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IN THE **STARS**

EVENTS

OCT. 1, SAT. Highlands Annual Jamboree

THEME: "FALL IN LOVE WITH HIGHLANDS!"

The 65th Annual Highlands Jamboree is coming! Saturday October 1st starting with the parade at 10am on Main Street in Highlands.

Join us after the parade at Highlands Elementary Campus for food and fun at the Expo and Vendor Fair. A children's pageant begins inside at 12noon. Vendors and crafters, set up your wares for sale to the public. Space is available in the parade and booth spaces are still available for the fair. Contact Jessica at 713-851-5746 or

HighlandsChamber@verizon.net, for sponsor info, parade entry and vendor spaces. For children's pageant info and entry, contact Linda; Linda.Gwaltney@hotmail.com, (281)468-8593.

SEE ENTRY FORMS INSIDE THIS ISSUE OF THE STAR-COURIER.

SEPT. 23, FRI. Crosby ISD Homecoming

RED OUT HOMECOMING 2022

Friday, September 23 Crosby Cougars vs Kingwood Park Panthers. Giant Tailgating Party, CHS Parking Lot 5pm-6pm. Prizes and Games for Kids Game Time 7pm at Cougar Stadium.

Spirit Walk after Tailgating, from CHS to the Stadium. Skydivers will jump to the 50-yard line during the pre-game countdown?

SEPT. 25, SUNDAY St. Jude Family Fun Day

St Jude Thaddeus Parish will have Their Family Fun Day Sunday, September 25, 2022, from 11 am to 5 pm. Enjoy Chicken and Sausage Dinners served with sides in the gym. Delicious desserts will be available. A snack booth is also on the menu with hot dogs, nachos, frito pie, fruit cups, and snow cones.

There will be free Petting Zoo, Kids Pony Rides, Train Rides, Face Painting, Balloon Clown, DJ. Silent Auction will begin at 1 pm in the gym. A raffle with 10 great prizes will close the day's

festivities at 5 pm. Father Daniel S. Baguio, Pastor, and parishioners invite the community to come join us and enjoy a family day at St. Jude Catholic Church, 800 South Main Street, Highlands, Texas 77562.

Highlands Homeless Navigation center moves to new location in Church

HIGHLANDS - An organization planning on providing servies to the homeless population in East Harris County has decided to set up operations in several rooms of the Highlands United Methodist Church. Previously they had announced that they would be located in a residential property at the corner of Wallisville and Thompson Road, but that plan changed, according to the director, Tom Kelchner.

Kelchner's organization is known as the East Harris Navigation Center for the Homeless, and is a 501c3 charity. Kelchner told this newspaper that they will provide food, clothing, general counseling, job training and placement, and life skills training to the homeless population they will serve, with the goal of helping them establish a normal life off the streets.

Kelchner emphasized that some of the services



The social hall building of Highlands UM Church will be the new home for the Navigation Center three days a week.

the church building, such as substance abuse treatment and housing needs.

This organization will be working with an already established service group in Highlands, the Marcelous-Williams Resource Center. Tammy Guidry from that group is scheduled to be a Case Manager for homeless persons who come to the church.

The Navigation Center will open in two weeks, on will be by referral, not at October 3rd, and provide services three days, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am to

Kelchner said that services will be provided to men, women, children, and veterans. He pictures this center as one of a servies of help center to be established in Harris County and nationwide. In the city of Houston there is already a Navigation Center, func-

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#1 Crosby falls to Barbers Hill 28-27 in OT



Barbers Hill Eagles clawed a victory over the Crosby Cougars in Overtime, 28-27 last Friday night.

BARBERS HILL – Two rivals met Friday night in a thrilling football game, which ended in a victory for Barbers Hill. Coaching decisions and strong offensive play on both sides kept the fans on the edge of their seats.

Outstanding play by Crosby QB Cyrin Miles accounted for 293 yards (192 passing, 101 rushing) and RB Levi Fontenot carried

for 76 yards. BH QB Kody Fuentes was 22 for 29 in passing with 388 yards. But the clincher was in OT, tied 21-21 he passed on the first play to bring the score to 28-21. Crosby scored shortly thereafter on a Myles run, and with the score 28-27 attempted a 2point conversion, which failed when the Eagles defense held and stopped the

Remembering King Charles' (then a Prince) visit to Highlands in 1986

By Gilbert Hoffman

HIGHLANDS - With the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and the assencion to the throne of King Charles, many persons in Highlands are remembering the visit that Charles, then Prince, paid to the Mountbatten House on Maple Street in Highlands in February

Due to the interest in the subject, we are reprinting part of the Front Page of the *Highlands Star* of February 27, 1986, and below the text of the article that was included:

HRH THE PRINCE OF **ENGLAND** "Heir To Throne Visits Mountbatten House"

HRH Prince Charles' Visit Here Leaves Warmth, Friendliness

By Brenda White,

For the first, and perhaps the only time, Highlanders experienced a touch of royalty last week.

His Royal Highness, The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited Highlands for approximately one hour on Wednesday, Feb. 19 (1986). The Prince came

to an afternoon tea held in his honor at Mountbatten House, a retirement home under the auspices of The Daughters of The British Em-

Prince Charles arrived riding in an impressive entourage of Jaguars and security forces including Secret Service men, Harris County Sheriff's Department, Houston City Policemen and F.B.I. Agents. Excited Highlanders lined the route along Main Street, down West Wallisville Road, and along Maple Street where Mountbatten

House is located. Over 600 Highlands Elementary School students stood along Wallisville Road waving British, American and Texas flags. The entire community turned out to give Prince Charles a warm Texas welcome.

At the Mountbatten House tea, His Royal Highness talked with each of the thirteen residents living there. All of the invited guests were also singled out for a royal handshake and a few words with the Prince.

As he left the tea, the Prince surprised everyone by stopping to visit with some of the people waiting along the street. Many of them had been waiting for hours hoping to catch just a glimpse of the Prince.

