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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR., SEP. 20 CROSBY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Picnic in the Park at Crosby Park, 419 Hare Road Crosby, Texas 77532. September 20th, at 11:30 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. In case of rain, it will move to the Crosby Community Center.

SAT. SEP. 22 DIRT TRACK RACING

Sprint car race and dirt track racing, Battleground Speedway, 10625 FM 2100 Highlands Texas. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. See ad, page 4.

SAT., SEP. 22 CROSBY ED. FOUNDATION ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, September 22nd from 7pm-11pm at new Southern Lace Estates.

SAT., OCT. 6 HIGHLANDS JAMBOREE

Saturday, October 6th, 2018, 7 am-3 pm. 5k Run at San Jacinto Community Center. Parade on Main Street. Children's Pageant Expo/Craft Fair at Highlands Elementary School, Highlands, TX 77562.

SUN., OCT. 7 CZECH FESTIVAL

Crosby Sacred Heart Catholic Church Czech Fest, 11:30 a.m. at the Crosby Fairgrounds. Call 281-328-4871 with any questions.

BIRTHDAYS

- Sep 20-Sue Norris
Amanda Sims
Gary Smith
- Sep 21-Bull Dobson
Charlie Farrar
Karen Hildebrand
- Sep 22-Bethany Little
Annie Michalsky
- Sep 23-Erika Carer
David McMahan
Zachary Stuart
Michael Turner
Jessica Wettstein
- Sep 24-Kristi Cathay
Lois Dunbar
Susan Hoffman
J.A. Wagner
- Sep 25-Jake Brewer
Paris Carter
- Sep 26-Karen Elkins
W.F. Hosea

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sep 20-Gene & Angie Zadraba
Phillip & Beuana Cumbie
Wayne & Betty O'Bannon
- Sep 21-Troy & Debbie King
- Sep 22-Tim & Ellen Holton

DEATHS

- W.R. "Sonny" Pannell
- Charles Gerald "Jery" McDonald

Crosby ISD plans to right dire finances

CROSBY – Monday's Trustee meeting included a packed room, four citizen's comments, extensive discussion of dire finances and a Superintendent's report of what the state of the finances are, what needs to be done and how the district will get to the point of solvency to avoid being taken over by the State.

Dr. Scott Davis, Superintendent of Crosby ISD, and recently-hired Chief Financial Officer, Lesa Jones, presented an overview of the District's current financial state.

Davis has been in regular communication with the Texas Education Agency regarding Crosby ISD's financial state and will continue to provide regular updates to the Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath.

He indicated that no one wants to see Crosby ISD

taken over by the State. "Be careful what you wish for."

In 2015 and 2016 the Board of Trustees discussed how to get the "highest academic standards possible." At the last meeting everyone learned from the Accountability Report that Crosby ISD was rated a 'B' according to the Domain Scores by the State – neighboring school districts were rated "Met Standard" or "Substandard." One easy way to get student's scores up is to hire more teachers. Generally it is held that the lower the teacher to student ratio, the faster students learn. Although, there are certainly studies that indicate otherwise or that it makes no difference.

Monday attendees and trustees learned why we have seen the last hiring of over 200 new teachers in a district with nearly 6000



Dr. Scott Davis, Superintendent of Crosby ISD, and Chief Financial Officer, Lesa Jones, present an overview of the District's current financial status.

students. While personnel normally accounts for about 80% of a district's budget, it has been found that about 89% of Crosby ISD budget goes to personnel.

Superintendent Davis painted a bleak picture of

unknown layoffs near Christmas and slashing spending "to the bone and then cutting a little bone." The budget passed last June is about to undergo revisions and special meetings are ordered to consider the new budget plans

and what to do about the spending, mostly on personnel and what to cut elsewhere in the system.

District Staff will participate in a series of meetings in the next week to determine which items are absolutely essential in order to operate each campus and/or department. The goal will be to reduce staff budgets dramatically in order to protect as many positions as possible.

Another wish was that growth would offset spending by adding revenue, that happened once but not since.

Thus far 18 full time employee teachers and 13 auxiliary full time employees have been replaced by attrition.

There seems to be a lot of blame, a forensic audit has found a lot of support

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Washer Tournament scores big win

HIGHLANDS – It seemed so easy, toss those four metal washers into those three little holes. But over 20 teams vied all afternoon last Saturday, to come out a winner in this 12th Annual Highlands Rotary Club Washer Tournament.

