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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT. FEB. 6 Rotary Chili Feast

Highlands Rotary Club will hold their 46th Annual Chili Feast, but this year without the chili. Club members are selling tickets for a raffle for a new car or truck, and other valuable prizes.

VACCINE RESOURCES

CITY OF HOUSTON Registration HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 832-393-4220 HARRIS COUNTY Registration at readyharris.org OR https://vacstrac.hctx.net 832-927-8787

COVID-19 Cases as of January 25, 2021

HOUSTON AREA 19 COUNTIES 477,463 POSITIVE 4,804 DEATHS 377,762 RECOVERED

TEXAS 2,250,827 POSITIVE 34,917 DEATHS 1,809,067 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES 25,155,357 POSITIVE 419,388 DEATHS --- RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE 99,368,828 POSITIVE 2,133,140 DEATHS 54,885,577 RECOVERED

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 28-Cindy Fikes Johnnie Stotts Jan 29-Scott Marshall Michael Wettstein Jan 30-Riley Chambers, Jr. Jan 31-Aida Valle Feb 1-Barbara Bowen Feb 2-Lisa Dammon Donny Herman Melissa Miley Feb 3-David Buford Sammy Covey, Jr. Feb 4-Harry New Andy Scott Chris West Mike Gettemy

ANNIVERSARIES Feb 11-Keith & Becky Adams Howard & Patricia Brockinton

DEATHS Naomi Louise Michalsky

Harris County opens on-line Vaccine registration

HOUSTON — Starting on Tuesday, January 26th, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will launch a new COVID-19 Vaccination Portal for residents who meet the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) criteria for receiving a vaccine. The portal will allow individuals to be placed on a waitlist and contacted once vaccines and appointments are available. The waitlist will be available through the vaccine information link on

ReadyHarris.org and https://vacstrac.hctx.net starting no later than Tuesday afternoon. Eligible residents without internet access can also call (832) 927-8787 once the portal is live to be placed on the waitlist. Harris County's new "Smart Waitlist" system will not use a first-come, first-served process for allocating vaccines. In order to ensure fair access for elderly residents, working families, and vulnerable populations, registrants on

the waitlist will instead be selected through a prioritization and randomization process in accordance with state guidelines. Only individuals who fall under the DSHS Phase 1A and 1B category will be eligible to receive the vaccine at this stage. Those who are not qualified to receive the vaccine under 1A or 1B will still be able to be placed on the waitlist but will not be contacted to schedule an appointment until the State of Texas expands eligibility beyond

Phase 1B, likely not until the Spring or Summer. Priority phases: Phase 1A: Individuals in Phase 1A who register for the waitlist will be prioritized before those in Phase 1B to ensure everyone in Phase 1A has an opportunity to receive the vaccine. Within Phase 1A, individuals will be selected at random from the following age cohorts, with oldest cohorts prioritized first: 75+, 65-74, 55-64, 45-54, 35-44, 25-34, 18-24. Phase 1B: Individuals in

Phase 1B who register for the waitlist will be selected at random from the following age cohorts, with oldest cohorts prioritized first: 75+, 65-74, 55-64, 45-54, 35-44, 25-34, 18-24. Future Phases: Individuals who are not qualified to receive the vaccine under Phases 1A or 1B will still be able to register for the waitlist. However, they will not be contacted to schedule a See VACCINE REGISTRATION, p. 4

Goodlow Crosby Firefighter of the Year

WOODLANDS — The Landry's Restaurant hosted the crews that valiently battled blazes, crashes explosions and traffic hazards for Crosby all last year as they presented honors in a banquet last Saturday. Russell White, First Assistant Chief, filled in for Chief Alan Kulak as it was announced that the Chief had contracted the virus. Which Reportedly the Chief said, the virus was "no joke."



"I am honored that the department would vote for me for this." This is my fourth year here and I won this two years ago for going out West and battling wildfires and I guess this is for those effort this year." Fire Fighter of the Year, Anthony Goodlow.

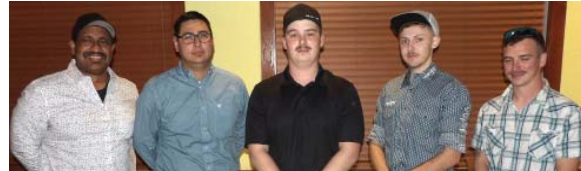


Warren Thompson Captain of the Year for 2020 was also Top Responder with 304 Calls of the 980 run by the Dept. last year. Thompson was involved in all aspects of firefighting within the district last year and a leadership example.

