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CHANNEL CHATTER



Galena Park/ Jacinto City CIP Meeting

No Juy meeting. Next meeting has been set for Thursday, August 3, 2017. 5:45 p.m. - light dinner. 6:15 p.m. - business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Topics to talk about: Recycling of CIP Plant Products and other recycling by plants.

North Channel Ed. Foundation plans Casino Night Aug. 11

As a fund raiser, the North Channel Area Education Foundation will hold its annual "Casino Night" on Friday, August 11 from 7:00 pm to 11:00, at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road. Entitled "Gamble the Night Away, Deep in the Heart of Texas!" this promises to be the event of the year, with attendees experiencing Las Vegas in the North Channel.

The Foundation is looking for corporate sponsors, at \$600. Individual tickets are \$75, contact the Chamber for either. See more information on Page 8.

CELEBRATE THE 4th WITH FIREWORKS!

Jacinto City, Galena Park, Crosby, Baytown, and Kemah will have displays

The Annual 4th of July celebrations are scheduled for Galena Park, and Jacinto City, as well as other area towns and organizations.

Galena Park will hold its 2nd Annual Festival behind the swimming pool, with activities, food, and music. The celebration is from 2 to 10 pm, with fireworks around 9 pm with a joint display with Jacinto City. The swimming pool will also be open, and free, from 2 pm to 7 pm.

Baytown's fireworks are at 9:30 on July 4th, in Bicentennial Park. They are having a two day festival starting at 6 pm on Monday night, July 3. Traditional Fireworks



Can't get enough Fireworks? Kemah Boardwalk will have a five day celebration, from Friday June 30 through Tuesday July 4. AND then every Friday night through July.

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will light the sky this 4th of July, at the Crosby Church, at 5725 Highway 90.

This yearly tradition at the church will include a Fourth of July Celebration that includes Music, Inflatables, Concessions, and Fireworks.

The event starts at 6 pm, and there is plenty of free parking. The church suggests you bring lawn chairs, a blanket to sit on, and have a good time.

Another good fireworks show will be at the Kemah Boardwalk. You can actually celebrate Independence Day with Five Days of Fireworks at the Kemah Boardwalk, according to Landry's Inc.

The Kemah Boardwalk is celebrating July 4th with Five Nights of Fireworks beginning this Friday, June 30 and leading up to July 4!

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JACINTO CITY RECOGNIZES HONOR STUDENTS

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX - Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the City Council meeting the city hosted and recognized the Top 10% scholars residing in the city from Galena Park High School and Furr High School. The diverse group of scholars will be pursuing careers ranging from criminal justice to engineering to education. They are a microcosm of what Jacinto City is all about, hard work, values, integrity, and perseverance. The students received a certificate of achievement, a Jacinto City lapel pin and embroidered city cap. Cake and refreshments were provided to students and citizens in attendance.

City Manager Lon Squyres reported a 75/25% Community Development Block Grant to fund the engineering study cost for water line replacement for



Photo by Allan Jamail

Left to right back row: Council Members Gregg Robinson, JJ Rivas, Allen Lee, Mario Gonzales, and Carmela Garcia. Left to right front row: Ana G. Ayarzagaita, Mariana Mayorga, Angelica Rodriguez, Carla Benavides, Mayor Ana Diaz, Shelby Loya, Andrea Marroquin, Jailene Salinas, and Jesus J. Armenta Jr. Not present from Furr High School: Lizbeth V. Hernandez and Chantha Mak. Not present Galena Park High School: Daniel Nieto, Angelica L. Torres, Juliana E. Martinez Strain, Victor Carpio, Bianca A. Ibarra, Adriana N. Cano, Gisselle Gonzalez, Samuel L. Villa, and Lidia Almeda.

the streets east of Kerby to Holland Avenue. The total projected cost if approved is 1.2 million with the city paying 25% or \$30,000.

Squyres issued a plea for residents to help control mosquito breeding in their neighborhoods by keeping their grass mowed

and removing water in any outside containers. Citizens allowing their lawns to exceed 9 inches in height is subject to a fine. There are reports that six pregnant women in Harris County have the Zika virus which deforms the baby's brain.

