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## Welcome to Crosby's 200th Birthday Celebration!!

#### **Star-Courier SOUVENIR EDITION** for Crosby 200

This special Souvenir Edition of the STAR-COURIER is to mark the celebration on September 23rd of the 200th Birthday Celebration of the town of Crosby and includes a history of Crosby's last 200 years with vintage photos, a map of the parade route, a map with the location of all booths and activities, and a timeline of all activities planned for the weekend plus much more. Also included are historical stories, and messages from advertisers and institutions wishing the community the best for the past and the future. These messages will be included in a Time Capsule to be opened in the future



The History of Crosby revolves around the railroad, as symbolized by this original station on the Texas & New Orleans Railroad, once standing on Main Street in Crosby. See the whole Concise History by Jody Fuchs, starting on Page 9 of this

## Cowboy Actor Don Jeanes to appear in Star-Courier booth

By David Taylor editordavidtaylor@outlook.com

A young cowboy, raised in the southernmost part of the Piney Woods in Moscow, Texas used to spend his time on a quarter horse as a kid growing up helping his grandfather around the ranch Now Don Jeanes roams between Hollywood, Austin, Houston, New York, and Atlanta auditioning for movie parts and commercials including the awardwinning Budweiser Super Bowl trilogy of commercials featured in 2013-2015. Jeanes will be in the Crosby Bicentennial Parade on Saturday, Sept. 23 and will sign autographs and take selfies with the public at the Star-Courier Newspaper booth shortly afterwards. Growing up in Moscow, Texas on his



Actor Don Jeanes to join Crosby celebration

grandfather's farm, Jeanes split his time between the 1,200-acre Moscow ranch and the 1,000-acre ranch in Dayton for most of his young life. "I lived on the ranch in Moscow until I

Continued. See ACTOR DON JEANES, Page 7

## Crosby MUD seeking \$20 million in bonds for repairs, new taps

By David Taylor Editor

New construction and aging infrastructure in the Crosby MUD district have forced directors to seek \$20 million in bonds for repairs and new taps on the Nov. 7 ballot.

While it might seem like bad news for homeowners and commercial businesses who already feel overtaxed, the bond will not mean a tax rate increase with one

caveat-if it passes.

"Realistically, we have about \$40 million worth of projects that need attention, but we're trying to think about the voters too," said board president Steve Schreiber.

Over the last decade, the district tax rate has decreased by approximately 15

Schreiber said the bonds would only be issued on an as needed basis.

The district currently

supports 1,400 taps and more need to be added to provide for new growth coming off Runneburg and Bohemian Hall.

The north boundary of the district extends to where Straight Off The Road Barbecue is located, then south to old US 90 and FM 2100 and east to Runneburg Road.

"We have most of the commercial along 2100 and what little is on old US 90,'

New taps would be added to homes being built behind Crosby High School, old Crosby State Bank, behind Thunderdome, and the new housing development near Bohemian Hall and Runneburg Road.

Chris Wallace, who is one of the few Double A Operators in the state, is the superintendent of the district.

"He does an outstanding job of running the show," Schreiber said

The last two bonds failed by a mere 24 votes.

"All of us board members are local people. We live and pay taxes here the same as everyone else. We don't want to raise our bill unnecessarily," he said.

They kept the water rates the same, despite the San Jacinto River Authority raising their prices for the water, and through the loss of major income with KMCO

Continued. See Crosby MUD seeks following the explosion. "We were pretty good

financially. We had a lot of good professionals and have overcome all of that, but this time will be different," the board president said.

They were able to secure millions in Community Development Block Grants to help them through the tough times.

"I hate to have to say this, but if the bond vote fails, the

\$20 million in Bonds, Page 7

# Crosby AP students recognized; Bond meetings continue

By Paula Patterson **CISD Superintendent** 

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

We started the month of September with some wonderful academic recognitions. Eight Crosby High School students and two 2023 graduates were named Advanced Placement Scholars. The AP Scholar designation is given to students who demonstrate outstanding achievement in the college-level exams given each May. For 2023, our AP Scholars were: Emma Buchanan, Tristen Flores (2023 Valedictorian), Jeffrey Murray, and Carmen Proctor.



**SUPERINTENDENT** PAULA PATTERSON

Bentley Starr was recognized as an AP Scholar with Honor. Crosby High had 5 students on the list of AP Scholars with Distinction: Andrew

Canada, Madison Dorsey, Ayden Edwards, Austin Eilers, and Courteney Le (2023 graduate).

The College Board also recognized Crosby High School students for earning academic honors from the College Board National Recognition programs. These programs celebrate and showcase the hard work and diversity of our student body from Crosby and Barrett Station. The criteria to be eligible include: having a GPA of 3.5 or higher; achieving a PSAT/ NMSQT or PSAT 10 score that ranks within the top 10% of the state; scoring 3 or higher on two or more AP exams; and attending a school in a



Crosby ISD Trustee Karen Thomas, Director of the **Barrett Station Community Center, donates 100** books to Drew Elementary.

rural area or identify as Black or Hispanic. I'm proud to announce Falisha Ards and

Madison Dorsey earned the National African American Recognition Award; Paola

Davila, Carmen Proctor, Vada Torres, and Miranda Valdes earned the National Hispanic Recognition Award; and Kailey Adair, Falisha Ards, Andrew Canada, Madison Dorsey, Carmen Proctor. and Wyatt Tobey earned the National Rural and Small Town Award. Way to represent Crosby ISD!

I want to thank the community members who have attended our informational presentations regarding the bond election in November. My team and I had great discussions with homeowners in

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AP Scholars and College Board recognition students: Carmen Proctor, Andrew Canada, Vada Torres, Crosby High School Principal Brad Hadnot, Kailey Adair, Falisha Ards, Miranda Valdes, Paola Davila, and Madison Dorsey.



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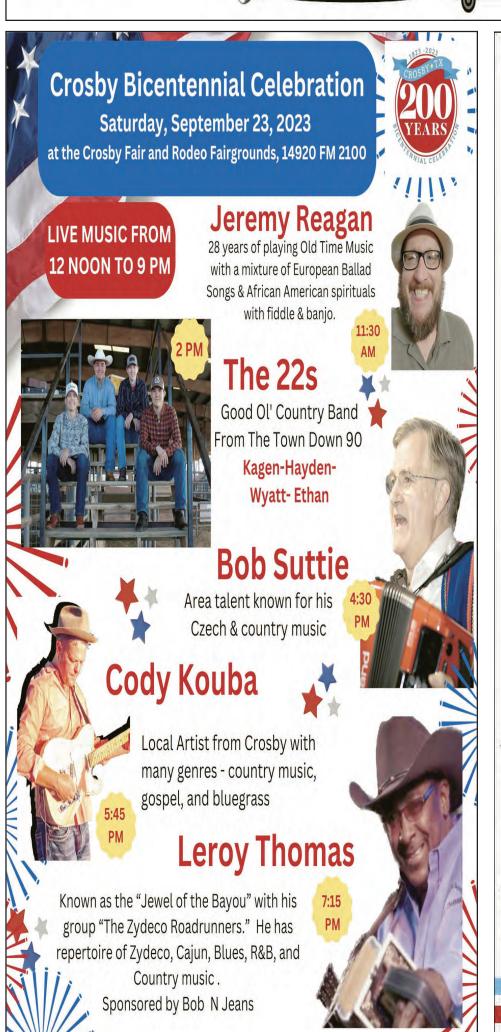












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## ON THE HILL

#### Barbers Hill **HS** Goes into Day 2 of No Power after Transformer Blew, and Sparked Fire



MONT BELVIEU, Texas Students at Barbers Hill High School are out of class again on Thursday until a new transformer is installed, administrators say.

A transformer fire behind Barbers Hill High School Wednesday morning forced the closure of the campus for

Barbers Hill ISD officials posted a message on the district website at 7:45 a.m. regarding the incident. Students and staff were quickly evacuated from the high school. The Mont Belvieu Fire Department responded to the scene and the fire was extinguished.

The district posted to its website at 8:14 a.m. that the ah school would be without power today and the district is canceling classes at the high school. No other campuses were impacted and instruction continued at all other BHISD campuses.

Buses began taking students home around 9 a.m. District officials advised parents could be picked up from the high school campus.

#### Cougars fall to rival **Barbers** Hill, 49-34

By David Taylor

After a first half scoring bonanza by Crosby, their rival Barbers Hill shut out the Coogs in the second half and won a key district game, 49-34.

A see-saw game in the first half, both teams scored on nearly every possession. The Coogs owned a 21-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, and both teams scored two TDs in the second quarter to finish the half at 34-28, Crosby with the advantage.

The second half story was the Eagle defense. Barbers Hill managed to keep the potent Crosby offense out of the end zone for the entire second half while the Eagle offense scored twice in the third to take the lead and sealed the victory with an insurance TD in the fourth.

