houston, is one of 20 service centers established by the Texas Legislature in 1967. The purposes of the service centers, as presented in legislation, are to assist school districts in improving student performance, to enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically, and to implement initiatives assigned by the Legislature or Commissioner of Education. The core purpose of Region 4 is to provide excellence in service for children.

Encompassing seven counties in the upper Texas Gulf Coast area, Region 4 serves 47 independent school districts and 40 open-enrollment charter schools. As the largest service center in Texas, Region 4 serves an education community of more than 1.2 million students, more than 105,000 professional educators, and 1,500 campuses.

Cheer is Life for GCCID Cheerleaders

Cheer is life for members of the Goose Creek CISD middle and high school cheer squads. One of the highlights of their cheer career is attending the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) summer spirit camp. Seventy GCCISD cheerleaders comprised of students from Lee, Sterling, Horace Mann, Baytown Junior and Highlands, attended the camp in Moody Gardens the week of June 20th. Over 30 squads (400 cheerleaders) from across the state of Texas attended the event. The camp offered traditional training that focused on skill progression, crowd leading, leadership training and team bonding. The junior high program focused on crowd leading and skill fundamentals, with exclusive material just for their grade level. Attendees had the opportunity to perfect their stunts, pyramids and jumps; receive private coaching, leadership training and more, but the highlight of the camp was "Friday Night Lights." Cheer-

leaders and their coaches dressed up in camp-themed spirit gear, as they participated in team building activities designed to increase motivation, promote cooperation and build memories. The camp concluded with an awards ceremony. The Lee High School team went home with two superior ribbons, two Pin It Forward recipients and one All-American. Sterling received second for cheer, two overall Game Day, five All-Americans and one Pin It Forward. Highlands, Horace Mann, and Baytown Junior won first, second, and third place for overall junior high.

UCA was founded by Jeff Web in 1974 to provide the best educational training for cheerleaders with the goal of incorporating high-level skills with traditional crowd leading. Today, it stands as the largest cheerleading camp company in the world.

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, Director of Communications



Seventy cheerleaders from across the district attended the UCA summer spirit camp in Moody Gardens.



Lee High School cheerleaders posed with the Superior award and spirit stick during the UCA 2022 summer spirit camp in Moody Gardens.

Goose Creek Superintendent's message,

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retired in 1991, but the impact she left on those she both worked with and taught lives on. The Jessie Lee Pumphrey Elementary School, named for another long-term educator and campus leader, will also open in August 2022 as well as the new San Jacinto Elementary School replacement campus.

We could not have done any of what we have done over the years without the support of our Board of Trustees, the GCCISD Education Foundation and our Partners in Education. Having the continuous support of our internal and external stakeholders is integral to the success of our students and staff and

continues to be an important part of the fabric of Goose Creek CISD.

The district's goal of providing pre-k options for our families will begin in the 2022-2023 school year. Aside from the Liles location, the Early Learning Pre-K Academy will be housed at two of our newest campuses: Jessie Lee Pumphrey and San Jacinto Elementary Schools; both set to open in August 2022. The dual language pre-k academy will be hosted at Alamo, Ashbel Smith and Harlem Elementary Schools and the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) Pre-K academy will be hosted at Austin and

Walker Elementary Schools. We are also excited to open the district's new Robotics Center in August 2022. The facility, located directly across from Stuart Career Technical High School, will serve as a hub for the district's award-winning robotics teams and it is my hope, that the program continues to grow for years to come.

The 2021-2022 school year was transformative, in more ways than one, and I cannot wait to see what the 2022-2023 school year brings.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in August!

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ON THE HILL

Deadline to Apply for the Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Program is August 31, 2022

AUSTIN — Today the Texas General Land Office (GLO) announced the application for the Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Program (HARP) will close at 5 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2022.

The GLO allocated \$137.8 million of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for repair or reconstruction of owner-occupied single-family homes and reimbursement up to \$50,000 for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred for reconstruction, rehabilitation, or mitigation. Repayment of SBA loans is also eligible for reimbursement.

