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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT. MAY 8
Car Show at Crosby Church
 H.C.Sheriff's Office
 Citizen's Patrol AAA
 Noon to 3:30.

Vondenstein Benefit
 11 am - 9 pm Crosby
 Fairgrounds. Brisket &
 Sausage plates \$15
 Baby's Burger Food
 Truck begins 4p.m.

**Chiquita Espinoza's
 Charity Event**
 2-4 p.m. at the
 Newport Gazebo
 supports Amanda
 Sherro's Foster & Rescue
 Center. Helps dogs
 discarded locally.

THURS. MAY 20
**Mental Health
 Awareness**
 11:30 a.m. until 1p.m.
 at Crosby Church by
 Crosby-Huffman
 Chamber of Commerce.

BIRTHDAYS
 May 7-Germaine Brou-
 sard
 May 9-Jimmie Dickey
 Tim Holton
 Vanessa Whittaker
 Elonda Cravatt
 May 11-Nancy Johnston
 May 12-Rusty Salters
 May 13-Judy Bailey
 Bobby Horn, Sr.
 Larry Koslovsky
 Michelle Lomanzoff
 May 14-DeDe Williams

ANNIVERSARIES
 May 6-Sidney & Ellen
 Platt
 May 8-Tim & Lisa
 Dammon
 May 10-Thomas &
 Eleanor Leibham
 May 12-Robert Smesny
 and Malba Stasney-
 Smesny
 May 23-Ralph &
 Rhonda Brewer

COVID-19
 Cases as of
 May 4, 2021

HOUSTON AREA
 19 COUNTIES

647,487 POSITIVE
 7,129 DEATHS
 600,930 RECOVERED

TEXAS

2,903,764 POSITIVE
 50,411 DEATHS
 23,274,930 TESTS

UNITED STATES

32,510,732 POSITIVE
 578,406 DEATHS
 437,469,331 TESTS

WORLDWIDE

153,943,676 POSITIVE
 3,222,832 DEATHS
 90,558,558 RECOVERED

May 1 Election results

*Goose Creek CISD, Lee College,
 Highlands Water District voted*

HIGHLANDS - The local water district HC WCID-001 director's election was to pick three of four candidates on the ballot. The voting concluded with Harvey Little finishing first with 75 votes, Kenneth Boudreaux taking 73 and John H. Wright getting 55. Ana Cantu also ran and received 18 votes.

Goose Creek CISD had four incumbents up for re-election. Richard Clem went unchallenged in Single Mem-

ber District 4. Incumbent Howard E. Sampson of District 1 survived a challenge with 214 votes against Jeff Minson, who received 69 votes. Agustin Loreda III received 118 votes but challenger Mercedes Renteria III got 168 for Single Member District 2. She seems to have most benefitted from early voting.

Ben Pape came up short against Helen Berrott-Tims by 21 votes. Pape had 172 votes, Ber-

rott-Tims had 193. Berrott-Tims is well known for her work in Precinct 2 events.

Lee College District hosted a Board of Regent's election, with elector charged with choosing three. Weston Cotten garnered the most of anyone in this pick three election. Cotten got 1,204 votes, next to him was Mark Hall with 1,164 and Mark Himsel garnered 1,117. Newcomer David Isaac had 536 and Hunter Whitcomb Hall had 237.

SUNDAY



Customs officers seize illegal "chicken lollipop" pet food destined for Highlands

HIGHLANDS U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture specialists have yet to charge a local vendor for placing an order for contraband chicken lollipop pet treats.

The federal agents at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport seized a cargo package of the illegal dog treats disguised as men's sweaters bound for Highlands from Hong Kong on April 14.

Animal disease concerns are the reason the 93 said to be chicken-flavored lollipop pet treats with rawhide stems are illegal,

according to CBP. Attempting to bring in undeclared items that are prohibited or restricted can result in a civil fine.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza 2, Newcastle disease, Foot and mouth disease, Classical swine fever and African swine fever are the specific foreign animal diseases being targeted by the CBP restrictions and prohibitions. The agency destroyed the Highlands order by steam sterilization.