The Coogs fall to 0-4 on the season and 0-2 in district play and will face Kingwood Park Saturday at Turner Stadium in Humble at 6 p.m. Barbers Hill moves to 4-0 on the season and 2-0 in district and hosts La Porte in a clash of two district unbeatens in Mont Belvieu at 7 p.m. on Friday.

## Chambers County Finalizes Sale of McLeod Park and Community Building

(Chambers County, Texa) - Chambers County has officially finalized the sale of McLeod Park and Community Building to Enterprise Products.

"Chambers County appreciates the partnership that we have with Enterprise Products," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia. "The sale of this building has been in the works for many years

come to fruition."

Funds earned from the sale of McLeod Park will be used to finance the construction of a new community building on Chambers Parkway. Once completed, this proposed community complex will feature not only the community building, but also baseball, softball and soccer fields and outdoor play spaces.

longer available for public use," continued Judge Sylvia, "but we have many other wonderful community facilities that can be rented."

Comparable community buildings include and can be rented by contacting:

• Winnie Community Building - Chambers County Commissioner

• White Park Community Building - Chambers County Parks Department

• Double Bayou Community Building - Chambers County Parks Department

• Westside Complex Community Building -Chambers County Commissioner Ryan

Chambers County is

dedicated to providing safe and high quality community gathering spaces for residents. Commissioners Court continues to seek innovative partnerships and methods for delivering these facilities.

For more information on booking community buildings, please visit the Chambers County website at co.chambers.tx.us.

## **Anahuac 2023 Texas Gatorfest**

Anahuac, hosted this pasted weekend the Gatorfest featuring The Great Texas Alligator Roundup (the premier event of Gatorfest, attracting alligator hunters from across Texas)

Anahuac was labeled the "Alligator Capital of Texas" by the Texas Legislature in 1989. Alligators outnumber the residents 3-1, so it was only natural for the townsfolk to create a festival in honor of the reptile.

The city of Anahuac itself is rich in history. It was established in the 1830s by the Mexican government and was designated as the capital of the state of Texas. It was at Fort Anahuac that Texans first rose up in opposition to the Mexican governance, which culminated in Texas winning its freedom from Mexico in 1836.

There are more than 30 Texas Historical Markers located throughout the area, which commemorate the people, places and events that make the history of this town so rich.



Children posing wih the big gator



2023 Texas Gatorfest Gator Round Up - Gator #9 12'-11" 620lbs



PROTECTING AND SERVING TOGETHER Sheriff's Deputies and Officers from Chambers County Sheriff's Office, Liberty County Sheriff's Office, and Mont Belvieu Police Department helping to ensure the safety of all attendees at Texas Gatorfest this



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## Mont Belvieu Police Earn Prestigious Accreditation Award

Mont Belvieu Police Department is proud to announce that at Monday's City Council meeting, we received our 2nd consecutive 4-year accreditation status through the Texas Police Chief's Association (TPCA) Best Practices program.

Chief Ellison accepted the award from Webster TX PD Chief Bacon who was presenting on behalf of the TPCA. (Pictured left-right: Webster PD Chief Pete Bacon, MBPD Asst. Chief Steve Ferguson, MBPD Chief Jimmy Ellison, MBPD Captain Erik Kvarme) Earning accredited status is no small feat, and places MBPD in elite status among Texas law enforcement agencies, large or

Chief Ellison gave all the credit for this award to MBPD Asst. Chief Steve Ferguson who serves as the program manager in addition to regular duties, for the full-time work that goes into developing these internal



Mont Belvieu Police Chief Jimmy Ellison, center right, holds a framed certificate honoring the Mont Belvieu Police Department for earning another four-year Accreditation Award from the Texas Police Chief's Association. Of nearly 3,000 law enforcement agencies in Texas, Mont Belvieu is one of fewer than 200 to earn the recognition.

policies, standards, and compliance levels. Chief also thanked Captain Erik Kvarme for his leadership at the operational level, and ultimately, thanked all the men and women of the MBPD who actually earn this accreditation every time they work a shift, by conducting themselves ethically and professionally at all times while serving our great Mont Belvieu community.

The TPCA accreditation program requires departments to undergo on-site inspections, ride-alongs, and assessments by outside law enforcement executives to prove compliance with over 170 areas of best practices designed to ensure the delivery of professional police services, reduction of risks, and protection of all citizens' rights.

We are proud to serve you Mont Belvieu, and wanted you to know when we say you're in good hands, it's actually certi-

### ★ OPINION PAGE ★



## Judge Hidalgo says she will return to work on October 2nd

Letter from Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo

Dear People of Harris County:

Thank you to my colleagues, family, and the Harris County community for the outpouring of support that I received after I announced I was seeking inpatient mental health treatment for depression. I have been deeply touched by all the messages that I have received, not only from Harris County residents but from across the country. So many people wrote to me to share their own struggles with mental health and their support for my decision to be public about my journey. I am encouraged that so many in our community agree that treatment for mental illness should be normalized just as seeking treatment for any illness is accepted and expected.

After my time in a fantastic inpatient facility, I am feeling a lot better. I am looking forward to being discharged this Saturday, September 16, 2023, starting outpatient care, and re-acclimatizing to life outside a mental health facility. My initial treatment plan had me returning to my regular schedule in September, but my discharge date was moved back, which moves back the reacclimatization period. The way my doctors explained re-acclimatization to me is that you would not go from heart surgery straight to running a marathon, in the same way that they do not want me to go straight back to my usual schedule.

I am feeling great and looking forward to returning on Monday, October 2, 2023. Thanks to the incredible medical team that has cared for me over the past several weeks, I feel so much stronger than I have ever been.

I continue to maintain lines of communication with my staff and the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management remains fully prepared to respond to any potential incident, as well as request my presence if necessary.

I am grateful for your continued support. I look forward to sharing more about my experience, and most of all, I am eager to return to the community and the job that I love.

Sincerely,

Lina Hidalgo Harris County Judge



About Judge Hidalgo

Harris County's governing body and Director of the Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Judge Hidalgo, alongside four County Precinct Commissioners, oversees a budget of approximately \$5 billion that funds services and institutions for the thirdlargest county in the nation, home to nearly 5 million people.





# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

## Paxton Acquitted on all Impeachment Counts

Ken Paxton has been reinstated as Texas Attorney General after the Texas Senate on Saturday acquitted him of charges of bribery and misuse of office. Only two Republican senators joined the 12 Democrats in voting to convict him of some of the 16 charges heard by the Senate, with four other charges dismissed by the Senate, The Dallas Morning News reportant

"Today, the truth prevailed," Paxton said in a statement issued immediately after the verdict. "The truth could not be buried by mudslinging politicians or their powerful benefactors."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presided over the impeachment trial, scolded the House for voting overwhelmingly for impeachment of the embattled attorney general in late May. House Speaker Dade Phelan responded that Patrick was "confessing his bias."

"The inescapable conclusion is that today's outcome appears to have been orchestrated from the start, cheating the people of Texas of justice," Phelan said.

Paxton is not out of legal hot wateryet. He faces a trial in March on an eight-year-old indictment for securities fraud. He is also the focus of a federal probe into his relationship with developer Nate Paul that led to some of the impeachment charges.

#### OUT-OF-STATE FIREFIGHTERS

**HEAD TO TEXAS** As drought and high temperatures continue to contribute to wildfires in Texas, more than 1,400 firefighters from 38 states and territories have arrived this year to help with response, the Texas Tribune reported. The number of wildfires that the Texas A&M Forest Service responded to in July and August skyrocketed to 163 in July and 501 in August, far above the average since 2005 of 103 in July and 151 in Au-

"Drought development and the number of consecutive 100-plus degree days has contributed to critically dry vegetation across much of the

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state, which is supportive of wildfire activity," said Erin O'Connor, program specialist for the Texas A&M Forest Service. "With current conditions, we have wildfires that are more complex and show extreme fire behavior, hold heat longer and require more time and effort to suppress."

As of Sunday, the service reported six active wildfires, most of which are nearly contained. Recent rainfall has lowered the state fire level from 4 to 3.

There are currently 215 counties with burn bans in place. Luckily, widespread rainfall in the Hill Country, North and East Texas and much of the Rolling Plains is reducing the risk.

#### TEA DELAYS RELEASE OF 2023 ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency is delaying the release of A-F district and campus accountability ratings for about one month. The ratings were to be released on Sept. 28. The postponement allows for re-examination of "the baseline data used in the calculation of progress to ensure ratings reflect the most appropriate goals for students," the news release said.

The delay is a result of further study being made into the impact of the pandemic on student progress.

"Maintaining high expectations helps guide our efforts to improve student learning and support," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath. "The A-F system is designed to properly reflect how well our schools are meeting those

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high expectations, and the adjustments we are making this year will ensure it continues to serve as a tool for parents and educators to help our students."

