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Crosby Read to the Final Four



TORO the Texans Mascot with Crosby Newport Elementary students. See Superintendent's story, below.

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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

APR. 11, TUESDAY San Jacinto River Coalition

THEA/SJRC Meeting scheduled at Highlands Community Center, 6:30pm. Update on Waste Pits Remediation.

APR. 13, WED. C/H Chamber Tees-N-Tails Golf Tournament

Crosby/Huffman Chamber of Commerce 31st Annual Golf Tournament. At Stonebridge at Newport. 16401 Country Club Drive, Crosby 77532.

Starts 8:30am registration, 9:00am Breakfast, 10:00am Shotgun Start.

Early Bird by April 10, \$75 without Games, \$100 with Games. After April 10, \$100 without Games, \$125 with Games. Games include Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Bubba Drive.

Register at 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

APR. 24, MON.

Crosby Library Friends Meeting

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold a meeting on Monday, April 24 at 6:00pm.

The program will be a talk on Crosby History "The Swedish Streets of Crosby"

NOW OPEN

New Laudromat opens in Highlands

Well known local businessman Bill Bagl has opened a new Laudromat in Highlands, known as 501Laudromat.

Bagl said that the new store has the latest Wascomat professional washers and dryers, and because of their extra large size can clean 60 lbs of laundry in an hour.

The new store is now open, and operates 7 days a week, from 8am to 9pm.

More details and photos on page 2 of this paper, or stop by with some laundry. Located at 501 S. Main Street, Highlands.

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 6-J.J. Worthen
Apr 7-Jean Oliver
Charlotte Yates
Apr 8-Thomas Earl Fabian
Marie Engle
Apr 9-Casie Russell
Damon Lay
Mitchell Thompson
Apr 10-Wendi Owens
Apr 11-Paul Bailey
Teresa Barker
Richard Lyons
Apr 11-Ashleigh Oviedo
Apr 12-Rlylee Clamon
Apr 13-Cameron Hosea
Apr 14-Mike Parrott
Apr 15-Harry Stewart
Cherie Zarsky
Maria Cortez-Ochoa

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 5-Randy & Rose
Donnell
Apr 9-Robert & Delana
Matthews
Joshua & Kaylee
Bradley
Apr 10-Rod & Anita Davis
Apr 17-Roy & Pauline
Cutbirth

Crosby 200 Celebration plans progressing

Large segment of the community now involved

CROSBY - Dozens of members of the Crosby200 planning committee finished up their monthly meeting last Tuesday night, with a lot accomplished to coordinate a huge birthday celebration planned for Saturday, September 23rd.

Bicentennial Chairperson Donna Davenport reported that about 25 committee chairs were at the meeting, and reported a great deal of progress toward the huge all-day event.

There is so much enthusiasm for the event, and so many people willing to help, that it may become too big to manage, The Celebration will start at 10am Saturday morning with a parade, and end that evening with entertainment, after a full day of flyovers, 65 vendor booths, music and food, history

and quilts, music and dance, car shows and emergency equipment, and involvement of the library and schools, and so much more.

To get a better idea of the extensive plans for the event, here are the highlights from Tuesday's planning meeting:

CROSBY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (CBC) MEETING

A. Updates from Chairpersons

1. Gene Hicks, CHAIRMAN - Dance Committee / Band. Three bands will be playing, Cody Kouba (Hometown entertainer, the 22s (local CHS graduates), Leroy Thomas (Zydeco) paid for by Bob & Jeans
2. Rachel Hicks, CHAIRMAN - Buttons for the Dance Committee



(Buttons are a throwback to the days of the Crosby Sports Association Street Dance

3. Alicia Spear and Belinda Parker, Co-CHAIRMAN - Vendor Booths / Food Trucks Committee: vendors can sign up online - crosby200.com approximately 65 booths for vendors.
4. Eddie Foster CHAIR-

MAN - Parade starting at 10 a.m. Celebration will start around noon after parade. Parade will start and end at the Middle School and have the regular parade route FM 2100 - First Street - Wahl Street - FM200. Members of Faith Family will be helping with the parade. Canon made by Ricky Sparks will be fired to begin the parade and at the end of the celebration.

