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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**POSTPONED
Crosby Chamber
"Nite at the
Races"**

We will be combining our Annual Awards Banquet with our "Nite at the Races" The event will take place sometime in February, so please watch for dates We will also take Basket Donations for the Auction. Please call Chamber at 281-328-6984 or email us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org for more information!

**FRI. SEP. 24
Free COVID
Testing in
Baytown
courthouse**

Riceland Healthcare is partnering with Judge Lucia Bates to offer Free Covid Testing. Friday, September 24 from 10am to 2pm at the Baytown Courthouse, 701 W. Baker Road, Baytown, Texas. Bring ID and proof of insurance (no co-pay and no added fees). Free Testing Without Insurance.

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 24-Kristi Cathay
Lois Dunbar
Susan Hoffman
J.A. Wagner
Sep 25-Jake Brewer
Paris Carter
Sep 26-Karen Elkins
W.F. Hosea
Sep 27-Julia Becker
Lee Filer
Sep 29-Monica Barnett
Elizabeth Epperson
Sammy Yarbrough
Sep 30-Tammy Veach
Oct 1-Krista Essen
Brian Fikes
Lauren Slovak
Venita Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 21-Troy & Debbie King
Sep 22-Tim & Ellen Holton
Sep 27-Rev. Sam & Jewell Purkhiser
Sep 28-Deacon & Sarah Tittel
Mr. & Mrs. G.C. Slaughter
Leon & Barbara Bowen
Oct 4-Wilky & Ann Carlisle

DEATHS

Doris O'Banion Sanders, Highlands

Rotary Washer Tourney hits target

Crowds enjoy games, raise money for benefit

HIGHLANDS - Dozens of Rotarians, both local and city-wide, and friends and other residents converged on Charlie's Ice House on N. Main Street last Saturday, Sept. 11 to compete in the annual Washer Board Charity Competition.

This year the event had a special Patriotic theme, since it was held on 9/11 and the 20th Anniversary of the Twin Towers attack. Rotary past president Andy Scott arranged to *Continued. See Rotary Washers, page 5*



FIRST PLACE TEAM: Rotary president Jerry Fallin, center, poses with team "Community" L to R Keith Gaedchens, Bob McFehring. Gaedchens was also judged the Grand Champion of all players in the Tournament. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 5



ROTARIAN TROPHY WINNER: Rotarian and Past District Governor John Painter, at right, won the Trophy for the last remaining Rotarian to be playing before elimination. Each year this trophy is passed to the Rotarian who lasts the longest. Seen with Painter are L to R Highlands Rotary president Jerry Fallin, and Rotarian Diana Weaver.

Crosby Superintendent's Message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families, The last few weeks have shown all of us the strength and resiliency of our communities. I believe "iron sharpens iron," and we are made of steel here in Crosby ISD.

Last week, we were thankful and grateful there was no loss of life, no injuries, and no widespread property damage from Hurricane Nicholas. Just a few hours after landfall, Crosby ISD's dedicated maintenance and ground crews went to every campus to check on damage and power outages. They cleared fallen trees and repaired damaged light poles. We re-



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

opened school the very next day. Crosby ISD's COVID-19 cases have dropped significantly in the last few weeks. It's because of the vigilance of our dedicated staff and determined families that we have lower numbers. Thank you for taking extra precautions so we could keep our schools open and children focused on learning. I would like to express my apprecia

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Crosby Cougar inflatable is new addition to stadium



New Cougar Inflatable provided by the Crosby Education Foundation donors, used for the first time at last week's football game played at home. Not only the varsity team entered the field through the inflatable Cougar, but also "Bleacher creatures" small children arrived with the approval and joy of the crowd.

Harris County Small Business Relief Fund now open for applications

COVID relief grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000 available until October 4

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis held a new conference last Monday afternoon, September 20 to announce the start of the Harris County Small Business Relief Fund Application period. The application window will remain open until Monday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. On August 10, Harris County approved the \$30 million relief fund to support small and micro businesses recovering from the effects of the pandemic. The Small Business Relief Fund was created with funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is being administered by LiftFund, a nonprofit organization that supports small business owners with funding and business education.

Harris County urges business owners to apply by visiting the website at www.harriscountybusinessrelief.org to review the applicant checklist to verify eligibility for this program and also to be prepared with the proper documentation needed to apply before the application portal opens.

