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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**THU. AUG. 5
New Educator's Luncheon**

Crosby/Huffman Chamber's Annual New Educator Luncheon. Note NEW DATE August 5, at 11:30am at Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy. 90. A Welcome to all new educators in the Crosby and Huffman Districts. Presented by Community Resource Credit Union. Luncheon price \$20.00, call 281-328-6984 for reservations.

**FRI. AUG. 6
Highlands Horizons Purse Bingo**

Come join our Fiesta Purse Bingo & support the Highlands Horizons! Dinner will be served, silent auction, margaritas & a fun time!

Standard admission gets you 1 set of bingo cards for 10 games, dinner & drinks. VIP tables seat 8 guests & include 2 sets of cards per game, dinner, drinks & dessert perks.

Fri. August 6, 2021 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Baytown Boat Club, 1600 Clear Lake Road, Highlands, TX 77562. Tickets on Facebook. Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.

ONGOING

Free food at Branch Libraries

Every Wednesday you can pick up Breakfast & Lunch for the week (7 boxed meals for each child under the age of 18)

Courtesy Harris County Branch Library and the Houston Food Bank. Walk-ins welcome, no registration.

BIRTHDAYS

- Aug 6-Sara Henning
Ethel Peters
Dolores Griffen
- Aug 7-Cynthia Finnell
- Aug 8-Bryan Allen
Daniel Finnell
Judge Tony Polumbo
Stephen Turner
- Aug 9-Johnny Delue
Jim Hildebrand
Annie Mae Smith
O.C. Smith
Rayford Smith
Sonora K. Boyd
- Aug 10-Lisa Simmons
Thomas Harper
- Aug 11-Christi Bobalik
Bobby Glenn Smith
Kristin Moseley
Raymond Oliver
Tiffany Cutbirth
- Aug 12-Ashley Adams
Richard Fannels
Kenneth R. Neatherlin, Jr.
Amy Rucka
Dianne Thompkins
Roy Cutbirth

ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 6-Sue & Steve Norris
Jan & Mike Gucker
- Aug 8-Martha & Alvin Keyes
Ronald & Beth Phillips
- Aug 9-Cathy & Marvin Harm
- Aug 10-Victor & Glorine Harris
- Aug 12-Rick & Deborah Nibbe

Crosby ISD Back-to-School Fest Aug. 7

Will include Free COVID-19 Vaccinations

Crosby ISD is organizing the first of what we hope to be several free COVID-19 vaccination clinics over the course of the school year. We are combining the vaccination clinic with our first-ever Back-to-School Fest.

Staff, families and students aged 12 and older are welcome to receive free vaccinations through Harris County Health on Saturday, August 7th. The shots will be administered in the Crosby High School practice gym on 333 Red Summit Drive. Walk-ins are welcome. The public is invited from 11am-1pm.



Families of children of any age are welcome to attend the festival. The Harris County Precinct 3 Constable's Office is giving away 250 backpacks and supplies, first come first served. The East Harris County Empowerment Council is also giving away supplies for 250 students.

We'll have also feature music from the Crosby High School band. And we'll offer some free snacks.

Crosby ISD wants to celebrate a safe start to the school year by making sure families have access to COVID-19 vaccinations and school supplies.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is August 6-8

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-8.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"For many families with children who are going back to their school campuses for the first time since the pandemic began, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save money on

school supplies and other tax-free items," Hegar said. "As a father with three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up."

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or

- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999, allowing consumers to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes each year. The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save an estimated \$107.3 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Make-A-Wish fulfills dream of Highlands boy

After kidney transplant, wanted to start a business

Highland Teen's Wish to Start Lawnmowing Business Comes True

HIGHLANDS — Make-A-Wish and Big Tex Trailers surprised 18 year-old Wish Kid Alex Garcia of Vann Street, with his own trailer and lawn mowing equipment so he can start his own business! They also provided him with business cards, logo'd shirts and flyers to jump start his new business.

Make-A-Wish, in partnership with Big Tex Trailers, hosted a surprise Wish Reveal for Highlands area teen Wish Kid Alex, who received a kidney transplant. Alex's unique wish to start his own lawn-mowing business came to life with a community parade last Saturday, July 31, followed by the reveal of custom-logoed trailer filled with lawn mowing equipment.

