

# AREA'S BEST

Former Rudder standout Allison Vaughn leads the Eagle all-decade Brazos Valley volleyball team.  
Sports, C1



Bombers host Cane Cutters in TCL baseball action.  
Sports, C1



SEC commissioner concerned for football season. /Sports, C1

## WEATHER

High 101, Low 77

Partly sunny

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# The Eagle

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SUNDAY  
July 12, 2020  
\$4.00

## 60 new cases reported locally

Eagle staff report

Brazos County health officials reported 60 additional positive COVID-19 cases on Saturday, bringing the total to 2,961.

Of those, 1,685 have recovered, which is the same as Friday's total; 1,241 are considered active, an increase of 60. There have been 35 deaths in Brazos Valley.

Officials said Saturday there have been 23,467 tests for COVID-19 administered by county health providers, an increase of 195 over Friday.

Brazos County has an infection

rate of 13.23 per 1,000 residents. Harris County's infection rate is 9.13 per 1,000 people, while Dallas County's is 12.19 per 1,000.

The positivity rate — or the percentage of tests administered that give a positive result — was 21.6% in the past seven days.

There are 26 Brazos County residents hospitalized, a decrease of two since Friday. Seven people were discharged from the hospital. The county's total hospital bed occupancy is at 71%, and the ICU bed capacity is at 75%. That number includes all patients, not just COVID-19 patients,

officials said.

In the Brazos Valley's trauma service area, there are 14 available ICU beds, 154 available hospital beds and 39 available ventilators as of Saturday evening, state officials reported. There are 58 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in the hospital.

### Brazos Valley

Several local counties saw increases in COVID positive cases on Saturday. According to the Texas Department

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## CORONAVIRUS

# 2,961

TOTAL CASES  
(in Brazos County as of Saturday)

GENERAL		BY GENDER	
Currently hospitalized ...	26	Women .....	53.4%
Recovered .....	1,685	Men .....	46.6%
Deaths .....	35	BY AGE (total cases)	
Active cases .....	1,241	14 & under .....	159
Tests performed .....	23,467	15-19 .....	274
		20-29 .....	1,074
		30-39 .....	464
		40-49 .....	346
		50-59 .....	296
		60-69 .....	174
		70-79 .....	78
		80-89 .....	69
		90+ .....	27

