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NORTHEAST NEWS



SAILING ANYONE? Piers and Sailboats covered with ice on Monday, Feb. 15th in Kemah are an example of the severity of the freeze throughout the county. (Jammal photo)

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Community leader Jauer passes away



Leland Jauer, a leader in the Aldine community, and a banker here for 39 years, passed away in November. Jauer was involved in many community, humanitarian and educational organizations during his career. A Memorial Service will be held this week. His full obituary is inside.

62nd FFA Show Goes On

ALDINE – Even in these challenging times, the show went on for Aldine ISD's FFA (Future Farmers of America) students. Although the number of projects was down from the previous year, FFA students could show off their animals. The Aldine community rewarded the students with funds for college scholarships and future projects thanks to members of the Aldine community who purchased projects during the Sale of Champions on Friday, Jan. 29.



Nimitz High School senior Delana Temple displays her grand champion steer, Angel, at the 62nd Annual FFA Livestock and Art Show. Pictured with Delana and Angel are Keisha Burnett and Carl Burnett, who sponsored the Steer Show.

"I want to thank all of the students, their parents, and our outstanding Ag teachers who participated in this year's event," said Franklin Higgins, Director of Career and Technical Education. "And I also want to thank our

Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, members of her Executive Leadership Team, and the Aldine community members for their continued support of our students."

Nimitz High's Delana Temple raised the Grand Champion Steer, purchased by the New Construction Group for

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RECORD FREEZE, POWER OUTAGES PARALYZE COUNTY

HARRIS COUNTY – An unusual cold front swept through the area starting last Sunday, and resultant freezing low temperatures knocked out power for much of Texas, and brought life to a standstill.

The record setting cold temperatures went as low as 7 degrees on several nights, and the result was frozen water pipes for many homes and businesses in the county.

This combination of power outages and frozen pipes made life miserable for most families, and additionally threatened the lives of those who gathered indoors for days with no heat. Food supplies and household items were

quickly depleted for most. Some sought relief in their cars, or at fast food outlets, and long lines and waits of hours resulted. Most stores and gas stations ran out of stock before everyone was supplied.

Industry experts said the outages were due to improper planning and lack of investment in utility facilities. Blame was aimed at the Governor, the Legislature, and private power providers, as well as ERCOT, the distribution manager.

As life returned to normal this week, investigations were ordered by government authorities, with the promise of remedies in the future.

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713-634-1110
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Pct. 2 holds combined food distribution and COVID testing event at Community Centers

By Jada Mier

Harris County, TX — Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office hosted its second free COVID testing and food distribution event in Precinct 2 last week. Testing was conducted at Pep Mueller Community Center in north Houston on January 30th, and at Jim Fonteno Annex in east Harris County.

Cars began to line up as early as 8 am on Saturday morning at the Jim Fonteno Annex in east Harris County. Two lines were formed in two different parking lots. One for testing and the other for food. The Food Bank was there to distribute boxes of food to families in the community. Harris County Public Health was also at the site handing out PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and informing citizens of necessary cleaning procedures. People could choose if they wanted to get tested or not, but everyone leaves with a box of food,



Pct. 2 workers under the direction of Commissioner Adrian Garcia, load food boxes into the cars of families at Pep Mueller Community Center.

explained Tanya Kelly the site manager. She said "I try to encourage people to get tested, especially those who have children that are in school or even a part of the same household. We see so many deaths of family members who end up passing it on, and it hap-

pens a lot in the black and brown community." She went on to say that there is a fear of testing as well as the vaccine on everyone's mind, "we know it's coming but there is going to be a shortage."

The goal of the program was not only to bring con-



Pct. 2 and the Harris County Public Health Department were on hand to test families and individuals for signs of COVID-19.

venient COVID-19 testing access, but also food to underserved communities and organizations. As part of the outreach, Garcia encouraged families living in multi-generational homes to come get tested together, as well as connecting with contractors who em-

ploy day workers or people paid in cash. Texas Department of Emergency Management, The Hispanic Contractors Association, Vendor LTS and the Food Bank all partnered to help serve the community in this time of need.

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COVID-19
Cases as of
February 7, 2021

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

530,278 POSITIVE
5,208 DEATHS
434,520 RECOVERED

TEXAS

2,494,861 POSITIVE
39,322 DEATHS
2,091,113 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

27,004,529 POSITIVE
463,433 DEATHS
--- RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

106,056,229 POSITIVE
2,315,156 DEATHS
59,144,675 RECOVERED

**NEWS
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Two HCPH Locations Offering Free COVID-19 Testing

There are two stationary sites. At the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine, children can also be tested. Hours are 6am-1pm. Register at www.hcphx.org or call **832-927-7575**.

For the Pasadena stationary site at San Jacinto Central Campus, people must be 13 or older to be tested and people can register at www.doineeda.com/covid19test.com or call **832-927-7575**.