"Consumers are unaware that some international goods and products are prohibited or restrict-



CHICKEN LOLLIPOPS Seized by the Customs and Border Patrol in Dallas, bound for an address in Highlands, TX. The contents of the box were labelled as sweaters.

ed because of the potential agriculture or biological risks associated with that

product," said Dallas CBP Port Director Tim Lemaux in the release. "When we

encounter suspicious shipments, we examine them and then act accordingly. In this case, we seized the shipment to protect our nation's agriculture industry."

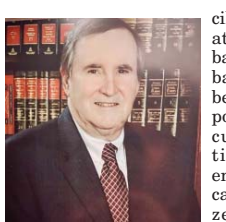
Visitors to the U.S. are encouraged to declare all agriculture items they are bringing into the U.S.A. On a typical day in fiscal year 2020, CBP intercepted 3,091 materials for quarantine including plant, meat, animal byproduct and soil.

The case has been turned over to Homeland Security for further investigation.

Former Crosby Superintendent Don Hendrix dies

CROSBY - Don Hendrix, well known and respected educator and former Crosby ISD superintendent, passed away in peace at his home on April 28, 2021.

Hendrix had a 42-year career in education culminating with 22 of those years as superintendent of Crosby Independent School District. He cared deeply for the Crosby community. During his tenure, he was a driving force for academic excellence at CISD by raising expectations, establishing full-day kindergarten, half day Pre-K and a first-rate college preparatory program using the College Board Pre-AP model. Charing University Interscholastic League's Legislative Coun-



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Free Event tickets at NRG for those who get a COVID shot

NRG Park Community Vaccine Center has Contest Offering Event Tickets and Giveaways to Vaccinated Participants

Random Drawing of Winners from People that Get Vaccinated at NRG Park CVC May 3-16

Houston - As an incentive, people that receive their vaccination at NRG Park CVC from May 3-16, 2021 will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets to one of the following events or giveaways:

-- Houston Texans

-- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™- (Grounds Passes)

- 2021 Nutcracker Market
- Monster Jam
- Disney on Ice
- 2022 Boat Show
- 2022 Houston Auto show
- Astros Giveaways
- Houston Dynamo/Dash
- Houston area concerts presented by Live Nation

*Some restrictions may apply

*Tickets are subject to availability

Participants will receive their vaccination at NRG Park Yellow Lot, Gate 16A. 9036 S. Main Street. Houston, TX, 77054 from 12 pm - 9 pm. Walk-ins/Drive-ups are available. No appointments, pre-registration, or insurance are required. Vaccines are free.

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Deputies see increase in local Meth, theft busts

HIGHLANDS – Precinct 3 Constable's Deputies have been working traffic locally and many times they are encountering more and more drugs and stolen items also on the streets.

It was April 23 on East Wallisville Road, Constable's Deputy Herrold stopped a black Honda CRV driven by Braison Woodard with passenger Robin Yates in the 700 block of East Wallisville. Yates, the owner of the vehicle, gave consent to search and a glass pipe was discovered. Crystal Methamphetamine was found in a backpack. In Woodard's shirt pocket was a cigarette box with a clear plastic bag inside with more methamphetamine.

Chivalrously Woodard claimed all the meth but Yates was within reach of the glass pipe and some loose meth found inside the metal ashtray. She denied knowing of the drugs.

The District Attorney's Office took charges on both for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Both were booked into Harris County Jail without incident.

April 26, at about 7:30 a.m. in the 15600 block of Wallisville Rd. Precinct 3 Deputy Lopez stopped a truck for a traffic violation. The driver was identified as Ardis Johnson. Deputy Lopez was speaking with Mr. Johnson when the smell of burnt rope came wafting from the vehicle. Johnson was detained and a search of the vehicle immediately followed.