And it was easy for one team, named 2017 CHAMPS. Michael Harrell and Justin Graves led everyone in scoring. Second place was won by the LONE STAR team, consisting of Jeff Sparks and Willie Hutchison. Third place was captured by the BRONCOS, a father and son team of Robert Carter and Little Rob Carter.

Certificates and cash prizes were awarded to these champions.

Also competing were many Rotarians, and a special trophy is reserved for



1ST PLACE TEAM was cleverly named 2017 CHAMPS, and they repeated this year. Above, Michael Harrell and Justin Graves.

that team scoring the highest. This year it was won by team DOUBLE D, with David and Terri Denny.

The tournament is a fundraiser for Rotary International, that uses the money to fight polio, and returns a portion for community projects. Chair persons Patricia Scott and Denise Smith reported that about \$8200 was raised for this charity.

There was also a raffle, a silent auction, and a live auction.

In the raffle, 1st prize of a cart of adult beverages was won by Denise Smith, and 2nd prize a basket of beverages was won by John Keeler.

The live auction included Texas memorabilia, a television set, and tickets to an Astros game. MORE on page 2



Special award to the Rotary team with the highest score, this year to Double D, David and Terri Denny.

Texas Ren Fest announces 2018 themes and a Royal Season Pass

HOUSTON – Magic, merriment and majesty await at this year's Texas Renaissance Festival, the nation's largest Renaissance-themed event, now announcing unique themes for all nine festival weekends, from September 29 to November 25, 2018, and a brand new season pass, The Royal Pass.

In 2017, Texas Renaissance Festival saw its second highest attendance season, welcoming a total of 644,917 attendees, while facilitating 63 weddings, the most recorded in a single season. Texas Renaissance Festival also saw a 14 percent increase in campers from the previous year, hosting 23,000 guests in the campgrounds – suited perfectly for both those seeking nighttime thrills around a bonfire, and fam-



Texas Renaissance Festival festivities from last year's event, held at Todd Mission, 50 miles north of Houston.

ilies seeking a quiet retreat with a place to shake off the fairy dust.

"We encourage the noble lords and ladies of the land who are interested in purchasing Festival tickets to secure the Royal Pass at

once to get the most savings -- up to 68% off admission, with many free perks included, such as preferred parking and access to TRF

See Texas Ren Fest 2018, Page 6

EPA completes SJR Waste Pit interviews

HIGHLANDS – Three environmental agencies were in town last week, to interview residents about their experiences and opinions on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, or Superfund.

The team was led by the EPA's Janetta Coats, a Community Involvement Coordinator, and included representatives from the Texas Health and Human Services Department, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The team interviewed interested residents for two days, at the Highlands Community Center, and then held a Round Table wrap-up session on the final afternoon, Wednesday, September 12.



JANETTA COATS, EPA

Coats said that this interview process was a required part of the Superfund process. Responses will be included in a final version of a document called the Community Involvement Plan. A

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to punish those that may have done something criminal to create these economic conditions. A forensic audit calls for a 1/2 million dollars that the district doesn't have. Davis seemed to advise instead for a financial analysis and an internal control analysis, preventing the same old mistakes but says he will do as requested by the board.

In addition to providing an overview of the District's financial state, Davis also provided an initial plan of cost-saving measures he believes will mitigate any further financial repercussions and ultimately lead to financial restoration for Crosby ISD. Some of these cost-saving measures have already been implemented while others are imminent.

The budget passed in June is about \$5 Million over incoming revenue. In the Spring of 2019, the district will need an external lending solution to sub-

dize the continued cash flow shortage and create a reduced dependency on borrowing for cash flow shortages.

The District is currently pursuing a formal declaration of financial exigency based on the condition that the District's General Fund Balance was reduced by more than 20% in the past two years.

Dr. Davis emphasized that a problem of this magnitude will require "great resolve" from the district and community. "Complete restoration of Crosby ISD's financial integrity is absolutely possible with sound financial planning and steadfast adherence to the recovery plan," said Davis. "It will be a matter of time, perseverance, and mutual support between district and community to see Crosby ISD thrive financially."

The total amount of discrepancy discovered by Davis was about \$9.6 Million.