Police Chief Joe Ayala said the police department has zero tolerance on anyone breaking the NO FIREWORKS law and violators will receive a high fine if convicted of using fireworks in the city.

The Chief reported a burglary of the CiCi's Piz-

za on the East Freeway. He reported the police department was awarded a funding grant to purchase radar equipment for the patrol cars.

Misha Shruptrine Parks and Recreation spokeswoman announced a 4th of July bike parade. Participants should meet at the gym at 1022 Mercury Drive at 11 AM. The gym will be open from 9 AM till 4 PM, hotdogs and refreshments will be served. For more information call 713-673-4624.

Garret C. Berg, Port of Houston Assistant Manager and Community Relations spokesman invited citizens for a free 90 minute round-trip boat tour of the Port of Houston. The Sam Houston tour boat will hold 100 passengers in the air-conditioned lounge and standing on the rear deck. Reservations can be made at 713-670-2416 or at www.porthouston.com.

TEACHERS RECOGNITION Channelview Rising Star Teachers of the Year



The Rising Star Teachers of the Year were announced at the Channelview ISD Employee Recognition Ceremony. Educators honored were, standing from left, Senae Harris (McMullan Elementary), Claudette Best (Brown Elementary), Candy Ramirez (Pre-Kindergarten), Jessica Amaya-Curiel (Crenshaw Elementary) and Anthony Nutt (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center). Sitting from left are Geovanna Hernandez (Cobb Elementary), Jasmin Moreno (Schochler Elementary), Kaitlyn Grant (Aguirre Junior High), Manolito Smith (Alice Johnson Junior High) and Marina McKinney (DeZavala Elementary). Not pictured: Krista Simpson (Channelview High School), Jesus Villegas (Campbell Learning Center) and Angelica Armenta (Hamblen Elementary).

RECOGNITION City, state recognize San Jacinto College as Aspen Award finalist



The City of Houston proclaimed May 16, 2017 as San Jacinto College in the city. Pictured, left to right: Francisco Bautista, 2017 San Jacinto College graduate; Dave Martin, Council Member, City of Houston, District E; Marie Flickinger, Chair, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College; Cheryl Curtis, 2017 San Jacinto College graduate; Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston; Dan Mims, Vice Chair, San Jacinto College Board of Trustees; Dwight Boykins, Council Member, City of Houston. Photo credit: Jeannie Peng Mansyur, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations and government affairs department.

PASADENA, Texas - San Jacinto College continues to receive recognition from local and state elected officials and leaders for being named an

Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence Rising Star recipient.

State leaders Sen. Sylvia Garcia (TX-6), Rep. Greg Bonnen, MD (TX-

24), and Rep. Mary Ann Perez (TX-144) each congratulated the College with

See **Aspen Finalist**,
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COMMUNITY NEWS



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Crosby Alumni Assoc. Mtg.

“The Crosby Alumni Association will have a meeting for planning the annual All-Classes CHS Alumni Reunion to be held on August 5, 2017 at the American Legion Hall. The meeting will be held at the Crosby Community Center on Hare Road beginning at 6 pm on July 11. All graduates of Crosby High School are invited to attend these meetings regardless of year graduated.”

Support Ministry Group

First Responder Peer Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy. 90, Crosby, TX. 77532. This is a safe venue within fire, law enforcement & EMS to discuss openly the realities of what you have experienced on the streets or over the phone or radio. For questions, please call 281-328-1310.

Crosby Community Center's Ongoing June Calendar

Refit® Tuesdays at 6 p.m.: Refit® is structured cardio-dance movements that focus on toning, flexibility, strength training and stretching.

Conversational English as a Second Language: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Learn to read, write, and expand your English vocabulary skill through practice and discussion.

Decorative Painting With Cindy: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Master decorative artist Cindy Forsythe teaches the art of decorative painting.

Beginning Line Dancing: Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. These volunteer-led classes teach the basic steps of country-and-western line dancing.

Crosby Ladies and Lords Chorus: Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Enjoy singing your heart out at the Center and performing at area community events.

Quilting Classes: Thursdays at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Quilters of all experience levels can attend these sessions.

