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Early Voting now thru November 2

HARRIS COUNTY – Voters cast their votes early, starting on Monday, October 22. This mid-term election is considered by most political observers to be an important statement about the current Republican control of the White House, Congress, and the Texas government.

Although the president is not on the ballot this time, many important seats in Congress and Texas will be decided. In addition, a number of local Harris County positions are on the ballot, and an important choice in the city of Houston regarding pay for firemen.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, but Early Voting started on Monday, October 22 and continues through Friday, November 2. Hours that the polls are open are as follows:

- Oct. 22-26 8am-4:30pm
- Oct. 27 7am-7pm
- Oct. 28 1pm-6pm
- Oct. 29-Nov 2 7am-7pm

The election for U. S. Senate has probably gained the most attention, both in Texas and nationally. Incumbent Senator Ted Cruz has seen a strong challenge from Democratic candidate Beto O'Rourke, who has raised much more money



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than Cruz in his campaign, and seems to have an enthusiastic grass roots support among the public. A visit last Monday by President Trump on behalf of Cruz is thought to boost his chances for re-election.

A number of U. S. Representatives seats are open for election, including District 2, formerly held by Ted Poe, who retired. Candidates in this district include Dan Crenshaw and Todd Litton; District 6, with incumbent Kevin Brady vs. Steven David; District 18

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GP ISD cuts ribbon for new Elementary school



Josh Zigel, North Channel Chamber of Commerce, Laurie Crockett, Galena Park Elementary Assistant Principal, Margie Buentello, President, North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, Wanda Heath Johnson, Board of Trustees President, Jaime Rocha, Principal, Ramon Garza, Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees Secretary, Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of Schools, Senator Sylvia Garcia and Dr. John Moore, Galena Park ISD Associate Superintendent for Operations attend new Galena Park Elementary ribbon cutting.

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North Shore defeats Baytown Sterling 63-3

By Allan Jamail

Friday, October 19, 2018 - Baytown, TX- at the Goose Creek ISD Stallworth Stadium the Northshore Mustangs scored 5 touchdowns in the first quarter, by the end of the game they had made 9 touchdowns, kicker John Villalobos made all 9 extra point kicks. To keep from being shut-out the Sterling Rangers kicked a field goal, the final score was 63

to 3. The undefeated 7- 0 Mustangs have only had one serious challenge this season when they opened the season 7 weeks ago by beating the Katy Tigers 35 to 21.

Northshore and the Beaumont West Brook Bruins are tied for first place with 4 wins each in District 21 - 6-A Region III. In order to reach the



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Mustangs junior defensive back Marcus Cockrell out leaps a Sterling Ranger receiver to intercept a pass, the turnover led to another Mustang score.

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GP/JC Rotary raises \$10,000 at MDD chili luncheon



HOW MUCH AM I BID FOR THIS SOMBRERO? This was one of many auction items at last week's Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club's "Million Dollar Dinner." Thanks to many sponsors and bidders, the club raised \$10,000 for GP High School scholarships. MORE PHOTOS on page 3.

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Early Voting,

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with incumbent Sheila Jackson Lee vs. Ava Reynero Pate; and District 29, where long term Representative Gene Green has retired, and State Senator Sylvia Garcia is running against Phillip Aronoff.

Governor Abbott is defending his seat against challenger Lupe Valdez, and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick is running against challenger Mike Collier. Another state race that has gathered attention is Attorney General, where the beleaguered incumbent Ken Paxton is running against Democratic challenger Justin Nelson.

In state Senate races, in District 7 incumbent Paul Bettencourt vs. David Romero; and District 15, Randy Orr is challenging incumbent Democrat John Whitmire.

A number of State Representatives are running unopposed, and therefore will be re-elected. These include Brisco Cain in District 128; Armando Walle in District 140; Senfronia Thompson in 141; and Ana Hernandez in 143.

In contested races for State Representative, incumbent Dan Huberty faces Libertarian challenger Ryan Woods; District 144 incumbent Mary Ann Perez vs. Republican Ruben Villarreal; and Dis-

trict 145, incumbent Carol Alvarado faces Libertarian Clayton Hunt.