See Crosby Firefighters Continued on Page 5



Officers for 2021 Ben Hathorn Dist. 82 Chief, Mike Sims 2nd Assistant Chief, Russell White 1st Assistant Chief, Ryan Allen Safety Officer, Cameron Elles District 81 Chief. Fire Marshal Tommy Jett, Chief Kulak not pictured.



Warren White Captain of Station 2, Miguel Najra Station 1, Jean Luc Buchannon of Station 3, Training Captain Gage White and Chris Riker not pictures is Station 5 Captain Johnathan Riker.

Texas proposes \$119.7B yearly budget, down 3%

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan today released the following statement on the House's base budget for the 2022-2023 biennium: "The Texas House's base budget prioritizes the needs of Texans during this consequential moment in our state's history and advances the Legislature's commitment to the historic public education and school finance and property tax reforms passed last session. The decisions we make during the 87th legislative session will have lasting effects on the future of our state, which is why the House will work to

improve our business climate, foster economic prosperity, and do what's right for our students. I am grateful to the Members of the House Appropriations Committee and the hard-working committee staff for their efforts throughout this process." The House base budget recommendations for FY 2022-23 appropriate \$119.7 billion in general revenue, a decrease of three (3) percent adjusted for population and inflation. The House budget recommendations are \$3.2 billion below the spending limit of 7.06 percent adopted by the Legislative Budget Board in November

2020, and maintain a majority of the five (5) percent reductions identified by state agencies in 2020. Significant provisions of House base budget recommendations include the following: • Maintains the Legislature's commitment to House Bill 3, the school finance reform legislation passed last session, by funding the Foundation School Program (FSP) at \$53 billion in all funds and \$41.2 billion in general See TEXAS BUDGET, page 5 See Also CAPITOL HIGHLIGHTS, page 4

Rotary Chili Feast Feb. 6, but no Chili this year

Can I sell you the Brooklyn Bridge? No? Well how about a Chili Feast ticket, without any Chili? That's the situation the Highlands Rotary Club finds this year, as precautions to avoid the COVID-19 virus meant that a community dinner was not a good idea. However, the Raffle for a new car or truck will still be held, according to President Andy Scott, and the public is encouraged to purchase a raffle ticket for \$100 to support the club's



community projects and scholarships, and of course win a new vehicle. See any Rotarian or call 281-426-3558 for ticket information.

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# Celebrating 100 Years of Life through parade



Sara Rupp's 100 Years of Life was celebrated last Saturday in a showering of community beginning with a parade down her street with the Highlands Fire Dept. leading the way. Betty Michalsky bringing presents from the community, herself and the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Flanked by her beloved Grand Daughters, Keely and Grethen, Sara waved and exchanged greetings with paraders that passed directly in front of her house and thrown Family came from throughout the country to make the reunion festive and memorable. "I can't believe it. I moved to Baytown in 1947 and have lived here in Highlands for over 65 years."



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## Crosby Cougar Stars Dance Team



2020 - 2021 CROSBY COUGAR STARS DANCE TEAM

Photo by Allan Jamail / Crosby Star Courier

The Crosby Cougar Stars Dance Team accompanied the varsity football team to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium, Friday, January 15, 2021. The Stars provided entertainment at half-time. The Cougars got the Runner-Up trophy for the 5A Div 2 Region State Championship Game with the Aledo Bearcats. Bearcats 56 - Cougars 21.

Military Officers: Ruby Darbonne- Colonel, Emma McGill- Lt. Colonel, Dakota Rogers- 1st Lt., Nikki Murphy- Jr. & Lt., Kristin Harvey- Jr. Lt.

Social Officers: Rayli Eilers- President, Taylor Killough- Vice-President, E Elizabeth Mitcham- Social Chair, Kaitlyn Louviere- Social Chair, Ashley Bolanos- Social Chair & Hannah Parker- Social Chair.

Line Team Members: Jasmine Farrish- Senior, Alexandra Diaz- Sophomore, Devyn Thomas-Junior, Payton Barrett-Sophomore, Madison Dorsey- Freshman, Zoie Woosley-Sophomore, Valarie Delgado- Freshman, McKenna Westberry-Sophomore, Laurel Sterling- Freshman, Laney Strang- Freshman, Alyson Alldredge- Freshman, Diamond Mapp- Freshman, Reagan Patterson- Freshman, Samantha Paredes- Senior, Hannah Smith- Freshman, Brianna Williamson-Sophomore, Reagan Louis- Senior, Mechell Smith- Freshman, Shelby Lamb- Senior, Kelbi Maxie- Freshman & Deja Williamson-Junior. Names provided Director Kayla Mosley, seated in front.



