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New Hospital Tower opens in Baytown

EVENTS DEC. 5, MONDAY EPA Meeting on Waste Pits

EPA will hold an IN-PERSON (Not Virtual) community meeting to update information on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. Monday, December 5 from 6:00pm to 7:45pm. Public is invited. Highlands Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, HIghlands 77562.

DEC. 8, THURS. Santa comes to Highlands

Highlands Chamber and Harris County Precinct 3 will have Cookies & Pictures with Santa at the Highlands Community Center, 5pm to 7pm. The celebration this year is indoors, in place of the traditional Santa in the Pavilion at the Railroad Park.

DEC. 2,3 Crosby Library Book Sale

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold their 2022 Christmas Book Sale on: Friday, December 2 - 1pm -6pm.and Saturday,

December 3 - 10am - 5pm. Buy 2 books, get 1 free!! Paperback or Hardback books. Children's books not included.

Hardback, paperback, cookbooks, romance, mystery Spanish, children's and more! Movies and more at great prices!

All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Crosby Library.

For more information, call the Library 281-328-3535 or 832-927-7790.

BAYTOWN - Houston Methodist Baytown officially opened a new fivestory building to patients last week. The new state-of-the-art tower is named Unity Tower and features 75 private rooms, an intensive care unit, and an entire floor dedicated to childbirth and obstetrics services.

"This is an exciting time

"This is an exciting time for Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, our staff, physicians and the community," said Chief Executive Office David Bernard. "I am proud to expand the hospital and our services so that we can better serve the community that has supported us for nearly 75 years."

The Unity Tower project includes vital infrastruc-



Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital held a ribbon cutting last Friday, November 11 to officially open their new patient tower and related support and emergency facilities. Hospital CEO Davild Bernard, local officials and Chamber members, and hospital personnel joined in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. (Contributed Photo)

ture, including a new pharmacy, expanded laboratory, hospital kitchen, dialysis unit and many other clinical enhancements to serve our patients.

Unity Tower is part of a \$250 million facilities master plan that started in 2017 and includes the new and expanded emergency department, outpatient center, Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center at Baytown facility, parking garage, central utility plant and numerous infrastructure enhancements.

Each patient and visitor will be welcomed to campus through a new lobby that features symbols of

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Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

I want to start this holiday column with a great example of kindness in action. The Crosby High School Boys' Golf Team jumped into action when a car stalled near the intersection of FM 2100 and Krenek Road earlier this month. The morning commute was jammed until the teens helped push the car off the road. They cleared up the commute and helped a stranger who was having a rough start to the morning. All this before 8am! They also competed in a tournament in



Read To The Final Four Literacy rally: Texans Legend Wade Smith and Superintendent Paula Patterson with his book "Smitty Tackles Bullying,"

Texas City later that day and played well. Later, the PGA Superstore saw the district's social media post about the team and generously donated much-needed golf items! Our students set a great example, and they're why so many of our educators live and work in Crosby ISD.

I want to congratulate the newly-elected members of the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees. Local construction manager, Mr. Phillip Chapman, has been elected to the At-Large Position 6 seat, and Ms. Lisa Kallies, a proud Crosby ISD retiree, will represent Position 4. Our members will be sworn in during the regularly-scheduled Board meeting on December 12th.

November included a big honor for Crosby ISD's Visual Arts Program. District Art Lead, Ms. Meighgan Gladden, and Crosby High School Visual Arts teacher, Ms. Debbie Willows, accepted the District of Distinction honor by the Texas Art Education Association during a ceremony in McAllen. The distinction

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

Stacking Cups for Literacy at Travis Elementary

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, APR - Director of Communications

Travis Elementary students participated in the World Sport Stacking Association's (WSSA) World Record for "Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations." The event took place November 15-17 $^{\rm th}$. The campus had 193 stackers on one day and around 125 the next. Thirteen countries, including the USA, participated in this international attempt.

Angela Dunson, Physical Education teacher at Travis Elementary School, brought sport stacking to Goose Creek CISD two years ago. Dunson learned about sport stacking during a Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Rec-



Student at Travis Flementary participated in cup stacking competition November 15-

reation and Dance (TAH-PERD) conference and used it with her students at her school in Houston. "The students loved it and it was remarkable to see how fast they picked up techniques," Dunson said. Because of the success of the program, she was eager to bring it to the students at her new school in Goose Creek CISD. "I was a little dismayed that they (Travis) had no cups, so I decided to write a grant to the Education Foundation in 2020, with the hopes of purchasing speed stack cups for my new school," said Dunson.

The grant Dunson wrote was entitled, "Cup Stacking for Improvements in Reading." Cup stacking (speed stacking, sport stacking) incorporates crossing the vertical midline of the body using left-to-right movements. When the midline is crossed, it connects the right and left brain. Speed stacking requires students to stack up and down nine to 12 cups in certain sequences as fast as they can. The sequences are 3-3-3, 6-6, 3-6-3, 1-10-1. This connection is important for reading fluency, comprehension, writing creative-



Travis Elementary PE student participates in cup stacking competition November

ly, spelling and remembering, listening and thinking at the same time, and increasing athletic performance. Cup stacking also promotes Goose Creek's goal of developing the whole child. Cup stacking helps to motivate kids to be active and fit, helps to bolster their self-esteem, promotes academic learning, and promotes social interaction.

Sport stacking is world-wide with international competitions going on yearly. Sport stacking is also an AAU Junior Olympic sport.

GCCISD Named State Chapter for National Organization



Goose Creek CISD administrators attended the NACEP conference where the district was named as a state chapter. The chapter is a collaborative effort between the district, Lee College and Temple College.

By: Kristyn Hunt membership from colleg-Cathey, APR – Director of Communications

The Texas Dual Credit Alliance was recently named as the Texas state chapter of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) during their national conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota November 6-9th. The chapter is a collaborative effort between Goose Creek CISD, Lee College, and Temple College, but is now open for

es, universities, and ISDs across the state.

In this capacity, the chapter will provide opportunities for organized local conferences and other professional development opportunities, support on program improvement and alignment with NACEP's national quality standards, and leadership development opportunities.

TCDA provides equitable access to highquality instruction, supports, and resources

for dual credit coursework and the mission is to empower all stakeholders to achieve the vision of fostering equity through college and career readiness, professional development, and legislative action.