Harris County voters will decide on keeping well respected incumbent judge Ed Emmett, or vote for Democratic challenger Lina Hidalgo.

Other county offices of interest include District Clerk, with incumbent Chris Daniel vs. Marilyn Burgess; County Clerk, with well known incumbent Stan Stanart vs. Diane Trautman; County Treasurer, Orlando Sanchez vs. Dylan Osborne.

An interesting race for county school trustee, Position 3 at Large, is where well-known East Aldine District executive Richard Cantu is running against Marc Cowart for the HCDE board. Cantu has been endorsed by this newspaper.

Several County Commissioner seats are to be elected including Precinct 2, where the incumbent Republican Jack Morman faces Democratic challenger Adrian Garcia; and Precinct 4, where incumbent Republican Jack Cagle faces Democrat Penny Shaw.

In races for Justice of the Peace, of local interest is Precinct 3, Place 2. Lucia Bates is running unopposed. This district in-

cludes the North Channel, Channelview, North Forest and a part of the Aldine area.

Voters in the Lone Star College area will be asked to decide between Michael Stoma or George Edwards, Jr. in District 1; Ernestine Pierce or Matthew Wheeler in District 2; and Mike Sullivan or G. Puente in District 8.

For voters who reside in the City of Houston, two propositions will be on the ballot, both concerning the finances of the city, and both controversial and considered important.

Proposition A known as ReBuild Houston calls for voters to approve the City's existing street and drainage program, and secure the revenue so other departments cannot use it.

Proposition B asks voters whether they are in favor of Firemen receiving the same pay as police officers.

Mayor Turner has indicated that he is in favor of Proposition A, and against Proposition B, which he says the city is unable to afford, cannot raise taxes, and therefore will have to lay off large amounts of firefighters and city workers.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

- North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road
- Galena Park Library, 1500 Keene Street
- John Phelps Courthouse, 101 S. Richey Street
- East Harris County Activity Center, 7340 Spencer Highway
- Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street
- Northeast Multi Service Center, 9720 Spaulding
- Atascocita Branch Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Drive
- County Attorney Conference Center, 1019 Congress, downtown Houston

Galena Park Elementary,

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Photo by Allan Jamail

Pictured at the elementary schools' dedication ceremony is, GPISD Trustees, Superintendent, School Principal, staff and members of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas that held a cornerstone leveling ceremony to signify the building's completion.

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. – October 17, 2018 the Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Galena Park Elementary School (GPES). The new school is equipped with the most modern and latest technological advancements available for teaching elementary age students.

Allan Jamail the NC Star writer said, "It was an emotional day for me to witness the new facility which replaced the old building where I got my elementary school education 67 years ago. Just being there brought back so many childhood memories; I was thrilled to be in attendance, after all, once a Yellow Jacket always a Yellow Jacket."

Ceremonial comments were made by many but the one that received the loudest applause came from Marilyn Chavez a fifth grade student. She said, "When I first came to Galena Park Elementary I was four years old, and when I saw the school, I said to myself, WHOA, THIS SCHOOL IS HUGE!!! As I walked into my kindergarten class, I was scared and wondered if I was going to do okay. Is my teacher going to be nice?"

Marilyn said the year passed quickly and on her last day of kindergarten she cried because she was going to miss her teacher, the teacher gave her a big hug and she went home for the summer. Through her school years she attended at the old school building, then portable buildings and now the new beautiful building which she said looks like a palace with shiny floors.

Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent of Schools said, "This day has been a dream of so many. The students, parents and staff are off to a fantastic start this school year. To say this community is excited about this beautiful new campus would be quite the understatement.

Galena Park Elementary is indeed a tribute to this community, our school board, and to the dedication, hard-work, planning

and construction which has taken place over the past year."

Terri Moore, Assistant Superintendent said, "The individuals who served on the Bond Steering Committee are an invaluable group and were very instrumental in the development of the bond recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents helping us chart a path for the future of the Galena Park Independent School District."

Special thanks go to our public officials and community leaders who support Galena Park ISD on a daily basis. It is always a pleasure to have them join us. Their presence at today's ceremony demonstrates their support of Galena Park ISD in providing our children a quality education in facilities that are "second to none!"