### HOSPITAL OCCUPANCY

Bed occupancy ..... 71%  
ICU bed occupancy ... 75%

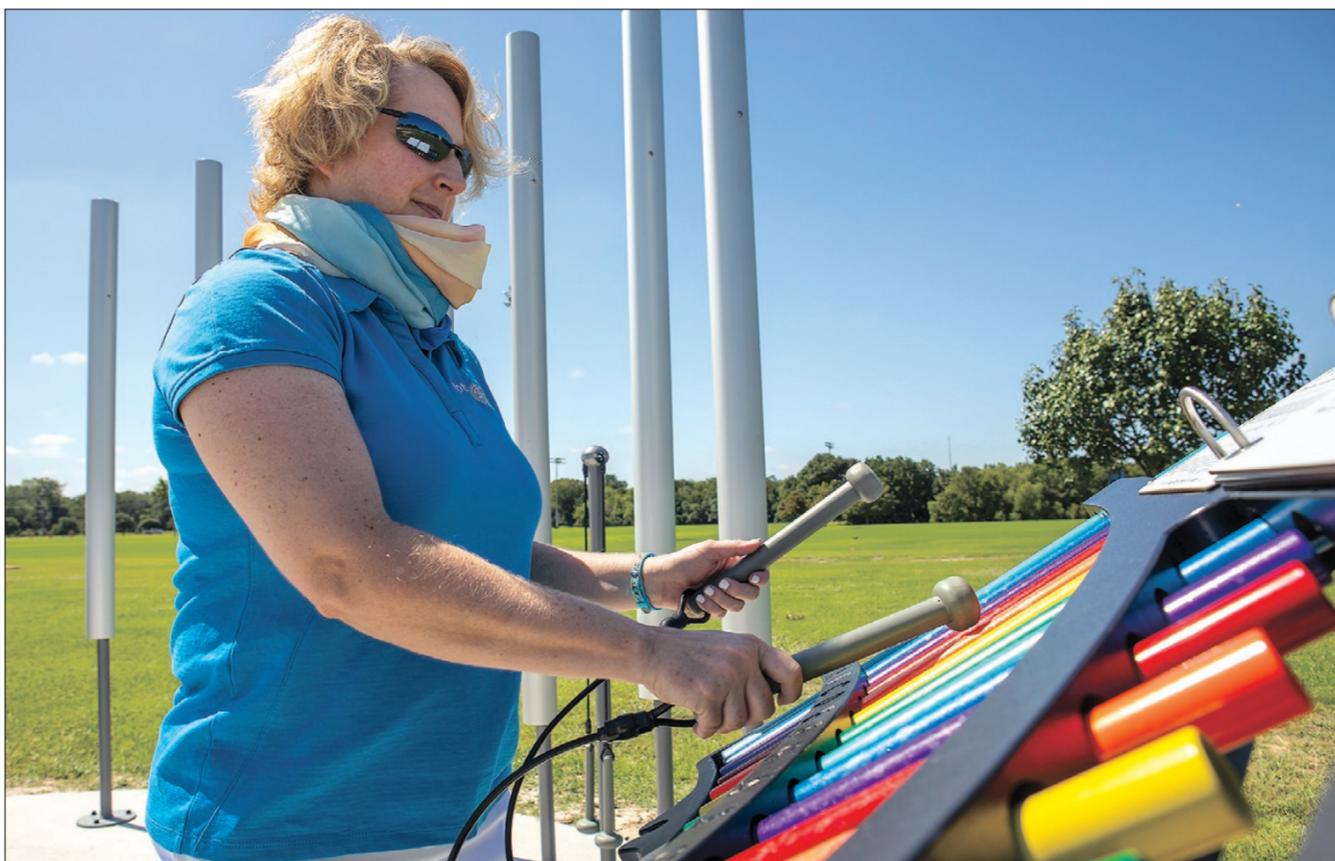
### BY TRANSMISSION

Community spread .. 69.9%  
Cluster related .....

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# Playing at the park



Above: Greater Houston Rotary District chair Bunny Pratt demonstrates a xylophone-type instrument Saturday at the Rotary Connects the World Music Park, located southeast of the American Pavilion in Veterans Park in College Station. Below: A songbook attached to the instrument includes the tunes of several classic children's songs.

## Rotary district gifts musical installation for kids to College Station

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Veterans Park in College Station is the site of a new musical playground, given as a gift to the community by the Greater Houston Rotary District.

The Rotary Connects the World Music Park was dedicated near the park's soccer fields on July 4 and is connected to the larger

parking lot near the bathroom facility and small pavilion just before the American Pavilion if entering from Harvey Road.

The playground has five musical stations, including flower-shaped instruments, a tenor tree, drums, a set of large musical pipes and a xylophone with attached songs and color-coordinated notes.

"It's a whimsical element that can really be

enjoyed and appreciated by lots of different age groups and benefit our residents specifically, but also people that come visit the park," Bunny Pratt, a Bryan Rotarian and the district membership chair, said.

Pratt said the gift was presented by the Houston district in thanks to the Bryan-College Station community for allowing

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## THE NEXT 10

# Provide input on CS plan online

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College Station residents have the chance to voice what they want to see in the city's future via an online workshop that will be live beginning tomorrow.

The virtual Community Choices Workshop will be accessible from 8 a.m. Monday through 5 p.m. Aug. 3. The digital workshop is a part of The Next 10 effort — College Station's 12- to 14-month push to get citizen input for adjustments to the 20-year comprehensive plan that was made in 2009. A comprehensive plan guides city staff with values and aspirations for the area and is acted upon in conjunction with city regulations.

Participants can react to potential changes to the comprehensive plan's land-use map, which outlines how areas of the city develop, such as where things like commercial and residential areas should be located.

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## Abbott draws fire from all sides for virus response



ABBOTT

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One evening last week, after making one of his most consequential decisions yet in Texas' response to the coronavirus, Gov. Greg Abbott settled

in for his pandemic routine: a rapid-fire round of local TV interviews from his campaign's satellite studio in Austin.

In the hours since he'd issued a statewide mask mandate, Abbott had taken a familiar shellacking from both sides of the aisle: the

Democrats who had wanted the mask requirement weeks earlier, and some Republicans who had not wanted it at all.

An anchor with KIII in Corpus Christi offered a measure of sympathy.

"Governor, I must tell you I

wouldn't trade jobs with you for anything," he said, drawing chuckles from Abbott.

"You articulate it well," Abbott later said. "I get it from both sides."

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Evaluating Our Comprehensive Plan

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CHOICES WORKSHOP**

Participate in a series of online activities to provide your input on how and where College Station grows!

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