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## IN THE STARS

### EVENTS

#### 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 in Highlands, TX.

#### SAT., OCT. 6 FREE MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9am - 1pm at Mt. Rose Church, 1300 Crosby Lynchburg Rd., in Crosby. 281-328-1314

#### 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.

#### SAT., OCT. 13 JARED JAMAIL TOURNAMENT

Shotgun starts at 8 am at Stone Bridged at Newport, 16401 County Club Drive, Crosby, TX. 281-328-3576.

#### SAT., OCT. 13 MISS HIGHLANDS PAGEANTS

2:00 pm Jr. Miss, 7:00 pm Miss Highlands at the Junior High School

#### SUN., OCT 14 TENT REVIVAL

Oct 14 @ 6 pm, Oct. 25 - 20 @ 7 pm, 700 S. Main St. in Highlands. See AD, page 5 for details.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Oct 4-Missy Kwapick  
Shelia Townsend  
Oct 5-Willie Drew  
Oct 6-Ann Dunks  
Marie Estrada  
Kristina Curtis  
Marley McKethan  
Oct 7-Alicia Engle  
Anna Lois Mattingly  
Oct 8-Benjamin Abbott  
Patricia Meiss  
Jim Van Schuyver  
Thomas R. Stanley  
Oct 9-Terrie Bauer  
Pete Merrill  
Ashley Clamon  
Oct 10-Stachia Thurmond

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 4-Wilky & Ann Carlisle  
Oct 5-J.C. & Olga Aylor  
Oct 6-Fred & Helen Dunks  
Randy & Tammy Veach  
Oct 8-Robert H. & Patricia E. Sparks

## FM 2100 begins to let in March

CROSBY - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning to begin the reconstruction of FM 2100 from S. Diamondhead to 0.23 miles south of Antelope Drive in March of 2019.

A series of temporary road closures of several intersections are planned and TxDOT says they will notify relevant parties of the closures. These closures are of course said to be related to public safety while construction continues.

TxDOT said the motivation to reconstruct Main Street in Crosby is to improve traffic safety and facilitate mobility with additional lanes, sidewalks and a raised median over the 8 miles to reach Huffman. In total some 107 acres is involved in the reconstruction. The reconstruction to Huffman's FM 1960 is to take 3.5 years and cost \$79.3 Million to build.

A series of public hearings in

2015 found primary concern of commuters was to add a raised median to the FM 2100 roadway, which reduces the number of entrance/exit access points to properties along FM 2100. Business owners along the corridor were worried that the median might make patronage by their customers challenging. The project has not changed in any way in spite of the 97 dissenters.

The Southern section of the roadway from Hare-Cook Road to South Diamondhead is to be 23 feet across.

The section north of Hare-Cook is to be 53 feet across with 4 twelve foot lanes, a dividing median and two five foot sidewalks.

Copies of where the roadways will be closed are available for viewing. Questions concerning the closures should be addressed to Stephen.Wainaina@txdot.gov or call his office at (713) 802-5595.

## Jackie Young wins national award

### CHEJ: "Champions for Change"

NEW YORK CITY - At a special awards gala on September 6th in the center of Manhattan, the Center for Health, Environment & Justice gave out three awards for outstanding work to save the environment.

One of these awards was presented to Houston's Jackie Young, Director of the TxHEA or Texas Health and Environment Alliance.

The award was presented by Lois Gibbs, who is famous for exposing the hazardous conditions at the Love Canal. Also present was actress and film director Patricia Arquette, who is making a movie about



NEW YORK CITY: Environmentalist Lois Gibbs presents the "Champions for Change" award to Jackie Young, for her work in getting EPA to clean up the San Jacinto River Superfund site.

events at Love Canal. CHEJ and Gibbs were celebrating 40 years of progress since the crisis at Love Canal, in Niagara Fall,

See AWARD, page 8

## Constable Eagleton at Highlands Rotary

HIGHLANDS - Constable Eagleton met with the Highlands Rotary club, last week, to present information about his department and public safety concerns in the Highlands area.

Eagleton brought with him seven members of his command staff, to answer questions in their particular area. Included were chief deputy Kirk Bonsal, and Lt. Warden of the Environmental division.

Eagleton is enlarging his department's capabilities, with federal funds secured after Hurricane Harvey in the amount of \$3.5 million dollars. For high water rescues, he has added 10 Hummers, several boats, an airboat, and three deuce



Constable Sherman Eagleton presents his command staff at the Highlands Rotary luncheon last week. Each deputy outlined his responsibilities for public safety and crime fighting in the Constable Pct. 3 area.

high water trucks. He said that during Harvey, his department made 5000 rescues.

He has also added quite a few deputies to his staff. When he took over in 2016, there were 122 officers and there are now 170.