New ACCESS2Health Services now open

Pct. 2 has installed a Medical Smart Pod office in the parking lot at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley. The public can get Free COVID-19 tests, and many other medical services. According to Dr. Bernice Koko of United Health Partners, all services are free and walk-ins are welcome, no appointment necessary.

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District's Dr. José Díaz Earns Honors From CMA Foundation, UIL



Aldine ISD educator and composer, Jose Antonio Diaz, directs the music youth group Caliente, a group that allows students to learn about a range of Latin music.

During his many years of service to MacArthur High band and jazz students, José Díaz has received several accomplishments and recently received two more honors from two recognized organizations.

In March 2020, the Country Music Association Foundation (CMAF), a national education nonprofit, and the country music Association (CMA), named Díaz one of 30 music teachers from across the country as Music Teachers of Excellence. In its fifth year, the annual program was created to recognize educators who greatly impact their students, using music as a vehicle for change. Award recipients were selected based on their dedication to bringing a high-quality music program to their students. The process also looked at the impact they have had on their school community through music.

The CMA Foundation was originally set to hold its annual Music Teachers of Excellence Awards on May 5, 2020, in Nashville. It was moved to October 20, 2020, but was also canceled. Due to the pandemic, the CMA Foundation has decided to postpone its Music Teachers of Excellence ceremony later in 2021.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) has named Díaz a 2020 UIL Sponsor of Excellence. School administrators from across the state nominated teachers, directors, and coaches for this recognition. Díaz was selected because he demonstrates the high level of dedication, care, and achievement the UIL looks for in

a Sponsor of Excellence.

In her letter of recommendation, MacArthur High School Principal Heather Peterson said the following about Díaz: "The dedication and passion for music he shares with his band students is unmatched. Jose Diaz provides MacArthur High School students with a comprehensive music program," Peterson said. "Students gain opportunities to bond with other students sharing the same aspirations and network with professionals to advance in their dreams of becoming successful musicians."

Dr. Todd Davis, Aldine ISD's Chief Academic Officer, added: "Our leadership definition in Aldine includes three main tenets – connect, inspire and impact. Mr. Díaz truly embodies each of these tenets. We thank Mr. Díaz for his extraordinary ability to inspire, connect and impact our Aldine students."

In 2017, Díaz was named a top 10 finalist for the 2017 Grammy Foundation's Music Educator Award. Additionally, Texas Monthly featured Díaz in their Oct. 2017 issue, making the No. 2 spot on the magazine's list of the "30 Things You Need to Know about Texas Music Scene in 2017." Texas Monthly cited Díaz's passion for music through the success of his former students. A few examples include Grammy-winning sideman Joe González, Robert Martínez, Felix DeLeon, Marcie Chapa, a percussionist who has backed Beyoncé Jay-Z, and Kanye West.

A MESSAGE From Dr. LaTonya Goffney Aldine ISD Superintendent

Message from the Superintendent, Feb. 1, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

Today marks the beginning of Black History Month. This year, in Aldine ISD, we will be using the month to reflect on the theme "Legacy." While this month is a designated time to celebrate the Black men and women who have made sweeping contributions to our country, Legacy is something we can all celebrate throughout the year. I challenge you to use the entire month to celebrate African Americans' achievements, use their stories for inspiration, and look for ways to build your own legacy and make real change.

This month, we'll share about Black people across the country who have made their mark on our education system — and therefore, all of our students. I also want to highlight the leaders right here in Aldine who are making a significant impact in our own schools and classrooms. Join us throughout the month by using hashtag #AldineBHM to share your Black History Month celebrations.

Black History Maker — Ruby Bridges

As a six-year-old elementary school student, Ruby Bridges led the way for public school integration. Through her foundation, The Ruby Bridges Foundation, she continues to build upon her legacy to "provide all children with an opportunity for equal education." Because of her bravery and ongoing work, children of all races can learn together and learn from each other.

We have our very own legacy builders right here in our district.

Aldine Legacy Builders

Marlon Mérida García from Nimitz High School and Anna de la Cuesta from Victory Early College High School were named Semifinalists for Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships.

Aldine ISD choir students Shonease Murphy from MacArthur High School and Victoria Cerda from Eisenhower High School have been named Texas All-State Musicians by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA).

A number of Aldine ISD's FFA (Future Farmers of America) students were rewarded with funds for college scholarships and future projects during the Sale of Champions on Friday, Jan. 29.

José Antonio Díaz, jazz band director at MacArthur High School, was named 2020 UIL Sponsor of Excellence and recently received two more honors from two recognized organizations.

Aldine ISD has announced the six 2020-2021 Principal of the Year finalists. The school leaders were selected for their innovative leadership and collaboration to drive improvement.