#### NEW COVID-19 BOOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE

A new vaccine booster for COVID-19 is now largely available, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending all people over the age of six months get the new shots as the number of new COVID cases and hospitalizations increase across the state, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"There's a lot of thought that COVID is over, but...we've seen over the last few weeks an increase in cases, hospitalizations and death," said Dr. Brian Metzger, medical director of infectious diseases at St. David's HealthCare in Austin. "While it's not nearly what we were seeing, ... there's still a significant burden of illness. We can't ignore it."

The CDC noted the immunity garnered from the original vaccination, like other seasonal illnesses such as the flu, wanes over time. After a year, the antibodies produced by the vaccine "have waned enough that you really aren't protected to where you were before," Metzger told the Statesman.

#### AUGUST WAS FOURTH HOTTEST AND DRIEST ON RECORD

This comes as no surprise to those of us living through it, but August in Texas was the hottest and driest in Texas since records began being kept in 1895, according to Andrew Weinberg, geoscientist with the Texas Water Development Board.

At the end of the month 76% of the state was in drought, up 27 percentage points from the end of July. Storage in the state's water supply reservoirs is about 69% of capacity, more than 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

The hopeful news is that El Niño weather conditions should bring cooler and wetter weather to the state this fall and winter. That should ease drought conditions across the state before the end of the year.

### LOST MAPLES RANKED AS HAVING BEST FALL FOLIAGE

The leaves will begin to change in coming weeks, and the Statesman reports a Central Texas natural area has been ranked as having the best fall foliage in the country. Lost Maples Natural Area in Vanderpool, about two hours northwest of San Antonio, garnered the top spot from New York Travel Guides.

York Travel Guides.

Lost Maples boasts 2,000 acres filled with bigtooth maple trees, which display brilliant colors most autumns. It also features 10 miles of hiking and 30 campsites with water and electricity. Park officials recommend visitors reserve passes online to guarantee entry.

# IN THE STARS

#### **MILESTONES**

#### BIRTHDAYS

Sep 21–Bull Dobson Charlie Farrar Karen Hildebrand Sep 22–Bethany Little

Annie Michalsky Sep 23–Erika Carer David McMahan Zachary Stuart Michael Turner Jessica Wettstein

Sep 24–Kristi Cathay Lois Dunbar J.A. Wagner

Sep 25-Jake Brewer Paris Carter Sep 26-Karen Elkins

W.F. Hosea Sep 27–Julia Becker Lee Filer

Sep 29–Monica Barnett Elizabeth Epperson Sammy Yarbrough Sep 30–Tammy Veach

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Sep 21–Troy & Debbie King

Sep 22–Tim & Ellen Holton Sep 27–Rev. Sam & Jewell Purkhiser

Sep 28–Deacon & Sarah Tittel Mr. & Mrs. G.C. Slaughter Leon & Barbara

Bowen
Oct 4–Wilky & Ann Carlisle
Oct 5–J.C. & Olga Aylor
Oct 6–Fred & Helen

Randy & Tammy Veach



#### FOOTBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

#### LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Barbers Hill 49, Crosby 34 Clear Lake 36, Channelview 13 Kingwood Park 34, Baytown Sterling 7 La Porte 48, Baytown Lee 20 Navasota 35, Huffman Hargrave 7

Aldine, bye
C. E. King, bye
Davis, bye
Dayton, bye
Eisenhower, bye
Galena Park, bye
Goose Creek Memorial, bye
MacArthur, bye
Nimitz, bye
North Shore, bye

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Texas City at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Baytown Sterling at Port Arthur Memorial, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium in Port Arthur Beaumont United at North Shore, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston C. E. King at Humble, 7 p.m., Turner Stadium in Humble Channelview, bye Dayton at Santa Fe, 7 p.m., Indian Stadium in Santa Fe Eisenhower at Spring DeKaney, 7 p.m., Planet Ford Stadium in Goose Creek Memorial at Baytown Lee, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown Huffman Hargrave at Columbus, 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Field at Columbus Stadium in Columbus La Porte at Barbers Hill, 7 p.m., Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu Nimitz at MacArthur, 7 p.m., Leonard George Stadium in Spring

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#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

#### Proposition Number 1 (HJR 126)

HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature's authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

#### Proposition Number 2 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

## Proposition Number 3 (HJR 132)

HJR 132 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

## Proposition Number 4 (HJR 2- Second Special Session)

HJR2 proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption

from ad valorem taxation by a school applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

## Proposition Number 5 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed \$100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

## Proposition Number 6 (SJR 75)

SJR 75 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

### Proposition Number 7 (SJR 93)

SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment would require PUC to allocate money from the fund for loans and grants to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

#### Proposition Number 8 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand highspeed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

fund to the general revenue fund.

#### Proposition Number 9 (HJR 2)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

### Proposition Number 10 (SJR 87)

SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

## Proposition Number 11 (SJR 32)

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the legislature with regard to conservation and

reclamation districts in El Paso County. The Texas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those powers currently exist.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

## Proposition Number 12 (HJR 134)

HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

#### Proposition Number 13 (HJR 107)

HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

#### Proposition Number 14 (SJR 74)

**SJR** 74 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the centennial parks conservation fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury. The fund could be used, in accordance with general law, only for the creation and improvement of state parks. The centennial parks conservation fund would consist of: (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature; (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) or its successor for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used; and (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the centennial parks conservation fund to TPWD or its successor for the creation and improvement of state parks.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

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#### **SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 4**

# Notre Dame looks to make statement against Ohio State

While the high school action begins league play, the college Game of the Week will feature No. 6-ranked Ohio State traveling to South Bend to take on No. 9-ranked Notre Dame on Saturday evening in prime time on NBC. This is perhaps the biggest game for second-year Irish head coach Marcus Freeman and his high scoring squad. ND has averaged 47 points in their first three games but definitely takes a step up in competition when they face the Buckeyes. The Fighting Irish are led by quarterback Sam Hartman, who transferred in from Wake Forest and was Freeman ever happy to have him. Hartman has already tossed 10 TD passes in his team's first three games and gives ND a big-play signal caller. Ohio State is breaking in a new QB in Kyle McCord. McCord has played so-so thus far, but has a lot of talent around him to help him ease into the starting spot.

In other big games this weekend, No. 3-ranked Florida State visits Clemson, while No. 10-ranked Alabama has a tough start to its SEC West season when they face high-scoring Mississippi in Oxford on Saturday. Two weeks ago, Nick Saban's team lost at home to Texas, 34-24, which was the worst home defeat for a Sabancoached team since 2004 when they fell by double digits to South Carolina. Ole Miss will enter the game ranked No. 17 in the nation.

In the NFL, the Texans have another tough road contest when they travel to Jacksonville to take on Trevor Lawrence and the Jaguars. First-year head coach DeMeco Ryans team suffered a 25-9 at Baltimore in their season opener. Rookie QB C.J. Stroud played well, passing for 242 yards, but Houston needs to get more out of its rushing game if it hopes to pull off the upset against the Jags who opened the season with a 31-21 win at Indianapolis. Running back Dameon Pierce was held to just 38 yards on the ground and that's got to improve if the Texans hope to take pressure off of their rookie QB In other action, the Dallas



Cowboys and their stifling defense will visit an Arizona team that played hard in their 20-16 opening season loss at Washington. The Cowboys rolled to a 40-0 smashing of the Giants in The Meadowlands as Micah Parsons and his defensive teammates recorded seven sacks, returned an interception for a touchdown and blocked a punt for another score. It could be a long day in the desert for the rebuilding Cards.

