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Sixty plus McGhee family members gather for the McGhee School ribbon cutting. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

## Channelview ISD opens new McGhee Elementary

Building combines the history of the past with vision of the future

By Allan Jamail

Channelview, TX. - August 8, 2022, three hundred plus people came to participate in the new CVISD McGhee elementary school's ribbon cutting (1045 Sheldon Rd.). It was constructed as part of a 75 percent voter-approved 2019 Bond election for 195 million dollars.

The ceremony began with the Channelview ISD (CVISD) Color Guard posting the colors, pledge to USA & Texas flags, and a prayer led by Chaplain Pct. 3 Eric Goodwine of Constable Sherman Eagleton's Office. Introduction speeches were made by Supt. Dr. Tory C. Hill, CVISD Board of Trustees President Patrick Lacy, McGhee Elem. Prin. Lizette Castelline and other school officials.

The campus is named after Joe McGhee, the man who donated the land for the original tiny wooden school in which his grandson also named Joe McGhee helped build. It was built for African-American kids before Black kids were allowed to mix with white kids. Years later the first African-American student to enroll in CVISD was a descendant of Peter McGhee. Artifacts from the original Joe McGhee School including the school bell are now in the new school's in-house museum.

Over 60 decedents of Peter, his eldest son Joe and his wife Eliza McGhee gathered to participate. Ms. Richie "McGhee" Gradney, Great Granddaughter of Joe McGhee and Great Great Granddaughter Ms. Tammie Mac



CVISD Board & Cabinet Members: L-R: Jennifer Carnathan- Asst. Supt.-Finance, Michael Houston-Asst. Supt.- Sch. Leadersh., LaKeisha LeBlanc-Asst. Supt.- Teach. Learn., Frank Bryant- Board PRP., Dr. Franklin Cahuasqui- Dep. Supt., Hector Martinez -Brd.M., Raquel Dobbins- Sch. Brd V.P., Dr. Tory C. Hill- Sch. Supt., 2 McGhee family members (center) cutting ribbon-Richie McGhee Gradney & Tammi Mac, Patrick Lacy-Brd. Pres., Shumona Collins-Brd. Sec., Ellie Llanas- Brd M., Lila Hollin-Exec. Dir.-Communications, Mike Niemeyer-Adm. Asst. Supt. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

presented the family's history.

Ms. Gradney said, "This new school isn't our only claim to fame when it comes to Texas history. Joe's father was Peter McGhee born in 1800, a slave of General Sam Houston, who traveled with Houston taking care of mules on the military campaign that resulted in the independence of Texas from Mexico at the battle of San Jacinto. After the Civil War, many ex-slaves like Peter McGhee and his wife Frances moved into metropolitan areas to find work; they first settled in Galveston."

"A storm from September 14-17, 1875 brought strong winds and flooding waters to Galveston and flooded the poorer section of town where the McGhee's and many other families lived in shanty houses. They had to climb on top of their houses to avoid drowning in the rising water. After numerous moves caused by flooding storms they eventually set-

tled in Channelview," Gradney said.

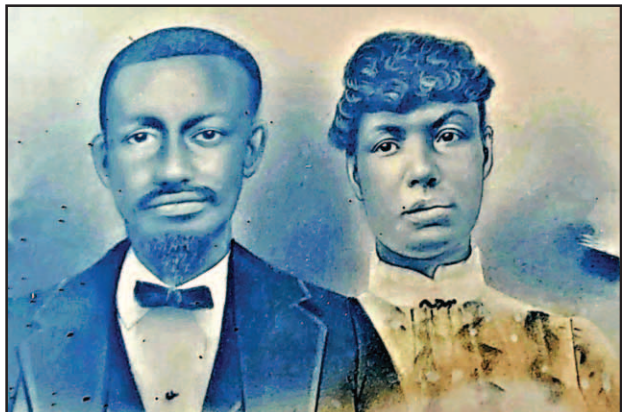
"Joe McGhee, Peter's eldest son, was born about 1864, his wife Eliza, and the rest of the McGhee family purchased a 60 acre tract of land in about 1880 which became the McGhee homestead. Joe McGhee's son Peter is named after his grandfather and is my grandfather, born in 1884 on the homestead, Joe McGhee died in 1922," Gradney said.

Ms. Gradney continued saying, "Channelview's original McGhee School was built on a 100 X 100 foot lot of land consigned to the state by Joe McGhee about 1916. The school also served as a community center and a church; with a bell differentiating the various functions. The McGhee School was part of District 18 until it was closed in 1942 when the District was consolidated with the CVISD. The McGhee School is recorded with The State of Texas Historical Marker 5201010725, in 1979."

Great Great Granddaughter Tammi Mac spoke of the fun times she remembered. "The McGhee's eating chittlin's, having fish fries, stuffed crabs and the best corn-

bread made in America. I remember listening to James Brown, hairstyles like Afros, Lena Horne

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Photograph circa 1880 provided by McGhee descendants' Bobby & Tony Sparks. The McGhee School is named after Joe & Eliza McGhee.