** Descendents of our founder, Humphrey Jackson, will be participating in our parade.

5. Kim Harris, CHAIRMAN - Ribbon Cutting & Parade permits with TX-DOT and insurance coverage. Also, obtain a Fire Marshall Permit
6. Dolores Casey,

CHAIRMAN - Firetrucks, Life Flight, Big Trucks Committee, Harris County Sheriff with McGruff, Specialty vehicle high water rescue, SWAT vehicle, DPS Patrol Car and specialty vehicles, Texas Parks and Wildlife / Game warden will have a boat, SPAAMFA will have an antique fire trucks and equipment, Possibly Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will bring donor coach, EMS and Crosby Volunteer Fire Department, Constables.

7. Velma Ellison, CHAIRMAN - Photo Booth

8. Karen Foster, CHAIRMAN - Car Show Committee Load in at 7 a.m. to avoid the traffic for the parade. They will also do a 50/50 drawing to raise funds.

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Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

We are moving full steam ahead with the final nine weeks of the spring semester. This is the time of the year when we are focused on ending the current school year strong academically, and we are also in the detailed planning stages for our next school year. I would like to share a huge "Thank You" to Friendly Ford of Crosby and the Salinas family for working with us on child care solutions for the 2023-2024 School Year. Friendly Ford will assist our efforts with the YMCA to offer child care services on Fridays when the District shifts to a 4-Day Instructional Week. We look forward to working with



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PAULA PATTERSON

other Crosby and Barrett Station businesses to offer discounts or other incentives for families in need of child care on days school is not in session. We love to see hometown help for our families!

One of the topics on the minds of many is the growth you can see



Crosby High School choir

around Crosby ISD, which will include new students joining us throughout the 2023-2024 School Year. We want to be good stewards of our

current facilities and good stewards of taxpayer dollars, so therefore we are making a couple of reconfigurations. Starting in August, kindergarten stu-

dents who live in the Drew Elementary and Barrett Elementary zones

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Turner Chevy Car Show New Highlands Rotarians set for April 22nd



Turner Chevrolet in Crosby will display dozens of classic and specialty cars and trucks at its 2nd Annual Car Show. Saturday, April 22nd from 10am to 3pm at their Crosby location on US90. Food Truck, Raffle for prizes, Judging for top 20 cars. Call 281-328-4377 for info or to enter.



Highlands Rotary president Andy Scott, left, welcomes Rickie Garcia and Connie Russell as new members. District Rotarian Bryan Clements conducted the swearing-in ceremony. The club welcomes prospective new members.

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

Giant Things Going On in GCCISD

I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing spring break! We're on the downhill slope now, so I hope you're using your energy, talents and skills to push through the school year, helping our students succeed in their classes, in testing, in their extracurricular activities as well as in their home lives.

As always, we have Giant things going on in Goose Creek CISD. We are so grateful to ExxonMobil Baytown for the generous \$50,000 donation to the Goose Creek CISD Robotics program to provide resources and outreach. Goose Creek CISD hosted a recognition presentation March 8 at the Robotics Center, which opened in October 2022. Thanks to ExxonMobil for supporting the program.

Stuart Career Tech High School is now a Distinguished High School Program, partnering with Stephen F. Austin State University. The program provides benefits, such as guaranteed admission, unique scholarships and enhanced services to eligible students. Benefits to students include an application fee waiver, guaranteed admissions to the top 30%, scholarship opportunities, SFA campus visits and more. Principal Kelley Start recently was presented with a banner, which will hang in the College and Career Office, by SFA representatives.

Goose Creek CISD Future Farmers of America (FFA) received a proclamation from the City of Baytown honoring the program. Brandon Capetil-



Dr. Randal O'Brien Superintendent

lo, Baytown mayor, and Jason Reynolds, Baytown city manager, presented the proclamation. Congratulations to our successful district FFA program.