During the search, 1.4 grams of crystal methamphetamine was found in the dash board of the truck. A black magnet box was located under the vehicle containing another 8.1 grams of crystal methamphetamine. A total of 9.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine was found in defendant Johnson's possession.



Robin Yates charged Possession of Controlled Substance



Braison Woodard charged with possession.



Ernest St. Julian and a stolen set of merchandise.



Ardis Johnson

generator and trailer without a registration sticker.

Once stopped, the driver identified as Ernest St. Julian, was detained due to indications that the truck was possibly stolen. Lt. Sanders made contact with the owner of the truck who advised it had been stolen the week prior.

Deputies then contacted Sunbelt Rentals for more information regarding the generator and trailer. Sunbelt Rentals confirmed it had been placed on a job site in the McNair area the day before and that they would contact the construction company who rented it.

Defendant Ernest St. Julian was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and transported to the Harris County Jail without incident.

The investigation is ongoing and may result in additional charges.

After contacting the District Attorney's Office, Ardis Johnson was charged with possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Harris County Jail.

Deputy Perez and Sgt. Sullivan conducted a traffic stop before 10 a.m. April 28 in the 5400 block of S. Main in Crosby after seeing a black Chevrolet truck pulling a Sunbelt Rentals

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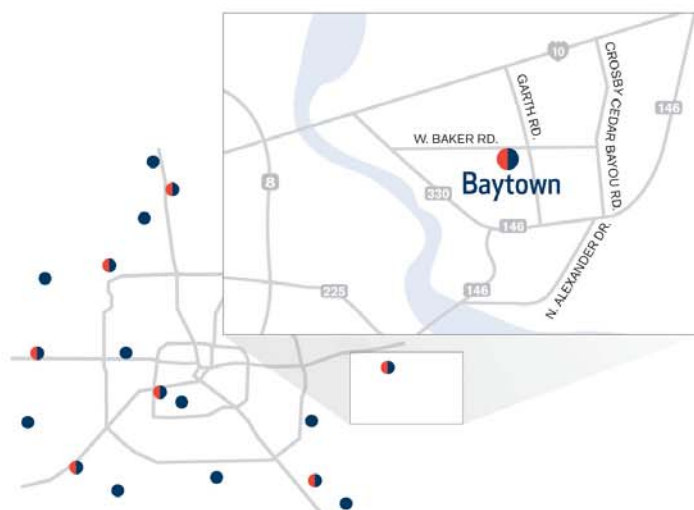


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PCT. 2 TALK
By Commissioner Adrian Garcia



Precinct 2 Brings Vaccines to You

By: Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia

You may have noticed recently that there's no longer a vaccine waitlist at vaccine mega-sites like Harris County's at NRG Stadium. Now, at ReadyHarris.org you can pick the day and time that works best for you, and those who want a COVID vaccination don't have to spend hours and stress waiting online for the very moment slots open. Most vaccination sites now are accepting walk-ins without previous registration and appointments! Just as Precinct 2 mobilized quickly for the first wave of vaccinations, now we're quickly adjusting to reach and vaccinate people who might be less able to visit shot sites and are perhaps hesitant about getting the shots that will save lives.

Many Precinct 2 residents can't get to mega-sites like NRG Stadium twice in a month for their shots. For readers of Northeast News, Highlands Star-Crosby Courier, Barbers Hill-Dayton Press, or North Channel Star, committing three or more hours on a workday to get to a vaccine site isn't feasible. Worse yet, many others don't have access to effective transportation and struggle with limited Metro routes, especially at the outer edges of our precinct.