Capt. Isaac Villareal, in charge of the crime interdiction unit, described his department's goals to decrease crime and confiscate drugs. The department has an anonymous Tip Line, 832-927-8477. For regular dispatch, call 281-427-4791 or 911.

Eagleton said they have a program to help the

See CONSTABLE, page 3

## Win a Turner Chevy at Jamail Classic



David Mendez, Pam Jamail Johnson and Debbie Fannin show the new 2018 Chevy Malibu a lucky golfer could win in the 20th Annual Jared Jamail Golf Classic on Oct. 13 at Stonebridge at Newport. According to Johnson, We are only a few days away and we are still in need of teams, sponsors and donations."

The Jared Jamail Scholarship fund still gave their annual four scholarships to Crosby students even after the devastating floods last year. This year registration starts at 7:00 a.m. Tee time is at 8 and lunch and awards are at 1:00 p.m. Contact Pam at 832-592-3974 or write to sign up pamj99@aol.com.

## Highlands Jamboree set for this weekend

62nd ANNUAL HIGHLANDS JAMBOREE  
Theme: "Happy Days are Here Again!"

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 2018

7am - 9am 5K FUN RUN/WALK, Highlands Community Center, awards to top 3 youth and adult categories. Awards at 12 noon at Highlands Elementary

10am PARADE (Line-up starts at 9am at Hopper Primary School) parade proceeds south to Jones Road. Units judged in these Categories: Best of Theme, Non-Commercial, Commercial, School Spirit, Antique/Classic Car, Modified or Race Car

11am - 3pm FAIR/EXPO at Highlands Elementary School, music, food, exhibits, crafts booths and silent auction.

12 noon - LITTLE MISS & MISTER PAGEANT at Highlands Elementary stage, 6 age divisions, from 1 year to 5th grade. Awards to follow.

INFO: 281-426-7927.



JAMBOREE PLANNERS Jessica Woods and Virginia Woods explain the details of Saturday's Jamboree to the Rotary club.

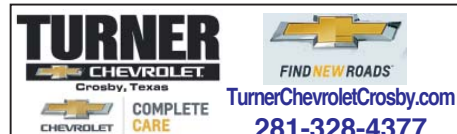


MISS HIGHLANDS PAGEANT will be OCT. 13 - Above, last year's winners were Kennah Holloway (Jr. Miss Highlands) and Victoria Gonzalez (Miss Highlands).

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# Cougars punch Pirates Homecoming Parade

## sure to snarl traffic



Jaiden Howard pulls a keeper to get outside of the hard charging Pirates on Sept. 28

**VIDOR** – Two undefeated in district teams went into Ivan Croak Field and only the Crosby Cougars came out undefeated, (4-0) but it was definitely not easy.

The Cougars were behind 13 points at half-time because the Pirates had out run, passed and defended them but this team isn't beaten until it quits. Vidor put up 31 yards, 50 yards to the 20 and 16 yards to make their first touchdown. The Cougars would have three ugly

turnovers, two fumbles and a pick-off.

Vidor dominated before the Cougars awakened with a growl answering 14 points with 14. It was looking gloomy and Jaiden Howard had come up limping after a fumble.

Coach Riordan would say, "Our guys were never out of the game because they believe they can win. It is the third time they came from behind to win."

Crosby finally took the lead 22-28 after a two point conversion in the 3rd. They

ran the keeper and stunned the shifting Pirates. Somehow the Cougars using gang tackles and solitary heroics held Vidor back and went ahead to 29-32.

The time had slipped by and it looked like the game had been lost to a coin flip when with 36 all. Zack Simon put a smashing run through the middle to cap the game.

At the end of play, the Cougars were up 42 to 36 on a final touchdown in triple overtime.

**CROSBY** – The Crosby Cougars will host their Homecoming Parade this Friday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on FM 2100 from the parking lot in front of Palais Royal to the Crosby Middle School Road, ending at "The Jungle" Cougar Stadium. Road closure will begin in both directions at 5:00 p.m. Business owners, commuters and otherwise are advised to find alternative routes at this time. One alternative for example for southbound drivers is to turn left at the light at Wahl St., right on Miller Wilson and left on Church Street to reach US 90 but traffic will be heavy, so caution is advised. Patients is advised for those travelling north-bound except to take US 90 to at least Crosby Dayton Road and pick their path from that direction. Line up for participants is 5:00 p.m., too. An entire cadre of Crosby High School participants will show off their Cougar Pride.