Rotary supports Scout project



BOY SCOUT Ethan Corral of Troop 264 is working on his Eagle Scout requirements. His project is to rebuild a damaged wood fence at the Chinquapin School. Rotary supported him with a \$1200 donation for materials.

12th Annual Highlands Rotary WASHER TOURNAMENT PHOTO ALBUM



2nd PLACE was won by the LONE STAR team. Above, Jeff Sparks and Willie Hutchison display their award certificates.



3rd PLACE was won by the BRONCOS team. Above, the Father and Son team was Little Rob Carter and Rob Carter.



Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton dropped by to check out the expert throwing action, and to get out of the heat. Rotary president Denise Smith welcomes him to the action at Charlie's Ice House.



Bill Palko, center, and wife Debbie were TEAM PALKO, and in spite of skill and concentration, failed to place in the finals. Bill is Past District Governor of Rotary District 5890, which includes Highlands and his home club in North Shore.



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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM at 125 San Jacinto Street, Highlands, Texas 77562. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Ray Mullins, Kenneth Boudreaux, Bobby Birdsong and Harvey Little

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: John Wright

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in the taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year \$ 0.41/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$ 0.36/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.05/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		- 12.19512 %
Average appraised Value	\$ 84,015	\$ 89,836
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable Value	\$ 84,015	\$ 89,836
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 344.46	\$ 323.41
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		-\$ 21.05
And percentage of increase (+/-)		-0.29030%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code

Question regarding this notice should be directed to June Muth (281) 426-8156

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ROUND-UP

A Rockin' Good Summer at the Library

The Chambers County Library System had another successful Summer Reading Program! A record 90 programs were held at all the branches this year during June and July. A total of 1,230 children joined the 2018, "Libraries Rock", Summer Reading Program.

A total of 179,700 minutes were read this year during the 6-week period of the program. During this time, programs were held for the kids, teens, and adults providing summer fun for the entire family. That number reached 4,369 people.

Veronica Torres, Ariel Pinion, Elena Bub, and Nathaniel Jeter were awarded with prizes at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu. Teens this year read a total of 712 books!

Adult program winners at Mont Belvieu included James Berga, Rosanna Carlisle, Beth Strickland, Jennifer Hinkle, Melanie Robinson, Kathy Rothrock, Vicky Block, Becky Blackburn, Jessica Climie, Nicole Bourassa, Eddy Dyson, Shelley LaFour, Becky Blackburn, David Ernst, Tiffany Sammon, Jennifer Pinion, Romie Brown, Kay Howell, Elsa Rodriguez, Patsy Reece, Natasha Disney, Kim Hart, Suzanne Berends, Melvin Doucette, and Tracy Donnelly. Total adults participating this year were 128 reading 668 books.

The Summer Reading club is the biggest event of the year for the Library System, and without the wonderful corporate sponsors and the organizations and individuals who provide the library with their donated time and talent, the summer wouldn't be near as wonderful. As a token of appreciation, all of the Summer Reading Program underwriters receive a book dedicated in their honor at the county libraries.

Habitat for Humanity Celebration

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Yopez Vineyard located at 12739 Tri City Beach Rd. Fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

There will be music, wine, silent auction, buffet by Executive catering. Speakers begin at 6:30 p.m. as well as 2018 Volunteer Honoree Pete Alfaro, Community Volunteer recognition, sponsor recognition, raffle winners, birthouse drawing.

To purchase event tickets, raffle tickets, donate silent auction items or become a sponsor contact DiAnne Wilson at 281-427-0866 or Sandy Denson at 832-594-0303.

MONT BELVIEU Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library gets donation



The Friends of the Chambers county Library System presented a check for \$5,000 to Chambers County as part of their ongoing fundraising efforts towards the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belvieu. Pictured from left to right are: A. Lynette Parsons, Treasurer, Commissioners Larry George and Rusty Senac, along with Friends President Jean Abshier Forrest. For more information about the Friends, contact your local Chambers County Library System branch.

Sewer overflow in Baytown due to heavy rain

As a result of recent heavy rainfall occurring Friday, September 14; the City of Baytown has reported runoff filling manholes producing an overflow in the City's sanitary sewer system.

Cedar Bayou had 15 Manholes overflow for a total of 172,305 gallons. Black Duck Bay had 11 Manholes overflow for a total of 203,030 gallons.

