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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**RESCHEDULED:
TUES. SEP. 21**
**Wisdom of
Preplanning
Seminar**

Sterling-White Funeral Home will hold a Free Dinner and Educational Seminar at 7:00pm at Teapot Depot in Highlands. See details on Page 3, or call 281-426-3555 for information and reservations.

THUR. SEP. 16
**Highlands
Chamber
Luncheon**

Join us Thursday, September 16th for lunch at the Highlands Community center on Highlandswoods Dr. We have missed seeing everyone and are finally able to meet at our monthly program and networking lunches. Our program will feature speakers from Harris County Pct 2 Commissioners office and lifestyle coach Kim Kostek. Speakers will touch on organization and planning, and the newly forming Highlands-Lynchburg Community Planning Committee.

Mark your calendar for our **Annual Jamboree Parade and expo/fair** on Saturday, October 30th. We are so excited to be busy again! See you for lunch!

THUR. SEP. 16
**Crosby Chamber
FREE Luncheon**

You are invited to attend the Annual Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce "Picnic in the Park" Luncheon. This is our annual FREE luncheon hosted by our BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

September 16th, @ 11:30am til 1:00pm. We will be located at Crosby Park under the pavilion at 419 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas 77532.

We hope you will join us for a fun day at the park as we appreciate YOU!!

We will be doing boxed lunches this year so please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

Please contact Chamber Office at 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org for more information!

SAT. SEP. 18
**CUIC Sidewalk
Fall Sale**

Fall & Halloween Decoration & Costume Sidewalk Sale. Great new and gently used buys at Garage Sale prices. 10am to 1pm, 944 Church Street, Crosby. Churches United in Caring thank you for support.

Train-truck crash in Huffman kills driver

HUFFMAN, Texas — One person was killed in a collision involving a Union Pacific freight train and an 18-wheeler in the Huffman area early Wednesday, September 8 according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

Deputies responded to 12299 FM 1960 Road at FM 2100 before 8 a.m. where the crash was reported.

After the collision, the big rig reportedly burst into flames.

"The driver of the 18-wheeler/flat-bed trailer has been confirmed dead on scene," Sheriff Gonzalez later tweeted. "No chemicals were being transport-



AERIAL VIEW of the accident scene shows remains of the truck, upper left, under the train. The cab of the semi truck was severed, and came to rest in the wooded area at the lower left. (Photo courtesy KHOU).

ed, however diesel fuel spilled onto the tracks after the collision. The fire has been extinguished."

Views from a news helicopter showed the intersection was completely blocked by the train and the big rig's trailer. The cab of the big rig was ripped away and came to a stop in a nearby wooded area.

The accident is under investigation. It is not known whether the truck was not moving and stuck on the tracks, or whether the driver did not see the train approaching. The rail crossing is protected by crossing arms, but it was not known if they were working properly.

Bans Social Media Censorship Abbott signs Briscoe Cain legislation

**Law Protects Texans
From Wrongful
Social Media
Censorship**

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today signed House Bill 20 into law, which protects Texans from wrongful censorship on social media platforms. The Governor was joined for the bill signing by Senators Bryan Hughes and Representative Briscoe Cain, the bill's authors, as well as Senators Charles



Local State Representative Briscoe Cain, right, authored Censorship bill with Senator Bryan Hughes, left. At center, Governor Abbott displays signed bill.

Perry, Dawn Buckingham, and Angela Paxton. The Governor named social media censorship legislation as an agenda item for the second special legislative session in August.

"We will always defend the freedom of speech in Texas, which is why I am proud to sign House Bill 20 into law to protect first amendment rights in the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "Social media websites have become our modern-day public square. They are a place for healthy public debate

where information should be able to flow freely — but there is a dangerous movement by social media companies to silence conservative viewpoints and ideas. That is wrong, and we will not allow it in Texas. I thank Senator Bryan Hughes, Representative Briscoe Cain, and the Texas Legislature for ensuring that House Bill 20 reached my desk during the second special session."

House Bill 20 prevents
Continued. See Abbott signs Censorship bill, p. 5

EPA says remedial work can commence on Waste Pits southern impoundment

Waste Pits take a major step forward in Superfund process

By Jackie Medcalf

On September 2nd, the EPA finalized the Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) for the clean-up of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site's southern impoundment.

This is a major step towards physically addressing the contamination south of Interstate 10.

The order allows the clean-up to move into the Remedial Action phase of the superfund process, which begins with creating work plans, procuring materials, and securing contractors. These steps



The Southern Impoundment area will start logistical work this year, and actual remediation construction will take place in 2022, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

are anticipated to take place over the next year, setting the groundwork for construction to start in the fall of 2022.

The EPA order names International Paper as the respondent for the southern impoundment, despite other entities' historical involvement with the site. In International Paper's intent to comply, they dispute the EPA's failure to include additional respondents in the cleanup of the southern impoundment.