People who were priveleged to chat with HRH were left with an impression of warmth and friend-

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

Covestro Baytown Supports Greater Baytown LEPC **GCCISD STEM Program** with \$26,000 Grant

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, APR -Covestro Baytown presented Goose Creek CISD with \$26,000 earmarked for STEM scholarships and the robotics program during their September 6th Board meeting. The district provides its pre-k through 12th grade students with opportunities to take STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) courses through their academy programs as well as participate on their award-winning robotics team. This year, the district debuted a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts

and Math) academy for pre-K students, located at Austin and Walker Elementary Schools.

Covestro Baytown is a proud member of the district's Partners in Education partnership program. Located 25 miles east of Houston, the Baytown facility spans 1,700 acres and employees over 1,000 workers and 750 nested contractors. According to their website, the Baytown facility is Covestro's largest manufacturing site in North America.

Photo taken by Carrie Pryor-New-



GCCISD Superintendent Dr. Randal O'Brien; Anna Espinoza, Coordinator of Counseling and College & Career Readiness; Roxanne Wyatt, Director of CTE and Board President Ricky Clem pose with Preslie Cox Laxtovica, Covestro Baytown External Communications, during the September 6th Board meeting.

Nadine Horne Plaque Unveiling at Sterling

honor the late Coach Na- years. The only two sea- Award for their outstanddine Horne on Friday September 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ross S. Sterling High School girls gym before the varsity volleyball game. The ceremony will include a proclamation from the City of Baytown and unveiling of a plaque in her honor.

Coach Horne began teaching volleyball at Sterling High School in 1986, and was named the head coach in 1991. Over the span of 30 years in GCCISD, 25 of which were spent as the head coach, Horne went to the

Goose Creek CISD will playoffs for 23 of those tional Team Academic sons in which she did not make it were in 2002 and 2004. In between those two seasons, she had her best season ever in which she made it to the regional quarterfinals in 2003. She also made it to the area round of the UIL playoffs seven times in those 23 years of playoff runs: 1992, 1997, 1998, 2005, 2006, 2011, and 2012.

In 1993, the volleyball program at Sterling was awarded with the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Naing performance in the classroom. This award is something that she then achieved every single year for the remainder of her career. She accumulated 23 consecutive years of this accomplishment, and also left the tradition for the current coach to con-

Upon retirement in 2016, Coach Horne returned home to be closer to her family in Waco, TX, where she passed away on February 10th, 2022; one day after her 61st birthday.

Navigation Center,

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tioning in a similar manner to this one. It is expected that these centers will reduce homelessness population in the long term. Some believe this will also reduce minor crime in the area, but Kelchner said statistics do not relate the two problems.

A number of supporters are behind the Navigation Center, including Hearts and Minds, ExxonMobil Baytown, Lee College, Chic-Fil-A, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and Harris County Pct. 2. The Center will be working closely with the Sheriff's HOT group, know as the Homeless Outreacfh Team.

The Center is now funded by grants and donations, Kelchner said, and encouraged anyone who wants to volunteer or donate to contact him, at 832-464-5994 or www.givelify.com.

Kelchner will be working with Eddie and Ramonia Williams at their Resource Center on Main Street. Kelchner is a retired educator, and has for several years dedicated his life to helping the needy. He says the new center will focus on help with Spiritual Guidance and Spirit. Homeless will be asked what their needs are, and the center will try to fulfill the needs based on a Life Plan that the homeless person commits to.

If you are a homeless person, or know one that needs help, you can call the Navigation Center at 832-464-5994 or go to the church, at 107 W. Houston Street, near the corner of Main Street in Highlands.

Prince Charles Visits,

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liness. The ability to project such a feeling, is a credit to Prince Charles. When you contemplate the tight schedule he keeps, the hundreds of personal greetings he extends, one might wonder how he can even continue to maintain his famous smile

Although some complaints were heard concerning the rapid pace of the motorcade, the day may be remembered as an over-all success by most Highlanders.

His Royal Highness has completed his five day visit in Texas with festivities in San Antonio and Austin.

As he ends his second visit to our state, hopefully The Prince will return home with a favorable impression of Texas warmth and hospitality.

Launches New Shelter in Place Education Campaign to be Rolled out in Local Classrooms

Baytown, Texas, September 19, 2022. Septem-National is Preparedness Month, and the Greater Baytown Area Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has teamed up with Goose Creek CISD to provide additional tools to prepare students, staff and families to respond in times of crisis.

The LEPC announced the launch of their new Shelter in Place Education Campaign to be rolled out in local classrooms. Included in the launch are new animated videos in English and Spanish that highlight types of emergencies that may affect our area such as chemical emergencies, and how to safely shelter in place until given an all

clear or orders to evacuate. Along with a video and teacher instruction guides, GCCISD will hold drills at local schools to practice shelter in place.

GCCISD Director of

Safe and Secure Schools Robert Marquez said it is important to be prepared for any type of emergency event. "Now more than ever it is critical to educate on how to protect our students and community," said Marquez. "Knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count."

Connie Tilton, LEPC public education committee chair and ExxonMobil spokesperson, is proud of the new campaign. "A small amount of preparation can make a huge impact," said Tilton. "We hope the community will find the Shelter in Place videos/guides as a valuable resource in preparing for emergencies."

The LEPC videos were funded by a generous donation from ExxonMobil.

The Greater Baytown Area Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a non-profit community organization composed of city, county, school district, industry and residents of Baytown. The new videos plus more information on emergency preparedness can be found www.gbcclepc.com.

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Senator Creighton introduces Teacher Bill of Rights and Parental Bill of Rights legislation

Chairman Creighton announces the Texas Teacher Bill of Rights and Texas Parental Bill of Rights

"To ensure that Texas continues to lead the nation, we must prioritize our students, our teachers and their families."

