



Introduction of King & Queen at last year's Jensen Jubilee.

NEWS NOTES

New date for Castlewood Civic Club Board Election

At the last civic club meeting, September 28, 2018, we proceeded to elect a new board for the civic club. No new nominations were made so the people in attendance voted to postpone the election to November 8, 2018. An effort will be made to seek candidates for President and Vice President as we have volunteers for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer. However, please note that all positions will be open to the floor for nominations that night and for voting into office. The meeting to elect a new Board will be held at: Bethel Community Church, 2414 Lauder Rd., Houston, TX 77039. November 8, 2018 (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Connie Esparza at (832) 306-0231.

Green Forest CC Meeting

Green Forest Civic Club's October 2018 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 3415 Aldine-Mail Rte. (next to Shipley's Donuts). Please mark your calendar. Neighborhoods covered by GFCC are Eastex Freeway Forest and Fairgreen 1, 2, 3 & 4. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, please contact President Shirley Reed at 281-449-7531 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281-442-3573.

Community working to revitalize Eastex Jensen Area

Parade Marshals Mattress Mack & Jerry Davis



Last year's parade floats travelled down Jensen Blvd.

When communities struggle, whatever the cause, a unique opportunity exists to bring people together and focus on working for the benefit of the community. The Houston Northeast CDC and Jensen Jubilee Committee are committed to seizing this opportunity to help to rebuild a resilient community in the Eastex/Jensen

area. On Saturday, October 20, 2018, the organizations will host their 5th Annual Jensen Jubilee Parade & Festival. Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, and City Council Member Jerry Davis (District B), will serve as Grand Marshalls for the parade starting at 10:00 am proceeding from 2800 Trout Street to 9001 Jenson

Drive, where the Community Festival will take place immediately following the parade.

The purpose of the Jensen Jubilee project, which launched from strategic planning meetings to clean-up the area, is to promote sustainable revital-

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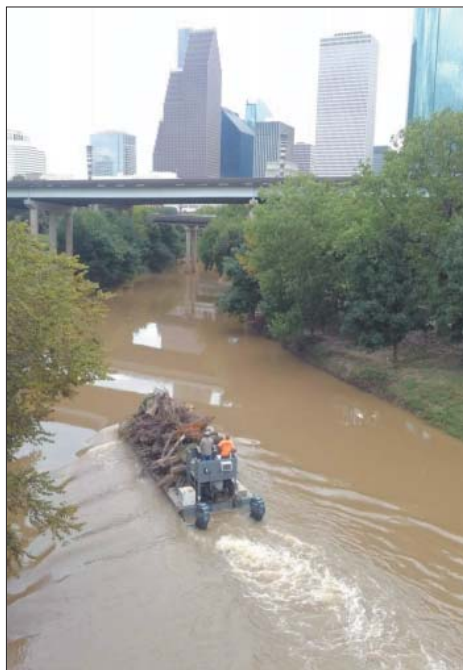
Flood Control District completes removal of channel blockages

140,000 Cubic Yards of Hurricane Storm Debris Removed From Bayous and Channels

The Harris County Flood Control District has completed a county-wide effort to remove downed trees and other storm debris left blocking Harris County's bayou drainage system since Hurricane Harvey more than a year ago. With a last push on Buffalo Bayou and Cypress Creek, and expenses estimated at \$8.9 million so far, more than 140,000 cubic yards (roughly 40,000 tons) have been removed since this work began shortly after the storm.

In recent months, crews removed more than 25,000 cubic yards (7,042 tons or 642 truckloads) of debris from Buffalo Bayou, and 14,000 cubic yards (3,978 tons or 327 truckloads)

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BakerRipley Membership & Fee Information

By Leonardo Escalante BakerRipley

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Why does the membership have a cost?

• Increases level of engagement from community members as opposed to a free membership

• It's an investment made by community members that serves as their buy-in

What happens if a community member cannot afford the membership?

• We strive to ensure

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BULLETIN: Saavedra withdraws; HISD Board to reconsider plans

Houston ISD votes for Leadership Change



Former superintendent Abelardo Saavedra, right has been voted in to replace Grenita Lathan, left, as the search continues for a permanent superintendent. SEE UPDATE. SAAVEDRA WITHDRAWS.

The Houston Independent School District is bringing in a new interim superintendent. It's the third leadership change this year for Texas' largest school district.

At a contentious meeting last Thursday night, the school board voted 5-4 to replace Interim Super-

intendent Grenita Lathan with former superintendent Abelardo Saavedra, while they are searching for a permanent one.

Former Superintendent Abelardo Saavedra will serve as Interim Super-

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Aldine golfers get chance to work on swings prior to start of Aldine Noon Optimist Club tourney



Golfers from Aldine ISD's varisty programs at Aldine High, Davis High, Eisenhower High, and MacArthur High School received the chance to work on their golf swings prior to the start of Aldine Noon Optimist Club Golf Tournament, held Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Newport Golf Club in Crosby. The students did not participate in the tournament. Pictured with the student-athletes are Aldine ISD Board President Steve Mead and Aldine ISD Director of Athletics Dre' Thompson.

Dedication ceremony held in honor of Lou Vardeman



Members of Lou Vardeman's family pose with members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Selina Chapa and Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K principal Orfelinda Todd with the portrait of Mrs. Vardeman that will hang in the school.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, members of Lou Vardeman's family, along with members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, AISD administrators, Vardeman administrators and staff members gathered for the official dedication ceremony of the Lou Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K Center.

Ms. Vardeman served Aldine ISD for 46 years as a teacher and assistant principal, before becoming the district's first Primary Language Arts Program Director. In that role she trained teachers and facilitated curriculum writing and textbook selection. Ms. Vardeman was instrumental in developing Aldine's Pre-K and Direct Instruction program. She worked to equip the district's first EC/Pre-K centers and she worked closely with elementary principals to ensure that Aldine's youngest students were receiving a great start in Aldine.