The UAO outlines an estimated construction cost of \$9,932,000.00 with financial assurance from International Paper and grants robust authority

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Goose Creek CISD Grads Return Home as new teachers

As the saying goes, "You can always come back home." Over 100 Goose Creek CISD graduates that are new employees were recognized last month at New Teacher Orientation. These graduates bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experiences that will allow them to relate to the students they will educate.

Superintendent Dr. Randal O'Brien prides the district's record of hiring graduates. "A large majority of our employees are graduates of this district," he stated. "Our district is a success in large part to those giants that return home to teach the next crop of world leaders."

The district's New Teacher Orientation concluded on August 5th and the first day of school was August 18th.



August saw Goose Creek CISD getting their new educators geared up and ready to tackle the new year! Highlands Junior School was ground zero from August 3-5th for the over 300 new GCCISD giants. The gym was filled with newbie and veteran educators; many that are homegrown, while some come from as far as Beaumont. Each day was filled with innovative workshops guaranteed to prepare every teacher for their new lives as district teachers. With more educators hired daily, the district is well on its way to filling its teacher rosters. New Teacher Orientation concluded on August 5th and the first day of school was August 18th.

Highlands Junior School hosted workshops for new Educators



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.773590 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Jacinto City.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	0.773590 PER \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	0.749138 PER \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	0.773592 PER \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	0.845413 PER \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Jacinto City from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Jacinto City may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for the City of Jacinto City exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for the City of Jacinto City.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Jacinto City is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at 10301 Market Street, Jacinto City, TX 77029.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, The City of Jacinto City is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of City of Jacinto City at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

Property tax amount=(tax rate)x(taxable value of your property)/100
The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR: Jimmy Rivas Carmela Garcia
Gregg Robinson Mario Gonzales
Allen Lee

AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the State.

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 2021 on October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM at 15902 Market St., Channelview, Texas, 77530. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

For the proposal: Gary O'Brian Darrell Fry
Carl Green Jerry Thayer

Against the proposal:

Present and not voting:

Absent: Edgar Granados

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)	\$0.210450/\$100	\$0.208620/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.01830
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-0.87%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$55,381	\$57,812
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$8,307	\$8,672
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$47,074	\$49,140
Tax on average residence homestead	\$99.07	\$102.52
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-)		\$3.45
and percentage of increase (+/-)		3.48%

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the Board of Supervisors of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District 6 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of maintenance and operations.

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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Rotary Club of Highlands
Helps Louisiana
Hurricane Victims

By Julie Fallin

HIGHLANDS – The Rotary Club of Highlands, along with Rotary Clubs from Baytown, North Shore and others, donated supplies consisting of 226 tarps and several rolls of roofing materials and nails. This was a donation valued at over \$13,000 delivered to Abbeville, LA, to help victims of Hurricane Ida.



The Rotary Club of Highlands meets every Tuesday at noon at United Methodist Church in Highlands, TX. Membership is open to men and women in the community.

The Rotary Club of Highlands is a member of Rotary International, a 501(c)3 organization. It is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide with 35,000+ clubs who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. They work together to: promote peace, fight disease,



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KELSEY-SEYBOLD ANNOUNCES 27th CLINIC LOCATION

The new North Channel Area Clinic will expand access to coordinated, evidence-based care

HOUSTON (March 9, 2021) – Kelsey-Seybold Clinic announced plans today to build a 7,500-square-foot clinic in The Shops at Stone Park in the North Channel area. The new North Channel Clinic represents another significant investment in Kelsey-Seybold’s plan to bring comprehensive care closer to area residents and their families.

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel will be located at the northeast corner of Beltway 8 and Wallisville Road, at 5820 E. Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston TX 77049. This new location is expected to open for patient care in the summer 2021.

“We have many patients who live in and around the North Channel area who have

to drive to our clinics in Baytown, Humble, and Pasadena. We believe our patients, and other residents in the area, would benefit from having a convenient Kelsey-Seybold Clinic near their home, school, and place of employment,” said Victor Simms, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., Chair, Clinic Planning Committee, and Chief of Internal Medicine,

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic. “We are all looking forward to greeting new and current patients at our new location in North Channel a few months from now.”

The new North Channel clinic will continue Kelsey-Seybold’s expansion of coordinated, evidence-based care in the ship channel area, in an area that is currently

underserved with limited options for primary care. Patients will have access to an on-site laboratory, X-ray, and up to four primary care providers, with an extensive referral network for Kelsey-Seybold specialists in Summer Creek and Pasadena.

“Kelsey-Seybold’s growth into the North Channel area demonstrates our commit-

ment to patients living in and around the area,” said John Lyle, Vice President, Operations, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic.

The new Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel location was designed by architects at Powers Brown Architecture. United Constructors has been named the general contractor.

