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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### Sheldon Panther Basketball Skills Camp

Camp will take place from June 26 - June 30, 2017 at Null Middle School from 6:00 p.m. -to 7:30 p.m. Grades 1st - 9th. Cost is \$25. Camp will be under the direction of C.E. King High School coaching staff. For more information contact men's basketball office at 281-727-3044.

### Judge Joe Stephen's Teen Court

Judge Joe Stephens' Teen Court will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse located at 14350 Wallisville Road. Student volunteers are needed to serve as defense attorneys, prosecutors, jurors, bailiffs and court clerks. All students in 8th thru 12th grades are invited to participate. Please contact Judge Stephens' Office at MYJP31@JP.HCTX.NET or call 713-274-0760 for more information.

### 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.

## New JC Police Station under construction

JACINTO CITY - Workers have erected the steel frame for the new two-story police station, and last week poured the concrete for the second floor. Utility lines are now being installed, and the exterior skin of the building will be next.

The new building replaces the existing 50 year old station, which has had major electrical and roof problems in the last few years. It will be demolished after the new station is complete.

The new station will meet modern life safety codes and will be very energy efficient. In addition to areas for general police work, there will be several

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS on the new Jacinto City Police Station is obvious, with the structural steel erected, and last week the concrete was poured for the second floor. This building will replace the existing station and is being built just behind it on Market Street. (Photo by Allan Jamail).

## San Jacinto Pilot Club installs new officers



San Jacinto Pilot Club new officers are President Julie Fallin, membership director Joan Van Fleet, co-secretary Carolyn Roberts, Treasurer Karen Westbrook and Lt. Governor for the Texas District of Pilot International Gail Wilson, not pictured Natalie Martinez.

On Friday, June 9, the San Jacinto Pilot Club held their annual installation banquet at the home of Jerry and Julie Fallin. Members and guests enjoyed a late-season crawfish boil, with boiled shrimp and friend chicken to complement the menu. Attendees

heard about the club's accomplishments from last year, such as distributing around 200 bicycle helmets to the community, awarding \$12,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and returning scholarship recipients, and constructing close to 400 heart-shaped

pillows for the children at Texas Children's Hospital. Gail Wilson, Lt. Governor for the Texas District of Pilot International, installed the following as of-

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## BBB's Parsons has advice for Chamber

The North Channel Chamber heard from Dan Parsons of the Houston Better Business Bureau at their last luncheon.

Parsons has been with the Better Business Bureau since 1983, and president since 2002.

In that time, he had seen every type of bad business practice, and dishonest scams. Parsons worked his way up in the BBB, serving as Director of Investigations, and various management positions. But no one in Houston knows business practices and problems better than Parsons.

Parsons spoke about the history of the Better Business Bureau nationally, which was founded in 1912. The first case they undertook to solve involved Coca-Cola and it's cocaine related ingredient.

The Houston office of the BBB now had 58 em-

ployees, he said, and its membership is over 500 local businesses. The Houston office serves 11 counties in south Texas, including Harris County. The first companies to join the Houston



DAN PARSONS, PRESIDENT BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

BBB were Exxon, the Houston Chronicle, and Foley's department store.

The Better Business Bureau offers 5 services to it's members:

One, information of existing businesses, and a rating system on their dealings with customers. Businesses

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## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION Channelview Campus Teachers of the Year



The Campus Teachers of the Year were announced at the Channelview ISD Employee Recognition Ceremony. Educators honored were, standing from left, Kelly Coats (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center), Robin Gross (Crenshaw Elementary), Rachel Knippa (McMullan Elementary), Jamie Everett (Brown Elementary), Cheryl Childs (Hamblen Elementary), Gene Hudgson (Schochler Elementary), Aaron Allison (Channelview High School) and Mark Santos (Alice Johnson Junior High). Sitting from left are Rhonda Perez (Campbell Learning Center), Anitra Orta (Pre-Kindergarten), Frances Bushnell (Aguirre Junior High), Amanda Sanchez-Loa (DeZavala Elementary) and Jose Lopez (Cobb Elementary)