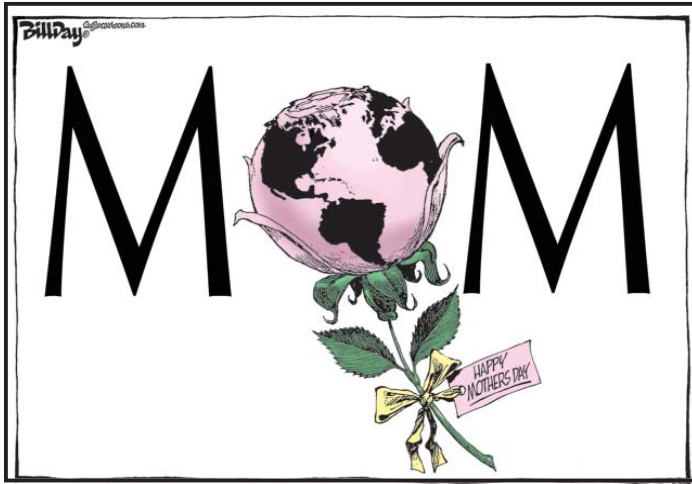
For these reasons, I've tasked the Precinct 2 team to bring vaccines directly to the communities I serve. Under the management of our talented Director of Health Services, Chara Bowie, Precinct 2 has coordinated more than 15,000 shots in arms of people who previously couldn't get them. In Aldine alone, a Precinct 2 partnership with UHP Health (operators of the SmartPod Access2Health) has supported more than 2,500 vaccine shots at North East Community Center, where we are doing regular vaccinations multiple days per week. In addition, our residents received more than 1,750 doses in Channel-area communities and close to 700 doses in Crosby and Barrett.

While reaching a wide variety of communities in areas near our Community Centers and Precinct 2 facilities, we've also partnered with the Longshoremen's Union, Plumber's Union, Teamsters and other labor organizations to vaccinate thousands of these essential workers. Like other frontline workers, our friends in labor have critical need for vaccination access to be healthy.

Even with these local vaccine events, challenges to get the shot remain for tens of thousands. Many of our seniors don't drive, are mostly homebound or are residents in a senior living community. To address these issues, Precinct 2, along with Harris County Public Health, has begun taking shots to Senior Care Facilities in Precinct 2, as well as to the homes of seniors in our homebound meals program.

Now, as the first wave of vaccinations in Harris County slows and begins to build a second smaller wave, I'm using all of my knowledge of Precinct 2's extremely diverse population to reach out and find all residents who want and need a COVID vaccination. An important part of this is to help build interest and understanding why each vaccination helps each and all of us stay healthy. We need to engage those hesitant about vaccinations and help them value a vaccination that saves their lives as well as the lives of their loved ones.

Since being elected, I've asked my team to understand all the unique characteristics of our communities and to really know the precinct's residents. In this way we can bring vaccines directly to you, no matter where you live. While I'm proud of all Precinct 2 residents who are now vaccinated, we are accelerating our efforts to help more people get vaccinated, all to reach a level that'll crush COVID in Precinct 2. If you haven't gotten your vaccine yet, don't wait. If you're concerned and hesitant, take a close look at the ultimate benefits to you, your family and your friends. Please get your shots so we can all get back to doing the activities we love with the people we love.



THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Still Nagging

It is a well-known fact that we are allowed to chew out the people we care about. Most recently, this came to mind when I gave my old friend, Andrew, a serious tongue-lashing.

Andrew is a lifelong bachelor, and a committed curmudgeon. He is better than most curmudgeons at being curmudgeonly because he started young. Andrew showed signs of being a grumpy old man when he was still in his 30s. But Andrew is no longer in his 30s, and this is what brought us to our recent conflict.

Andrew is not taking care of himself. He would argue this is not true, of course. He would say that he lives a healthy life and even eats vegetables on occasion. He rides his stationary bicycle on a nearly daily basis, and he has no bad habits—which is probably true, except for the bad habit of ignoring the advice of his dearest and most concerned friend.

My problem with Andrew is that, like a lot of men, he does not go to the doctor. I'm betting every woman reading this right now is clucking her tongue in unison. I rarely make sexist generalizations, but I have observed that women seem to take the whole "going to the doctor before there's anything wrong" thing a lot more seriously than men do unless there's a woman nudging the man in the ribs. This brings us back to Andrew.

Andrew knows he's supposed to see a doctor. He also knows he's overdue for a colonoscopy, which he is not looking forward to, and so he dawdles and, eventually, he puts it out of mind completely—until I remind him.