## Lawsuit filed after concrete truck falls from overpass, injures 3 and kills boy

HOUSTON — A family whose SUV was crushed when a concrete-mixer truck toppled off the East Beltway and landed on their vehicle is now seeking compensation in the wake of an apparent freak accident that killed a 22-month-old boy. Nicolas Resendiz was identified as the 22-month-old child who died in the Aug. 5, 2022, crash on the East Beltway.

His aunt, Esmerelda Resendiz, described little Nicolas Resendiz saying, "He was just a happy little boy. He wasn't shy like his sister. He would go to anybody. He would smile with you and laugh."

The family is having a hard time accepting what happened was real.

"It's still hard for us to process everything. Doing every day, daily things, with him not being here, or seeing one and not the other," Esmerelda Resendiz said.

The lawsuit was filed by Jennifer and Maria Resendiz, two of the SUV's occupants, against National Ready Mix LLC of King-



Concrete Mixer Truck fell from Beltway 8 onto car driving below on frontage road. A 22 month old boy was killed, 3 others injured.

wood, which is the company that owns the truck involved in the Aug. 5 crash.

The two women, who are mother and daughter, are not only seeking damages for current and future medical expenses, but they are seeking compensation for the wrongful death of Nicolas, the child who lost his life.

"Plaintiff Jennifer Resendiz has forever lost her son. She is, therefore, entitled to be compensated for the past and future loss of the companionship, society, love, and affection result-

ing from the death of Nicolas, and for the mental anguish, grief and sorrow, which she has suffered since his death, and which she will in the future for the rest of her life," the filing reads.

The women, whom the lawsuit states as "seriously injured" from the crash, are seeking over \$1 million for Nicolas' death. A monetary amount was not disclosed for the women's injuries.

Houston attorney Terry Bryant is listed as the family's representation.

## Channelview ISD Teachers of the Year Mrs. Sheilah Stevens-Requejo and Mrs. Patricia Jefferson

Congratulations to our Teachers Of The Year who were honored at a special luncheon in downtown Houston. We have the best educators and we are grateful they continue to contribute to the students of Channelview ISD.



Mrs. Sheilah Stevens-requejo and Mrs. Patricia Jefferson been awarded.

## SHELDON ISD NEWS

### Sheldon welcomes 188 new teachers to the district

On Wednesday, August 3, Sheldon ISD welcomed 188 new educators to the school district. The teachers ranged from first year in the classroom to those new to Sheldon. This year, some of our new educators are even graduates of C.E. King High School. Sheldon is very appreciative of our sponsors at this year's new teacher event, including Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union the head of class sponsor. Sheldon ISD will open for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 17. All

back to school information can be found at [www.sheldonisd.com/backtoschool/](http://www.sheldonisd.com/backtoschool/) The district will welcome approximately 10,700 students for the 2022-23 school year and remains one of the faster growing districts in the area enrolling 300-400 new students annually. The district's C.E. King 9th Grade Campus will open this fall in a previously used building (Sheldon Education and Community Center) on C.E. King Parkway. King High School will now serve 10-12th graders.



Sheldon ISD staff welcoming a new teacher.

### Athletes give back for backpack drive

The King High School Panther football team worked to prepare for the district's upcoming backpack giveaway. Thanks to a partnership with North Shore Rotary and East Harris Empowerment Council, Sheldon ISD has been given more than 1,000 backpacks and school supplies to give to families on August 6 during a drive through event. Sheldon ISD athletes and club members will help distribute during the event.

Back to School website is posted with updated information for school year The first day of school for the 2022-23 school year is Wednesday, August 17. The back to school website is located at [www.sheldonisd.com/backtoschool/](http://www.sheldonisd.com/backtoschool/) and contains information on registration for new students, verifying residency for returning students, pre-kindergarten registration, school supplies, school start times, and more. Current students should verify their residency information is up to date by logging in to Skyward Family Access located on the district's website.



Sheldon ISD athletes and club members helping on backpack distribution



## GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

### GPISD recognized Lemond Mitchell's new assignment for the 2022-2023 school year

Galena Park ISD recognized Lemond Mitchell's new assignment for the 2022-2023 school year at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting. Lemond Mitchell is the new principal of Dr. Shirley J. Williamson Elementary School. Mr. Mitchell most recently served as Associate Principal at Galena Park High School. He has 19 years of experience in education. A certificate was presented to Mr. Mitchell on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools



### GPISD recognized the Business Services Department

Galena Park ISD (GPISD) recognized the Business Services Department at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting. The Business Department earned The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International for the fiscal year ended 2021. The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the ASBO International award was received for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. This is the eleventh year Galena Park ISD has earned this award. The Business Services Department was represented by Dr. Sonya Haidusek-Naizy, Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support & Chief Financial Officer, Ida Schultze, Executive Director for Budget & Financial Services, and Renee Beck, Director for Accounting Services. We would like to thank the Business Services Department for their dedication to GPISD.



A certificate was presented to the Business Services Department on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

### Board of Trustees Meeting recognized the Brown, Guzman, Jimenez, and Ronsonette families for being outstanding volunteers.