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# Vaccine Registration,

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Phases 1A and 1B. Once individuals are selected to receive a vaccine, they will be provided a link with instructions on how to select a location and time to get vaccinated at a HCPH site.

The launch of this new portal and waitlist expands the previous process by allowing eligible residents to sign up for vaccines on their own directly. Since December, Harris County Public Health has administered 27,426 vaccines to eligible residents, less than a week after receiving each shipment. To date, HCPH has so far been reaching out directly to and vaccinating front-line workers under Phase 1A and specific groups in Phase 1B who have high contacts or will have trouble obtaining a vaccine outside of HCPH.

As more supply of vaccine becomes available, HCPH will continue to en-

sure allocation and administration of vaccines are done in ways that are efficient, fair, and equitable, and that vulnerable communities have equal access to vaccines.

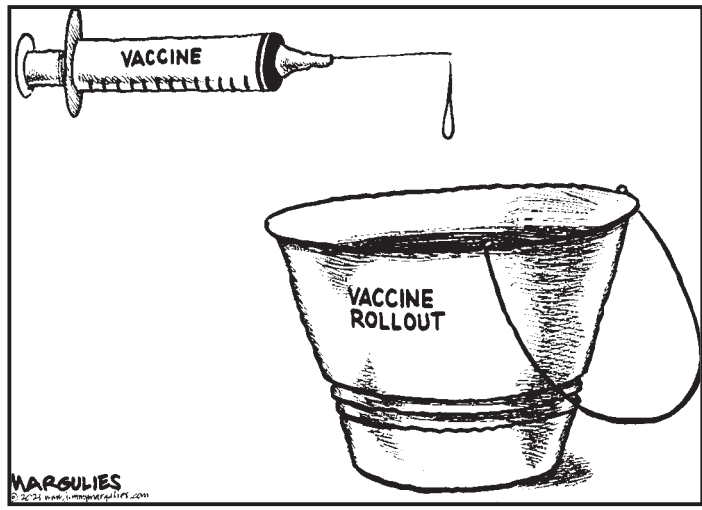
Residents who are selected for an appointment should show up no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled time to ensure the process flows smoothly. Those who are not eligible or who show up without an appointment at an HCPH site will be turned away. All appointments are based on vaccine availability, and current appointments may be adjusted due to any possible changes to the department's vaccine allotment.

Current COVID-19 vaccines require two shots and the protectiveness of the vaccine — which has a 94% efficacy rate — does not set in until a week or two after your second shot. Even with the arrival of a COV-

ID-19 vaccine, HCPH encourages residents to stay home, cancel gatherings, wear a facemask, socially distance, and get tested.

In addition to the new registration portal, HCPH will be launching a COVID-19 Vaccine Data Hub. The Data Hub that show vaccine availability, distribution and other demographic data. The data included currently only reflects vaccines allocated to Harris County Public Health and select providers in the area through the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and will grow to include partnering organizations and Houston Health Department in the near future.

More information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at [www.hcph.org](http://www.hcph.org) or [www.ReadyHarris.org](http://www.ReadyHarris.org).



## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



### Lawmakers start \$7 Billion away from Budget target

Texas House and Senate leaders appear to agree on their proposed budgets. Next, they just have to figure out how to cut \$7.2 billion.

Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, worked with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to propose a state budget of \$119.7 billion in general funds. House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, proposed the same budget figure, indicating a collaborative spirit at the start of the 87th session.

That spirit will be tested as legislators try to meet Comptroller Glen Hegar's budgeted revenue forecast of \$112.5 billion.

"We have many tools available to balance this budget, which will require us to re-establish our priorities, stretch every dollar and find more efficient ways to deliver services," Nelson said in a statement. Among the priorities she set:

Maintaining the education funding increases and teacher pay raises established in 2019, including \$3.1 billion to fund enrollment growth for public education and \$1 billion in additional state aid related to property tax compression in the 2022-23 biennium.

\$5 billion for payroll growth and continued reforms to the Teacher Retirement System passed last session.

\$8.1 billion to fund higher education institution formulas.

Combined projected funding of \$8 billion for mental health across 24 state agencies, including an increase of \$19.5 million to maintain operations for the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium; more than \$1 million in new funding to create a peer-to-peer counseling network and increase access to licensed mental health providers for Texas Law Enforcement Officers; and \$145 million to continue community mental



effects on the future of our state, which is why the House will work to improve our business climate, foster economic prosperity, and do what's right for our students," Phelan said.

#### STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER

You don't find many strawberry fields in Texas, but that could change if a seed planted by the Texas Department of Agriculture takes root.

The department has awarded a second grant to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to research and test how the state's farmers can make more money growing strawberries.

Leading the project is AgriLife extension's Russ Wallace, a horticulturist in Lubbock. You might call him the John Lennon of Texas strawberries.

"We're extremely excited about what we've learned thus far to successfully grow strawberries in Texas and increase profitability," Wallace said in an AgriLife news release. "This is the next step in our ongoing research where we'll be doing more work with shading trials, fine-tuning fertilization and additional work with herbicides."

Strawberries have some juicy potential as a specialty crop because consumers have shown an increasing hunger for locally grown produce, ag experts say, although they don't often use bad puns.

One of the research sites is Atascosa County's Poteet, the self-proclaimed strawberry capital of Texas. Poteet Strawberry Festival organizers recently announced the event will go on April 9-11.

Some readers of the festival's Facebook page criticized the move as having the potential to spread COVID-19 faster than jam on toast.

Festival organizers responded that "we've been working and hoping for a blessing that we can continue, within allowable restrictions or capabilities, but still continuing as possible. We hope all goes well."

With your permission, gentle readers, we'll close here with this Beatles' opening stanza and try to leave you with a song in your heart:

Let me take you down 'Cause I'm going to Strawberry Fields Nothing is real And nothing to get hung about Strawberry Fields forever

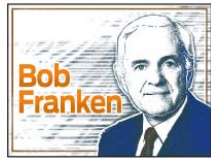
Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at [ccobler@texaspress.com](mailto:ccobler@texaspress.com). Veteran journalist Gary Borders will be taking over the "Capital Highlights" column starting next week as Cobler embarks on a new challenge.

# ★ OPINION

## Trump is Dumped

By Bob Franken

Trump Is Dumped — It's ludicrous that some of the white supremacists who participated in the Capitol riot are actually disowning Donald Trump, even though he made their bigotry fashionable again, at least among the tens of millions in his base. In their view, Trump became a traitor when he yielded to pressure from the few remaining sane members of his shrunken staff and called off the same riotous mob he had incited with a video "plea" to "go home." Even though he added "we love you" and "you're very special," it was not enough to placate some of the supremacist seditious (SS) who have now added their hero to their snit list with charges that he threw them under the bus. "Get out of our way," said one. "We don't follow you." One can argue that these freaks from the fringe are just giving Donald Trump the Trump treatment. The Trumpster made a habit of tossing his most ardent supporters into the dumpster whenever it suited his whims. Even Mike Pence, who spent an entire four years toadying up to him, got trashed because at the last minute, Pence wouldn't break the law for him. But Donald Trump made the white supremacists what they are today: a genuine threat to the United States of America. Where before they crawled along the secret sewers of super patriot intolerance, they now march with their heads high, beneath their "Proud Boy" and "Boogaloo" banners, like so many divisions of the Trump Army. Trump, as presi-

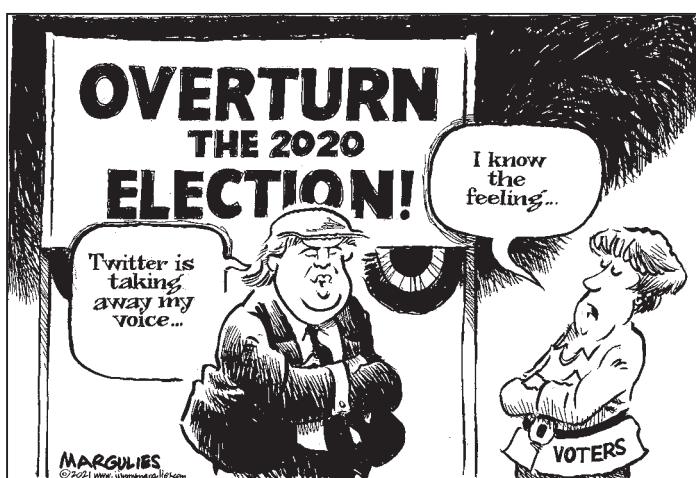


dent, allowed them to wear their bigotry proudly. "I was a racist before racism was cool" was their spirited cry. Still, they are turning on the guy who encouraged them now that he is retreating with his tail between his legs. Some of them, those who even bother debating with their critics, use the "What about ...?" argument — as in, what about the leftist extremists who also use violence and attack police and innocent businesses in the name of the Black Lives Matter movement? Before we go any further down this false equivalence path, let's stipulate that all violence is bad. Having said that, let's go back to the root causes of racial prejudice. White people brought Black people to America as shackled captives. White people built their country using slave labor and fought a war to keep the slave system. White people forced Black people to endure discrimination under Jim Crow and only grudgingly are giving it up; our society is still riddled with discrimination, including a huge disparity in the use of deadly police force against people of color. That was the backdrop for this summer's protests against law enforcement fatal abuses. The massive demonstrations against the outrageous discrimination were overwhelm-