"You haven't had a doctor's appointment yet?" I ask, accusingly.

"I've been busy," he says. This is true. He has been busy lately, as he is a tax preparer and tax preparers are madly busy for about three months of the year. The rest of the year, however, he has been dawdling.

"So, have you had your annual exam yet?" I asked again, after he had a chance to rest up for at least two-and-a-half days. He did not answer.

I told Andrew if he died early of something preventable, I was going to give his eulogy and say, "He was an idiot and he got what he deserved!" and sit down.

I wouldn't really do this. But I feel like it every time I hear he still hasn't gone to the doctor.

Andrew will tell that you he is extraordinarily healthy. Logically, he knows this is no reason not to have a medical exam, but he will cite the fact that he has never had a cavity as evidence of his better-than-average health. There are no reputable studies linking an absence of cavities to immortality, that I am aware of, but Andrew clings to the conviction that he is not like the rest of us cavity-riddled mortals.

I checked my email to see if Andrew had written this morning. He has not. This means one of three things: He is still mad at me, he has not yet scheduled an appointment, or he is mad at me and has not scheduled an appointment.

But I am still nagging him. I don't care if he is angry with me because I don't think he has anyone else nagging him to take care of himself, and I care about Andrew very much.

A person doesn't get more than one friend like Andrew in their life. I've got to do everything I can to keep him around, complaining as long as possible.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



State shows largest numerical population gain

Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the largest numerical gain of any state since the 2010 census.

The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

ABBOTT GETS BILL ALLOWING TO-GO ALCOHOL SALES FROM RESTAURANTS

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs



under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

ERCOT ANNOUNCES INTERIM CEO

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has picked Brad Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than 30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT.

The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year.

ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas Senate.

STATE RELEASES \$11.2 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the feds is now available

in the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

Meanwhile, a total of 23,054 cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a drop of about 600 people; 353 deaths were reported, down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 patients hospitalized dropped slightly to 2,648, according to DSHS.

VACCINATION PACE SLOWING; NEW COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS STEADY

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 11.1 million Sunday. As in the rest of the country, the pace has slowed — up just a bit over 4% from the previous week. A total of 7.92 million state residents are now fully vaccinated — more than one-fourth of all residents, according to DSHS.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced last week the state will receive an additional \$79 million as part of the RESTORE Act, which is the law passed in response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout and the resulting massive oil spill. The money will be used for land acquisition for coastal conservation; shoreline protections; restoring water quality and freshwater inflows on the Texas coast; and restoration of high-quality coastal habitats in the Texas portion of the Chenier Plain complex, which extends from Galveston Bay to Vermillion Bay, Louisiana.

TEXAS GETS \$79 MILLION TO PROTECT COASTAL AREAS

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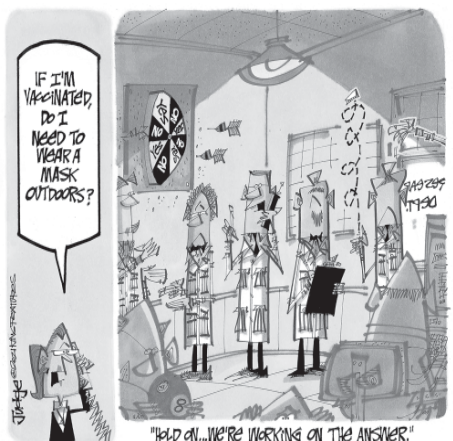
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OBITUARIES

DON ROBERT HENDRIX

Don Robert Hendrix, loving husband, caring father, loyal friend, devoted educator, world traveler, Houston sports fan, and music lover passed away in peace at his home on April 28, 2021.