Ms. Vardeman was known across the state as a language arts expert and worked with her close friend Pat Stevens, the district's elementary language arts program together to develop training sessions and both were instrumental in writing the grant in the early 1990s that began the magnet program in Aldine.

Ms. Vardeman lived in the Aldine community on Chrisman Road for many years. Her niece Nita Pestlen and her husband Pat also worked for Aldine ISD.

Nita delivered remarks on behalf of the Vardeman

family and said having a school named in her aunt's names was truly special to the family.

"This is truly an exciting day to be here for the dedication of the Lou Vardeman EC/Pre-K/K Center," Nita said. "We envy those of you who have the opportunity to work here and we are proud to have Aunt Lou remembered in such a wonderful manner."

Nita reminded the audience of how important her work was to her aunt.

"She was dedicated to the students of Aldine and worked tirelessly with her colleagues to ensure that each child received the quality education they deserved," Nita said. "What a better way to honor her legacy than to dedicate a school in her honor."

Nita also thanked the AISD Board of Trustees and former administrators for naming a school in Ms. Vardeman's name.

"We'd like to thank Dr. (Wanda) Bamberg, Dr. (Archie) Blanson and the Board of Trustees for making this a reality. As Maria Montessori once said: 'Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society.'"

Abel Garza, assistant superintendent of community and governmental relations, opened the ceremony by introducing Aldine ISD's Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and members of her Executive Leadership Team. Mr. Garza also introduced former Board member Rick Ogden and former superintendents M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson and Dr. Wanda Bamberg, former

Deputy Superintendent Bill Plummer, former Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Black and former Area Superintendent Kaye Massey who were also in attendance.

Following introductions, the Mead Middle School LOTC presented the colors.

Vardeman students Mayte Estrada, Jasmine Reyna and Israel Rodriguez led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Cynthia Heffington then delivered the invocation, which was followed by a video presentation on Ms. Vardeman which was produced by Alyssa Duty, Aldine ISD's videographer.

The Vardeman Choir, under the direction of Jaunetta Copper and the Hambrick Middle School Choir, under the direction of Hannah Swenson then performed four songs.

AISD Board President Steve Mead accepted the school on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Vardeman Principal Orfelinda Todd and teacher Gabrielle Houston accepted the school on behalf of the student body and parent Carmen Arzapala accepted the school on behalf of the community.

Following Nita Pestlen's remarks, she and family member Katrina Powell unveiled the portrait of Lou Vardeman that will hang in the school.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney delivered closing remarks

Program teaches students about Nutrition, gardening, and how to prepare a delicious Dish



Students learning on nutrition meals.

Aldine ISD kicked off its new Learn, Grow Cook program this fall. The hands-on program involves fourth and fifth grade students in planting, growing and harvesting their own vegetables and fruits, learning about nutrition, then using the fruits of their labor to prepare nutritious recipes they can share with their families.

Dani Sheffield, executive director of the Child Nutrition Services (CNS) Department (click), and her staff developed the program's curriculum and themes. Nutrition curriculum resources include U.S. Department of Education's Team Nutrition initiative, Texas A & M University, and USDA's My Plate. Sheffield felt that food literacy was a missing piece in "growing" healthy eaters.

The experience can be a nutritional eye-opener.

"The majority of school-aged children lack the knowledge of where their food comes from and how food is produced and why healthy food is important for maintaining a healthy lifestyle," said Sheffield. "The goal is to introduce food literacy at an early age. This we hope will expand children's food preferences as they experience different flavors, and increase their basic cooking skills."

"More importantly, it provides time for children to interact with food personally and learn about the difference between processed foods and natural, healthy foods."

Student field trips are coordinated and conducted by the CNS dietician, nutritionist and chef.

Sheffield and her team are already booked for the year. The program proved popular with elementary campuses that have signed on to bring their students over to the Child Nutrition Services center where the program takes place. The students from Bussey Elementary School helped launch the program. They visited the center on Friday, Sept. 28.

From Seed-to-Plate

The students first visited the Learning Lab where CNS staff talked with students about nutrition. Activities had students actively engaged in learning and about food, nutritional value and benefits as well as where food comes from. Once completed, students donned garden gloves to head to the center's Growing Garden area. With garden tools in hand, they planted and watered their spinach seeds. Students enjoyed the exercise of digging into the earth and laughed, as

a few got wet when a classmate had difficulty with the hose.

Growing Chefs

The group of 25 students then proceeded to the center's professional-grade teaching kitchen where staff members train in the culinary arts. The CNS chef shared with students the dish they would be making that day — fideo pronto — and guided students on proper cutting and cooking skills as they helped prepare the dish.

He shared where the ingredients comes from. Many quickly identified cilantro as something they were familiar from their moms' cooking. The chef had the students smell the ingredients and to describe it. He also shared a bit about the history of different ingredients and the cultures where these are popular.

This is also an opportunity to use cooking as a vehicle to gain self-confidence and reinforce many important skills in areas of math (measuring), science (reactions), and literacy (reading ingredients and recipe).

As the dish was cooking, students oohed and ahhed as they saw steam rise and smelled the fideo cooking. Once prepared, students got to eat their creation. Students smiled and several exclaimed, "Delicious!" and "This is awesome!"

Taking the Experience Home

Before heading back to their school, each student received a complimentary gift bag that contained seed packets, nutrition theme bracelets, a pencil, and a recipe card for the dish they prepared — many students rejoiced to be able to make the plate at home. The bag also included Learn, Grow, Cook program information to share with their parents.

The department plans to provide the Learn, Grow, Cook initiative for AISD students annually. Staff members are also looking to expand to include parents in the future. But for now, Sheffield rejoices in the fact that students had fun and learned about nutrition.