At the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting, Galena Park ISD recognized the Brown, Guzman, Jimenez, and Ronsonette families for being outstanding volunteers. Galena Park ISD recently launched the 'Great Place To Be' billboard campaign to advertise the great things happening in

our District. The Communications Department reached out to these 'model families', who took time out of their busy summer schedules to assist with the campaign. It is amazing families like these that make Galena Park ISD a great place to be!



A certificate and commemorative billboard was presented to the Brown, Guzman, Jimenez, and Ronsonette families on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

## CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

### CISD Proud to Announce "B" Rating by Texas Education Agency

Monday, August 15, 2022—The Texas Education Agency has released its rating for the first time in two years (ratings were not released in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic) and the Channelview Independent School District earned a "B+" (87), only three points away from being named an "A" rated school district. As measured by the TEA accountability system, CISD campuses showcased substantial improvements in student growth, an incredible achievement given the hardships created by COVID-19. "I am proud of the work that occurs in Channelview ISD. This rating highlights the tremendous academic progress that occurs behind-the-scenes and in our classrooms," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill. The highest increase across the district came from Endeavor High School. In 2019 Endeavor was rated a "D" campus. In the course of two years, Endeavor High has made significant academic gains now earning the coveted title of an "A" campus. Endeavor High School is the

district's credit recovery campus which allows students the opportunity of smaller classroom sizes, and a unique non-traditional high school experience. Several campuses earned additional bragging rights by receiving TEA Distinctions Designations. \*Hamblen Elementary \*Postsecondary readiness \*Channelview High School \*Postsecondary readiness \*To 25% Comparative Growth \*De Zavala Elementary \*Postsecondary readiness To 25% Comparative Closing the Gaps \*Achievement in Science \*McMullan Elementary \*Postsecondary readiness To 25% Comparative Closing the Gaps TEA implemented an A-F accountability system in 2018. Districts and schools are evaluated on three items: student achievement, student progress and the campus's ability to close learning gaps.

### The Board elect new officers for the 2022-2023 school year

The Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees focuses their full attention on the success of all students in the District. It is this commitment to a common goal that unites each individual Trustee and the Superintendent of Schools into a cohesive team, the Team of Eight. At the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting, the Board elected new officers for the 2022-2023 school year, and recognized them in their new roles at the August Board meeting. Mrs. Adrian Stephens will serve as the Board President for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Stephens has been a board member since 2018. She was previously the Board's Vice President.



Mr. Noe Esparza will serve as the Board Vice President, and Mrs. Norma Hernandez will serve as the Board Secretary for the upcoming school year.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



## Supporting Others

It is that time again when students in the area will begin selling items for their extracurricular activities and many local organizations are gearing up for their annual fundraisers. And when you live in a community such as the North Channel, you cannot help but want to dig deep and help those around you.

I would suggest that you make a list of the various groups you have supported in the past year and while preparing your budget as to how to support them, go ahead and add in some other donations. We typically think about the local PTAs who raise funds to help with needed expenses at the schools. We give generously to support the athletic teams, the cheerleader groups and the drill teams. Many of us are accustom to purchasing barbeque dinners or other dinners to help with groups.

Before long it will be the season of church bazaars as well as political fundraisers. Before you dismiss supporting any of these, remember that our area churches have helped many people through the years. When the pandemic happened, many of the churches had to meet online and yet, they were still doing their part to support families in need. The same goes for our local elected leaders. Many of these individuals dug deep into their own finances to help supplement the food and supply distributions in our area. It does not matter what elected leader you voted for, those that are in office stepped up and gave without restrictions. Take the time to support their fundraisers.

As we read the news or turn on the radio, we are bombarded with the many negative activities that happen daily. Yet, in our neck of the woods, I still believe the good outweigh the bad. Organizations such as the Rotary Club of North Shore, East Harris County Empowerment Council, the San Jacinto Pilot Club and others not only donate their hard earned funds to help with activities of organizations such as the Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Foundation as well as the Channelview Ministry Team, but they donate countless hours of their time. Giving does not have to be just financially, but give your time and give your talents as well.

Many of you may not know the story of how Brothers in Law Barbeque came into existence, but had it not been for the owners donating weekend after weekend their cooking skills, they may have never opened the restaurant in 1981. Both men had children who were active in school and it seemed as though every weekend, they were cooking to help raise funds. Finally at the suggestion of family and friends, they opened the restaurant that kept us happy and full for many year.

It is all about helping others to succeed that helps each one of us to succeed as well. As you will soon see, the more you give, the more you are blessed. If you graduated from a local high school, start by donating to their alumni organization or the District Foundation. Be a blessing to others.

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## Sheldon Transportation Prepares for upcoming school year



Preparing for the start of the school day begins with transportation. Safety remains a focus for the 2022-23 school year. Transportation employees teamed with the local police and fire departments to provide training for emergency evacuation. Employees learned how to deal with a rollover accident as well as how to evacuate students off a school bus.