For more information on the chapter or to become a member organization, please contact the TDCA Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Ellen Akers at ellen.akers@gccisd.net or Leslie Garcia at Leslie.garcia@gccisd.net.

Barbers Hill Independent School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Exhibit C-2

D.J.		199 General Fund		599 Debt Service Fund		699	Total Nonmajor Funds		98 Total
Data Control Codes						Capital Projects Fund			Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES								
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	\$	89,605,152	\$	37,411,199	\$ 121,419	\$	3,915,723	\$ 131,053,493
5800	State program revenues		17,345,837		85,310	28,280		418,889	17,878,316
5900	Federal program revenues		2,496,397			1,592,004		4,266,598	8,354,999
5020	Total revenues		109,447,386		37,496,509	1,741,703		8,601,210	157,286,808
	EXPENDITURES:								
	Current:								
0011	Instruction		51,219,672		-	1,422,207		2,356,597	54,998,476
0012	Instructional resources and media services		630,527		-	98,661		40,935	770,123
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development		1,660,672		-	-		163,916	1,824,588
0021	Instructional leadership		661,149		-	-		-	661,149
0023	School leadership		4,598,983		-	13,761		-	4,612,744
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services		3,448,975		-	4,375		206,434	3,659,784
0032	Social work services		623,478		-	-		17,355	640,833
0033	Health services		1,075,259		-	22,316		127,737	1,225,312
0034	Student transportation		3,026,296		-	458,360		-	3,484,656
0035	Food services		-		_	-		3,919,106	3,919,106
0036	Extracurricular activities		2,637,821		-	382,006		568,455	3,588,282
0041	General administration		3,616,067		-	9,960		-	3,626,027
0051	Plant maintenance and operations		8,685,001		-	246,720		149,464	9,081,185
0052	Security and monitoring services		926,067		-	181,028		8,346	1,115,441
0053	Data processing services		1,659,705		-	120,944		6,670	1,787,319
0061	Community services		13,718,699		-	1,705		-	13,720,404
	Debt service:								
0071	Principal on long-term debt		-		20,530,000	-		-	20,530,000
0072	Interest on long-term debt		-		15,445,996	-		-	15,445,996
0073	Issuance costs and fees		-		8,700	-		-	8,700
	Capital outlay:								
0081	Facilities aquisition and construction		353,695		-	92,017,060		-	92,370,755
	Intergovernmental:								100 A 110 A 110 A 110 A
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools		7,093,644		-	-		-	7,093,644
0099	Other intergovernmental charges		640,482						640,482
6030	Total expenditures		106,276,192		35,984,696	94,979,103		7,565,015	244,805,006
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues								
	over (under) expenditures		3,171,194		1,511,813	(93,237,400)		1,036,195	(87,518,198)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
7912	Sale of real and personal property		17,609		-	-		-	17,609
7915	Transfers in		-		-	-		1,336	1,336
8911	Transfers out		(1,336)		-	-		-	(1,336)
8948	Tax refund pursuant to Texas Tax Code 313		(3,208,310)		-	-		-	(3,208,310)
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)		(3,192,037)		_			1,336	(3,190,701)
1200	Net change in fund balances		(20,843)		1,511,813	(93,237,400)		1,037,531	(90,708,899)
0100	Fund balances - beginning		43,012,820		19,061,527	128,433,458	_	760,438	191,268,243
3000	FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	42,991,977	\$	20,573,340	\$ 35,196,058	\$	1,797,969	\$ 100,559,344
The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.									



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ON THE HILL

BEACH CITY: A Request from Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt

From Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt Hello, it's that time of year again, The Christmas Season! It is such a wonderful time of year. A time to spread love and Joy. But let's not forget the whole reason that there even is a Christmas, the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Each year I ask for families that might need a little help and I ask the community for donations to help make the Christmas for the children special. With all of the horrible things going on in our world I knew this would be a Christmas with many people needing help. I I am going to need all of the help I can get this year. If you would like to help out with a donation this year it would be so appreciated. This year we have 9 families with 26 children and 4 more children from BHISD needing us. For those who would rather buy gifts for a certain child I am listing # of child, their age, sex, shirt size, pant size, shoe size and something they really want. If you would please send me a message telling me the # of the child, you would like. I need gifts turned in by Dec 12th. Call me at 832 262 0620 and I can pick the gifts up as usual, or you can bring them to me at 8416 Ocean Dr, Beach City. Cash donations are TAX deductible this year! I am still waiting on some info for the last 5 children but wanted to get this out so we can get things going. I will put out their info as soon as I get it. Thank you all so much for helping make Christmas

special for these children.

1 2yr boy 3T 3T 6 2 3yr boy 4T 3T 10 paw patrol, baseball, fire trucks 3 newborn girl (twin) 4 newborn girl (twin) Premie diapers and Newborn clothes 5 2yr girl 2T 2T 7 Blues clues, Frozer 6 3yr boy 3T 4T X Child is deaf-likes things that light up or vibrate, trucks 7 4yr boy 6 6 1 8 17yr boy M 28/32 11 Loves the guitar 9 7yr boy 7 7 11 Tablet (IPAD) 10 3yr girl 4T 4T X Would love any toys 11 3yr girl. 4T 4T X Would love any toys 10 and 11 are twins 12 7yr girl 7 7 1 Tablet (IPAD), headphones 13 12yr boy Boys Large shirt 32/32 pants Size 5 shoe Skates or drawing supplies 14 11yr boy 2X men's shirt 42 pants 14 shoe Naruto, fortnite, roadblock, Xbox games, mine craft 15 2yr boy 3T/4T 8 Buzz lightyear, Cars, toy story, Mon-16 14yr girl XL 13 11 Makeup, girly stuff, Drawing supplies 17 8yr girl 10/12 5 Bendable barbie, play makeup, table 18 4yr boy 6 6 1 19 8yr boy 10 10 2 Toy story cowboy, Spiderman 20 7yr girl 8 8 1 21 6yr girl 10 10 1 Girly stuff, dolls, Jewelry, princess 22 3yr boy 3T 3T X Trucks, soccer ball, construction, vehicles, books, Paw patrol 23 5yr girl 5T 5T 11 Dolls, Cars, table and chairs, books24

email ttbooboo@hotmail.com, my cell is 832-262-0620 or can send donations to my home at 8416 Ocean Dr., Beach City, Tx

25 7 yr girl 7 7 12 Tablet, barbies, Pretty clothes, Draw-

15yr girl L 14 10

ing supplies 26 11yr boy L L 9

Beach City, Tx

I really appreciate your help every year and so do these children and their parents. Dana Colquitt Mayor Pro Tem

This is a request from Mayor Pro Tem Colquitt who has helped families for many years. This is not a City project nor is it City sponsored but this is a very worthy cause. Thank you and God Bless Ryan Dagley, MAI Mayor, Beach City*

Hospital District Announces New Leadership

ANAHUAC, TEXAS (November 17, 2022) - The Board of Directors of Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 (CCPHD #1) recently selected both a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to lead the organiza-

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Robert A. (Bob) Pascasio has been named CEO of OmniPoint Health, effective November 21, 2022. Bob will be a familiar face to the area after having served as CEO from 2001 to 2012, accomplishing many great things during his tenure, including the receipt of multiple grants that grew the organization.

