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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

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IN THE **STARS**

SAT. MAY 15

NS Rotary Raffle
North Shore Rotary Club
will hold a drawing at
Turner Chevrolet, with the

EVENTS

winner receiving a new vehicle, either a Colorado Pickup truck or a Camaro sports car from the dealership. The raffle is a benefit for the club, for

community projects and scholarships in the North Shore area. It's not too late to purchase one of the \$100 tickets. See David Mendez at Turner Chevrolet, or any North Shore Rotarian. The drawing will be shown llive on Facebook.com/ rotaryclubofnorthshore

MON. MAY 17 Rotary Scholarship Dinner

Highlands Rotary Club will award scholarships at a dinner and ceremony at the Baytown Boat Club at the end of Clear Lake Road in Highlands. Events start at 6:00 pm.

WED. MAY 19 PPP Loan Forgiveness

Chamber, and the SBA Houston District invite you to a ZOOM meeting on this subject. 10:00 am, register at 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosby

THURS. MAY 20 **Crosby Chamber** Luncheon

11:30 a.m. until 1p.m. at Crosby Church by Crosby-Huffman Chamber. Hurman Chamber.
Program is MENTAL
HEALTH AWARENESS. The
speaker will be Katrina
Landry with Renewed
Hope Counseling Center, speaking on "Breaking the Stigma of Mental

Lunch is \$20. Please RSVP by May 17, to 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosby huffmancc.org

BIRTHDAYS

May 13–Judy Bailey Bobby Horn, Sr. Larry Koslovsky Michelle Lomanzoff May 14-DeDe Williams May 15-Lana Gaeke Lina Hsuan Dace Murphy Maria Williamson

May 16--Felder Bryan Brakeman May 18–Danielle Green-

May 20–Sandra Davis May 21-Bruce Mercer Amanda Thompson

May 12-Robert Smesny and Malba Stasney Smesny May 23–Ralph &

Rhonda Brewer Jun 1-Harold & Janice Havard

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COMPLETE

Doug & Roxanna Phillips Jun 2-Glen & Nell Salters

Vondenstein shows COVID isn't a flu

"Colby Strong" Vonden-stein was held at the Crosby Fair & Rodeo pavilion last Saturday.
Coldy Vondenstein, 24.

an in shape husband and father of three contracted COVID 19 after last Christmas and as a result had a double lung and a kidney transplant. He had no underlying health conditions. His family caught the bug too, but they recovered while Colby deteriorated. Doctors in February

said he probably only had days to live, yet Sandy Mendez, his mother, chatted with the Star-Courier at the benefit before Colby made an appearance on a walker to

tribute his stunning recovering to his prayer warrior supporters. Mendez stated, "We are holding this to help with medical bills, it is going to be a long recov-ery and he is going to be out of work for about a

"Everything is falling into place," said Colby Vondenstein a former petrochemical plant worker at the microphone, "This is how we fight with prayer."

The benefit included

kids entertainment, a live auction, a bake sale, horse shoes, toss games, benefit plates and an ax throwing contest.

See Colby Strong



Mrs Vonderstein expressdes thanks and recounts some struggles Colby has surmounted as he stands beside her and having thanked all supporters

Caregiving answers chronic dog dumping



Jancie Ivey trains "Seeing Eye Companions" and spoke with Amanda Sherrod, stray dog rescue hero, at the Gazebo located in front of Newport Subdivision last Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Chiquita Aurora Espinosa'a Quince/ Sweet 16 Charity Event.

CROSBY – Those of us with a heart for dogs were encouraged last Saturday to learn that a local lady is working diligently to find homes for strays and dogs being dropped off in east Harris County from that big city to the West.

Most in Crosby believe there is a special place in the Inferno for folks that abandon fur babies in the wild, but Amanda Sherrod has started a Foster and Rescue Care Charity to

The kick-off for her charity was the Chiquita Aurora Espinosa's Quince/ County has come to be one Sweet 16 Charity Event of the areas people dump sponsored by the Espinosas. There was cake, punch and water for the humans and a doggie party bag for each attending dog with keepsake pictures. A raffle was held for prizes for dog and their humans. Guests were asked to bring an item such as bowls, collars, leashes, blankets, preferred food like Purina Pro Plan to benefit the Foster

and Rescue Care. Since the 1990s humanitarians have come to realize that east Harris dogs. Once a dead dog could be found on the side of US 90 daily.