## RECOGNITION Troop 707 Celebrates three new Eagle Scouts

Troop 707 of the Sam Houston Area Council, Raven District is proud to announce the newest Eagle Scouts: Stephen A. Salas, Ryan Lee Bost, and Ryan H. Bernelle (left to right). Troop 707 and friends celebrated the Eagle Scout ceremony on May 21, 2017 at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church, 15330 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77049.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance. The award is a performance-based achievement and take years to accomplish. The Boy Scout oath is, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

Troop 707 meets at the church every Sunday evening at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church from 4-6 pm. We welcome you to come to any meeting or or more information on scouting, visit <https://beascout.scouting.org>.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

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COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR

## Stratford Library EXPO

Stratford Library in Highlands will be hosting an EXPO on Thursday June 22nd from 2-4 pm. A variety of groups will be on hand to provide information about services and resources available in the area. Fun activities and information for all ages! The Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Foodtown at 509 Stratford in Highlands. Follow them online at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net) or on Facebook as "Stratford Branch Library."

## 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.

## Eastgate Church Vacation Bible School

"HERO CENTRAL" will be June 26 - 30, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon for ages 4-10. Hey Kids, come enjoy learning about your strength in God that is better than all the Super Heroes. Eastgate Church is located 6 miles east of Huffman on FM 1960, then south 1/4 mile on CR 611 (at the Shell station). For more information, call 713-898-0779.

## Crosby Community Center's Ongoing June Calendar

**Rhythm Walking:** Weekday mornings from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Come rain or shine for a 2-mile walk to music in the comfort of the Center.

**Aerobics With Melissa:** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. Boost your energy, stamina, and flexibility with certified aerobics instructor Melissa Turner.

**Sit and Sew:** Mondays at 9 a.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Create donation quilts for local needs.

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

# Mutton busters star for Rodeo



Saturday - Enoch Hall - Dilley, Texas won the Bustin' here with Buckle Sponsor James Motley



Thursday - Brayden Hirsch - Crosby, Texas

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Friday - Dacie Murray - Wellsure, Oklahoma took home Top Award for her ride.



Dacie Murray shows us how. Friday at interview she told reporter, "Well, all you do is, you grab him around the neck like this and put your feet around his belly and just don't let go, is what my dad told me and it worked. I rode him to the ground."



Above and left, Photo by Michele Eglin Photography By Michele. Brayden Hirsch showing style riding a sheep.



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# Precinct 2 raises funds for Literacy Grant



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COMMUNITY NEWS

3 former San Jac baseball players compete in College World Series

Homan, Schoenvogel and Pennington all play in Omaha

OMAHA, Nebraska – Three San Jacinto College baseball alumni, Austin Homan (Houston/ Barbers Hill HS), Baine Schoenvogel (Galveston/ Galveston Ball HS) and Walker Pennington (Houston/ Memorial HS) appeared for Texas A&M University in the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Baseball College World Series (CWS).

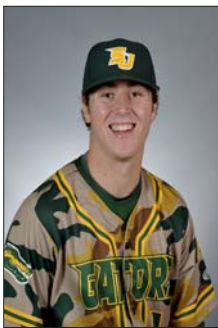
Senior infielder Austin Homan graduated from San Jacinto College in 2015 after spending two seasons with the San Jac baseball team. As a sophomore at San Jac, he played in 62 games and batted .363. He represented Texas in the Texas-New Mexico All-Star game in Round Rock, Texas, helped San Jac advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) College World Series, and earned all-



Homan



Pennington



Schoenvogel

Region XIV and Region XIV South all-conference honors. Currently in his senior season at Texas A&M, Homan has played in 62 games with 60 starts at shortstop, has scored 30 runs and reached base at a .316 clip. During his junior season at Texas A&M, he played in 54 games, with 41 starts at shortstop and earned spots on the all-tournament team

at the SEC Tournament and the NCAA College Station Regional.