Alex's wish to start his own business is a result of the great influence his late father had on him — it was always his father's dream to have his own business and now Alex, through the help of Make-A-Wish, will be able to carry on that legacy. For the Wish Reveal, Alex was escorted



Wish Kid Alex with his new business cards.

ed outside where a car parade drove past his house. The car parade included members of the community, Make-A-Wish volunteers, friends and family, with the last vehicle in line being the custom Big Tex trailer and equipment for Alex. Make-A-Wish is thrilled to bring this teen

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GLO removing sunken barges from San Jacinto River

By Carolyn Stone and Gilbert Hoffman

SAN JACINTO RIVER — Residents of the San Jacinto River Estates area along River Road, were surprised early in July to see excavation work barges lifting old sunken hulks of barges from the water along the waterfront.

This area is near the Superfund site, and also the area next to Riverside Inn where the Holtmar/TimTom company has been trying to install new barge mooring facilities.

Residents were concerned the cleanup was in preparation for the instal-



Workers clean mud off barge that has been raised from underwater.

lation of the barge facility and the possible approval of the 03/04/21 Holtmar Letter of Permission from the Corps of Engineers.

However, closer inspection of the vessels and personnel performing the cleanup revealed they were from the TX GLO, or Texas General Land Office.

Residents say they are still concerned it may be related. Removal of the sunken vessels and other debris in the river would be a necessary step prior to construction of a barge facility in that area. Carolyn Stone reached out to Ana Hernandez's office to hear if they had any information on why the GLO was in the proposed area for the barge facility

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Several work barges, with cranes and other excavation equipment, are anchored along the bank near the San Jacinto River Estates neighborhood. They are removing sunken barges and other debris that impede the flow of the river and pose a hazard during flood conditions. Beyond the work barges can be seen the Riverside Inn, to the far left Meadowbrook Park, and to the far right the area for a proposed barge mooring facility. Work on that project has halted due to a question about whether it was properly permitted by the Corps of Engineers. (All photos courtesy of Greg Moss)

removing the sunken vessels.

We informed Hernandez' office of what was witnessed and the crew and vessels were identified as being from the GLO, but since Holtmar/TimTom had been trying to get US-ACE approval to construct a barge facility in that area we wanted clarification as to why the cleanup was being performed. If it was just a clean up of the San Jacinto River we wholeheartedly supported it, but if it was in conjunction with the installation of a barge facility or barge parking lot by any entity we strongly opposed it. Adriana Aguirre-Hernandez of Ana Hernandez office was interested in what we knew about the Holtmar/TimTom/Holt attempts to install barges in the area, the LOP, and the Riverside remodeling and planned re-opening, wanting the information we had so she could research it and to help her when she contacted the GLO.

Adriana learned that the cleanup was related to funding recently received by the GLO from the legislature for the removal of 20

identified sunken vessels which were impeding the waterflow. The GLO had just made it to our area to remove the identified vessels in our portion of the river. The cleanup was not related to the attempts by Holtmar/TimTom to install a barge facility.

Residents are continuing the discussion with Rep. Hernandez's office to enlist her opposition and

help in preventing the Holtmar/TimTom barge facility or any other marine industry, barge facility, or barge parking lots in this area and other areas north of I-10 East. They have a detrimental effect on the residential neighborhood, and are a threat to buildings and the Waste Pits during flooding or hurricane events, as seen in the near past.



Two GLO contractor's work barges, with cranes and excavators, lifting portions of sunken barges.

K. Hovnanian® Homes opens Crosby Park Village



The Crosby/Huffman Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting for Crosby Park Village last month as a kick-off of the community.

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Survey



Map



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★ OPINION PAGE ★

COUNTY NEWS
Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



New Initiatives to reduce Criminal Court Backlog

Right now, all across the nation, violent crime is increasing due to the pandemic and the associated economic challenges — unfortunately, the same is true here in Harris County. And, while some categories of crime are increasing, around 100,000 criminal cases are pending in Harris County, including 40,000 cases that are well past national standards in how long it should take for them to be addressed. This backlog of cases has increased by 40% since 2017, when Hurricane Harvey first spurred delays. As more and more time passes from when a crime is committed to the resolution of a case, victims feel ignored, perpetrators feel empowered, and those accused who are innocent feel left behind.

To build on other efforts to address the violent crime rate, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioners County approved new actions last week to help the judicial branch of our government move through this backlog of criminal cases, including:

- The addition of six additional associate judges to assist the 22 Criminal District Courts to reduce the backlog.
- The approval of \$600,000 dollars in funds to expand jury operations at NRG.
- Funding for visiting judges to help support our associate judges get through cases.