Pascasio holds a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Administration from Southwest Texas State University, where he graduated with honors. He is currently a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, has been recognized for various achievements, has written papers and presentations on the importance and ne-



Phil Hacker

cessity of rural healthcare organizations such as CCPHD #1, and has remained actively engaged in community groups and organizations over his career.

Pascasio is a highly accomplished results-driven servant leader with almost 30 years experience across all segments of community healthcare delivery operations. He is recognized for managing complex environments, effective communications, structuring collaborations, building physician relationships, and developing high-performing teams.

"I'm very much looking forward to coming home to CCPHD#1 and working with the outstanding staff of the organization. I have



Robert A. (Bob) Pascasio

every confidence that together, with the Board's guidance, we can accomplish many great things and ensure the availability of quality healthcare programs and services in our community for many years to come," shared Pas-

Bob is happily married to Vicki, also a healthcare executive, and they have called Anahuac home for going on 20 years. They have a daughter; Andrea, who lives in and loves Aus-

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Phil Hacker has been named CFO for OmniPoint Health. Phil comes to the organization with over 37 years of Healthcare Finance experience working most of his career in General Acute Hospitals. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas A&M University in College Sta-

The Chief Financial Officer is a member of the organization's administration, collaborates with the governing district board, and works closely with the hospital CEO and department directors to develop and implement short-term and long-range objectives to improve patient care while securing the well-being of the organization.

Phil is a senior executive leader with over 25 years of financial and operational experience as a CFO. Recognized as a strategic business partner, he is also described as an effective change agent and strong compassionate leader with a passion for generating results through innovative approaches. He has proven expertise in creating a positive environment with emphasis on execution, accuracy, and teamwork with a focus-on quality.

Phil and his wife Sonya together have five adult children and three grandchildren. His hobbies include riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, hunting, and working with the animals on their farm.

'We are excited that these two highly experienced and qualified leaders with a combined 60+ years experience are joining the organization. Together, they bring an abundance of healthcare knowledge, leadership, and finance skills. The board has full confidence in Bob and Phil to lead the organization into the future, keeping in mind the best interest of the community and staff as we continue working hard to meet the healthcare needs of the areas we serve", shared Chairman of the Board, Mike Emmons.

OmniPoint Health is hosting a Community Meet & Greet on Monday, November 21st from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the OmniPoint Community Center located at 2202 South Main in Anahuac. Light refreshments will be provided.

A WIN FOR THE NERDS!

Valerie Jensen, County Librarian

Nerd Con: Back in Time is officially in the books! Over 1,500 people attended the one-day event at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex in Mont Belvieu. In the span of 8 hours, kids, teens, adults, and entire families would come through the doors and visit vendors, celebrity guests, attend panels, visit authors and artists, receive Jedi training, and take lots of photos with their favorite characters. For the 5th year (minus 2020), Nerd Con has continued to grow in popularity and attendance. The event is brought to you by the Chambers County Library System, Friends of the Chambers County Library System, Chambers County, City of Mont Belvieu, MB Link, Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex, and many more supporters and backers. We could not be more proud of

what this event has

brought to the community. There's a void when it comes to things like this, and we're proud that we could provide a family friendly event that was completely free. We've heard such great feedback from the public and hope to bring a bigger and better show in 2023. Special thanks to all who helped organize the event.





Attendees enjoy shopping



Cosplay parade in action



Voice actor panel and at Nerd Con

Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown What the Rise of RSV Cases Means For Kids & Adults

Many areas of the country are currently experiencing an unusually high spread of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and some children's hospitals have even reported being overwhelmed by the number of cases. As a parent, you're likely wondering what the rise in RSV cases means for you and your family — particularly with both the flu and COVID-19 also in the mix.RSV is a common respiratory virus that causes cold-like symptoms. It's often a mild illness that most people recover from in a week or two, according to the CDC.But Dr. Irfan Dadabhoy, primary care physician at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, says

that's not all people need to

know about RSV.

RSV IS MOST CONCERNING FOR KIDS

"RSV can be a particularly nasty cold for kids, and it can actually cause severe disease in premature babies or some kids," warns Dr. Dadabhoy.

With several viruses looming, all of which can pass fairly easily from person to person, it's important to continue to remind kids of the behaviors that help prevent the spread of

"The good news is that the everyday precautions you and your family take to stay safe from the flu and COVID-19 will also help protect you from RSV," says Dr. Dadabhoy.

This includes things like hand washing, avoiding crowds and taking extra precautions to protect fam-



Dr. David Sun

ily members who are most vulnerable.

If your child does get sick, be sure to monitor their symptoms and consult your child's pediatrician if things get worse or don't improve.

As for adults, RSV usually isn't of huge concern, but it can cause a really annoving cold that all of us would rather avoid.

"It can be one of those two- or three-week, hacking-cough types of colds," adds Dr. Dadabhoy.

And since adults can pass it to people who are more vulnerable, including young children, it's always important to stay home if vou're sick.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE A COLD, THE **FLU OR COVID-19 WITHOUT GETTING TESTED**

Speaking of a cough those put us all on high alert these days. How do you know if it's RSV, the flu or COVID-19? Unfortunately, you probably can't.

Dr. Dadabhoy's advice: If you have any respiratory symptoms at all, get tested so you can at least make sure it's not the flu or

COVID-19. "The symptoms of an

RSV cold and these other illnesses are going to overlap, so it's near impossible for someone to self-diagnose which you have at home," says Dr. Dadabhoy. "A scratchy throat could be a cold or even just allergies."

