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By Ellen Jamal
HOUSTON, TX – Harris County Clerk Diane Trautman announced last week, “The Texas Secretary of State, David Whitley approved Harris County as one of six Texas counties with a population of more than 100,000 to participate in the Countywide Polling Place Program. With over 2 million voters, the Harris County Clerk’s office is committed to making voting at any polling place convenient for citizens and to enhance voter confidence.”

The 6-county program will expand the current Harris County voting location program to all 140 polling locations in Harris County. Voters who are registered in Harris County will be able to cast their vote at any of the 140 polling locations. The program will not only make it easier for voters to cast their ballot, but it will also make the voting process more efficient.

The program will begin on March 11th, and will continue through the general election on November 5th. The program will also be available for the Harris County special elections that will be held in April.

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TxDOT update on I-10 Bridge Repairs

TxDOT has performed the temporary emergency work to assist with stabilization and to prevent further damage to the structure. The Emergency contract was scheduled to be awarded Monday, March 11th. The contract will provide the contractor with up to four weeks to acquire and fabricate materials before construction begins.

Construction is expected to last six to eight weeks. Most of the work will be performed under the bridge to minimize additional impact to traffic. The two temporary lanes and any related closures they have will remain in place until the permanent repairs are completed.

By Allan Jamail
HOUSTON, TX – Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman, Harris County Tax Assessor & Collector Ann Bennett, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Place 1 Joe Stephens at the announcement.

Joan Rabinowitz (center) is Harris County’s Clerk. She is joined by Judge Lina Hidalgo (left) and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman, Harris County Tax Assessor & Collector Ann Bennett, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Place 1 Joe Stephens at the announcement.

Next Chamber Luncheon Apr. 5
Speaker for the next luncheon is Robert Guarneri, of Satterfield USA, a new industry in the North Channel area. At San Jacinto College, reservations 713-450-1114.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coming to Crosby: Bumblebee Transformer Tour on March 16

Nine-foot-tall Transformer character will entertain kids fans as part of celebratation of tour at Walmart stores. It’s all fun and games, will have the opportunity to high-five, if they jump high enough – a leg-scythed, larger-than-life character. In support of his recent movie release, the nine-foot-tall Bumblebee will make 40 appearances across the greater Houston area on March 13-15.

Walmart and Hasbro are sponsoring the local interactive event as part of a P&G, family-friendly tour of 3,000 Walmart stores across the US. Bumblebee will sign autographs and take photos with kids – and one lucky attendee at each store will receive a specially-designed $5 gift card.

•Walmart, 1415 W. 1st, Crosby, TX 77532 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, March 16

Rodeo Ticket Winner in GCCISD Education Foundation Raffle

Brooke Miller (seated from right) shows off the two luxury suite tickets for George Strait’s sold out show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo she won in the recent Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Raffle. More than $100,000 was raised to benefit the GCCISD Education Foundation. Also pictured are Education Foundation board members (from left) Sandra Bell; Erika Foster, director and Mike Wilson. The show is Sunday, March 17, featuring George Strait, Lyle Lovett and special guest Robert Earl. Photo by Cory Pryor-Newman

GCCISD Education Foundation to Host Can’t Miss Event of the Year

Don’t miss the opportunity to support the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation on Sunday, September 14, 2019, at Minute Maid Park, home of the 2017 World Series champs! This event promises to be the best one yet, with discounted early bird access offers, celebrity guests and an awesome auction! As part of the Goose Legend, we’re excited to announce the first-ever Auction Foundation, including more than 30 items to bid on. The highlights of this exciting gala benefiting the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation! Shopping for your favorite sports team or other items that are a must-have? All items will be advertised for sale at the Gala! The Gala will feature an auction, silent auction, and a raffle. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the Gala or online at www.gccisd.edufoundation.com.

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TxDOT joins statewide effort to end human trafficking

AUSTIN – March 13, 2019 – As part of a statewide effort to raise awareness and report signs of human trafficking, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in partnership with the Governor’s Commission for Human Trafficking Awareness, launches its “On the Road to End Human Trafficking” initiative.