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Watercolor and Oil Painting: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Professional artist and instructor Anne Vandagriff teaches composition, design, color, and contrast using a variety of subject matter.

Bunco: Fridays at 1 p.m. Come play this popular game played in teams with dice. Stop by the Center or call (281) 462-0543 for more information.

Pickleball: Thursdays at 10 a.m. Played with a paddle, wiffle-style ball, and net, pickleball is the latest craze to sweep the nation. Open to participants of all fitness levels ages 50 and better.

Crosby Community Center is located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. For more information please call (281) 462-0543.

RSS MCJROTC Cadets attend camp



Ross S. Sterling High School MCJROTC Cadets, led by Isaiah Cano (left); Giovanni Cruz (second from left) and Gabriel Santibanez (right), show off the certificates they earned at MCJROTC Basic Camp. Pictured are (holding certificates, from left) Matthew Lucas, Travis Roach, Logan Guerra, Joe Soto, Giovanni DeLeon and Priscilla Garcia. The RSS MCJROTC is under the direction of Col. P.J. Ferral USMC (Ret).

Kids2Gether summer programs

Children of all ages are invited to Crosby Community Center Wednesdays, July 5, 12, and July 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a variety of fun-filled programs. Learn about paws, claws, teeth, jaws, and superheroes in a variety of programs at the 2017 Kids2Gether Summer Program.

Advance registration is required for each program. A \$2 per child suggested donation for programs helps defray the cost of special entertainment, craft supplies, and refreshments. For more information and to register, call the Center at (281) 462-0543.

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Cadets from the Ross S. Sterling High School MCJROTC display their certificates after graduating from Advanced Camp. Pictured are (from left) Cadets Isaiah Cano, who ran events; Gabriel Santibanez; Felipe Delarosa and Giovanni Cruz. The MCJROTC is under the direction of Col. P.J. Ferral USMC (Ret).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Deputies apprehend Amber Alert suspect

(Harris County, TX) Harris County Sheriff's Office District 2 patrol deputies apprehended an Amber Alert suspect that fled with his 22 month old child after assaulting his spouse on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. Alejandro Ludena, 25 had taken his son from the Galena Park area of south Harris County. HCSO patrol deputies were made aware of an Amber Alert issued by the Galena Park Police Department at around 5:45 p.m. The Harris County Sheriff's Office received



Alejandro Ludema

information that Ludena was staying at the Palace

Inn hotel located at 545 FM 1960 in north Harris County. District 2 patrol deputies arrived and inquired to the manager if Ludena was staying as a guest at the hotel. The register showed that Ludena's father had rented a room that evening. Deputies went to the room and knocked on the door. Alejandro Ludena answered the door and was immediately taken into custody without incident ,

and his missing son was found safe and unharmed. A short while later Michael Ludena, 70 returned to the room and was detained by deputies. He told them he had rented the room for his son. The charge of hindering apprehension was accepted on Michael Ludena by the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Alejandro Ludena was transferred to Galena Park Police officers where he is facing a burglary with intent to commit domestic violence charge.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at LyondellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Sheldon ISD Education Foundation awards teacher grants at end-of-year celebration

Several members of the Sheldon ISD Education Foundation were at the district's end-of-the-year celebration to congratulate 10 teacher grant recipients for winning a combined \$10,000 in resources for their classrooms. Marilyn Rivas, SISD Education Foundation President, said 18 teachers will actually benefit from these grant funds - including 1,766 students. This past school year, the SISD Education Foundation held a Vendor Luncheon in January as well as hosted the seventh-annual Sheldon Shuffle 5K Walk/Run event in April and grossed over \$49,000. Earlier in May, the Foundation generously gave out \$15,000 in student scholarships to 18 deserving C. E. King High School seniors.



King High School science teachers Angela Rosales and Janice Whiting wanted to help their students enter the STEM field - so they are going to receive an \$1,140 grant that will go toward the purchase of one Advanced LED Series Trinocular Microscope and one Moticam 2 Digital Camera.



C. E. King High School's Donna McClaugherty stood on behalf of KHS chemistry teacher Claudia Turcios to pick up an \$851.50 grant to purchase a modernized clicker response system. The clickers are distributed to students, and immediate feedback is received from the teacher. Also, the instructor has a great idea if the entire class is understanding what was taught. If not, a different approach is taken to ensure that all students are learning.