But it could also be COV-ID-19 or the flu, both of which we have treatments for. And flu cases are on the rise right now.

Getting tested to rule out the flu or COVID-19 is important since it can help guide prompt, effective treatment.

To make an appointment with a primary care doctor at Houston Methodist Baytown, please call 832.556.6670, or visit houstonmethodist.org/bay-

★ OPINION PAGE ★



Thanksgiving: Having an Attitude of Gratitude

Thanksgiving is much more than a big meal with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on, and be thankful for, all of the good things you have. It's important to be grateful, not just on Thanksgiving, but each and every day. Rather than lamenting what you feel is lacking in your life, begin each new day by developing an attitude of gratitude. Take inventory of your blessings and you will be surprised at just how much you have to be thankful for.

If you have enough to eat, a place to live, a way to get around, people who care about you, or people you care about, then you are wealthy. If you lack any of these elements, you must still be grateful for what you do have, while striving to obtain whatever is absent.

Focus on all positive aspects of your life. Take nothing for granted. Every morning, recharge your appreciation. Be happy for everything there is, not upset over what you feel is missing.

Dreams of the future shouldn't diminish appreciation for the present. If all you do is concentrate on what you want, you won't enjoy today. Don't be jealous of others; what they do or have has no bearing on you.

You can feel bitter or resentful for a variety of reasons. Perhaps you feel something is missing from your life, things aren't going your way, or you have been treated unfairly. You may wonder, "why do these things always happen to me?"

Life's problems tend to dominate your thoughts, turning your focus to what you feel is wrong. You may start to resent those who appear to be better off. You're apt to dwell on things you think would make your life better if you had them. If only you had more money, more time, a bigger house, a different car, a different job, a different boss, had picked a different career, etc.

Once your attitude becomes one of deficiency instead of abundance and appreciation, you can become overwhelmed by feelings of frustration and feel like a victim. As this happens, a consuming vicious cycle starts.

Being bitter or resentful blows situations out of proportion. People who are bitter frequently find that their situations deteriorate and their mental and physical health decays.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to achieve your goals while you are bitter or resentful. Regardless of what challenges might befall you, bitterness makes finding solutions much more elusive.

There is no point to feeling bitter since it accomplishes nothing, harms you and makes things worse. Filling yourself with gratitude on a daily basis makes you feel good, while driving out negative feelings.

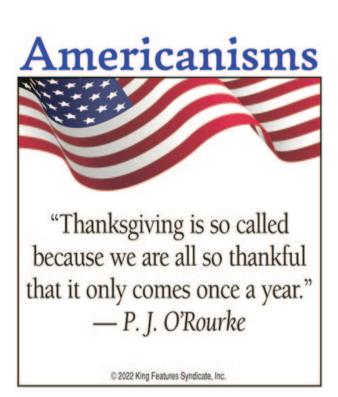
Begin your practice of gratitude each morning as soon as you wake. Every day is a great day. If you have any doubts, try missing one. Take inventory of everything, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, that is good in your life.

If it helps, make a written list of all things you are grateful for. Read your list every day. As you do this, you will build and reinforce your attitude of gratitude. Don't waste any time with what you feel you don't have.

Keep things in perspective. Consider all the people who have overcome difficulties far worse than yours. Don't be consumed by your problems, there is always a solution. Maintaining an attitude of gratitude allows your mind to devise a resolution for your circumstances.

Make everyday a day of Thanksgiving and you will be amazed how much better your life will

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Turnout Drops in Recent Election

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Voter turnout in the midterm elections again dropped statewide, with just over 45% of registered voters either casting ballots early or at the polls on Nov. 8. Republican candidates continued to hold a hammerlock on statewide positions, with incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott handily winning a third term over challenger Beto O' Rourke.

The Texas Standard reported turnout in the state's largest counties was well below 50% and lower than the record 2018 midterm turnout. Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at the University of Houston, said he wasn't surprised at the relatively low turnout.

"Usually, it's hard to get Texans to vote in midterm elections. We saw a sizable increase in 2018 and then a big bump in 2020, but it's starting to look like the 2018 and 2020 numbers were basically an aberration," he said.

In Harris County, turnout dropped from 52% in 2018 to 43% this year. Dallas County saw turnout plunge from 57% in 2018 to 44% this year, while in Tarrant County turnout was 47%, down from 57% in the last midterm

"The turnout in this election was abysmal. It was way too low. And so, voters need to understand that if they don't participate in the process, then their ability to control what happens in Austin is limited," Rottinghaus told the Texas Standard

LAWMAKERS: GET TOUGHER ON POLLUTERS

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically reviews state agencies, has concluded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality needs to make frequent polluters more accountable and increase the possible fines companies can face.

The commission consists of 10 legislators and two members of the public. The Texas Tribune reported the sunset commission called for state lawmakers to pass legislation next session that would increase the

PSTATE CARVAL MIGHLIST.

al pollutive systems \$25,000 per day to \$40,000.

"I think people wanted to send a message that we were cognizant of the burden upon industry while also recognizing the importance of increasing the penalty after this period of time so that the TCEQ has the power and the tools to actually enforce compliance with its rules," said Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and a member of the commission.

The sunset commission's recommendations will be considered during the next legislative session, which begins in January.

DRY OCTOBER LEADS TO DROUGHT LEVEL INCREASE

A fairly dry October, except in West Texas, led to an increase in drought levels to 75% of the state, up 14 percentage points from the end of September.

Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, wrote that months of drought have adversely affected surface water resources and are now beginning to affect ground water resources as well.

water resources as well.

For example, the Edwards Aquifer's water level has dropped 35 feet to its lowest level since the 2011 drought. Storage levels in the state's water supply reservoirs are at 68% of capacity — 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

"It's too far out to say with certainty, but spring 2023 may be our next best chance for drought relief," Wentzel wrote.

HOUSTON BUSINESS CONVICTED OF WORKERS' COMP FRAUD

A Houston-area business has been convicted of a first-degree felony in a worker's compensation scheme.

Sehgal & Sons Enterprises was convicted of concealing payrolls by having two separate payroll accounts but only reporting the smaller account to Texas Mutual Insurance Company. The company was fined \$300,000, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

"Concealing payroll is a scheme companies use to get lower workers' compensation insurance rates, and that's fraud," said Debra Knight with the Department of Workers' Compensation.