Jancie Ivey is a dog trainer that specializes in training dogs to benefit humans. She is taking some of the dogs that Amanda Sherrod is finding and making select ones human beneficial. That includes seeing eye, hearing waring dogs, emotional support dogs, and other types that help folks with handicaps. Wishing them best of luck with the puppies.

need matches for mitigation the projects to begin the

Flood funds

By Lewis Spearman

EAST HARRIS COUN-TY - Problems matching money set aside to mitigate flooding locally are allowing flood conditions to threaten the Greater Houston Area.

Remember all those floods from the Memorial Day Flood to Hurricane Harvey? Citizens of Harris County passed a \$2.5 billion dollar matching funds bond to deal with making an infrastructure to reduce the risk of floods.

The \$2.5 billion bond passed in 2018, Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) planned for state and federal agencies to match the bond amount. The HCFCD explained that the Texas General Land Office changed how it allocated funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Houston and Harris County are competing with the rest of Texas for Hurricane Harvey relief. The 2015 Memorial Day and 2016 Tax Day floods did not receive grants.

according to the HCFCD. Since then, the Greater Houston Area has added over 100,000 folks each year with previous percentages of concrete and roofs to people as before. Harris Counv alone is facing ar increase of nearly 4 million people in the next decade or so. Flooding is now more of a risk due to hard surface increases, replacing good old water absorbing land.

The San Jacinto River Watershed contains the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston. Many bond projects fall within that watershed. Matching funds are currently less than 74% of the total prices to propose

Harris County Budget Management Department told Commissioners Court on March 9 that just over a billion and a quarter dollars had not been matched with federal funds for this bond.

Funding isn't currently available for the San Jacinto Regional Watershed Mas $ter\,Drainage\,Plan\,(SJMDP)$ and a study into building a detention basin near the Houston Ship Channel. As it stands \$3.3 billion of potential projects are to go into waterways leading to Lake Houston.

Dredging Lake Houston now has a \$40 million proposed project.

Rep. Dan Huberty's, R-Texas 127 District has been shepherding House Bill $2525\ \mathrm{moving}\ \mathrm{through}\ \mathrm{the}$ Texas Legislature to make the Lake Houston Dredging and Maintenance District funded by taxes. Thus avoiding a wait for matching funds in the future to reduce flood impact.

SJMDP in summary indicates that potential funding sources are FEMA, HUD and the EPA on the federal level the General Land Office and Texas Water Development Board on the State Level and locally taxes and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones HCFCD says SJMDP calls for "coordinating common drainage criteria for hydrology, detention and floodplain analysis." It demands "development of a watershed protection study for tributaries into major streams to identify flood risks and assess mitigation

Local author pens book about Texas Republic

HIGHLANDS — Karl Thomson, a former gunsmith, bush pilot, has completed his new book $\underline{\text{Three}}$ Texas Rangers: The Republic of Texas 1836-1845.

The book is a fictional account of the Texas Revolution through Mexican -American War and the making of a republic away

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from a dictatorship.

It also deals with the establishment of the Texas Rangers and development of the Colt revolving pistol. The book pairs fictional characters with accurate historical figures.

The book can be bought as "Three Texas Rangers: The Republic of Texas

1836-1845" at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes Store, Amazon, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble.

The book is published by Page Publishing. For additional information or inquiries, contact Page Publishing at 866-315-







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Car show for cops brings impressive vehicles



BEST OF SHOW

Dan Cummings won Best of Show here presented by Karen Foster with a 1969 Plymouth Roadster (below.)

CROSBY – Due to a rain out the Saturday before, Crosby Church was the location of the HCSOCPAAA (local citizen's patrol) car show to fundraise some of the many benefits the Harris County Sheriff's Office derives from local support. The Citizen's Patrol Academy is a volunteer organization backing the local law enforcement and ever interested in the training and application of police science.

A total of 42 vehicles showed up to take a host of divisions and prizes for the quality and beauty of the vehicle itself.

In addition to the HC-SOCPAAA, on hand were vehicle fans and owners enjoying the Spring weather.