"The launch of the program was memorable," said Sheffield. "It was wonderful to hear students' excitement and to see them focused as they learned to garden and cook," said Sheffield. "We want students to have fun, be creative and enjoy gardening as well as to explore different foods that are nutritious. It's a step in paving way for children to be healthier, to appreciate food and promote healthy eating within their families and communities."



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Divers find body while searching for missing 69-year-old man in manhole

HOUSTON - After several hours of searching, the Houston Police Department Dive Team recovered a man's body inside a manhole in north Houston.

While investigators don't yet know the identity of the body, they said that the circumstances lead them to believe that it could be 69-year-old Alex Medina. Official identification will have to come from the medical examiner's office.

Tim Miller, with Equu-Search, said that the discovery of a cellphone led them back to the location where Medina was last seen, near Beltway 8 and the Hardy Toll Road.

"His company had a GPS tracking device on his phone, so when we contacted them, they gave us some tracking and they gave us an area where his phone went dead. So, that kind of led us to this spot," Miller said.

Miller said that Medina's truck was found in the area. They also recovered oil, antifreeze and shoes that they believe could belong to Medina. Search crews contacted police when they discovered an uncovered manhole.



Police said there are no obvious signs of foul play.

Lt. Larry Crowson, with the Houston Police Department, said that dive teams located the body on the other side of the street from the manhole entrance.

"We aren't sure if it's the same male, but we assume it is. However, the medical examiner will confirm," Crowson said.

Miller said they will wait for the autopsy results, but whoever the man is, he was someone's loved one.

"There are no words of real comfort or words that can take their pain away," Miller said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

Generals win 10th straight cross country title: School sweeps all three levels at league meet



The MacArthur High School cross country program had quite a day at the District 16-6A Meet, held Thursday, Oct. 11 at Lone Star College-North Harris. The Generals and Lady Generals finished in first place in the varsity, junior varsity and freshman divisions. Pictured are members of the six teams that swept to their first-place finishes. The Generals won their 10th straight district title and along with the Lady Generals will advance to the Region II Meet, set for Oct. 22 in Arlington. The teams are under the direction of head coach Xang Chareunsab and assistant coach Saul Zamora.

Harris County Emergency Corps celebrates International Walk to School Day with Orange Grove Elementary

HOUSTON, October 10, 2018 - Harris County Emergency Corps (HCEC) joined Orange Grove Elementary and schools around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 10, 2018.

Walk to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools and the broader community.

With the help of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Aldine ISD and HCEC, students and their families were reminded about the proper ways to cross a street by walking at a cross walk, looking both ways and listening for cars. Each family received a special Walk Safely goodie bag.



October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Schools throughout the country are devoting October to raising awareness for bullying prevention.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

District leaders believe that bullying, hazing, harassment, and intimidation greatly reduce a student's ability to achieve. They believe that all students have the right to a safe, caring and respectful learning environment. That is why the District is committed to providing resources and education about the dangers of bullying.

Bullying behavior is experienced through a variety of methods such as verbal, social, physical and cyberbullying (e.g. text messaging, social media). One way students can help prevent bullying is by reporting it.

According to directors with the Aldine ISD Safe and Secure Schools Office, a lot of students don't report bullying because they may think someone has already noticed, or they fear they will be stigmatized for reporting. Nikki Reid advises students to reach out to campus principals, assistant superintendents, teachers, coaches and campus counselors. Reid is one of the directors with Safe and Secure Schools.

"We want students to know that we are providing them a safe place where they can talk about things that are happening at school and outside of the campus," Reid said. "Students need to know that they're being heard and

that there's going to be a response to this."

Reporting Bullying

The District investigates all reports of bullying. Students or parents/legal guardians of students who have been bullied or witnessed bullying should immediately report such incidents to the school principal or assistant principal. Instances of bullying can also be reported to the assistant superintendent who oversees the campus. When an incident occurs, the following steps are taken to address the matter:

- A report is generated that outlines the incident and the parties involved.
- The designated site administrator conducts a thorough investigation.
- Parents of both the victim and perpetrator are notified of the incident.
- Disciplinary action, if necessary, is taken and enforced by the site administrator.
- The victim and the perpetrator will be provided counseling if needed.

Students can also contact Crime Stoppers, (713) 222-TIPS or (713) 222-8477, to anonymously report bullying, abuse, bomb threats, cyber crimes, discrimination, drugs, health concerns, suspicious behavior, vandalism, fighting and weapons. Additionally, individuals can contact the Aldine ISD Police Department (281) 442-4923.

Families can also visit AldineISD.org, to view the District's "Freedom From Bullying" policy.

With families, students, community and staff members working together, Aldine ISD will maintain school environments that are safe and conducive for learning.

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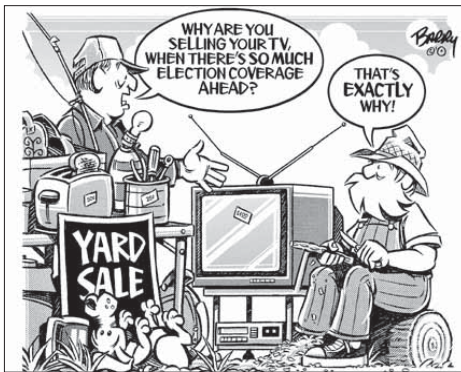
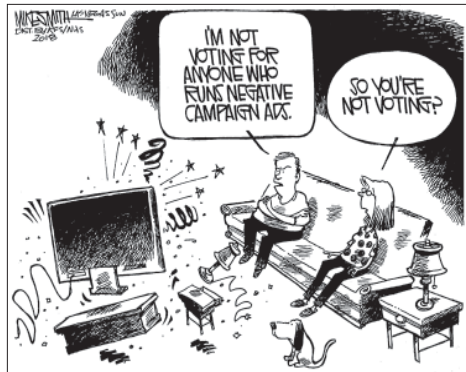
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OPINION PAGE



Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
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Ask Rusty - Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty

Dear Rusty: I've never been a fan of socialized medicine, so wasn't happy with that whole "Great Society" thing that happened back in the 1960's, which is where Medicare started. Just on principle, I refused to sign up for Medicare when I turned 65, but with age comes wisdom, I guess, so now I find that maybe I should have. I'm 68 now and starting to develop some health issues, but my insurance agent says that because I didn't sign up for Medicare when I was 65 there's going to be penalties. We didn't talk about how much, but I'm hoping you can give me some insight on what I'm up against. Signed: Wiser Now than Before

scription drug coverage you may not currently need, the sticker shock for enrolling if you need to later is quite severe. Compared to the Part B penalty, the computation for late enrollment in Part D is complicated. You owe the penalty, again on top of your regular Part D premium amount, if you go more than 63 days past your IEP without a creditable Medicare Part D drug plan, a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan which includes drug coverage, or another healthcare plan (such as the VA), which includes creditable prescription drug coverage. Part D premiums are set by the insurance carrier which provides the coverage, but the penalty amount is set by Medicare, as follows: 1% of the "National Base Beneficiary Premium" (\$32.02 for 2018), times the number of full months you didn't have creditable Part D coverage (rounded to the nearest 10 cents). That amount is added to the Part D premium amount as determined by your insurance provider. And like Part B, the penalty for late enrollment in Part D coverage is recurring and may increase with changes to the National Base Beneficiary Premium as computed by Medicare.

Dear Wiser: While I always admire one who sticks to their principles, I also believe, to coin a phrase, that wisdom is the better part of valor. You've been lucky health-wise and avoided a major health crisis for the past several years, but with the wisdom gained by age now realize that the Medicare you paid into over your lifetime isn't such a bad thing after all. The problem is, the law requires that you enroll in Medicare at age 65 unless you have other "creditable" coverage (e.g., from an employer or the VA). To have not done so does, indeed, mean that by enrolling now you'll have to pay a "late enrollment penalty," at least for Medicare Part B (doctors and outpatient services) and Part D (Prescription Drug coverage). Assuming you're eligible for or collecting Social Security, your Part A (hospitalization) coverage should be free, even if you didn't enroll during your "initial enrollment period" (IEP), which started 3 months before the month you turned 65 and lasted until 3 months after.

It's important to note that since you're well past your IEP, your timing to enroll in Medicare is now limited. You can only enroll in Part A & B during the annual "General Enrollment Period" which runs from January 1 to March 31 for coverage to begin on July 1st. And you can only enroll in a Part D drug plan during the annual Open Enrollment Period which runs from October 15 to December 7.

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The Part B penalty for late enrollment is applied as a supplement to the base Medicare Part B premium amount which, for 2018, is \$134 per month if you earned less than \$85,000 as a single-filer in 2016 (the premium is higher if you earned more than that). The late enrollment penalty for Part B is 10% additional for each full year after the end of your initial enrollment period, so \$134/month plus 30% means you'll be paying \$174/month instead, and the penalty is recurring every year. In fact, if the Part B premium goes up (as it periodically does), so will your penalty because the base number is higher.

As for Medicare Part D, although it's hard to justify paying for pre-

Paxton joins effort against climate change lawsuit

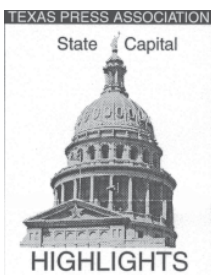
AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Oct. 5 announced he had joined an Indiana-led coalition of 11 state attorneys general in a friend-of-the-court brief seeking dismissal of a climate-change lawsuit against the energy industry.

King County, Washington, filed the lawsuit naming the oil companies BP, Chevron, Exxon Mobil, Royal Dutch and ConocoPhillips as defendants. Paxton and the other attorneys general allege in their friend-of-the-court brief that "King County's objections to fossil fuel are based in public policy, not law, and are thus inappropriate for judicial resolution."

King County is seeking a court order requiring the named oil companies and several unnamed individuals to fund the costs of adapting the county's storm-water management, salmon fishery recovery, public health infrastructure and more. In addition, the county seeks to hold the companies responsible for "knowingly contributing to climate disruptions and putting the residents of King County at greater risk of floods, landslides, ocean acidification, sea level rise and other impacts."

Jurisdictions in California, New York and Colorado have filed lawsuits similar to King County's. According to information posted by King County, areas within the county "that were once above the mean high tide line now experience regular flooding." The county says the mean high tide line is projected to increase by as much as 56 inches in the Puget Sound region by the year 2100.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



Anti-gang funds come

Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 3 announced \$5,158,000 in grant funding through the Local Border Security Program. He said it would help secure the Texas border from gangs and violent criminals.

One hundred grant awards have been released to border communities and law enforcement groups for intelligence sharing, collaboration and efforts to crack down on border-related criminal activity.

"We must continue doing all we can to stop violent criminals and gangs from coming across our borders and into our communities," Abbott said.

Last year, grantees reported over 800,000 miles patrolled and 1,200 felony arrests made by grant-paid officers supporting the border initiative, Abbott said.

Revenue total increases

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Oct. 2 said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.7 billion in September, 14.8 percent more than the amount reported in September 2017.

"While the fastest growth in tax collections was fueled by business spending, especially in oil and gas-related sectors, robust consumer spending spurred significant increases from restaurants and retail trade as well," Hegar said.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in the month of September, Hegar added.

Details on all monthly collections are available at comptroller.texas.gov under "Monthly State Revenue Watch."

Bus grant is received

The Texas Department of Transportation announced it would receive \$7 million from the Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program to help rural transit providers buy new buses.

In addition to bus purchases, the grant money

helps rural transit agencies purchase related equipment and construct bus-related facilities. The majority of Texas' rural transit districts are expected to receive funding based on replacement needs.

TxDOT deputy executive director Marc Williams said, "Providing newer buses to our rural transit providers means providing more efficient travel for Texans in need."