MORE THAN \$355 MILLION IN PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced more than \$355 million in public safety grants, covering a variety of programs, including victims' services, anti-human trafficking efforts, and law enforcement support. The funding is a combination of state and federal dollars

The money will go to provide bullet-resistant vests, homeland security, to combat human trafficking, border security and about a dozen other programs.

"This crucial grant funding will further bolster organizations and agencies as they work around the clock to ensure justice for victims of crime, protect against threats, prevent human trafficking, and support statewide emergency infrastructure, among other critical public safety initiatives," Abbott said.

WHOOPING CRANES SPOTTED ON TEXAS COAST

First sightings of the endangered whooping crane have been reported along the Texas coast, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported.

Janess Vartanian, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says that on Oct. 21 a pair of whooping cranes were the first to arrive this season on Matagorda Island. Most will arrive in and around the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in December.

Whooping birds, according to TPWD, are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. The current population is estimated at about 543 birds. They migrate this time of year 2,500 milers from northern Alberta, Canada, to the Texas coast.

COVID-19 CASES DROP BELOW 10,000

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in Texas dropped to 8,955, along with 32 deaths. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations stayed steady, with 998 reported across the state as of Sunday.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Newcomers

My husband, Peter, and I feel like social butterflies.

We certainly are not. But it feels as if we are, because we are staying in a new city and finding it is easier to make new friends than any time since we were children.

When Peter and I moved back to Minnesota to be closer to our family, we missed our old routines and the friends we used to spend time with. Moving to a new city did not bring with it a lot of new friends. Everyone already had friends. Peter and I saw a lot more of our families, which was wonderful. But except for the friends we still had from when we lived here as teenagers, we didn't see a lot of new people.

This is not the way it works when we are in Mexico.

"Can we have brunch with Karina and Rick on Friday?" I asked.

"We're going to dinner with

Joel and Chené on Friday."

"I thought we could do brunch."

"We're having brunch with Raul and Nathan." "Oh."

I realized I had something scheduled every day this week.

This is not like me.

Somehow, spending time with people who are all new to this place—leaving what is familiar and trying something new—something about this pulls us together. I realized it's because we're all newcomers.

As newcomers, we're eager to share our newcomer energy, to hear where other newcomers have been and where they're going next. Almost all the newcomers I meet are making changes, going to new places, trying something new. And, because they are newcomers, they all are excited (and a little nervous) to tell others about it.

"I started painting during the pandemic," Rosalie told us. She claims she is not an experienced painter, yet all her work has been eagerly taken by friends who have it hanging in their homes.

"I'm working on a memoir." "I've taken up yoga."

"I'd like to write a novel."
"I'm fostering a dog."

The thing we newcomers all share is the opportunity to look at this new place with fresh eyes and apply that fresh perspective to our lives. I am amazed how few people I meet are trying to replicate the lives they have in the U.S. or Canada. Instead, they are figuring out how to do things differently in this very different place where fireworks go off every night and occasionally at six in the morning, where roosters are constantly crowing, and dogs barking, and the streets are paved with cobblestones, and a lot of the shoes

we brought do not work at all.
"Oh, my gosh! I nearly
killed myself trying to walk in
platform sandals last night!"

"I know. Platforms do not work!" I love hearing stories about

changing course, trying new things, getting off the beaten track.

Meanwhile, I keep working

on my new project, getting my first novel ready to sell. My agent tells me we're almost ready. It will be a long process, she says, and there are no guarantees. I'm OK with that. I know I'm a newcomer to this as well.

Spending time with newcomers in Mexico has made me realize that most of us aren't attached to a particular outcome. We like what we are doing right now—and we like doing it together.

"It's about enjoying life while we're living it—and not worrying about when it's going to end," Karina, another newcomer, said over dinner last night.

I like that. And I think there might be time to squeeze in one more coffee this week. Till next time,

Till next tim Carrie

Photos from the column and other fun stuff can be found at <u>CarrieClasson.com</u>.



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Baytown Hospital opens new Tower,

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our culture, including The **Extending Arms of Christ** Mosaic and an I CARE glass wall. The second floor holds the intensive care unit: the third floor is obstetrics; the fourth and fifth floors are medical and surgical units.

Unity Tower will serve as a focal point for Houston Methodist Baytown, unifying the campus and staff with the community to promote a spiritual healing environment. The tower's design helps solidify Houston Methodist Baytown as part of the Houston Methodist system.

"I am excited to share this new space with our community and continue to provide unparalleled safety, quality, service and innovation for our community for many years to come," said Bernard.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the expansion was held on Friday.

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

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meet the health care needs of its growing community through an ongoing construction and renovation program that has seen the opening of a new 5-story tower, emergency center, outpatient center and medical-surgical units. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency

practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist Baytown provides the most advanced and innovative procedures while never wavering from its focus on compassionate care and providing a safe, patientcentered healing environe n t Houstonmethodist.org/ baytown.



Lobby View of the new Unity Tower building.



Typical Private Patient Room in the new Unity Tower.

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 13:

No. 2 Ohio State hosts No. 3 Michigan in key Big 10 game: Cowboys host Giants on Thanksgiving in key NFC East contest

Thanksgiving Week is upon us, and that means plenty of food, fellowship and football!

And while many of us will gather with friends and family, college and pro football teams will be plying their trades with a number of key games on top at both levels this holiday

The biggest game on the college scene will be the annual grudge match in the Big 10 between No. 2ranked Ohio State and No. 3-ranked Michigan. This year, the Buckeyes get to host their arch rivals from the north looking to avenge the 42-27 thumping the Wolverines put on them in Ann Arbor a year ago. That win propelled Jim Harbaugh's team into the College Football Playoffs and sent OSU to the Rose Bowl. Both teams are in the CFP hunt again this year and the winner should land one of the four spots available. The loser could also get in, but it would need some help from other teams to get in. If TCU runs the table and wins the Big 12 championship game, then it might be difficult for the CFP Committee to keep the Frogs out of the playoffs. The same can be said for USC. If the Trojans, who face longtime rival Notre Dame this holiday weekend, win out, they would be a 12-1 team with one of the most prolific offenses in the country.