Eddie and Karen Foster directed the car show, dislayed a beautiful Camaro and became part of the entertainment by announcing.



BEST PAINT JOBWildman from Wildman Custom Paint won best

aint iob.



This cool dude tooled around in a dad powered hot rod next year, a new division, Brat Car!



SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHOICE AWARD Bruce Meyer won this with a 65 Shelby Cobra.



DON HOUSLEY BROUGHT BEST ENGINE



THIS 1969 PLYMOUTH WON BEST OF SHOW

A ROADRUNNER FROM 1969 WITH THE TOP DOWN AND STYLE GALORE won the award for best in show. It was brought by Don Cummings. Georgeous lines and split paint, recessed lights and scoop to convey power. This is a muscle car from the era of muscle cars. Most attendants spent some time admiring this beauty.



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CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE Harris County Sheriff's Office benefit Car Show

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OPINION PAGE



Texas Voters Have Lost Today!

AUSTIN-Today, League of Women Voters of Texas president Grace Chimene issued the following statement in response to the passage of SB 7 in the Texas House of Representatives

"For democracy to work for all of us, it must include us all. In total disregard for what voters want, the Texas House of Representatives chose to pass a major election bill - SB 7 - that greatly limits voting methods, complicates voter assistance, and adds criminal penalties for election workers. The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) is deeply disappointed in both the outcome of this election bill and the process by which it ultimately passed.

"SB 7 erects deliberate barriers to silence our most vulnerable citizens: voters with disabilities, the elderly, and communities of color.

"Further, the process by which the bill was passed is shameful. Committee hearings lacked safety protocols and civility, discouraging inperson, public testimony. While citizens were allowed to provide written comments online, these comments were not made part of the official record or read at hearings. The final House debate did not begin in earnest until 2:45 am

"Voting and elections are fundamental to our democracy. We had hoped for a more democratic process and an outcome that would benefit all voters instead of a few legislators.

"The League advocates for an election system where every American can safely and freely cast their ballot. In partnership with other community organizations, we asked legislators to carefully weigh election security with preserving voting rights. The League identified strong legislative opportunities to improve election security, such as bills implementing online voter registration, electronic tracking of mail ballot applications and mail ballots, and more secure election equipment.

"Texans across the state responded to League Action Alerts to contact their legislators to oppose legislation that would institutionalize barriers to voting. Over 80,000 emails regarding voting rights were sent to our Texas legislators.

"SB 7 was wholly substituted in the House Elections Committee with the language of HB 6, the other massive "election integrity" bill. As passed in the House, SB 7 contains a few amendments, such as deleting the requirement that assistants disclose the reason the voter needs assistance and pairing down some of the additional authority given to political poll watchers. As SB 7 continues through the process; however, it will be reworked and revised behind closed doors - in the conference committee

"When finally passed, this bill will affect how we cast ballots and run elections in Texas for years to come - voters deserve better! Unfortunately, the majority of Texas legislators chose not to listen and to confirm their definition of 'election integrity' is restricting voting rights and instilling fear for all involved in the election

The League of Women Voters is one of America's oldest and most trusted civic nonprofit organizations. Formed in 1919, LWVTX represents more $than\ 13{,}000\ grassroots\ advocates\ and\ 34\ local$ Leagues across the state. The League never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to people 16 years and older.

League of Women Voters of Texas: lwvtexas.org

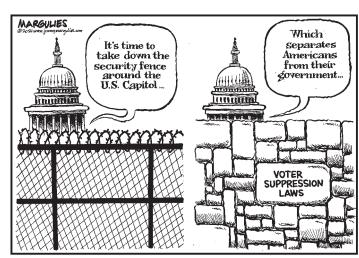


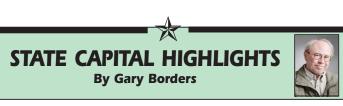


"The tentatively approved voter suppression law is built on a pernicious lie, a lie that corrodes our American democracy from within by pushing the falsehood that widespread voter fraud exists in Texas. Each time this lie is told, each time policies are passed based on this lie, our democra-

I want to acknowledge the lawmakers that fought all night, and made some headway, to temper some of the most dangerous provisions in

Most importantly, the passage of this bill has once again made it mainstream in Texas for laws to be written that make voting more difficult. This is a dangerous path for Texas to travel.