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The Crosby High School Symphonic Band is one of only five high school bands from the entire nation selected to play at the Midwest Clinic! The bands travels to Chicago this December to perform for over 1,500 audience members. The Midwest Clinic is the largest and most prestigious instrumental music education conference in the world. There will be over 17,000 in attendance from all 50 states and over 30 countries. To this end the Vidor ISD Pirates donated over \$1,000 to the Cougars during this tightly funded time. Donations will help the District with offsetting the travel costs, meals, supplies, music purchase, new woodwind instruments, private lessons, clinicians and so much more.



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| <br>PRICE REDUCED! Nice home with all the amenities that Newport provides. Pool, tennis courts, exercise room, golf, lake & beach access and walking trails. Large shaded lot with beautiful landscaping, walking trails directly across the street for easy access. Spacious living area with fireplace, bar area into kitchen. Lots of cabinets in the kitchen with new dishwasher replaced in 2015 & built in microwave. MLS# 4959250 \$165,000 | <br>Affordable home in the much desired Newport Community. Entering through a courtyard allows you additional privacy, the garage has been converted into an insulated "man cave" with AC. Currently this can park one car but could be converted to hold two cars if required. Refrigerator will remain in house. Swing set in backyard is negotiable. Nice storage shed. MLS# 4959250 \$165,000 | <br>This gorgeous home sits on 1.47 acres secluded in a Private Gated Community with a country living feel while being 6 minutes from I-45. Recently remodeled with almost 1500 square feet of wrap around porches to enjoy the beautiful "Water View" Beautiful kitchen with huge island and custom Quartz counter tops. Open floor plan perfect for entertaining, and upgrades galore. Don't miss out on this one of a kind home and call for your appointment today. MLS# 50487093 \$375,000 | <br>Very well maintained home, on 2 lots, new flooring, fresh paint, 4 beautiful mature Live Oak Trees that stay green all year long. There is a heated saltwater 6ft volleyball pool (deck) which heat for pool and hot tub and the place off from a private lake, sit in your hot tub next to a flag stone fire pit. Store all pool toys, floats in decked attic above your 18x30 patio with 3 outdoor ceiling fans and recess lighting. There is a unseen 10x12 storage unit in back corner. MLS# 60327144 \$255,000 |
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| <br>This gorgeous custom built home sits on a half acre lot and is located on the golf course near Lake Houston. This home has an open floor plan with a spacious living room that is perfect for entertaining. There is a formal dining room and the kitchen has solid wood custom cabinets, custom granite, tiled marble backsplash, undermount sink, built-in microwave, convection oven and a burner gas stove top. The master bathroom has been updated with designer tile flooring, tile shower and tub, has dual vanity and large closets. MLS# 48992517 \$399,000 | <br>Don't miss out on this gorgeous home in Seven Oaks North Section in Newport. Wood for Security System, door bell shows who is at the door, natural gas appliances, heat thermostat, machine room, upstairs, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths upstairs, master bedroom and bath downstairs, half bath downstairs. Kitchen and breakfast nook with separate formal dining room. MLS# 84409771 \$217,400 | <br>This home is SO SPACIOUS! All rooms are oversized! The huge family room with high ceilings has a fireplace, lots of light, cedar accent wall and is open to the breakfast dining area. Kitchen has a large breakfast bar, LOTS of cabinets, pantry & double ovens. The formal dining has built-in buffet across the whole back wall. Large master with sitting area & patio doors to backyard deck. MLS# 15401788 \$195,000 |
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## ROUND-UP

### Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library for the week of

#### October 8

• Tuesday, October 9, 10:00 am - Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)

• Friday, October 12, 10:30 am - Storytime (ages 0-5 yrs)

• Friday, October 12, 3:30 - Teen Scary Movie "The Others" (ages 12-18 yrs)

For questions, please call the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library in Mont Belvieu at 281-876-2245.

### Old River Winfree Founders Day

Old River Winfree (ORW) will be celebrating its annual Founders Day Festival. Fun for the family, free rides, petting zoo, patriotic exhibits and much more. A live auction at 1:00 p.m. to raise money for the VA Fisher house of Houston and graduating seniors of Barbers Hill ISD. Free senior bingo with prizes from 12:20 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This free festival with an emphasis on early settlers with a patriotic fair will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm, 4818 FM 565 N., Old River-Winfree, TX 77523. For more information, please call 832-414-0629 or visit [cityofoldriverwinfree.com](http://cityofoldriverwinfree.com)

### Barbers Hill Golf

#### Tournament

The Barbers Hill Scholarship Association will host its annual golf tournament, the Salt Dome Classic, on Friday, October 12, at the Chambers County Golf Course near Anahuac, Texas. Shotgun, 8 a.m. Event Chairman: Melissa Sylvia: [Melissasyvia09@gmail.com](mailto:Melissasyvia09@gmail.com). Proceeds to benefit the Barbers Hill Scholarship Association.