Junior catcher Baine Schoenvogel graduated from San Jacinto College in 2016 after spending two seasons with the San Jac baseball team. As a sophomore, he earned all-Conference first team, batting .375. He helped lead the team to a runner-up finish at the 2016 NJCAA World Series and earned NJCAA World Series all-tournament recognition. Currently in his first season at Texas A&M, Schoenvogel has a .259 batting average, and earned 7 runs, 2 homeruns, and 4 RBIs.

Senior outfielder Walker Pennington graduated from San Jacinto College in 2015 after spending one season with the San Jac base-

ball team. As a sophomore, Pennington helped lead the team to the NJCAA College World Series, earning NJCAA Division I all-American second team, and all-Region XIV and all-conference honors. During his junior year at Texas A&M, Walker appeared in 29 games, including 13 starts, and had a .258 batting average earning 12 runs, 4 homeruns, and 16 RBIs. Currently in his senior year at Texas A&M, Walker has a .217 batting average and has earned 24 runs, 4 homeruns, and 33 RBIs.

The College World Series is played at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska June 17 through June 28.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist North Channel  
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Pre-K to 5th Grade  
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713-453-4640 to register.

Judge Joe Stephen's Teen Court

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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](http://www.SanJacintoPilot.com).

NC Chamber,

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can get rated from A to F. Second, the BBB handles complaints from customers. This activity numbers 30,000 disputes per year, which are resolved.

Third, the BBB monitors advertisers for truthfulness and other criteria in advertising.

Fourth, it monitors Non-Profit organizations, making sure their finances are transparent and the percentage of administrative costs versus benefits is within acceptable guidelines.

Fifth, the BBB has an outreach to the public, brings talks and information about good business practices to the public.

Parsons noted the types of complaints that they get against businesses: Bad Businesses, Cell phone or Cable companies, Businesses that fold, Businesses that obviously don't care about their customers, and Businesses operating with fraudulent practices.

JC Police Station,

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holding cells, offices, a workout room, fingerprint lab and a large conference room that will also serve as the Emergency Operations Center during disasters." In addition there will be 9 holding cells, 6 for men and 3 for women.

Architect Ed Gant stated that the building will be a two story brick design with aluminum framed windows, and a metal standing seam roof. Area of the first floor is 10,710 square feet, with a "Sally port" of an additional 1830 s.f. The second floor is 8,966 s.f., and total building size is 21,506. The second story will allow expansion for future needs. Cost is budgeted at just over \$2 million.

In the parking lot will be space for a "Safe Trade Zone" where security cameras will focus on individuals as they trade items bought or sold online. City Manager Squyres said he expects the building to host regional training activities, and local law enforcement initiatives.

New Officers,

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ficers for the 2017-2018 Pilot year: Julie Fallin, President Natalie Martinez, co-Secretary Carolyn Roberts, co-Secretary Karen Westbrooks, Treasurer Joan Van Fleet, membership director

During the installation, the 30th annual spaghetti dinner was mentioned to be on October 14 which is their major fundraiser for the year.

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OPINION PAGE

Big advice for the smallest businesses

(NAPSI)—While large enterprises may make the most headlines, it's often the country's smallest businesses that are providing jobs, fueling innovation and growing the economy. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, 62 percent of all U.S. businesses are microbusinesses, or businesses with fewer than 10 employees. These businesses also account for 75.3 percent of all private-sector employers.

These small but mighty companies often face a unique set of challenges. With fewer employees and resources, owners of microbusinesses often find themselves juggling all aspects of the business, including areas where they may not have expertise or experience in managing, while often competing against larger, more established enterprises.