So, this game is not only for the Big 10 East title and a slot in the Big 10 title game, but the winner should also be looking solid for the CFP

Other interesting games this weekend have Texas hosting Baylor looking to get back on track after its 17-10 loss to TCU two weeks ago in Austin. In that game, quarterback Quinn Ewers struggled, as did the rest of the offense and did not score an offensive touchdown (UT's lone TD came on a fumble return for a touchdown by the defense). Ewers came out of South Lake Carroll High School as the No. 1 recruit in the country and originally signed with Ohio State, but transferred to UT. Texas fans were excited to land him, but he has yet to live up to expectations. Perhaps he will be all that he's been advertised to be, but he still has a way to go.

No. 9-ranked Alabama and Auburn meet in their annual grudge match and don't be surprised if Nick Saban's team takes their frustrations out on their hated rivals. For the first time since 2019 that the Tide have not appeared in the league champi-

That's because LSU surprisingly won the SECD West this year under first-vear head coach Brian Kelly. Give Kelly a lot of credit. He inherited a mess in Baton Rouge, but rallied his team to the division title where they get rewarded with playing No. 1-ranked Georgia on Dec. 3. Good luck with that, LSU.

The Tigers visit Texas A&M on Saturday bringing an end to what has been a miserable season in Aggieland for the team and head coach Jimbo Fisher. A&M entered the season ranked No. 6 in the pre-season polls, but a six-game losing streak ended their hopes of earning a bowl bid. The Aggies would like nothing more than to end the season on a high note with an upset of the Tigers in Kyle Field.

In the NFL, the league will give us a triple-header on Thanksgiving Day starting with the annual game in Detroit as the Bills visit the Motor City. Two weeks ago, Buffalo blew a double-digit lead at home and lost to Minnesota in overtime, while the Lions won their second straight game of the season with a 31-30 win in Chi-

The second game of the day will be a big one in the NFC East as the second-place Giants visit the thirdplace Cowboys. Two weeks ago, Dallas blew a 14-point fourth-quarter lead at Green Bay and lost 31-28 in overtime to Aaron Rodgers team.

The nightcap will feature New England at Minnesota.

The 1972 Dolphins are popping the champagne now that the previously undefeated Philadelphia Eagles suffered their first loss of the season two weeks ago when Washington upset them 32-20 on Monday Night Football. The '72 Dolphins, led by Hall of Fame Head Coach Don Shula, is the only team in NFL history to go undefeated for an entire season. The Eagles will look to get back on track on Sunday Night Football when they host Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers.

On Sunday, the Texans head to South Florida to take on the highscoring Dolphins. If the Houston defense does not play better, it could be a long afternoon in Miami for Lovie

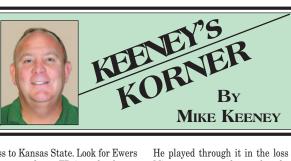
games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 5-5 week brought the season record to 83-47

Before we take a look at those

Before we look at the games, I'd like to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

NCAA

Baylor at Texas: Texas hosts Baylor on Friday afternoon looking to end the season on a high note. If UT beat Kansas last week, they would enter this game with a 7-4 record and a chance to finish 8-4, a big improvement from Steve Sarkisian's 5-7 finish in his first year in Austin. Baylor has been an up-anddown team this year and two weeks ago, the Bears suffered a 31-3 home



loss to Kansas State. Look for Ewers (1,507 yards, 13 TDs) to play better this week and look for running back Bijan Robinson (1,158 yards, 14 total TDs) to run wild as the Longhorns send the Bears back to Waco with a loss. My pick, Texas 34, Baylor 17

Auburn at Alabama: As stated earlier, Saban's Crimson Tide will show little mercy to their long-time rival when Auburn comes calling on Saturday. Alabama has lost twice in SEC play this year (at Tennessee and at LSU) and staved off a three-loss season with a gritty 30-24 win at Mississippi two weeks ago. The win over the Rebels handed LSU the SEC West title. Look for 'Bama QB Bryce Young (2,443 yards, 22 TDs) to bring his "A" game on Saturday as this could be the final time he plays before the fans in Tuscaloosa. Most experts expect Young to announce for the NFL draft once the season is over. Running back Jahmyr Gibbs (774 yards, 6 TDs) is another potential first-round pick, so look for him to also have a big day against an Auburn team that has suffered through a very disappointing season. My pick, Alabama 38, Auburn

LSU at Texas A&M: No. 7ranked Texas A&M heads to College Station on Saturday to tune up for the SEC title game the following week. The Aggies have been one of the most disappointing teams in college football this year and Fisher will have a lot to answer to during the offseason. The first priority should be bringing in an offensive coordinator to bring new life to a dormant offense. Fisher also needs to change things up on offense. Perhaps a new set of eyes would help to remedy the situation. Look for the Aggies to play hard, but if they will have their hands full with LSU dual threat QB Jayden Daniels (2,080 passing yards, 14 TDS/629 rushing yards, 10 TDs). Look for the LSU front seven to be the difference maker in this game as the Tigers pick up win No. 10 on the season. My pick, LSU 23, Texas A&M 21

Kansas at Kansas State: This isn't only for state bragging rights, but a win by Kansas State would land them a spot in the Big 12 title game against TCU. The Kansas Javhawks have been a pleasant surprise this year. Known for decades as the doormat of the Big 12, second-year head coach Lance Leipold has his team bowl eligible and has brought optimism about the future of Kansas football. Sure, KU will always be a basketball school, but folks are now excited about the football program. I expect this to be a competitive game as KU QB Jason Bean (1.256 yards. 14 TDs) and running back Devin Neal (951 yards, 7 TDs) will give it their all against the Wildcats. KSU has too much to play for to look past their instate rivals. The Wildcats are a more balanced offense with Will Howard (717 vards, 9 TDs) under center, KSU also has one of the best backs in the Big 12 in Deuce Vaughn (1.081 vards. 5 TDs). This one should be an offensive shootout. My pick, Kansas State 34. Kansas 31 Michigan at Ohio State: This is