“Human trafficking is a modern-day slave trade that thrives on secrecy and shadows. The Department of Transportation is a strategic partner in this effort because of our presence on the roadways throughout Texas,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “We are proud to work with the Governor’s Commission for Human Trafficking Awareness and other partners in this modern-day slavery.”

Similar to a neighbor- hood watch program, the initiative encourages drivers to learn, report and share signs of trafficking. According to U.S. Department of Labor estimates, more than 200,000 people are trafficked in Texas at any given time, including 75,000 youth victims. These innocent human beings are horrifically abused by being forced into slavery either in the form of forced labor or sexual exploitation.

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Band Director Aaron Allison provides feedback to students as they prepare forUIL.

Band Director Aaron Allison remained in the hospital as one of the most severely injured. It would take months before he returned to school. However, his students did not stop trying.

As students began to heal, and with four months left in the third period they led by 50 points, 35-25. By the time Duncanville stepped up their defense, the students were able to work towards achieving the full UIL evaluation last spring.

Although many of the students involved in the accident graduated last May, Allison by their side.

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Final “Priority Bills” filed in Senate as deadline passes

(Austin) The last of the bills identified as “Priority Bills” by Senate Majority Leader Andrea B. Huffman were submitted before the deadline for filing legislation for the current session set last Friday. This includes sweeping reform bills like the school finance proposal that would allow $275 million in state funds to be spent in 2021 and one to pay back the one-third of fees that people who become peace officers. In a statement last Friday, Senate Leader Huffman said that the slate of 30 bills reflects his own priorities as well as the majority of the Senate. They strengthen our support for life, liberty and private interests, she said, and that the daddy remains strong and our senators are in agreement to give them our best shot.”

“A bill that seeks to protect the freedom of expression on college campuses. Campus administrators and freedom of expression of professors and university administration,” said Huffman. “The bill also allows for teachers to be able to teach without fear of being censored. This bill is important to me personally, and I believe it is important to the state.”

Huffman also noted that the bill is consistent with the “Texas Plan” for school finance, passed by the Senate and sent to the House. The plan is designed to improve school funding while reducing the state’s dependency on property taxes.

Huffman said that the bill is an important step in ensuring that all Texans have access to quality education. “This bill is not just about protecting the freedom of expression on college campuses,” Huffman said. “It is about ensuring that all Texans have access to quality education.”

The bill, which was filed by Senator Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, would allow public universities and colleges to adopt policies that prohibit censorship of speech on campus. The bill would also allow public universities and colleges to adopt policies that prohibit discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

Senator Nelson said the bill would help ensure that the state’s universities and colleges are able to function as institutions of higher education. “We must ensure that our universities and colleges are places where students can learn and grow,” Nelson said. “This bill would help ensure that our universities and colleges are able to function as institutions of higher education.”

The bill was unanimously approved by the Senate Education Committee and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on March 7.

Lawmakers start rolling out high-priority legislation

In anticipation of the start of the 87th legislative session, lawmakers are beginning to roll out high-priority legislation for consideration. The bills, which were identified by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick as his “Priority Bills,” cover a wide range of topics, including education, transportation, and public safety.

One such bill, SB 18 by Senator Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, was passed out of the Senate Education Committee on March 4 by the full Senate on a voice vote, would establish a statewide, uniform teacher salary schedule. The bill’s author, House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Katy, said that the bill would give the state’s estimated 275,000 teachers the opportunity to earn a salary that is competitive with other states.

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Another bill, SB 17 by Senator Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, would create a statewide financial management plan that would allow the state to better manage its budget and ensure that funds are being used efficiently. The bill would establish a financial management commission that would be tasked with developing and implementing the plan.

The bill was introduced by Senator Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and is co-sponsored by Senator Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe. The bill was referred to the Senate Finance Committee for consideration.

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What Matters

Around here, February and March see area residents flocking largely to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, an event that draws people from all over. In fact, it’s entirely possible you could run into some of you this year. While bustling with people, it is personable and affable. You can catch up with someone you haven’t seen in a while. What matters is the family atmosphere. And early, but aren’t necessarily the concert, having carefully who come primarily for the fans can occasionally be so in the mostly empty seats in these other areas. Generally first in the gate, these attendees may or may not stay for the concert, but they’ll follow the rodeo to the very end. This is a family event, not just for the fans who come primarily for the music.