Wanda Heath Johnson, Board of Trustees President made the following comment. "In 2016, you, the community, continued your investment in our children's future by passing a bond referendum. Today, we celebrate one of the products of your support. While we are very happy and extremely proud of this beautiful campus, let us not forget that this celebration is not for a building but for the opportunities that this building provides for our students to excel in the classroom. The Board of Trustees will always be grateful to those who have made this day possible. Thank you, community and staff, for your commitment to excellence. Thank you for your support and being with us today."

Senator Sylvia Garcia said, "Let's not forget the teachers, the teachers through the years has what's brought us to where we are here today. Without teachers there'd be no school, they deserve lots of credit for this new school."

Linda Jamail, State Representative Ana Hernandez's Community Liaison said Ana was taking care of State business and couldn't be there, so she read a Resolution from Ana commending those who made the new school building possible.

Jaime Rocha, the school's principal delivered the following reflection:

The rich history of Galena Park Elementary began more than 85 years ago. The original one room schoolhouse is where our great district began. Over the years, additions were made and generations came through its doors. Even many of GPISD's own were students in the original building. So needless to say, there was definitely an emotional attachment to the original GPE for many. However, this city, and most of all our students, deserved the building we are standing in now. The time had come to turn the page and begin a new chapter. A new chapter that is set to deliver 21st century learning for generations to come.

In the initial planning phases, the discussion was to deliver an eye catching "wow" factor; a building that could be the hub of the city; that was the goal. Based on the reception from all stakeholders, and especially our students, there's no doubt that vision has become a reality. Much like the original building was the place where dreams began for thousands of little Yellow Jackets, this magnificent building will continue the rich history established so long ago, while taking learning and opportunity to new heights for years to come. Within these walls are many bells and whistles. But what made the first GPE special is what will make this building special now and in the future; the spirit and pride of the community of Galena Park.

I'd like to thank Dr. Williams, the Board, Cabinet members, architects (PBK for designing such a wonderful building and maximizing the land space), contractors (Satterfield and Pontikes), Rice and Gardner Consultants-Program Managers, Dr. John Moore, Sonny Fletcher, Ron Keller, Barbara Reed, Robert Arcement, and the community members of Galena Park.

I'd also like to thank my wonderful staff who has been real troopers throughout this entire process. Last year was difficult for many reasons; packing, unpacking, and packing again, braving the weather (hot and cold), the rains, the flooding, the wasps, but we never lost sight of why we are here, and that's to take care of kids and put their needs first.

Principal Rocha concluded by saying, "I look forward with great anticipation to the tremendous future we have in store for us. The learning, the life lessons, the friendships, and the memories that will be made will form the character of this building. I'm extremely blessed to be a part of this history in the making."

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Man in surgical mask robs armored car employees outside bank

HOUSTON, Texas – October 22, 2018 – Authorities are investigating a robbery of armored car employees outside a Chase Bank in East Harris County. Deputies say the incident happened around 11 a.m. last Monday, in the 13700 block of East Freeway. According to officials, the suspect approached two armored car employees and sprayed them both with pepper spray. The suspect then grabbed money from the victims. The man fled the scene in a white Kia. He is described



as a black male who was last seen wearing a surgical mask, khaki pants, and gray sweater. The armored car workers were treated at the scene for their injuries. The investigation continues. Call 713-222-TIPS if you have any information.

Million Dollar Dinner,

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Buyers included Deputy Rodriguez, Ana Hernandez, and Rotarian Maria Rodriguez.



Expert Chili cooks were from Galena Park High School culinary class.



Rotarian Maria Rodriguez thanks Judge Joe Stephens for his support.



Rotary Interact club members from GPHS helped serve chili and show auction items.

The ROTARY MILLION DOLLAR DINNER is a national effort to raise money for the Rotary Foundation, and recognize major donors. This dinner's sponsors included Slocumb Insurance, Kinder Morgan, AMS of Houston, DeFoyd & Associates, Eileen Brightwell, Concentra Urgent Care, TDIndustries, and McGriff, Seibels & Williams, Congressman Gene Green, GPISD Education Foundation, Texas Political Sub. JSIF, Alan Lambert, Galena Park ISD, Officer Ruben Loreto, and Air Alliance Houston.