Sunday Night Football features the Steelers, who lost 30-7 at home to the 49ers, visiting Las Vegas. The Raiders opened with a 17-16 win at Denver. The NFL is giving us two more Monday Night Games as Philadelphia will visit Tampa Bay at 6:15 p.m. on ABC, followed by the Los Angeles Rams visiting Cincinnati at 7:15 p.m. on ESPN.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 5-7 week brought the season record to 12-12 (50%). Now, onto this weekend's

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Florida State at Clemson:
Florida State takes its No. 3
national ranking to Death Valley to
face a Clemson team that is still
trying to find its identity. Dabo
Swiney's team opened the season
with a 28i-7 loss at Duke, but
followed that embarrassment up
with a 66-17 shellacking of
Charleston Southern two weeks
ago. So, the question is, which
Clemson team shows up on
Saturday? The one that struggled
against an average Duke team, or

the one that blew out an inferior opponent? Clemson fans are waiting to find out. The Tigers defense will have its hands full with FSU QB Jordan Travis (517 passing yards, 6 TDs in first two games), running back Trev Benson (126 yards, 3 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Keon Coleman (12 receptions, 170 yards, 4 TDs). Clemson will need a big day from sophomore QB Cade Klubnik (524 vards, 5 TDs). He should get help from a strong running game led by Will Shipley (187 yards) and Phil Mafah (124 yards, 2 TDs). If the Seminoles want to be in the CFP conversation, they need a big road win against a quality foe. My pick, Florida State 31, Clemson 26

a big game for Nick Saban and his No. 10-ranked Crimson Tide. Two weeks ago, Texas waltzed into Tuscaloosa and left with a 34-24 win as QB Quinn Ewers threw for 349 yards and three TDs against the shocked Tide defense. Things won't get any easier this Saturday when Saban's team has to play the high-scoring Rebels on the road. Ole Miss is led by veteran QB Jaxson Dart (601 yards, 6 TDs), running back Quinshon Judkins (108 yards, 3 TDs) and speedy wide receiver Tre Harris (8 receptions, 188 vards, 5 TDs) 'Bama QB Jalen Milroe (449 passing yards, 5 TDs/92 rushing yards, 2 TDs) has got to do a better job of protecting the football. He threw two interceptions against Texas and if that trend continues. you can bet Saban will find someone else to start at QB. 'Bama knows it can't afford to lose again if

Alabama at Mississippi: This is

it hopes to remain in contention for the CFP. Look for the Crimson Tide to get a big road win on Saturday. My pick, Alabama 34, Mississippi

Ohio State at Notre Dame: This

is the Game of the Week in college football as No. 4-ranked Ohio State visits No. 9-ranked Notre Dame in prime time on NBC. The Buckeyes won their first two games, but struggled in both of them against inferior opponents, while Notre Dame has rolled in their first three games averaging 47 points. OSU is breaking in a new quarterback in Kyle McCord (497 yards, 3 TDs) and he's been so-so thus far. ND has received stellar play from Sam Hartman (731 yards, 10 TDS), at QB and is head coach Marcus Freeman ever happy that Hartman left Wake Forest for South Bend during the spring. McCord has a strong running game to rely on led by TreVeyon Henderson (103 yards, 2 TDs) and two big-play wideouts in Marvin Harrison Jr. (9 receptions, 178 yards, 2 TDs) and Emeka Egbuka (8 receptions, 110 yards, 1 TD). Hartman has some playmakers as well in running back Audric Estime (345 yards, 4 TDs), wide receivers Chris Tyree (6 receptions, 127 yards, 1 TD) and Javden Thomas (8 receptions, 128 yards, 1 TD) and tight end Holden Staes (5 receptions, 119 yards, 3 TDs). The Irish are tough at home under the lights and come Saturday night, Freeman will get the biggest win of his young head coaching career. My pick, Notre Dame 36, Ohio State 28

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Houston at Jacksonville: The Texans hit the road for the second time in three weeks to face the Jacksonville Jaguars in an AFC South contest. Houston opened the season with a 25-9 loss at Baltimore as rookie QB C.J. Stroud (242 yards) and the offense struggled against a solid Ravens defense. The offense must get more out of the running game if Stroud is going to have a chance to make plays down field. Starting running back Dameon Pierce was held to just 38 yards on the ground and that won't get it done in the NFL. While the Texans struggled on offense. Jacksonville QB Trevor

Lawrence (241 yards) tossed two

TDs passes in his team's 31-21 at Indianapolis. He has a new weapon in wide receiver Calvin Ridley (8 receptions, 101 yards, 1 TD), which should make the Jags even more dangerous on offense. Ridley was suspended by the NFL for the entire 2022 season because of a gambling allegation. If he picks up where he left off as Atlanta's best receiver, the Jags could make a lot of noise in the AFC this year. Look for them to roll on Sunday against the Texans. My pick, Jacksonville

34. Houston 17 New Orleans at Green Bay: The Saints visit the Packers on Sunday in what should be an interesting matchup. Two weeks ago. NO opened with a 16-15 win over Tennessee giving new QB Derek Carr (305 yards, 1 TD) his first win in a Saints uniform. The Packers opened with an impressive 38-20 win over their long-time rival Chicago in the Windy City as new QB Jordan Love had a big day throwing for 245 yards and 3 TDs) Running back Aaron Jones added 126 yards of total offense along with a TD run and reception as the GB offense looks like it didn't miss former starter Aaron Rodgers a bit. Rodger's New York Jets debut ended in horrible fashion as he sustained what could be a seasonending injury on just his fourth snap. Look for the Packers to get the win in Lambeau. My pick, Green Bay 26, New Orleans 23 Dallas at Arizona: This one

could get ugly, early. The Cowboys opened the season with a 40-0 thumping of the Giants as the defense recorded seven sacks. forced three turnovers, returned an interception and a blocked punt for a touchdown two weeks ago. The offense really didn't have to do much because the defense dominated. Running back Tony Pollard rushed for 70 yards and two touchdowns as he is now the lead back after Dallas parted ways with former starter Ezekiel Elliott. The Cardinals are in a rebuild mode, but they played hard in their 20-16 season-opening win against Washington. Look for another big day from the Dallas defense as they make life miserable for Joshua Dobbs on Sunday. My pick, Dallas 33, Arizona 12

Pittsburgh at Las Vegas: The Steelers visit Sin City on Sunday to take on a Raiders team that won at Denver (17-16) in their season opener, while Pittsburgh was waylaid at home by the 49ers, 30-7. A lot of experts thought the Steelers might be a playoff contender this year, but they've got a lot of improving to do to make that happen. Second-year QB Kenny Pickett threw for 242 yards and one TD in the SF game, but the rest of the offense did little else. The Raiders played hard on defense and got a decent game from new QB Jimmy Garoppolo (200 yards, 2 TDs). Jimmy G may have found a new weapon to go along with All-Pro wide receiver Davante Adams (6 receptions, 66 yards) in fellow wideout Jacobi Mvers, who had nine catches for 90 yards and two TDs. Look for the Raiders to take care of the Steelers on Sunday. My pick, Las Vegas 24, Pittsburgh 16

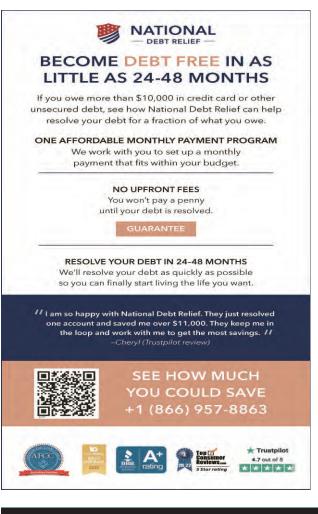
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay: Game one of the Monday Night Football doubleheader pits the Eagles against the Bucs. Philly slept walked through its 25-20 season-opening win at New England. QB Jalen Hurts (170 yards passing, 1 TD) had a subpar performance, as did wide receiver A.J. Brown (7 receptions, 79 yards). The secondary got burned for three passing touchdowns. TB opened the season with a 20-17 upset win at Minnesota as new QB Baker Mayfield tossed two touchdown passes as Tom Brady's replacement. Look for the Eagles to find their wings on Monday night to the chagrin of Tampa Bay fans. My pick, Philadelphia 26, Tampa Bay 20

Los Angeles Rams at Cincinnati: The Rams opened the season with an unset win at Seattle while the Bengals got curb stomped at Cleveland, 24-3. In the Rams' 30-13 win at Seattle, QB Matthew Stafford passed for 334 yards, and running back Kryen Williams (2 TDs) and Cam Akers (1 TD) took care of business on the ground. The Bengals offense was stymied by the Browns defense as QB Joe Burrow, who became the highest paid player in NFL history a few days before the season opener, was held to a career low 82 passing yards in the loss to the Browns. Cinci fans will demand more of Joe Cool and what a better stage than Monday Night Football to showcase his talents. My pick, Cincinnati 24, Los Angeles Rams 20

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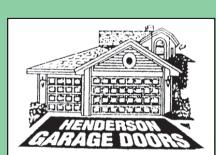
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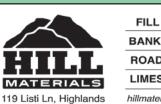
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# Crosby Superintendent's Message,

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Superintendent Patterson speaks with voters during bond presentation meeting in Indian Shores.

Indian Shores and Newport this month. We have several more meetings planned in each of our communities:

Monday, September 25 Community Town Hall 6pm

Crosby High School 333 Red Summit Dr., Crosby, TX, 77532

Thursday, October 5
Community Town Hall
(Crosby)

6pm

Crosby Community Center

409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532

#### Thursday, October 19

Community Town Hall (Barrett Station)

6pm

Riley Chambers Community Center

808 Magnola Ave, Crosby, TX, 77532

You can catch up on the Bond anytime at www.crosbyisd.org/BOND2023. Election Day is November 7, and early voting begins October 23.