Born in 1943 in Temple, Texas, Don grew up in Highlands and Deer Park. Don earned his baccalaureate degree from Stephen F. Austin University, and his Master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. His generous spirit informed his 42-year career in education culminating with 22 of those years as superintendent of Crosby Independent School District. He cared deeply for the Crosby community. During his tenure, he was a driving force for academic excellence at CISD by raising expectations, establishing full-day kindergarten, half day Pre-K and a first-rate college preparatory program using the College Board Pre-AP model. Chairing University Interscholastic League's Legislative Council and a fixture at Crosby football and basketball games, Don believed in the power of extracurricular activities to enrich the education and citizenship of all Texas children.

His family will fondly remember his love for life, friendliness, open mind, and soulful singing, but most of all they remember his abundant love and how much he gave of himself in the service of others.

Don was preceded in death by his mother, Billie and his twin sister, Donna. He is survived by his wife Maryland, his son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Cara Hendrix of San Antonio, his son, David Hendrix of San Antonio, his stepdaughter Amy Lee Holmes of Brenham, his stepson, Joel Wilburn of Tomball, his sister and brother-in law Billie Jean and Pat Mongiello. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren Jessica Rose Wilburn, Karina Wilburn, Sophie Hendrix, Julian Hendrix, William Hendrix, Mac Battaglia, Jocelyn Hendrix, and Brandi Wilburn.

A funeral service will be held on



Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 1 pm at the Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd Highlands, TX 77562. Visitation will begin two hours earlier from 11am-1pm.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that his legacy be honored with a contribution to the Dr. Don Hendrix Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Crosby Education Foundation to benefit Crosby students in the pursuit of their dreams.

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**MESSAGE FROM
GOOSE CREEK CISD**
By Superintendent Randal O'Brien



Light at the End of the Tunnel

As we prepare to begin the final six weeks of the 2020-2021 school year, we could look back and say that the school year did not go as expected. However, as in the idiom about seeing the glass as half full or half empty, why not look on the positive side and think about how we have progressed?

More students and teachers have become technologically proficient than ever before in the history of public education. More than 80 percent of our students are back at school face-to-face, and the numbers of those quarantining or contracting COVID-19 have declined. Although we still require safety protocols, such as masks, social distancing, use of hand sanitizer and frequent hand washing, we can allow participation in activities and events, such as sports, proms and graduations.

While most of us have found that our lives are gradually returning to normal, we must all be aware that this is not the case for some of our students, staff, parents and other community members, who have had a difficult time coping with various aspects of the pandemic. Goose Creek CISD has compiled some resources, such as the We're Here to Help Resource Card (opens PDF document) (video (opens external link in new window)), NAMI (opens PDF document) and Depelchin (opens PDF document) (Spanish version of NAMIs (opens PDF document) and DepelchinS (opens PDF document)).

Ribbon cutting ceremonies recently



were held for six of our 10 career academies. We're proud that these academies provide options for our students to prepare them for high-demand careers and/or for college. The ribbon was cut in January for the Career Academy for Future Educators (CAFE), located at Ross S. Sterling High School (RSS). Creating this plan for the CAFE helped the district win a "Grow Your Own" grant from the Texas Education Agency. Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath sent a video congratulating Goose Creek CISD on the new academy. The Instrumentation Lab in the STEM Academy at Robert E. Lee High School and the Manufacturing and Industrial Maintenance Academy at Stuart Career Tech High School (SCTHS) were celebrated in February.

Three ribbon cutting events were held in March. The first one was for the Agricultural Science Academy facilities at SCTHS, which include greenhouses, a floral design area and a facility for the Veterinary Assistant program. RSS showed off its newly remodeled annex, designed to accommodate the Health Science Academy, which provides the largest number of certifications available, including Certified Nursing

Assistant (CNA), Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA), Pharmacy Technician and Emergency Medical Technician, which will be added in 2021-2022 in partnership with Lamar Institute. The Advanced Automotive Academy's Transportation Facility at SCTHS wrapped up the ceremonies with a message from special guest Roger Elswick, owner and president of Community Toyota*Honda*KIA, about the importance of the academy, considering the growing need for certified automotive technicians.