'Constitutional Carry' bill close to becoming law

It is a near certainty that Texans will be allowed to carry handguns without a license in the near future as House Bill 1927 passed both chambers and heads to a conference committee to hash out amendments added in the Senate version

Gov. Greg Abbott has said he would sign the bill, which means Texans would no longer be required to obtain a license to carry a handgun either openly or concealed.

Ultimate passage of the bill means Texas would join at least 20 other states with similar laws.

A University of Texas/ Texas Tribune poll indicates most Texans oppose unlicensed carry and support criminal and mental background checks before all gun sales

DROUGHT CONDITIONS **ACROSS STATE**

Much-needed rain in April has continued to ease drought conditions, according to the Texas Water De velopment Board. Midland, for example,

received 2.2 inches last month, more than the previous six months combined. Right now, 65% of the state is experiencing drought conditions, mainly in South and West Tex-

More rainfall in early May should improve the drought situation even more, according to TWDB.

OAK TREES STILL RECOVERING FROM WINTER STORM

Winter Storm Uri didn't just wreak havoc on home owners and businesses that suffered from broken pipes and the extended power outage. The Texas A&M Forest Service notes that oak trees across the state are slow in leafing out, prompting many property owners to contact hor-



ticulturists, worried their trees have died.

Maybe so, maybe not, ays veteran TFS forester Courtney Blevins. He advises property owners to wait before taking down an oak tree that still might come to life. "I think most of the oaks are going to come through okay," Blevins said. "If your tree is leafing out really late, it's obviously stressed. But most trees die from a combination of stressors, not just one thing."

Blevins and longtime horticulturist and syndicated columnist Neil Sperry both say there is no hurry to take down an oak tree, even it is actually dead. The best time to plant is in the fall or early winter, and even dead trees rarely pose an immediate danger.

"If your tree is dead, there's no rush to take it down," Blevins said. "That's one big mistake people are making. They're in a big hurry to take that thing down, thinking it's dangerous to leave a dead tree standing, and it's not."

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

As the rate of COVID-19

AIMED TO BOOST VACCINE

vaccinations continues to More than 19.3 million slow, several outreach pro-Texans have received at least one dose of the COVgrams are attempting to reach Texans where they ID-19 vaccine - more than two-thirds of the state's population - while 8.59



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The Treat Lady

Tanner and Dakota are waiting for me.

They're standing at the corner of their chain-link fence, watching the side-walk. They know I'm coming, even if they don't know exactly when, even if they can't see the sidewalk very well and can't hear at all.

Tanner and Dakota are my two oldest dog customers, dogs I give treats to nearly every day. My hus-band, Peter, has decided against paying the big bucks for high-priced dog treats full of questionable ingredients. He bought himself a dog-bone-shaped cookie cut-ter, did some research on the internet, and now he bakes healthy dog treats for me to take on my daily hike. As you might imagine, as the Treat Lady, I have a lot of loyal customers.
Some of the dogs have

even tracked me to my home. Matilda, a pudgy corgi, knows where I live and pauses every time she walks by with her owners, licking her lips. One day, Snoopy, the giant Bernese mountain dog, who I meet on the trail, was walking by the house. Snoopy is now almost a year and a half old and weighs

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"Vaccines are the most

effective tool in Texas

fight against COVID-19,

and we are committed to making COVID-19 vac-

cines even more widely

available to Texans across

the state," Abbott said. "The State Vaccine Call

Center will help connect

businesses and civic orga-

nizations with these life-

saving shots and ensure

that more Texans have an

opportunity to get vacci-

of State Health Services is

inviting pediatric health

care providers to enroll in

the COVID-19 vaccine pro-

gram, in anticipation of the

expansion of the Pfizer

vaccine emergency use au-

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DSHS sent a letter to

more than 3,000 pediatric

providers who already give

With vaccine supply ex-

ceeding demand, DSHS

will now fill vaccine orders

as they come in and discon-

tinue allocating the vac-

cine weekly. The vaccine is

available more widely than

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The number of new cas-

es continues to drop, with

17,999 reported in the last

week, along with 364 deaths, according to the

Coronavirus Resource

Center at Johns Hopkins

University. At its peak in

mid-January, nearly

159,000 new cases were

reported in a single week

along with 2,311 deaths.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19

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The Texas Department

vaccinated.

more than 170 pounds.