Austin, Texas-Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe), Chair of Senate Education has announced two top priorities for the 88th Legislative Session.

"I have met with educators, administrators and parents from El Paso to Beaumont, and while our state is diverse, everyone agrees that the future begins in the classroom, said Creighton. "To ensure that Texas continues to lead the nation, we must prioritize our students, our teachers and their families. Today, I am announcing a Teacher Bill of Rights and Parental Bill of Rights that I will pursue during the 88th Legislative Session."

The Texas Teacher Bill of Rights includes common-sense reforms to give Texas educators a voice and additional influence within their schools and their districts. These measures include safety protections, compensation incentives, and assurance that they can speak up for themselves and their students without retaliation.

'As a parent, and a product of Texas public schools, I know our excellent teachers must feel appreciated, protected, and valued, and the creation of the Texas Teacher Bill of Rights is the first of its kind in the nation. This initiative will assure our educators, in a time when many of them are considering leaving the profession, that their voices matter, and their contribution to the next generation of Texans is valued."

The Texas Parental Bill of Rights increases transparency and access, empowering parents as active participants in their children's education. This proposal will put Texas parents in the driver's seat for their children's education. The Parental Bill of Rights will ensure parents have access to their child's curriculum and reading materials, power over their personal health and safety matters, and an open line of communication with teachers and administration.

"Parental involvement is the most significant indicator for student success, and it is time that Texas parents are empowered to play an active role in their child's education. Whether it is a safety issue on campus, or appropriate library materials, Texas parents and taxpayers deserve to know that their child's best interest is top priority."

Creighton will roll out these proposals in the Senate Committee on Education during the 88th Legislative Session. Since being named Chair earlier this year, Senator Creighton has met with hundreds of teachers, parents, students, safety officers and administrators across the state for input and recommendations to ensure student success.

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents District 4, which encompasses parts of Montgomery, Harris, Chambers, Jefferson and Galveston Counties. He currently chairs the Senate Education Committee and Senate Select Committee on Ports. He also serves on the Senate Committee on Finance, Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Jurisprudence, and the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

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Lee College Fall 2022 **Enrollment Sets Record**

President Credits New Strategies for Enrolling More than 8,400 Students

BAYTOWN, TX, Sept. 15, 2022 - Lee College has recorded its highest enrollment in its 88-year history. Numbers indicate the college has enrolled 8,443 students for the Fall 2022 semester. The previous high was in Fall 2018, with slightly more than 8,000 students.

The Fall 2022 number translates to a 9% increase in headcount compared to the same time last year at the college's main campus in Baytown, its two satellite locations at McNair (Baytown) and South Liberty County and the Prison Education Program at the Huntsville Center.

"This enrollment number is very encouraging to me as it demonstrates the strategies we began implementing during the height of the pandemic are bearing fruit," said Dr. Lynda Villanueva, Lee College president. "Our college's greatest challenge has been a decline in enrollment, so to see this new bar set, we are simply ecstatic."

One notable tactic was to establish partnerships with school districts in the Lee College service area, which includes Goose Creek Consolidated, Crosby, Dayton, Liberty, Barbers Hill, Huffman, Devers, East Chambers, Hardin and Hull-Daisetta - to ensure high school seniors make a seamless transition



into Lee College.

"Earlier this year, we adjusted our enrollment practices to bring the entirety of student services to partner districts to recruit and enroll students into Lee before they receive their high school diplomas," explained Scott Bennett, associate vice president, student services. "Our team also took advantage of the First Time Free at Lee initiative approved by the Lee College Board of Regents. The program offers new students tuition, fees and e-books at no cost. The two approaches gave us the opportunity to interact with students early in the registration cycle and promote the value of coming to Lee College in the fall."

The pandemic produced multiple stresses: emotional, physical, financial, relational, etc., so it became increasingly important to provide services that would keep students on track with their education. The result was shifting the Lee College <u>Student Resource &</u> Advocacy Center into high gear - providing struggling students with personalized support and assistance with childcare, food, housing, transportation and scholarship funds through the Lee Cares program.

Other support efforts include an unprecedented \$5 million gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott to renovate the Student Center and two awards from JP Morgan-Chase totaling \$300,000 to support the Lee College Single Parent Success program. Villanueva says the work is not done, and as Lee College moves forward, the attention moves to student retention and keeping them on their educational pathways.

"We know that retaining students from semester to semester can be a challenge, so we've implemented several initiatives to help students be successful starting before their first day of class and keep this momentum of high enrollment going," said Dr. Douglas Walcerz, provost and vice president of academic and student

Lee College put in place several new academic measures this semester. They are:

--Redesigned New Student Orientation to include online and in-person options --myPath, an online degree

planning and auditing program to help students stay on track and graduate on time --Enhanced course delivery

options, LeeStream, MyFlex Hybrid and Face-to-Face, designed to fit a student's sched---my*Books*, an all-access

course materials program allowing students to have their materials by the first day of

This semester Lee College also became the first higher education institution in the greater Houston area to launch TimelyCare, a virtual health and well-being platform offering students free, on-demand medical and mental health services 24/7.

"Our record enrollment could not happen at a better point in time as it is crucial to receiving funding from the state lawmakers for the next two years," Villanueva added. "But records are made to be broken, and we will continue to work hard to enlarge our footprint and services to all our communities in the coming vear."

<u>Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown</u> 6 Nurses Recognized as DAISY Award Winners

Houston Methodist Baytown recognized six nurses last week for their abundant compassion and ability to bond with their patients in their time of need. The nurses were nominated by patients and honored by hospital executives.

Isela Martinez's nomination letter read: "Isela took the time to help get us some answers. She read all the notes in my mother's file and explained what we weren't told by others. She was able to put our minds at ease. She is really wonderful, and I want you to know that we will always remember her kind-

ness." Morgan Thibodeaux works in the emergency department. Her nomination letter read: "Her leadership, knowledge, and character were that of a nurse with decades of experience. I could see the caring in her eyes. It was a look I would expect from a daughter. The look eased my pain."