Flu shots are promoted

Oct. 1 was Texas Influenza Awareness Day, and the Texas Department of State Health Services is recommending flu shots for everyone over six months of age.

Early vaccination is important because it takes about two weeks for the body to make flu antibodies after the vaccine is administered, the DSHS said.

"This year, there are many different flu vaccines available and they have all been updated for this flu season. The nasal spray flu vaccine, also known as FluMist, is once again on the list of recommended flu vaccines for the upcoming flu season," said DSHS Infectious Disease Medical Officer Dr. Jennifer Shuford. "There are also special flu vaccines designed for people 65 years and older. Your doctor can help you figure out which vaccine is right for you," she added.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Oklahoma, TCU play in Big 12 survival game: Texans look to get back in AFC South race against Jags:

After losing three of their first four games, the Texans could carry a three-game winning streak into their AFC South showdown with Jacksonville on Sunday. Two weeks ago, the Texans defeated the Dallas Cowboys 19-16 in overtime and should have taken care of a mediocre Buffalo team last Sunday at NRG Stadium.

A win over the Bills would put Bill O'Brien's team at 3-3 when they face the defending division champs who lost to Pat Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs. This game should be a defensive battle as both teams have two of the better defenses in the AFC. Just ask the Cowboys about the Texans defense!

Speaking of the Cowboys, they will look to get back into the NFC East race when they play at Washington on Sunday afternoon. In their loss to the Texans, the offense once again struggled, as did the 'Skins offense in their 43-19 loss at New Orleans two weeks ago on Monday Night Football. The Washington defense had played pretty well up until they faced Drew Brees and the high-octane Saints and it can safely be said that the Cowboys offense ain't the Saints!

Speaking of Brees, congratulations are in order after he passed Brett Favre and Peyton Manning to become the NFL's all-time leader in passing yardage. He set the new mark in the first half and with a touchdown pass this week at Baltimore (the Saints were off last week) he will join Manning and Tom Brady as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to throw 500 career touchdown passes. Brees has established a remarkable career and it's far from over.

Other key games this week has Brady taking on the ferocious Bears defense in Chicago, Cincinnati visiting Kansas City and the Ravens hosting Brees and the Saints.

The college schedule is a bit watered down this weekend. The biggest game comes in the Big 12 where Oklahoma visits TCU in a game both teams desperately need if they want to remain in the Big 12 title hunt. Mississippi State visits LSU as the Tigers look to make up for their 27-19 loss at Florida two weeks ago, which was Ed Ogeron's teams first defeat of the season. Also in the SEC, No. 1-ranked Alabama visits Tennessee and former defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt. Pruitt will be trying to be the first former Saban assistant to defeat his mentor as a head coach. Saban is 13-0 when

taking on former assistants. Good luck with that, Jeremy. Before we take a look at this week's games, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week upped the season record to 43-29 (60%).

Now, onto this week's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

MacArthur at Westfield -

Two weeks ago, Wayne Crawford's Generals dropped a 38-14 decision to Eisenhower, while Westfield defeated DeKaney, 30-0. In the Eisenhower game, Romelle Marks scored once and led the Generals in rushing. This is a tall order for the Generals as they will be facing District 16-6A's top team. My pick, Westfield 33, MacArthur 18

Davis at DeKaney - James Showers' Falcons defeated Aldine 51-14 two weeks ago and face a DeKaney team that was shut out by Westfield. The Falcons got a huge night from running back DeMarcus Barlow, who rushed for 142 yards and scored two touchdowns. Davis is squarely in the playoff hunt and looks to be improving week-by-week. My pick, Davis 34, DeKaney 21

Aldine at Spring - Hank Semler's Mustangs fell to Davis two weeks ago and face a Spring team that has struggled this season. Jacory Howard had another big game on the ground as he rushed for 215 yards and scored twice, one of those scores came on a 55-yard run. Howard could be key this week against the Lions. My pick, Aldine 23, Spring 21

Nimitz vs. Eisenhower - A big game for both teams and their playoff hopes will take place on Friday in Thorne Stadium.

Two weeks ago, Richard Slater's Cougars picked up their first win of the season with a 45-42 win at Spring. In the win over Spring, quarterback Austin Remo had a huge night, going 11-18 for 213 yards and four touchdowns. Running back Jayvon Davis added 179 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Eric Jackson's Eagles defeated Aldine 38-14 as Jashaun Palmer returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, one going for 75 yards and the other for 65 yards. The Eagles also got 79 rushing yards from Deon Allen. This one could be another offensive shootout, but I'm going with the Eagles who have been more consistent this season. My pick, Eisenhower 36, Nimitz 33

NCAA

Oklahoma at TCU - As

stated earlier, this is a key game for both teams and their Big 12 title hopes. Two weeks ago, OU lost to Texas, 48-45 in the Cotton Bowl in the annual Red River Shootout and a shootout it was. The Sooners trailed 45-24 midway through the fourth quarter, but quarterback Kyler Murray (1,764 yards passing, 21 TD; 377 yards rushing, 5 TDs) led the Sooners on three scoring drives to tie things up before Texas won on a last-second field goal. The Sooners are used to losing Big 12 games and expect a much more focused team moving forward. Lincoln Riley's team had better be focused when they face a dangerous TCU offense in Amon Carter Stadium. The Horned Frogs are led by quarterback Shawn Robinson (1,023 passing yards, 7 TDs) and running back Darius Anderson (316 rushing yards, 2 TDs). TCU has a solid defense, but it will get tested by Murray and wide receivers Marquise Brown (33 receptions, 675 yards, 7 TDs) and CeeDee Lamb (25 receptions, 423 yards, 6 TDs). Look for Murray to be the difference maker in this one as OU lets the rest of the Big 12 know they aren't finished yet. My pick, Oklahoma 32, TCU 29