TO THE LEFT. A host of teachers will benefit from the next Education Foundation grant titled, "Engaging Emergent Readers." Erika Barboza, Tonya Gaston, Jamie Gatcomb, Monica Gonzales, Mary Hargrove, Karen Hurney and Esmeralda Reyna will utilize guided reading books to help engage readers. This grant totals \$1,300 and will impact 150 students.

Fireworks,

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On our country's special day, a 4th of July parade, live music and a special patriotic themed display of fireworks will be in full swing. The fun doesn't stop there - the Kemah Boardwalk will host Fireworks Fridays every Friday in June and July, featuring captivating fireworks shows synchronized to music honoring different decades, including classic rock, best of the 80's and 90's, or today's top 40 hits. Enjoy free fireworks shows over the Galveston Bay each week in June and July. Fireworks Fridays take place every Friday through July 28, a colorful array will light up the night sky at 9:30 p.m. with a captivating fireworks show the whole family is sure to enjoy. Synchronized to music, each show will honor a different decade and take viewers on a journey through time, featuring classic rock, best of the 80's and 90's, or today's top 40 hits. Guests are invited to

cruise on the Boardwalk Beast Speedboat and view the beautiful fireworks above Galveston Bay from the water. The fun continues! Following each fireworks show, guests will enjoy a variety of late night specials, including live music in Events Plaza until 11 p.m. and rides open until midnight. Additionally, visitors can purchase the Patriot Pass which grants unlimited admission on rides at the Kemah Boardwalk, the Downtown Aquarium and Pleasure Pier, available Friday, June 30 thru Tuesday, July 4th. Fireworks shows are free and open to the community at Kemah Boardwalk. Every Friday in June and July at 9:30 p.m. (June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 7, 14, 21, 28) July 4 - Star Spangled Sky Fireworks Spectacular, a special patriotic display of fireworks and extended show. For more information, call 281-535-8100. www.kemahboardwalk.com.

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resolutions and recognitions from the state. City of Houston Councilmen Dwight Boykins (District D) and Dave Martin (District E) presented the College with a proclamation declaring May 16, 2017 as San Jacinto College Day in Houston. "On behalf of our Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, and our students, I want to thank our elected officials and the City of Houston for these recognitions," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto Col-

lege Chancellor. "This award is not something we sought, but rather a result of the hard work and dedication of everyone at San Jacinto College to ensure that our students finish what they came here to start." As a 2017 Aspen Prize finalist, San Jacinto College is recognized as one of the top five - out of more than 1,100 - community colleges in the nation. To read more about the College's Aspen Prize honor, visit sanjac.edu/aspen-prize.

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OPINION PAGE

Alzheimer’s patients are now protected under the States Silver Alert System

TEXAS, June 12, 2017 – Governor Greg Abbott today signed House Bill 2639 (HB 2639), which will allow a family whose loved one goes missing or wanders due to younger-onset Alzheimer’s to call their local police to activate a Silver Alert and aid in the rescue of their family member. Passed during the regular session of the 85th Texas legislature, H.B. 2639 by Representative Joe Pickett, amends Texas’ Silver Alert system so as to include all individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, regardless of their age.

Passed a decade ago, the original “Silver Alert” was created by State Representative Joe C. Pickett, after a local El Paso family had to endure the tragic loss of 86 year-old Cruz Fierro who had gone missing. Their tragedy brought attention to the problem of wandering associated with Alzheimer’s disease and other similar conditions. Since the inception of the “Silver Alert” program, Texas has seen many successful situations in which the system has been activated for elderly persons with dementia, who may have not otherwise been found.

This past legislative session, the alert system was carefully amended to include all persons with Alzheimer’s disease, regardless of age. Even though the name remains “Silver Alert,” a family whose loved one goes missing or wanders due to younger-onset Alzheimer’s can notify their local law enforcement to activate the alert and aid in the rescue of their family member. Silver Alerts use a variety of media outlets such as radio stations, television stations and social media, as well as state and local government emergency notification systems, to broadcast information about missing older adults and notify nearby residents of the neighborhood surrounding the missing person’s last known location.