GALENA PARK ISD Woodland Acres Elementary host Dedication Ceremony for New Building



Woodland Acres Elementary personnel at Ribbon Cutting.

Woodland Acres Elementary (WAES) hosted their dedication ceremony on Tuesday, October 16. The event was attended by students, parents, staff, alumni, elected officials and community members. This facility includes collaborative workspaces, large common areas for students and a unique playground space. North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off the festivities with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Woodland Acres Elementary principal, Mrs. Sandra Rodriguez was joined by Chamber of Commerce members, GPISD superintendent, Dr. Angi Williams, Yuroba Harris from Congressman Gene Green's office and the GPISD Board of Trustees for the cutting of the ribbon.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas hosted a cornerstone ceremony to signal the completion of WAES. Mrs. Rodriguez was presented with a proclamation from Representative Gene Green's office in recognition of the Ribbon Cutting and Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony. Senator Sylvia Garcia presented Ms. Rodriguez with a Texas Flag that flew over the Texas State Capitol. After the presentation of the proclamation and flag, Mrs. Rodriguez reflected on the construction process and how special "The Wood" is to the students, faculty and community of Woodland Acres. She described the old facility as having a warm family feel and that same

family feeling is now present at the new campus. "I am thankful for all of the work that was put into making this building a reality for the community of Woodland Acres," said Ms. Rodriguez. "I hope that the tradition of being small, but mighty lives on." The ceremony concluded with the Woodland Acres Elementary choir performing "We are the World" by Michael Jackson for the audience. We would like to thank Yuroba Harris and Jon Garcia from Congressman Gene Green's office, Judge Joe Stephens, Constable Chris Diaz and Senator Sylvia Garcia for showing their support at the Woodland Acres Elementary dedication ceremony.

Jacinto City Night Market,

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Specialty coffees, beaded crafts creations, jewelry, home-baked cookies, cupcakes, and much more were offered at last week's Market by Night. The next market is scheduled for November 10th. Come out and listen to the music and say hello to your neighbors.

Spooktacular Party - Fall Festival

Calling all ghouls and goblins to join Harris County Sheriff's Office for a Spooktacular Party, Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Jim Fonteno Courthouse located at 14350 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77049 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Kids are encouraged to dress up in a costume. There will be games, candies and refreshments.

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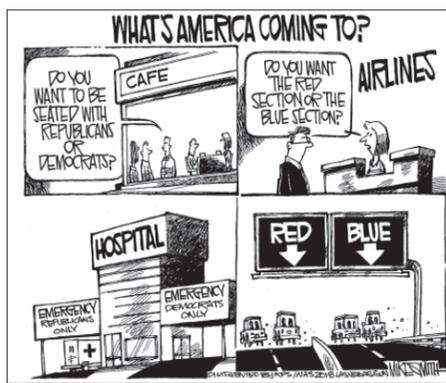
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OPINION PAGE



Your Medicare Open Enrollment To-Do List

(NAPSI)—Medicare's annual enrollment period is now underway, and runs from October 15 to December 7, 2018. You may be happy with your current Medicare coverage, but it pays to shop around. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

Don't shy away from shopping. Plan details change each year, so the policy that was best for you in 2018 may not be your best option for 2019. Changes to premiums, deductibles and co-pays can be costly. An analysis of more than 17,000 people using Medicare.com to compare Medicare plans found that just 10 percent were enrolled in the lowest-cost plan for their prescription drug needs. Those who switched to a new drug plan stood to save an average of \$611.

Watch for changes in drug coverage. Read any letters from your insurance company outlining changes in your prescription drug coverage. Insurance companies often tweak their formulary, or list of

covered drugs, each year. That can mean higher out-of-pocket expenses for you. Compare coverage for your prescriptions under any new Medicare plan you consider.

Be sure your doctors participate in your plan. Double-check to make sure your preferred doctors will still be part of your health plan's network next year. You'll pay more to see non-network providers, and some health insurers won't cover out-of-network providers at all, except in an emergency.

Compare services. Medicare Advantage plans tend to offer additional benefits you can't get with Original Medicare. These can include dental, vision, hearing and even fitness benefits.