### Alzheimer's

#### Walk

21st Annual Pilot Club of Baytown Alzheimer's Walk. Take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's.

Please help the Pilot Club meet the Challenge of Conquering Alzheimer's Disease for patients and their families who suffer with the disease.

The disease affects millions and increases daily. Almost everyone we know has a relative or friend who is either a caregiver or is in some stage of the disease. Proceeds go to The Greater Houston Alzheimer's Association, to provide programs and services to benefit caregivers and patients.

The Walk will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Bayland Park - Hwy 146 near the Fred Hartman Bridge.

## Hospital changes name to reflect connection Baytown

BAYTOWN — (Oct. 1, 2018-- Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is changing its name today to Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital to better reflect its long-standing connection to its community.

"Baytown, the largest city in the region, serves as the center of this fast-growing area, and our hospital is expanding to better meet the needs of our region," said David Bernard, CEO of Houston Methodist Baytown. "Our new name clearly identifies our location and aligns with our commitment to deliver the best possible care to our community."

Houston Methodist Baytown opened in 1948 as San Jacinto Memorial Hospital. The hospital became part of Houston Methodist in 1983 and has taken pride in providing comprehensive, unsurpassed care to the region. The current hospital expansion includes a new outpatient center, increased number of beds and a new emergency department.

"As one of the area's top employers, our dedicated team of physicians, nurses and staff is proud to care for our growing community," said Bernard.

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Two other Houston Methodist hospitals are changing their names to better align with their communities. Houston Methodist St. John Hospital will change to Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital, and Houston Methodist St. Catherine Hospital will change to Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospital.

A little more than five years ago, The Methodist Hospital System changed

its name to Houston Methodist to better align the system with the areas it serves and to differentiate itself from other "Methodist" hospitals around the country.

"We hope these new names will help more patients discover Houston Methodist and everything we have to offer," said Marc Boom, M.D., CEO and president of Houston Methodist. "We continue to be excited about these hospitals bringing leading medicine to their neighborhoods."

## Pilot Club of Baytown donates to Library



Pictured receiving the check in center is Library Administration Director, Jamie Eustace. Pilots members are Judy Wheat and Co-Education Leaders, Jenice Coffey and Susan Moore-Fontenot.

Pilot Club of Baytown recently made a donation to Baytown's Sterling Municipal Library.

The Pilot Club of Baytown has supported the Sterling Municipal Library over the years. A publicly funded and managed library serves a population of 76,335 residents in the

community. The Library recently received an impressive and attractive facelift with modern access to their fantastic selection of books. The collection of the library contains over 100,000 volumes and circulates over 525,000 items each year.

You can see more on Facebook, Instagram and listen to a weekly book review podcast at [AllBooked.podbean.com/www.baytownlibrary.org](http://AllBooked.podbean.com/www.baytownlibrary.org)

## Pilot Club of Baytown Members attend training



The Baytown Club made a donation to the Texas District Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Camps received by TBI representatives from Winnsboro, Texas. Pictured are Texas District secretary from Winnsboro Kelly Alexander, Baytown Pilots - President Elect Cindy Fehring, & Carla Start, Texas District TBI Representative Joanna Horton of Winnsboro, and Baytown Pilots - Kathy Young, President Gladys Pryor, Tammy Phenicie, Carolyn Parrish, Judy Wheat, and Texas District Governor-Elect Gail Wilson, also from Baytown.

At the training session the new Texas District officers, coordinators, and appointees for the new year will present plans for the coming Pilot Year. Two fall councils, the Texas District Convention, and Pilot International Convention are opportunities for local Pilots to learn about clubs around the world.

While in Jasper, Baytown Pilots also presented a donation to representatives of Texas District Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Texas District Traumatic Brain Injury signature project. Pilots support three weekend TBI camps and one day camp for adult traumatic brain injury survivors. Texas Pilots have created the TBI Camp Foundation to help support these camps. In 2000, a dream by past Texas District Governor, Joanna Horton, became a reality. While Pilot members were involved in many aspects of the first two camps, Circle of Friends was the first camp for adult TBI survivors to be totally funded and "manned" by Texas District Pilots.

For more information on TBI camps, see [www.pitexasdistrict.org](http://www.pitexasdistrict.org).

SAT. OCT 13, 2018 FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM

ORW FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL

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Mark's Mobile Music LOCAL Talent (will be a pleasant surprise)

Kids Patriotic show (kids can dress patriotic, recite or perform something patriotic, etc.)