3 out of 5 people with Alzheimer’s will wander, and half who are not found within 24 hours, suffer serious injury or death. Texas was one of the first states in the U.S. to

adopt the “Silver Alert” system in 2007. However, prior to the passage of H.B. 2639, an alert from local police could only be issued if the individual with Alzheimer’s was over the age of 65. The Alzheimer’s Association, recognizing that there was a gap in the state’s system, worked with Rep. Pickett, to draft legislation that ensured that the state’s Silver Alert system was inclusive of those with Alzheimer’s younger than 65 years old (i.e. younger-onset Alzheimer’s). Approximately, 18,000 Texans suffer from younger-onset Alzheimer’s, which is a form of the disease that affects people as early as their 40’s and 50’s.

“Thanks to our bill author’s [Representative Pickett] unwavering support, families of those with younger-onset Alzheimer’s now have the opportunity to utilize this important public safety tool—the Silver Alert notification system – should their loved one wander,” said Melissa Sanchez, Alzheimer’s Association Texas Public Policy Lead. “It is important that Texans are aware of the high likelihood that a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease (regardless of their age) will wander, and that they know that the Silver Alert system and the Alzheimer’s Association’s Safe Return Program are two resources that can help in their safe recovery.”

About the Alzheimer’s Association®

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s.

The Alzheimer’s Association Houston & Southeast Texas Chapter serves 37 counties. To learn more about the Houston chapter or to donate, call the 24/7 helpline at 1.800.272.3900 or visit www.alz.org/texas.



First Gulf storm of season elbows Texas

AUSTIN — State emergency responders geared up for the first time this hurricane season in response to Tropical Storm Cindy, which came ashore just east of the Texas-Louisiana border on June 22.

Two deaths were attributed to the storm — one of them an elderly man found in a sand-mired pickup truck on Texas’ Bolivar Peninsula.

The storm dropped most of its rainfall east of its center — up to 18 inches in some places far to the east — and much less in Texas. But as a precaution two days before landfall, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered an increase in readiness from level four, normal conditions, to level three, increased readiness.

Four Texas Task Force 1 boat squads were activated, along with two Texas Military Department vehicle squads. Also, the Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Task Force, the Texas Military Forces Aircraft and shelter and feeding teams were placed on standby.

Abbott noted that weather conditions related to tropical storms can change rapidly without warning, causing catastrophic flooding. “That is why I am imploring all Texans in the Gulf region to stay updated and heed warnings from your local officials, avoid high water areas and refrain from attempting to drive through roadways or over bridges that have the potential to flood.”

Paxton leads coalition

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 19 urged the Federal Communications Commission to deny a petition by the broadband industry to prevent states from investigating and settling claims over false and misleading advertising about broadband Internet speed.

“As the U.S. Supreme Court ruled,” Paxton said, “a federal agency may preempt state law only when and if it’s acting within the scope of its congressionally delegated authority. Hundreds of millions of Americans rely on broadband Internet services every day, yet they don’t always get what they pay for. The states’ consumer protection powers must be left intact to protect customers from providers who make false claims about broadband speed.”

Paxton was joined in the letter by the attorneys general of Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Texas adds jobs in May

The Lone Star State’s economy expanded in May with the addition of 14,800 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent, down from 5.0 percent in April.

“Texas employers created 266,600 jobs over the past year and the Texas economy continues to provide competitive advantages to large and small business owners across the state,” said Andres Alcantar, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission. “TWC remains committed to fostering innovative partnerships that equip Texas students and workers with in-demand skills,” he added.

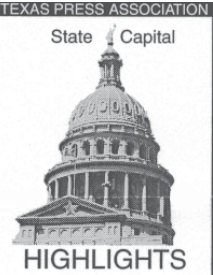
The mining and logging category recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month, with 6,600 jobs added. Construction employment grew by 3,400 jobs in May and financial activities employment expanded by 3,200 jobs.

Furthermore, the Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate in the state, with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1 percent.

AG praises end to bag tax

Attorney General Paxton on June 21 praised the city of Kermit for repealing a local sales tax on single-use plastic bags.