School Meals Available

Free curbside meals/weekend meal bundles are available for all children 18 and younger. We also offer free evening meals to students at all middle schools, ninth grade schools, and high schools. Please contact your campus for more information.



Student and Family Engagement

Please continue encouraging your students to be curious, ask questions, and find ways to learn that make them excited. We know it can be difficult, but it is important that all students — whether learning at home or on campus — engage with their lessons and complete assignments, quizzes, and projects. If you do not have a Home Access Center (HAC) account, please sign up via the Home Access Center website.

Families are invited to the following training sessions led by the FACE Department this month:

Parent Training: Informational Session About the COVID Vaccine
Wednesday, February 17
English Session: 9:00-10:00 a.m. <https://bit.ly/3pdCLms>
Spanish Session: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39Xio6N>

Parent Training: Storytelling
Thursday, February 4
Thursday, February 25
<https://zoom.us/j/91286173652>
English Session from 5:00-5:30 p.m.
Spanish Session from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Aldine ISD COVID-19 Updates

This Week's Overview: The Houston/Harris County area has seen an uptick in positivity rates. We are continually monitoring cases and have plans in place should there be a substantial increase or outbreak. I encourage everyone to continue doing our part: wear a mask, wash our hands, and watch our distance.

District Dashboard: Families can always check the COVID-19 dashboard for an overview of the active cases by school.

Testing Sites in Aldine Area: Drive-thru rapid COVID-19 testing is available for all Aldine ISD students and staff learning and teaching on-campus at the M.B. Sonny Donaldson Child Nutrition Services Building, 1802 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032. Online registration is required by clicking here.

Let's continue to move forward, and in the words of John Lewis, "let's get in good trouble, necessary trouble" to ensure we give all our students the education and opportunities they deserve.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

NAM presents Aldine ISD with trophy for collecting most toys for holiday drive



Northwest Assistant Ministries (NAM) President/CEO Les Cave, center, presented Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney with a trophy in recognition of Aldine collecting the most toys in a friendly holiday competition with Spring ISD.

Aldine ISD's FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Team organized the district-wide undertaking. FACE asked all of the districts schools and departments to collect toys that benefited Aldine families during the holidays. The undertaking was a huge success as more than 13,000 toys and gift cards were collected.

Pictured with Cave and Dr. Goffney are, (l-r): LaTashia Abrams of FACE, Dr. Martha Escalante of FACE, Nancy Gauthier of FACE, Spring ISD Superintendent Dr. Rodney Watson, who also serves as the Chairman of the NAM Board, and Ivan Tamayo of FACE.

Aldine ISD Celebrates Black History Month

February is Black History Month!

Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans and recognizes the prominent role of African Americans in U.S. history. Black History Month, created by American Historian Carter G. Woodson, originally began as Negro History Week. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Black History Month is also celebrated in Canada and the United Kingdom.

This year the national theme of Black History Month is: The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity.

Black History Month has inspired schools and communities across the nation to organize local celebrations, create black history clubs and host

performances and lectures.

Aldine ISD schools will be celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February. In Aldine ISD, we will be using the month to reflect on the theme "Legacy."

"While it is a time to celebrate the Black men and women who have made sweeping contributions to our country, it is something we can all celebrate now and throughout the year," Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said. "We can all celebrate because all of us have the ability to build our own legacy and make real change. I have no doubt that our students are working to do just that. Throughout this month, we will take a look at the accomplishments of Black people and also highlight those in our District who are making a significant impact in our community."

This year, Aldine ISD is hosting the inaugural Black History Oratory Competition. The competition is open to all Aldine ISD students in grades 3-12. Each campus will host individual campus competitions before selecting the top winner at each campus. Campus competitions will take place between January 19 – February 10. The district competition will take place from February 17-19. Students who are learning at home and on campus are encouraged to participate and share their voices.

Join us throughout the month as we celebrate the many achievements and contributions of African Americans. Use the hashtag #AldineBHM to share your Black History Month celebrations! Contact your child's school for information about how they will celebrate Black History Month.