HARP Regions: South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley (\$66,196,000): Cameron, Jim Wells, Hidalgo, Willacy

Tropical Storm Imelda (\$71,604,000): Chambers, Harris, Liberty, Jefferson, Montgomery, Orange, San Jacinto

A single application can be submitted for reimbursement and repair assistance. HARP is a first-come, first-served basis and all homeowners are encouraged to apply immediately. HARP is only available for a main home (primary residence).

The HARP regional offices will remain open, and processing of applications will continue indefinitely until program funds are fully expended. New applicants can also call the toll-free intake center line at 1-866-317-1998. Applications will be considered for award on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the priorities outlined in the Regional Housing Guidelines. Submitting a complete application does not guarantee eligibility nor funding availability.

Potential applicants should review the [Homeowner Assistance and Reimbursement Programs Checklist](#) to have all applicable documents ready prior to applying. Interested homeowners should visit recovery.texas.gov/harp to apply online or download a printable version of the application.

Mont Belvieu Murder Suspect dead in Harlingen car accident

(Mont Belvieu, Texas) Mont Belvieu Police Chief Jimmy Ellison has announced that Osvaldo Rodriguez, the suspect wanted in connection to last Thursday's (June 23rd) murder of his estranged wife, Magdalena "Maggie" Rodriguez in Mont Belvieu, has been confirmed to be deceased in Harlingen, TX. Chief Ellison has notified both families.

Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in Harlingen TX, a fatal auto-pedestrian crash occurred on the North 77 Expressway, in which a male pedestrian with no identification on him, was struck and killed by a passing van shortly after he stepped out of a

vehicle parked on the shoulder. Harlingen PD had been working to identify the unknown deceased subject but had been unsuccessful until a fingerprint comparison determined him to possibly be Osvaldo Rodriguez, whose Murder warrant had been uploaded by MBPD into the Texas and National Crime Information Centers.

Harlingen PD contacted Mont Belvieu PD late Monday and through cooperative efforts, both agencies were able to positively identify the Harlingen fatality as MBPD fugitive Osvaldo Rodriguez.

As previously released last week, with-



Osvaldo Rodriguez

in a few hours of the homicide that occurred at 6:40 a.m. Thursday morning, MBPD had determined Mr. Rodriguez to be in Beaumont. MBPD then actively worked with Beaumont PD in searching for him in the area near College Street and I-10 where he was last seen. While searching

that area, investigators were able to locate and recover the vehicle used by Rodriguez, but were unable to ascertain any further information as to his whereabouts or destination. MBPD's investigation remained active at that point, culminating with Monday evenings information from Harlingen PD.

Mont Belvieu PD will continue to work certain aspects of the homicide investigation and will assist Harlingen PD as needed pertaining to their auto-pedestrian crash investigation. Questions related to the Harlingen crash investigation should be directed to Harlingen PD Sergeant Larry Moore

at 956-367-5170 or email

at lmoores@harlingenpolice.com Chief Ellison appreciates the substantial assistance provided by our partners at Beaumont PD, Chambers County District Attorney's Office & Investigators, and Harlingen PD.

Mont Belvieu PD recognizes that this news is difficult in many ways for both families; it is our hope that it will begin the healing process as well as bring some peace of mind to the community. We are grateful that our community will continue to surround both families with care and compassion in their losses.

Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

What Does Shortness of Breath Feel Like & When Is It Serious?

Breathing is an automatic process, meaning it's carried out without any conscious effort on your part.

So, when breathing becomes a conscious effort — such that you're short of breath and have to remind yourself to take deep breaths — it can be frightening, especially if you've never experienced it before.

"Shortness of breath is a symptom that can be associated with many conditions, primarily heart and lung conditions. Both of these are incredibly important organs, so it's never a good idea to ignore shortness of breath," says Dr. Skantha Manjunath, a pulmonologist at Houston Methodist Lung Associates in Baytown.