ingly peaceful and orderly. But yes, some of the demonstrators engaged in unwarranted violence, and again, let's emphasize that all violence is unwarranted. But at least their cause is righteous: opposition to the significant vestiges of racism that permeate our society. But, in the case of the white supremacists, they are the extremists who are the advocates of maintaining the racism. They are the ones who stormed the Capitol, along with those who are obsessed with other cultural grievances that caused them to attack democracy itself and now threaten civil war against the United States. All because a fair election deposed the man who breathed life into their racist delusions. Some of them dream of the helter-skelter of a race war. That's where Donald Trump's presidency was leading us and what American citizens rejected. Although, the uncomfortable fact is that more than 70 million people continue to believe that the election is unfair, corrupt, a "steal," or whatever word their iconic leader wished to call it. That's who the fascists are now rejecting as too moderate. The majority choice of Joe Biden promises to be a turn toward more moderation, at least until another authoritarian wannabe comes along.

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**OBITUARIES**

**NAOMI LOUISE STUBBS MICHALSKY**

Naomi Louise Stubbs Michalsky was born on January 29, 1928, to Dock F. and Lavada Stubbs. She parted this world to be in God's hands on Friday, January 15, 2021.

She married Tommy on June 17, 1946. Together, they owned and operated Michalsky's Supermarket for 31 years. Naomi was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society until she moved to Boerne to be by her daughters.

Naomi was a tender-hearted, loving individual who offered encouragement and friendship to all. She enjoyed quilting, needlepoint, and gardening but most of all she enjoyed visiting with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



her sister-in-laws Annie Michalsky, Anna Mae Jasek, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks go to the caregivers at Hill Country Assisted Living; Linda, Craig, Sophie, Melissa, Margaret, and Nurse Erica.

Honoring the family as Pallbearers will be Ronnie Edgington, Bryan Kotrla, Travis Swenson, Kelly Michalsky, Kevin Michalsky, and Trampus Michalsky.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

Interment following funeral service at Sterling-White Cemetery.

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husband Tommy A. Michalsky, sons Clifford and Thomas, son-in-law Danny Kubin and great-granddaughter Ashley Donahoe. Also, her sister Elenor Whitten and brothers Harold and Bruce Stubbs.

Naomi is survived by her daughters Cynthia and husband James Pospisil of Boerne and Mary Kubin of Kendalia, 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by

**Crosby Firefighters,**

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Boyles. His son (of the same name) died in service, and began at age 12 as mascot serving the department. Bob Sr. in his son's place served the department for 40 plus years in varied leadership capacities. Most recently ESD 80 board member.

Top Responder and Captain of the Year was Warren Thompson. Fire Fighter of the Year was Anthony Goodlow. Officer of the Year was Cameron Elles. Rookie of the Year was Carlos Diaz.

Emily Armstrong, Chair of the Ladies Auxillary presented two five year awards one to Kim White, the other to Rebecca Rustin. A fifteen year award would be made for Sharie Andrada and a 35 Year Award was made for Belinda Armstrong.

The 2021 Officers are to be Chief Alan Kulak, 1st Assistant Chief Russell White, 2nd Assistant Chief Mike Sims, Fier Marshal Tommy Jett, Safety Officer Ryan Allen, District 81 Chief Cameron Elles, District 82 Chief Ben Halthorn and Gage White is Training Captain.

Captains are Miguel Najra Station 1, Warren Thompson Station 2, Jean Luc Buchannon Station 3, Chris Riker Station 5, Captain Johnathan Riker Station 6.



Cameron Elles Officer of the Year presented by First Ass. Chief Russell White.



Gage White, Training Captain presents Carlos Diaz Rookie of the Year award.