Eleanor Nones works in surgical intensive care. Her nomination letter read: "My 19-year-old daughter has autism and had a stroke. I wasn't allowed to stay overnight. The nurse had so much compassion, that she was able to keep my daughter calm, and when she did have a panic attack, the nurse was able to calm her. I was able to leave each night, knowing my daughter was well taken care

Melanie Roque received four nominations. One of her letters read: "I have lived with chronic pain for years, but I had to go without pain relief for a test. She was my night nurse and she took such good care of me. She kept me comfortable all night with hot blankets and continuously check on me. It was so pleasant to experience a nurse who







Kathe Britt



Eleanor Nones



Kellye Hanson

loves her job."

Kathe Britt was nominated by a fellow employee. Her nomination letter read: "I arrived to work in pain. She asked if I was okay, and I showed her my left swollen index finger. She told me I should schedule a virtual visit with a doctor, but I told her I would be ok. 15 minutes later, she came in with a cream, pain reliever, bottled water and a sandwich. She told me to eat so the pain reliever wouldn't upset my stomach. Then she massaged the cream into my finger, and eventually, the pain went away. This nurse connected with me and

healed me." Kellye Hansen had two nominations. One of her letters read: "I came to the hospital with stomach pain and was diagnosed with HIV. My nurse comforted me, talked to



Melanie Roque me, and listened to me cry. She reassured me it is not a death sentence and made me feel like I can live. I was afraid for her to touch me, but she wasn't concerned, telling me it was okay. She was a bright light during dark

days." The DAISY (diseases attacking the immune system) Award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the "super-human" tasks nurses perform every day. Community Resource Credit Union is the corporate sponsor of the award at Houston Methodist Baytown.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocy-



Morgan Thibodeaux

topenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not

uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families. The honorees are also given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called "A Healer's Touch," handcarved by artists of the Shona Tribe of Zimbabwe, Africa.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day, and given the current national nursing shortage, The Daisy Award plays an important role in letting our nurses know their work is highly valued.

OPINION PAGE \bigstar *



Republican Commissioners Force Reconsideration of Proposed Budget

Republican Commissioners Force Reconsideration of Proposed Budget Intended to Reduce the Tax Rate for Homeowners and Increase Pay for Law Enforcement

Lower tax rates for homeowners and pay increases for law enforcement threatened after Republican Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey boycott meeting to adopt budget

Harris County, Texas-(September 13, 2022)-Republican Harris County Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey dodged Commissioners Court to prevent the approval of the proposed County budget that would reduce the tax rate for homeowners and increase pay for law enforcement. State law requires a quorum of four of the five members of Commissioners Court is required to pass the budget.

Cagle and Ramsey's boycott puts partisan politics before the people of Harris County. The stunt could hinder critical county operations for this upcoming fiscal year, as it could force drastic cuts for essential county services, including public health, justice and safety, and the lowering of the property tax rate.

While the GOP continuously attacks Judge Hidalgo, falsely accusing her of defunding law enforcement agencies, it's their actions that are preventing the allocation of public safety funds. The budget that was halted today by Cagle and Ramsey allocates \$1.4B towards justice and safety. This includes a \$96.7 million increase for sheriffs and constable offices, including funding for at least 35 new violent crime investigators, 100 new detention officers, and 22 new prosecutors for the district attorney. Frontline police officers would also get a more than 6% raise.

Prioritizing political power over the people they were elected to serve could prompt hiring and spending freezes across all County departments. This could mean losing funding equivalent to the salaries of almost 300 Harris County Sheriff's deputies and more than 350 detention officers. For Harris County Constables, funding could be reduced to the equivalent of about 200 deputies. Lastly, the county would no longer be able to provide pay raises for frontline officers.

Since 2019, Judge Hidalgo has led Commissioners Court in decreasing the tax rate by 7.72% for homeowners and increasing the public safety budget by 23%.

Visit linahidalgo.com to learn more about campaign priorities and Lina's track-record. Stay up-to-date with the Hidalgo campaign by following us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

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ABOUT LINA HIDALGO:

Judge Lina Hidalgo is the first woman, and the first Latina, to be elected to Harris County Judge. As the head of Harris County's governing body and Director of the Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, she oversees a budget of over \$4 billion which funds critical services and infrastructure including public safety, flood control and Harris Health System. Hidalgo immigrated with her family to Houston from Colombia in 2005. She earned a degree in political science from Stanford University, and completed joint degree coursework in law and public policy at New York University and Harvard, prior to being elected in 2018. The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and The Institute of Politics at Harvard University honored Hidalgo with the prestigious John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award for her swift and effective COVID-19 response. She also earned the Jack Brooks Foundation Leadership Award for her efforts to protect voting rights and access. Other distinguished honors include "TIME 100 Next" by TIME Magazine, Forbes "30 Under 30," and Fortune "40 under 40."

NOTE: Next week we will publish the opposing view on this subject.