A major and historic \$15M investment in technology for law enforcement which will make body cam systems more efficient to speed up processing of court cases by making necessary evidence available quickly. It currently takes 6 months for body cam evidence that is required for a case to move forward to become available.

Previously, Commissioners Court has allocated additional overtime funding for detectives in the Harris County Sheriff's Office's Violent Crimes, Adult Special Crimes, and Child Abuse Units to work cases in the most violent crimes through improved information sharing, expedited investigations, and targeted investigations focusing on repeat offenders and organized criminal activity in known hotspots. Commissioners Court also previously approved a resolution for the Texas legislature to add an additional criminal district court in Harris County, which passed this session. These aren't the first actions we have taken to address the crime increase in Harris County and they won't be the last.

Feds Order Pause of I-45 Expansion Project

Harris County has been fighting hard to improve the proposed TxDOT I-45 expansion project, which, as currently planned, won't solve our traffic problems and will only worsen our air quality. Though we do need and deserve an I-45 project to improve this outdated roadway, we also need the plan to respect the wishes of our community and be forward thinking in terms of transportation policy.

Under law, TxDOT is required to incorporate community and environmental concerns into their design. However, after many meetings and conversations, those concerns seem to have fallen on deaf ears. In May, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and the County Attorney announced a lawsuit against TxDOT which would require them to take community and environmental concerns into consideration for their design. Late last month, the Federal Highway Administration sent a letter to TxDOT sharing the concerns we have about their lack of engagement with the community violating the Environmental Protection Act. The federal government asked TxDOT to pause the project over environmental concerns and to review their compliance with the Environmental Protection Act.

This message from the Biden Administration to TxDOT is clear: You can't bulldoze your way to a massive infrastructure project without community input or considering smarter transportation options. We can have a region with world class transportation infrastructure where people don't spend hours in traffic, and with the highest accident rate in the nation. This is the first win in our war to get the I-45 plan our community needs and deserves.

Reforms to Jury Duty System

In Harris County, serving jury duty is about to get a lot more convenient. Last month, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and the Commissioner's Court approved several much-needed reforms to promote increased participation in Jury Duty, an essential component of administering our justice system. The first part of the Juror Participation Plans will require \$500k to implement reforms which include providing meal vouchers, free parking, distinct parking signage to help jurors find their way, free coffee and water, and an awareness campaign to draw attention to the changes. Stay tuned for more jury duty reforms to come later this year.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Eight proposed Amendments on November ballot

The order has been drawn for eight proposed amendments to the much-amended Texas Constitution that will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot. The proposed amendments were approved by at least two thirds of both houses of the state Legislature. According to the Austin American-Statesman, they include:

- Allowing families to designate an "essential caregiver" to have access to loved ones in nursing homes and other long-term facilities. The issue came up when visitors were banned from such facilities during the pandemic.
 - Banning all government entities — state, cities, counties, etc. — from limiting or preventing religious services, also an issue that arose during the pandemic.
 - Providing property tax exemptions to spouses of soldiers killed in the line of duty.
 - Barring attorneys whose law license has previously been suspended or revoked from serving as judges, and requiring district judges to be practicing lawyers for at least eight years. The minimum required now is four years.
 - Allowing counties to issue bonds to finance transportation or other infrastructure projects in blighted or unproductive areas.
 - Allowing the state's professional rodeo associations to raise money through raffles, as other charities can do.
 - Authorizing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which investigates complaints against judges, to also oversee the conduct of judicial candidates.
 - Allowing school taxes to continue to be reduced for those 55 and older upon the death of a spouse with a disability.
- As the Statesman reported, Texas voters to date have approved 507 amendments, making the Texas Constitution one of the longest in the nation.



ADVICE ON TREES RECOVERING FROM WINTER STORM URI

As August arrives, landowners wondering about trees stricken during Winter Storm Uri in mid-February can quit wondering what to do about trees that are still completely bare: they are almost certainly not going to come back. Specialists with the Texas A&M Forest Service, along with Neil Sperry, a widely known gardening and horticulture expert, teamed up last May to urge Texans to wait until mid-July before cutting down leafless trees. The vast majority of trees that were slow to leaf out have mostly recovered.

"The waiting was important, because we're just now beginning to differentiate between those trees that are obviously not going to survive; those that are wounded and we hope will survive; and those that are definitely going to survive, but are going to take a little while to come back," Sperry said.