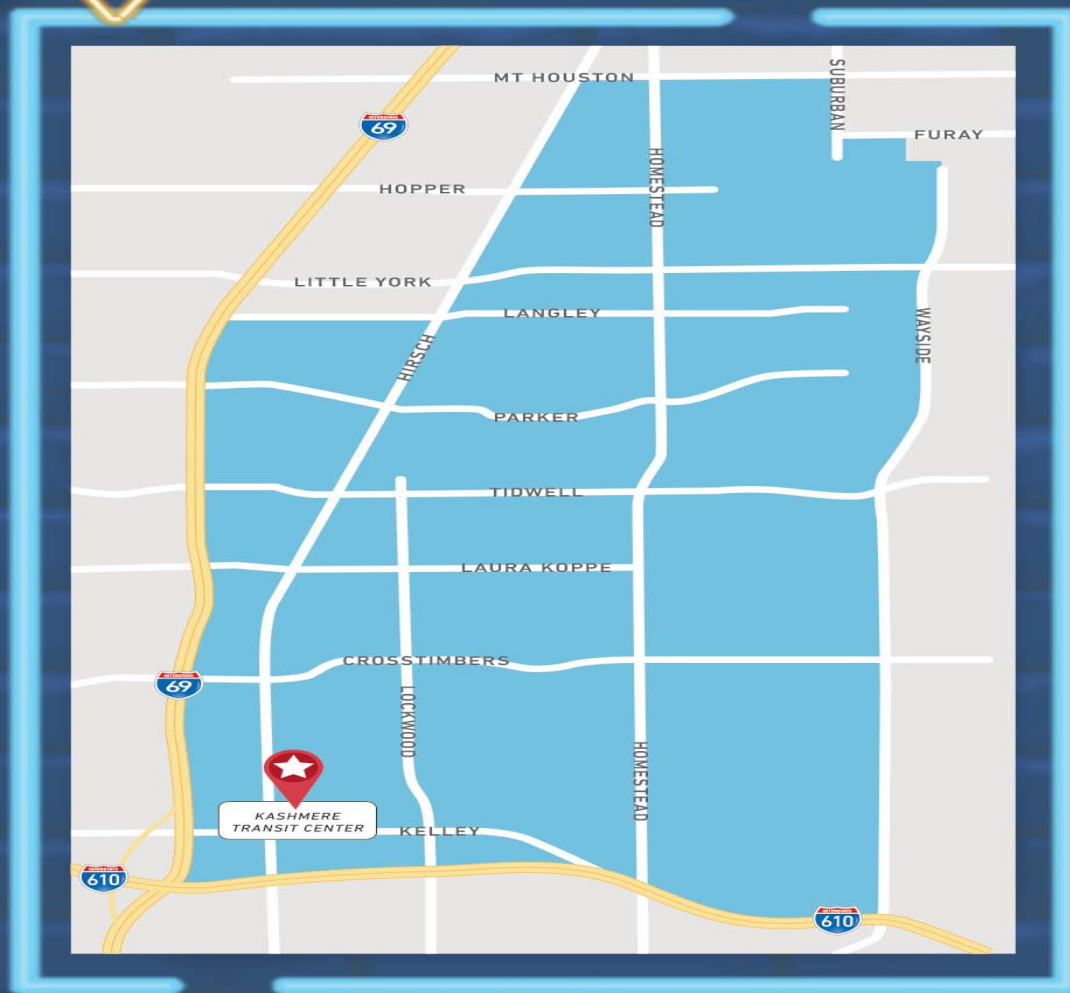


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OBITUARY

LELAND G. JAUER, JR.

Leland was called home on November 27, 2020. He leaves behind the love of his life and best friend, Rita Gay Suit Jauer, his wife of 64 years. He also leaves his joy, his daughter Gavra Jauer Flood, her husband Brian Flood and his pride, grandson Mason Flood, whom he loved dearly.

After serving his country in the United States Army and being honorably discharged, Leland served his community in Houston for 39 years as CEO of several banks until his retirement in 2002. He was a member of multiple community organizations including: the Northeast Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Aldine College Endowment Scholarship Foundation, the Aldine Optimist Club, the Northeast YMCA, the Texas Banker's Association, the HISD Advisory Council, the



Aldine Improvement District, the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, and the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. In retirement, he served on the Board of Directors as President and Board Member of the Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital Volunteer Service and as a Patient Advocate and Front Desk Patient Information contact for visitors at Memorial City Hospital.

Leland will be missed for: his laugh-

ter that broke up his doubles tennis games which he played twice a week at the University Club with his good friends; his passionate advocacy at basketball games with shouts of "That's not a foul" echoing in the gym or his opinion at the baseball field—"That wasn't a strike"...; his chuckle when he doubled down in dominoes to make the game go longer; his generosity when he would quietly pay any policeman's dinner bill every time he saw them and silently slip outside with a grin; and his advocacy for equal opportunity, decency, and respect for all people.

A Memorial Service will be held at Hill Country Bible Church - Lakeline in Cedar Park on February 15, 2021 at 1:30PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Pct. 2 Garcia and Port Houston new Maritime logistics program

Harris County, TX — Commissioner Adrian Garcia joined Anthony P. Ambler, dean of the University of Houston College of Technology; Margaret Kidd, UH Supply Chain and Logistics Technology program director, Port Houston Commissioner Wendy Montoya Cloonan for a press conference. The event announced a port-funded grant to the University that funds 120 high school and 120 community college in a new certification program focused on Supply Chain and Logistics. The University of Houston program is the inaugural and exclusive site in the U.S. offering these certifications from the Chartered Institute Logistics and Transport.