The girls powerlifting team at Robert E. Lee High School competed at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet, achieving several personal bests. We are proud of these young ladies and Coach Lindsey Antonini.

GCCISD elementarys celebrated literacy during Read Across America Week March 2-6, beginning on Dr. Seuss' birthday. Book character parades were held and guest readers, including Goose Creek CISD administrators, read to students across the district. It is always enjoyable to interact with our students and to see their love for reading

and books grow.

After 21 rounds, Ethan Wheeler, a sixth grader at Gentry Junior School, correctly spelled the word "permission" to win first place in the annual district Spelling Bee. Brenda Herrera, a sixth grader at Horace Mann Junior School placed second, and Anirudh Sunil, a fifth grader at Victoria Walker, placed third. Ethan advanced to the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee at Houston Community College.

As always, spring is a busy season for our school district. I hope you get out to some of our campuses to see some athletic events, fine arts concerts or other activities. Our students and staff work extremely hard to help our students show off their skills, and they always appreciate having an audience.

E.F. Green Students Compete in MATHCOUNTS Competition



E. F. Green's MATHCOUNTS team competed at the state competition after winning second place in the chapter competition. Pictured are, from left, Dr. G. Earnest Brooks, E. F. Green principal; Janette Cruz, MATHCOUNTS coach; students Alexander Romeo, Anay Gupta, Sadvi Koora, Ananya Sood and Michelle Jackson, student support administrator.

Four students from E. F. Green Junior School represented Goose Creek CISD at the MATHCOUNTS state competition in Austin during spring break. Team members were Sadvi Koora, Ananya Sood, Anay Gupta and Alexander Romeo, coached by Janette Cruz.

Students must qualify in the chapter competition to earn the opportunity to compete at state. This year the team from Green won second place team and the team from Highlands Junior School took third place in the chapter competition.

"Texas Society of Professional Engineers organizes both the chapter and state competitions for MATHCOUNTS in Texas, and winners from the state competition attend a national competition. are excited to have students make it to state," said

Emily Makosa, 6-8 district math specialist.

The MATHCOUNTS program is a math enrichment initiative providing the structure and activities needed to encourage the formation of math club within the schools. The program is designed to increase enthusiasm for math and to engage students using a variety of math activities.

Crosby Superintendent's Message to the Community,

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Crosby High School Junior Varsity track

will attend those schools instead of Crosby Kindergarten Center. Both Drew and Barrett Elementary are under capacity and are not predicted to be near capacity due to growth. All other kindergarten students and all Pre-K students will continue to attend Crosby Kindergarten Center. Although this move is to make good use of facilities, there are some benefits for our families as well. Parents will be closer to their child's school with them attending their neighborhood school. If the kindergartner has older elementary-aged siblings, they will attend the same school as their brothers and sisters. We look forward to welcoming kinder students to Drew Elementary and Barrett Elementary next school year.

I want to brag about our third-grade students at Newport Elementary School. They finished third out of nearly 200 schools in the Read to the Final Four literacy competition. On Friday, March 31, Newport students had one of their best days ever! They traveled to the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston to be recognized as a Top 4 reading school. Principal Price and I were thrilled to accept a \$2000 check the students earned for their campus. Newport third graders read 3.7 million minutes during

the 20-week competition. After the big celebration, Newport students met up with their third-grade friends from Crosby, Drew, and Barrett Elementary Schools. All our third-grade readers received a special field trip to NRG Stadium to watch the NCAA Men's College Basketball Final 4 teams practice. It was a great way to wrap up the Read to the Final Four competition, that promoted reading like it was an Olympic sport. Our third graders read more than 11 million minutes in all.

Congratulations to the Crosby High School Treble and Show Choir for receiving two Sweepstakes awards at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Competition last month. Sweepstakes is the highest rating a group can earn in the competition. Kudos to CHS Choir Director, Ms. Bridget Perez, for growing the CHS Choral Program.