Eligibility Criteria
--Located within Harris County

--Registered as a business operating in Harris County
--Must have 30 or fewer employees (including part-time, contractors and full-time employees and owners)
--In operation before April 2020
--Experienced negative impact on operations due to the pandemic
--Annual revenue of less than \$500,000 dollars in 2019 and 2020
--Be in good standing with the Texas Comptroller's office with no outstanding tax obligations or liabilities

Crosby sends relief supplies to flood areas of Louisiana



Crosby ISD and the Crosby community organized a Storm Relief drive for the flood stricken areas of Louisiana. Seen above are some of the donations brought to CISD campuses. Organizers of the drive include Robbie Turner and David Mendez of Turner Chevrolet, in photo. Crosby ISD thanks the community for their support.

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THE TEAPOT DEPOT TEA ROOM

112 Denny St.
Highlands, TX 77562
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09/28-10/2

Desserts of Week- Strawberry 4 Layer & Bread Pudding \$3.95 each

Tuesday: Buffalo Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, & Mini Cupcakes
\$46.00 Family Meal & \$10.95 Individual

Wednesday: Traditional Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Chocolate Bread

\$49.00 Family Meal!! \$10.95 Individual

Thursday: Beef Tips & Rice, Skillet Corn, Rolls & Pecan Pie Bars
\$52.00 Family Meal & \$11.95 Individual

Friday: 1 qt of Chicken Salad, 1 qt of Pasta Salad, 6 Croissants, Garden Salad & Mini Muffins

Family Meal \$45.00 & \$10.95 Individual (1 scoop of Chicken Salad & Pasta Salad, 1 Croissant, Garden Salad & 1 Mini Muffin)

Saturday: Come Have Lunch & Shop our Boutique!

We Deliver Dinner!

Family Meals Feed 6-8

Lunch delivery available with advanced notice & \$40.00 minimum order!

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Open Tu-Fr 10:30-2:00 Sat 10:30-2:00 (Call or check FB)
Also After-Hours Pickups and Deliveries

Sheriff deployed high-water vehicles prior to tropical storm Nicholas

According to HCSO Chief Mike Lee, before Tropical Storm Nicholas Made Landfall, the Harris County Sheriff's Office Flood Rescue Group Staged a fleet of High-Water Rescue Vehicles and Watercraft throughout the Harris County area so that they would be poised to act if called upon during the storm.



WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY F.W.S.D. #51 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 13, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at 367 Queenstown Road, Houston, Texas 77015.

Guests may attend the hearing via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3204524804?pwd=VVhBbHBlbkxR3ZVa1VndEVubkZ6dz09>
Meeting ID: 320 452 4804, Passcode: 382181 or via teleconference by dialing +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), Meeting ID: 320 452 4804, Passcode: 382181.

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: Jerry Dominy, Mike Bilnoski, Cary Stephens, Les LeBleu and David Gray

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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 Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.25000/\$100	\$.23000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.02000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-8.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 157,499	\$ 174,115
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 31,500	\$ 34,823
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 125,999	\$ 139,292
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 314.99	\$ 320.37
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 5.38 1.70%

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.

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.

Bob Leard Interests 713-932-9011

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM at 125 San Jacinto, Highlands, 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.

For the proposal: Leon R. Mullins, Harvey Little, John W. Wright, Bobby Birdsong, Kenneth Boudreaux

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 Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.340000/\$100	\$0.340000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$102,290	\$108,803
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$102,290	\$108,803
Tax on average residence homestead	\$347.79	\$369.93
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$22.14 6.37%

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 Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of Water and Sewer Maintenance and Improvements.

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE 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 eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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 NEWPORT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at 16401 Country Club Drive, Community Room (next to Fitness Room), Crosby, Texas 77532. 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: Margarette Chasteen, DeLonne L. Johnson, Deborah Florus, Earl B Boykin, R. Gary Hasse

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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 Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.59890 /\$100	\$0.61620 /\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.01730 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		2.89%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$191,868.00	\$201,399.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$191,868.00	\$201,399.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,149.10	\$1,241.02
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$91.92 8.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE 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 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

If you are located inside the Newport Municipal Utility District Defined #1 Area the total tax rate proposed is \$1.40 per \$100 taxable value. If you are located outside the Newport Municipal Utility District Defined Area #1 then the tax rate proposed is \$0.61620 per \$100 of taxable value.