This is the latest example of Commissioner Garcia's support for workforce development programs across southeast Texas. "The pandemic has wrecked several sectors of the economy, directly impacting thousands, and so many are searching for new skills that translate to this new normal. This UH program, funded by Port grants, is yet another way we and our partners are addressing that," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "Hardworking people



need locally elected officials, educational institutions, and industry to help us get past these difficult times, which is why I am extremely excited about the launch of this program."

Dean Ambler and Margaret Kidd from University of Houston said the program will enable high school and community college students to earn certification in fields that lead to good-paying jobs in the industries of supply chain logistics and technology.

"The College of Technology prides itself in providing degree programs that support the workforce — a workforce that both needs to expand in numbers to boost the economy, but also to provide a more relevant education for industry and commerce," said Dean Ambler. "We are grateful to the Port Houston and its support of our technology

program which explicitly exposes students to how business operates so that they are able to be productive quickly."

"Fully employed workers in the maritime logistics field have the opportunity to experience the 'American Dream' of homeownership and connectivity to the community. This is not only a positive impact on our region but more saliently a comment on the commitment of collaborative efforts to move the pendulum forward for economic prosperity for all people in the region," said Program Director Margaret Kidd, "As Port Houston is an economic engine for the local, regional and state economy, it is relevant that our workforce has the necessary skills to keep our region competitive. The Supply Chain & Logistic Technology Program plays an integral part in preparing the next generation of workers."

Also speaking at the event were Port Commissioner Wendy Montoya Cloonan, as well as Lisbeth Cabrera, a program participant working in the field of maritime logistics. For information about the program, click here.

HCC Black History Scholarship benefit on TV Feb. 25th

HOUSTON (February 8) — The Black History Committee at Houston Community College will hold its 16th annual Black History Scholarship fundraising event online 3 p.m., Thursday, February 25, to provide scholarships for deserving students at HCC.

The one-hour event will be live streamed via KPRC-TV 2's website — Click2Houston.com. It is free and open to all.

"It is extremely tough to be a college student these days," says Donnell Cooper, co-chair of the HCC Black History Committee. "Our students face challenges we could not have imagined a few years ago. That is why the HCC Black History Committee and our sponsors are especially determined to raise money to help students go to college and change their lives."

The fundraising event, a Black History Month tra-

dition in Houston, will feature KRPC-TV's long-time meteorologist and newsmen Khambrel Marshall as the keynote speaker. He will speak on this year's theme: Knowledge is Power.

"We are thrilled to have an individual as highly regarded as Khambrel Marshall to speak to our scholarship students and supporters," says Pheryl Prestage, co-chair of the HCC Black History Committee. "He is an excellent and wonderfully inspiring motivational speaker. His history of working with the HCC Black History Committee also is legendary. We are deeply honored and excited to have him with us."

To register and make donations, please go to www.hccsfoundation.org/2021bhs

To view the 2021 HCC BHC Sponsorship Packet: <http://www.flipsnack.com/cen->

www.click2houston.com/tralnow/2021-hcc-black-history-scholarship-celebration-sponsor-packet/full-view.html

WHO: The HCC Black History Committee

WHAT: 2021 HCC Black History Scholarship Celebration

WHEN: 3 p.m., Thursday, February 25

WHERE: Livestreamed free at www.click2houston.com

Houston Community College (HCC) is composed of 14 Centers of Excellence and numerous satellite centers that serve the diverse communities in the Greater Houston area by preparing individuals to live and work in an increasingly international and technological society. HCC is one of the country's largest singly accredited, open-admission community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training and lifelong learning opportunities. To learn more, visit hccs.edu.

62nd FFA Show,

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\$12,500. Briana Faulk of Davis High School raised the Reserve Grand Champion Steer. The Aldine Noon Optimist Club purchased it for \$7,000.

MacArthur High student Emily Montoya raised the Grand Champion Pig, purchased by the Aldine Noon Optimist Club for \$8,500. The Reserve Grand Champion Pig was raised by Joshua Williams of Eisenhower High School and was purchased by the Eisenhower Buyer's Group for \$3,750.

The Grand Champion Goat was raised by Aaron

Hernandez of Nimitz High School and was purchased by the Superintendent's Buyer's Group for \$4,500.

The Grand Champion Lamb was raised by Timothy Tobar of Eisenhower High School and was purchased by the Aldine Buyer's Group for \$3,500.

The Grand Champion Turkey was raised by Joshua Piper of Eisenhower High School and was purchased by the Superintendent's Buyer's Group for \$3,750.

The Grand Champion Broilers were raised by Lancia Johnson of Nimitz

High School and were purchased by the Aldine Buyer's Group for \$2,250.