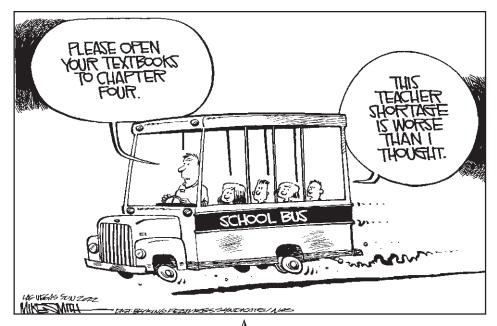
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LETTERS To The Editor

Comment on Sheriff's raid of Game Room in Aldine

To those of you who feel as though law enforcement is wasting resources by going after game rooms which are operating illegally, can I remind you that if you notice a crack in your wall, you don't hang a picture in front of it. You don't cover the wall with paneling or wallpaper, you go and repair the foundation of your home. The only way we take back our communities is by tackling crimes one at a time. I am thankful for the work that is being done by our law enforcement throughout

Harris County. --Charlotte Jackson



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

Poll: Most Texas Teachers Consider Quiting

More than threefourths of Texas teachers say they have seriously considered quitting the profession largely because of a perceived lack of respect and support, according to a new survey by the Charles Butt Foundation. Excessive workload and inadequate pay were other major reasons that teachers are considering leaving, The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets reported. The percentage of teachers considering quitting has risen to 77% this year from 58% in 2020, when the foundation conducted the first survey on the subject. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas has experienced a teacher shortage that prompted the Texas Education Agency to form a task force to address the issue. No official findings have been released. The statewide survey included 1,291 public school teachers drawn randomly from TEA's 2020 roster of teachers. Among those teachers who seriously thought about leaving the profession, 68% updated their resumes, while about onethird applied for another job."This isn't just teachers not feeling satisfied." research associate Victoria Wang told The Morning News. "They're actively taking steps to leave the classroom."The foundation is named for the CEO of H-E-B, the largest privately held employer in Texas. Its goal is "pursuing a more equitable and prosperous future for all Texans," ac-

DROUGHT CONDITIONS EASE IN STATE

cording to its website.

Welcome rains across the state have eased drought conditions, with 62.3% of the state in moderate to severe drought, affecting about a third of the state's population, according to drought.gov. That is down from the end of June, when drought conditions covered 86% of the



and South Texas and the El Paso area are no longer experiencing drought. Severe drought remains prevalent around the San Antonio and Midland-Odessa areas and eastward to the Abilene region.

VOTER REGISTRATION

DEADLINE IS OCT. 11 Eligible Texans who plan to vote in the Nov. 8 general election must be registered by Oct. 11, according to Texas Secretary of State John Scott. While voter registration in Texas is county based, Texans can make sure they're registered by visiting the secretary of state's Am I Registered portal: https:// <u>tinyurl.com/</u> 4wcn4b9x. Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. A hotly contested governor's race between incumbent Republican Greg Abbott and Democratic challenger Beto O' Rourke is at the top of the ballot. Other statewide races include lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and railroad commissioner. Other races are underway for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, Texas Legislature and assorted local offices. Check with your local elections clerk for a full sample ballot.

ABBOTT: ELECTRIC GRID SAFE THIS FALL

The state's electric grid should have no problem handling power demand

this fall, Gov. Greg Abbott said after meeting with members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Public Utility Commission. A joint meeting was held last week to discuss the issue, although typically there are few challenges to the grid during autumn and spring because of decreased demand. The new forecast by ERCOT predicts plenty of power available in October and November, despite planned shutdowns by a number of Texas power plants for scheduled maintenance."The State of Texas continues to monitor the reliability of our electric grid, and I thank ERCOT and PUC for their hard work to implement bipartisan reforms we passed last year and for their proactive leadership to ensure our grid is stronger than ever before," Abbott said. The grid faced unprecedented demand this summer with tripledigit temperatures across most of the state for weeks on end.

UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS SHIPPING TO

STATE The third booster vaccine for COVID-19 is shipping to health-care providers across the state this week, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has allocated about 900,000 doses of the updated boosters to Texas. That figure includes 502,5000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 192,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine available for order by health-care providers. Another 200,000 or so doses will be available through large retail pharmacies, such as H-E-B, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart.The so-called "bivalent" vaccines differ from earlier versions in that they protect against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant that has been responsible for more than 99% of the COVID cases in Texas in the past month, according to DSHS. People can get the updated booster if it has been at least two months since they received the original vaccine or one of the previously of-

COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP

fered boosters.

The number of new COVID-9 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University during the past week dropped to 49,326, down about 10% from the previous week, with 133 new deaths reported, also a decrease. DSHS reported 2,440 labconfirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, just slightly lower than the previous week.



"Sepia-Toned Teenagers"

"I don't remember you at all!" the portly man informed my husband, Peter.

Peter smiled, introduced himself, and reminded the gentleman where they might have met half a century ago.

The man shook his head.

This was the first high school class reunion I had ever attended, and it was filled with moments like that.

I have never gone to my own class reunions. I'm not sure why. I was busy. I lived far away. I never knew more than a tiny fraction of the students in my class. I wasn't all that happy in high school and didn't think of high school as the best three years of my life by a long shot.

Peter, on the other hand, has attended at least three reunions, and was eager to attend this one. He graduated ten years ahead of me, and his class was even bigger than mine. He had his hefty yearbook sitting on the dining room table a week ahead of time, scouring through the black-and-white photos and trying to remember who all these sepia-toned teenagers

The reunion was a simple affair and well attended. Everyone wore name tags with very large type, so it was easy to identify people from several feet away.

In high school, Peter looked young for his age. He said he weighed 120 pounds and looked about 12 years old. He was shy and wasn't in a lot of groups. But he had far more memories of his high school peers than I ever had.

"You stole my girlfriend!" Peter announced to a bewildered classmate. The man blinked and looked at Peter, looked at his name tag, then looked at Peter again. It was clear he had no idea who Peter was and no idea what girlfriend he had stolen.

"I did not!" he answered, reflexively.

"Sure, you did. You remember Linda!" Apparently, the man did not.

"She was blond," Peter prompted. A vague flicker of recognition crossed the man's face.

"I didn't steal her!" he replied. "She was after me for

"Ha!" Peter laughed, dismissing the idea out of hand.

"He did!" Peter later told me. "Then she dumped him for someone else."

I realized how silly I had been, missing my class reunions. I had this idea that by the time I attended a high school reunion. I should be more settled, more secure. I thought the rampant insecurities of high school should be long resolved.

