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IN THE STARS

COVID-19
Cases as of April 27, 2021

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

642,837 POSITIVE
7,018 DEATHS
595,910 RECOVERED

TEXAS

2,882,423 POSITIVE
50,027 DEATHS
22,776,539 TESTS

UNITED STATES

32,175,049 POSITIVE
573,378 DEATHS
428,582,253 TESTS

WORLDWIDE

148,353,905 POSITIVE
3,131,636 DEATHS
85,984,055 RECOVERED

COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

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HoustonEmergency.org/
covid19
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BIRTHDAYS

Apr 23—Paul Bauer
Apr 24—Casey Gower
Amanda Leath
Lacy Maness
Kaitlyn Kaly
Apr 25—Colton Cutbirth
Apr 26—Lyndsey West
Apr 27—Kitty Elkins
April 28—Ms. Chrislee
Stephens
Apr 29—Becky Gomez
Jason Maness
Apr 30—Jeramy Bimage
Jennifer Ward
May 1—Pat McIntosh
May 2—Justin Holton
May 3—David Stone
May 5—Micheal Barnes
Micha Owens

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 28—Dan & Margie
Nicholson
Mike & Tanya
Williams
May 3—Edward &
Mareta Richard
May 6—Sidney & Ellen
Platt
May 8—Tim & Lisa
Dammon
May 10—Thomas &
Eleanor Leibham

Crosby Rodeo lines up gifted performers

Cook-Off Entertainers



BAG OF DONUTS LEADS OFF JUNE 4
The eclectic and versital band from New Orleans makes a third return to Crosby this time to play while the big party starts inside the Fairgrounds.



MUSCADINE BLOODLINE WRAPS UP JUNE 5
Proving why they have two Top Billboard charting EP's having only started in 2016 a couple of lads from Mobile, Alabama come to play.

CROSBY – In addition to national champion HiLo PRCA Rodeo Cowboys on June 11 and 12, headliners on their way to Country Music stardom have been contracted to play here right after the Cowboy Sport ends.

The action packed week before that, Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. the community convenes for the youth of Crosby to sell the livestock they have raised at the Crosby Fair & Rodeo Livestock Auction.

The next day is Cook-Off Party Time and Bag Of Donuts a popular versatile showband out of New Orleans will entertain the Cook-Off Teams playing just about anybody's music and sometimes it sounds better than the original.

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Rodeo Concert Bands



Dedicated musicians of diverse backgrounds Read Southall Band brings genuine Country Music from Stillwater, Oklahoma via Nashville June 11.



LANCO, TWICE PLATINUM NUMBER 1 Hot Country and Country Airplay for album "Hallelujah Nights" plays Saturday, June 12 inside the Rock N'C Arena now with Arista Nashville.

Lynchburg Ferry back in Service

The Lynchburg Ferry reopened on Monday, April 26. Drivers may now cross the Houston Ship Channel using the updated facility.

The Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) will resume operations of the Lynchburg Ferry beginning Monday, April 26 at 4:30 a.m. Use of the facility remains free of charge.

The Lynchburg Ferry closed in February of 2020 for necessary improvements to preserve the longevity of its operations. The project was a joint venture between Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The ferry, which crosses the Houston Ship Channel, connects North and



South Independence Parkway and the San Jacinto Battleground Monument. Since 1888, Harris County has provided the ferry service free of charge.

During the closure, crews reconstructed the north and south approaches

as well as the transfer ramps that allow for loading and unloading of the boats. The work also includes rehabbing berthing facilities and new ramp hoist systems, which raise and lower the ramps.

The newly elevated ap-

proaches and ramps will reduce service outages related to the impact of local flooding, therefore providing better service and reliability to drivers.

Both ferryboats also received much needed refurbishing, including engine

work, new decks and re-painting.

While the Ferry will reopen on April 26, ongoing work will continue with the remaining construction and is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2021.

The Lynchburg Ferry hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Both ferryboats are scheduled to operate Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

For frequently asked questions drivers may visit hctra.org/FAQ. For general updates follow the Lynchburg Ferry Facebook page, the Lynchburg Ferry webpage.