Shopping for Medicare plans can seem daunting, but there's a range of services out there to help enrollees navigate them. Read up on your options and don't hesitate to work through a licensed agent to help match you with the best plan for your needs.

Disaster declaration affects counties hit by heavy rains, flooding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott issued a state disaster declaration for 18 Texas counties recently impacted by deadly weather that claimed at least four lives and caused extensive flooding.

On Oct. 16 Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions to aid in response efforts.

"Texas is taking immediate action to respond to the threat of recent severe weather and flooding across the state. We have made available all necessary resources to respond as quickly and effectively as possible to this disaster and to assist those in

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

harm's way," the governor said. "I thank all our first responders and local officials on the ground in these communities for their efforts to assist fellow Texans during this dangerous event."

Counties included in the disaster declaration are Bastrop, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Hood, Jim Wells, Kerr, Kimble, La Salle, Live Oak, Llano, Mason, McMullen, Nueces, Real, San Patricio, Travis and Williamson.

In related news, the Texas Secretary of State's office on Oct. 18 announced that its employees contacted election officials in all 18 counties named in the disaster declaration in order to provide immediate guidance and assess election office closures, equipment damage, issues with polling locations, website availability and any other ongoing issues as a result of severe weather.

Secretary of State Rolando Pablos, Texas' chief elections officer, said his office is working "with both party and elected officials to gather additional information and ensure that any Texas voters affected by severe weather will be accommodated when preparing to cast their ballots."

Early voting began Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 2. Election Day is Nov. 6.

Survivors' bill to be filed

Legislation to create a telemedicine program to deliver medical forensic care to sexual assault survivors throughout Texas will be filed soon.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, on Oct. 17 announced she would introduce legislation that addresses the fact that 84 percent of Texas counties currently are not served by a nurse with sexual assault certifications.

Nelson said her bill would establish telemedicine hubs through which local medical providers may consult with a certified nurse during a sexual assault exam and "dramatically expand the number of locations where survivors can obtain care and ensure evidence is collected in a manner that will stand up in court."

"Every survivor of sexual assault deserves compassionate care and justice, regardless of where they live," Nelson said.

Nelson serves as chair of the state budget-writing Senate Finance Committee.

Jobless rate falls further

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.8 percent in September, down from 3.9 percent in August, and setting a new record for the lowest unemployment rate recorded in four decades.

The Texas Workforce Commission posted the numbers on Oct. 19, also saying the state's economy added 15,600 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs in September. The annual employment growth was 3.3 percent in September, marking 27 consecutive months of annual growth.

Texas Workforce Commission Chair Ruth Ruggiero Hughs said, "Texas' continued addition of jobs over a 27-month period demonstrates the competitive advantage and market opportunities available to our Texas employers and world-class workforce."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.2 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA and the Odessa MSA, which had the second lowest with a rate of 2.7 percent. The Austin-Round Rock and College Station-Bryan MSAs recorded the third lowest rate of 2.9 percent for September.

Alamo plan is finalized

After the San Antonio City Council voted for final approval of an Alamo plaza lease agreement and closing the streets in front of the Alamo, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on Oct. 18 released this statement:

"Texas has a rich and unique history defined by the valor of our defenders who gave their lives for a single idea: liberty. The effort to preserve and restore the Alamo battlefield began three years ago and has undergone intense debate and discussion. Today's vote is a historic milestone, showcasing the State of Texas and City of San Antonio's commitment to restoring the Alamo for generations of Texans to come. The story of the Alamo is world-renowned and represents the core of Texas' identity today. I look forward to seeing restoration begin, ensuring the Alamo is around for another 300 years."

DPS bolsters efforts to increase school bus safety

AUSTIN — In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 22-26), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to comply with laws prohibiting drivers from passing stopped school buses. DPS Troopers across the state will be riding and/or following school buses to ensure that drivers are obeying school bus laws.

"DPS urges all motorists to make the safety of our schoolchildren a top priority year round, and to practice safe driving habits when traveling near school buses, in school zones and wherever children are present," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Drivers who disregard the law needlessly put children in danger, and that type of reckless behavior will not be tolerated by law enforcement."

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 43,000 school buses transport approximately 1.6 million Texas children every school day.