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.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

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MONT BELVIEU, TEXAS 77580

ON THE HILL

Beach City Mayor's Letter

Good Evening,
I pray that all of Beach City and its residents made it through Hurricane Nicholas with little to no major issues. Other than some minor street flooding, a few downed trees, and scattered power outages, it appears that the City stood strong and did well. We have a few areas within the City that county officials and I have gotten reports of poor drainage and rest assured those areas will be looked at for possible improvements in the future.

Please take this time to help a neighbor out and lend a helping hand to those folks that may need it during the clean up.

Remember to have Beach City Spirit!

Below is a Chambers County Notice

The Chambers County Citizens Collection Station (box site) at Beach City will remain closed until further notice due to downed power lines. We will update you once operations have resumed.

For a list of other Collection Stations, please visit the Chambers County website.

Thank you and God Bless
Ryan Dagley, MAI
Mayor, Beach City**

Babysitting Training at Eagle Pointe

American Red Cross Babysitter Training
For boys & girls ages 11-14 years old

This course provides youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave; and learn about basic child care. Visit our website for full course details.

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@chambersstx.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:
Chambers County Public Health
409-267-2731
healthdept@chambersstx.gov
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https://www.facebook.com/ctxhealthdept/
The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
https://www.cdc.gov/
Texas Department of State Health Services
https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/

Ferguson named MB Assistant Police Chief

Mont Belvieu Police Department (MBPD) Chief of Police Jimmy Ellison has announced that longtime MBPD Lieutenant Steve Ferguson has been promoted to the newly created position of Assistant Chief of Police.

Chief Ellison swore Ferguson into the newly created position at a 4:00 p.m. ceremony on Wednesday, September 1st, at the Mont Belvieu Police Department. The ceremony was attended by Chief Ferguson's family, members of the MBPD, city officials, and representatives from other local law enforcement agencies.

Ferguson is a lifelong resident of Mont Belvieu and attended Barbers Hill schools, graduating in 1989. He has over 29 years of law enforcement experi-



Mont Belvieu Police Chief Jimmy Ellison with newly appointed Assistant Chief Lt. Steve Ferguson.

ence in Chambers County, having served six (6) years as a deputy with the Chambers County Sheriff's

Office before making the move to MBPD in 1999. While at MBPD, Ferguson has served as a Patrol Of-

ficer, Sergeant, and most recently as the Lieutenant, serving as the second-in-command to the Chief of Police since March of 2017. Steve and his wife Leah have been married eighteen (18) years and have three (3) children.

Chief Ellison said, "Assistant Chief Ferguson has been an integral part of the senior management team at MBPD for several years now, and has assisted me tremendously in my recent transition as Chief of Police as we have started building for Mont Belvieu's future. Ellison went on to say that "Steve is well-deserving of this promotion and the title of Assistant Chief will be much more reflective of his actual duties and roles as we all work together to make MBPD a flagship law en-

forcement agency in this region. I'm grateful to have him on our team."

Ferguson stated that he is extremely grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve in this new capacity, and looks forward to being part of the growth and changes that are forthcoming. "Mont Belvieu is my home, and I am truly humbled that I was chosen to help lead the department into the future. I'm excited for what the future holds for the police department and for our city as a whole," said Ferguson.

For questions or additional information, please contact MBPD Chief of Police Jimmy Ellison via email at jellison@montbelvieu.net or by phone at 832-784-6124.



Barbers Hill Sports Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony Oct. 2

THE Barbers Hill Sports Hall of Honor will hold its 18th Annual Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

There will be a Social Hour at 2:00pm at the BHISD Leadership Support Center. This will be followed by the Induction Ceremony at 3:00pm at J. Justin Jenson Conference Center.

The Inductees will be Blake Patton (2007), Todd Patton (2007), and Emily Gunderson (2014). The ceremony will also have Special Recognition for Coach Don Price, the AD/Head Football Coach (1998-2009).

There will also be Recognition of the 2021 Softball and Baseball State Championship Teams.