I'm not sure that ever happens. It's unnerving meeting strangers and more so when they are not actually strangers, but people I remember who no longer know me, or people who remember meand things about me, things I said and did—that I have long forgotten. It makes me vulnerable. It's bound to be awkward.

But it is also a milestone. No one really cares, at this point, if they are remembered or not. No one cares what we do or what we did for a living, or if we've been divorced, or how well we've held up over the years. At this point, a class reunion is simply a rite of passage.

We spent time with these former teenagers, once upon a time, and then we went our separate ways. We are now as different as we could possibly be and yet, at one point, we all sat together in the same classrooms, listened to the same music and wondered what the future would look like.

At a class reunion, we get to find out-and find out it's not that scary after all.

Till next time, Carrie

Photos from the column and a link to YouTube videos found be CarrieClasson.com.



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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 12, 2022 at 6:00 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. 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: Edgar Granados Carl Green Darrell Fry

Present and not voting:

Against the proposal:

Absent:

Jerry Thayer

Gary O'Brien

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.

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 No. 6 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of improvements, operations & maintenance.

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.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-426-8156.

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 2022 on October 11, 2022 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. 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.

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Leon R. Mullins

John H. Wright III Kenneth Boudreaux

Against the proposal:

For the proposal:

Present and not voting:

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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 continued improvements to the district's infrastructure.

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 voterapproval 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.

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 4: Big 12, SEC teams begin conference schedules

In the NCAA, the Big 12 and SEC begin their conference seasons as the Aggies look to challenge Alabama for the top spot in the SEC West, while Texas hopes to use the momentum it picked up in its 20-19 to No. 1-ranked two weeks ago carries into league play. The Aggies, who lost at home to Appaliachian State two weeks ago, face a solid Arkansas team in Arlington at AT&T Stadium, while Texas travels to Lubbock to face a surprising Texas Tech team. The Red Raiders and first-vear head coach Joey McGuire pulled off a 33-30 overtime win over the Houston Cougars two weeks ago and this week Tech fans will be hoping to pull off another upset against one of their biggest rivals.

In the NFL, the Texans hit the road for the second straight week when they face the Bears in Chicago. The Texans dominated the Colts for three quarters in the season opener, leading 20-3, heading into the final quarter. Just when you thought this would be a new and improved Houston team, the Texans reverted to their old selves and allowed the Colts to tie the game with a 17point outburst in the final quarter. Both teams had chances to win it in OT, but both came away empty. Indy missed a field goal, and first-year head coach Lovie Smith decided against going for it on fourth-and-three from inside the 50 yard line with 26 seconds left in OT. Why not give go for it, run one or two more plays to get in position for the game-winning field goal? Instead, he said to his team a tie would suffice. No wonder Texans fans booed their way out of NRG Stadium.

While the Texans were settling for a tie in their season opener, the Dallas Cowboys dropped a 19-3 decision to Tom Brady and Tampa Bay and looked horrible on offense doing it. In addition to losing the game, Dallas also lost starting QB Dak Presc (134 passing yards, 1 interception) for four to eight week with a fractured thumb on his passing hand. Prescott's injury is huge and head coach Mike McCarthy has a lot of work to do to get the offense going. They have one quality receiver in CeeDee Lamb, who continues to drop catchable passes, and just a bunch of guys at the other wideout slots. The offensive line is a mess. TB spent most of the opener harrassing Prescott and shutting down the Dallas running game. This week, they travel to New Jersey to take on the Giants, who pulled out a -gutsy 21-20 win at Tennessee, on Monday Night Football. Dallas could be looking at a 0-3 start (they hosted Cincinnati last week) heading into their Week 4 game against Washington.

Other key NFL games this weekend features Buffalo visiting Miami in a key early-season AFC East contest, while Kansas City visits Indianapolis and a struggling Green Bay team travels to Tamps to take on the Bucs.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, we must sadly review last week's results. A 5-7 week brought the season record to an embarrassing 11-13 (46%). Thankfully, there's a lot of football left this season.

NCAA

Texas A&M vs. Arkansas: Jimbo Fisher's Aggies face Arkansas in the SEC opener for both teams. The Aggies looked bad on offense in their 17-14 loss at Kyle Field to Applachian State. The A&M offense was only in App State territory twice. That's not going to get it done in the SEC. It may be time for Fisher to make a change at QB and go with



veteran signal caller Max Johnson and sit current starter Haynes King. A&M needs to get running back Devon Achane (109 yards, 2 TDS, including a 95-yard kickoff TD) and wide receiver Ainas Smith going against the Hogs. Arkansas is led by dualthreat QB K.J. Jefferson (385 passing yards, 4 TDs/ 129 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and running back Raheim Sanders (273 yards, 2 TDs). It's time for the Aggies to get their act together because if they don't Fisher's seat could start getting a little warm. My pick, Texas A&M 26, Arkansas 23

Clemson at Wake Forest: No. 5-ranked Clemson visits No. 19ranked Wake Forest in what could be a very interesting ACC contest. Clemson is led by QB D.J. Uiagalelei (441 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Will Shipley (110 yards, 4 TDS), while the Demon Deacons are led by quarterback Sam Hartman, who made his season debut two weeks ago and led his team to a 45-25 thumping of Vanderbilt by throwing for 300 yards and 4 TDs. Wake is a solid program, but Clemson head coach Dabo Swiney is well aware of that fact and will have the Tigers ready come Saturday. My pick, Clemson 30, Wake Forest 26

Texas at Texas Tech: Texas travels to Lubbock to take on the Red Raiders in the Big 12 opener for both teams. Two weeks ago, UT gave No. 1-ranked Alabama all it could handle before dropping a hard-earned 20-19 decision to Nick Saban's team. If starting quarterback Quinn Ewers had not suffered a game-ending injury to his clavicle, the 'Horns might have pulled off the upset. The offense is now in the hands of backup QB Hudson Card (182 yards), but head coach Steve Sarkisian will put the offense in the hands of running back Bijan Robinson (125 yards, 3 total TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (7 receptions, 121 yards). Tech won its first two games under McGuire as backup QB Donovan Smith (572 yards, 6 TDs) has done a good job of running the offense. The Red Raiders have also gotten production from running back Tahj Brooks (130 vards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jerand Bradley (12 receptions, 158 yards, 1 TD). This could be a high-scoring game, and look for Robinson to be the difference maker as he has a big day on the ground. My pick, Texas 33, Tech 31