All appropriate local government officials and the TCEQ regional office have been notified and the appropriate documentation/records supplied. Clean-up activities of the overflow area are underway and will be continued until the affected area is clean and completely disinfected.

Per the Harris County Flood Control District, the area around these over-

flows in Baytown received 3.52 inches of rain over the corresponding 24 hour period.

Overflows listed above do not affect the City's fresh water supply.

Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor (City of Baytown) to determine if the water is safe for personal use. As a precaution, the public should avoid all contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

See Sewer Overflow, Page 6

GatorFest marks big success



Thirteen footers can be as old as the Texas Revolution and this year the judges had to make the final determination which monster was the biggest. The festival had more events and attractions than ever before and was especially appealing to Country Music Fans with live music. This year a record attendance kicked off Chamber's County's largest attraction.

Pilot Club of Baytown plans Baytown's 21st annual walk to end Alzheimer's

Pilot Club of Baytown invites the Community to join in the crusade for the 2018 Baytown Alzheimer's Walk. Members of the Pilot Club of Baytown, Evening Pilot Club of Baytown, Chambers County Pilots, San Jacinto Pilots, Evening San Jacinto Pilots, high school student organizations as well as many supporters will be Walking to End Alzheimer's beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is held at Bayland Park on Highway 146 near the Fred Hartman Bridge in Baytown. Any donation is accepted to walk. T-shirts are available with donations of \$100 or more (as long as they last). For donation of \$50, or more, an adver-



Pilot members pictured, (from left seated) Evelyn Williams, Carla Start, Kathy Young, Helen Gerlich, Jeannine Harris, Janie Clements. (from left standing) Joy Warford, Tammy Phenicie, Caren Bailey, Gladys Pryor, Cindy Fehring, Glenda Mosley, Julie DeTorre, Delores Ellis, Jenice Coffey, Carolyn Parrish, Nancy Mann, Janet Hall, Lindzy Minx, Susan Passmore, Kerri Hurlbut, Rosa Cuellar, Judy Wheat, Debbie Bergeron, Gay Riggs, and Becky James.

tising sponsor sign may be posted at the Walk Site. Donations of \$250 or more have sponsor names on the back of this year's Alzheimer's t-shirt and on poster boards at the Walk. Alzheimer's Association Walks around the country are the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease. It takes us all - Together, we can advance research to treat and prevent Alzheimer's and provide programs to improve the lives of millions of affected Americans. Proceeds raised locally support programs and services for people suffering, family members and caregivers in Har-

See Alzheimer's Walk, Page 6

★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Huffman Church launches bold building Campaign

Lake Houston United Methodist Church has announced a bold plan designed to carry the church into the next decade. The campaign, which is called "Rising From The Water" will be raising funds to build a new sanctuary.

This project, approved several weeks back by the church's official board, is in response to the need to replace the original building, built in 1961, that was flooded during Hurricane Harvey. The new sanctuary will be double the size due to growth the church has been experiencing in recent years so that all worship services can be held in one building.

The campaign is led by Don Smith of the Horizons Stewardship Co. of Cabot, Arkansas. It is expected that the campaign will last four months culminating in the membership com-



Preliminary architectural rendering of exterior design being considered for new Lake Houston UMC sanctuary featuring double the space and seating of original sanctuary, plus gathering space for before and after worship, and additional restrooms and connection to the existing campus.

mitting itself to gifts over a three-year period.

The Chairpersons of the campaign are Ken and Daralyn Schubert. The Campaign Coordinator is Jeanne McGregor. The Pastor of the church is Reverend Frank Coats.

The church does not see this campaign as an end, but a means by which exciting new ministries can be offered by the congregation to the community. The church is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman, TX.

PANNEL



W.R. "Sonny" Pannell passed away on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 in Houston, Texas. He was born December 27th, 1942, in Henderson, Texas to the late Richard Elmer and Bentley Barthell Box Pannell. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1961, and then went to serve his country in the US Army where he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He was a retired Journeyman Electrician, having been a member of the IBEW Local 716 for over 50 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his oldest brother George and his wife Ella Pannell, sister Marie "Sis" and her husband Rev. Keith Phipps, and sister-in-law Eugenia "Mickey" Pannell.