I told Peter, "That's
Snoopy!" and (probably unadvisedly) called out the
front door, "Hey, Snoopy!" Snoopy stopped in his tracks and stared.

Darron and Monica, Snoopy's owners, came and chatted on the stoop and I thought no more about it. Snoopy, however, has a very good memory.

A few days later, we saw Darron and Monica and Snoopy passing (probably intentionally) on the other side of the street. Not wanting to be pests, we didn't holler out the door. But we were watching Snoopy staring at our house and walking more slowly. Finally, he came to a dead stop on the sidewalk, still staring at our front door. We could see Darron tugging on his leash, and that's when Snoopy decided to lie down. Snoopy went on strike.

There isn't much you can do when a 170-pound dog has decided he is going to lie down on the sidewalk. We saw Darron and Monica's growing frustration and that's when Peter yelled from the door, "Hey,

Snoopy leapt to his feet and bolted straight to our door, dragging Darron down the steep hill in front of our house. Snoopy landed in a happy, panting pile on the "You see?" he seemed to

be saying to Monica and Darron. "We had to visit!" Snoopy is a very sweet dog.

All the dogs are sweet. Fergus, a cattle dog of some type, leaps into the air whenever he sees me on the trail and gives me a kiss on the face His owner no long er says, "Stop, Fergus!" be cause there is no stopping Fergus from kissing me. Fer gus loves the Treat Lady. And I really don't mind at

As we prepare to leave this place, I think of all the dogs I am going to miss and I wonder if they will miss me. But I know there are dogs in every state, in every country, and every dog needs a treat. I don't think I'll stop being the Treat Lady, living somewhere else.
Tanner and Dakota are

still waiting at the fence. I give them each a treat and Tanner barks in excitement. His bark is loud and strange because he is deaf, but I can tell he is happy—even if he can't see me, even if he's not entirely sure where this treat is coming from.

"You're such a good dog," an award-winning Texas I tell him, scratching his journalist. He published a gray muzzle. "You deserve a number of community

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn," Learn



MILESTONES PAGE

Chinquapin graduate wins Colby Vondenstein Strong, prestigious scholarhip

severe despite ongoing challenges due to COVID-19, Scholarship America continues to provide financial support through scholarships. The Dream Award is an annual scholarship program for deserving students who have overcome significant barriers to make it to college. This year's diverse Dream Award recipients include:

Nicole Trujillo, graduate of Chinquapin Preparatory in Highlands, Tex., who attends the University of Houston was awarded a \$7000 per year scholarship. Details on Nicole are provided below.

NICOLE TRUJILLO

HOUSTON, TX // UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON // BIOLOGY

After witnessing a relative battle with COVID-19, Nicole became even more determined to build a career for herself in the medical field. A first generation student from a low-income family, Nicole hopes to become a general surgeon. With help from the Dream Award, she's working toward her degree in biology. After going on to medical school, Nicole aspires to work within the community where she grew up, and to help break



language barriers within the healthcare system.

COLLEGE DREAMS THRIVE DESPITE PANDEMIC; MAY 13 VIRTUAL **CELEBRATION PLANNED**

MINNEAPOLIS (May 2021) - It remains a challenging time for students during the ongoing pandemic, and Scholarship America is dedicated to supporting students' college dreams. Twenty-two exceptional students have been selected to receive Scholarship America's 2021 Dream Award. The Dream Award is Scholarship America's renewable scholarship program for students with financial need who have overcome significant barriers to make it to college. Since the Dream Award was created in 2014, over \$2.4 million in scholarships, ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000, have been awarded to 130 students.