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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 2021 on September 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at 210 Brookview Street, Channelview, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Dennis Hamala, Jack Dauzat, Alan Wolcik, Nicky Shankle, James Laake
 AGAINST the proposal: _____
 PRESENT and not voting: _____
 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
	0.86 /\$100 Adopted	0.8071 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.86 /\$100	0.8071 /\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		(\$ 0.0529) /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.15%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$114,549.00	\$126,321.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 11,455.00	\$ 12,632.10
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$103,094.00	\$113,689.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 886.61	\$ 917.58
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+\$ 30.97	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 3.49%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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OBITUARIES

SHERRY LYNNE MORTON

Sherry Lynne Morton was a caring, wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. She passed away surrounded by her family on July 10, 2021 at the age of 66 after a 17-month courageous battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. She did not lose that battle as God completely healed her in heaven.



known for her excellent baking skills, but her shining moments were raising her children and the great love she had for her four grandchildren.

Sherry was born to Ira Earl and Emma Dale Loftin on July 31, 1954, but raised by her loving parents, Emma Dale and John Joseph Zadraba. Sherry grew up, graduated from, and raised two children in Crosby, Texas with her husband, Robert Lee Morton (R.L.) of 47 years.

She was a beloved teacher for numerous years and finished her career in education as an administrator for Crosby ISD. Sherry and Robert were quite a team in their various projects through the years and she was

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., in the chapel of Sterling-White Funeral Home (11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562). A celebration of Sherry's life will take place on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Sterling-White Chapel with interment to follow at the Sterling-White Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome, or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to The Baylor College of Medicine Medical Foundation at www.bcm.edu/give. Under Gift Designation, select Other and type in Glioblastoma Research.

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Abbott signs bill,

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social media companies with more than 50 million monthly users banning users simply based on their political viewpoints. The

law also requires several consumer protection disclosures and processes related to content management on the social media sites to which the bill applies. These sites must disclose their content management and moderation policies and implement a complaint and appeals process for content

they remove, providing a reason for the removal and a review of their decision. They also must review and remove illegal content within 48 hours. House Bill 20 also prohibits email service providers from impeding the transmission of email messages based on content.

IN THE STARS

- BIRTHDAYS**
 Sep 16—Cheryl Massie
 Jessie Thomas
 Don Mattingly
 Sep 18—Teresa Breland
 Laura New
 Jerry Fallin
 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
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)
 HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)
 HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)
 SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincerely held religious belief.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)
 SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)
 HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)
 SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment es-

establishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)
 HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)
 SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.
 The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

Waste Pits work to commence,

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to the EPA, including non-compliance penalties up to \$59,017.00 per day. This order is essential to ensuring that the southern impoundment is cleaned up per EPA standards and provides EPA the authority to ensure the burden doesn't fall on taxpayers, the local environment, or the local communities.

At THEA, we are pleased to see the EPA issue this order to move the Superfund Site towards

remediation. However, we will watch carefully for EPA to hold polluters accountable and utilize the authority granted in the UAO and by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

As you know well, the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site has two main pits - the northern impoundment and the southern impoundment. The clean-up of the

southern impoundment is being handled separately from the northern impoundment, yet they are one Superfund Site. Extensive sampling was completed recently at the northern impoundment as part of the Remedial Design. The final design for the northern impoundment is expected in February of 2022.

For more information and a copy of the UAO, visit <https://www.epa.gov/tx/sjrwsp>.

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KELLI METZGER
The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this SEPTEMBER 13, 2021.

Weston Cotten
by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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Dayton Job Fair Sept. 22, 2021

This event is FREE for businesses and attendees.
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Babysitting Training at Eagle Pointe

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Saturday, September 25, 2021
9 AM - 4 PM
Cost: \$100 for Babysitter Training plus First Aid & CPR certifications

What to bring to class:
• A lunch, drinks & snacks - the Grill will be CLOSED

Chambers Health info sources:

One of the biggest opponents in the battle against COVID-19 is the rampant misinformation that is being shared. Please make sure to double check the credibility of sources before reading or propagating information. Remember: in a situation like this, false information can literally be deadly. If you're unsure of the validity of data, feel free to reach out to Chambers County Public Health at 409-267-2731 or healthdept@chambers.tx.gov. Again, residents are implored to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Chambers County. For reference, below are a few sources of reliable information:
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Chambers County to offer economic assistance for food, rent, and more

Chambers County Indigent Healthcare is now accepting applications from Chambers County residents who wish to participate in the Brazos Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP).

This is a first come, first served program that provides assistance for food, utility, rent and mortgage payments. It is open to residents whose income level does not exceed 125 percent of poverty level. Specific

household size to monthly income ratios are provided in the attachments.

Applications are accepted by appointment only. Please call Chambers County Indigent Healthcare at 409-267-2770 to schedule your visit.