NFL

Buffalo at Miami: The Bills served notice in their 31-10 route of the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams in LA two weeks ago and this week they head to South Beach to take on a Miami team that opened the season with a convincing 20-7 win at home against New England. Buffalo was, and will be, led by QB Josh Allen (297 yards, 3 TDs/1 rushing TD) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (8 receptions, 122 yards, 1 TD). Defensive end Von Miller also had a nice debut for Buffalo with two sacks of Matthew Stafford. Miller just might be the missing piece for the Bills defense this year that carries them over the top. The Buffalo defense will get a solid test from a Miami offense that has speed all over the place. OB Tua Tagovailoa threw for 270 yards and a touchdown in the opener, while his new

wide receiver, Tyreek Hill, had a nice debut with 8 catches for 94 yards and fellow wideout Jalen Waddle added four catches for 50 yards and a touchdown. Look for Allen to be the difference maker in this one as the Bills pick up a big early-season division win on Sunday. My pick, Buffalo 26, Miami 20

Houston at Chicago: The Texans head to Chicago to take on a Bears team that upset the 49ers 19-10 in the rain and muck two weeks ago. Second-year QB Justin Fields had a nice second half and finished the day with 121 passing yards and 2 TDs. The Texans also had a nice day from second-year QB Davis Mills, who threw for 240 vards and two touchdowns in the 20-20 tie against Indy. Dependable wide receiver Brandin Cooks (7 receptions, 82 yards) was Mills' favorite receiver, but newly-acquired tight end O.J. Howard made the most of his two catches as both went for TDs and totaled 38 yards. Texas head coach Lovie Smith will be making his return to Chicago after serving as the Bears head coach and leading them to the NFC title and Super Bowl berth following the 2006 season. Smith served as the Bears head coach for nine years. Look for the Texans to pick up a rare road win on Sunday. My pick, Houston 17, Chicago 13

Kansas City at Indianapolis: The Chiefs rolled to a 44-21 road win over Arizona in their season opener at QB Patrick Mahomes passed for 360 yards and tossed five TD passes. And some thought Mahomes would struggle without speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill. Nope! Mahomes spread the ball around nicely as four different players caught TD passes from him. Once again, tight end Travis Kelce (8 receptions, 121 yards, 1 TD) was Mahomes favorite target. The Chiefs looked better on defense and that unit will get a real test this week when it faces Matt Ryan (352 yards, 1 TD)who will be making his home debut for the Colts. He will once again count on running back Jonathan Taylor (161 yards, 1 TD against Houston) and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. (9 receptions, 121 vards, 1 TD) to help him against the Chiefs. Indy will be rocking for this one and would like nothing more than to send the Chiefs home packing with a loss. My pick, Indianapolis 31, Kansas City 29

Dallas at New York Giants: The Cowboys will face the Giants on Monday Night Football and the Giants appear to be the better team at this point in the season. In their 21-20 win at Tennessee, running back Saquon Barkley (164 yards, 1 TD, game-winning two-point conversion) looked like he did when he had an amazing rookie season. He ran hard and fast and QB Daniel Jones added 188 passing yards and two touchdown tosses. Dallas will look for backup QB Cooper Rush to run the offense while Prescott recovers from the fractured thumb. Dallas must play better in the offense line and will need to feed the Giants a steady dose of running backs Ezekiel Elliott (52 yards in opener) and Tony Pollard to take some pressure off of Rush. The Dallas defense played OK against TB and will need another solid effort if it hopes to win on Monday night. My pick, New York Giants 23, Dallas 16



Jamboree 2022 Booth Form

Fall In Love With Highlands!!

65th Annual Highlands Jamboree Parade, **Community Fair and Expo** Saturday, October 1, 2022

EXPO & Fair Booth Information and Application

You are invited to participate in our annual Highlands Jamboree Expo and Craft Fair to be held on October 1, 2022, at Highlands Elementar

Please send payment with the application to the address listed below. The check should be made payable to Highlands-Lynchburg Chambe of Commerce, or you may send application by email and pay online through payment to HighlandsChamber@verizon.net) Space availability is based on a first come, first served basis, reserved by application and payment. If you require electricity, please specify

We are also soliciting fundraising donation items for our silent auction. Please bring your item to the silent auction table in the cafeteria when you arrive to check in for set up. Contact the chamber office to make any other arrangements

ndoor booth size is 10x10 and are \$35 each, without electricity. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available for \$45 each. Outdoor overed patio spaces are \$25 for 8x12 or \$35 with electricity. Outdoor booths on grass are \$25 for 12x12 ...no electricity.

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- participation in the Jamboree Craft Fair and Expo. Vendors and Participants will conduct themselves and exhibits in a manner suitable for a family environment
- All booths must be occupied and open for business from 11 am until 3:00 pm
- Booths must be set up between 7:00 am and 9:30 am on Saturday, Oct 1, 2022

Your application should be submitted no later than October 25th. Late applications will be charged \$15 more. ane tanks are allowed under the covered walkway. Due to flammability issues, you must be out in the grassy area Please contact Jessica with any questions. 713-851-5746 or Highlandschamber@verizon.net __ # of booths: ___Please circle your choices INSIDE OUTSIDE Electricity FOOD Type of merchandise (LIST ALL): Silent Auction donation item: I have read the above rules and agree to abide by such. Applicant agrees to hold harmless all sponsors or affiliates of the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and GCCISD.