Goose Creek and Lee College hold elections



Goose Creek CISD board of trustees draw for positions on the ballot. From left are Howard Sampson, District 1, Position 1 on the ballot; Helen Berott-Tims, District 5, Position 2 on the ballot; Noemi Garcia, board secretary; Mercedes Renteria, III, District 2, Position 2 on the ballot and Agustin Loreda, III, District 2, Position 1 on the ballot. Not pictured are Jeff Minson, District 1, Position 2 and Ben Pape, District 5, Position 1. Richard Clem, District 4, was unopposed.

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President nominates Sheriff to head ICE

HARRIS COUNTY – Guessing the Statue of Liberty play is all over and Kamala Harris didn't solve the boarder crisis because President Joe Biden is intent on nominating Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzales to lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Under the Department of Homeland Security.

Considering the history, it is a sudden change of direction in that Gonzales took the Harris County Sheriff's office out of a voluntary ICE program that would have had deputies fulfill the role of federal agents in jails.

Gonzales is an outspoken critic of families being separated at the border. He has never addressed the



side issues of finding over 100,000 children alone without any parents abandoned on the border area.

He has stated, "True! We need common sense immigration reform, but taking children from their parents is wrong under any circumstances."

Gonzalez started his career as a civilian employee in Houston Police Department, later he was a cop, then he rose to

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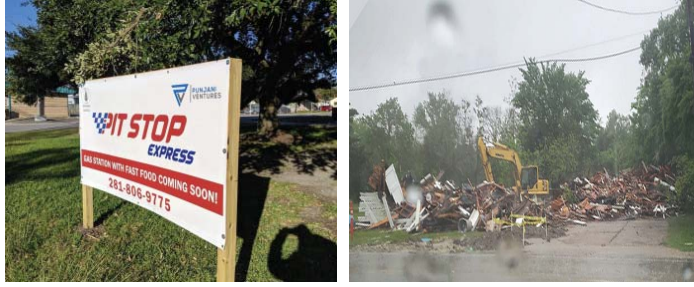
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Signs of Progress?

Community enraged at loss of landmark house



Highlands community laments on Facebook:



519 N. Main St. - Home of the J.R. Prince family. Built in 1946 and demolished April 14, 2021. Highlands residents were deeply shocked and saddened to see this landmark destroyed so that another gas station could be built in town! If you have any additional photos of the house, including the demo, please add them to this album. (Not in the comments).



State Representative Dan Huberty arrested for DUI after accident

PORTER – State Rep. Dan Huberty, R-127, was arrested in Montgomery County after crashing his Corvette into a SUV occupied by three people about 9:00 p.m. and failing a field walking sobriety test April 23, according to the Montgomery County Police Reporter, that posted the video of the arrest to YouTube. He had refused a chemical test.



DAN HUBERTY

Huberty, who has been a member of the Texas House since 2011, posted Saturday on Facebook. "Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. I regret my actions and apologize to my constituents and my family. I am seeking treatment options to begin today."

Montgomery County Precinct 4 Constable's Deputies were dispatched to an accident on FM 1314 at Valley Ranch Parkway and arrived to find a Corvette "parked under an SUV" according to one deputy.

The three people in the SUV suffered minor injuries, according to the report, and the driver of the Corvette, identified as Huberty, was unharmed. The three in the S.U.V. refused to be taken to the hospital. The Corvette was impounded.

Porter, where the crash occurred, is about a three-hour drive away from Austin. According to the report, Huberty told officers he was driving back from the legislative session in Austin.

A Texas law seems to protect legislators and senators from arrest while in transit to and from legislative sessions, a privilege from arrest during session in travel but Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon told the Constable's Deputies to proceed with the arrest.

Huberty later admitted driving under the influence of alcohol. He is accused of failing to stop for a red light before crashing into the SUV. He bonded out of jail early Saturday morning.

"Last night I was driving under the influence of alcohol and involved in a minor automobile accident in Montgomery County," Huberty said.

Huberty has authored no less than 13 House bills related to improving education this session, he is the former chairman of the House Committee on Public Education and the Texas Commission on Public School Finance for the 2019 session.

Huberty has served District 127 since 2011. Last election he routed challenger Ryan Woods 44,550 to 10,964. Huberty won a seat to Humble ISD, became board president in 2009. Huberty won a three way race to replace Joe Crabbe. House Bill 3, authored by Huberty, stands as the only comprehensive school reform bill ever passed by the Texas Legislature.