To shine a spotlight on these inspirational entrepreneurs, Microsoft recently recognized 10 microbusinesses that are making the biggest impact. The full list includes Philip and Melissa Niu, Parachut; Jason and Sarah Kenworthy, Pink Helmet Posse; Noah Elias, Noah Fine Art; Dr. Agnes Scoville, Scoville & Company (Pacidose); August Graube, Fort Boards; Mikaila Ulmer, Me & the Bees; Jessica Matthews, Uncharted Play; Dave Ackerman, Tobacco MotorWear; Megan and Marshall Dostal, Further; and Kalika Yap, Citrus Studios.

These companies demonstrate what is possible with an idea and the determination to bring it to fruition. Whether you're an already-established small business or a future entrepreneur, below are some best practices cultivated from this standout group of microbusinesses:

• Inspiration can be found anywhere. From bee stings to childhood hobbies, inspiration for these business owners

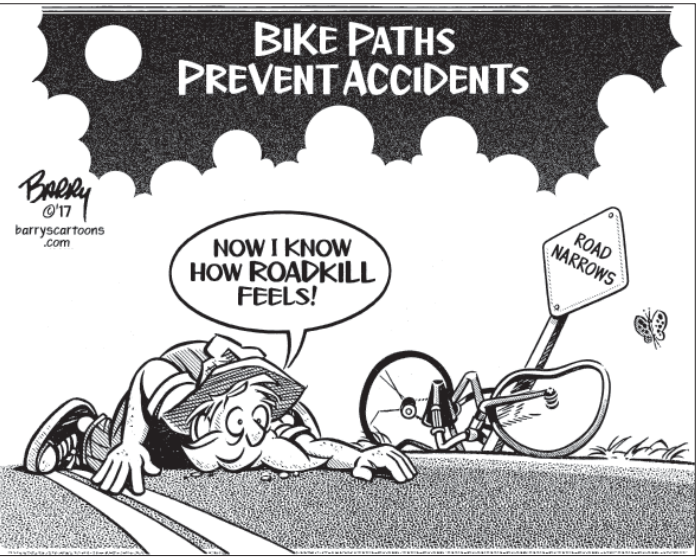
came from a wide range of places. Even if you don't consider yourself a creative person, being open to unexpected ideas and thinking outside the box are keys to discovering a new business, product or service idea.

• Never stop listening and learning. The businesses with the most loyal customers are the ones focused on continuous listening and learning. Whether in person or via software and social media, listening to your audience helps build trust and keeps them coming back. Beyond customer service, big data is another way to access a wealth of knowledge about your audience and business trends. Big data software like Microsoft Azure is also more affordable and easier to use than ever, allowing even the smallest businesses to benefit from enterprise-grade analytics.

• Ask for help. Launching a business can be intimidating, especially if you have little or no experience in all the areas necessary for your business to function, such as accounting or HR. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Reaching out to other small businesses in your area, finding a mentor or joining an online community can help you find the answers you need.

• Don't let anything hold you back. From preschool kids to military veterans, the featured microbusiness owners are proof that success can be found at any age and at any stage of life. Time and time again, entrepreneurs shared that the most important thing to do is stop second-guessing yourself and just get started.

• Automate day-to-day tasks. Technology, such as Microsoft Dynamics CRM, can help you work smarter and more efficiently. Automating your business processes lets you and your employees focus less on the day-to-day tasks so you can focus your time and energy on more important responsibilities.



Governor signs 2018-2019, two-year state budget into law

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 12 signed Senate Bill 1, legislation that appropriates some \$217 billion to pay for the state's next two-year fiscal period.

"I am once again signing a budget that addresses the most pressing challenges faced by our state. This budget funds a life-saving overhaul of Child Protective Services, ensuring children in Texas' foster care receive the protection they deserve," Abbott stated in his proclamation. "Even in a tight budget climate," he added, "this budget prioritizes the safety and well-being of all Texans. It continues to fund our state's role in securing the border, adding an additional 250 troopers to keep our communities safe. It funds the state's natural disaster response costs to provide state resources when disaster strikes. And it better protects our law enforcement officers across the state by funding grants for bulletproof vests."