“Cities and municipalities in Texas are obligated to follow the rule of law, and the Legislature passed a law that clearly prohibits a sales tax on bags,” Paxton wrote. That law, Paxton said, is Health and Safety Code Sec. 361.0961(a)(3), which states: “A local government



or other political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance, rule or regulation to assess a fee or deposit on the sale or use of a container or package.”

In May, Paxton’s office gave the city of Kermit 60 days to repeal its bag tax. With the city’s action, there are no more bag taxes remaining in Texas, Paxton said.

Tips for Zika-free holiday

The Texas Department of State Health Services posted precautions in advance of Independence Day festivities.

“Don’t let Zika stop your July 4 plans,” the agency said, and offered everyday ways to avoid mosquito bites, which are known to transmit the Zika and West Nile viruses.

Texans, especially pregnant women, should continue to protect themselves from Zika by:

- Applying EPA-approved insect repellent;
- Wearing pants and long-sleeve shirts;
- Using screens or closing windows and doors;
- Removing standing water in and around dwellings;
- Covering trash cans or containers where water can collect; and
- Avoiding travel to regions where Zika virus is active.

Governor Abbott: Pro-Life Insurance Reform Legislation

AUSTIN – June 26, 2017 – In the upcoming special legislative session, Sen. Brandon Creighton and Rep. John Smithee will author pro-life insurance reform legislation. This is one of 20 items that Governor Abbott previously announced will be added to the special session agenda.

Governor Abbott issued the following statement applauding Sen. Creighton and Rep. Smithee for their leadership on this issue in the upcoming special session.

“No Texan should be forced to pay for insurance that covers elective abortions,” said Governor Abbott. “As Governor, I will always fight to protect Texas values and ensure Texans are not coerced into funding a procedure that ends the life of an unborn child. I am grateful to Sen. Creighton and Rep. Smithee for working on this important issue, and look forward to this bill reaching my desk.”

“No one should be should be forced to subsidize the cost of another’s elected abortion,” said Sen. Creighton. “As a pro-life state, we need to change our policies when it comes to health care. I am appreciative Governor Abbott has included protecting our unborn Texans in the upcoming special session and I look forward to leading on this important issue.”

“This legislation is a matter of personal freedom for all Texans and a way to push back from an over-intrusive federal government,” said Rep. Smithee. “I applaud Governor Abbott for placing this item on the special session agenda, and look forward to insuring its passage into law.”

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PEARLIE PIRA MARTIN

Pearlie Pira Martin, 104, born August 23, 1912 in Crosby, Texas was received in Heaven by her Lord and Savior on June 20, 2017, while surrounded by family.

Pearlie spent her entire life in Crosby. A pillar in her community, she was loved by everyone who met her and touched many hearts throughout her 104 years on Earth.

Pearlie attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church after helping to form the church and start Sacred Heart School. She was a member of the Altar Society for 80 years, also serving as President for many years. She wrote the Church History and contributed to the Crosby History as well. Pearlie was active in quilting for the church bazaar and auction. She was an excellent seamstress and even made special quilts for each of her numerous grandchildren.

Pearlie was an amazing cook, she loved making kolaches and baking, she loved spending time at the house in Holiday Lake and she loved receiving all the numerous cards and calls for her special events in life through out the years.

Pearlie loved growing her beautiful orchids and roses, gardening and spending time with her 40 family members, which included five generations at the time of her death.

The Family would like to thank Dr. Chris Hays



for accepting Pearlie as one of his very first patients and for his excellent care of Pearlie throughout the years, as well as Dr. Sarti, the staff at Cedar Bayou Rehabilitation Center and her caregiver Jayna. Also her dear friend and stylist, Alice.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter Pira and Carrie Rombs Pira, her Uncle Dan Rombs, her siblings Raymond Pira Terry, Alice Pira and Baltzar (Buddy) Pira, her husband Jordan Martin, and later-in-life husband Stafford (Sam) Martin. Also her grandson-in-law, James Elton (J.E.) Bird and her great-grandson, Scott Bird.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses, Marie and Chester Stasney, Catherine and Willie Plocheck, Elizabeth and Bill Carpenter, Raymond and Linda Martin,