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OPINION
By Gabby Giffords organization

Texas Lawmakers put communities at Risk with Permitless Carry

Texas Lawmakers Put Communities at Risk By Pushing a Bill to Authorize Permitless Carry

Washington, DC — Despite the continued surge in gun violence across the United States, Republicans in the Texas House of Representatives are moving ahead with a bill to authorize permitless carry. The legislation they passed, HB 1927, would allow people without any training or a background check to carry handguns in public. Giffords, the gun violence prevention group led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, denounced the dangerous policy.

“The Texas House of Representatives is further endangering Texas communities with the advancement of this reckless bill,” said Nico Bocour, Government Affairs Director. “Texans are already grappling with a gun violence crisis every single day, and instead of passing effective laws, Texas Republicans are eliminating protections that help prevent people who can’t pass a background check from being able to carry loaded weapons in public spaces. Texas families deserve better. It’s past time for the Texas Legislature to stop listening to the corporate gun lobby and instead focus on the policies that can truly make a difference in saving lives.”

HB 1927 would allow citizens to carry loaded, concealed handguns in public without any background check or training whatsoever, and significantly weaken other protections and safeguards that are currently in place. Other dangerous provisions in the bill includes allowing more people with demonstrated histories of violence to carry hidden loaded guns outside the home. Lawmakers today advanced HB 1927 despite strong law enforcement opposition to the bill. The Texas chapter of Giffords Gun Owners for Safety also sent a letter to lawmakers ahead of the vote today to voice their opposition to the legislation.

According to Giffords Law Center’s Annual Gun Law Scorecard, Texas received an F due to its extremely weak gun laws. The state’s existing gun laws are filled with gaps and loopholes that endanger community safety and make the state a leading source of guns trafficked to other states and nations across its borders. Nonetheless, existing state law at least requires people to pass a background check and complete a basic safety training course to be licensed to carry loaded concealed handguns in public places. HB 1927 would do away with these basic protections.

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Giffords is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel —* On May 10, 1869, the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads. This made transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history.

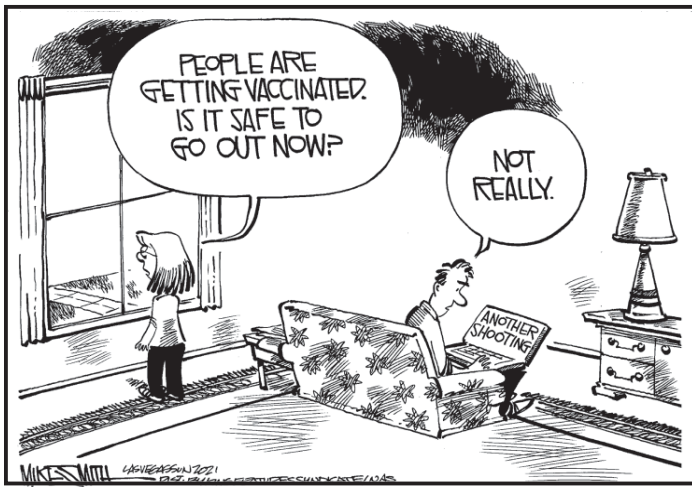
* On May 16, 1929, the first-ever Academy Awards ceremony is held, with some 270 people in attendance. Movies were just making the transition from silent films to “talkies,” but all the nominated films were without sound.

* On May 11, 1934, a massive dust storm sends millions of tons of topsoil flying across the parched Great Plains to the East Coast and as far away as ships 300 miles offshore. Farmers had pushed their fields to the limit, plowing under more and more grassland.

* On May 15, 1942, Lt. Ronald Reagan, a cavalry officer, applies for reassignment to the Army Air Force. As a public relations officer, the actor and future president produced military training, morale and propaganda films.

* On May 12, 1975, the American freighter Mayaguez is captured by communist government forces gunboats in Cambodia. Two days later President Ford ordered the bombing of the Cambodian port where the gunboats had come from. Forty-one Americans died, many in an accidental explosion during the attack.