"This budget ensures the workforce of today and tomorrow have the resources they need to keep Texas' economy growing and thriving," Abbott continued. "Under Senate Bill 1, all eligible prekindergarten students will receive a high-quality education by increasing standards statewide. And the state will remain competitive on the job creation front with funds to help Texas remain the best state in the nation for doing business."

"This budget achieves all of these goals while restraining state-controlled spending below the growth in the state's estimated population and inflation. During the upcoming special session of the 85th Legislature, passage of legislation or a constitutional amendment to ensure the state continues to budget within responsible spending limitations will remain a top priority," added Abbott.

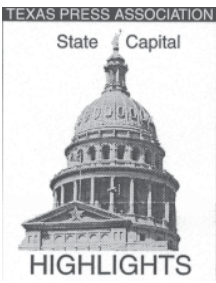
List of items are vetoed Gov. Abbott further exercised his constitutional prerogative by vetoing approximately \$120 million in line items from the 2018-2019 state budget.

Examples of funding vetoed by the governor include more than \$86 million that had been earmarked for LIRAP, the Low Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program; and

- \$6 million to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for air quality improvement programs in certain counties;

- \$4.7 million to the Texas Department of Public Safety for safety education;

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Examples of other bills he struck down on their own merits were:

- HB 462 by Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park, relating to the provision of notice of proposed rules by state agencies. Abbott wrote that the bill "has the potential to slow down the executive rulemaking process."

- HB 1284 by Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman. Abbott said he vetoed the bill because he vetoed an identical bill that passed in the 2015 legislative session.

- HB 2943 by Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, relating to the use of money in the state water pollution control revolving fund. Abbott said the bill contains mandates that "are unnecessary and tie the hands of program administrators."

All of the governor's veto statements can be accessed at gov.texas.gov.

**Depository operator named**  
State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 14 announced the selection of Austin-based Lone Star Tangible Assets as the vendor that will partner with his office to build and operate the Texas Bullion Depository — the nation's first state-administered gold bullion depository.

On June 12, Hegar named Tom Smelker, director of the state's Treasury Operations, as the first administrator of the Texas Bullion Depository. Smelker has worked for the State Treasury for 30 years, including 10 years serving as director of Treasury Operations.

Among them were a few bills Abbott said he felt were duplicative of other bills he had approved.

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220 Cities, 140 Million Americans to lose Amtrak service

Federal Budget Will Kill U.S. Train Network

(NAPSI)—This summer travel season may be the last year with train travel as an option for millions of Americans. The Administration's proposed 2018 budget wipes out funding for almost all Amtrak trains except on the East and West coasts. More than 220 cities and towns will lose train service completely and 140 million people will completely lose an entire transportation mode.

"If Congress enacts this budget, our national passenger rail network will largely cease to exist," said Jim Mathews, National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) president and CEO. "These cuts will have a profound economic impact both nationally, regionally and locally."

Although the trains impacted are often called long-distance trains, they are also local and regional transportation for the areas they serve. In Montana and North Dakota, for example, the Amtrak line goes across both states and connects 19 towns and cities. In Florida, 28 communities are bound together by Amtrak trains that offer a real option for family and business travelers.

This summer, the National Association of Railroad Passengers is organizing Americans across the country to participate in "Rally For Trains" in an effort to demonstrate the significant impact trains have on the lives of Americans.

"Rally For Trains" symbolizes the broad support Americans have for trains and passenger rail," Mathews continued. "We will push back until our collective voice is heard, and get the funding passenger rail deserves—and America needs."

Although the White House budget is regularly ignored by the Congress, it is often seen as an opening bid in the federal budget negotiation process. This budget slashes infrastructure investment and completely eliminates funding for long-distance rail across the United States.

Cuts to Amtrak, transit, and commuter rail programs, and even air service to rural towns, would not only cost construction and manufacturing jobs, but will place a disproportionate amount of pain on rural and working-class communities.