Mississippi State at LSU - LSU will host Mississippi State on Saturday looking to turn its season around after their loss at Florida two weeks ago. While the Tigers were losing on the road, the Bulldogs picked up a nice home win with a 23-9 thumping of Auburn. MSU is led by quarterback Nick Fitzgerald (709 passing yards, 7 TDs); 513 rushing yards, 7 TDs). If Fitzgerald is on, he will be a handful for even a very good LSU defense to handle. Something tells me the Tiger defenders will be in a nasty move come Saturday and will provide the LSU offense, led by quarterback Joe Burrow (1,214 passing yards, 6 TDs) and running back Nick Brossette (576 rushing yards, 8 TDs) easy scoring opportunities. My pick, LSU 26, Mississippi State 16

Alabama at Tennessee - Tennessee head coach Jeremy Pruitt will try to do what 12 of his

predecessors have failed to do, beat their mentor Nick Saban as head coaches. Pruitt and the Volunteers will play hard, but will it be enough to beat an Alabama team that entered last weeks game against Missouri averaging an eye-opening 56 points per game. The defense is its usual solid self, although that unit did give up a season-high 24 points at Arkansas two weeks ago. Look for 'Bama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1,495 yards, 18 TDs) to have his usual big numbers game, while the Tide running game gets rolling behind Damien Harris (361 yards, 3 TDs). Tagovailoa will once again make big plays down field in the passing game thanks to its bevy of talented receivers. My pick, Alabama 46, Tennessee 23

NFL

Cincinnati at Kansas City -

This game pits two of the surprise teams thus far in 2018. The Bengals won four of their first five games and two weeks ago overcame a 17-0 deficit at home to defeat Miami 27-17 behind two defensive touchdowns in the second half. While the defense carried the day two weeks ago, the offense has been solid behind quarterback Andy Dalton (1,445 yards, 12 TDs) and wide receiver A.J. Green (26 receptions, 409 yards, 5 TDs). Cincinnati added another weapon when speedy and elusive running back Joe Mixon (272 yards, 2 TDs) returned after missing three games with an injury. Mixon gives Dalton one more outlet and his return boosts the running game. The Bengals will be facing one of the top offenses in the league in the Chiefs, led by first-year starting quarterback Pat Mahomes (1,513 passing yards, 14 TDs). Mahomes only threw one touchdown pass in KC's 30-14 trouncing of Jacksonville two weeks ago. He did have a rushing touchdown and the defense forced four interceptions from Blake Bortles, returning one for a touchdown. The Cincinnati secondary is suspect, so look for Mahomes to make

plays down field to the speedy Tyreek Hill (27 receptions, 425 yards, 3 TDs) and steady tight end Travis Kelce (25 receptions, 407 yards, 3 TDs). KC can also keep the Cincinnati defense from teeing off on Mahomes thanks to a strong running game led by Kareem Hunt (376 yards, 4 TDs). The Chiefs are tough to beat at home, which the Bengals will discover come Sunday. My pick, Kansas City 31, Cincinnati 23

Houston at Jacksonville -

This should be a defensive battle when the Texans visit the Jaguars on Sunday. Two weeks ago, the Houston defense led the way to a 19-16 overtime victory against the Cowboys, while the Jags had issues on both sides of the ball in their 30-14 loss at Kansas City. Jags QB Blake Bortles threw four interceptions and the Texans will look to force more miscues from him with J.J. Watt and Jadevon Clowney applying pressure from the outside. The Jags have a talented secondary, but the Texans have a very good passing game led by quarterback DeShaun Watson (1,621 yards, 8 TDs) and speedy wide receivers DeAndre Hopkins (36 receptions, 594 yards, 2 TDs), Will Fuller and Keke Coutee. It would help if running back Lamar Miller is back for this game. The Jags will look to backup running back T.J. Yeldon (258 yards rushing, 1 TD) to take some pressure off of Bortles. Yeldon played well in the KC loss and grabbed a touchdown pass. He will handle the running duties while starter Leonard Fournette recovers from a hamstring injury. I think the Texans hang around in this one, but look for the Jacksonville defense to be the difference maker on Sunday. My pick, Jacksonville 23, Houston 20

New England at Chicago -

The Patriots travel to the Windy City to face a Bears team that has been perhaps 'the' surprise team thus far in the 2018 season. The Bears won three of their first four games before enjoying their bye week two weeks ago. They played at Miami a week ago, which could be a game they looked past with the Patriots coming to town. Tom Brady (1,259 yards, 12 TDs) will face one of the top defenses in the league. Chicago brings a lot of pressure thanks to the addition of Khalil Mack at linebacker. Brady may have found a running game thanks to rookie Sony Michel (294 yards, 2 TDs) and he has old reliable Rob Gronkowski (23 receptions, 309 yards, 1 TD) and Julian Edelman to rely on in the passing game. The Bears have an up-and-

coming quarterback in second-year man Mitch Trubisky (945 yards, 8 TDs). Three weeks ago against Tampa Bay, Trubisky tossed six touchdown passes. He also has a solid running game led by Jordan Howards (203 yards, 1 TD) to turn too. I think the Bears hang around in this one, but going up against Brady and Bill Belichick is a bit to ask of a young team like the Bears. My pick, New England 20, Chicago 17

Dallas at Washington -

Even though this is only the seventh game for the Cowboys, it could be a key one that determines their fate for the remainder of the season. Two weeks ago, the offense once again struggled against the Texans and last week they hosted a very good Jacksonville team. It's very likely Dallas enters this game 2-4 and a loss to the Redskins could doom their NFC East title hopes. The one thing going for Dallas is that the NFC East is weak this year. Entering Week 6, no team had winning record. The Redskins were in first place with a 2-2 record and looked bad on defense in their 43-29 loss at New Orleans. Dallas must get Dak Prescott (961 yards, 5 TDs) and Ezekiel Elliott (486 yards, 2 TDs) untracked. The Redskins need more out of quarterback Alex Smith (1,042 yards, 4 TDs) if they hope to contend for the division crown. Dallas has the better defense and look for that until to be the difference maker as the Cowboys pick up a much-needed win on Sunday. My pick, Dallas 26, Washington 20