* On May 13, 1985, in Philadelphia, police begin evacuating people from their homes in order to prepare for an operation against MOVE, a radical cult group. MOVE had begun assembling a large arsenal and building bunkers in their row house. The government gave \$1.5 million to three survivors of the raid.



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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

New Systems

I finished my bath and saw that the rust-orange towel had molted all over my body. I was covered with tufts of orange fur. It was not a good look, and it felt worse than it looked. Worse yet, it gave me a taste of what the next two months would be like.

My husband, Peter, is a man of many systems, and I have learned to appreciate this over the six years we have been married. He has a particular way to do nearly everything, from making coffee, to washing the dishes, to ordering food stuffs. I have found, by and large, it is best just to stay out of the way and things operate very well.

This brings us to moving. Peter’s idea is that it makes sense to get our possessions out of the house before we begin the painting, minor repairs and deep cleaning. As we have already purchased our new place, Peter says we should ship all our belongings, visit my parents (finally!), and then return to a clutter-free house and do the work needed before putting it on the market.

I’m guessing you have already figured out the weakness in this plan.

“It will be like camping!” I reassured myself. But one bath with the orange towel has me reconsidering. The fluffy white towel I have grown accustomed to has already been packed and the orange “camping towel,” which will be pitched when we leave, has taken its place.

“Peter, I’m covered with fuzz,” I reported mournfully. “That’s a very old towel,” he agreed.

“I don’t think I can use this towel for two months,” I clarified.

Peter gave me a look that indicated he thought I might be a bit of a whiner. “Then don’t,” he said. “You use the blue towel.”

I knew the blue towel he meant. It was navy blue with a huge bleacher stain on it. This was a generous gesture on Peter’s part. The blue towel is an absolute gem compared to the orange towel.

“What will you use?” I asked.

“I’ll use a small towel.”

“How small?”

“Just... small!” Peter said, as if I was getting a little too nosy. “I’ll use a hand towel!”

I couldn’t think of any decent hand towels roaming around at this point in the packing.

“You mean like a tea towel?”

“I’ll be fine!” Peter said.

Now I have images of Peter getting out of the shower and drying himself with some tiny relic, with tulips in the corners embroidered long ago by an elderly aunt. And I fear the worst is yet to come.

Strategic lamps have disappeared, leaving corners of the house in utter darkness. I did not point this out to Peter. He would only reassure me that the days are getting longer.

My biggest concern is that my desk, where I spend nearly all day, will be traveling without me. Peter is leaving behind his awful-looking desk and says I can use that. I am not excited. His desk has some sort of tower on top of it, and a slide-out drawer where my keyboard is supposed to sit. I have no idea what will stop the drawer from sliding back in as I type, and I have tried not to consider this too deeply.

But, of course, we will get by. And I comfort myself by imagining how overwhelmed by luxuries I will be in our new place—once we finally get there.

Full-sized towels! Light in every room! My desk! And Peter will get to work, implementing new systems for our new life together.

Till next time, Carrie
Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Health-care Expansion defeated in Texas House

A bid to expand health coverage for low-income Texans failed in the Texas House last week, 80-68.

State leaders have long opposed expanding the Medicaid program, which is largely funded by the federal government. The measure that failed last week would have allowed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to negotiate a funding agreement with the feds, called a 1115 demonstration waiver, that would cover more uninsured Texans without technically expanding Medicaid, according to various media sources, including the Texas Tribune.

Just over a week ago, the Biden administration rescinded a federal 1115 waiver approved in the final days of the Trump administration, which would have provided the state billions of dollars over the next decade to cover emergency care for uninsured Texans. The state was exempted from the normal public notice process, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Gov. Greg Abbott blasted that decision, saying it “obstructed health-care access for vulnerable Texans.”

Backers of health-care expansion are pinning their waning hopes on House Bill 3871, sponsored by Rep. Julie Johnson, D-Carrollton. Her bill also uses an 1115 waiver to attract federal funding to expand Medicaid eligibility as well as increased in Medicaid reimbursements to doctors, according to the Tribune. But time is running out with the bill still stuck in committee.

If that bill fails to pass, Texas officials will have to begin renegotiating with the Biden administration to restore the funding. More than 650,000 Texans lost their employer-sponsored insurance during the pandemic. Texas has the highest number and highest percentage of uninsured residents in the



nation, according to the Texas Comptroller’s Office.