Emily Armstrong Chair of the Ladies Auxillary presents 5 Year Honors to Rebecca Rustin



Emily Armstrong Chair of the Ladies Auxillary presents 5 Year Honors to Kim White

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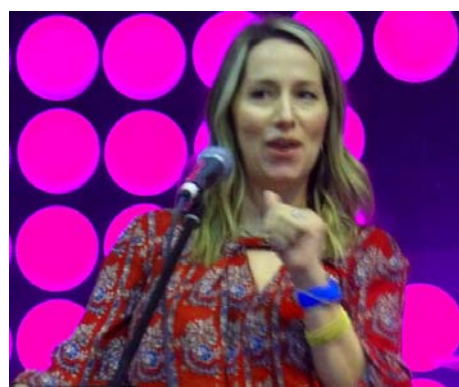
**PPP: A loan to survive the COVID-19 times**

CROSBY – The local Chamber of Commerce last week hosted a luncheon at Crosby Church to explain to businesses trying to survive, like many entities inside the current market, about PPP loans.

Explaining how to get this potentially free money (assuming the forgiveness of the loan) is Jamie Lee Vice President of Commercial Lending for Third Coast Bank SSB, explaining the parameters of the loan and Kim Harris, President of the Crosby/Huffman Chamber of Commerce explaining qualifying and using the loan.

The loan is like any other except for the capacity to be forgiven. It was to address businesses negatively affected by Novel COVID 2019. It is for employees with no more than 500 employees with a maximum loan amount of \$10 million, the loan would be calculated using average monthly payroll costs from April until August 2020. For those that activated this loan or will activate this loan to qualify for the second Draw loan, most of the funds must have been used, employer must not employ over 100 employees, must demonstrate at least 25% reduction of receipts from the first second, third or fourth quarter of 2019.

This 2nd Draw PPP



Jamie Lee, Vice President Commercial Lender for Third Coast Bank SSB, call her for questions (281) 570-1856.

Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 signed into law Dec. 27, 2020 with an allocation of \$284.45 billion and the program is extended until March 31, 2021. The maximum amount of second draw is \$2 million. It may also include extra eligible expenses including operational expense, property damage, supplier costs and covered worker protection incurred during covered period.

PPP Forgiveness Round 1 may be for a selected eight to 24 weeks during the year. Any loans under \$150,000 will be eligible to complete a simplified forgiveness application without additional supporting documents. Loans over \$150,000 will be eligible for forgiveness equal to the sum of their payroll



Kim Harris Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce President

costs as well as mortgage, rent and monthly utility payments.

The coverage period is now extended to Dec. 31, 2021. EIDL Advance will not reduce the eligible forgiveness amount. EIDL Advance (Grant) Funds are available up to \$10,000 per borrower.

**Texas Budget proposal,**

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revenue, an increase of \$3.8 billion. The House budget adds \$3.1 billion in general revenue to fund enrollment growth, an additional \$992 million in general revenue for tax compression; and \$1.1 billion in general revenue to replace one-time CARES Act funding provided in 2020.

- Provides \$5.9 billion in general revenue at the Teachers Retirement System with an increase of \$838 million to fund the

increased state contribution rate adopted last legislative session.

- Appropriates \$74.2 billion in all funds for the Texas Medicaid program, including \$27.4 billion in general revenue with an additional \$920 million to address projected caseload growth.

- Appropriates \$3.3 billion in general revenue for behavioral and mental health services, an increase of \$26 million from last session.

- Maintains border security funding across multiple agencies at \$800 million in general revenue.

- Does not tap into the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, more commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund".

The Texas Senate has proposed a similar bill, with a \$251.2 B budget, but the two houses must hold a conference committee to align the bills and agree on the wording for both.