Joshua Ramirez of Nimitz School produced the Grand Champion Artwork and was purchased for \$3,000; the Scholarship Banner was produced by the Aldine High FFA and was purchased by the Operations Buyer's Group for \$2,100.

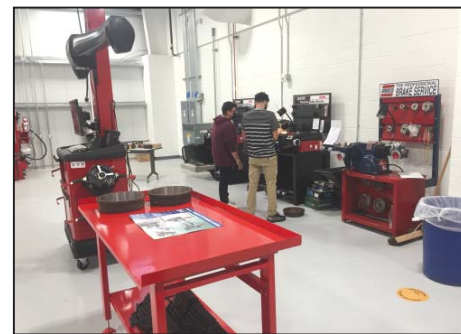
The CTE Department took every measure to ensure the safety and health of all who attended the 62nd Annual FFA Livestock and Art Show.

HCC Automotive students safely learn skills during pandemic

Houston — The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic caused educational institutions across the country to pivot instructional delivery to online formats. For the HCC Automotive Center of Excellence, it created an opportunity for students to experience a mix of new technologies and innovative ways of learning. Over the past year, the college put in place safety protocols designed to allow for limited in-person training that is required by workforce programs.

The changes were welcomed news to students eager to return to the classroom setting to get their hands on engines and tools up close. Students in the program are accustomed to wearing safety gear and following protocols when performing hands-on tasks in the auto shop. Adding the new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) standards to the classroom setting made the transition to the new learning environment much easier.

With a class schedule that limits the number of students training at one time and the addition of mask-wearing, cleaning, and social distancing, students are completing hands-on skills training in all areas of automotive technology, diesel technology, and auto body repair programs. Additionally, students are benefiting from the increased one to one attention from faculty experts due to fewer students rotating on equip-



Automotive students training at HCC North Forest Campus

ment.

As the industry awaits newly trained technicians, it is critical that students are prepared to enter the workforce. In addition to the skills gained at HCC, the added layer of safety is preparing students for the current COVID work environment that could last for an extended period of time. Currently, HCC students are learning how to provide customer service as well as repair a range of things that include brakes, engines, and tires following safety protocols and wearing masks for longer periods which is now commonplace at auto shops nationally.

Not only is HCC committed to providing a safe learning environment for students, but it is equally committed to continuing to deliver trained graduates to meet the immediate demands of the industry. HCC offers automotive training at two locations in

northeast Houston that include the HCC North Forest Campus, 6010 E. Little York Road and the HCC Automotive Technology Training Center, 4638 Airline Drive. For more information regarding training offered by the Automotive Center of Excellence, visit hccs.edu/automotive.

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Aldine Mail Route
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East Aldine District Office
5333 Aldine Mail Route
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Pan Riko Bakery
Aldine Mail Rt
MacArthur High School
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High Meadows Branch Library
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14 Aldine ISD Student-Athletes Earn Scholarships



Pictured are four of the five Eisenhower High School student-athletes who signed national letters of intent on National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Pictured are, (l-r): Ilyana Gray, Waymon Finley, Head Football Coach, and Campus Athletic Coordinator Eric Jackson, Chance Gardener, and Amorie Wallace.

Fourteen Aldine High School student-athletes signed national letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers in college during signing ceremonies on National Signing Day, held Wednesday, Feb. 3 at their respective schools.

All ceremonies followed social distancing procedures.

Nimitz High School had seven student-athletes sign national letters of intent. Defensive back Aumarian Bryant signed with McMurray College, while wide receiver Jayden Wyer signed with McPherson College. Quarterback J'Cauri Morris signed with FPA College Academy, while defensive end Decarlos Singleton signed with Papago Junior College. Linebacker Jalen Jones signed with West Texas A&M University, linebacker Sean Roy signed with the University of Texas at Permian Basin, and running back Jayvon Davis also signed with the University of Texas at Permian Basin.

Eisenhower High School had five student-athletes sign national letters of intent. Ilyana Gray signed a track scholarship with the University of Texas at Arlington, while volleyball players Delvion Stevenson and Amorie Wallace earned academic scholarships with Texas Tech University. Linebacker/running Waymon Finley signed with the University of Texas at Permian Basin and defensive back Chance Gardener signed with Texas Southern University.

Two Aldine High School baseball players signed national letters of intent. Second baseman/shortstop Johnny Toups Jr., signed with Los Medranos Community College in Pittsburgh, CA, and outfielder Christian Gutierrez signed with Shreiner University in Kerrville.



Johnny Toups Jr.



Christian Gutierrez



Pictured are six of the seven Nimitz High School student-athletes who signed national letters of intent on National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Pictured are (l-r): Aumarian Bryant, Jayden Wyer, J'Cauri Morris, Head Football Coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator Richard Slater, Sean Roy, Jalen Jones, and Jayvon Davis. Not pictured, Decarlos Singleton.