MASS TRANSIT LOSES EVEN MORE RIDERSHIP DURING PANDEMIC

Mass transit in Texas has been experiencing a decline in ridership the last few years, according to a Fiscal Notes report by the comptroller’s office. The outlook has worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic, with steep drops in ridership, revenue and service.

According to census data, “in terms of population share, Blacks and Hispanics are overrepresented among public transit riders, as are those with relatively low incomes. Comparatively large shares of those with jobs in education, health care, recreation and food services — the workers most affected by the pandemic — use public transit to get to work,” the report noted.

However, the pandemic has taken its toll on mass service, particularly in urban areas. Houston Metro reported its total ridership in December 2020 was 53.6 percent lower than in December 2019. Research scientists, such as Michael Walk with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, say the use of multiple modes of transportation can make mass transit more appealing to riders.

With the state experiencing explosive population growth, transportation officials

hope to keep public transit a viable option both in urban and rural areas, according to the comptroller’s report.

MEDIA AD CAMPAIGN TO BOOST VACCINES BEGINS

A \$1.5 million television and radio ad campaign was launched last week by the Texas Department of State Health Services to encourage Texans to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The ads, in both English and Spanish, feature several doctors urging folks to get the vaccine, as the pace of shot administered has slowed.

“Our research shows that individual health care professionals are the most trusted voices for people deciding whether to get vaccinated,” said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. “Over the coming weeks we will continue to share messages encouraging various communities to get vaccinated. We are also relying on trusted voices within those communities to speak up and let their neighbors know that the available COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to end the pandemic and restore normalcy.”

VACCINE DOSES NOW OVER 10 MILLION MARK; COVID-19 CASES STEADY

The number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 10.56 million as of Sunday, according to DSHS. The number of folks who are fully vaccinated hit 7.11 million, which is about 24% of the state’s population.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas rose slightly last week compared to the previous week, to 23,684, with new deaths dropping slightly at 359, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Similarly, lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals was at 2,793 for the same period, down slightly from the previous week, according to DSHS.

TEXAS LIFTS PAUSE ON J&J VACCINE

Vaccine providers in Texas can resume using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, DSHS announced.

The Centers for Disease Control paused use of the one-dose vaccine in mid-April after 15 cases of blood clots were identified, primarily in women between 18 and 49. That’s out of more than 7 million shots administered nationally.

Boosters of the vaccine point to the simplicity of a single-dose vaccine and the ease of storage, according to Hellerstedt, the DSHS commissioner.

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Goose Creek ISD and Lee College hold elections,

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HIGHLANDS, BAY-TOWN, MONT BELVIEU – Local schools and colleges are having their elections independent from others as the Spring brings in a new air withering COVID 19 fears.

Goose Creek Consolidated ISD is holding elections for Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 with election day

being May 1. In district 1 Howard E. Sampson, Secretary, is running against Jeff Minson. In District 2 Agustin Loreda III is challenged by Mercedes Renteria III. Richard Clem in District 4 went unchallenged.

In Single Member District 5 Ben Pape, Vice President, is challenged by

Helen Berrott - Tims.

Lee College Regents is a select three race of five candidates. Weston Cotten, Secretary, David Isaac, Mark Hall, Mark Himsel and Hunter Whitcomb Hall.

Early voting began April 19 and ended April 27 with May 1 being final election day.



Signs point the way in Highlands to voting opportunities at the San Jacinto Community Center.



Drive up voting conducted in new tent-like tabernacles in front of the Highlands Community Center.

One Year of Harris County Public Health COVID-19 Testing Transitions to Vaccinations

Highlands/Crosby Area Partners Help Make It Possible

HARRIS COUNTY – Who would have imagined a year ago people would still need to be tested for COVID-19? It's often said that change is the only constant in life, but this past year has brought such rapid and devastating changes that many people and organizations are still struggling to recover.

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has been operating drive-up COVID-19 testing locations for more than one year. The testing program evolved to keep pace with the rapidly spreading virus. Starting with two stationary testing sites, HCPH added mobile sites that change locations weekly to make testing accessible to many communities. Sites increased to 8-12 locations a week. The number of testing locations is now declining as vaccine sites are increasing. Implementing and scaling up the mobile testing program is providing valuable experience and insight into operating mobile vaccination sites.