He leaves behind his wife of almost 46 years Shirley Pannell, son Rodney Pannell, daughter Becky Dunkerson and husband Randy, grandson Kolten Dunkerson, all of Houston; granddaughter Kirsten Dunkerson of Austin; brother Lee Roy and wife Mary Jane Pannell of Nashville, Tennessee; brother Bill and Shirley Pannell, and brother Ross and Lou Pannell, all of Henderson, Texas, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

★ OBITUARIES

MC DONALD

Charles Gerald "Jerry" McDonald, 81, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life into his heavenly home on September 17, 2018.

Known to family and friends as Jerry, he was born July 20, 1937 in Ripley, Tennessee to parents Vance McDonald and Mary Francis McDonald. He was married to the love of his life Ellie McDonald for 55 years and retired after 35 years as a longshoreman with the ILA Local 24. He and Ellie were active members of Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church and former members of the Woodforest Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Sonny McDonald. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ellie McDonald; sons, Gerald McDonald & wife, Charman and Kenny McDonald & wife, Rachel; by grandchildren, Landon McDonald & wife, Taylor; Blayne McDonald, Autumn McDonald, Brennen McDonald, Camryn McDonald, Kendall McDonald, Charlie McDonald; and by one great-grandchild,



Maci McDonald; and by sister, Carol White & husband Melton; and brother Jimmy McDonald & wife Jeanette.

The family invites you to join them for a time of remembrance on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Carter Conley Funeral Home from 6-8:00 p.m. and a celebration of life in the Carter Conley Chapel Friday at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Brookside Memorial Cemetery following the services.

Carter-Conley Funeral Home
13701 Corpus Christi St.
Houston, Texas 77015
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Events at Highlands Library

For babies and parents

September 24, 2018. Check out the library! There is a Tiny Tuesday program designed specially for babies & toddlers ages 0-4 at 11 AM on Tuesdays. And Story Time for all ages on Thursdays at 11. They also have FREE snack bags available for all children under 18 on Tuesdays - Thursdays from 11:30-6. So stop by and check it out! Books, movies, computers, & the family play center are all free to use.

Salsa Tasting

September 27, 2018. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the library! Thursday, September 27th @ 5 PM Sample a variety of salsas & vote for your favorite.

Explore a wide range of delicious Mexican American Cookbooks available in English y Español. More information can be found online at www.hcpl.net.

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Psalm: 46:1

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The **Harris County Fresh Water Supply District #6** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on Wednesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Gary O'Brian, Edgar Granados, Carl Green and Darrell Fry

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in the taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.21457/\$100 <small>Adopted</small>	\$0.22156/\$100 <small>Proposed</small>
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+\$0.00699/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		+ 3.2576 %
Average appraised Value	\$ 73,765	\$ 77,152
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 11,065	\$ 11,572
Average taxable Value	\$ 62,703	\$ 65,580
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 134.54	\$ 145.30
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$10.76
And percentage of increase (+/-)		+7.9976%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

EPA Interviews,

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draft copy of this is now available on the EPA website.

Although the interviews were individual and confidential, the public was invited to sit in on the final Round Table. At this session, about 20 people attended. Included were the interview team, concerned residents, environmental activists, journalists, and attorneys for aggrieved parties and environmental issues.

Coats started the Round Table by noting that all information about the Waste Pits is available at the Stratford Library in Highlands, as well as on the EPA website. Citizens may also call an information number, 800-533-3508 to discuss the site or ask questions.

Coats had prepared a list of questions as prompts for the assembled group and those who had been interviewed.

Simple questions included: "Are you aware of the site?" and "Are you aware of any controversial concerns about the site?"

She also asked if anyone was aware of the activity taking place on the site.

She wanted to know how residents perceived the EPA and its work. In response to this, it was suggested that more notices and information should be furnished to the community. It was suggested the Home Owners Associations, and Civic Clubs could be a vehicle for distributing information.

Coats asked what health concerns individuals had.

She was told that some people had developed endometriosis, a disease of the reproductive system.

Coats was asked by the group why fishing was still allowed in these polluted waters. They said posting signs was good but ignored by many. It was suggested that a large billboard might be effective.

Coats asked what information should be given to the public, and the answer was more about the dangers of Dioxin.

She asked what media were followed by residents: social media, newspapers, school notices, and service clubs were answered.