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Data Control Codes	10		50		60		98	
	General Fund	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds			
<b>REVENUES:</b>								
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 35,635,298	\$ 13,928,043	\$ 558,989	\$ 1,180,310	\$ 51,302,640			
5800 State Program Revenues	50,283,117	158,960	--	2,221,487	52,663,564			
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,859,043	--	--	8,985,642	10,844,685			
5020 Total Revenues	87,777,458	14,087,003	558,989	12,387,439	114,810,889			
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>								
Current:								
0011 Instruction	55,353,634	--	--	5,382,258	60,735,892			
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	500,055	--	--	--	500,055			
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	554,289	--	--	--	554,289			
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,266,777	--	--	204,490	1,471,267			
0023 School Leadership	5,538,602	--	--	--	5,538,602			
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,523,341	--	--	1,169,097	3,692,438			
0033 Health Services	956,176	--	--	--	956,176			
0034 Student Transportation	3,989,868	--	904,156	--	4,894,024			
0035 Food Service	--	--	--	5,791,451	5,791,451			
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,621,290	--	--	37,484	1,658,774			
0041 General Administration	3,353,498	--	--	--	3,353,498			
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	10,127,969	--	--	--	10,127,969			
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,376,183	--	--	--	1,376,183			
0053 Data Processing Services	1,233,772	--	--	--	1,233,772			
0061 Community Services	--	--	--	15,000	15,000			
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	--	35,163,990	--	--	35,163,990			
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	135,417	6,604,840	--	--	6,740,257			
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	479,193	312,125	--	791,318			
0081 Capital Outlay	353,744	--	20,075,206	--	20,428,950			
6030 Total Expenditures	88,884,615	42,248,023	21,291,487	12,599,780	165,023,905			
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)								
1100 Expenditures	(1,107,157)	(28,161,020)	(20,732,498)	(212,341)	(50,213,016)			
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):								
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	26,735,000	68,845,000	--	95,580,000			
7915 Transfers In	5,569,231	--	--	936,269	6,505,500			
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	--	2,690,340	1,477,107	--	4,167,447			
8911 Transfers Out	(424,559)	--	(5,569,231)	(936,269)	(6,930,059)			
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	5,144,672	29,425,340	64,752,876	--	99,322,888			
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	4,037,515	1,264,320	44,020,378	(212,341)	49,109,872			
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	33,765,545	15,989,343	--	2,322,961	52,077,849			
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 37,803,060	\$ 17,253,663	\$ 44,020,378	\$ 2,110,620	\$ 101,187,721			

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## ON THE HILL

### Beach City News

Hello, Neighbors!

Hello All !

I hope 2021 is treating all of the Beach City citizens well. I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to our First Responders at the Beach City Volunteer Fire Department for continuing to respond and take care of all our emergency needs. Please keep all of our first responders in your prayers as they continue to make various calls throughout our region in this new year.

The City had a fantastic year in 2020. We are doing well financially, and at our last meeting, we were given a Thumbs Up from our outside accounting firm for our sound financial reporting and good financial practices.

In the coming months, we will be rolling out a new refreshed version of the City website at [www.beachcitytx.us](http://www.beachcitytx.us). Our current website is still up and running and serving our needs. With the new version, we hope it will be more user friendly and give the city more flexibility for uploading city related items for the public to access. Please visit the website for all things Beach City.

Lastly, due to many inquiring citizens, the city wants to remind all property owners that Beach City DOES require a building permit (in addition to whatever HOA rules you may have) for building improvements on your land. In order to ensure a smooth building process and to not have any potential hold ups, please make sure you have the proper permit required for whatever you plan to construct.

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Thank you and God Bless

Ryan Dagley,  
MAI  
Mayor, Beach City\*\*

## 340 Vaccine shots given at Drive-Thru Site

### Chambers County Public Health Administers 340 Vaccines at Point of Distribution Drive Through Site

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS - On January 23, 2021, Chambers County Public Health facilitated the administration of 340 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine after their designation as a COVID-19 Vaccine Hub by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

This was the first major distribution of COVID-19 vaccine to the Phase 1B population in Chambers County, and was only the

first in a series of planned vaccination sites. Facilitated by Chambers County Public Health, this event was a collaborative effort between multiple agencies including Chambers County, the City of Mont Belvieu and Winnie-Stowell EMS.

"We have been working to thoroughly vaccinate Phase 1A populations in Chambers County up until this point," said Chambers County Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess. "With this event, we took a huge step toward expanding vaccination efforts to Phase 1B."

A small number of vaccine was allocated to this vaccination site, with oth-

ers set aside for planned distribution sites in the coming weeks as part of CCPH's designation as a vaccine hub. Pre-registration for this site was required and utilized to facilitate registration in the State's Immunization Registry (ImmTrac2). There was a limited number of vaccine available for this site, and spots filled quickly.

"We required pre-registration in order to be vaccinated," said Samantha Humphrey, Chambers County Public Information Officer whose office coordinated the pre-registration information and helpline, "and pre-registration filled

up in just over 7 minutes."

People want the vaccine, and they're willing to travel to get it.

"We were receiving about 100 phone calls per day from people all over the world," continued Humphrey. "We even had someone call from Mexico City, Mexico."

Because the vaccines were provided by the federal government via the state as part of the CCPH's designation as a vaccine hub, anyone was eligible to preregister and attend this vaccination event.

"The event was a huge success and I'm proud of what our team was able to

accomplish," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia.