In the past year, testing site staffs have en-

dured triple digit heat in the summer while wearing full personal protection equipment. During cold weather, they stamped their feet to get warm and have been rained on frequently. Protecting staff from the elements and getting equipment and supplies to multiple locations daily is challenging, but worth it: HCPH has tested more than 400,000 people to date.

Widespread testing, and now vaccinations, depend on dozens of community partners who volunteer their facilities to host stationary and mobile drive-through sites. Partners include faith-based facilities, school districts, colleges, community centers, libraries, businesses and parks. Among Highlands and Crosby area partners, Commissioner Precinct 2's Crosby Community Center has hosted mobile test sites frequently. Many of HCPH's test site partners are now volunteering their facilities for vaccination sites. HCPH is indebted to those volunteering their time, facilities and more to make

testing, and now vaccinations, successful for the community.

Testing was and still is critical, especially for adults who haven't been vaccinated yet and children under 16. While vaccines are quickly becoming more available, not enough people have been vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Harris County. If adults and children are infected, they can be monitored to make sure they don't become ill and they can be separated from others. Many people infected with the virus are secret spreaders because they don't know they have it. Four in 10 people with COVID-19 don't have symptoms but are still contagious.

Adults and children under 16 can be tested at mobile sites, for appointments call 832-927-7575 or visit hcph.org. For Pasadena and Katy test site appointments visit www.doineedaovid19test.com or call

832-927-7575. Make a vaccine appointment at www.vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787.

Highlands Bluegrass Band plays local park



Commissioner Adrian Garcia sponsored a concert in Highlands Park just behind the San Jacinto Community Center as all enjoyed the perfect weather, kids enjoyed the water park pool. Originally called Hillbilly Music, Bluegrass takes its origin from the Irish and Scottish settlers in the Appalachian Mountains that crossed into the Bluegrass of Kentucky in the 1780s. Texans with their Gaelic heritage contributed their own versions beginning with empresarios in 1828 and much of the present-day north-central Texas in the 1840s.



Altogether a lovely day in the park. Neighbors, friends and the kids play in the background.

Center Point hardening the infrastructure in Crosby



Center Point Energy has begun the digging process to put many a leaning and outworn above ground power line underground where it is immune to wind and jacketed in insulating yellow tube resistant to water saturation for Crosby neighborhoods including old Crosby above.

President picks Sheriff,

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sergeant. He would rise to become a negotiator and later a homicide detective.

Gonzales became sheriff in 2017, prior to that he was on Houston City Council and once, in 2012, was pro-temp mayor of Houston. He began his career with Houston Police Dept.

Originally elected in 2016 as a reform candidate, Gonzales started reforming soon after taking

office. He advanced programs to medicate mentally ill detainees.

Reelected in 2020 as Sheriff, Gonzales has maintained the most communicative HCSO in its history. Incidents are reported by the Sheriff's Office as soon as they can be assessed.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki an-

nounced Gonzalez's nomination Well, certainly we want, we encourage the Senate to not only consider but confirm qualified nominees. We certainly consider him one of them. But, the president looks forward to having someone in place in this position, and it certainly indicates a priority that we've put it out today."

Crosby Rodeo,

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After the Rodeo Parade Saturday Morning, a tradition going back over 100 years, the Award Ceremony will bestow bragging rights for the best cowboy cooking of Brisket, Spare Ribs, Open Dish, Chicken and Desserts. Then it is time to party again. Muscadine Bloodline originating from Mobile, Alabama now based in Nashville is a duet that began in 2016. Raising lots of eyebrows for their high energy performance they have twice been top charting on Billboard EP's Charlie on Vocals and Gary on guitar keeps everyone jumping

with songs like their "Movin' On" and "WD-40." Gonna be fun to watch all the action, oh' and they play reliable deep Country, too.