and Leroy Martin. Her grandchildren, Chester Joseph Stasney Jr, Elaine and Eddie Marshall, Paul Stasney, Leah Stasney, LaVern and Dodd Kittsley, Rebecca and Dr. Frank Krull, Philip Plocheck, Dr. Janelle Plocheck, Dr. Lisa and Clay Wheeler, Mystic and Chris Durant, and Jordan and Jonathan Newton. Her great-grandchildren Christopher Bird, Brett and Jessica Marshall, Seth Stasney, Payton and Cooper Kittsley, Dr. Megan and Blake McNeer, Veronica Krull, Hillary Plocheck, Jack Wheeler, Keaghan and Emily Durant. She is also survived by her great-great-granddaughter, Aubrey Bird.

The Family will receive visitors on Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crosby, 915 Runneburg, from 5-8pm, with a Rosary at 7pm Friday. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Sacred Heart at 1:30pm.

Pallbearers are Philip Plocheck, Frank Krull, Eddie Marshall, Dodd Kittsley, Chris DuRant, Jonathan Newton and Clay Wheeler. Honorary Pall Bearers are Chester Stasney, Willie Plocheck and Bill Carpenter.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Sacred Heart Catholic School or Altar Society, or a charity of your choice.

Summer fun at the library



To go along with Stratford Branch Library's summer reading program theme of AgBuild a Better World, local children transformed T-shirts into braided toys for A Life to Live's adoptable pets.

By DAVID BERKOWITZ

Public libraries are about so much more than books these days.

While encouraging everyone to read remains a priority, they connect with communities — especially kids — in a variety of other ways.

A Life to Live was invited to be part of a fun event recently at Stratford Branch Library in Highlands.

To go along with the library's summer reading program theme of AgBuild a Better World, local children transformed T-shirts into braided toys for A Life to Live's adoptable pets.

Tables were filled with strips of T-shirt material.

With a little instruction from library staff, about a dozen children produced a pile of colorful rope-like dog toys that they donated to the organization that saves the lives of homeless dogs and cats.

A lot of the activities we're doing this summer aren't just about building things with Legos. It's about helping to solve problems and doing things for people around us. In this case, we're recycling T-shirts and making toys for dogs in need, Ah Mandy Sheffield, branch librarian, said.

One of A Life to Live's dogs and three of its kittens were on hand to inspire the kids, who were having a cool time indoors on the hot afternoon. Ter-

ri Fitch, the organization's outreach coordinator, also brought along her service dog.

When the kids weren't making toys, they were having fun holding and petting the animals. The kittens were, well, kittens. They scampered down the aisles and explored the book collection. One even took a few minutes to enjoy the book, AgFive Black Cats. Ah with one of the kids.

Fitch took the great opportunity to share information with the children and their parents about A Life to Live's mission, services and upcoming events.

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Chrislee Stephens

Chrislee Stephens, 67, of Highlands, Texas passed away on Friday, June 16, 2017. She was born on April 28, 1950 in Germany to William Yancy Faulk Jr., and Grace Gwendolyn Clements Faulk. She was a very remarkable and unique lady who loved taking regular everyday things and redesigning them into new treasures. Chrislee enjoyed doing things for others whether it was assisting them with redecorating or just lending a helping hand. Some of her favorite things were Bingo, sewing, T.V and food. Chrislee will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Chrislee is survived by her cousins, Don Faulk and Merry, Merrie Faulk Lowe and Henry, Kendall Faulk and Suzette, and Jim Faulk and Peggy; special friends Billie Mullins and Kathy Thompson; and a host of extended family and friends.

Services will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd, Highlands, Texas. To share memories and offer condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.



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Betty Jeanne Frisk

Betty Jeanne Frisk rode through the gates of Heaven on Friday, June 23, 2017. She was born on August 28, 1938 in Palmer, Alaska to Frank Clark and Jennie Kalkman Clark. She taught for 27 years with Huffman ISD, many of these years were spent teaching 4th grade. She earned a Master's Degree from Stephen F. Austin University while teaching. She was an instrumental part of the community and touched the lives of so many. She was known to be a go-getter and was very caring.