Houston Methodist Baytown

Focus on Weight Management Surgery

BAYTOWN — (September 16, 2021) — While obesity is linked to the development of a variety of serious medical conditions, many candidates for the procedure are hesitant to come forward due to social stigmas often attached to being overweight.

Whether due to embarrassment, uncertainty about what the surgical procedure entails or hesitancy in deciding to make a big lifestyle change, many people struggling with obesity choose to suffer in silence rather than reach out to learn more about it. Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital bariatric surgeon Dr. Kendall Sowards says delaying seeking help can lead to serious conditions such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke and heart disease.

Sowards presents a discreet way to learn more about bariatric surgery when she hosts a live online weight loss surgery orientation from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21. Participants will

have the opportunity to meet with Sowards virtually and learn about the types of bariatric procedures offered. You will also gain an understanding of what happens before, during and after surgery, get to ask questions and hear from others considering weight loss surgery.

"Weight loss surgery helps patients reduce their calorie intake, but the procedures are combined with counseling and dietary education to help patients learn about their own eating habits and stay fit after they lose weight," Sowards said.

Bariatric surgery treats obesity—defined as a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or above—by restricting the amount of food you can eat and/or changes the route food takes through your body, resulting in less food being absorbed.

Patients whose BMI is 40 and above are eligible for bariatric surgery, while those whose BMI is in the 35-40 range are also eligible if they have existing medical conditions consid-



DR. KENDELL SOWARDS

ered to be caused by or associated with obesity.

The Houston Methodist Center for Weight Loss & Bariatric Surgery at Baytown offers personalized care through medical nutritional counseling and bariatric (weight loss) surgery for patients affected by conditions attributed to obesity.

The most commonly performed weight loss surgery procedures are the sleeve gastrectomy, which re-shapes the stomach into a thin, sleeve-shaped organ that helps to limit the amount of food that can be consumed at a given time, and the Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. With this surgery,

part of the stomach is stapled off, leaving a small pouch that will only hold a few ounces of food. The digestive tract is redirected to bypass the upper small intestine, which reduces total calories absorbed.

"The center offers comprehensive nutritional and counseling after-care programs to help our patients adjust to the physical and emotional changes that frequently occur after surgery," Sowards said. "It is essential that patients be willing to make major lifestyle and dietary changes in order to achieve optimal results following any bariatric surgery procedure."

visithoustonmethodist.org/events or call 832.667.LOSE (5673) to register for the webinar. Once registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a URL to the scheduled Webex meeting. Following the session, you will be given the opportunity to schedule a consultation.

Houston Methodist Baytown takes every precaution to safeguard your safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospital is designated as a 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.

About Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has provided Baytown and east Harris, Liberty and Chambers counties with excellent medical care since its opening in 1948. The hospital continues to grow to meet the health care needs of its growing community through an ongoing construction and renovation program that has seen the opening of a new emergen-

★ OBITUARIES

DORIS O'BANION SANDERS

Doris O'Banion Sanders passed peacefully at her home, with her children by her side on Friday, September 10, 2021. Doris was born on November 14, 1933 in Kilgore, Texas to Charlie and Mildred Stewart. She was the first of four children and moved to Highlands, Texas as a young girl. She attended Highlands Elementary, Baytown Junior High, and Robert E. Lee High School. She was a proud member of the renowned REL Brigadiers and the Class of 1952. Doris married Bert O'Banion and was a homemaker for almost twenty years while she raised three children- David, Carol and Paul. She was very active in their school, church, and extracurricular activities. Doris attended Lee College where she earned her Cosmetology degree and, later, studied Business.



loved a good grilled steak and knew her son's were the best. Her many weekends spent with her daughter were treasured times of shopping, eating, and laughing- of sharing their special mother/daughter bond. She enjoyed beach weekends with the family, traveling to see her 'great' grands, and visiting her grandson at SFA.

Doris worked for the Credit Bureau of Greater Houston in accounting. She then found her place at the Baytown Sun as an Advertising Representative. With her love for conversation, she became friends with many of the local business owners and remained friends long after retirement.

Doris married James Sanders in 1971 and together they enjoyed motorcycling, snow skiing, and traveling. One of Doris' greatest joys was being a Granny to her two grandsons- Weldon and Joshua. Whether cooking, gardening, or shopping- their times together were full of love and laughter.