The Read Southall Band is genuine Country and one can tell from the first few licks. In 2015 they blew up Stillwater, Oklahoma with "Six String Sorrow." Comprised of 4 very like minded but different background musicians they put together 8 million streams in just three years. Formerly they were the Keystone Clan but the name just got in their way and now they have found a new birth with songs like

"Why" and "Don't Tell Me." Nominees of AMA in 2016 and CMTMA in 2019, Lanco plays Saturday night. Since Lanco signed with Arista in Nashville their star has risen. Brandon Lancaster on vocals, Chandler Baldwin on bass, Jared Hampton on keyboard, Trip Howell on drums and Eric Steedly on guitar began together in 2015 at a Keith Urban concert. Almost immediately they set to work on Extended play for "Long Live Tonight." Their new album "Hallelujah Nights" has twice gone Platinum.

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ON THE HILL

Dayton Chamber Luncheon May 4

Please join us for our luncheon Tuesday, May 4th, 2021, at 11:30 AM in the ballroom of the Dayton Community Center at 801 S. Cleveland St. Dayton, TX 77535

Our guest speaker this month is Retired Navy Veteran Donald Root who will be talking about Memorial Day.

Lunch will be catered by Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant and served at 12:00 pm

We are asking you to please RSVP by 5:00 pm Friday, April 30th to be entered in the drawing for a chance to win a door prize.

Beach City Town Hall Meetings

Hello, Neighbors!

2nd TOWN HALL MEETING with Commissioner Combs

Our Commissioner is having a 2nd Town Hall meeting at McLeod Park on Wednesday April 28th at 7 p.m.

Below was posted by our Commissioner Billy Combs.

Townhall Meetings for Westside Complex and Road Projects.

As many of you have heard the county is considering issuing approximately \$49 million in certificates of obligation (CO) bonds to fund infrastructure projects in West Chambers County. More particular, road extensions and improvements, and what is referred to as the Westside Complex. I would try to explain the projects and give some financial information in this post but there is a lot of information to share, and I am sure a lot of questions to answer. Rumors and false, or incomplete, information are spreading over social media and I feel it is very important that the residents of Chambers County know the facts before they form an opinion. I also feel our residents should have a chance to have their voices heard. Truths tend to get twisted, and facts distorted on social media, so I prefer the old fashion Town Hall Meeting.

I will hold the second Townhall Meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 28th at McLeod Park located at 10717 Langston Drive in Mont Belvieu, Texas.

Thank you and God Bless
Ryan Dagley, MAI
Mayor, Beach City**

Chambers County libraries re-open May 4

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS – The Chambers County Library System will be entering the month of May 2021 with a bang as they hold the grand opening of the new Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch Library on May 3 and reopen all other branch locations at 100 percent beginning May 4.

"This is a great day for Chambers County," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia. "The Chambers County Library System is an integral part of our communities and we are excited to open not only a new branch location, but also reopen 100 percent to the public."

The Juanita Hargraves



New Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch Library in Winnie opens on May 3

Memorial Branch Library will host their grand opening ceremony on May 3, 2021 at their new location, beginning at 10 a.m. This building will also house the new WIC and Chambers County Public Health Offices. Members of the community are invited to

stop by, say hello and check out the new facility.

All other library system branch locations will reopen to the public at 100 percent on Tuesday, May 4. Beginning that day, all locations will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Satur-

days from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Staying safe and reducing the spread of COVID-19 remains a priority for Chambers County," said Judge Sylvia, "so all visitors and employees will still be asked to follow health protocols."

These protocols include:

- Required health screenings for both patrons and staff upon entry
- Encouraging the wearing of face coverings
- Requiring social distancing
- The continuing closure of meeting rooms
- Quarantining all returned items for at least one week

Additionally, all programming will continue to be offered only in a virtual setting, except those programs planned for an outdoor setting.

For more information and updates, follow us on Facebook or visit our website: <https://chambers.lib.tx.us/locations>.

Chambers County Commissioners Court Appoints Late JP's Wife to Serve in His Stead

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS – At the April 13, 2021 meeting of Chambers County Commissioners Court Celia Devillier, wife of the late Honorable Yale Devillier, was appointed by unanimous vote to fill the vacant Justice of the Peace (JP) for Precinct 1 seat.

"Several members of the community have graciously expressed their willingness to fulfill this position and serve their neighbors," said Chambers County Commissioner Jimmy Gore. "Celia is the natural choice, though, and is more than capable of fulfilling the duties associated with this position."