"A strong public education system starts with assuring our students safely travel to and from school," said Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "The Texas Education Agency joins with the Texas Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement and staff members at public schools across our state in this shared commitment to keep our students safe during National School Bus Safety Week and throughout the school year."

The moments when a student is entering or exiting the bus can be one of the most dangerous times of a child's trip on the school bus. It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal — either flashing red lights or a stop sign — and those who violate the law could face fines of up to \$1,250. In an effort to increase the safety of student passengers, Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses are picking up or dropping off passengers.

In 2017 and year-to-date in 2018, Texas Highway Patrol Troopers have issued 1,394 citations and 685 warnings for passing a stopped school bus.

According to Texas statute, a driver — traveling in either direction on a roadway — must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

(As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safe:

- Be mindful of posted speed limits when driving in school zones and near buses.
- Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.
- Be aware of student pedestrians and watch for children who may unexpectedly dart into the street without checking for traffic.
- Know and obey the traffic laws regarding school buses in Texas.



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Ernestine Stewart Boyd

Ernestine Stewart Boyd was born May 16, 1926 in Ben Wheeler, TX at home to parents William and Lottie Stewart and passed from this world October 21, 2018 surrounded by family. She was raised in Primrose, Texas, Ernestine's love and connection to and for animals became a lifelong passion and gift at an early age. She connected with many: her blue and gold Macaw, her African Grey bird, chickens, dogs, and tamed and bottle fed Barbados sheep as an animal whisperer. Calling the sheep from far, far away, they would find the voice to "babies, babies!" and eat out of her hand. Ernestine felt what each individual animal needed and processed with knowing how to work with each one.

Family pride ran deep and Ernestine relished in all her time with all family. She loved reading, Country and Western dancing, and staying active. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Highlands and a long-time member of Crosby Chapter of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Lottie Stewart, and husband, Carl E. Boyd.



She is survived by daughter, Linda M. Boyd, son, Tony G. Boyd, daughter-in-law, Margaret, all of Highlands. Grandchildren include Matthew C. Boyd of Glendale, Arizona and Robert T. Boyd (Elaina) of San Antonio, Texas. Great Grandchildren include Jaxon, Avery and Sonora of AZ, Levi Boyd of San Antonio and a baby boy in early 2019.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sterling White Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018 also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Earthman Memory Gardens Cemetery, 8624 Garth Rd, Baytown, TX 77521. 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.

Boo Bash and Pumpkin Patch at Crosby Community Center

Crosby Community Center's Annual Boo Bash and Pumpkin Patch, a family festival and fundraiser, Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event includes carnival games, children's crafts, concessions, pumpkin patch, raffle, silent auction, vendor booths and temporary tattoos.

A \$5 wristband purchased at the Center enables children to participate in all of the activities. Concessions and an assortment of homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit special events, activities, and programs provided by Crosby Community Center.

Purchase raffle tickets to win one of the following: a \$100 Monument Inn Gift Card; handmade queen-size quilt; \$100 Wal-Mart gift card; and a \$100 Academy gift card. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5; winners do not need to be present at the time of the drawing.

Community members may also contribute by donating baked goods or volunteer to work one of the many festival booths.

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Like most commodities, the price of silver is driven by speculation and supply and demand. Compared to gold, the silver price is notoriously volatile. This is because of lower market liquidity, and demand fluctuations between industrial and store of value uses. At times this can cause wide ranging valuations in the market, creating volatility.

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The types of silver described here can be a good investment. The choice is yours.

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Elizabeth "Betty" May Starrett

Elizabeth "Betty" May Starrett, 91, passed away October 19, 2018 in Baytown, Texas. Betty was born on September 27, 1927 to parents Henry and Nettie (Lehman) Tweet in Eagle Bend, Minnesota. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Betty took pride in caring for her home and family and was a true caregiver to her children. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and traveling. Betty was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years which she enjoyed serving in several positions plus as Worthy Matron with her husband who was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Chester Starrett. She is lovingly survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Scott Savage, Dr. Melanie Tumino-Hallisey and Dr. Thomas Hallisey, Melody and Bobby Gibson; grandchildren, Sterling and Nova Savage, Marissa Savage and Duane Louis, Steward Savage, Mikelyn Starrett, Brynn Gibson, Sadie "Denae" Gibson; great-grandchild, Davian Louis; as well as numerous extended family members and friends. A celebration of Ms. Starrett's life officiated by Rev. Johnnie Brady will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.