"Our Dream Award scholars represent diverse abilities, ethnicities and identities, with a focus on historically underrepresented communities. They have overcome major hardships in their lives including serious illness. abandonment, abuse, family loss, poverty, foster care and homelessness said Robert C. Ballard, president and CEO of Scholarship America. "These inspiring students are focused on getting the skills they need to pursue their dreams and help oth-

Seventy percent of Dream Award scholars are the first in their families to attend college; 80 percent contribute financially to their families' income; and nearly one-third serve as caregivers in addition to

being students. This year, as in 2020, the Dreams to Success event to honor Dream Award students and raise funds for the scholarship program will be online. The event will go live on May 13 at 6:30 pm EST. For more information on the Dream Award and to register for the event, visit scholarshipamerica.org/ dreamstosuccess

A Colby Strong Benefit page has been started as a "Go Fund Me" on facebook, those that would might be encouraged to contribute there to help in this strug-

Colby had just come home from the hospital in downtown Houston on Monday. He is down about 50 pounds from his pre COVID 19 weight. He has had to relearn to walk and is now on a walker. The family was told on February 28 that he only had days to live but has grown stronger they would argue steadily with prayer.

"He is starting over. He has had to learn how to feed himself," said Sandy Mendez, "But he is there now, it is amazing, it is like winning the powerball over and over with Colby. He will master skills before they are ready."

If she was asked should people get shots she would say, "Absolutely, when it first came out I was against it until it happened to my son. I know there hasn't been an awful lot of research but you know what? We have to do something to stop this blight." "So many people have died because they didn't have access to the right equipment. My son was so fortunate to be accepted on ETMO. He was on ETMO for two months. He had a tracheotomy, he was intu-bated, he was on dialysis there are many hospitals that don't have those ETMO machines. Without that equipment he wouldn't have made it. They need to do the re-search on this disease because it is real and we don't know what it is capable of doing, even to the strong.



Jeanie Kratky and Betty Michelsky display the quilt made for the Colby Strong fundraiser held Isat Saturday

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 COV-ID-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.

ing 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 faithbased 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 vol-In the past year, test- unteering 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 hcphtx.org. For Pasadena and Katy test site appointments visit www.doineedacovid19test.com or call

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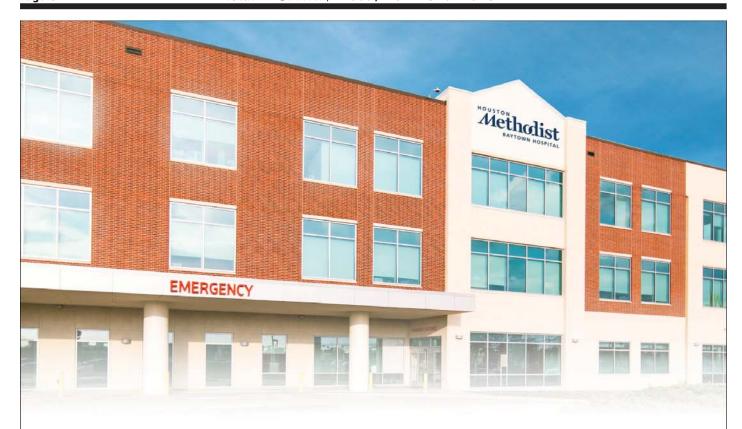
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"We are excited to invite members of the public to once again join us at meetings of Commissioners Court," said Chambers
County Judge Jimmy Sylvia.

Seating will be limited ecause of the small size of the Court room. Admission vill be granted only to the first 15 people to arrive. All additional people will be asked to wait in the hall and if there to address an agenda item, will be invited in only when that item is being

For those who wish to tinue viewing Court proceedings remotely, a live stream will still be available for online viewing. Residents who wish to offer public virtually as well.

"We are going to continue offering live streaming and the option to continued the Judge. "This will help save space for members of the public in the Court room and accommodate anyone who may not feel safe visiting in-

In fact, Departments with ns on the Court Agenda will be asked to participate remotely. If in-person participation is unavoidable only one person per department will be allowed to attend.

To reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19, all persons who enter the Chambers County Court House will be required to submit to a health screening that includes a questionnaire

Face coverings are encouraged but not required in the Court House and other County facilities.

Dayton hosts DayGaCon Gaming Expo



Members of the 501st Legion Star Wars were out in full force (no pun intended) at DayGaCon. The group is well known for their attention to detail in their



Steve Andreno, who was the suit actor for Baboo for seasons 2 and 3 of Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers, greets fans.