Yale Devillier passed away after a valiant fight



with leukemia on March 29, 2021. During his treatment and prior to this appointment, JPs from neighboring precincts have shared his seat to ensure that judicial proceedings

continued.

"We know that this is a challenging time for Yale's family," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia. "We appreciate Celia's willingness to take up

the mantle that Yale proudly carried during his tenure."

During Commissioners Court, an emotional Celia thanked the Judge and Commissioners for allowing her to continue her late husband's legacy.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity to do this," said the newly appointed Justice of the Peace Celia Devillier. "I'm so humbled."

Justice of the Peace Celia Devillier took her Oath of Office at 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2021 at the Chambers County Courthouse.

JP Devillier's Office is located in the East Chambers County Annex at 211 Broadway, Winnie, TX 7

LIBERTY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INPUT MEETING

The Houston-Galveston Area Council invites residents living or working in Liberty County to a virtual public meeting on April 29, 2021.

This meeting is your opportunity to tell us about your issues and needs to make your community's transportation network safer, stronger, better connected, and more accessible to everyone.

H-GAC experts will present the studies, after which attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and make public comments.

Liberty County
Thursday, April 29
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Join the Meeting
Public Comment Period

The public comment period for this meeting opens on April 15 and will close on May 14. Email your public comments to PublicComments@h-gac.com or make a comment by phone at 1-855-363-2516.

ICU at HMB Provides Excellence in Critical Care

BAYTOWN — (April 15, 2021) — The skilled nurses and staff at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) are on the front line in treating potentially life-threatening conditions.

With a staff of 65 registered nurses, 15 patient care assistants (PCAs) and other staff, the ICU treats critically ill patients who require close monitoring or post-surgical patients in which intensive care will aid in their recovery. ICU Director Dorothy Terry says the unit's nurses require extensive specific training.

"The ICU is comprised of an all-registered nurse (RN) staff that is trained in advanced cardiac life support. Many have professional certifications, such as certified critical care nurse (CCRN) from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)," Terry said.

Last year, the 24-bed facility treated over 6,000 patients whose outcomes benefited from the unit's enhanced capacity for monitoring and multiple methods to sustain life in the event of organ insufficiencies or failure.

"Many of our patients have lung issues, are on a ventilator or require medications to stabilize their blood pressure or heart rate," Terry said. "We see patients suffering from



Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital Intensive Care Unit Staff

heart attacks, heart failure, strokes, kidney issues and many other critical conditions."

In recognition of the unit's superior critical care, it was awarded a 2021 Gold Level Beacon Award for Excellence by the AACN. The award—the highest-level honor given by the AACN—demonstrates a critical care team's commitment to providing safe, patient-centered and evidence-based care to patients and their families. The Houston Methodist Baytown unit previously earned the three-year recognition in

2017. Units that receive the Beacon Award for Excellence meet criteria in six categories: leadership structures and systems; appropriate staffing and staff engagement; effective communication, knowledge management, and learning and development; evidence-based practice and processes; and outcome measurement.

"Achieving the Gold Level Beacon Award recognizes our unit caregivers who successfully improve patient outcomes and align practice with AACN's Healthy Work Environ-

ment Standards to provide a safe and comfortable place of healing," Terry said.

After it is determined that a patient's case requires ICU care, the patient is assessed by the critical nurse and a plan of care is developed. Staffed around the clock with critical care nurse practitioners and physicians specially trained in treating critically ill patients, treatments and interventions can be initiated immediately, followed by enhanced monitoring of the patient.

Terry says because

many of the unit's nurses and staff live in the Baytown area, they are honored to provide potentially lifesaving care to their friends and neighbors.

"Our nurses faced unique challenges due to the increase in patients needing treatment for the coronavirus. We would like to thank the residents of the Baytown area for the encouragement we have received during the COVID-19 pandemic," Terry said.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is taking every necessary precaution during the coronavirus pandemic to keep you and our staff members safe, including, screening all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office; wearing masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) while providing patient care; reorganizing waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing, and implementing additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces.

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub. To register for your vaccine, visit www.houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.