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## Habitat for Humankind Celebration

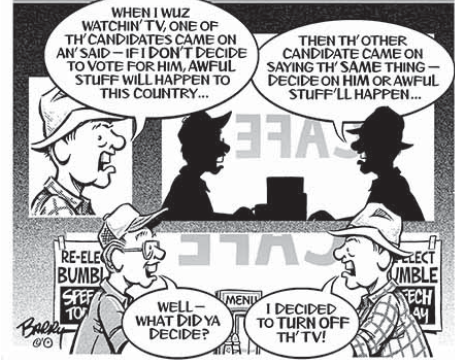
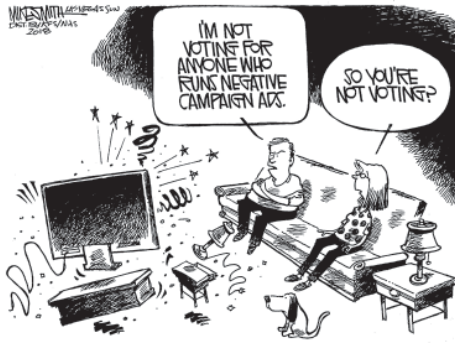
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Yopez Vineyard located at 12739 Tri City Beach Rd. Fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

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, birchouse 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.



★ OPINION PAGE ★



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

*Abbott, Valdez present views on Texas in one hour forum*

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and Lupe Valdez on Sept. 28 appeared together on television for 60 minutes in the only scheduled gubernatorial debate, a forum hosted by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum on the University of Texas campus.

A Republican and former Texas attorney general, Abbott is seeking a second four-year term as the state's chief executive. His challenger, Guadalupe "Lupe" Valdez, a San Antonio-born Democrat, held elected office as Dallas County sheriff from 2005 to 2017 and previously served as a senior agent and investigator for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, earlier as an agent for other federal agencies, and as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Abbott and Valdez voiced their positions on topics including education, property taxes, health care, immigration, border security, gun control, school campus security and disaster management related to Hurricane Harvey. Abbott touted his record on each topic and asked voters to stay the course and support him. Valdez said she would use the state's \$12 billion "rainy day fund" to speed up assistance to hurricane-stricken Texans. Valdez also said she would fund public education and health care programs at a much higher level, rather than devote state dollars to militarizing the Texas-Mexico border. Also, she said that as governor she would sign a "red flag law" to help keep firearms out of the hands of ill-intentioned individuals.

Both candidates said they would support legislation that increases access to medical marijuana and decreases the criminal penalty for possession of small amounts of marijuana for non-medical use. Robert Hadlock of KXAN, the Austin NBC-TV affiliate, moderated the forum in which the

candidates answered questions from a panel of four journalists from Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio broadcast stations.

**Registration hits new high**

As of last week, Texas had 15,624,871 registered voters, a new record, the state's chief elections officer announced.

On Sept. 25 — National Voter Registration Day — Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos pushed for even more participation, inviting all eligible residents to ensure they are registered to vote ahead of the Oct. 9 voter registration deadline.

It was Pablos' final call to action to voters, community leaders and elected officials to encourage fellow Texans to register and prepare to vote in the upcoming Nov. 6 election. He suggested that Texans check their registration status on the Texas Secretary of State's "Am I Registered?" web page, and that those who have moved to a new address within the same county or have changed their name can update their information online.

Early voting will begin on Oct. 22 and end on Nov. 2. Voters with questions about how to cast a ballot in upcoming elections can call 1-800-252-VOTE.

**Abbott announces grant**

Gov. Abbott on Sept. 24 announced a \$2 million grant to the Austin Community College District in partnership with The University of Texas and the U.S. Army.

The funds, Abbott said, are for the build-out of communication facilities supporting the new U.S. Army Futures Command in Austin.

The \$2 million comes through the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance grant program administered by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, a part of the governor's office that advises Abbott and the Texas Legislature on defense and military issues.

**Jobs increase in August**

The Texas economy added 32,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs during the month of August, the Texas Workforce Commission announced in September.

Private-sector employers added 32,800 positions in August and Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 3.9 percent, down slightly from 4.0 in July.

Also, the Workforce Commission stated, the increase marked 26 consecutive months of employment growth. Over the course of the year Texas added 394,500 jobs, for an annual employment growth rate of 3.2 percent.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.2 percent, followed by the Amarillo and Odessa MSAs with rates of 2.8 and 2.9 percent, respectively. The Austin-Round Rock MSA recorded the fourth-lowest rate of 3.0 percent for August.

**Social Security Matter**



by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

**Ask Rusty - Changed my mind after claiming Social Security**

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 67 years old this September and have been receiving my Social Security benefits since September of last year (2017). I've found that I do not need the money now, and since I don't need the money, I'm wondering if I can repay what I've already collected

and just wait until I'm 70 to get a larger benefit? Signed: Changed My Mind

**Dear Changed:** Situations such as yours are exactly why Social Security has a "do over" option, which allows those who claim benefits to withdraw that application within one year. Reality is that sometimes financial circumstances change. People who lost their job may react by claiming Social Security, and then later find other employment, which provides them the income they need. Or they may simply just change their mind and be sorry they ap-

plied for benefits. In any case, the do-over option can be used to fix that but exercising that option does have some important consequences.