The many causes of shortness of breath include:

- Asthma**
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Pulmonary hypertension

Pulmonary fibrosis
Respiratory tract infection, including pneumonia or bronchitis

Heart conditions, such as cardiomyopathy, heart attack and heart failure

Obesity
Being out of shape (muscle deconditioning)
Anxiety or panic attacks

Where do you feel shortness of breath?

Shortness of breath is felt in your chest and can manifest as:

- Difficulty catching your breath
- Feeling a need to breathe more quickly or deeply
- Not feeling able to take a full, deep breath
- Feeling huffy and puffy

"You may first notice shortness of breath during physical activity," says Dr. Manjunath.

"And shortness of breath can progress over time, to the point where you experience it even while at rest."

But not all shortness of breath develops slowly over time. Sometimes,



Dr. Skantha Manjunath

shortness of breath hits suddenly, and maybe even severely.

When shortness of breath is acute, it's typically accompanied by other symptoms, such as:

- Fever and cough (pneumonia)
- Itching, swelling or a rash (allergic reaction)
- Wheezing (asthma)
- Pain in the chest, blurry vision and lightheadedness (heart attack)
- Chest pain and leg swelling, especially after long travel (pulmonary embolism)

When is shortness of breath serious?

Importantly, if shortness of breath is moderate to severe and occurs suddenly — and especial-

ly if it's accompanied by chest pain, lightheadedness and changes to the color of your skin — it's become a medical emergency that warrants a call to 911.

"This can be a sign of a heart attack or pulmonary embolism, which are both life-threatening emergencies," says Dr. Manjunath.

Then there's the milder shortness of breath experienced on occasion with physical activity. While this isn't a medical emergency, it's not something to ignore either.

What does shortness of breath mean?

Shortness of breath occurs when you're not getting enough oxygen, leaving you to feel like you need to breathe harder, quicker and/or deeper. And, if you feel like you're not getting enough oxygen, your organs aren't either — which can have serious short-term and long-term consequences to your health.

"Shortness of breath can be caused by a variety of conditions, ranging

from asthma and COPD to heart failure. Your doctor can run the tests needed to help make a diagnosis, as well as offer lifestyle recommendations or prescribe medications that can help treat the underlying cause of your shortness of breath," explains Dr. Manjunath.

For instance, if you are diagnosed with asthma, your doctor may prescribe an inhaler and recommend you quit smoking (if you smoke) and avoid other lung irritants.

If shortness of breath continues to progress despite lifestyle modifications and treatment, your doctor may refer you to a pulmonologist or cardiologist, depending on the source of your shortness of breath.

For more information on the full range of services offered at Houston Methodist Baytown and to schedule an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-428-2273.

GRAD Cafe Ribbon Cutting

GRADcafé Baytown, a program of Tejano Center, is made possible by our partners, Lee College and Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

We will open Wednesdays from 1pm-6pm and Thursdays from 10 am- 6 pm and located in the Lee College Center for Community Engagement & Workforce Development.

No appointment is needed and walk-ins are all welcome to meet with an advisor about college, career, workforce training program planning. Whether an individual wants to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, we are here to guide them through every step.

You're never too young or old to get started!



Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia at the ribbon cutting ceremony

OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By Grace Chimene, President League of Women Voters of Texas

LWV comments on Supreme Court abortion ruling

Austin, TX – On June 24, 2022, all abortion clinics in Texas stopped providing abortion services. This will have devastating consequences for Texas women.

The United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization on June 24, 2022. In this opinion, the Court overturned almost 50 years of precedent going back to its seminal decision in Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that found that women have a constitutional right to abortion.

During the last Texas legislative session, a so-called “trigger law” was enacted which bans abortions in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. This ban becomes effective 30 days after the issuance of a Supreme Court decision overruling Roe.

However, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued an advisory that prosecutors could immediately pursue prosecutions based upon Texas law that pre-dated the 1973 Roe decision.