We are also growing our talented bench of student-athletes. The Crosby High School Junior Varsity Track and Field team were just crowned District Champions. We can't wait to see what they do when they move into the



Mr. Kenneth Frank

varsity ranks. Also, bravo to the Crosby High School Boys' and Girls' varsity soccer teams for earning a spot in the playoffs this season. Although their seasons have come to an end, both teams showed grit and determination throughout these last four months.

Finally, a note of gratitude to one of the members of the Crosby ISD Maintenance team. Mr. Kenneth Frank put some muscle into helping one of our students at Drew Elementary School. She lost a bracelet that belonged to her late mother. Mr. Frank went above and beyond, by taking apart a bench at the school to find the precious keepsake. Mr. Frank made that student's day, and he is an example of how our staff members put kindness into action.

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OPINION

By BILL KING



Nearing Peak World Population

I regularly talk to well-informed people who do not realize that world population growth is rapidly slowing and that global population will peak sometime between now and the end of the century. Currently, the UN estimates the most likely case is that the world’s population will top out around 10 billion in 2080 and then begin a long, slow decline. Other modelers are projecting the peak will be reached in 2060 at 9 billion and then decline more rapidly. Some scenarios predict there will be fewer people on the planet at the end of century than now.

The UN’s predictions for the U.S. are similar, with our population topping out at around 380 million near the end of the century. This is consistent with the Congressional Budget Office projections, which assume the U.S. annual population growth rate over the next 20 years will decline from .5% to .2%. Without immigration, the U.S. population would begin to decline around 2035.

Many of us grew up reading the Ehrlichs’ Population Bomb, which predicted a worldwide apocalypse was just around the corner. The book, written in 1968, categorically predicted that “The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death...” Of course, that did not happen and since around 2000, researchers have found there have been more obese people in the world than those who are undernourished.

In part, it did not happen because of an explosion of agricultural technology in the 1950s and 1960s known as the Green Revolution. But the Ehrlichs’ prediction also never came to pass because they missed that by the time they were writing their book, women had already begun having fewer babies.

The critical metric for population growth is the average number of children women are having at any particular time, known as the “fertility rate.” Other factors, such as childhood survival and longevity, also affect population growth but the fertility rate is the big driver. It takes a fertility rate of 2.1 children per woman to maintain a stable population, known as the “replacement rate.” Anything above that and the population will grow and below that it falls.

When the Ehrlichs wrote their book the fertility rate was stunningly high at 5. That astronomical rate would go on to cause the world population to double just 40 years later. But what was not apparent to the Ehrlichs at the time was that the fertility rate had peaked about five years earlier at 5.3. That began a steady slide downward to 2.3 today, just barely above the replacement rate.

However, a decline in fertility rate does not show up at once. It takes a while for that lower rate to work through the generational cycle, something referred as “population momentum.” That is why you still see a hefty 25% increase in the world’s population in the projections before it tops out in 2080.

Many countries around the world are already beginning to feel the effects of slowing population growth. Japan and Russia both face looming drastic population declines. China announced this year that for the first time its population had declined. Some countries have begun adopting policies to encourage young couples to have more children.

Of course, there is no question that the decline in population growth is very welcome news. Indeed, without the downturn we would be facing the apocalypse that the Ehrlichs foresaw as we put ever increasing demands on the earth’s finite resources. And polling in the U.S. generally finds that most people would like to see a lower population.

But for the last three centuries our civilization has been based on steady population growth and astronomical population growth since the mid-twentieth century. Programs like Social Security and Medicare will not work in a world where the population is flat or declining, at least, not without some substantial modification.

Because lower fertility rates are correlated with educational attainment, the most uneducated, poorest parts of the world will be growing the fastest. The only places in the world currently with a fertility rate well above the replacement rate are sub-Saharan Africa and central Asia. This dichotomy will result in greater wealth disparity and conflicts.