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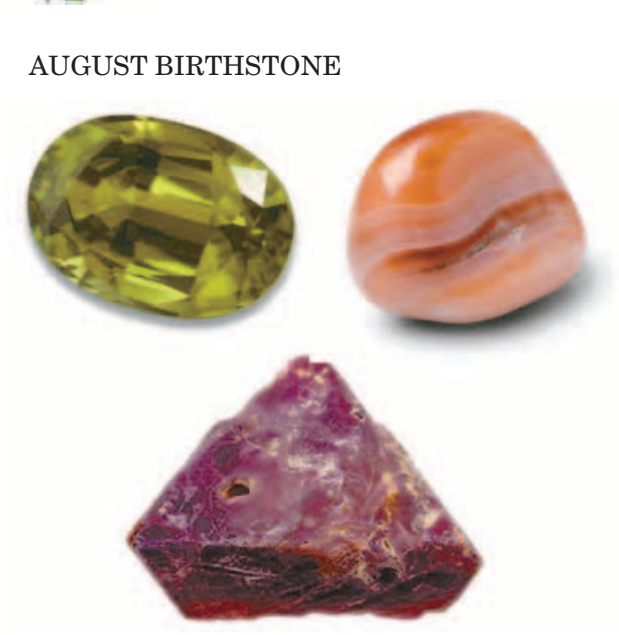
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## ASK DIAMOND JIM

### Diamond Jim: “What is the birthstone for August?”



We have a birthday present for those born in August: the stunning spinel has been added to your month's birthstone lineup! August now joins June and December as the only months represented by three gems. The original birthstone for August was Sardonyx, and then peridot was added, becoming August's primary gem. Now spinel adds its multitude of color choices!

**PERIDOT OVERVIEW**

Though peridot is widely recognized by its brilliant lime green glow, the origin of this gem's name is unclear. Most scholars agree that the word "peridot" is derived from the Arabic *faridat* which means "gem," but some believe it's rooted in the Greek word *peridona*, meaning "giving plenty." Perhaps that's why peridot is associated with prosperity and good fortune. Rarely, peridot is also found inside meteorites.

Peridot's signature green color comes from the composition of the mineral itself—rather than from trace impurities, as with many gems. That's why this is one of few stones that only comes in one color, though shades may vary from yellowish-green to olive to brownish-green, depending how much iron is present. Most of the world's peridot supply comes from the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. Other sources are China, Myanmar, Pakistan and Africa.

**SARDONYX OVERVIEW**

Sardonyx combines alternating layers of sard and onyx—two types of the layered mineral chalcedony—to create a reddish zebra-striped stone with white bands. Sardonyx, like onyx, shows layers of parallel bands—instead of the chaotic, curved bands that compose agate, another type of chalcedony.

The finest examples of sardonyx, which display sharp contrasts between layers, are found in India. Other sources include Brazil, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Madagascar, Uruguay and the United States.

**SPINEL OVERVIEW**

The spinel is often assumed to be other gemstones because it tends to resemble either a ruby or sapphire. In fact, some of the most famous rubies in history have turned out to be spinel. But its distinguishing features, like its octahedral crystal structure and single refraction, are what sets it apart from other gems. Significant deposits of spinel have been found in Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. It has also been found in Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Tadjhikistan, Tanzania and the U.S.

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

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OPINION

By U.S. Representative SYLVIA GARCIA



Assault Weapons Ban  
passes House

10 days ago, my House colleagues and I voted to reinstate the Assault Weapons Ban. Now it goes to the Senate. We know an assault weapons ban will work to reduce mass shootings, because it worked in the past.

A 2021 study by Northwestern Medicine found:  
“[The] Federal Assault Weapons Ban (FAWB) — that included a ban on large capacity magazines (limiting the number and caliber of bullets) — from 1994 to 2004 — resulted in a significant decrease in public mass shootings, number of gun deaths and number of gun injuries.”

Even Republicans know this. That’s why many of them voted for the original ban.

I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to act NOW to save lives.

It’s been less than three months since we lost 19 children and 2 teachers in the Uvalde massacre. All of them might be alive and with us today if we had passed this bill already. Every day the Senate delays this vote is a day we might wake up to another Uvalde, another El Paso, another Buffalo – the list of preventable tragedies is truly endless.

I am fighting every day for the people of our district – and people across Texas – to have safe schools and public spaces. Inaction in the face of this epidemic of violence is inexcusable.

We must also defend every Democratic seat so Republicans can’t reverse any of the gains we have made.

In addition to running for reelection myself, I’m also working to keep strong Democrats in office, and flip seats to elect bold new candidates to join our ranks.

I hope the Senate gathers the courage to pass this bill, so we can begin to address the gun violence that has become rampant in our country.

In the meantime, I will keep fighting for you, and we need you with us!

Si, se puede!