Grethen Riley, the Urban and Community Forestry Program Leader at Texas A&M Forest Service, said if a tree is bare and hasn't put out a single leaf, it is almost certainly dead. This also applies to palm trees, which were especially hard hit by the storm.

"Anything green means that the tree has a chance for recovery," Riley said. "But a single small frond should have grown and

opened on palm trees by now. No green means it is dead and has already started rotting internally."

She added that trees that lost much of their canopy may or may not survive. A good rule of thumb is imagining a circle around all a tree's branches. A fourth of that circle should be filled in with leaves. If not, the tree is most likely going to die, Riley said.

STATE REPORTS FIRST WEST NILE CASE

The state's first case of illness caused by West Nile virus this year was reported in Dallas County, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The virus is transmitted through bites from infected mosquitoes. While most people exposed to West Nile don't get sick, about 20% develop symptoms such as headache, fever, joint and muscle aches, nausea and fatigue.

DSHS urges Texans venturing outdoors to wear long sleeves and pants and apply insect repellent. The agency also recommends removing standing water from tires, toys, buckets and other items.

Over the past five years, the state has had 805 cases of West Nile virus and 63 deaths.

TCEQ PLANS TO USE DRONES DURING DISASTERS

The next time a hurricane or other natural disaster hits Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality plans to use drones to help staff survey land difficult for personnel to visit by foot or in a vehicle.

TCEQ now has 25 drones equipped to allow live-streaming video during disaster events. More than two dozen staff members have completed classroom instruction, with 17 having passed the FAA exam for what are formally called Unmanned Aerial Systems.

DSHS AWARDS \$10 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR VACCINE EFFORTS

As COVID-19 vaccination rates lag and cases of the delta variant spike, DSHS will award \$10 million to local groups working to promote vaccination efforts. The grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000 will go to a wide range of organizations providing vaccine education across the state.

A total of 6,251 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients were in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That is quadruple the number reported a month ago and the most seen since February.

The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 62,722 new cases in Texas during the past week and 271 deaths — a five-fold increase from a month ago. A total of 12.67 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 43% of the state's population.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By
Carrie Classon

Bad Gardener

I have never been a gardener.

This makes me feel like a misfit in my family. My mother is a wonderful gardener. She had an enormous vegetable garden in the suburbs before it became fashionable to do so. Her mother was also an avid gardener. She escaped the demands of 11 children by spending time with her flowers. There are photos of my grandma in her garden and she looks as if she is having a wonderful time, but I figure any activity that would allow you to escape the demands of cooking for 13 people three times a day would be a welcome relief.

My sister is also an amazing gardener. She has flowerbeds everywhere and a raspberry patch that produces 3 gallons of berries a day. She is always expanding gardens and digging things up and putting new things in. Her entire yard is beautifully landscaped and all I can think is that it looks like an awful lot of work.

I am a bad gardener.

My attempts are gardening have never been successful. One year, I planted flowers I thought would do well, and they did so well I created an impenetrable jungle. I had flowers as tall as me. I couldn't get in to weed, and after a while, I stopped trying. The next year I tore it all up and mulched it. Mulching is not gardening.

The next year, I planted rose bushes. The deer ate every rosebud as soon as it appeared. Then I planted peonies. They wilted in the sun. I planted lupines in a place I thought would be perfect for them. They never bloomed. Whatever sort of green thumb my mother and grandmother and sister have seems to have missed me entirely.

Only recently have I had the courage to admit the truth: I don't like gardening.

I was sure that if I just worked a bit harder, all the pleasant feelings everyone seems to have about gardening would magically land on me. But I've realized that I just don't enjoy gardening. It feels like work to me, and not work I enjoy. So when my husband, Peter, and I bought the new condominium, one of my first thoughts was, "Now I don't have to feel guilty about not gardening!"

I left my rakes and shovels and gardening gloves behind, and I was delighted to be moving to a place where the only outdoor space I had was a balcony. Gardening was the furthest thing from my mind when a funny thing happened.

I wanted to plant something.

Arriving in the midsummer, there wasn't a lot of selection. But I found some plant hangers and pots and six different kinds of plants and I repotted them and made attractive groupings until I had eight pots hanging in a row on the balcony, filled with brightly colored foliage. They are out there now, waving in the breeze. They have already grown since I put them out last weekend. I call them my "balcony babies," and those eight pots are giving me more satisfaction than anything I've ever planted.

"The balcony is beautiful!" Peter said last night. I believe it's the first compliment I've ever gotten on my gardening efforts. And finally, I feel at peace.