"Right, and we are also abundantly grateful to the City of Mont Belvieu and Winnie-Stowell EMS for their help," added Bess. "It's partnerships like these that allow us to pull together and offer these services to our community."

Additional vaccine administration sites are planned for the near future. Information regarding preregistration for these sites will be released via media, social media and Chambers Warns when available.



Pre-Screening of recipients



CCPH Nurse Shalanda Cooper prepares shot



Cars line up for their appointments



CCPH Vaccine Site Team (Photos courtesy of Chambers County PH/Samantha Humphrey)

### Message from CHAMBERS COUNTY

On January 23rd Chambers County Public Health coordinated the administration of 340 COVID-19 vaccines in their first Drive-Thru point of distribution since being designated as a COVID-19 Vaccine Hub by DSHS.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of many other Chambers County departments, the City of Mont Belvieu and Winnie-Stowell EMS. Partnerships like this are essential to ensuring that small communities like Chambers County are able to provide services like this to their residents.

For more information, please see the attached News story.

Samantha Humphrey  
PIO Officer  
Chambers County

## You Don't have to Live with Joint Pain

BAYTOWN — (January 14, 2021) — Over time—or even through trauma—our joints can wear down and become damaged, leading to joint stiffness, swelling or pain.

Dr. Mark Franklin, an orthopedic surgeon with Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Baytown Hospital, says there are many options available to help remedy the joint pain and swelling that can rob you of your mobility and prevent you from living an active life. Franklin provides answers to some of the most commonly-asked questions regarding joint pain and joint replacement surgery.

Q: How do joints become damaged?

A: Joints can wear down in a variety of ways, but the most common way is through osteoarthritis, known as wear and tear arthritis. Osteoarthritis occurs over time and can result from getting older; being overweight; from a joint injury from sports or other activities; or genetic predisposition.

Q: What are a few ways people keep joints healthy as they age?

A: There's a lot of interest around this, especially

as it relates to diet and nutrition. But there isn't great proof that dietary or nutrition changes make a definitive impact on joint health. And while joint injuries should be avoided, no one goes out intending to cause damage to one area or another. Still, excessive weight can put undue pressure on joints, so it's important to maintain an ideal weight as you age.

Q: What are some warning signs that tell people they should see a doctor?

A: As we age, we feel achy and sore after activity. That's natural. When you feel like your knee is swollen, have trouble getting in and out of a chair or car, or it limits your activity, it's time to see a doctor.

Q: What makes someone a good candidate for a joint replacement?

A: It's preferable if a patient is 55 years old or older since the lifespan of a replacement is around 20 to 25 years. Also, it helps when a person is a healthy weight, with minimal medical problems, is a non-smoker and has a positive attitude about the recovery process.

Q: Can someone be too



DR. MARK FRANKLIN

old for a joint replacement?

A: It's determined on a case-by-case basis. While surgery becomes riskier as we age, there isn't an age limit on joint replacement. To decide whether or not to perform a joint replacement, we'll ask you about your medical history, risk factors and how old your parents are now or when they passed.

Q: What are the alternatives to joint replacement?

A: If you have early arthritis, the focus should be on maintaining an ideal weight with exercises that safely stretch and strengthen your joints. People can also add anti-inflammatory medicine like ibuprofen and naprox-

en if necessary. In more advanced cases, a doctor may recommend injections that mimic joint fluid or provide pain relief for six to 12 months.

Q: How does joint replacement surgery improve someone's health?

A: The main goal is to reduce pain so you can perform the natural activities of living. Surgery won't turn a sedentary person into a world-class athlete, but you can become much more physically functional and stable when your joints no longer hurt.

Q: Are there any permanent restrictions after surgery?

A: You can pursue what you want, but most people don't return to heavy sports activities like running or basketball. However, things like walking, elliptical training, swimming, bicycling, tennis and skiing can be fine. I perform what's called a direct anterior total hip replacement. It's a relatively new technique for replacing a worn hip that minimizes down time and speeds recovery without the need for hip positioning limitations after surgery.

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Franklin and the orthopedic experts with Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine at Baytown—Dr. Karthik Jonna, Andrew Friedmann, MD, Dr. Michael Hopson, Jennifer Wagner, MD and David Mann, D.O.—provide comprehensive care for a full range of orthopedic conditions, including arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome, fractures, rotator cuff repair and sports injuries. For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit [houstonmethodist.org/orthopedics](http://houstonmethodist.org/orthopedics), or call 281-247-7400.