The new population paradigm will cause many headaches which our children and grandchildren will have to wrestle. Some are obvious and some probably unforeseeable. It would be great if the world could start thinking through those issues now and begin to prepare. However, human behavior over the centuries has shown that kind of long-term planning is not one of our strong suits.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Texas Leads Nation in Jobs Added

The Lone Star State continues to lead the nation in jobs added with 58,200 new positions in February, bringing the state to nearly 14 million total nonfarm jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. February also marked two full years of uninterrupted job growth in the state.

“The past 24 months of uninterrupted job growth show the strength of the Texas economy and ongoing economic opportunities for Texans,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

The state’s jobless rate in February was 4.5%, which is higher than the national rate of 3.9%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The highest jobless rate in a Texas metropolitan statistical area is 6.8% in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission. The lowest rate in an MSA is 3.0% in Midland.

RAINY DAY FUND HITS CAP FOR FIRST TIME

The state’s piggy bank is nearly full.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar predicts the state’s so-called Rainy Day Fund, officially the Economic Stabilization Fund, will reach its statutory limit by 2025, which is 10% of what is deposited in the General Revenue Fund. Rising revenues fueled by spikes in energy prices and inflation have filled the state’s coffers, Hegar said.

“The revenue increases that we have seen truly have been historical and unprecedented. We have never seen anything like this in the past, and I don’t think we’ll see anything like this in the future,” he said.

The state experienced record growth in tax collections in 2022 of 25.6% from the previous year, filling the state’s coffers with a surplus of \$32.7 billion.

“I am glad to see that lawmakers are giving careful thought to how this tremendous asset can be best put to work for Texans,” Hegar added.

SENATE PASSES BILL TO LIMIT GOVERNOR’S POWERS

The Texas Senate unanimously passed a bill to rein in the governor’s authority during emergencies or disasters, the Austin American-



Statesman reported. A matching proposal in the House is awaiting a committee hearing. The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, would require the governor to call the Legislature into special session if the executive office wants to extend a disaster or emergency declaration past 30 days. Only the Legislature would be able to put restrictions on businesses such as those imposed during the initial weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We must no longer allow a 19-month legislative interim to be leveraged against the Legislature, especially during times of emergency disasters that affect a significant number of Texans,” Birdwell said.

Under current law, disaster declarations last 30 days but can be renewed by the governor. For example, Gov Greg Abbott has extended a disaster declaration relating to illegal border crossings each month since May 2021, according to the Statesman.

Abbott expressed support in his State of the State address in January for involving the Legislature in disaster declarations that deal with public health crises.

SENATE BACKS BOOST FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

The Texas Senate also unanimously approved a package that allocates \$4.7 billion from the budget surplus to increase monthly payments for retired teachers and gives a one-time bump to retirees over 75, the Statesman reported. The bill is now headed to the House for consideration.

The measure calls for a 2% raise for teachers who retired

between Sept. 1, 2013, and Jan. 1, 2022, and a 4% raise for those who retired before Sept. 1, 2013. Senate Bill 10 also provides a one-time stipend of \$7,500 for retirees older than 75. The bill affects nearly a half-million retired teachers.

“This is a significant financial commitment from the state,” state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, said. “Many TRS retirees have been struggling for so long. We needed to do this.”

Retired teachers on average make \$2,100 a month through the Teachers Retirement System.

BOATERS, ANGLERS URGED TO AVOID COASTAL ROOKERIES

Anglers and boaters along the Texas coast are urged to watch out for nesting birds during this peak breeding and nesting season, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Brown pelicans, roseate spoonbills, black skimmers and reddish egrets are among the birds nesting in dense colonies, called rookeries. TPWD encourages folks to watch out for these nesting birds so they are not disturbed during a sensitive time.

“With too many disturbances, an entire colony of thousands of birds may abandon an island and give up on breeding for the year, which can potentially lead to drastic population declines,” said Trey Barron, a diversity biologist with TPWD. “When approached too closely by boaters or people wading nearby, birds are frightened off their nests, leaving eggs and chicks exposed to the summer sun, which can cause them to overheat. The abandoned nests also allow opportunistic predators like gulls and grackles to quickly swoop in and feed on them.”