This month, we launched a great incentive for staff



Superintendent Patterson speaks with voters during bond presentation meeting in Newport.

members who never miss a day of work. Friendly Ford of Crosby is giving 10 free oil changes each month to Crosby ISD staff members who have perfect attendance! Friendly Ford just keeps coming through to show their support to the students and staff of Crosby ISD. First, a \$90,000 donation to support the 4-day instructional week, funding enrichment activities for the Fridays off. Now, these free oil changes. This is commUNITY!

I want to share a kudos to Crosby ISD Trustee Karen Thomas, Director at the Barrett Station Community Center, and the Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner's Office for a generous donation this month. They gave 100 books to Drew Elementary School. The books were originally donated to the Barrett Station summer enrichment camp, and now those books will serve our students at Drew.

We hope to see you at the Crosby Bicentennial Celebration on Saturday, September 23. Crosby ISD students and staff members will help Crosby celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. The parade starts at 10am at Crosby Middle School, and the festival runs from noon-6pm at the Crosby fairgrounds. Every campus will be represented as the Cougars celebrate Cros-

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by's history and tradition.

# Actor Jeanes in Cross Parade, SC booth, MUD

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was seven years old," he said, "and growing up, I spent a lot of time in Dayton, Crosby, and Humble."
When his parents divorced, he moved to Humble with his mom but still took advantage of the country life on weekends at the Moscow ranch or back closer to home on the Dayton ranch.
"My grandfather ran the ranches until he

"My grandfather ran the ranches until he was about 92 in 2016. He never drank or smoked and did hard manual labor all his life. He was a classic cowboy," Jeanes said fondly of his grandfather's work

Both ranches had herds of 250-plus cattle and four quarter horses on each. "He started in the Brahman cattle ranching business in 1940 and ran it for about 74 years," his grandson said, specializing in gentle, beefy-type Brahman cattle.

"When you passed Mr. Jeanes ranch coming home, you knew you were in Liberty County," said Liberty County Judge Jav Knight.

The judge knew the Jeanes family, Don's uncles, growing up in Dayton and attending high school there.

"They were all super kids. They were always the Most Likely To Succeed, Most Handsome, and great athletes on the football field. They also rodeoed and were naturals," he said.

"They all had movie-star looks," he said. The American Braham Breeders Association dedicated the 2006 International Brahman Show at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo to Guy L. Jeanes, Jr. in recognition of his long-time contribution to the registered Brahman cattle breed and the Texas cattle industry.

The Jeanes family ancestors have been in southeast Texas since the 1800s. His grandmother, Hazel Ann Furr Jeanes was part of the family for which Furr High School was named. Jeanes was bitten by the acting bug when he went looking for an elective at Humble

High School.
"I asked my football buddies, and they told me to sign up for theater. I could sleep in class," he laughed.
He excelled under Scott Allen at Humble. "He wouldn't let me sleep and made me act and encouraged me to participate in UIL," Jeanes said.
Later he received a theater scholarship to Kingwood College his first year. "I was building the sets as a side job and then acting in the plays," he said.
He left Kingwood and went to Texas State University to earn a marketing degree at his mom's urging.

After a year of business in Houston, he left for New York to work on Broadway after a buddy invited him to come.

He earned a lot of roles on off-Broadway,



but soon got a different direction.
"I was told by two of the casting directors, 'Look, kid, you have blonde hair and blue eyes, but you can't sing or dance, go to Los Angeles," he laughed.
He followed their advice and found success almost as quickly as he got there booking print jobs, then commercials which led to his Budweiser commercial audition.

"I got a call and they said, 'Hey, we got this beer commercial, and the buyout is amazing," he learned. He drove down to Santa Monica to do the audition. The premise was a wild horse running around in the street and the actor had to stop the horse.

He got a callback to go to Thousand Oaks, California for another round of auditions. "An English sounding guy told me to take the horse and walk it up and down the aisle," he said. Having ridden a quarter horse since he was a kid, it seemed like a simple task. At the end of the walk, Jeanes also gave the horse a hug.

"Turns out I ended up being the one who booked the commercial because I was the only one who stood on the left side of the horse," a tradition he learned from his

early years.
Jeanes knew something was up when there was more advertising agency clientele on the set than normal. He knew it was for Budweiser but had no idea it would be used as the Super Bowl commercial.

Jeanes was featured in the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budweiser trilogy of commercials that won international acclaim. He was no longer the blondehaired, blue-eyed guy, he was the actor in the Super Bowl commercials. He has since been in 47 national commercials with more than 150,000 national airings including Safelite, H-E-B, Damprid, and Leaf Filter currently airing. His silver and big screen opportunities also increased with 18 movies including two on Lifetime, and as Neil Armstrong on Transfoemers: Dark of the Moon. On the silver screen, he's made appearances on CSI:NY, Days Of Our Lives, Criminal Minds, The Exes, among others. Jeanes now lives in The Woodlands and has a wife and new baby girl.

## Crosby MUD Bond Issue,

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rates will go up," he said. They can't avoid the maintenance issues nor the new taps that have to be served.

"We sit on a board, but our rules from the state—TCEQ, subsidence district, Texas Natural Resources Commission—that govern what we have to do," he said. To stay in compliance, the district must follow the rules and provide maintenance and operations that meet their standards.

Early Voting by Personal

Appearance is at Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532, or at any of the early voting polling locations to be published on www.HarrisVotes.com the following days and times: Monday, October 23 through Saturday, October 28, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sunday, October 29, 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Monday, October 30 through Friday, November 3, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Election Day voting is on November 7, 2023 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. is at Crosby Branch Library at 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532, or at any of the polling locations to be published on www.HarrisVotes.com.

For more information, please see the district's website at www.crosbymud.org or call 281-328-4242.

"We're trying to get the word out that this is an important election for the MUD district. We're all Crosby folks, and we're local people doing something for the community. The community has a great opportunity to do something positive," he said.

Bond failure would mean revenue bonds which would be expensive and a water rate hike.

"Our hands are tied," Schreiber said.



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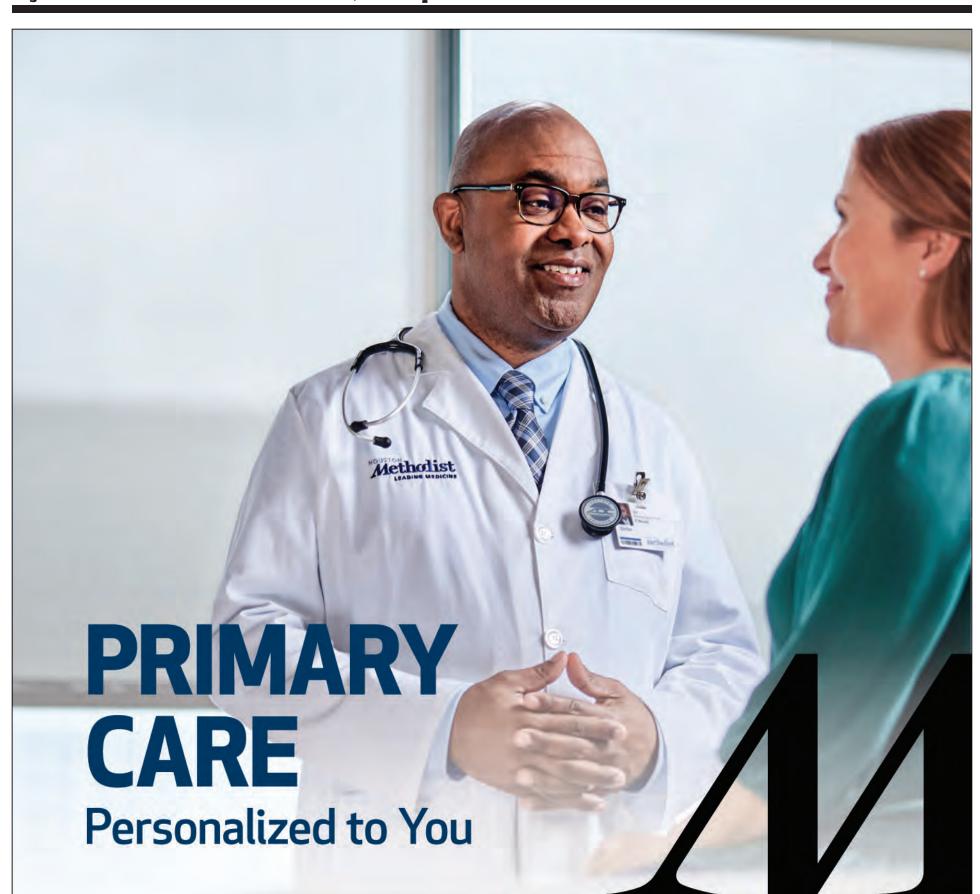
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# A Concise History of Crosby, Texas By Jody Fuchs

he town of Crosby is one of the oldest settlements in Texas. It's probably the thirteenth oldest town in the State. It has a rich history that began in 1823, when Humphrey Jackson built a log cabin on Jackson Bayou near its confluence with the San Jacinto River. Humphrey was a lawyer readying for a position in the Irish Parliament. His family was part of the Irish aristocracy and they had supported a bloody rebellion that lost to Great Britain. Like Humphrey, many of his family members fled to America. His close cousins included **US President Andrew** Jackson, and Alabama State Senator James Jackson, the wealthiest man in that state.