New Orleans at Baltimore -

The Saints high-scoring offense takes on the Ravens stingy defense on Sunday in Baltimore. Brees had a big night in passing Manning as the league's all-time yardage leader but more importantly he got another weapon back in running back Mark Ingram, who was suspended for the Saints' first four games due to violating the league's substance abuse policy. Ingram had a nice return, rushing for 53 yards and two touchdowns. With Ingram back, head coach Sean Peyton can limit the wear and tear on second-year sensation Alvin Kamara (299 rushing yards, 351 passing yards, 6 total TDs). The Saints secondary is beat up, so look for Baltimore QB Joe Flacco (1,550 yards, 8 TDs) to attack it early and often. The Ravens are tough to beat at home and look for their defense to be the difference maker in this one on Sunday. My pick, Baltimore 31, New Orleans 27



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3. They are mascots at fire houses; some dogs or other _____ are trained to alert people when there is smoke, or to help find people in fires.
4. Firefighters can send _____ by remote control into dangerous fires to fight them.
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Fire Prevention & Safety

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Spots, the firehouse Dalmatian, is letting me try on his cool helmet.

Family Fire Safety Checklist

- Only cook in the kitchen when an adult is helping you.
- Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are for adult use only.
- Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
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- Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
- Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.

Share this checklist with your family.

LIFESTYLE

OBITUARY

Constance Lea Bashinski



AUGUST 15, 1948 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2018
Constance Bashinski, 70, of Houston, Texas, passed away of natural causes Sep-

tember 29, 2018. She was an only child born in Houston on August 15, 1948, to Leo and Connie Bradshaw, and was a lifelong Houstonian. She was married to Edmond Bashinski in a wonderful ceremony at St. Francis of Assisi in Houston on August 20, 1966 and the two remained inseparably married for 52 years. Connie is survived by her husband Edmond, her daughters Deanna and Linda, her son Edmond, and her five grandchildren: Katie Blackwell, Christopher Blackwell, Jessica Blackwell, Jake Blackwell, and Henry Stavino. Connie was a kind and caring soul who loved her family dearly, and had a passion for sewing, crochet, creating wirework jewelry, and fishing.

She lived her life to the fullest, visiting a number of places nationwide and always wore a smile. She encouraged many people to do the right thing to great success and freely gave others the wisdom to accomplish their goals. Connie graduated from In-carnate Word Academy in downtown Houston in 1965, and attended college vicariously through her children. In her work career she held many positions, including for the Harris County Real Estate Property division, the Northeast News, Goodwill, and Grace Heart Antiques, and was also an elected member of the Harris County Water Control district #74. Funeral arrangements will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, October 12, 2018 at American Heritage Funeral Home located at 10710 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77038. To leave an online condolence, please visit our website hosted by the funeral home, americanheritagefuneralhome.com.

Sower Ministries

It was time for her prayers before jumping into bed. Little Susie began her prayer by thanking God for all His blessings that day. She did really good on her tests and her best friend came to visit her after school. So she spent a special time thanking Him for all the good things He did for her that day. But when it was time for her to conclude her prayer, she said, "Good night, Dear Jesus, wherever You are. We're moving to New York in the morning. It's been nice talking to You. Amen." To her, Jesus could only hear her prayers if she was in the right place at the right time. There are times when each of us feels that God is not paying attention to us when we pray. It seems as though the doors of heav-

en are locked tight and God is too busy to hear us. Or maybe we've moved away from Him and He no longer cares about us or our needs. Even the writer of Psalm 102:1 felt that way when he wrote: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, let my cry for help come to You." This was no ordinary prayer. He was desperate and begged God for His attention. He sensed a distance between himself and God, was in a crisis and could not endure this sense of alienation. And he continued by saying, "Do not hide from me - answer me quickly!" Perhaps a lesson we can learn from this prayer is that God's "time piece" is different from ours. It includes eternity. We must always remember that He is at work in and with us shaping us into Christ's likeness.

Aldine ISD Transition Expo

The Aldine Transition Expo 2018 will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 5-7:45 pm at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center (located at 1865 Aldine Bender Rd). The Transition Expo will allow students with disabilities and their families to explore options for planning a good life beyond high school. The event will feature agencies and organizations that serve students with disabilities, including Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Texas Workforce Commission Office of Vocational and Rehabilitative Services, Social Security Administration, Lone Star College, Easter Seals, METRO, and Texas Parent to Parent. Representatives from day activity centers and group homes will also be available to discuss options to meet family's needs.

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by Linda Thistle

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7 Fido's feet
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9 Corn castoff
10 "So that's it,
11 Earner's burden
17 Helps
21 1964 Anthony Quinn role
23 "Everything's Coming Up Roses" musical
24 Sapporo sash
25 Thither
26 Lumberjack's prop
28 Carnival site
30 Pond carp
31 Spanish literary hero
32 Expert
33 Chest muscle, for short
36 Intersection, on signs
37 Indicate
40 Moroccan city
42 Last letter
43 Mideastern land
44 Beginning
45 Division word
46 CEO, e.g.
48 Crafty
49 Earl Grey, e.g.
50 "Go, team!"
51 Bear, in Barcelona

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Song of Solomon 2:1, the Shulamite calls herself two kinds of flowers, the rose and the ...? Daisy, Lily, Cinnamon, Sage
3. From Titus 1, Paul wrote, "Unto the pure all things are ..."? Gold, Righteous, Worthy, Pure
4. What archangel is mentioned by name in the book of Jude? Gabriel, Silas, Michael, Melchizedek
5. In 1 Kings 21, who forbade Naboth to give his vineyard to Ahab? The Lord, Jezebel, Absalom, Balaam
6. In Psalm 103:5, what bird's youth is renewable? Dove, Eagle, Raven, Swallow

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Lily; 3) Pure; 4) Michael; 5) The Lord; 6) Eagle"

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Hilliard Elementary reopens after damage from Hurricane Harvey



An Houston ISD school that was damaged by Hurricane Harvey held a grand reopening ceremony last Thursday. Students and staff at Hilliard Elementary School spent the last year at the former Fonwood Early Childhood Center. The celebration included a marching band. Hillary Elementary was completely restored for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Stormwater Clean-Up,

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from Cypress Creek. Concentrated effort on those two forested bayous followed an initial countywide sweep that resulted in the removal of 101,383 cubic yards of material from Harris County's 22 watersheds.