The short answer to your questions is "Yes" - you can exercise the "do over" option and totally withdraw from Social Security if you do so within 1 year of the date your benefits originally started. But - and this is a big but - you will have to pay back everything that you have collected, including any withheld taxes, Medicare premiums, and any spousal or other dependent ben-

efits that may have been paid on, to or from your account over the past year. Obviously if you wish to do that you should act with haste to submit Form SSA-521 (Request for Withdrawal of Application), because you're coming up on the one-year anniversary of your original application.

However, since you have already reached your full retirement age of 66, you have another less financially painful option available to you which you might want to consider - you can simply suspend your current benefits, which will allow you to earn delayed retirement credits equal to 2/3rds of 1% per month of suspension (8% per year) up until you reach 70 years of age. You will have lost that initial 8% benefit growth you would have otherwise realized for the 1st year after you reached age 66, but that may be less traumatic than repaying Social Security a very large lump sum for an entire year's worth of benefits paid. Then when you reinstate (un-suspend) your benefits at age 70, the benefit amount will be about 24% higher than it is now. Thus, you'll gain a significantly increased benefit without needing to repay all that money you collected for a whole year.

**Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on October 11, 2018 at 5 p.m., at 210 Brookview, Channelview, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: Dennis Hamala, Jack Dauzat, Alan Wolcik, G W Gunter, Nick Shankle
- AGAINST** the proposal: None
- PRESENT** and not voting: None
- ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this 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)  | \$0.95/\$100 | \$0.95/\$100       |
|  | Adopted      | Proposed           |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value   |              | \$0.00/\$100       |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)  |              | 0.00%              |
| Average appraised value  | \$88,462     | \$93,016           |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)                | \$8,846      | \$9,302            |
| Average taxable value  | \$79,616     | \$83,714           |
| Tax on average residence homestead   | \$756.35     | \$795.28           |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) |              | +\$38.93<br>+5.14% |

**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 district by petition may require that an election to 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.

The Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No.47 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of making improvements to the water and wastewater system.



★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

*Quilt to be auctioned at Czech Fest*



This Handmade Quilt will be on a giant auction at the 78th Annual Czech Fest this Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the Crosby Fairgrounds beginning at 1:00 p.m. Pictured are ladies who helped make the quilt: Sue Matthews, Kathy Roder, Joni Hord, Merlinda Canada, Katie Hanus, Marilyn Sikora, Josephine Svoboda and CiCi Hodges.

**Lake Houston UMC Pumpkin Patch opens soon**



A beautiful couple was engaged in the Pumpkin Patch at LHUMC last year.

**Book Club for Kids!**

Once a month the Stratford Library hosts a book club for kids ages 8 & up. Join them for book chat & a craft.

Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library or bring one of your own reads to share!

The next Kids Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 17th at 4:30 p.m. Follow on Facebook or Instagram for more info! Or call 832-927-54020. Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Food Town at 509 Stratford Street, Highlands, TX 77562.

**May Community Center hosts Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch**

May Community Center's Annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch, a family festival and fund-raiser, Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event includes carnival games, children's crafts, concessions, pumpkin patch, raffle for homemade quilt, silent auction, clowns, live entertainment, sweet shoppe with homemade goodies, free cotton candy sponsored by the Lions Club, craft and gift market, vendor booths and much more.

Exhibits and Shows Include: Houston Texans Cheerleaders, H - E - Buddy, Shortcakes the Clown, Crocodile Encounter, Yellow Rose Cloggers, Live DJ, Huffman Volunteer Fire Dept., Harris Co. Sheriff's Office and Huffman EMS.

May Community Center is located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. For more information please call (713) 274-2434.



The pumpkins arrive in a tractor trailer and are unloaded by LHUMC members and friends.

The Pumpkin Patch opens Monday, October 8, 2018! Each year for the last 17 years, Lake Houston United Methodist Church has been home to a large Pumpkin Patch with over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Before the opening of the Patch, LHUMC members and

friends both young and old, unload the truck once it arrives and participate in setup. Once the Patch opens, folks come from all over to pick out their perfect holiday pumpkins. The Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week until All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), October 31. Patrons are invited to bring kids,

family and cameras for fun fall photo opportunities. The Patch is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman and is open Monday through Friday, 3-7 pm; Saturday 9 am until 7 pm; and Sunday noon to 7 pm. For more information contact the church office at 281-324-1541 or visit [www.lakehoustonumc.com](http://www.lakehoustonumc.com)

**Community Announcement**

David Reid, Chief Marketing Officer for National Oilwell Varco, will speak at Eastgate Church on Wednesday, October 10, at 7 p.m. David will help top be more aware of Human Trafficking and sexual harassment in the Houston area.