I do have an inner gardener after all.

She just works in a smaller medium than the giant gardens my mother and grandmother had or the sprawling flowerbeds my sister creates. My gardens are tiny. They are in little red pots hanging from the railing and, quite honestly, I think they are perfect.

Till next time,
Carrie

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

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Make-A-Wish fulfills dream,

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Alex poses with his new trailer, and the staff of Make-A-Wish.

strength, hope and story with memories to last a lifetime. This wish is being made possible in part thanks to a generous in-kind donation by Big Tex Trailers.

Make-A-Wish brings an entire community together to rally around wish kids. From medical providers who introduce children to the idea of a wish, to volunteers who walk alongside children and their families in their medical journey and help turn their fear to hope, to donors and corporate partners who offer their passion and resources to make customized wish experiences possible – they all know that a wish can be life-changing for everyone involved.

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Sheila Jackson Lee arrested in DC protest for Voters Rights bill



Capitol Police arrest U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and several others last week, for blocking the entrance to the Hart Senate Office Building. Lee was protesting in favor of action on Voting Rights bills.

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was arrested Thursday during a protest in Washington D.C. where she was fighting for the expansion of voting rights.

Lee, who represents the state's 18th district, posted several photos on her Twitter account showing herself being restrained during the protest.

"I will never stop fighting for voting rights. The time is now to move the voting rights bills in the US Senate forward. Enough is enough," she tweeted.

In a video posted on her social media account, Lee said she engaged in civil disobedience in front of the Senate Hart building in Washington D.C. and was

arrested. "I believe when you're getting into good trouble, when you realize that the 15th Amendment has guaranteed the fundamental right to vote, any action that is a peaceful act of civil disobedience is worth of more to push all of us to do better and to do more," Lee said.

Lee said during the protest she and several others decided to block the doors of the Hart building, which led to them being handcuffed and taken into custody.

"We did civilly disobey. We knew that the police officers had to do their job, but we were blocking the door — that we intended to do — block the doors of the United States Senate, Lee

said. "We were handcuffed, they used the plastic handcuffs. We went into the paddy wagon. There is a DC jail near the grounds of the United States Capitol. The paddy wagon took us to that. We were booked. We were placed in a jail cell. At some point, they proceeded to process us. So we spent time being processed. We were able, if we had the money, to be able to process out. But we were booked, we were put in jail, we were put in a jail cell."

Lee said she spent about three hours in jail before she posted her \$1,000 bail.

"The time that we spent in jail, being handcuffed, it's not pretty. It hurts. But the women did it because we believed in what we were doing," Lee said.

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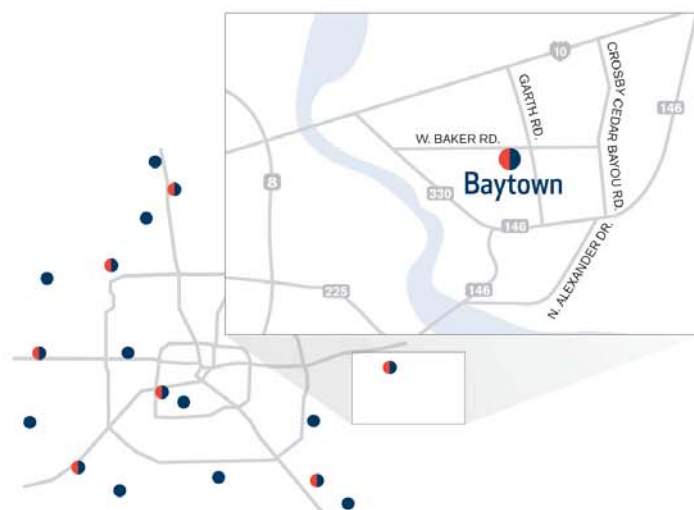


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New officers installed at Baytown Rotary

BAYTOWN – The Rotary Club of Baytown installed officers and directors at Monument Inn July 1. Newly elected District 5890 Governor Michelle Bohrer (2021-2022) was on hand to greet club.

Past District Governor Scott Rainey and Governor Bohrer both spoke to the gathering of club members and then Bohrer performed the installation.