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maximum income levels per household size are:

Household Size	--Gross Monthly Income
1	--\$1341.66
2	--\$1,814.54
3	--\$2,287.50
4	--\$2,760.41
5	--\$3,233.33
6	--\$3,706.25
7	--\$4,179.16
8	--\$4,652.08

**Add \$591.66 for each additional household member.

Applications are being accepted by appointment only. Interested parties should call Chambers County Indigent Healthcare at 409-267-2770 to schedule their visit.

Applicants must be prepared to present proof of identification, residence and income at their appointment.



In the Name

How do you react when you hear the name Billy Graham...or...Simone Biles...or...Albert Einstein? A name conjures up its own images and inspires reactions in us - reactions that may be based on reputation or perhaps on relationship. A name has power we seldom really think about, especially when that name is Jesus.

The name of Jesus, in reference to the Son of God, is holy. There were a lot of people named Jesus in Bible days, and there are many people named Jesus today. Even so, there is only one King of Kings and Lord of Lords who goes by that name, and He is so holy that His very name is holy.

His name is not only holy, but unimaginably powerful. Philippians 2:10 tells us that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth." It will happen, and it happens today when we who serve Him call on His name. Cry out to Jesus and His power is RIGHT THERE. But, again, His name IS holy, and it must be given the respect it deserves.

Remember what happened in Acts 19? In verses 11 and 12 we learn that, "God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them." It's no surprise that others saw these demonstrations of power and thought, "I want some of that!"

The seven sons of Sceva were among those who foolishly thought they could walk in that same power. In verses 13 through 16 we see that they said to one demon, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." These men had seen Paul successfully commanding demons to leave "in the name of Jesus," but they didn't understand what they were seeing. They knew nothing of what it takes to be worthy of using that name; they simply tossed it out like a magical incantation - and ended up running naked and wounded through the streets. The result? "This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified." (v.17)

Jesus is so holy that His very name is holy. We must remember this fact, always showing even His name the honor and respect that are due Him. It is equally important that we never underestimate the power in His name. As He said in Mark 16:17-18, "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

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Stay on track with Cancer Screening

SBAYTOWN — (September 3, 2021) — Postponed and canceled events have become the norm during the COVID-19 pandemic. But delaying tests or treatments may have negative consequences in the long run.

Cancer isn't stopping or slowing down in this pandemic, and that's why being vigilant about cancer prevention and screening is crucial.

"Early detection is key to identifying cancer when it's most treatable, which is why it's important to keep up with appointments and continue to follow your doctor's recommendations for cancer screening tests," said Dr. Nirav Naik, a hematology/oncology specialist with the Houston Methodist Cancer Center at Baytown.

Don't Skip Screenings

There are plenty of excuses for not following through with recommended cancer screenings, but ultimately your health is at stake. Here are some common excuses and ways

to overcome those hurdles:

"I don't have time." When you're juggling many responsibilities and prioritizing your to-do list, scheduling a mammogram or colonoscopy may not rank high on the list. However, you should always prioritize your health, even when life is busy. You may be surprised by how quickly you can get it done and move on with the rest of your day.

"I don't want to feel uncomfortable." The fear of pain or embarrassment is a common reason why people don't get screened regularly. You might be worried about discomfort during a mammogram or the inconvenience of preparing for a colonoscopy. Finding out what to expect can help remove the unknowns and relieve those fears. Even if you do feel uncomfortable for a short time, it's a small price to pay for the peace of mind you get from knowing your results.

"I don't need a cancer screening test." You might be thinking you're too young or healthy to even



DR. NIRAV NAIK

worry about cancer. "If you don't have a family history of cancer, you might assume you have no risk of developing cancer yourself. However, there are many more factors that can affect your cancer risk, and that's why routine cancer screenings are recommended to detect cancer early, before you have symptoms," Naik said. "I'm worried about the COVID-19 Delta Variant." At Houston Methodist, we're taking every precaution to prevent the spread of illness and make your visit as safe as possible. Some of the ways we're protecting patients and staff include:

- Screening all patients

when scheduling appointments and upon arrival, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office

- Wearing masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Reorganizing waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing
- Implementing additional sanitation processes for disinfecting equipment and surfaces

Don't let fear or embarrassment keep you from getting the screening tests you need. If you have concerns about your risk for cancer, talk to your doctor about a screening schedule that's right for you.

Screening Test Recommendations

Cervical cancer screen
Starting at 21, Every 3-5 years

Mammogram
Talk to doctor starting at 40, Every 1-2 years

Colonoscopy
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The Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is a designated vaccine hub, where vaccines are free and available to everyone age 12 and older. Houston Methodist is currently offering third doses of the fully FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine to patients 12 and older who are immunocompromised and received their second Pfizer dose at least 28 days ago. To register and for information, visit houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.