Doris loved antiquing, cooking, restaurant critiquing and books. She was an avid reader, a true Texan, and was articulate in most any subject. She loved nature, especially birds, and collected them in many art forms. Her favorite thing was to spend time with her family. She

was a founding member of Northside Baptist Church in Highlands and shared her love for God there and at many other churches throughout her life. She was a member of the Highlands Book Review Club and enjoyed the club and the friends there for many years. She was a member of Prime Timers at St. Mark's Methodist and enjoyed the monthly Bingo games and other outings. She enjoyed times spent with the Dupont Retirement Club as well as her time with The Rebekahs.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mildred Stewart; her husbands, Bert O'Banion and James Sanders; her son, Paul Stephen O'Banion; and her nephew, Scott Earl Courtney.

She is survived by her brothers/wives: Mike and Jackie Stewart, Harry and Nancy Stewart; her sister, Barbara Stewart; her son and daughter-in-law David and

Becky O'Banion; her daughter and son-in-law Carol and Rick Harrison; grandsons, Weldon and Sarah Stutes, and Joshua O'Banion; great grandchildren, Jaden, Esther, Corbie, and Nico Stutes. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and her four-legged family members Ned, Coco and OB-1.

The family would like to thank Doris' neighbor, Angelina, and her caregivers, Angela, Brenda, and Debby for their love, care, and support.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Thursday evening September 16, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Services will be held in Sterling-White Funeral Home on Friday afternoon September 17, 2021 at 1 p.m. with Joe Magnum officiating. Pallbearers will be Weldon Stutes, Joshua O'Banion, Larry Allen, Mike Stewart, Rusty Mayfield, and Lloyd Farmer. Honorary pallbearers will include Wayne Cooper, Darrell Stewart, and Jaden Stutes.

For the safety of all, the family respectfully request that masks be worn inside.

The service will be live streamed for those unable to attend.

Interment will be in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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tion for the Crosby Education Foundation. At our first home football game September 10th, fans got to see the new, huge inflatable Cougar paid for by CEF donors. Our varsity team got to run through the big cat for the first time in front of a home crowd. That night, we also saw something we haven't seen in two years. "Bleacher creatures" returned in full force. It was a sight to see as dozens of our smallest Cougars ran down the field to pump up the crowd before our big win. Their smiles and joy make me realize how good it is to

have children back in school with a sense of normalcy.

This month, we're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Recently, I visited with the first, second and third graders in the dual language program at Barrett Elementary School. They celebrated "El Grito" – the cry for independence – with songs and dance and clapping. It was a beautiful celebration by some very talented students.

Not long ago, I had the pleasure to visit with an Instructional Practices class at Crosby High

School. I spoke to the group of future educators about career paths they might take. I encouraged them to follow their dreams and be ready to make a detour if they feel called to do so. I told them I hope they return to Crosby ISD after they get their degrees to become our future teachers and leaders growing the children of the Crosby/Barrett Station communities. This is our home. We can all work together to have a premier education system like no other.

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The Texas Artisans Art Gallery in Chappell Hill, a short drive from Houston on US290, recently received new paintings to add to its collection of artwork by Mei Hoffman.

The landscape painting seen at the top of the photo on the right was purchased by Leslie Conrads, (in photo left), with the artist Mei Hoffman on the right.

Both Chappell Hill and Round Top are busy each weekend this fall with visitors to the galleries and stores.



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Highlands Rotary Washer Tournament,

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have a military honor guard present the colors in memory of those who have given their lives for this country.

The tournament is now in its 14th year, and the money raised by the Rotary Club is used for international projects, including Polio eradication worldwide. The club usually nets about \$8000 for this effort.

Over 25 2-man teams competed for the honors of winning, plus some nominal cash prizes.

Winners this year were
 1st Place - Community Team, Keith Gaedchens and Bob McFehring;
 2nd Place - Ethan Bowdin and Richard Andrews;

3rd Place - Rockwood Rollers team, Jerry Smith and Patti Farmer;

Rotarian Trophy, to North Shore Rotarian and Past District 5890 Governor John Painter.

There was also a silent auction, and a raffle. In the latter, Linda Richardson won an Ice Chest, Eric Liu won a Wine basket, and Jim Neff won a Liquor basket.

In a live auction, a beautiful with Patriotic images including an American Eagle was auctioned for \$1300. The quilt was sewn by Connie Russell.