Boaters and anglers are also encouraged to properly dispose of fishing line, tackle and other waste to ensure it does not harm birds, turtles or other marine life.

“The habitats that waterbirds use are the same habitats in which we — including myself — enjoy fishing, hunting and photographing wildlife,” Barron said. “We just have to remember to give them their space, especially during the nesting season, and pick up after ourselves. If you’re out on the water, look for the yellow signs that identify rookery islands and keep your distance. We can all enjoy the same places, as long as we do it responsibly.”

HOUSE PASSES DIAPER, PERIOD PRODUCTS BILL

The Texas House last week overwhelmingly passed a bill repealing the state sales tax on diapers, period products, baby wipes and similar items. The measure now heads to the Senate.

Its sponsor, state Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, has tried for several sessions to get the measure passed.

“This bill provides an opportunity to help Texas families at every stage of life,” Howard said Tuesday, as reported by The Dallas Morning News. The measure also exempts adult diapers.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Dog Friends”

My husband, Peter, is trying to impress a local collie.

Peter knows better than this. He had a collie for many years. Collies are not easily impressed. They have their own priorities and their own agenda and if it happens to coincide with yours, you can pretend they did something on your behalf—but you’d be lying to yourself.

But Peter still loves collies. The current object of Peter’s affection is named Lassero and lives on a road Peter takes every day on his hike.

Peter met the collie one day when the dog was sticking his head through the curtains. Peter learned his name from the collie’s owner, and went on to assume he and the collie would be fast friends. Every day, as Peter walked by, he called out, “Lassero!” and the collie ignored him. So Peter decided he would start bringing treats.

Peter brought a cookie and put it on the windowsill. The collie did not come. On the way home, Peter checked the windowsill. The cookie was gone. Peter did this for several days running.

“Maybe Lassero’s owner is finding the cookies,” I said. “Maybe he is throwing them away!” Peter was not convinced.

Then one day, Lassero was at the window. Peter gave him a cookie. Lassero ignored it. Peter put it down on the sill. Lassero poked it with his nose. He eventually ate it, but did not seem excited.

“I don’t think Lassero likes cookies,” Peter concluded. The next day, he went out and bought corn chips.

“If he didn’t like cookies, he’s not going to like corn chips!” I told Peter. “He’s waiting for organic sun-dried beef chips.” Peter looked as if he was considering this.

“I could take chicken,” he said.

“You can’t take chicken on your hike!” I figured there wasn’t much Peter wouldn’t do to capture this dog’s affection.

Then Peter had an idea. “Popcorn! Dogs love popcorn even more than beef!”

Peter packaged up some popcorn and put it in his backpack. “Lassero!” he called. The dog did not answer. Peter left popcorn on the windowsill. On his way down, he checked. The popcorn was still there, but one piece had been moved. It was now in tiny, wet pieces. Apparently, Lassero did not like popcorn either.

Some dogs will do anything for affection. Some dogs will give you affection once they figure you’ve earned it. And some dogs are always going to play hard to get. I had a feeling that Lassero might not be in the market for more friends, but I didn’t want to break this to Peter.

And even though it sounds funny, it’s still a little sad. I’ve been ignored and ghosted by folks I thought were my friends. I realized—a little too late—they were not actually my friends. They already had friends, and I wasn’t one of them. It doesn’t matter if it’s a dog or a person. The realization still hurts.

“You have lots of dog friends,” I reminded Peter.

And he does. There is Reacher, who he calls the “Reacher Creature,” a giant dog who jumps up in delight when he sees Peter. There is Bucky, who has very short legs and lies down on the sidewalk when Peter talks too long with Bucky’s owner. There are several tiny dogs who walk on his route every day and bark in excitement every time Peter goes by. And somewhere, just behind the curtains of his home, is Lassero, ignoring Peter every day.

“Lassero doesn’t know what he is missing,” I told Peter. And he doesn’t.

Till next time,

Carrie
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Easter is an important Christian holiday. It is a time for joy and new beginnings. It is a time of fun surprises too!