Installed were Club President Melissa Reabold, President Elect Marc Pinney, President Nominee Jared Fulleylove, Immediate Past President Dr. Tom Kelchner, Secre-



From left Ledell Johnson, Jim Ferris, Dr. Walden Ends, Paula Torres, Marc Pinney, President Melissa Reabold, Jared Fulleylove, Daryl Fontenot and Immediate Past President Dr. Tom Kelchner (photo and story courtesy of Carol Skewes, The Baytown Sun)

tary Daryl Fontenot, Assistant Secretary David Smith, Treasurer Debbie Busch, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ferris, Service Director D. Walden Ends, New Generations Director Eston Rogers, Club Administration Director Charles Hurst, Foundation Director Ledell Johnson, Public Image Director Dr. Lynda Villanueva and Membership Director Paula Torres.

Club President Melissa Reabold presented her daughter, Anya Johnson, recognition as the newest Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris started Rotary in 1905.

“Dive-In Movies” show Phyllis Davis wins new car in Rotary raffle

MONT BELVIEU—The City of Mont Belvieu Park and Recreation Department and Eagle Pointe Wave Pool will continue their summer Dive-In Movies series on August 7 with a showing of “The Croods: A New Age.”

Float and swim under the stars while a movie plays on a large poolside movie screen. The gates will open at 7 p.m. The movie will start at dusk.

COVID protocols are in place and families are asked to sit together and that they allow at least six feet between other groups.

Admission is \$5 per person. Children ages two and under are free.

Future movies planned include “Playing With Fire” on Sept. 18.

For more information, call 281-385-6668.



Melissa Reabold, president of the Rotary Club of Baytown, presents the keys to a 2022 Kia Telluride to Phyllis Davis, winner of the Rotary Shrimp and Catfish Festival raffle!

Also pictured is Rotarian Cherie Laughlin, who sold the winning ticket. Congratulations Phyllis!

Houston Methodist Baytown

Excessive Heat can be Deadly

BAYTOWN — (July 8, 2021) — Excessive heat can be much more than simply an uncomfortable fact of life for Baytown area residents—it can trigger life threatening conditions, especially in children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems.

Exposure to heat can cause heat cramps and rashes, but the most serious heat-related disorders are heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Symptoms include confusion, irrational behavior, headache, fainting, hot, dry skin and abnormally high body temperature.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

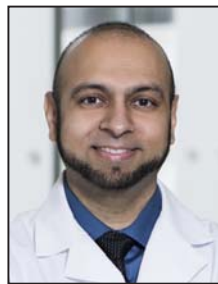
Dr. Irfan Dadabhoy, a family medicine physician at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, says it's best to avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day (roughly around 3 p.m.), but if you can't, drinking cool water, reducing physical exertion,

wearing appropriate clothing and taking regular rest periods in a cool recovery area can lessen the effects of excessive exposure. Preventing dehydration is the first defense.

“Most people do not realize how dehydrated their bodies can become in a short time,” Dadabhoy said. “Most people do not drink enough water, so remember to hydrate before you plan to be active and continue to drink fluids during and after the outside activity. By the time you actually start feeling thirsty, you're usually already dehydrated.”

Dadabhoy recommends drinking at least eight ounces of water at least eight times a day as a way to maintain proper hydration throughout the summer. He recommends wearing lighter, breathable clothing while outdoors and avoiding fabrics like cotton that keep sweat close to the body. Using sunscreen is a must and wearing a wide brimmed hat is a good idea as well. He says patients on certain medications that may increase their risk of heat-related complications should consult their primary care physician regarding the risks posed by too much heat exposure.

“I remind those patients



DR. IRFAN DADABHOY

that take blood pressure medications, particularly diuretic therapy, to take extra caution to replace fluids and electrolytes because they are at higher risk of dehydration, muscle cramps and heat stroke because the medication works by excreting extra salts from the body through urine,” Dadabhoy said.

In addition to preventing heat related illnesses, making sure that children or pets are not left in parked cars—where the temperature can soar to as high as 170 degrees—is essential. If the family pet generally resides outside, owners should make sure the pet has plenty of water and shade available.

If you see someone suffering a mild symptom of heat exposure, like fainting, have them lie down in

a cooler area and begin slowly drinking water or a sports drink. For more serious conditions, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke, call 911 immediately. The person should then be moved to a shaded, cooler area where their outer clothing is removed. Use cold water or an ice bath if possible to cool the body and place cold, wet cloths or ice on the head, neck, armpits and groin. Stay with the person until emergency medical services arrive.

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub. Vaccines are free and available to everyone age 16 and older. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.

Dadabhoy and his fellow physicians with the Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Baytown, including Dr. Greg Terry, Pooja Kulkarni, MD, Dr. Mohammad Ahmed 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. To schedule an appointment,

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