Houston Fire Station #74 received a \$1000 donation from Home Depot in December, for repairs to the station.



Free Food Distribution took place on January 26th by the Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, at the North Houston Skate Park on Kuykendahl Road.



Lone Star College-North Houston distributed free food on January 21 at their Greenspoint location on the N. Sam Houston Parkway.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What is the hardest substance in the human body?
- GEOGRAPHY: Off which U.S. state's coast is Santa Catalina Island located?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to hold a press conference?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many breaths does the average human being take in one day?
- MOVIES: Which movie featured the Seal song "Kiss From a Rose"?
- U.S. STATES: A city in this state became the first in the world to install a parking meter?
- ANCIENT WORLD: Before he became a philosopher, what was Socrates' profession?
- LANGUAGE: What is the only letter that does NOT appear in any of the U.S. states' names?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
- LITERATURE: Which dystopian 1950s novel was originally titled "The Fireman"?

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. Tooth enamel; 2. California; 3. Woodrow Wilson, March 1913; 4. About 23,000; 5. "Baltimore Forever" (1995); 6. Oklahoma (Oklahoma City); 7. Stone mason; 8. Q; 9. A tower; 10. "Fahrenheit 451"; Ray Bradbury



COVID-19 testing at HCC North Forest Campus

Houston – The HCC North Forest Campus is continuing to give back to the community by serving as a testing site in Northeast Houston. Located at 6010 E. Little York Road, the campus serves as a central location for testing residents surrounding the I-69 North corridor and East Sam Houston tollway. Houston Community College has committed several campuses for testing as a way to support efforts to

combat COVID-19.

The HCC North Forest Campus in partnership with the Houston Health Department offers easy access to testing through being centrally located at the crossroads of Homestead and E. Little York Road. The testing location launched in November 2020 and has seen a steady increase of 400 to 600 tests per day. As of January 30, there were 21,280 clients tested at the site.

In addition to testing, clients are learning about HCC programs and services through campus signage and collateral provided along with health information. The college has a longstanding commitment to supporting the community, and collaborative partnerships are only one way this commitment is achieved. To learn more about testing hours and requirements, visit houstonhealth.org.

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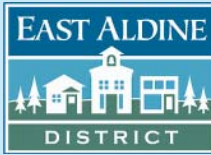
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East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

Progress Photos of the new East Aldine Town Center



Aerial view shows most of the new Town Center. Far right Lone Star College and P-Tech high school; Far left, Town Center Lake and Keith-Wiess Park; Center, new East Aldine Office Building; Right, BakerRipley campus buildings; Lower right, new amphitheater, children's splash pad, and lazy river; Lower left, not seen, Harris County 9-1-1 Call Center.



Entry Facade facing south, with covered drop off at front door.

Meet Gilbert Hoffman of the East Aldine District Board

Hoffman leads the Facilities Development Committee, focused on the new Town Center and East Aldine District Office Building.

By Christina Autry

Gilbert Hoffman has served on the East Aldine District Board for the past 15 years. Aldine residents may recognize him as the man behind the Northeast News, the local paper delivered to their doorsteps every week.

Having grown up in a family of architects, Hoffman relocated from Pennsylvania to Houston in 1980 in pursuit of a career in architecture. He landed a job as an architect with the Houston-based company, 3D International. For many years, Hoffman designed public buildings in Houston, including hospitals and libraries, as well as projects around the world.

But all the while, Hoffman had an interest in the printed word brewing on the backburner. “I’ve always been interested in newspapers. Moving to Houston opened up the opportunity for me to take on newspaper work as a second career,” he says. In his spare time, he is highly involved with the Rotary Club, raising funds for local and international causes.

In 1995, Hoffman retired from his architecture endeavors and shifted his focus to publishing. He first purchased a newspaper business in the Highlands community of east Houston. Then, in 2000, Hoffman purchased Aldine’s fifteen-year-old paper, Northeast News, and through this avenue was introduced to the East Aldine District board. Hoffman combined his passions and designed the office that the East Aldine District currently occupies, and which used to house his newspaper office.

As of now, Hoffman currently operates five newspapers for communities in the Houston area. “Our guiding principle is that we will only cover local news; not county-wide or city-wide,” he says. “We cover school news, graduations, churches, civic clubs, businesses, stories that focus on people.” After all, Hoffman says, “newspapers make people feel like they’re part of a community,” especially in an established community such as East Aldine.

Carriers deliver 20,000 papers weekly to Aldine residents, for free. Advertisements make this achievement possible, as Northeast News partners with a wide variety of businesses such as Jed’s Hardware, banks, hospitals, and even Walmart. With the overall decline in newspapers nationwide, Hoffman says, “The newspaper business has become more competitive. We’ve had to reduce some of our circulation and staff, and focus on what readers want. But people still want a quality source of local news.”