With graduation just around the corner, we especially want to congratulate the staff and students at Stuart Career Tech High School, which will hold its first graduation ceremony this year, marking four years since the inception of the school, which is in the process of completing Phases 3 and 4 of construction as a result of the voter-approved 2019 bond.

We can see light at the end of the tunnel, so we know that the end of the 2020-2021 school year is just ahead. Please remind students, whether face-to-face or virtual, that attendance is important to finishing the year strong, as is staying focused and completing all their work. It won't be long before everyone can take a deep breath and relax a little, knowing they've done their best despite the obstacles they have encountered this year and seeing the glass as half full. Thank you for believing in our future one student at a time!





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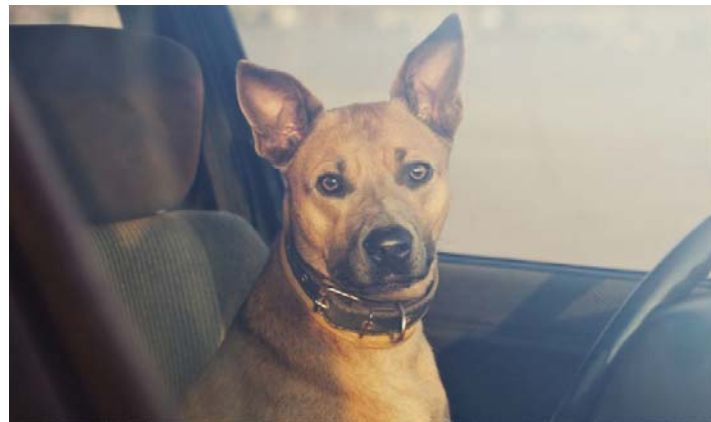
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Dayton Chamber Upcoming Events

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TASTE OF DAYTON!

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WNBA #1 draft pick is Barbers Hill's Charli Collier

The WNBA held their virtual player draft last week, and Barbers Hill 2018 graduate Charli Collier was the #1 pick in the draft.

Now playing for the UT Longhorns, she helped lead them to the NCAA's Elite Eight this past season.

After graduation, Charli will play for the Dallas Wings.

On hand for the draft ceremony were her mother, Ponda Collier who is a Math teacher at Barbers Hill High School, and brother Casey, a BHISD 2020 graduate who now plays football for USC.

Charli also credited her success to her late father, Elliott, who was her first basketball coach and inspiration. She carried a photo of him with her to the ceremonies.

Accompanying the family were Barbers Hill High School principal Rick Kana, former BHHS Girls Basketball Coach Tri Danley, and others from the BHHS staff.

Superintendent Greg Poole stated "Charli is a winner in all things, and I am so proud that she is an ambassador for Barbers Hill."

Principal Rick Kana said "We are beyond proud of Charli and the things she has accomplished." He continued "She is a wonderful young lady and a role model for students of all ages. We know she is destined for great things, and we wish her every success."

60th BYF auction sets records, surprises



Scholars for the Baytown Youth Fair

Here with President Tony Dalquest are the winners of the scholarships. Cody Davis 2nd place, Sharleigh Jones 4th, Grace Thomas 5th, Carli Lawley 1st, Sarah Organ 3rd, Karla Vargas isn't pictured.



Grand Champion Steer sets records

Alamo, weighing in at 1,220 pounds, shown by Carli Lawley brought in a record \$21,000 from Lima Industrial Services. Lawley is a Goose Creek Memorial High School Senior with plans to attend Sam Houston State University and become an Agriculture Science teacher. This record amount comes one year after COVID 19 shut down the livestock show last year.



Kenzie Pruitt showed the grand Champion Swine



David Mendez purchased Justin Chandler's seventh place swine for Turner Chevrolet.

Chambers Co. election results

MONT BELVIEU & ANAHUAC – May 1 was the local election day for Mont Belvieu City Council, Barbers Hill ISD, Anahuac ISD and Lee College Board of Regents. The following are unofficial results awaiting their respective agencies to certify.

Lee College had no changes as Weston Cotten and the two Marks, Hill and Himsel, easily outpaced all challengers.