Whew! Almost done hiding eggs!

Connect the dots to see a shining light:

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle and to see the hidden word.

1. colored and hidden

2. hops by to deliver surprises

3. filled with treats

4. hat (with ties)

5. beautiful white flowers that grow from bulbs

6. bells ring out to invite people to these at the church

Surprise someone special and give them a little joy by coloring in this basket, cutting it out and delivering it. If you want to be fancy, add some sparkles.

Find and circle 8 words on this page that begin with "h"!

Easter is a time of...

Can you find and circle these words in the candle?

family prayer lambs light

egg hunts hot cross buns new clothes sunrises

LILIES BONNET SERVICES BASKET

joy bells song lilies

Happy Easter!

"Eggs'-citement!"

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What the heck! What is going on?

Some of the animals shown hatch from eggs, some do not! Color the four eggs that have animals that hatch from eggs.

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9. Brett Birkinbind Liaison for Crosby I. S. D. Committee Younger grades, coloring contest, Color Me Crosby, Distributed history of Crosby to history teachers, Vocabulary list or Bicentennial/historical Crosby terms

Raymond Blanchard is writing a play of Crosby History to be performed in the summer by his Alumni Students.

Invited every campus to be in the parade, including marching band

Drill Team parents will be in charge of parking cars

JROTC - marching in parade and helping with clean up

Cougar Bistro and Catering will make the biggest birthday cake for the public. They will be decorating at the event for all to see their culinary skills. Cake slices will be free to the public.

10. Jayne Ann Clifton, CHAIRMAN - Bicentennial Quilt Committee, distributed raffle tickets for the first quilt "Stars over Crosby" quilted by Kathy Bryant and pieced together by the Crosby Stitchen Sister of the Crosby Community Center. Tickets will be sold until the day of the event.

11. Jayne Ann Clifton, CHAIRMAN - AUCTION - looking for donations for the live auction. We have four quilts that have been donated so far.

12. Jeremy Phillips, CHAIRMAN - Flyover

Committee - A Blackhawk will do a flyover during the parade and they will also have a static display of a Blackhawk.

13. Molly McGinty, CHAIRMAN - Crosby Library Committee - On April 24 at 6 p.m. at Crosby Edith Fae Cook Cole Branch Library the Crosby Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting and the lecture will be "The Swedish Streets of Crosby". Learn more about the Swedes who settled Crosby and their lives as Swedish-Americans in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The library is planning programs about Crosby History throughout the summer and up until the event. One program will be receiving passports.

14. Andria Ginn, CHAIRMAN - Community Service Committee (post clean-up of CBC)

15. Belinda Armstrong, CHAIRMAN - Bicentennial Cookbook Committee. The group decided to have 200 recipes and purchase 300 books. We have about 150 recipes at the present time.

Deadline in March 31. Cookbooks will sell for \$20 each.

16. Alicia Spear - Advertising and Promotions for CBC and contacting businesses, website - We now have a website for our Big Event - crosby200.com Sponsors can sign up online and well as vendors.

17. Bryan Parker,

CHAIRMAN - CBC Entertainment Committee from 12 noon to 4:30

18. Viviana Killion, CHAIRMAN - Social Media Committee

19. Michelle Thompson, CHAIRMAN - Harris County Precinct 30's Community Outreach Director - Precinct 3 will be sending a Big Rescue Truck for static display. Working on getting caboose in the park painted and a sign on the fence with a description of why the caboose is important and the special meaning for Crosby. Commissioner Tom Ramsey will be in the parade in his Model T vehicle (if he can get it running).

20. Rhonda Parker Nelson, CHAIRMAN - Historical Liaison for:

-- Alamo personnel, exhibit, float, costumed orators and canon;

-- San Jacinto Battle-ground exhibit and battle re-enactors, wooden muskets and teach the kids to march and how to make bullets, using crayons because they melt easily and the kids can take their bullet home;

-- San Felipe de Austin (they are celebrating 200 years of existence) and will bring an exhibit.