Humphrey was one of the original "Old 300" settlers of Stephen F. Austin's first Anglo colony in Texas. However, Humphrey faced tremendous challenges

in his dream to build a new settlement in what would be East Harris County. The area was occupied by the Akokisa and Karankawa Indians, who often cannibalized their enemies. The natives had frequented the free-flowing springs near Crosby's original downtown area for thousands of years.

Unfortunately, the early death of Humphrey's wife in 1824, and the eventual premature death of Humphrey himself, ended his dream. He was killed by a falling tree in 1833. He and his wife's large zinc gravestone in downtown Crosby marks what is considered to be the oldest grave marker in Harris County, and also one of the oldest marked Anglo graves in the entire state.

Originally, the area may have gone by some earlier names such as *Jackson's Settlement* or Jones' Crossing. In fact, different parts of Crosby



1923 CROSBY FAIR & RODEO CENTENNIAL PARADE

probably carried different names simultaneously. Two areas of today's Crosby were originally called Dunman's Settlement and Baker's Mill. Dunman's Settlement was located along Gulf Pump Road between FM 2100 and the San Jacinto River. In 1848, Sarah and David Penn built a multi-use structure that was a school, church and town meeting hall that was located behind present

day Barrett Station. Baker's Mill was located behind Newport, near present-day Baker's Lake. It was a sawmill company town.

**Today Crosby** includes all of those early areas, but it didn't get its first post office until 1863, when the town was called Gentry. It received that name in 1860, when the Texas & New Orleans Railway built one of the first

train tracks in Texas that passed right through present day Crosby. Gentry was named after the T&NO Railroad president, Abraham Gentry. The railway was completed just three months before the Civil War and was used to transport Confederate soldiers and materials all throughout the war. The Simms Home Guard was based in Crosby and maintained a couple of cannons to defend the San Jacinto railroad bridge. In early January 1863, several Union POW soldiers were sent to Crosby to fortify the railroad bridge. A brutal winter storm killed them on January twelfth along with Mercer McKinney, and another guard named George. George was most likely Mercer's longtime family slave, righthand man, and friend based on the events. The Union soldiers are suspected to be buried in a mass grave in the Crosby area. Making Crosby one of the few places in Texas to have both Union and Confederate soldiers killed in action.

By the war's end, the railroad was in terrible shape and was closed for the most part until 1876. In early 1877, the town's name was changed to Crosby after the post-Civil War head of the T&NO Railroad, Josiah Frazer Crosby. In

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#### **Event Locations for Crosby Bicentennial Celebration**



## Schedule of Events Saturday, September 23, 2023

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PRE-EVENT QUESTIONS: EMAIL: <u>CROBSY200YEARS@GMAIL.COM</u> ONSITE CONTACT: REBECCA DAVENPORT 281-731-7010

6:00 AM	Vendors: Load in Vendors, Food trucks and static vehicle displays starting at 6 am. Must be finished by 10 a.m. when the parade starts. Enter Crosby Fair and Rodeo Grounds on 710 Church Street.
8:00 AM	Parade: Car & Truck Show begins loading in at the Crosby American Legion, 14890 FM 2100, Crosby. Awards at 2 PM.
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Parade: Begin lining up for the parade at the East Parking Lot of the CHS Football Stadium.
10 AM	PARADE BEGINS AND CANNON FIRED
10 AM	Vendors: Cars must be in the parking lot and cones are put up for non-entry into the main road through the fairgrounds and vendor areas.
10 AM	Volunteers: Crosby Young Farmers should be in place at the entry and various areas for parking. (2 max) CBC keepsake buttons per car handed out by CYF.
11:30 AM	Parade: Approx. parade concludes & vendors should be ready for early arrivals to booths.
11:15 AM	Entertainment: Jeremy Reagan loads in and starts playing.
12:00 PM	OFFICIAL START OF CROSBY BICENTENNIAL EVENT!
12:15 PM	Entertainment: Carol's Dance and Gymnastics Load in at the Pavilion Area where the band is located

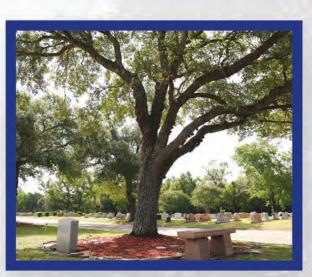
1:00 PM	Entertainment: Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce has a ribbon cutting ceremony and the students of the Crosby Bistro will cut the Bicentennial Cake in the Pavilion Area
1:15 PM	Entertainment: Crosby Dance Academy performs in the Pavilion Area
2:00 PM	Entertainment: Car Show Awards begin at the American Legion, 14890 FM 2100
2:00 PM	Entertainment: The 22s start playing in the Pavilion Area
3:00 PM	Entertainment: Cornhole Tournament begins at the Crosby American Legion, 14890 FM 2100
3:30 PM	Assume begins in the Pavilion Area
4:15 PM	Entertainment: Bob Suttie starts playing in the Pavilion Area
5:30 PM	Entertainment: Cody Kouba starts playing in the Pavilion Area
6:00 PM	Vendors: The CBC officially closes and cannon is fired once again from behind the American Legion.
6:00 PM	Vendors: Start packing up and loading out. ABSOLUTELY NO CARS DRIVEN TO BOOTH IN CFR AREA. MUST HAND CARRY OUT ALL ITEMS UNTIL 10PM. Food Trucks can stay until 9 with the last band is finished.
7:00 PM	Entertainment: Leroy Thomas and The Zydeco Roadrunners begin playing.
9:00 PM	EVENT CONCLUDES
10:00 PM	Vendor load-out once all participants have left the area.







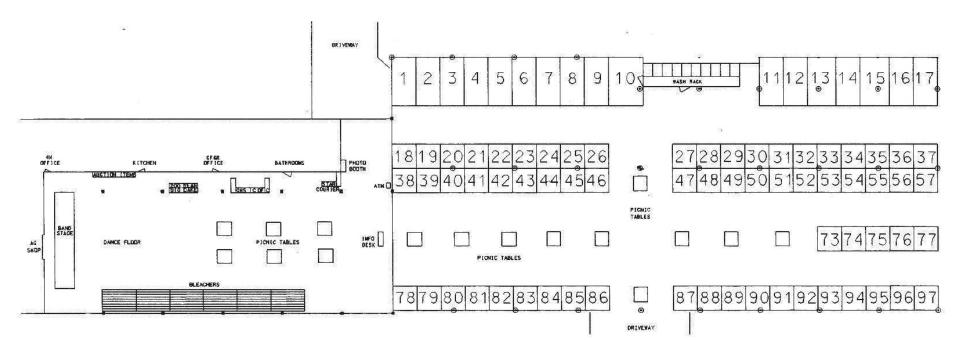
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## Map of Vendor Booth Locations, and other Facilities



## **List of Vendors and Locations**

Crosby Bicentennial Vendors

- 1 & 2 Time & Again Home décor & boutique items
- 3 Skero's Furniture
- 4 & 5 Redonkulous Cups & Stuff
- 6 Crosby Edith Fae Cook Cole Branch Library
- 7 Scentsy Scentsy Fragrance Products
- 8 Churches United in Caring celebrating 75 years 9 & 10 Crosby United Methodist Church
- 11 Republic Plumbing Advertising and Bicentennial T-shirts
- 12 Crosby Education Foundation
- 13 & 14 Southern Routes Boutique Clothes/Jewelry
- 15 & 16 North East Houston Hellfighters
- 17 San Felipe de Austin Land Grants 18 Harris County Precinct 3, Commissioner Tom Ramsey
- 19 Harvest Time Church of God 20 Harris County Republican Party
- 21 Grace & Joy Pyro Wood burned art/home decor/jewelry
- 22 Pampered Chef Quality kitchen products
- 23 Tulle Mae Creations / Children's Boutique Clothing & accessories
- 24 Trusted Insurance Group
- 25 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 26 Knights of Columbus non-profit organization
- 27 Faith Family Church
- 28 Patriotic Theme Items, Stained-glass, beads, hand-forged items 29 Camp Gladiators Personal Trainer
- 30 Kris's Kustoms Tees, Tumblers, Trinkets, boutique items
- 31 Harvest Baptist Church Games
- 32 Adley's Boutique Children's Bows
- 33 Texas Rangers (Bicentennial) & DPS Mobile Museum
- 34 Son Harvest Church
- 35 Peggy's Purdys jewelry, hangers, bracelets, cell phone, key chains, anklets, soap dispensers
- 36 Tommy Richard Art & Illustration Paintings, pen and ink