Betty always wanted to help others, giving rides to her friends who needed to get somewhere and checking up on them often. She was a member of Lake Houston United Methodist Church and ran their pumpkin patch in the fall; she was also a member of the Indian



Shores Garden Club serving as historian. She enjoyed many outdoor activities including water skiing and bike rides. Betty was in all senses of the word, a matriarch. Family meant the world to her. Betty will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Jennie Clark. Betty is survived by

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 32, who was "greatly afraid and distressed" about a reunion with a brother he had wronged? Joseph, Jacob, Cain, Peter
3. What city was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea
4. From Numbers 20, who died on a mountaintop after being garment stripped? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron
5. Who lost all his horse-drawn chariots in a sea? Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh, Benaiah
6. Where did Abraham meet angels? River, Tent door, Juniper tree, Prison

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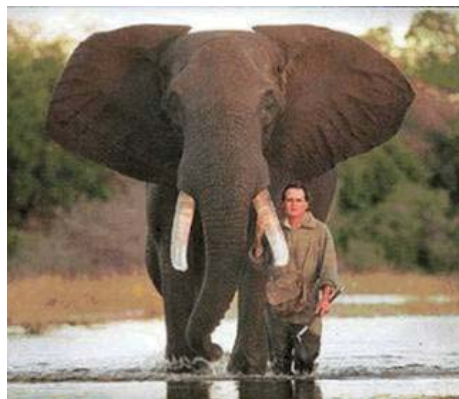


In 1986, Peter Davies was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Northwestern University...

On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Peter approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee, inspected the elephants foot, and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Peter worked the wood out with his knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments. Peter stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away.

Peter never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Peter was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teenaged son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Peter and his son Cameron were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Pe-



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same elephant.

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Board of Trustees elects new officers

Davis Rouse, Wheeler take oaths of office

PASADENA, Texas – Mrs. Erica Davis Rouse and Dr. Ruede Wheeler were sworn in as San Jacinto College Trustees on Monday, June 5, 2017.

Davis Rouse won election for Position 1, while Wheeler was unopposed for Position 2 in the May election. The Honorable Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1, administered the oath of office to Davis Rouse; while Mr. Danny Snooks, attorney, administered the oath to Wheeler.

Davis Rouse is a native of Galena Park, Texas. She moved to the South Belt area as a child and has continued to make South Belt her home. Davis Rouse has a passion for community and education as the daughter of a retired Galena Park ISD teacher and counselor. In her former role as a manager for John Wiley & Sons, Davis Rouse is familiar with the challenges faced by students and faculty in the community college environment. She has volunteered with several non-profits and is an advisory Board member for the Smahrt Girl Foundation. She also volunteered with Pasadena ISD mentoring and coaching in the Leaders of Tomorrow program, tutoring at New Covenant church and serving in various leadership capacities throughout the community. Davis Rouse is a proud Ambassador for the Houston Texans as a member of the National Football League alumni association. She and her husband Bobby have three children who all attend college.

Wheeler has served on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees since 1986 following nine years of service as a member of the La Porte ISD Board of



Mrs. Erica Davis Rouse is sworn in as a San Jacinto College Trustee by The Honorable Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1. Photo credit: Amanda Fenwick, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations and government affairs department.

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15. _____ of U.S. has eagle holding 13 arrows in one talon, olive branch in the other

16. Maryland & Virginia donated land for our national capitol, _____

Patriotic Music

How much do you know about the music played on the Fourth of July? (Ask Mom or Dad to help with this puzzle!) **Match each clue to the person or song it is describing.**

1. This is our National Anthem. The words were written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812.
2. This man was known as the "March King." He loved marches and wrote over 100 of them.
3. This is a song that the British made up to poke fun at the poorly dressed American soldiers. It is our oldest patriotic song.
4. This man claimed to have been "born on the Fourth of July" and to be "... A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam..." He is famous for patriotic songs: "Yankee Doodle Boy," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Over There."

A. John Philip Sousa

B. George M. Cohan

C. "Yankee Doodle"

D. "Star-Spangled Banner"

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