“The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly supports women’s access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including safe, legal abortions. The Dobbs opinion is an affront to the dignity of women and their ability to make their own decisions regarding their bodies and their futures.”

The League of Women Voters has been advocating for reproductive justice for forty years. The League of Women Voters of the United States provided this statement on June 24, 2022.

The Texas League will continue to fight for both state and federal legislation that protects women’s liberties and their right of self-determination as to their reproductive choices, including abortion access.

THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Forgotten Salves”

I was packing for our recent trip to Mexico when I found the old tube of V05. “Do I still have this?” Apparently, I did.

Even though my husband, Peter, and I had moved a year ago, a lot of forgotten salves and soaps and lotions of various types had made the move with us.

“All the misfit and forgotten products are coming to Mexico!” I announced.

There was the expensive moisturizer I’d picked up when I was in Europe. It smelled funny and had a weird texture, but I felt guilty throwing it out.

My plan worked exactly as I hoped.

Peter started using the peculiar-smelling European lotion. He claimed it had no smell at all—but that’s Peter for you.

“Body soap” it said, plain as day. “Well. That explains it!” The lotion was demoted to the shower, where it did just fine for its intended purpose.

But the biggest surprise was the V05.

It was in a metal tube with the paint peeling off and I had been moving it around with me since before my grandmother died 15 years earlier.

“It’s not just good for your hair!” she insisted. She said it was good for scratches on wooden furniture and dry cuticles and many other uses I’ve since forgotten, which explains why I’d been hanging on to this tube for 20 years.

In Mexico, with nothing else to tame my frizzy, fly-away hair, I finally tried it.

The V05 was terrific. And the scent brought me right back to my grandmother. I remembered the smell of my grandmother’s hair as clearly as the cherry almond-scented lotion she used.

“I’ve gotta get more of this!” I declared when I got home. That’s when I read the awful news.

V05 had been discontinued! I found a few opportunistic folks selling tubes for \$30 apiece on eBay, but other than that, it seemed to have disappeared.

“Oh, no!” I complained to Peter, who pays no attention to this kind of thing. (He thought the body soap worked perfectly fine as lotion, to give you some idea.)

“You can’t find it anywhere?” he asked.

“No!”

The next day, Peter found some. It was still available after all, and at a reasonable price.

When it arrived, it was not in a metal tube; they had switched to plastic a long time ago, so my 20-year-old tube was probably a lot older than that.

I saw my dad that week, recovering from his pacemaker surgery.

“Guess what I found, Dad?” “What?” “V05!”

I dipped my head toward him in the hospital bed. “Doesn’t that smell remind you of grandma?” I asked.

My dad smiled. Till next time, Carrie

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



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Abortion now Officially Illegal in Texas

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

“Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman’s Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday’s decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state’s trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates Roe v. Wade, officials with those organizations said.”

“Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life,” Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

Beto O’Rourke, Abbott’s Democratic opponent in the November gubernatorial election, said on Twitter, “I will always fight for a woman’s freedom to make her own decisions about her own body, health care, and future.”

STATE SENATOR SUES DPS OVER UVALDE RECORDS

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

“In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have demanded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements, and shifts of blame,” Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the Texas Tribune.

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

classroom to kill the shooter. Meanwhile,

Gov. Greg Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by his press secretary: “The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal.”

WILDFIRE RISKS GROW AS HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that last week marked the third week in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating the state.

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained — the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

DRUNK DRIVERS CAUSE ONE IN FOUR STATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000 traffic crashes involved drunk driving — up 9% over 2020.

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its “Faces of Drunk Driving” campaign to remind motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

“Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100% preventable,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend—or simply stay where you are.”

APPLICATIONS TO BECOME A ‘BIRD CITY’ NOW ACCEPTED

It’s time for cities to go to the birds.

Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are accepting applications from communities that would like to receive Bird City Texas certification. The program, in its fourth year, recognizes the contributions that communities make to improve nature in and around where people live, work and play.