The people who will suffer the most are those who rely on passenger rail to get to their job, for an ADA-compliant mode of travel, and for people in so-called "flyover country," where other transportation options are limited.

The full list of towns at-risk of losing Amtrak service is published at [www.TownsWithoutTrains.com](http://www.TownsWithoutTrains.com), and information on the rallies being planned continues to be added.

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Harvey Victor Blaskey

Harvey Victor Blaskey, 75, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 18, 2017. He was born on April 26, 1942 in Lavaca, Texas to Victor Frank Blaschke and Bessie Haba Blaschke. He was a hard worker and spent most of his life working as a Pipeline Foreman. Harvey was a very social man and enjoyed meeting new people. Growing a garden and being outdoors was his delight. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. Harvey will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Elveria Lee Blaschke; brother, Carl Alton Blaskey; son, Anthony Earl Blaskey; and step-daughter, Danielle Philips.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Lorrie W. Blaskey; sons, Richard Ray Blaskey, Marlon Eugene Blaskey and wife Sarah, and Sean Michael Blaskey and Shannon Becker; daughter, Becky Lee Marcum and husband John; step-daughter, April Marie Freeman and John Brandenburg; sisters, Mary B. Matthews, and Bernice Marcella and husband Robert Angaldua; grandchildren, Daniel Anthony Blaskey, Zachery Scott Freeman, Hadyn Michael Blaskey, and



Harleigh Kay Marcum; step-grandsons, James Eugene Bird, Todd Philips, and Chad Hedrick; Harvey's beloved companion, Blue; and a host of extended family and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be John, Sean, JD, Richard, JB, and Marlon. Honorary pallbearers are Zachery and Hadyn.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, June 23, 2017 also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment will be in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).

Safe Rescue focus at Peso's



Tasha Fangman top left, presented an introduction to a new and unique business service in Crosby at the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Luncheon held at Peso's Restaurant last Thursday. Safe Rescue Industrial Training Services has built a new training facility at 6707 Miller Wilson Road with tower and rope rescue course and confined space area designed for training fire brigades to handle industrial fires, they also offer training in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.

CROSBY – With special recognition for the efforts of the local Lion's Club for getting glasses and eyecare to those in need, the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce convened their monthly luncheon at Peso's Restaurant.

A preentation from a new business in town offered tips on safety, and precautions for heat stress, heat exhaustion and

heat stroke.

Safe Rescue Industrial Training Services specializes in teaching and training rescue personnel and industrial fire prevention. The company prides itself upon delivering a superior level of service and ensuring long term customer relations.

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Crosby's Perez earns SAU scholarship



Alana Perez of Crosby.

MAGNOLIA, AR (06/13/2017)-- Alana Perez of Crosby has been selected to receive the University Scholarship from Southern Arkansas University beginning in the 2017-2018 academic year.

This scholarship includes \$4500 per semester and has a four-year value of \$36000.

Perez is the daughter of Teresa Perez.

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Crosby Community Center: Kids2Gether summer programs

Children of all ages are invited to Crosby Community Center Wednesdays, June 28, and 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 and begins Monday, May 15 at 8 a.m. 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.

Crosby Community Center is a Precinct 2 community center located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. Center office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regard-

ing classes or other Center programs, please call (281) 462-0543.

Harris County Precinct 2 programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or physical ability. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in any program should contact Crosby Community Center. An adult must accompany children under the age of 18.

Creative Art Workshop for Children

Crosby Community Center offers a creative art workshop for children Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, and class sizes are limited. The workshop sessions are organized by age:

- Session one, ages 6 to 7: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Class size is limited to 15)
- Session two, ages 8 to 10: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Class size is limited to 15)
- Session three, ages 11 to 13: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Class size is limited to 15)

Experienced watercolor instructor Alex Pena teaches children how to express their ideas and creativity through art. Participants receive individual attention and are taught different mediums including clay and pastels. Although instruction is free, the cost of supplies is \$20 per student, which is payable at the time of registration.