Eastgate Church is located 6 miles east of Huffman on FM 1960, then south on CR 611 at the Shell Station.

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★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

# Crosby Huffman Chamber presents "Night at the Races"

Please join the Crosby Huffman Chamber on October 20th at Crawfish Shack for the annual "A Nite at the Races" event; one of the funniest and coolest events this year.

You will have the opportunity to study your racing guide for your picks and then you place your bets on the horse races that will be run by video on the TV's. No one knows the outcome and the crowd will be cheering their horse to

the finish line. At the end of the evening you will be able to spend your winnings on auction baskets with great items in them. There will be a total of ten races with doors opening at 5:00pm and first race beginning at 5:30pm. The event is free to public and they will give you \$10.00 in play money to start off with. There will be food, snacks, drinks and you will be allowed to BYOB.

Hat Contest for best decorated Kentucky Derby Hat with prize being \$100 cash. Come for the action and stay for the FUN!! This is one of our newest events of the year. Please support and enjoy "A Nite at the Races" by naming horses, donating baskets, and by sponsoring in the race event program.

Please contact Chamber Office at 281-328-6984 for more information!

# Don't Let Hand Arthritis Slow You Down

BAYTOWN — (September 28, 2018) — Approximately 50 million Americans suffer from some form of arthritis, with many of them forced to cope with often debilitating pain in the hands.

Arthritis of the hands can make performing simple, every day activities difficult and extremely painful. Dr. Jennifer Wagner, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in surgeries of the hands and upper extremities with Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, says osteoarthritis is frequently the type of arthritis that strikes the hands.

"With osteoarthritis, the cartilage in the joints begins to wear thin, which results in the bones touching each other and that may cause significant pain," Wagner said. "Generally, it begins with pain that gets worse with activity and gets better when you rest."

Wagner adds that many people also feel stiffness in the joints, especially in the morning hours, but the pain may subside as the day proceeds. Weather changes, especially a rise in barometric pressure, may also trigger pain, which adds validity to the claim by many who say they "feel it in their bones."

Wagner said an x-ray of the hand may detect a loss of cartilage or bone spurs, leading to an arthritis diagnosis. During a physical exam, the presence of bone spurs may be detected as well. Applying pressure and manipulating the hand may reveal pain that indicates bone-on-bone degeneration.

Arthritis in the hands is commonly diagnosed in the distal phalanx (first knuckle) of the fingers and in the basal joint, located at the base of the thumb near the wrist. Wagner

said those areas are prone to arthritis because they may become weakened over time by years of performing pinching and grasping movements on a daily basis.

"These joints are predisposed to arthritis because they are used so frequently and become prone to injuries and strains," Wagner explains.

Wagner said arthritis develops slowly over time and usually afflicts people age 40 and over. Taking over-the-counter supplements, including glucosamine and chondroitin, which have been shown to slow the progression of arthritis and help keep joints mobile, is one of the few preventive measures available.

Wagner said the first line of treatment may include the prescribing of oral or topical anti-inflammatory medications or the use of braces and splints to immobilize the joint. Steroid injections into the joint may be ordered if there is no significant symptom relief. More severe cases may require surgical procedures to remove the arthritic bone or fuse the joints together, although joint fusion drastically reduces movement.

"Scheduling an appointment with your doctor is the first step in managing the disease if you think you have arthritis," Wagner said. "Individualized programs are available that may include less invasive methods to relieve pain and increase range of motion."

Meanwhile, the Houston Methodist Orthopedic Injury Clinic at Baytown has expanded its hours to make it more accessible to Baytown area residents seeking treating for conditions such as acute orthopedic injuries, fractures and broken bones, sprains and strains and sports injuries. The clinic, located at 4201 Garth Rd., suite 111, is



Dr. Jennifer Wagner

open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Same day appointments must be made by 3 p.m. The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, while same day appointments must be made by 5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment with a Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital orthopedic specialist, call 281.427.7400, or visit [houstonmethodist.org/san-jacinto](http://houstonmethodist.org/san-jacinto).

About Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist San Jacinto provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. [Houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto](http://Houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto).