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Jamboree 2022 Parade Form



65th Highlands Jamboree Parade Saturday, October 1st, 10 am on Main Street

"Fall In Love With Highlands

We would like to invite you to participate in our 65th Annual Highlands Jamboree Parade. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the Parade. There is no entry fee, but in order for your organization's float to be placed in the line-up and considered by the Judges, an application must be submitted no later than Monday, Sept 26th. Just fill in the information requested and return it to the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce office at 127 San Jacinto Street, Highlands, TX 77562. For your convenience, you can email your application to HighlandsChamber@verizon.net. The Jamboree Fair/Expo will take place at Highlands Elementary School Campus immediately

following the parade. For booth space, please call 713-851-5746.

Parade awards will be given based on your originality and the best use of the Jamboree Theme 'Celebrate Highlands!". Consideration is given for the overall appearance of your entry and the

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Parade lineup begins at 9am on Sat. October 1st at the B.P.Hopper Primary School on E. Houston St. Parade will begin at 10 a.m. and proceed south on Main St. to Jones Rd. Awards will be presented at the Jamboree Fair/Expo at 12 noon. All non parade vehicles must be parked at Highlands Elementary school on E. Wallisville Rd.

Name or Organization: Do you wish to be judged in the parade? No ___or Yes ___Which category does your parade entry belong in?

How many? Do you have multiple vehicles in your entry? No____ or Yes judged, individually, each vehicle must have an entry form filled out and each vehicle will receive a separate lineup number at the B.P. Hopper Primary School E. Houston St entry point for the parade lineup. Display the number at the front of vehicle, on the driver's side.

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NANCY WILSON SMITH

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

> c/o Weston Cotten 1500 E. Wallisville Road Highlands, TX 77562

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 16, 2022.

by WESTON COTTEN Attorney for the Estate

Antiques, etc.

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Please email entries to <u>linda.gwaltney@hotmail.com</u> For more info call Linda @ 281-468-8593

Forms and \$30 Entry Fee Due Wed. Sept. 28

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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 2022 on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at 16401 Country Club Drive, Community Room (next to Fitness Room), Crosby, TX 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.

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: DeLonne L Johnson, Deborah Florus, Earl B Boykin, R Gary Hasse, Margarette Chasteen 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		This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.61620 /\$100		\$0.60230 /\$100
	Adopted		Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.01390 /\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-2.26%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$201,174.00		\$222,279.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 85 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00		\$0.00
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Average residence homestead taxable value Tax on average residence homestead	\$201,174.00 \$1,239.63		\$222,279.00 \$1,338.79
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if			
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$99.15	
and percentage of increase (+/-)		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 \$0.60230 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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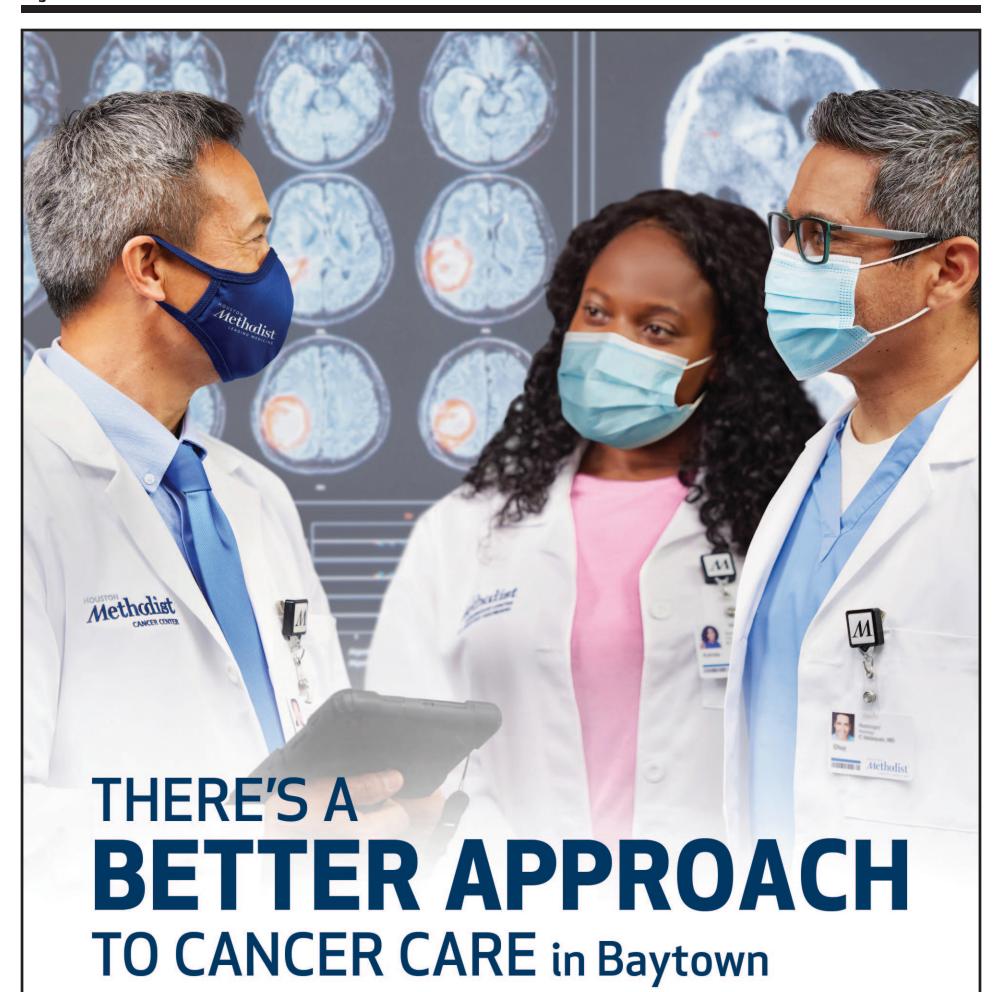


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