- originals & prints
- 37 Neighborhood Watch Training
- 38, 39, 40 Nana's Paparazzi Jewelry 41 Q Sciences/Health & Wellness Health and Wellness Products
- 42 Jeepers Children's Clothing
- 43 Trinity Dental Centers Providing dental information
- 44 1823 Salsa CF&R members
- 45 & 46 Crosby Church 47 C. A. Fortner Masonic Lodge (75th Anniversary) Raffle tickets for
- Scholarship Fund 48 Brandi's Candies, flavored caramels, brittles and old fashion
- glass candy 49 TAFE - Texas Association of Future Teachers @ CHS Bake Sale
- 50 Crosby Brethren Church
- 51 Coldwell Banker Southern Homes Real Estate
- 52 World Finance Advertising
- 53 & 54 Mamaw's Crafty Corner, wooden items, key chains, ear rings, car charms, crocheted items, bowl holders
- 55 Community Baptist Church
- 56 Daughter's of the American Revolution
- 57 Spear Building Group
- 78 Crosby ISD
- 79 Beaded Soul, handcrafted beaded bracelets, healing crystals & gemstones, essential oils
- 80 M & E Co. shirts, tumblers, hats, coozies, glass cups
- 81 A New Direction Baptist Church
- 82 DR Horton
- 83 Little Country Church
- 84 & 85 Sweet Cheeks, golf cart seat, chair, vehicle, and bicycle
- covers, upcycled flannel shirts 86 Sterling-White Cemetery and Funeral Home
- 87 OI Faithful BBQ Rub BBQ dry spice rub & tumblers
- 88 Crosby Church of Christ Church
- 89 Indian Shores Garden Club Wreaths Across America and plants,

- 90 United Methodist Church Highlands
- 91 Sister Sue Shop, t-shirts, accessories, spirit gear, homecoming
  - 92 Arts by Park, original art on canvas & prints, painting pictures
  - on the spot of pets
  - 93 Marek Made LLC Custom Leather Goods
- 94 4-H Club
- 95 Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
- 96 Monica Brides, fresh flowers by the stem, plants, gifts
- 97 Ministerios Cielo en la Tierra

#### ARENA AREA

Party Shack Bounce House

Loggie Bear's Playground Toddler playground Saint Francis Creative Farms Petting Zoo

#### PAVILION AREA

Crosby Bistro Birthday Cake Chef Vasso Espinosa Crosby Historical Society Books, train whistles, postcards Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce, selling Crosby Cookbooks Photo Opportunity Backdrop for taking pictures Star-Courier Newspaper, giving away CBC commemorative

#### FAIRGROUND MALL AREA

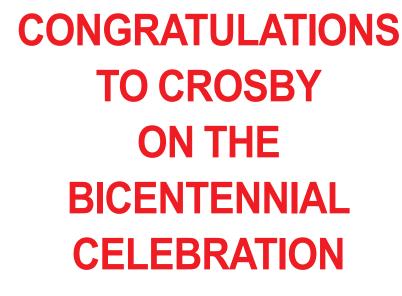
Crosby EMS 1 Mass Casualty Trailer and 2 ambulances Crosby Fire Department Fleet 5 static/tower with flag DPS one static vehicle

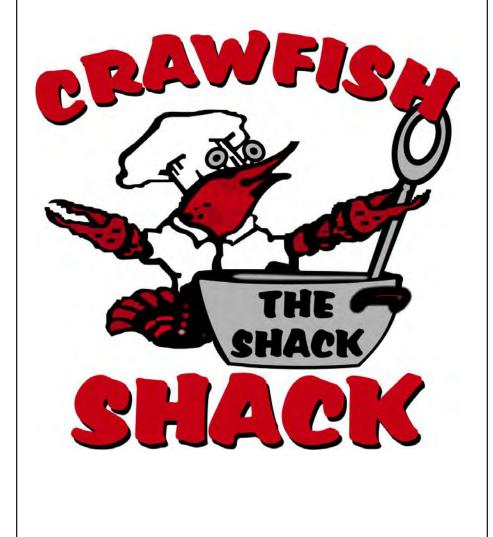
newspapers, actor Don Jeanes autographs and selfies

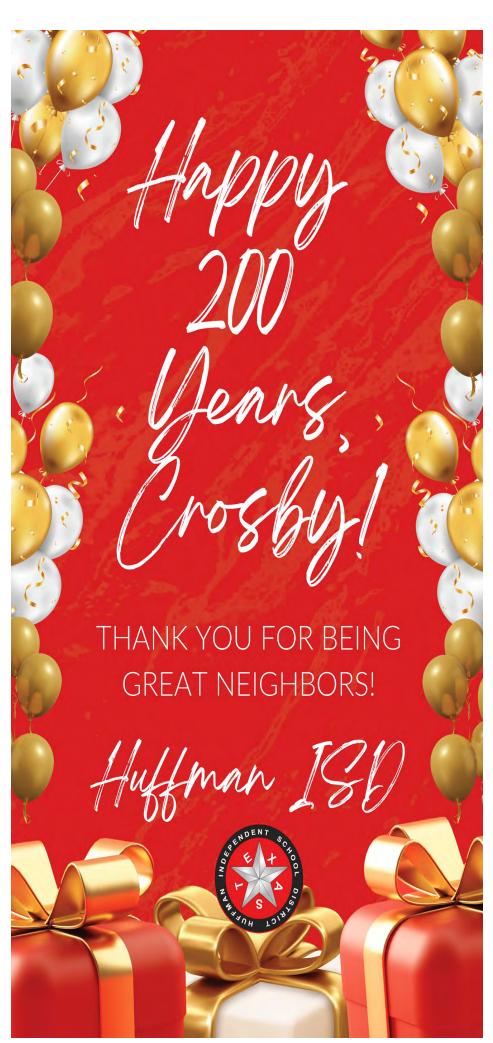
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

Harris County Sheriff's Department 1 patrol vehicle and 1 large

Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motorized Firefighting of America, SPAAMFA 2 antique firetrucks Texas Parks & Wildlife - TPWD 1 vehicle & 1 boat The Alamo Cannon







# A Concise History of Crosby, Texas,

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CROSBY'S FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE

1895, the construction of a railroad depot helped establish the towns original downtown area. The town quickly became the regional shipping hub and agriculture powerhouse of east Harris County. Soon Swedish and Czech immigrants among others swelled the population of the town. By 1915, Crosby had four cotton gins, and it even had its own courthouse and jail from 1913 to 1919. Over the years it has had a train station, a bus station, and a public airfield. It boasted one of the first concrete bridges and roads in Harris County. This is probably attributed to the fact that from 1881 until 1920, virtually every Harris County Commissioner was from Crosby. Even one of the earliest

County Health Officer's

was from Crosby. During the Texas Oil Boom of the 1920s, it was located centrally between three of the earliest oil fields.

In 1953, the town briefly changed its name to Hope, Texas in a publicity stunt aimed at Hollywood star Bing Crosby by his friend and sparring partner, comedian Bob Hope. It wasn't the first or last time that the town would receive national attention. Numerous times since then, it has been the subject of news events, movies, books and songs. Its residents have won two Grammy's, two Tony Awards and eight Emmys. The town has also produced a handful of professional athletes and cheerleaders, rodeo stars, inventors, dancers, musicians, authors,

poets, and both Broadway and TV stars. It also holds a national meteorological record from 2017, when Hurricane Harvey dumped well over 60 plus inches of rain on the town during a single rain event, breaking the US record of 52" previously held by Hawaii. Through the years the town has been visited by Princes, Kings and Presidents.

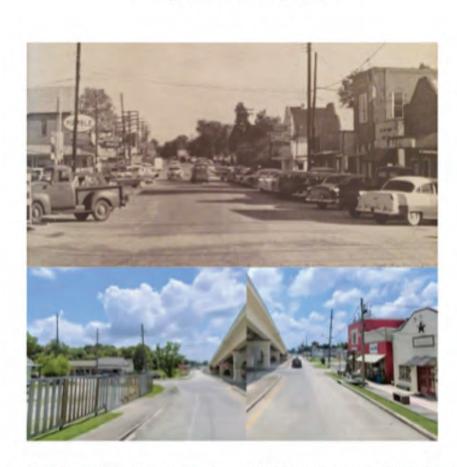
The population of Crosby consisted of only 50 people in 1884, but had swollen to 600 by 1929. By the early 1940s, it had reached 900 people. Today the population is over 60,000 and it is in the middle of a residential construction boom. Once all of those new homes are occupied, it is expected to have a population of over 80,000.