THE Game of the Week in not only

the Big 10 but in college football this Thanksgiving Weekend. No. 3 Michigan takes on No. 2 Ohio State in what should be a classic encounter. The Wolverines have one of the best defenses in the nation and that unit will get its biggest test of the season. The Michigan defense allows just 11.2 points per game, while the Ohio State offense averages an eye-opening 46.8 points per game. The Buckeyes defense isn't too shabby either, allowing just 15.6 points per game. OSU has the edge at quarterback in C.J. Stroud (2,750 yards, 34 TDs) and star wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr., (60 receptions, 969 yards, 11 TDs), the sone of Pro Football Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison. Fellow wide out Emeka Egbuka (51 receptions, 832 yards, 8 TDs) can also make big plays, while the Buckeyes also have two capable runners in TreVeyon Henderson (552 yards, 6 TDs) and Miyan Williams (783 yards, 13 TDs). Michigan has a capable QB in J.J. McCarthy (1,744 yards, 14 TDS) and a stud runner in Blake Carum (1,349 yards, 17 TDs). Look for Michigan to give Carum plenty of work and if he finds success, the Wolverines will look to focus on the running game to keep Stroud off of the field. But even if OSU's offensive snaps are limited, Stroud and Co. can score from anywhere at any time. This will be a competitive game, but the Buckeyes just have too many offensive weapons and that unit will wear down a very good UM defense come the fourth quarter. My pick, Ohio State 31, Michigan 23 **NFL**

Buffalo at Detroit: The Thanksgiving triple header kicks off in Detroit as the Bills visit the Lions. Maybe it's a bit early to pencil in the Bills as the AFC rep in the Super Bowl. Earlier this season, Buffalo looked like the team to beat in the AFC, but they dropped two straight heading into last week's game against Cleveland. QB Josh Allen (2,733 yards, 20 TDs/476 rushing yards, 4 TDs) has been dealing with an elbow injury on his passing arm.

He played through it in the loss to Minnesota two weeks ago, but threw two picks and had one fumble. He needs to do a better job of protecting the ball if the Bills are going to contend for the AFC title. Look for running back Devin Singletary (394 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (72 receptions, 985 yards, 7 TDs) to have big days against a bad Detroit defense. The Lions do have a decent offense led by QB Jared Goff (2,277 yards, 15 TDs), running back Jamaal Williams (604 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (49 receptions, 518 yards, 3TDs). The Lions always play well on Thanksgiving Day and I think they give the Bills a game, but look for Allen to be the difference maker come Turkey Day. My pick, Buffalo 33, De-

 $\underline{\textbf{New York Giants at Dallas:}} The$ Cowboys return home after playing the last two weeks on the road and they had better hope for some home cooking against a Giants team that has been one of the surprise teams this season. Two weeks ago, the Giants took care of the Texans, 24-16 at home as running back Saquon Barkley (931 yards, 6 TDs) rushed for more than 150 yards. QB Daniel Jones (1,596 yards, 8 TDs/387 rushing yards, 3 TDs) has played much better this year and takes what defenses give him. The Dallas defense is still having issues stopping the run and if they don't improve in that area, Barkley could be in for another big day. In their first meeting on Sept. 26, Dallas sacked Jones five times and intercepted him once. The Cowboys will need another such effort if they hope to subdue the Giants on Thanksgiving Day. On offense, Dak Prescott (856 yards, 6 TDs) needs to continue to make plays downfield to CeeDee Lamb (53 receptions, 706 yards, 5 TDs) and let Tony Pollard (621 yards, 6 TDs) and Ezekiel Elliott (443 yards, 4 TDs) handle things on the ground. And if they take the lead, they need to build on it, something they didn't do two weeks ago in their 31-298 overtime loss at Green Bay. Look for Dallas to be more focused from here until the end of the season because they know there is little room for error from here on out. My pick, Dallas 26, New York Giants 18

Cincinnati at Cleveland: An instate battle in the AFC North has the Bengals visiting the Browns on Sunday. The Bengals appear to be rounding into form and should battle Baltimore for the division title down the stretch, while the Browns are waiting for Deshaun Watson to take over at QB in Week 11 against the Texans. Look for Joe Burrow (2,535 yards, 18 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (585 yards, 6 TDs) and Tee Higgins (41 receptions, 564 yards, 3 TDs) to have a big day against a porous Browns defense. If superstar wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase returns from a hip injury, Cleveland could be in for a long day. The Browns will need a big day from running back Nick Chubb (904 yards, 11 TDs), but he won't be enough to hold off the surging Bengals. My pick, Cincinnati 33, Cleveland 20

Houston at Miami: This one could get ugly, and ugly early. The Texans defense could be in for a long afternoon in South Florida at Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa (2.265 vards, 18 TDS) and wide receivers Tyreek Hill (81 receptions, 1,148 yards, 4 TDs) and Javlen Waddle (51 receptions, 878 vards, 6 TDs) should have a field day against a suspect Houston secondary The Dolphins are starting to play better on defense and that's bad news for Texans QB Davis Mills (1,975 yards, 11 TDs/9 interceptions and running back Dameon Pierce (772 vards, 3 TDs). This one should be over by halftime. My pick, Miami 38, Green Bay at Philadelphia:

The Packers visit Philly on Sunday Night Football hoping their comefrom-behind 31-28 OT win over Dallas two weeks ago is the spark they've been looking for to make a late-season playoff run. QB Aaron Rodgers (2,315 yards, 17 TDs) looked like his old self in the Dallas game throwing for 224 yards and three TDs. The Dallas game was a coming out party for rookie WR Christian Watson, who hauled in seven catches for 104 yards and three TDs against the Cowboys. GB will need a big game from running back Aaron Jones (733 yards, 2 TDS) if they hope to upset the Eagles and QB Jalen Hurts (2,217 passing yards, 14 TDs/354 rushing yards, 4 TDs). Hurts has a load of talent on offense with running back Miles Sanders (710 yards, 6 TDs, wide receivers A.J. Brown (44 receptions, 725 yards, 6 TDs), Devonta Smith (46 receptions, 481 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Dallas Goedert (43 receptions, 544 yards, 3 TDs). While the Eagles are loaded on offense, they have some holes on defense, namely stopping the run (sound familiar, Cowboy fans?). If the Packers can get Jones and A.J. Dillon rolling early, that could set up the play-action pass for Rodgers. I think the OT win over Dallas gave the Packers a spark to finish strong, so look for them to give the Eagles all they can handle on Sunday night. My pick, Philadelphia 31, Green Bay



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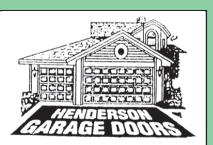
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Crosby Superintendent's Message,