“All communities, big and small, are eligible to participate,” says Richard Heilbrun with TPWD. “Bird City Texas is a great way to demonstrate that a community values nature, that they’re willing to improve that nature, and that residents are encouraged to get outside and experience nature.”

Certification is based on work in three categories: education and engagement, habitat management and improvement and removal of threats to birds. Community residents are encouraged to be part of the process, Heilbrun said.

Applications for Bird City certification will be accepted through Dec. 2, but applications must be started by Nov. 1. More information can be found here: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/wildlife/birding/bird-city-texas>.

COVID-19 CASES UP, DEATHS DOWN

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Response Center at Johns Hopkins University rose once again in Texas the past week, with 61,682 reported — up 28% from the previous week, though deaths dropped sharply to 66. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas hospitals rose to 2,055, up 17.6% from the previous week.

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Brenda Sue Ermel

Brenda Sue Ermel, 72, of Hardin, TX went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 20, 2022 after a lengthy illness. She was born on April 27, 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late John Morris Swartz and Joyce Inez Henley. She lived in Channelview, TX many years as well. Brenda and CL retired to Hardin, Texas together. Mrs. Ermel was a Master Gardener and retired from Vaughns Nursery Channelview TX.



and caring for her many animals, domestic and wild. She had a huge heart. She loved to talk and visit and tell stories about old times. Brenda loved God, family and nature.

Mrs. Ermel is preceded in death by her parents, John Morris Swartz and Joyce Inez Gillespie and step father W.R. Gillespie; brothers, Mike Swartz and Steve Swartz; sister Beckey Swartz; father-in-law, Conrad Ermel and

mother-in-law Joyce Ermel. Those left to cherish her memory are her wonderful husband of 36 years C.L. Ermel of Hardin, TX; son, Ray Jackson Jr. of Uvalde, TX; daughter Jennifer Jackson of Hardin, TX; brother, Daniel "Pete" Swartz of Bastrop, TX; brother-in-law Thomas Ermel and wife Jo of Hunnington, TX and their three children, brother-in-law, Dennis Ermel of Kenefic, TX and uncle and aunt Jack and Sue Fitzwater; granddaughters, Josie Meadows and husband Dustin, Madi McRaven and fiance Shaun, Ariel Jackson, Caitlyn Jackson, Kirstyn Jackson, and Kaydence Jackson; grandsons, Taylor and Douglas Cody; great grandchildren, Josylin, Layla, Atlas, Kash, Ryleigh, Gage, Elijah, and Alivia, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews she loved very dearly and many friends. We love you so much momma, see you when we get there.

She loved planting flowers and planting trees and tending the beautiful gardens she designed. Everything she touched bloomed beautifully. She was into photography her entire life and loved taking pictures of nature and her family. She always had photo albums with her to show off her grandkids and family. She enjoyed feeding

Jo Ann (Snow) Williams

Jo Ann (Snow) Williams; 87 years; of Houston, TX; passed away on Wednesday; July 6, 2022 in Pasadena, TX. Funeral services are scheduled for 12PM on Saturday; July 16 2022 at Day Funeral Home in Madisonville, TX and the burial will follow at Mount Tabor Cemetery in Madisonville, TX. The visitation is scheduled to begin at 11:30AM prior to the service.



ment of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) at the Hightower Unit in Dayton, TX where she was the supervisor over inmate records until she retired in 2002.