Sylvia Garcia

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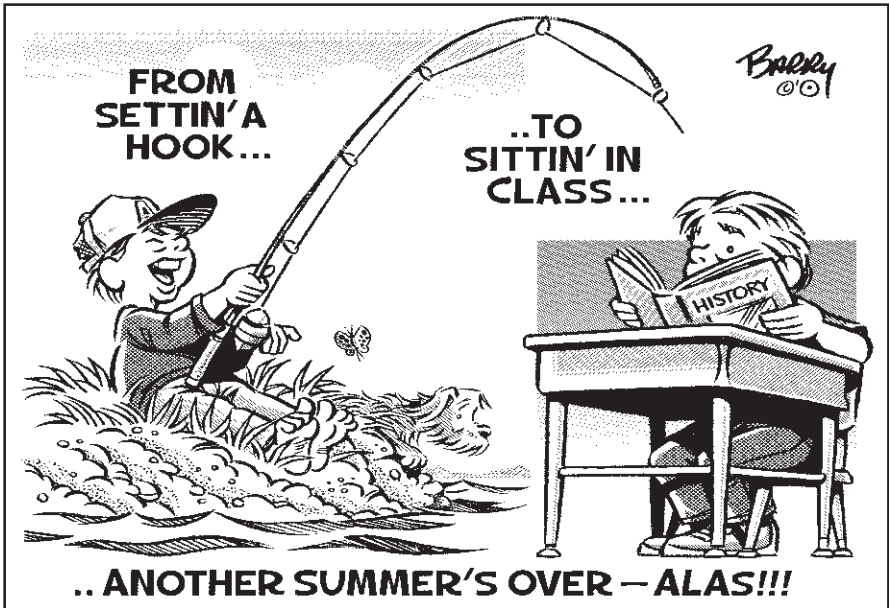
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Drivers Urged to be Alert  
as School Begins

DRIVERS URGED TO BE  
ALERT AS SCHOOL BEGINS

Millions of Texas children are heading back to school this month, as early as this week in some districts. The Texas Department of Transportation urges drivers to be especially alert and focused when driving in school zones and near bus stops.

Drivers are further reminded that a new Texas law requires drivers to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, according to TxDOT. The Lisa Torry Smith Act is named after a young mother killed in Missouri City in a crosswalk as she walked her son to school. The driver received a \$50 fine for failing to yield, according to numerous media reports.

Now it’s a crime punishable with up to two years in prison.

EX-TRUCKING OWNER  
CHARGED WITH  
INSURANCE FRAUD

The former co-owner of Bill Hall Jr. Trucking in Bexar County has been indicted in Travis County for fraud in an alleged scheme to get lower workers compensation insurance premiums by concealing payroll reports. A Texas Department of Insurance news release said the plot allowed the company to avoid more than \$9 million in premium payments.

Francis Hall, the former co-owner along with her husband, was previously convicted of murder in 2016 for knocking her husband’s motorcycle off the road in 2013 with her Cadillac Escalade as she chased his lover, who was in another vehicle, on the same stretch of Loop 1604 in San Antonio. She claimed it was an accident, and the jury gave her the shortest possible sentence in that case. She was released two years later in 2018, according to the San



Antonio Express-News.

Fraud investigators with TDI claim that between 2009 and 2016, “Hall allegedly provided false payroll information to Texas Mutual Insurance Company and concealed payroll reports to get lower insurance premiums on their extensive gravel hauling business.”

If convicted, Hall could face life in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. She is currently free on bond.

WILDFIRE DANGERS  
CONTINUE IN THE DOG  
DAYS

As the summer heat and dry conditions persist, so does the danger of wildfire. The Texas A&M Forest Service reported 10 active wildfires across the state as of Sunday. The largest fire at 3,323 acres in Throckmorton County was 90% contained. The Big Sky Fire in Gillespie County had consumed 1,459 acres and was also 90% contained.

Burn bans are now in force in 225 Texas counties, according to the forest service. Only El Paso County and a portion of neighboring Hudspeth County are not under some level of drought throughout the entire state.

HEALTH CENTER GRANTS  
AVAILABLE FOR  
UNDERSERVED  
COMMUNITIES

The Texas Department of State Health Services is

seeking grant applications for \$20 million dedicated to health centers in areas where resources are scarce and access to adequate health care can be challenging. The funding came from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, and the Texas Legislature approved funneling it to federally qualified health centers (FQHC).

“Federally Qualified Health Centers are a valuable support for people who need essential medical care but live in areas where resources are scarce and access can be challenging,” said State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville. “Once they are up and running, they operate without local or state financial support. These grants are intended to bridge the gap between start-up cost and full certification to enable the program to expand in Texas.”

Open enrollment is available until Dec. 31 or until program funding is exhausted. More information is available on the D S H S website: [dshs.texas.gov](https://dshs.texas.gov).

TRAVEL INDUSTRY  
ELIGIBLE FOR COVID-19  
GRANTS

More funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act will soon be headed toward entities tied to travel and tourism which were adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. That includes arts entities, according to the Texas Commission on the Arts.

The program, operated by the Governor’s Office of Economic Development & Tourism, provides one-time grants of up to \$20,000 to eligible Texas businesses and non-profits that experienced an economic loss due to COVID-19. The \$180 million dedicated to the grant program to aid in the recovery of Texas tourism, travel and the hospitality industry was authorized in the last regular legislative session.

More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/3244psej>.

NEW COVID-19 CASES UP  
SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week rose slightly to 78,845, with 244 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. DSHS reports 3,490 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, a slight drop from the previous week.

DSHS also reports 17.9 million Texans are fully vaccinated, or 60.6% of the state’s population, while 7.3 million have received at least one booster shot.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Two  
Degrees”

They call the impossibly complicated screen I am looking at a “dashboard,” which I do not find reassuring at all. It would be nice not to associate my ignorance of technology with crashing some out-of-control machine into a ravine, although, as I think about it, that is very much how it feels.