Barbers Hill ISD saw elections for three seats with only one challenged but all three kept their seats. Fred Skinner in Position 7 had 576 votes

Eric Albaro Hernandez 58. Unchallenged were Becky Tice and Eric Davis.

City Council of Mont Belvieu could be said to have gone the same way had Arnold Peters not beaten former councilman Ricky Shelton 263 to 132. Tim Duree kept Position 4 after defeating Gary Gilmore with 285 to 90 votes.

Cove had one turnover and that was when challenger B.A. Newton defeated Sharon Parker. Incumbents John White and Charles Joseph held on to positions 4 and 5 respectively.

BAYTOWN – The 60th Annual Baytown Youth Fair is in the books having raised record amounts for the kids showing livestock this year.

Dedication from local business partners like Mike Sheppard who with his wife, Robin, purchased Calli Lawley's Grand Champion Steer for \$21,000 raised the auction level because "a couple years ago the Grand Champion steer only brought \$10,000."

Reserve Champion Steer shown by Coleman Smiley was auctioned off for \$13,000 to USA Industries. Third was Hanna McLain and 4th place was Rebecca Currie.

Callie Mohler was Grand Champion goat seller.

Haley Nugent was Grand Champion Broiler, Lamb and Horticulture seller.

Jolene E. Beamer had the Grand Champion Turkey.



Mendez for Turner Chevrolet bought this 7th place goat for Kevin Graham. Mendez congratulated BYF&R for raising prices this year.

Nicolas Acevedo handled the livestock. The rabbit competition went to Rebecca Currie. Other Grand Champions include Rachel Currie for food, Melody McMurray for photography, Wallace Thomas for Craft, and Luis Munguia Recreation.

Coronary Artery Disease: Can it be Reversed?

BAYTOWN — (April 23, 2021) — There's no doubt about it: Coronary artery disease (CAD) is serious business. Left untreated, the condition can lead to heart disease, heart failure and heart attack.

The good news is, you can take steps right now to prevent CAD and protect your heart, even if you're at risk for heart disease or you've already been diagnosed with CAD.

When coronary arteries are healthy, their linings are clean, smooth and slick. The artery walls are flexible, and they expand easily to let more blood flow through during times of increased physical or mental stress. Eventually, plaque buildup causes cell damage that reduces the vessels' diameter and makes them stiff.

"Over time, arteries can become narrowed or blocked, causing a gradual onset of symptoms, such as chest pain and shortness of breath. Or it can lead to a sudden heart attack," said Dr. Reza

Khoshnevis, a cardiologist with the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center at Baytown.

How to Keep Arteries Healthy

It's never too late to make healthy changes, and it's possible to slow the progression of CAD and, sometimes, even reverse it. Research suggests that cholesterol-lowering medications may slow the narrowing of the blood vessels and even reduce the amount of plaque in the heart's blood vessels.

"Data shows that it's possible to reverse and prevent the progression of CAD," Khoshnevis said. He suggested the following lifestyle changes to protect your heart:

- Cut back on fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in your diet. Avoid trans fat and fried foods.
- Avoid refined carbohydrates, sugary foods and sweetened beverages.
- Eat a healthy diet rich in vegetables and fruits,



DR. REZA KHOSHNEVIS

whole grains and lean protein.

- Add more physical activity to your day.
- Control your weight.
- Keep diabetes under control.
- Drink alcoholic beverages in moderation only (up to one drink per day for women and two drinks for men).
- If you smoke, get support to quit.

A few simple tests can check for early signs of heart disease. Your doctor

may check your blood pressure, cholesterol levels, body mass and ask about family history of heart disease and lifestyle factors that may put you at risk for heart disease.

"A cardiovascular risk calculator is another great tool we can use to assess the 10-year risk of disease," Khoshnevis said.

Advanced imaging techniques allow us to see inside the heart's blood vessels and evaluate your risk for CAD. A calcium score is a type of heart scan that provides important information about the heart's blood vessels.

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