Bounty Hunter 80302, aka Paul Ivy, is a member of the 501st Legion. The Star Wars reenactment members in attendance at

By Bobby Horn, Jr.

DAYTON- The inaugural DayGaCon, hosted by the City of Dayton and sponsored by DayNet, was held May 7-9 at the Dayton Community Center.

The convention celebrated gaming, comics and pop culture.

The three-day event featured laser tag, a Super Smash Bros. tournament, cosplay contest. Magic: The Gathering tournament, movie nights, a mobile game truck, vendors and an officially-licensed 1966 Batmobile on display.

Among the special guests, greeting fans and signing autographs, were DC and Marvel Comics artist Mostafa Moussa and WWE Hall of Famers "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan and Booker T.

Premier Wrestling also hosted a live wrestling tournament.

Event organizers said that they were pleased with the turnout, the fans coming as far away as Galveston for the convention and that they are looking forward to making this



This officially licensed Batmobile from the 1966 series was one of the hits of the show. Among the many features on the car are working parachutes and flames which shoot out the jet engine. m



World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Famer "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan signs autographs and talks wrestling with fans. A few lucky fans even had their picture taken with him.



Professional inker and comic book artist Mostafa Mousa, who has drawn for DC and Marvel shows off some of his work.



WCC Pilot Club Donates to Library



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West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. recently presented donations to the Sam and Carmena Goss Library for the purchase of a book in honor of HEB's continues help and support of the Pilot Club, and a donation from the Club, Steve Arthur, and the Crowder Foundation for the purchase of items specificity designed for Autism patrons.

(Pictured I-r) Ms. Kelly Taylor with the library and Treasurer Diana Jackson.

Fan visit vendor tables will with toys, comic, t-shirts and other memorabilia.

Information about Women's Health Myths

BAYTOWN-(May 7, 2021) — There's a lot of misinformation about women's health out there. making it difficult to know what's true. Dr. Pooja Kulkarni, a family medicine physician with the Houston Methodist Primary Care Group in Baytown, debunks three common myths regarding women's health.

Myth: Women don't have to worry about heart disease

Fact: Heart disease is the leading killer of

"It's especially important for women to know the signs of a heart attack because they are more likely to have more subtle symptoms, such as jaw pain, shortness of breath. nausea or vomiting, and fatigue." Kulkarni said.

Plus, women need to understand their personal risk for heart disease and have their blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels checked regular-

Kulkarni also recom mends that women of all ages consider seeing an internist or a primary care provider in addition to their obstetrician-gynecol-

Myth: Most breast cancer is hereditary Fact: Only 5 to 10 percent of breast cancers are hereditary.

Kulkarni emphasizes the importance of recognizing if breast cancer runs in your family. If a woman does have an affected gene for breast cancer, she has a 40 to 80 percent chance of having breast cancer in her lifetime

But the biggest risk factors for breast cancer are two things you can't do anything about: being a woman and getting older. So, make sure you talk to your doctor about your situation and the best age to begin screening mammo-



"It is important to maintain healthy habits, like exercising, having a clean diet and limiting alcohol to reduce your risk." Kulkarni explains.

Myth: Calcium alone will keep your bones strong

Fact: Calcium is important, but vitamin D and lifestyle choices are also essential.

Women reach their peak bone mass by their 30s, and bone mass drops significantly the year leading up to menopause, making

it very important not to wait until after menopause to start thinking about bone health, Kulkarni said.

Doing regular weightbearing exercises, such as walking, jogging, hiking and weight training, as well as not smoking, are key to having strong bones. So is making sure you're getting enough calcium and vitamin D.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital screens all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office. Masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) are required while providing patient care, and we have reorganized waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing. We have also implemented additional anitation processes to disinfect all equipment and

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub.

Vaccines are open to everyone age 16 and older. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.

Kulkarni and her fellow physicians with the Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Baytown, including Dr. Greg Terry, Irfan Dadabhov, MD and nurse practitioner Trudy Istre, provide the full range of primary care services, including routine checkups, and treatment of complex illnesses, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma.

New and existing patients can see a Houston Methodist Primary Care physician in Baytown in person or virtually for women's health and primary care. houstonmethodist.org/baytown-pcp for more information and convenient online scheduling, or call 832-556-6670.