Learning new technology is a bear. I don’t care what they say.

I understand the need to play with it, get familiar with the functions and learn in a less-than-linear fashion. But less-than-straightforward learning often leads me to travel in circles—I do the same thing again and again, and discover that I have learned nothing at all.

This is what I have been doing of late.

The goal is simple: I’m going back to some of “The Postscripts” from early on and making videos of them to post on my website and YouTube channel. I thought it would be a fun way for new readers to enjoy old columns. But I had to wade through a forest of fear and insecurities first—and I’m not home yet.

First, there are the required hours of staring at my face on the screen.

I was a stage actor before I started writing, where we take lots of photos but do not film the work. The result is that I know more or less how to position my face when a camera is in the vicinity to keep from looking completely ridiculous.

Video is different. My face is in constant motion on video. I stop the video midframe and see that I have an expression on my face that I did not know I was capable of making. It is never flattering. It is always grotesque.

“Do other people move their faces that much?” I wonder. I don’t think so. This is fear No. 1: having an abnormally mobile face.

Fear No. 2 is what to do with all this captured footage of my grotesque face contortions. Now we’re back at the “dashboard,” aptly named as I prepare for a crash landing.

The tutorials drone on and on about how to achieve an effect I would never dream of trying and merrily speed over the section where they explain, “This is how you can actually see what you are working on!” That would be nice to know.

There are dials and buttons and functions and reams of information about this video, less than five minutes long. There are special effects and filters I will never use, editing tricks I will never need and multilayering track capabilities that are totally superfluous to what I am doing. And, on every control, there is a long list of measurements I am supposed to understand to achieve the desired result. I suddenly feel that I am about two years old.

There is a story told about me when I was two. I got up on the bathroom scale and declared, “I’m going to see how tall I am. Oh!” I announced confidently, “Two degrees!”

I’m not sure I ever got over the feeling that measurements are not intuitive in the least.

But I am back at it today. The dashboard is all in shades of black and gray. I’m sure this is to make it look more intimidating and serious. We couldn’t have a candy-colored dashboard with little animated mascots helping me along the way.

By the end of yesterday, I had done what a typical video editor would accomplish in approximately 15 seconds. It felt like a tremendous accomplishment.

I think I progressed by at least two degrees.

Till next time,  
Carrie  
Photos from the column and other info can be found at [CarrieClasson.com](https://CarrieClasson.com).

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DORIS GARREN TOMLINSON

Doris Garren Tomlinson, 95, of Hideaway, Texas passed away Monday, July 25, 2022 at CHI St. Luke's Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

A celebration of Doris' life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Kingwood Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 3910 W. Lake Houston Pkwy in Kingwood, Texas.

Doris was born July 3, 1927 to Harry Alfred Lewis and Florence Lenora Thurston Beer in Colchester, England. A war bride, she married Hays Roy Garren. She was a former longtime resident of Houston and had lived in Hideaway for the past 15 years. She was a longtime Girl Scout leader for Troop #1319 in Jacinto City where she was Assistant Librarian, Recreational Director, and Pool Manager. After the



death of her husband of 33 year, Hays Garren, she married William Tomlinson and was married to him for 13 years before his death. She loved life, people and animals. Doris was a member of the Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands and her sister, Joyce Garren.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Campbell and husband Lou of Trinity, and Joyce Garren Lawrence and husband Fred of Hideaway; stepdaughter, Muriell Selman of Anahuac; grandchil-

dren, Michele Hoffman and husband David, Connan Campbell and wife Jaime, Karen Lawrence, James Lawrence and wife Gina, and Valerie Lawrence and husband Keith; step grandchildren, Don Selman and wife Sandy, Jeannette Selman Beard, Sandy Selman Fruge and husband Gary; great grandchildren, Stacie Campbell, Natalee Campbell, Hannah Hoffman, and Jasper Lawrence-Wilmot; numerous other great and great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Smith County Alzheimer's Alliance, 3531 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cremation services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

COVID-19 Novavax Vaccine Now Available at HCPH Sites

Houston – Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is pleased to announce that there is a new option for people to get their COVID-19 vaccine. On July 13, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine for emergency use. Following approvals of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), HCPH is now offering the COVID-19 Novavax vaccine to residents. Novavax is a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given 3 weeks apart.

Novavax uses a different technique than other COVID-19 vaccines such as those from Pfizer and Moderna. Instead of using mRNA, which provides the instructions for your body to create the COVID-19 spike protein that in turn induces your body's immune response, Novavax's vaccine injects the small protein itself, that your body detects and that triggers your body's immune response. The Novavax vaccine is based on a well-established method of vaccine development that has been used for years for other vaccines such as the Human-papillomavirus, Hepatitis B, flu, and Shingles vaccines.