Removing debris from within our channels was a high priority in the days and weeks after Harvey. Downed trees and other storm debris can impede stormwater flow and increase erosion, especially along natural forested channels. The Flood Control District used special storm debris contractors, as well as in-house debris removal crews, to complete its sweep of the county's 22 watersheds.

Crews used floating barges, chainsaws, and excavators to remove debris in some areas, hand tools in others. In areas with unique challenges in terms of equipment access, such as Buffalo Bayou, the Flood Control District was able to secure additional temporary rights-of-entry to

public and private property, and to purchase access property that will be useful in future ongoing maintenance.

Debris has included everything from refrigerators and other large objects washed into the channel, to as many as six automobiles. Woody debris is ground into wood chips – a total of nearly 42,294 cubic yards (399 truckloads) so far – which are then hauled to local green waste recycling centers for final processing into composted mulch.

Crews focused on removing debris that was impeding stormwater conveyance, or that had washed against a bridge, pipeline structure or utility. Accumulated silt was not part of this effort, and vegetative debris that was silted into the slopes or bottom of the channel was typically left in place.

The Flood Control District is working to secure funding for its disaster-related storm debris removal efforts from the

Federal Emergency Management Agency. An estimated \$8.9 million in work has been completed, with approximately \$2.5 million received so far in disaster aid for channel debris removal.

While disaster-related debris removal is complete, the Flood Control District will continue to address channel debris and stormwater impeding as part of its regular routine maintenance program. Residents are encouraged to report bayou and creek debris to the Flood Control District's Citizen Service Center at <https://www.hcfd.org/contact-us/citizenservice-center/>, or by calling (713) 684-4197. If possible, please:

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Houston ISD,

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tendent for six months during the search for a permanent superintendent.

Saavedra was HISD's superintendent from 2004 to 2009, and has recently served as superintendent of South San Antonio ISD. He will reportedly not pursue the permanent superintendent position.

"It is nothing that has anything against Dr. Lathan, and the work that she does, and the work that she's done up to this point," HISD Trustee Diana Davila told News 88.7. "We just want this to be a fair process for all candidates that are interested in coming

down to Houston ISD." Davila said she welcomes Lathan to apply for the position.

Grenita Lathan was chosen as Interim Superintendent, after the departure of Superintendent Richard Carranza.

Lathan will resume her previous role of Chief Academic Officer on Monday.

The motion to replace Lathan was met with backlash from several board members.

"So, for me, I'm very confused, again, at the hypocrisy of it all," said Board President Rhonda Skillern-Jones, amid yells from meeting attendees. "But, I

do believe in being a president. We have a motion on the floor."

Trustee Elizabeth Santos expressed frustration at the tone of recent meetings.

"This meeting tonight, everything has been chaos, month, after month, after month," said Santos. "I can't even listen to my colleagues speak. We can't even have discussion on this."

Lathan became interim superintendent after Richard Carranza left the district to lead the New York City Department of Education, earlier this year.

Jensen Jubilee Parade,

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ization through residential, commercial and economic development, historic preservation and the empowerment of our neighborhoods.

Some of the successes of the Jensen Jubilee collaborative include partnerships with residents, schools, churches, businesses, and public officials; providing scholarships to area high school students; hosting town hall and specialized meetings; organizing community clean-ups; and the opening of UT Physicians Community Health and Wellness Center Jensen. This shows that together with great partnerships and hard work, we are able to not just revitalize our community but also to rebuild it, says Pastor David Smith, president of the Houston Northeast CDC. The very fact that there is a coming together within the community is a huge step forward. The Houston Northeast CDC & The Jensen Jubilee Committee is grateful to all the partners who provide their time, expertise, and the perspective necessary to maintain the momentum and relevance in the community.

The Parade & Festival serve as the premium fundraiser to be able to offer the community services provided through the Jensen Jubilee collaborative.

Festivities will begin with the Jensen Jubilee Parade on Oct. 20th, of which the community is

invited to come and enjoy at 10:00am.

After the parade, the Festival will kick off with music, kid's zone and participation of over 30 service providers and vendors.

The Houston Northeast CDC & The Jensen Jubilee Committee looks forward to connecting the East/Jensen residents to organizations like The Houston Food Bank who will have a mobile food pantry on site. The Houston Fire Department, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Mi Tienda, UT Physicians and many others will participate in the 2018 Jensen Jubilee Parade and Festival and will share information and resources with the residents.

There will also be food vendors from King Coney's All Beef Coney Island & Carrot Vegan Hot Dogs, Nachos, Chips and drinks, to EaDeaux's Cocina's tacos, nachos, gumbo, po'boys, boudin and crawfish etouffee! Not only that,

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Bring your kids out to the Kids Zone. We think about all of our residents. Let them burn some energy in the bounce house, or ride the trackless train. There will also be face painting and a photo booth to engage our younger residents.

While you enjoy the food, kid's zone, and connect to others, you can enjoy the Patrick Henry Mariachi Band, Sam Houston JROTC, Lucas King, Dance the Dream Studio, Grace & Mercy Mime & Dance Ministry, Michael Berry aka Mike B & Yes Prep Dancers!

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