Participants will take home all their remaining supplies at the end of the session. Participants also need to wear a smock or old T-shirt each class.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa

3. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain

4. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel

5. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam

6. Where did Gideon meet an angel? Prison, Field, Oak tree, Well

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Ahasuerus; 3) Eliphaz; 4) Gezer; 5) Dorcas; 6) Oak tree

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Annual Concert

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- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

- There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

-The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower !

- The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

- A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,

- And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

- More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

- Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

- Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'sub-standard.'

- Sugar cost four cents a pound.

- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

- Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

- There was no such thing as under arm deodorant or tooth paste.

- Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

• The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza

2. Tuberculosis

3. Diarrhea

4. Heart disease

5. Stroke

• The American flag had 45 stars.

• The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

• Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet

• There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

• Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

• Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

• There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !

Now that I have shared this with all of you here reading the North Channel Star Newspaper, I am now going to send this to someone else electronically via the Internet.

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## San Jacinto College students selected to conduct cancer research

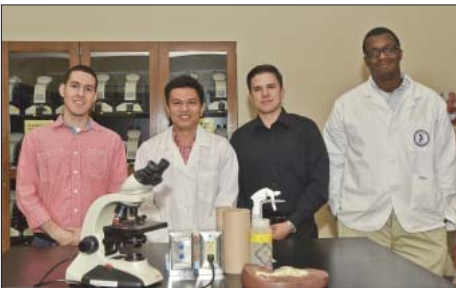
CURE program, supported by the National Cancer Institute, selected eight students nationwide for research opportunity

PASADENA, Texas – Conducting cancer research, this is how Trung Vu, Kenley Miller, Kevin Rodriguez and Simon Mendoza from San Jacinto College are spending their summer as the only community college students accepted to the Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) program.

The CURE program, supported by the National Cancer Institute, and a partnership between the University of Iowa and collaborative academic institutions, is designed to provide an atmosphere to train undergraduate students in cancer research. Once selected, the students are assigned mentors at the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, where they study in different labs and work alongside principle investigators as paid undergraduate researchers for eight weeks during two consecutive summers.

Eight students were selected from across the United States for this summer's program. Miller, who is studying to become a pharmacist, said he looks forward to the research opportunity that could one day change lives. "My mother was diagnosed with thyroid cancer a year ago, and my sister has juvenile arthritis; these factors drive me to seek this type of opportunity to help others," he said.

Prior to the summer, Vu, Miller, Rodriguez and Mendoza spent weeks preparing for the program with their mentor Christopher Wild, San Jacinto College department chair of physical sciences and engineering. Wild has conducted cancer research for approximately 10 years. His meetings with the four student researchers covered the topics of basic research etiquette, searching and reading



Pictured from left to right: San Jacinto College students Simon Mendoza, Trung Vu, Kevin Rodriguez and Kenley Miller traveled to the University of Iowa this summer to conduct cancer research for the CURE program, supported by the National Cancer Institute. Photo credit: Andrea Vasquez, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations and government affairs department.

the relevant scientific literature, understanding the basic biology of cancer, and learning about the specific research projects they will work on over the summer.

Wild offered some final words of advice to the students as they prepared to spend the

next two months at the University of Iowa, "Some aspects of the research experience will be new and intimidating but remember that you were chosen for this program, and you will be learning at the cutting edge of cancer research. You can make a difference."

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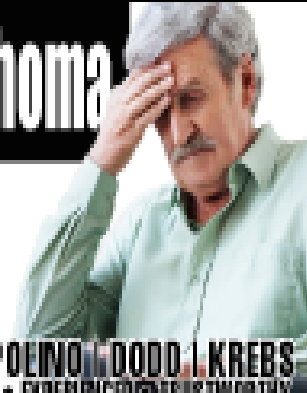
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Kayla Weaver named women’s head basketball coach

New coach has new hopes for upcoming season

HOUSTON, Texas – Kayla Weaver has been named head coach of the San Jacinto College women’s basketball team for the 2017-2018 season.