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Regardless of whether you come or don’t come. Regardless of why you come, they gather as one. Everyone shares, re- family. The energy is electric and the event is unique, and in the end pretty much everyone enjoys it. There is a role that took part in the history of the event, someone wasn’t able to do the same. This makes me think of the family. Thank of the disciples who joined Jesus, remembering their various professions, personalities, and reputa- tions. We may not know why exactly, each decided to give up his life to follow Jesus, but we know the result when he called. Look at the family of God. The biggest hurdle for our congregation, we spea- lly welcome all types of people, and all types of people come to God. Why do they come? What brings them in? Does the music draw them to a church? Does the preaching? Is it the music, the story, or the teachings they attract them? Ask ten different people and, again, you’ll get ten different answers.

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As I was reviewing the events in our community over the past two years, it seems like there are a few in our area that might benefit from hearing a few choice words. She never left her home or went on a day trip. Before the case finally made it to court, she was arrested again, this time bonded out of jail and arrested within an hour. Fortunately, last week he was driving his truck and locked up in Harris County Jail and is awaiting his transfer to a prison.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELECT COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. RC000310008

APPLICATION: Chaparral Industrial Services LLC, 5201 Miller Road 3, Houston, Texas 77049 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, TCEQ for proposed Texas Public Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. RC000310008 (TPDES Permit No. RC000310008), to authorize the discharge of wastewater at a volume of 3,000 gallons per day. The receiving wastewater treatment facility is located at 5201 Miller Road 3, Houston, in Harris County, Texas. The proposed discharge route begins from the plant site to a roadside ditch; thence to a Harris County Flood Control District drainage ditch, which empties into a public water body. The permit application was received on January 8, 2019.

The Executive Director has determined that the permit application is complete. The permit application is available for review and copying at TCEQ’s Houston Region Office, 6560 Kirkwood Highway, Houston, Texas 77087, at a reasonable amount and during the business hours of that office. The permit application is also available online at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at TCEQ’s website.

The permit application is available to any person for review during the comment period. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at tceq.texas.gov/goto/pubcomments, or by mail to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk, P.O. Box 14920, Austin, Texas 78714-4920.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the inmate is affected. If the application is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group’s representative for receiving future notices and correspondence related to the application. The application must also contain the name and mailing address of the member engaging in the activity or facility; the mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision on the application, TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the permit application. The public meeting will be held at a location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the inmate is affected. If the application is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group’s representative for receiving future notices and correspondence related to the application. The application must also contain the name and mailing address of the member engaging in the activity or facility; the mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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The Commission may consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Further information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov.
Channelview ISD Powerlifting Teams compete in Regional meets

The Channelview High School Powerlifting Teams have competed in Regional meets in February. The district is proud to announce the results for our Falcons and Lady Falcons. The Falcons took home the 2nd place team trophy for the second straight year. Michael Bush placed 1st in the 242 weight class and advanced to the state meet with a 600 squat, 365 bench, and 615 deadlift. Jessy Yanez placed 1st in 132 weight class and advanced to the state meet with a 455 squat, 220 bench, and 455 deadlift. Abner Mancillas placed 4th in the 275 weight class. Paula Vaipulu and Byron Henderson finished in the top 10 in the Super Heavyweight class. Paula had a 650 squat, 310 bench, and a 550 deadlift. Byron finished with a 600 squat, 375 bench, and 500 deadlift. The Lady Falcons qualified 6 girls for the regional meet. Madison Hall, Ariana Luna, Jasmine Yanez, Joselin Lara, Jocelyn Hernandez, and Valerie Arango. The Lady Falcons Team finished in the top 10 in the region. Ariana Luna had a 200 squat, 85 bench, and 230 deadlift. Joselin Lara had a 190 squat, 80 bench, and 195 deadlift. Joselin Lara finished well enough in the 132 lb weight class at the regional meet to proceed to the state meet in Waco, Texas. "Both teams worked hard, had a very successful season, and finished well at their regional meet," said Assistant Coach Ephriam Patterson. "We wish them luck as they prepare for State."