## From Crosby's History Book



CROSBY'S FIRST LIBRARY

Looking south from the railroad down Main Street Crosby (a.k.a. Avenue B / FM 2100)



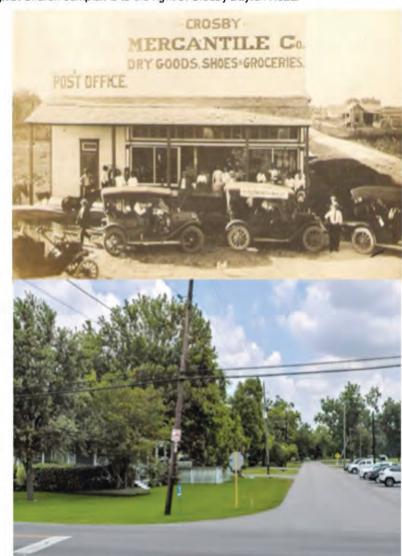
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The Crosby Mercantile Co. was located on the Northwest corner of Runneburg Road and Crosby Dayton Road. This building was located in the heart of the Swedish section of Crosby. The first fire fighting equipment was located beside this building. It consisted of some water barrels on a wagon with some hand pumps. Photo was taken in 1912. In the background was Homer Johnson residence (1887-1951. The other house further back was the Harry Harvey (1887-1928) residence. Today a home sits on the site and the First Baptist Church complex is to the right of Crosby Dayton Road.



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The location of this business is 5622 North Main (a.k.a. FM 2100 / Avenue B). This store began as Lerner's Grocery Store, when Ike Lerner was married to Lady Hare. Unfortunately, the marriage didn't work out and the Lady Hare continued the business on her own and renamed the store, Lady Hare's Food Market. Meat and groceries were sold along with being a Feed Store. Eventually, Lady Hare married Jay Oberpriller. In 1948 the name was changed to Jay's Food Market & Feed Store. In 1956 Jay replaced the old Jay's Food Market building with a new one, after a fire. He renamed the store, Jay's Super Market. Soon his son-in-law, Jimmy Petrick, would take over the business. In the 1980s, the Petrick family built a large shopping center and relocated to the corner of FM 2100 and Hare Road. Now you know why us "old timers" keep calling Arlan's - "Jay's."



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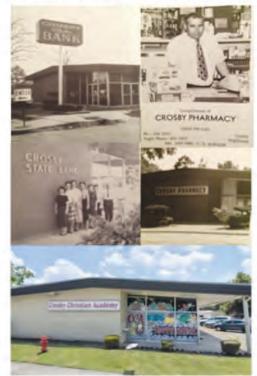
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Crosby State Bank's second location at 5507 South Main Street (a.k.a. FM 2100. Frank Bobalik purchased the building for his pharmacy when CSB built the two-story building north of the railroad tracks. Today the Crosby Christian Academy and Daycare is located in the building.



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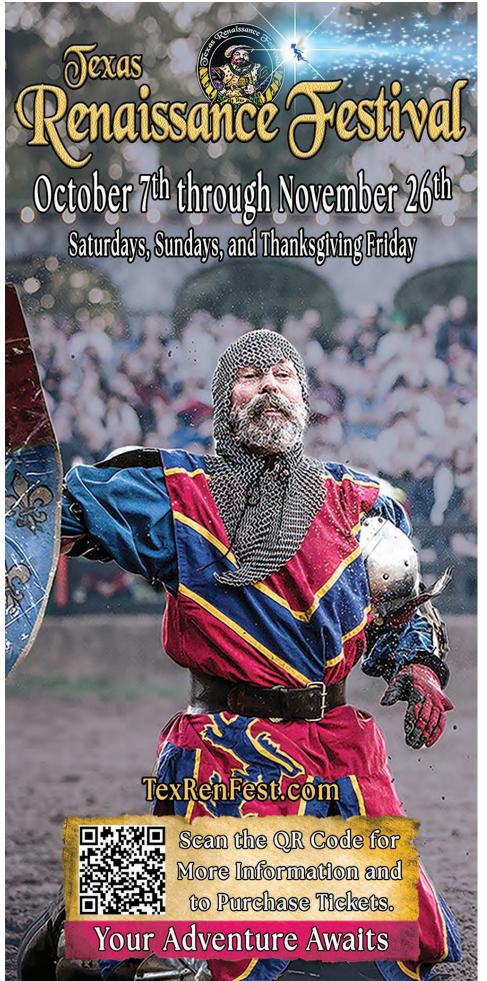


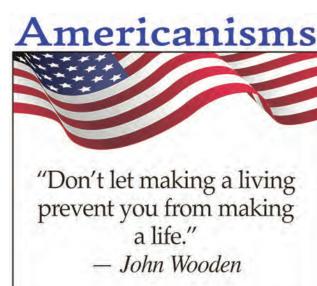
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1. THE EQUALIZER 3 (R) Denzel Washington, Dakota **Fanning** 

2. BARBIE (PG-13) Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling

3. BLUE BEETLE (PG-13) Xolo Maridue a, Bruna Marquezine

4. GRAN TURISMO (PG-13) David Harbour, Orlando **Bloom** 

5. OPPENHEIMER (R) Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt

**6. TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM** (PG) Micah Abbey, Shamon Brown Jr.

7. BOTTOMS (R) Rachel Sennott, Ayo Edebiri

8. MEG 2: THE TRENCH (PG-13) Jason Statham, Jing Wu

9. STRAYS (R) Will Ferrell, Jamie Foxx

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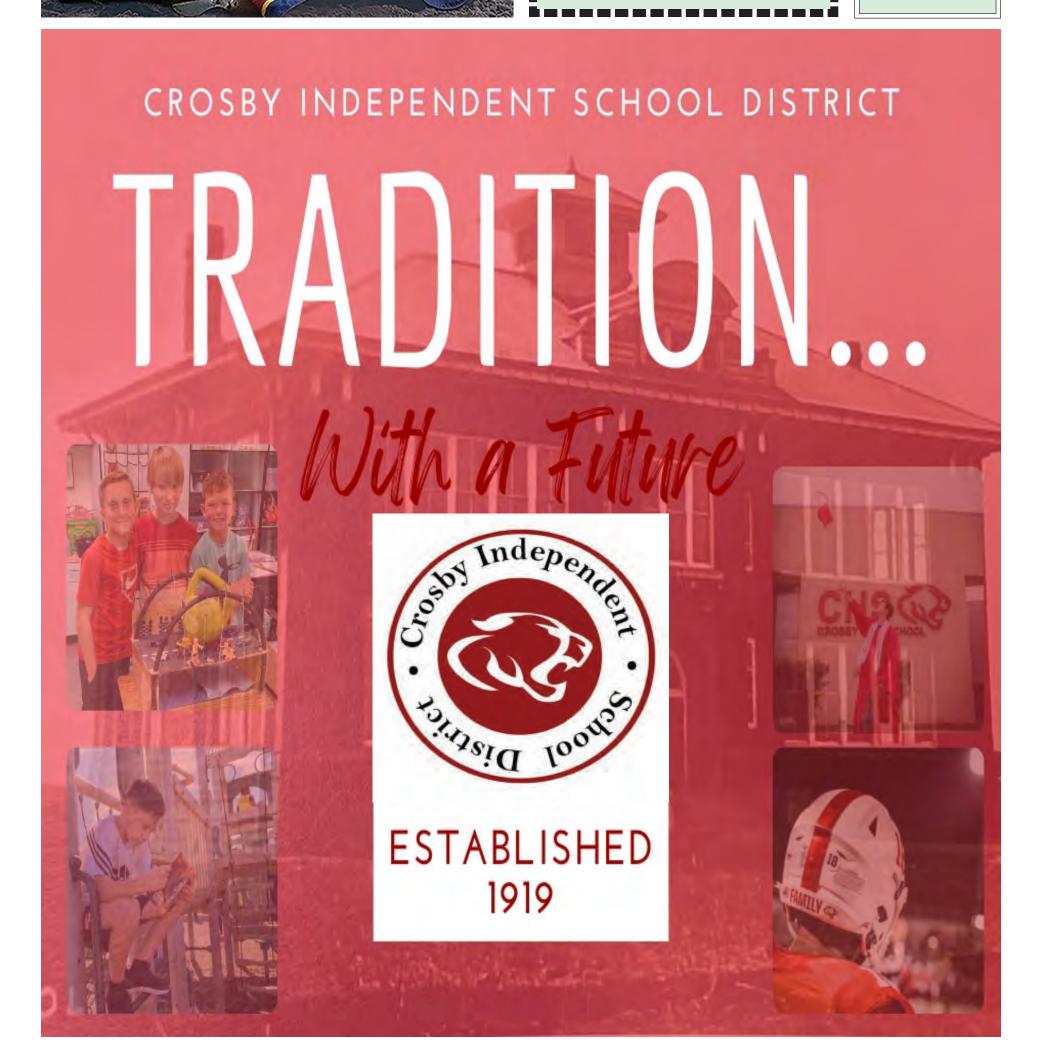
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