Coats also wanted to know how often to communicate, and was told "often" by every media type, and local speaking engagements.

HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Shriners Hospital subject of talk

The Rotary club heard about the Shriners Hospital of Galveston, at their weekly luncheon on Sept. 4th. The speakers were Lisa Court, Director of Development for the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Galveston.

Court said the motto of the organization is "Love to the Rescue."

She explained that the mission of caring for children, especially burn victims, started after the 1947 Texas City explosion.

There are now 22 hospitals in the Shriners' system, serving 122,000 children annually. Four of these treat burns. They also treat spinal cord injuries, skin conditions, and especially cleft palates.

Most children who are being treated will be in the hospital for several months. The Galveston hospital is licensed for 30

beds, or patients, and currently has 15 children.

The hospital is known for its research in new therapies, including virtual reality, which can replace 40% of a child's pain medicine and be as effective. Shriners also uses exercise or rehab therapy, a Tub Room, a psychology department, and a bully prevention program.

Court showed a video of one of their patients, Kechi Okwuchi, who survived a plane crash in Nigeria, and underwent 100 surgeries at the Galveston Hospital. Then she appeared on the TV show Americas Got Talent, with great success.

For more information, call 409-770-6600 or shrinershospitalforchildren.org/galveston. Donations for this work are welcome.



LISA COURT, Shriners Hospital

Sewer Overflow,

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The City of Baytown continues to be proactive in rehabilitating the sewer system. Utility capital improvement initiatives are critical to the growth and development of infrastructure. Past, as well as current projects represent over \$137 million in improvements since 2002. Historical overflow records show a steady and definite reduction in occurrences.

The City of Baytown has elected to participate in the TCEQ's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative. Throughout the 10-year term of this plan, the City reports annually to the State, to demonstrate progress made and milestones completed in relation to the schedule submitted. As with every system, the oldest sections of the City have historically been where most rehabilitation efforts have been focused.

For more information, contact Public Works Assistant Director Mark LeBlanc at 281-420-5300.

Tex Ren Fest 2018,

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After Dark," says Texas Renaissance Festival General Manager Terre Albert. "We're thrilled for our loyal patrons to take advantage of such bargains, and excited to see everyone for nine themed weekends this year!"

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Royal Pass holders can easily transform into Royal Campers every night by adding the Campground Pass for even more savings. Save nearly 30 percent off the regular campground admission price per visit, and keep your campsite in place for the entire Festival season with the Campground Pass. Royalty should not be burdened with packing and unpacking!

The Campground Pass allows Royal Pass holders camping access for one vehicle each weekend of the 2018 Festival season. Campgrounds are open and accessible every week during the festival season from Thursday at noon through Monday at noon.

The Royal Pass and Campground Pass can only be purchased online at www.texrenfest.com. Kids ages 12 and under will be granted free admission every Sunday.

2018 Texas Renaissance Festival Themes

- September**
 - Sept. 29 and 30: Opening Weekend, Oktoberfest Weekend
 - October
 - Oct. 6 and 7: 1001 Dreams Weekend
 - Oct. 13 and 14: Barbarian Invasion Weekend
 - Oct. 20 and 21: Pirate Adventure Weekend
 - Oct. 27 and 28: All Hallows' Eve Weekend
 - November**
 - Nov. 3 and 4: Roman Bacchanal Weekend
 - Nov. 10 and 11: Heroes and Villains Weekend
 - Nov. 17 and 18: Highland Fling Weekend
 - Nov. 23, 24, and 25: Celtic Christmas Weekend

The festival and the adjacent Fields of New Market Campground are located in Todd Mission, Texas 50 miles northwest of downtown Houston. For more information, please visit www.texrenfest.com.

Alzheimer's Walk,

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ris and surrounding counties.

Pilot Club's primary service focus is on brain health and safety. The Walk is noncompetitive, a festive event for families, and friends of all ages. Today Millions of Americans have Alzheimer's. This year many more will be diagnosed - likely to affect people we all know. The Pilot Club wants to remember those lost, their families and their loved ones, in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's Disease continues to touch most

of us in some way and we must not give up in our efforts to conquer and bring an end to the disease.