Approved COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States include:

- Pfizer-BioNTech (mRNA vaccine)
- Moderna (mRNA vaccine)
- Johnson & Johnson (viral vector vaccine)
- \*New\* Novavax (protein subunit vaccine)

Moderna, Novavax, and Pfizer are recommended for primary vaccination and Moderna and Pfizer are recommended for booster doses and must be used for the second booster dose. A person's eligibility for a booster dose(s) depends on age, primary series product, and immunocompetence. Fully vaccinated is considered 2 weeks after the final dose in a primary series. People are considered up to date with COVID-19 vaccines when they receive all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended, when eligible. HCPH urges residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 if they have not done so already or get a booster shot for those who qualify.

All COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are safe, effective, and provide strong protection against severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. Vaccines provided by HCPH are free and appointments are not required though encouraged. If you would like to schedule an appointment, go to a ReadyHarris.org, vacstrac.hctx.net, or call 832-927-8787. To find a location near you, click here.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

A tax rate of \$0.05 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0500 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0451 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0467 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.0539 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** exceeds the voter-approval rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60**.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60**, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60**.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON** August 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at 8407 C.E. King Parkway, Houston, TX 77044.

**Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** shall take action on the proposed tax rate on August 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., following the hearing to be held.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** may petition the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** will be the voter-approval tax rate of the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60**.

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

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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: **Helen Lauersdorf, Daron McCaslin, Alfred Adams, James Collins and Dale Langdon**

AGAINST: **None**

PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.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.

The 86<sup>th</sup> 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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0500	\$0.0500	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$164,610	\$183,533	increase of \$18,923, or 11.50%
Tax on average homestead	\$82.31	\$91.77	increase of \$9.46, or 11.49%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,537,768	\$2,860,564	increase of \$322,796, or 12.72%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the District Counsel for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60** at (713) 984-8222 or [pierce@coveler.com](mailto:pierce@coveler.com) or visit [www.esd60.org](https://www.esd60.org) for more information.

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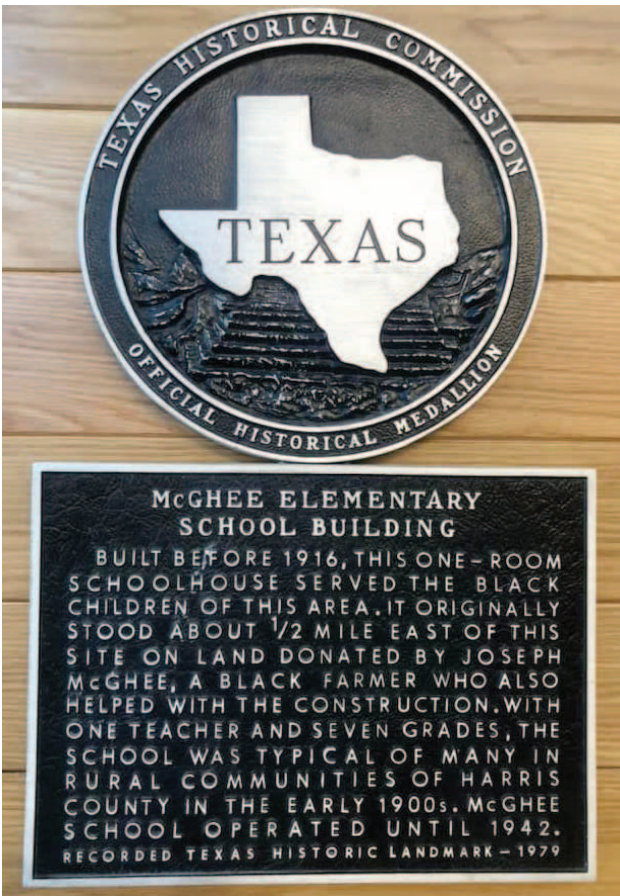
# New McGhee Elementary,

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roller sets and lye slick back hair and Fedora style hats worn by aunts and uncles. The big legged grandma's with coco brown and light yella skin. I remember some wash houses, feed houses, boat houses, chicken coops, hog pins, pecan tree growing, grandma Sadie's egg gathering and Uncle Henry and Pete San Jacinto River fly fishing, Mac said.”

Attendees were given a tour of the school and the McGhee family was given souvenirs bearing the school's name and a private reception with refreshments.

The program was exceptionally outstanding, flawlessly put together by the CVISD Communication Dept. of Lila Hollin-Exec., Teresa Gomez- Com. Specialist, Anthony Mireles-Coordinator and Dalia Castillo- Admin. Assist. to the Exec. Dir.



Architect's Sketch of new McGhee Elementary (Huckabee photo)

LEFT: Plaque with the History of the original building, built before 1916 on land donated by a black farmer, Joseph McGhee. (HCHS photo)

RIGHT: Original School Building, now relocated. Built in 1916, it was in use in Channelview until 1942. It had seven grades, and was 26 x 30 feet in size. It was used for the black children in the community. (CVISD photo)



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0500 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0462 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0478 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.0595 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 6, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT HARRIS COUNTY ESD 12 FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 14, 911 HOLLYWOOD STREET, HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 may petition the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12.