Young but talented, Hope Loggins shows how to throw washers.



Third Place team was the Rockwood Rollers, Jerry Smith and Patti Farmer, with Rotarians Jerry Fallin and Diana Weaver.




With a Patriotic Theme, this quilt by Connie Russell was auctioned off for \$1300.

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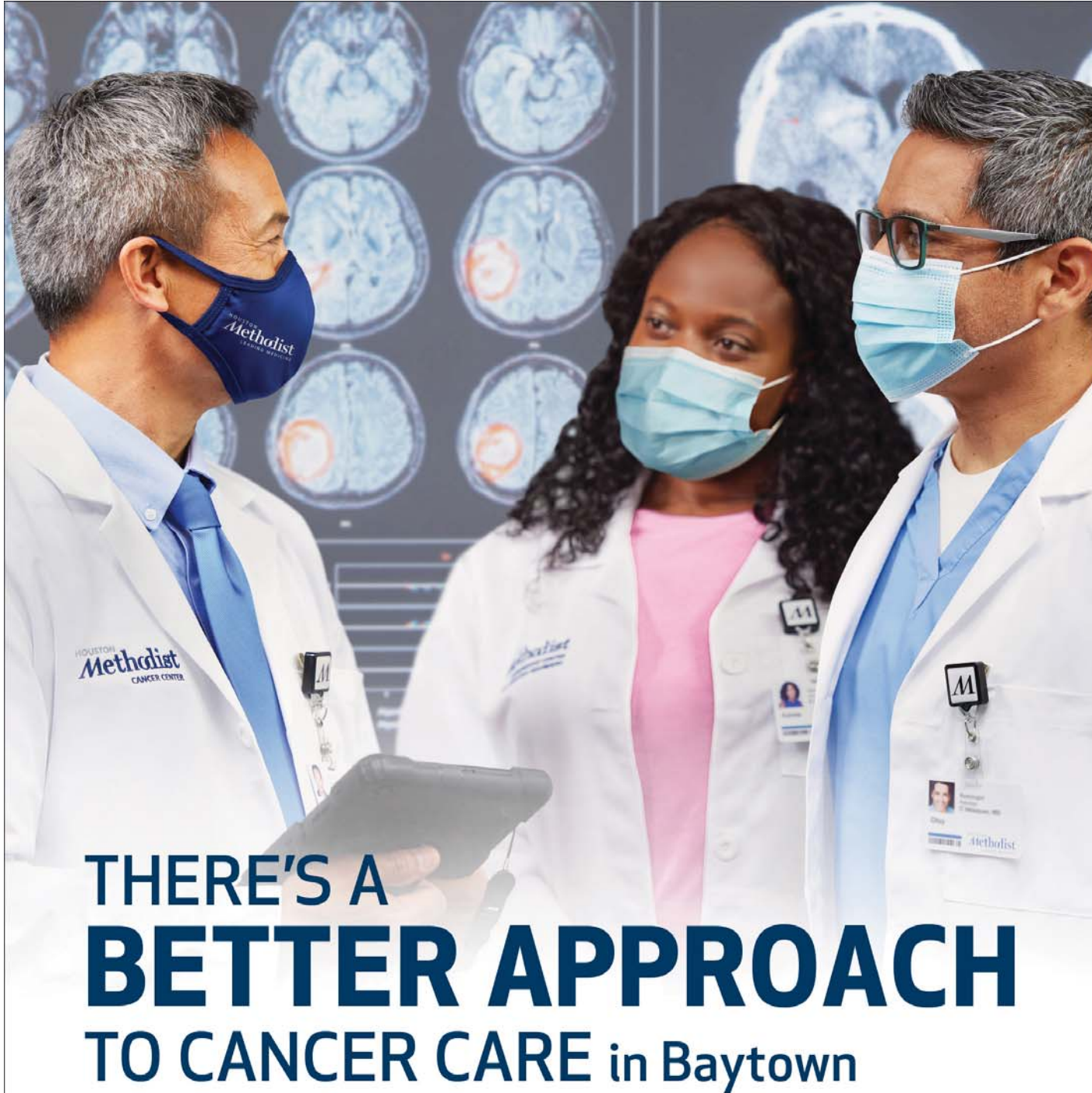


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