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**2018 Property Tax Rates in Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60**

This notice concerns the 2018 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$2,236,662     |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$0             |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$2,236,662     |
| Last year's tax base        | \$4,536,839,757 |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$0.0493/\$100  |

**This year's effective tax rate:**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)                             | \$2,234,232     |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)                         | \$4,448,736,045 |
| = This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.) | \$0.0502/\$100  |

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures) | \$2,234,232     |
| + This year's adjusted tax base   | \$4,448,736,045 |
| = This year's effective operating rate  | \$0.0502/\$100  |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate   | \$0.0542/\$100  |
| + This year's debt rate   | \$0/\$100       |
| = This year's total rollback rate   | \$0.0542/\$100  |

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 60 adopts a 2018 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0502 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2017 taxes by \$53,729.

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|                           | 0       |

**Schedule B - 2018 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt   | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
|   | 0  | 0                                       | 0                        | 0             |
| Total required for 2018 debt service  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources   |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Excess collections last year  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2018   |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2018 |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| = Total debt levy   |  |   |                          | \$0           |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett  
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector  
Date Prepared: 09/04/2018

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**2018 Property Tax Rates in Harris County Emergency Services District 2**

This notice concerns the 2018 property tax rates for Harris County Emergency Services District 2. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$1,315,208     |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$0             |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$1,315,208     |
| Last year's tax base        | \$4,428,309,764 |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$0.0297/\$100  |

**This year's effective tax rate:**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)                             | \$1,313,725     |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)                         | \$4,361,424,734 |
| = This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.) | \$0.0301/\$100  |

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures) | \$1,313,725     |
| + This year's adjusted tax base   | \$4,361,424,734 |
| = This year's effective operating rate  | \$0.0301/\$100  |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate   | \$0.0325/\$100  |
| + This year's debt rate   | \$0/\$100       |
| = This year's total rollback rate   | \$0.0325/\$100  |

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If Harris County Emergency Service District 2 adopts a 2018 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0301 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2017 taxes by \$29,576.

**Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|                           | 0       |

**Schedule B - 2018 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt   | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
|   | 0  | 0                                       | 0                        | 0             |
| Total required for 2018 debt service  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources   |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| - Excess collections last year  |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2018   |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2018 |  |   |                          | \$0           |
| = Total debt levy   |  |   |                          | \$0           |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 1001 Preston, Houston, TX 77002.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett  
Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector  
Date Prepared: 09/04/2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 468,881 Estate of NORMA H. BENNETT, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on September 19, 2018.

CYNTHIA L. BENNETT PROCTOR

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A tax rate of \$1.17339 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Galena Park.

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE         | \$1.17339 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$1.03745 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE        | \$1.17339 per \$100 |

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Galena Park from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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## National Award,

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New York. The ceremony was called "Champions for Change" and honored ongoing work with communities at risk from environmental harms.

Other recipients of the award were Dr. Beverly Paigen, a community scientist who documented health impacts at Love Canal, and PUSH BUFFALO, or People United for Sustainable Housing, Buffalo, New York. They worked on affordable housing, equitable jobs and ecological sustainability for the West Side of Buffalo.

Lois Gibbs, and CHEJ, for over 38 years through training, coalition building, and one-on-one technical and organizing assistance has been mentoring a movement and empowering people to prevent harm to human health caused by ex-

posure to hazardous environmental conditions.

Lois Gibbs' story was portrayed by Marsha Mason in the 1982 TV film, "Lois Gibbs and the Love Canal." The film is based on the true story of Lois Givvs, a housewife in Niagara Falls, NY who spearheads her community's battle against Hooker Chemical. At first, her husband dismisses the idea that an old chemical dump site beneath their 36-block neighborhood has anything to do with a rash of child ailments. But Givvs perseveres, circulating a petition, accepting the role of head of the Homeowners Association and leading a fierce legal battle for compensation.

Visit to EPA Washington DC Following the awards

ceremony, Jackie Young joined many of the same parties meetings with Congressional representatives, and in a special meeting with EPA administrators in Washington DC on September 12th.

The meeting took place at the EPA Headquarters at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC.

The agenda included a discussion of reinstating "Polluter Pays" fees to stabilize the Superfund Program and accelerate the cleanup of contaminated sites. CHEJ says that a fundamental problem with the Superfund program is inadequate funding, including Orphan sites, testing, cleanup, legal action and technical assistance grants for communities near Superfund sites.

## Constable,

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homeless, taking them to a treatment center or shelter for help.

Lt. Warden spoke on environmental issues, and especially littering and illegal dumping. With the help of citizen information, they can issue felony citations.

Another popular program, Eagleton said, is their Senior Wellness program. This is a welfare check for live-alone seniors. Run by Major D. Jones, is also vital to get aid in hurricanes and floods. The phone for this program is 713-274-2500.

Eagleton is a 25 year veteran law enforcement officer, a deputy at Precinct 3 since 1993. He was born in Barrett Station and is very familiar with the area.

He emphasizes that crime prevention is a Team effort, and "Always Aware, Always Prepared."

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