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

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

FOR the proposal:

- W. B. Anders
- B. Clements
- L. Helgesen
- D. Proctor

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: K. Wimbley

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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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0500	\$0.0500	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$158,970	\$175,863	increase of 16,893, or 10.63%
Tax on average homestead	\$79.49	\$87.93	increase of 8.44, or 10.62%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,714,779	\$1,867,765	increase of 152,986, or 8.92%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 12 at 713-274-8000 or [TAX.OFFICE@HCTX.NET](mailto:TAX.OFFICE@HCTX.NET), or visit [WWW.HCTX.NET](http://WWW.HCTX.NET). for more information.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.0500 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.0456 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.0471 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.0515 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 6, 2022 AT 5:00 PM AT 1210 DELL DALE AVENUE, CHANNELVIEW, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 may petition the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50.

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

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

FOR the proposal:

- J. Owens
- B. Ballew
- B. Biggers
- M. Burr
- A. Cedillo

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

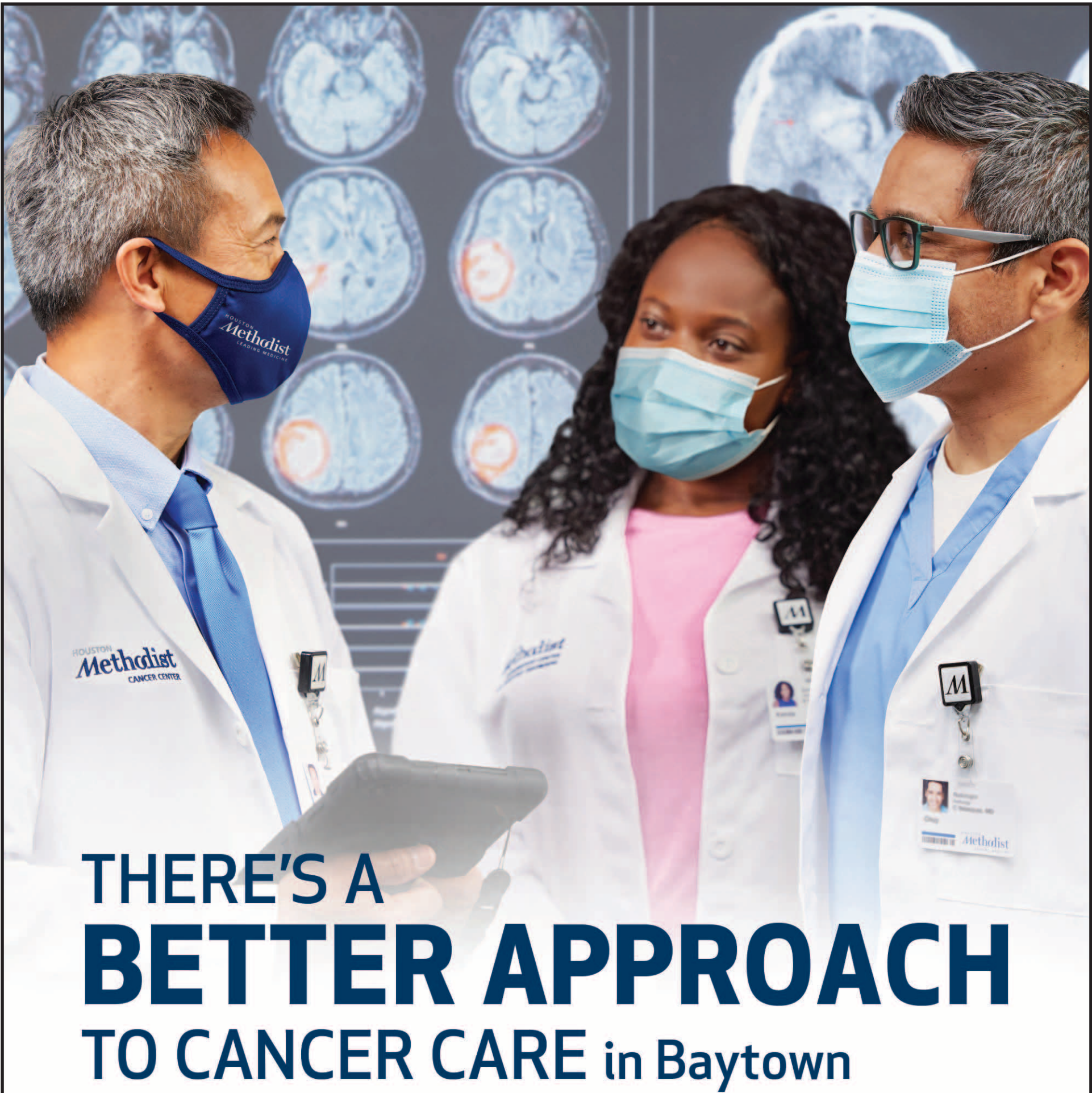
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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0500	\$0.0500	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$137,116	\$153,213	increase of 16,097, or 11.74%
Tax on average homestead	\$68.56	\$76.61	increase of 8.05, or 11.74%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$3,367,726	\$4,203,770	increase of 836,044, or 24.83%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Service District No. 50 at 713-274-8000 or [TAX.OFFICE@HCTX.NET](mailto:TAX.OFFICE@HCTX.NET), or visit [WWW.HCTX.NET](http://WWW.HCTX.NET). for more information.



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