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News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



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FAIRFIELD REPUBLICANS MEETING



With Chairs of the Harris County
Fairfield Republican Party Precincts
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Cypress, TX 77433
Thursday Evening
At 7:00 PM | August 27, 2020

We are planning to continue our meetings in August. Please join your Fairfield Precinct Chairs of 111, 124 and 405. We will continue to prepare for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Also, the meeting will include information about the State Convention and Runoff Election held in July 2020. Please come prepared to discuss what you can do to help.



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CYTOM DEMOCRATS



August Speaker: Mariana Sanchez, Bonding Against Adversity

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next virtual monthly meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2020. There is a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. The general meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. For the access ZOOM access code, email cytomdemocrats@gmail.com.

The speaker will be Mariana Sanchez founder of Bonding Against Adversity (BAA). Ms. Sanchez immigrated from Ecuador as a single mother with two children. She witnessed first-hand the struggles that immigrant families face. She saw families living in unsafe conditions in multi-family housing, many in poor health because of poor nutrition, with children at risk of dropping out of school. To address these issues, she founded Bonding Against Adversity to assist immigrants with finding safe housing, healthy living, dropout prevention and citizenship assistance. Today, the organization helps immigrants in Harris County mainly with citizenship preparation and workshops to help legal permanent residents complete the paperwork needed to apply for citizenship. Since its founding ten years ago, the organization has helped over 10,000 persons to address these issues and follow the pathway to becoming citizens.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information & access to the ZOOM Virtual meeting, contact Undrai Fizer at cytomdemocrats@gmail.com, or visit the club's Facebook page.

Gingerbread Village Holiday Market

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Ladies Auxiliary is holding their annual Gingerbread Village Holiday Market again this year. It will be held on October 24th, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at 6646 Addicks Satsuma Road, Houston. If you would like an opportunity to be a vendor, please email gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com for the application and any information you may need. We hope to see you all there.

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What is the COVID-19 antibody test?

The COVID-19 antibody test will show if your immune system has responded to the virus by producing antibodies. Most people who have antibodies will have had some symptoms of the disease, such as fever, cough, or trouble breathing, but some persons may have antibodies even though they never had symptoms. COVID-19 antibody testing will be performed in addition to the standard infectious disease testing all blood donations receive.

What test is Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center using to look for the COVID-19 antibody?

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is using the Roche Diagnostics Elecsys Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Test. This test is authorized by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization, which means it can be used only during the time of the Coronavirus pandemic crisis. This test is authorized by the FDA only for detecting the presence of antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 and is not intended for diagnosis of COVID-19.

Does the antibody test cost me anything?

No. The test is free to blood donors. This test is available to donors that complete a whole blood, platelet or double red blood cell or plasma donation.

Do I have to be a blood donor to get the COVID-19 antibody test?

Yes, in order to get the COVID-19 antibody test, a complete donation must be given. This test is available to donors that complete a whole blood, platelet or double red blood cell or plasma donation. You do not need to have donated before with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to receive the COVID-19 antibody test.

Do I need to have a successful donation to receive my results?

Yes. You must have a successful donation in order to receive COVID-19 antibody results. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center's standard operating procedure is that only successful donations move on to testing at our laboratory. Therefore, if you are unable to complete your donation, the COVID-19 antibody test, as well as all standard infectious disease testing will not be performed or provided.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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Cicada Killer Wasps



Cicada killer wasps are very large wasps reaching up to 1 ½ inches long and can be somewhat frightening if you see them flying about your lawn. These wasps have a reddish-brown head and thorax, a black and yellow abdomen, and wings with a rusty tinge. Females are capable of stinging, the stinger is a modified egg laying structure, but are rarely aggressive. Males look similar

to females and are territorial; they will buzz near you if you enter their territory. Once you leave the male's territory, the wasp will ignore you.

Cicada killers can be considered beneficial insects since they help to control cicada populations. Cicadas, common in Texas trees in the summer, are stung and paralyzed by female cicada killer wasps then carried back to a burrow dug in the ground by the female wasps. The female wasp pulls the cicada into the burrow where it is tucked into a side tunnel and has an egg deposited upon it. When the egg hatches, the cicada killer larva eats the cicada(s) provided.

Cicada killers usually do not warrant any control methods. If people are uncomfortable with large wasps flying over their lawn or do not like the holes caused by the wasps, then insecticidal dust can be sprinkled around the opening of the burrow. Tamp the dust around the opening

with your shoe and as the wasps work on cleaning out the entrance to the burrow, they will pick up the dust on their body and eventually die.

Please note that cicada killer wasps are often mistaken for Asian giant hornets (AGH), also referred to as "murder hornets". AGH have not been found in Texas and have only been located in Washington state within the U.S.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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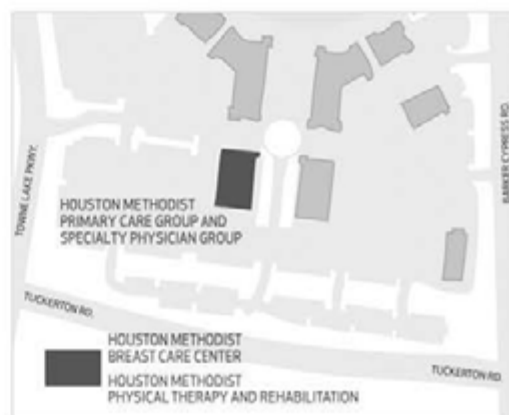


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