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Rainbow crate promotes inclusion

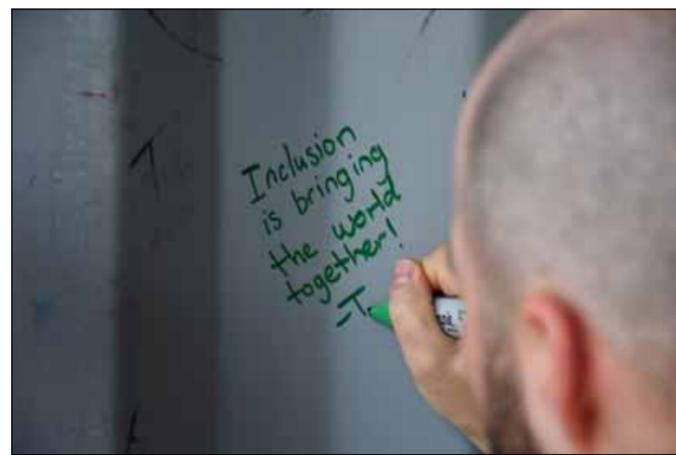
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FREERPORT — A 20-foot shipping container has carried more than products as it made its way across the world earlier this year. The container was painted rainbow in July 2020 by Maersk, a global shipping and distribution company, to demonstrate its commitment to inclusion and diversity. “Maersk is one of largest companies we work with to move supplies overseas,” said, Trevor Ewers, senior leader and North American leader for the GLAD Resource Group at Dow

Shipping container’s global tour stops at Dow’s Freeport site

said. “They had a large global campaign recently where they did a global tour and painted two crates rainbow and shipped them across all of their locations overseas to promote inclusion for their employees, and they’ve signed in the inside affirming messages to bring connectivity across their sites.” With Dow Chemical Co. and Maersk being close working partners in promoting inclusion and

diversity, they decided there was an opportunity to partner on the rainbow container tour, Ewers said. GLAD is a LGBTQ ally inclusion resource group and is one of 10 diversity networks at Dow, Ewers said. “It’s one of our largest employee networks that has a ton of allies that help us drive inclusion inside the fence line as well as partnering externally,” Ewers said. “This event is a great example of one of the types of things we can do and partner externally with other companies



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Trevor Ewers, senior leader of the GLAD Resource Group at Dow Chemical in Freeport, writes a message about inclusion Thursday inside the Maersk rainbow container during its local stop.

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BISD approves \$1,200 stipends

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CLUTE — Brazosport ISD teachers and staff will have a little extra spending money hitting their accounts in time for Christmas.

Trustees this week approved a \$1,200 retention and appreciation stipend for full-time faculty and staff to be included in their Dec. 15 paycheck.

“This stipend is to recognize the hard work and dedication of all BISD employees and their commitment to our students as we continue to navigate the impacts of COVID-19,” Superintendent Danny Massey said during the board’s meeting Monday.

Eligible employees must be full-time, have been hired before Nov. 1 and remain with the district through the remainder of the school year, Massey said.

Board President Mason P. Howard expressed pride in the performance of educators and employees, saying he saw their positivity and investment in their students.

“We are extremely grateful to our Board of Trustees who value and appreciate the dedication of each and every one of our staff members,” Massey said.

The district also gave employees a stipend last December, that one for \$1,000.



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Science teacher Hayley Smith, center, and her class were excited Thursday to receive a grant from the Danbury ISD Education Foundation. Smith will use the grant to purchase STEMscopes for the science classroom.

DANBURY DOLLARS

Education foundation awards more than \$100,000 in grants

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DANBURY Life skills students will learn to cook. Second-graders will become published authors. Elementary school students will have a four-legged staff member help raise their spirits and success rate.

The Danbury Education Foundation distributed funding

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Danbury Education Foundation representatives, from left, Jessica Jones, Ashley Casas and Roy LoStracco present Danbury High School Assistant Principal Kimberly Hickl with her grant.

Friends mourn couple

Angleton neighbors say couple found shot had been in failing health

By DAKOTA PERRY
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ANGLETON — Sands Street lost two good people and good neighbors, residents said after learning Helen and Richard David were found dead in their home in what police believe was a murder-suicide.

Police discovered 76-year-old husband and wife with apparent gunshot wounds in their home in the 300 block of Sands Street after receiving a 911 call about 3:55 a.m. Wednesday, according to a statement released Thursday afternoon by Angleton Police Sgt. Ernest DeLosSantos.

Helen David was pronounced dead at the

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Market Days return in Angleton

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ANGLETON — Market Days is back from its pandemic-imposed hiatus, and shoppers will have more than 200 vendors to choose from this weekend at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds.

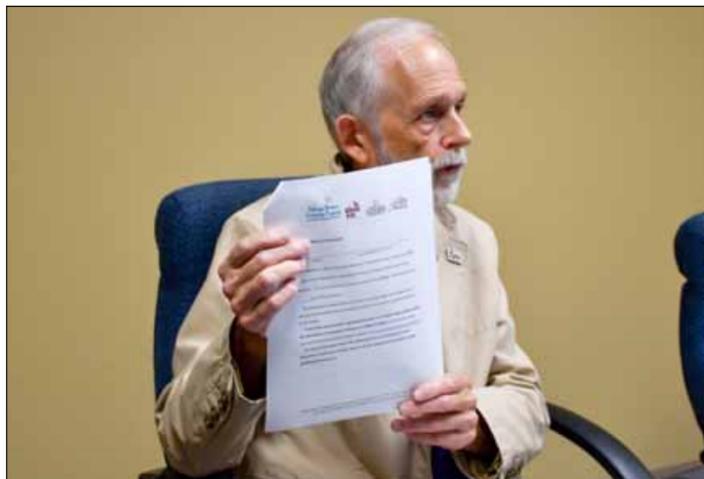
Established in 2011, when it occupied just one building, vendors now are spread across three buildings, a large covered pavilion and line the walking paths.

“Everyone will be happy to know there will be zero parking or admission fees, so they can spend their money to their hearts desire in all the boutiques and food,” Angleton Director

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EIGHME



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Dale Libby, coordinator with the Brazoria County Alzheimer's Awareness Project, holds up a form that can be taken to a doctor to further aid in the diagnosis and treatment of cognition and memory problems identified during a memory screening.

Free screenings can find memory loss early

Testing program runs through Saturday at county library branches

By JOE EDWARDS
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LAKE JACKSON — People shouldn't wait until their memory starts fading before undergoing a screening that verifies it, the leader of the Brazoria County Alzheimer's Awareness Project said.

The recommended age to begin annual mental memory

screens is 40, said Dale Libby, the organization's coordinator. That's because the simple screenings can detect early-onset Alzheimer's or dementia-related illnesses 18 years before the common clinical diagnosis.

The nonprofit provides free screenings every November at Brazoria County Library branches, with this year's program ending today at the Lake Jackson branch and Saturday at the Alvin, Angleton and Brazoria branches.

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