Throughout the years, Hoffman has been driven by his love for the craft of writing, layout, and design of newspapers. But equally as much, “I enjoy meeting people and being part of the community,” he explains. “I’ve been doing this for so long, I know most everybody in Aldine and they know me. It’s like family.”

Much of the news covered is discovered through Hoffman and his staff keeping their ear to the ground in the communities they serve. “I spend a lot of time out in the field talking to people,” says Hoffman. Getting involved with local civic affairs stems from Hoffman’s “commitment to public service, and a great way to collect news.”

Hoffman’s work with the board of the East Aldine District, which began two decades ago, has consisted of the major initiatives pursued by the board, such as water and sewer expansion, streetlight installation, scholarship funds, public safety, and much more. His background in architecture allows him to take the role of Facilities Development Committee Chair, which manages projects such as the Town Center development.

Lone Star College, BakerRipley, and the Harris County Sheriff’s Office call center have opened their doors in the past year, though the remainder of the development is still under construction. Aldine highly anticipates the openings of the amphitheater, playground and splash park, the Joe V’s grocery store, as well as the East Aldine District office.

“It’s already been a catalyst for more developments and improvements in the area,” notes Hoffman. “There’s a new shopping center being built across the street, and we expect a lot more development.”

Hoffman has dedicated his time in Houston to building community, whether he’s designing neighborhood facilities or connecting people through print. Looking back over the past twenty years of involvement in East Aldine, Hoffman says, “It has been very rewarding, and it’s exciting to see what the future will bring.”

COMMUNITY WATCH

Man receives 40 year prison sentence for multiple robberies

HOUSTON – A 43-year-old local man has been sentenced to nearly 42 years for the robberies of multiple phone and others stores during Christmas week in 2017, announced U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick.

A Houston federal jury deliberated for two hours before returning guilty verdicts against Robert Charles Wooten following a two-day trial. He was convicted of five counts of interference with commerce by robbery and five related charges of using, carrying or brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

Today, U.S. District Lynn H. Hughes handed Wooten a combined 80-month sentence for the robberies. He also received an additional 420 months for the firearms charges which must be served consecutively to the other sentence imposed. At the hearing, the court noted that although his prior offenses were not violent in nature, Wooten is a menace to society.

"This investigation shows the impact that law enforcement has against violent criminals who use firearms," said Special Agent in Charge Fred Milanowski of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Wooten was convicted of the armed robbery of the Walgreens on Little York on Christmas Day in 2017. Over the course of the next five days, he also committed the robberies of three Metro PCS stores, Bayou Pawn on Shepherd and Family Dollar on Tidwell, all located near his residence.

At trial, the jury heard Wooten has numerous tattoos on his face, but would enter the commercial businesses wearing make-up, cream or bandages to aid in covering them. He would then show a gun to the employees and demand money.

Testimony revealed that during the Dec. 25 Walgreens robbery, he waited in line before approaching the victim. He then showed a firearm and demanded the cashier place money and cigarettes into a duffel bag he had brought with him into the store.

He then committed similar robberies of the Metro PCS on North Shepherd and W. Little York, Dec. 27 and 28, respectively, during which time employees were frightened and complied with his demands.

Then, on Dec. 29, Wooten entered the Bayou Pawn – a shop where he would frequently conduct business. Upon his arrival, he initially acted as though he wanted to sell a bicycle. Once the employee was near him, Wooten pushed a firearm into her side and demanded money. The employee was afraid.

The manager of the store testified that he had been watching from the back. He saw Wooten put his hands on the employee and came out to confront him, not knowing Wooten was actually trying to rob the store. Wooten acted as if nothing was wrong and asked the manager to come outside and look at the bicycle. The victim then called the police.

The same day, Wooten asked his son to drive him to a separate Metro PCS. He did so and went door to Family Dollar. Soon after, Wooten stuck his head inside the store and told his son they needed to leave immediately. Wooten's son got in the car, but noticed people taking photos of him, his dad and his vehicle. He asked Wooten about it, but he just ordered his son to drive.

The son later learned his dad had robbed the Metro PCS and alerted authorities.

Authorities identified Wooten based on the make-up and similar items he used in the robberies. Several victims also testified and identified him as the one who terrorized them during the robberies.

The defense attempted to convince the jury that the witnesses had misidentified Wooten. They did not believe those claims and found him guilty as charged.

Wooten has been and will remain in custody pending transfer to a U.S. Bureau of Prisons facility to be determined in the near future.

ATF and Houston Police Department conducted the investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jill Stotts and Erin Epley are prosecuting the case.

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3. In Matthew 5, to what two things did Jesus compare Christians, salt and ...? Water, Bread, Light, Mountains
4. Saint Luke said Jesus was about how old when he

began to teach? 18, 22, 30, 45
 5. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham
 6. What was the trade of Paul? Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector
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