They are researching Crosby History to make exhibit specific to Crosby, might bring an old printing press and sign land grants, and they will be in costume;

-- Texas Rangers (celebrating 200 years of existence and raising money for a state museum for fallen Rangers and DPS troopers, will have an exhibit;

-- Galveston Railroad Museum, possibly will have an exhibit.

21. Susan Armstrong, CHAIRMAN - Large BICENTENNIAL Birthday Cake, the Crosby Bistro and Catering will bake the

cakes and then will decorate the cake on site as an exhibit. Then after a presentation of the cake, it will be cut and slices given to spectators.

22. Crosby High School Drill Team Parents - Crosby Parking for event: Charging \$5 a carload for a fundraisers for the girls

23. Karen Claunch and Debbie Holmelin CO-CHAIRS - Church committee / Games: they have created a letter they will be sending to all area churches asking for help in having booths with games for the children, participation in the parade.

24. Christy Graves, CHAIRMAN, Art Display - Making plans for an art contest through the schools, with the winner getting the privilege of having their art as the main display in the new building that is coming soon.

25. Other New Business

A. Toller Spear, owner of SBG - Spear Building

Group made a presentation of a product he sells at Buc-ees, a granite Texas-shaped granite charcuterie board. But he is making a special edition just for the CBC with Crosby on top of the granite. The granite boards will sell for \$200 each with \$100 from each board sold given to the CBC. They must have 50 commitments before they begin production.

Next monthly meetings:

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-- May 23, 2023

-- June 27, 2023

-- July 25, 2023

-- August 22, 2023

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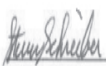
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With the upcoming Crosby Fair & Rodeo set to start in June, this is an important addition to the Arena and fairgrounds.

The announcement also comes the same week as almost 300 students in Spring took advantage of free screening sponsored by the Cody Foundation and KPRC television. The screening took place at the ESD 11 headquarters in Spring.

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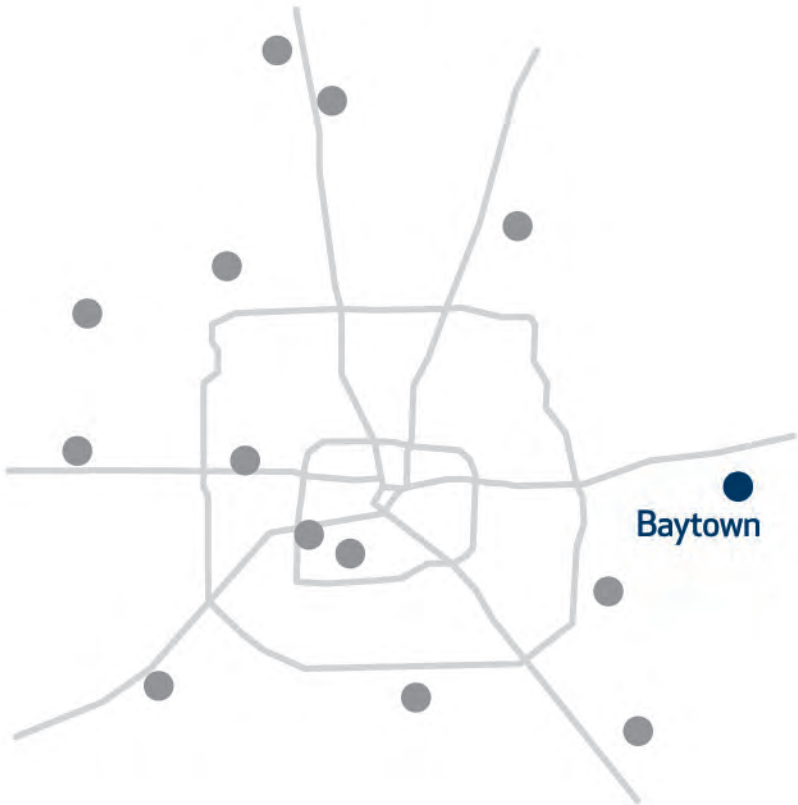
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