This is Pilot Club of Baytown's 21st year to organize the Baytown Alzheimer's Walk. Register to donate with any Pilot Club member. Reach out to "Pilot Club of Baytown" Facebook page. A donation of any amount - payable to "Alzheimer's Association" may be mailed to Pilot Club, 4707 Country Club View, Baytown, TX 77521. For more information, call 281-424-7838.



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TO THE RESIDENTS OF HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 51.129 of the Texas Water Code, that there has been a change in the Ordinance Adopting Amended Rates and Fees for Service and Rules and Regulations; Establishing Certain Other Policies and Providing Penalties and Violations Thereof (the "Rate Ordinance") for Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the "District"). The Rate Ordinance contains definitions of terms, water and sewer rates, rules and regulations covering water and sewer service and enforcement provisions of the District.

The District's Rate Ordinance has been amended to establish penalties for illegal connections to District service and to create joint and several liability for property owners and violators for such penalties, to increase the penalty for violating the District's rules and regulations, to establish penalties for violators of the District's wastewater rules and regulations, to increase the water service and sewer service rates above the minimum rate effective October 1, 2018, to add a monthly charge and water service rate for fire lines effective October 1, 2018, to adjust the Multi-Unit Commercial deposit fee, to require proof of residency within the District when applying for service, to add regulations for mobile food establishments, and to update the District's regulations on tap connections, plumbing, and customer service inspections to protect the District's sewer system and the sanitary condition of the District's water. A violation of the District's rules and regulations will subject the violator to a penalty.

The entire Rate Ordinance is on file at the principal office of the District, 125 San Jacinto, Highlands, Harris County, Texas 77562, where it may be read by any interested person. The Rate Ordinance was adopted on September 11, 2018, and the rules and regulations contained therein are effective and enforceable on October 1, 2018.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code that CROSBY BOAT, RV & MINI STORAGE, located at 15118A FM 2100, Crosby, Texas 77532, will hold a public sale at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 10th day of October 2018, at the above address to sell for cash only the contents of Unit J-26, Alton Savory, Tenant and Unit J-34, in order to satisfy a Landlord's Lien. The property to be sold is house hold items in the units and etc.....

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NOTICE OF TAX RATE SETTING

The Harris County Emergency Services District No. 5 will hold a meeting at 6:30 P.M., on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 5915 FM 2100, Crosby, Texas, 77532, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is \$0.019910 per \$100.00 of value.

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Notice of Public Meeting

The City of Jacinto City will host a public meeting to review Harris County's Method of Distribution (MOD) for the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Round 1 funds for the Hurricane Harvey and the allocation of \$ 5,350,417 to the city. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Harris County \$1.115 billion in CDBG-DR funding through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and has developed a MOD to allocate funding to local cities. The City is seeking input on the community needs resulting from the Hurricane Harvey and the projects needed to assist with recovery within the city.

The meeting will be held:
10301 Market Street
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September 27, 2018 at 5:30 pm

The venue is accessible for persons with disabilities. The City of Jacinto City will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending the function. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by Ms. Joyce Raines 48-hours prior to the function. The meeting will be conducted in English and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least 72-hours prior to a function. Please call 713-674-8424 or email joyce.raines@jacintocity-tx.gov for assistance or additional information about this posting.

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Crosby ISD recognized the Jared Jamail Scholarship Fund for the 20 years the charity has awarded scholarships to Crosby High School students through funds raised at their Annual Jared Jamail Golf Classic to be held this year on Oct. 13. The fund is to commemorate Jared Jamail a Crosby High School student known to be an average golfer and capable of making anyone laugh. The Classic to be held this year at Stonebridge at Newport includes foursomes with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. for extra information or to enter the tournament call (281) 328-3576.

Cougar Volleyball continues top scoring



The Crosby Cougars Volleyball Team is all dash and coming on strong in their 5A standing. They achieved a Silver Bracket at the Santa Fe Tournament and have since tagged on a string of victories. September 11 they stood a game at Goose Creek's Memorial Patriots winning 3 of 5 as the matches scored 25-18, 18-25, 28-26, 18-25 and 15-10. The matches were led by Morgan Lewis and Chadel Van Zandt of the offense and Brooke Oney as defensive leader. The team stands at 19-5 overall and 3-0 in district. Last Friday, they travelled to Galveston Ball and won over the Tornadoes by a score of 3-0 matches, 25-13, 25-14 and 25-19

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