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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Where were you?

For months now, there has been much conversation all over social media but especially in a few neighborhood groups about the increasing crime, the increasing fear of panhandlers and the rise in homeless in our community. Yet on Tuesday, October 16 when the Harris County Sheriff's Office hosted their Safety Forum, the crowd was sparse.

There were retired community members, a local physician, a candidate for an upcoming election as well as another 20 community member and a large number of HCSO Representatives along with great information and plenty of handouts. With the holidays approaching, we all need to be more proactive in paying attention to our surroundings. The officers reminded the group to never leave any valuables in the car, especially not in plain view. If you are going to leave your purse or backpack in the trunk, please remember to put it in the trunk before you arrive at your destination.

With Halloween approaching, it was suggested that parents take their children to one of the many community Fall Festivals or Trunk or Treat events. Not only are you less likely to have any issues with the items, but there are usually moonwalks, games and giveaways. As we get closer to Thanksgiving as well as Christmas, people will be busy out shopping and perhaps a little less lenient about looking around before putting packages in the trunk or even getting money from

the bank or ATM. Too often people are being followed and robbed before they make it safely home or to their destination.

Take the time to notify the Post Office if you are going to be out of town so that they can hold your mail until you are home. If you subscribe to the local newspaper, be sure to contact them to not deliver while you are gone. Buy some automatic timers for a few lamps in your house. Let the neighbors that you know and trust be aware that you will be out of town. Call the Constable's Office and ask them to make a trip or two by your home while you are away. It is so important to take precautions and if there is an elderly family member that you typically check on when home, find someone you trust to at least call them while you are gone. There are plenty of people in our community that will be glad to make a few dollars by house-sitting, watching your pets and checking on your elderly family members and friends. Sometimes, just by them taking your trash cans to the curb, it helps to deter crime. We are truly blessed in the community to have a Sheriff's Office as well as Constables who are concerned enough to hold these Community Safety Meetings and I am praying that as we move into a new year, each of you will make more of an effort to attend them instead of just complaining on social media and in the driveway. Lives matter and the North Channel Area is a great place to call home. Get involved. Make a difference.

Lady Falcon Volleyball team Playoff Bound



The Channelview Lady Falcons Volleyball team defeated the La Porte Bulldogs in straight sets Friday, October 19th to claim a birth to the 2018 6A playoffs. The ladies return to the playoffs after a two year hiatus. The Lady Falcons season finale will be at home versus North Shore, Tuesday Oct. 23rd, will decide whether they are the 3rd or 4th seed from District 21-6A. Come support the Lady Falcons as they celebrate senior night and compete for a better seed in the playoffs. Freshman game starts at 4:30, JV at 5:30 and Varsity at 6:30 pm. Wear your blue and gold and support the Lady Falcons. "Playoff opponent and venue are TBD."

Walking to increase Autism Awareness



Channelview ISD Special Services Department organized a large group of district employees and students to represent the district at Autism Speaks Walk.

The Channelview Independent School District community participated in the annual Autism Speaks Walk held at the University of Houston on October

20, 2018. The team consisted of employees, parents, and community members. In total, Houston raised \$315,000 to support autism research and

resources for parents. "We are excited about our participation on this significant event," said Special Services Director Gloria Roach. "Participation in

the autism walk is one way we help to advance research and increase understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorders."

North Shore Game,

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playoffs Coach Jon Kay's Mustangs must pull off a win against the visiting Bruins Friday, October 26th.

With the district title on-the-line, Northshore must contain the Bruins 6 foot 1 senior quarterback L'Ravien Elia. As a junior he's amassed over 2,000 offensive yards with 27 touchdowns in just 9 games, as a senior he's gotten better. Elia's dual pass and run threat will put the Mustangs pass defenders to a test, they'll play a big role in the outcome of the game along with the pass rushers.



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Mustangs junior running back Ismael Villafuerte makes a 17 yard touchdown run leaving a trail of Sterling Rangers laying on the ground.

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