Jo Ann married Robbie Carroll Williams on December 2, 1961 and had three children and she was a devoted mother and grandmother. She loved attending church, singing gospel music, and correcting everyone's grammar. When not teaching, she had a passion for shopping for make-up and beautiful clothes and getting her hair done. Jo Ann was once

described as "the most beautiful woman I have ever seen". Jo Ann was preceded in death by her husband; Robbie Carroll Williams; her parents Sarah Velma (Batson) Snow and Claude Randolph Snow; and her grandson Joseph Ryan Nedbalek. She is survived by her daughter, Shelly A. Merchant (James Henry); her son, Eddie Williams (Kayla); her son, Michael Williams (Michelle); her granddaughters, Merissa Parsons (Ryan) and Mikayla Geisinger (Landon); her grandsons, Jake Helton, Corey Williams (Jackie); and her great grandchildren, Conner Joseph Parsons, Carter Eli Parsons, Lee Claude Geisinger and Joseph Randolph Williams. Serving as pallbearers are: Michael Williams, Jake Helton, James Henry, Corey Williams, Miguel Quintana, and Jerry Devinci. Serving as an honorary pallbearer is: Ryan Parsons.

Jo Ann was born on January 11, 1935 in Normangee, TX to Claude Randolph and Sarah Velma (Batson) Snow. She was a pioneer in academia, attended Texas Woman's University (TWU) in Denton, TX, and was a professor at Massey Business College in Houston, TX until she retired in 1992 where she taught English and shorthand. After retiring from the business school, she went to work for The Texas Depart-

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CHRISTINE (CHRIS) JOY RIES

On Saturday, July 2, 2022 Christine (Chris) Joy Ries, loving wife, sister, step-mother, and friend, went to be with the Lord at the age of 69. Chris was born in Pasadena, Texas on January 3, 1953 to her parents Joyce and Kenneth Ries. Chris had a zest for life and a strong sense of faith. She was known for her kind heart and goodwill towards others.



Bill, Staci, Debra, and Vicki; grandchildren, Evette, Jessica, Joshua, Grace, Jacob, Lucas, and Samuel; great-grandchildren, Olivia and Vincent; nieces, Heather and Jamie; and nephew, Brian.

The family would like you to join them for a visitation at Holy Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, July 8, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. with celebration of life services to begin at 12:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial donations be made to Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in memory of Chris.



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Chris is preceded in death by her parents, Joyce and Kenneth Ries. She is lovingly survived by her husband of 40 years, Ty Hartley; brothers, Joe Ries and Tim Ries; step-children,

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HJS Coach Bradford,

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Several members of the community spoke highly of Coach Bradford and credited her with their success. Dr. Bernard Mulvaney, Highlands Junior School principal said, "Now, as most of you know, Coach Bradford does not like things like this," he said. "But I told her, we were going to celebrate her anyway, because if anyone deserves this; it's her." Heron Thomas, a former HJS student, said Bradford has served as a mentor to him throughout his life. "Coach Bradford has a strong, but quiet presence," he said. "When she speaks; you better listen and I'm so glad that I did because I wouldn't be who I am today without her."

Coach Bradford, overwhelmed with emotion, addressed the crowd as any proud coach would. "I can't help but thank God for allowing me to be here today," she said. "I am so thankful for this honor and I know that



#2: Coach Eva Bradford proudly poses by the plaque in her honor at Highlands Junior School.

my parents are looking down, smiling and are proud of the work that I've done."

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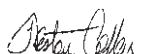
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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on July 19, 2022 at the Public Works Facility, 12202 Market St., Jacinto City, Texas at 10:00 a.m. Specs may be picked up at Jacinto City, City Hall, at 1301 Mercury Dr. or download at jacintocity-tx.gov under the public notice tab.

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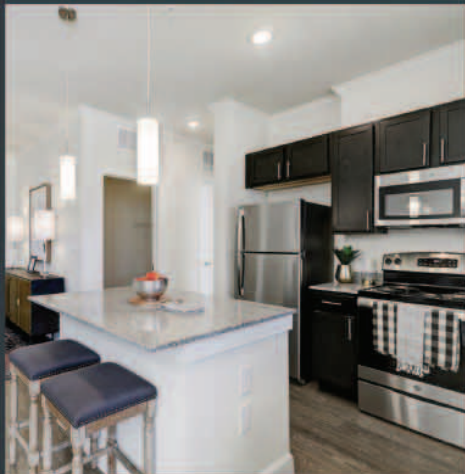
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