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designates that Crosby ISD has a visual arts program that is among the top 4% in the state. We appreciate the efforts of our fine arts teachers, discovery lab instructors, and interventionists, including: Ms. Gladden, Ms. Willows, Ms. Hilary Scullane, Ms. Melanie Sortore, Ms. Ginny Blaha, Ms. Kim Houser, Ms. Crystal Hammond, Ms. Kristi Hardy, Ms. Dovie Williams, and Ms. Abigail Markley. Next month, we will recognize our visual arts team during a District-wide salute to Fall Semester achieve-

It was an incredible day this month when more than 460 third graders from our elementary schools attended a large literacy rally at Crosby High School. There was so much to see and do, all in the name of celebrating reading. Our third graders are in the middle of a competition to log the most minutes read. They are working to earn a spot in a bracket-style challenge, known as the "Read To The Final Four." Our Cougars are competing against 37,000 other third graders in ten other Districts across the Houston region. We're hoping to land a spot in the reading Final Four in the spring that coincides with the Men's Final Four College Basketball Tournament in Houston. There was nothing better than watching the excitement of our students as they had a chance to play games, receive free books, and get pumped up to read as many books as they can in the next few weeks. Texans Legend Wade Smith even read his new book "Smitty Tackles Bullying," and answered questions



The Crosby High School Boys' Golf Team jumped into action when a car stalled near the intersection of FM 2100 and Krenek Road earlier this month. The morning commute was jammed until the teens helped push the car off the road. They cleared up the commute and helped a stranger who was having a rough start to the morning. All this before 8am!



READ TO THE FINAL FOUR rally:

Third graders from Newport Elementary School pumped up for reading during the rally. More than 460 third graders from our elementary schools attended a large literacy rally at Crosby High School.

spreading kindness on each of our campuses. We hope this friendly competition creates lifelong read-

The Crosby High School Bass Club has been braving the wintry temperatures to compete in fishing tournaments. Their most recent excursion took them to Lake Somerville. The CHS Bass Club had three teams make it to the top 20 and secured them a third-



READ TO THE FINAL FOUR: Texans Legend Wade Smith answering questions and reading from his book "Smitty Tackles Bullying,"

place finish overall. They battled wind and temperatures in the 40's to do it! Great job!

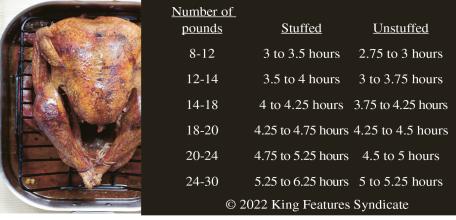
The season has come to an end for our football and volleyball Cougars. The CHS varsity football team finished their season, after a valiant effort in Longview during the Bi-District playoff game. The CHS varsity volleyball team ended their season with a

close battle against Manvel in the first round of the playoffs. As the seasons change, we're expecting great things from our winter sports teams, from Boys' and Girls' Basketball to Boys' and Girls' Swimming and Golfing, Just around the corner, Boys' and Girls' Soccer will begin in December. I hope to see you in the stands very

It is Thanksgiving, and I want to express to you the same wishes I shared with our Crosby ISD Staff. I hope you are spending this time with your loved ones, and doing something fun as a family. It is a wonderful time to be together. After all, we are Better Together!

Happy Thanksgiving! Go Coogs!

TURKEY COOKING TIMES



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Notice for Publication

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF KREBS UTILITIES, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICE IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Krebs Utilities, Inc. has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to amend its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11984 and sewer CCN No. 20781 for the provision of retail water and sewer utility service in Harris County, Texas.

The requested area overlaps the district boundaries of:

- Coastal Water Authority
- Gulf Coast Authority
- Harris County Flood Control District (FCD)
- Port of Houston Authority

If these districts do not request a public hearing, the Commission shall determine that the district is consenting to the Krebs Utilities, Inc. 's request to provide retail water and sewer utility service in the requested area.

The requested area includes 405 customer connections, is located approximately 14 mile(s) southeast of downtown Humble, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by United States Highway 90; on the east by Bohemian Hall Road; on the south by Runneburg Road; and on the west by Lindstrom Road.

The requested area includes approximately 105 acres, comprised of uncertificated area.

The application proposes the addition of approximately 105 acres to CCN Nos. 11984 & 20781.

A copy of the maps showing the requested area are available at: 11015 Sheldon Road, Houston, TX 77044

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date. The letter must include the person's name, address, email address and fax number if applicable.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for a final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

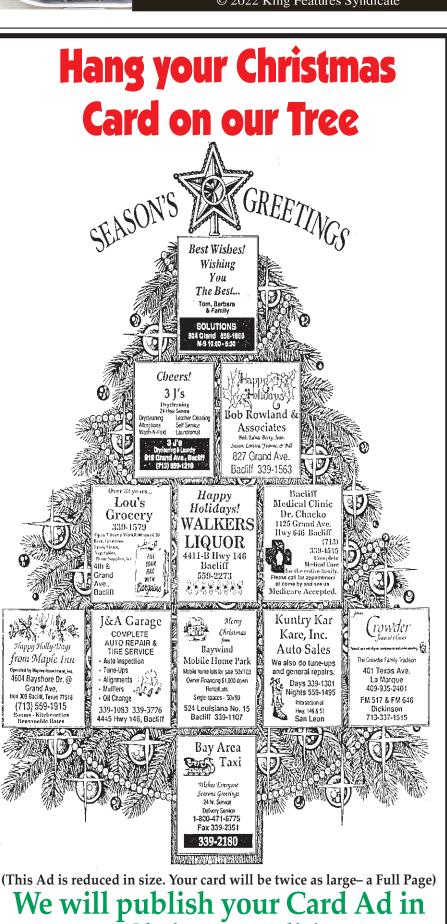
A landowner with a tract of land at least 25 acres or more, that is partially or wholly located within the requested area, may file a written request with the Commission to be excluded from the requested area ("opt out") within (30) days from the date that notice was provided by the Utility. All opt out requests must include a large-scale map, a metes and bounds description of the landowner's tract of land, landowner's name, address, email address and fax number, if applicable.

Persons who wish to request this option should file the required documents with the: Notice Form Updated: April 7, 2022

> Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records 1701 N. Congress, P. O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

In addition, the landowner must also send a copy of the opt out request to the Utility. Staff may request additional information regarding your request.

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