Weaver, who served the last two seasons as an assistant coach under Michael Madrid, helped to guide the team to a 26-9 record and its first appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I national tournament.

“I am excited for the opportunity to lead these young ladies and this program for one year. We have had a lot of success the last two years and I was fortunate enough to be able to learn from Coach Madrid. The players returning that we recruited are special and I am happy to be able to see them through their journey here at San Jac,” said Weaver.

Weaver attended and played at Panola College in Carthage, where she earned first team all-Conference, first team Region XIV, and academic first team Region XIV. She was also named the Panola College Buddy Lowery Award Winner, which recognizes the top academic athlete in the graduating class. Weaver then moved to Texas Woman’s University

(TWU) where she was a member of the 2010-2011 Lone Star Conference (LSC) champions, earning all-LSC first team honors as well as being named 2010-2011 tournament MVP.

Weaver earned her bachelor’s degree from TWU with a major in mathematics and a minor in education. She also received a master’s degree from TWU in kinesiology with an emphasis in coaching.

After graduation, Weaver served as an assistant coach at Panola College from 2011-2014. For the 2014-2015 season she worked as an assistant coach at the The University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler). During her time at UT Tyler the patriots were the American Southwest Conference regular season champions and advanced to the second round in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III tournament, finishing with a 27-3 record.

Coach Weaver is focused for the upcoming season. She wants to make sure her student-athletes are prepared for the next step in their journey both on and off the court. “I am looking forward to watching our team compete. This



Kayla Weaver has been named head coach of the San Jacinto College women’s basketball team for the 2017-2018 season. Photo credit: Jeannie Peng Mansur, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations and government affairs department.

group has already set such a high standard for the women’s basketball program and I am excited to see how they finish their careers here at San Jac,” said Weaver.

For more information about the San Jacinto College women’s basketball team visit the San Jacinto College athletics website.

## GARCIA ON THE GO Making every day count

Dear Reader ,

### Preparing for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is on its way – it is critical to learn about hurricanes and hurricane preparedness. To be safe this hurricane season, I encourage you to develop a family/household emergency plan in case of an evacuation. This can include a kit of important supplies such as medication, non-perishable food items and water. If state or local officials order a mandatory evacuation – leave immediately. Be sure your home is secure, and take your pets with you. If you are elderly or disabled and need evacuation assistance, please call 2-1-1. For information on evacuation routes and road conditions call (800)452-9292. Additional information can be found by visiting <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/weather/hurricane.html>.

### Message from Sylvia

The 85th legislative session has concluded! It was a tough 5 months full of ups and downs, but I am proud of what our team accomplished. Please know that every bill that we passed would not have been possible without the unbelievable support of SD6 constituents. Look for more details on our successes in the weeks to come.

Now that I am done in Austin, I am scheduling a series of town hall meetings throughout the district to discuss new state policies with residents of SD6. I will also be attending many of the civic club events and senior meetings that I have missed because of the session. I look forward to visiting with you all over the next few months! They say “home is where the heart is”, and while I may have been in Austin, my heart never left our community!

Putting people first,  
Sylvia R. Garcia



## CISD student registration being held during summer

Registration for students will be held throughout the summer at all Channelview ISD campuses.

Elementary and secondary campuses will register students from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. District and campus offices will be closed on Fridays during the summer.

Parents will need to have the following items when registering their child for school:

- Birth Certificate (original - no copies)
- Social Security Card (original - no copies)
- Immunization Record
- Last Report Card or Withdrawal Paper
- Two (2) Proofs of Residency - recent (within the

last 30 days) light bill, water bill, gas bill, lease/rent agreement or purchase agreement – No Disconnect Notices

• Two emergency contact numbers other than your home or work

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