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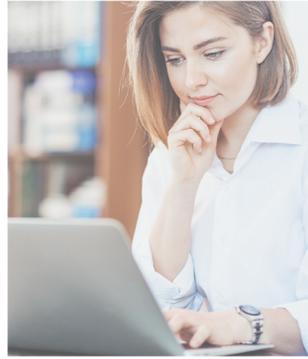
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Mayor: 'Harker Heights will continue to grow and prosper'

Dear Residents,

The City of Harker Heights has made great progress during the past year. We have continued to expand with residential and commercial development.

Our city has earned a favorable reputation in our region, as well as statewide, for the amenities and quality of life that the residents and visitors have experienced.



Former citizens have carried the message of our excellence to other states and countries.

The city staff and the City Council have been dedicated in their continuous service in meeting the needs of the community.

We have seen significant improvements with our roads and sidewalks with the recent completion of numerous projects. Public Works has continued to provide safe and reliable service through ongoing water and waste treatment initiatives.

Parks and Recreation and the Stewart C. Meyer Library / Activities Center continue to provide a multitude of programs for all ages in various locations throughout the year.

The planning for Dana Peak Park and Comanche Gap Park holds promise for a future with an increase in outdoor recreation for everyone.

The Planning Department has worked diligently in the development and execution of various ordinances and plans to create an appeal of Harker Heights for businesses.

Our personnel with the Police Department and Fire Department have been recognized statewide for their exemplary achievements in the line of duty and during professional training. We can rest comfortably knowing that our first responders on the job.



Spencer Smith, the mayor of Harker Heights prepares to light the tree at the tree lighting ceremony at City Hall in Harker Heights in December.

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The Pet Adoption Center has provided a great service for our residents and their furry friends. It represents the best in animal care.

The citizens who serve on our boards and commissions as well as the numerous individual volunteers who provide thousands of hours of support to the city are greatly appreciated. These volunteers are what makes this community special.

Going forward, Harker Heights will continue to achieve wonderful things. Our mission is to take care of our people, to do the right thing, and to make sound decisions with the facts available.

The city does have challenges in providing the services and maintaining the quality of life which our citizens deserve and expect, but Harker Heights will continue to grow and prosper.

Spencer H. Smith
Mayor

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Population of Harker Heights continues slow, steady growth

BY BOB MASSEY
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

According to numbers released by the department of planning and development, the estimated population of Harker Heights is 30,595 residents, as of June 30.

Jerry Bark, director of public relations, said, "The population was 30,378 at about this same time of the year in 2019.

Bark told the Herald, "This is calculated by the active residential water accounts, that currently total 10,500, and then multiplied by 2.90.

That figure of 2.90 is the latest U.S. Census Bureau's estimate for the occupancy rate in the city.

According to the U.S. Census, the population in 2010 was 26,700 residents. That's up from a population of 17,308 in 2000. Information from the city's website indicates that the largest single peak in growth occurred between 2004 and 2005 from 21,300 to 23,576 or 10.69 percent.

Bark said the city of Harker Heights continues to grow at a modest rate.

The city has grown from 945 acres when it was incorporated in 1960 to its current size of 10,018 acres, according to Joseph Molis, director of planning and development.

As far as the building of new subdivisions, The Grove at Whitten Place is completed with



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Although work is not finished on some houses in the Cedarbrook Ridge subdivision in Harker Heights, some have already been sold.

272 homes and Tuscan Meadows is completed with 402 homes.

Phases 1 and 2 of the Stonewall Ridge subdivision are completed with 41 homes.

Phase 1 of Cedarbrook Ridge is proceeding with 193 of 205 homes completed, as well as an amenity center and park.

The city has approved a plat for Pecan Ridge, a subdivision planned for 27 large-lot single-family residences and

two commercial lots fronting East Knights Way. The street, water and sewer lines and drainage features have been installed by the developer and accepted by the city.

The Planning and Development Department is working on several new ordinances after successfully seeking adoption of a BYOB ordinance.

Upcoming ordinances include the prohibition of heavy vehicle

parking on lawns in residential areas and there will be a virtual town forum to solicit input from citizens of the city.

The land encompassing the original city of Harker Heights was utilized in the 1940s for its agricultural benefits. On Sep. 24, 1960, voters approved the incorporation and the town of Harker Heights was born.

Bark said, "The population growth and

dynamics of Harker Heights have been shaped by various factors from the natural beauty of the area and the Fort Hood military installation.

The cooperative efforts of Joseph Molis, planning and development director; Courtney Peres, senior planning/GIS coordinator; and Dan Phillips, GIS analyst/planner chart the course for residential growth in Harker Heights.

Manager: 'Harker Heights has a special story'

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Mitchell

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for our city, state and nation. We know the importance of the programs the city offers and look forward to returning to normal operations as soon as possible. Your city is fully open for business. City facilities and parks are open and accessible to all.

Some programs are still on hold due to the need for social spacing. Other programs are quickly returning, such as, the city's Farmers Market which returned on June 20. Check the city's social media and website for more information on coming events.

While COVID-19 may have slowed our lives, road projects around the City continued on.

FM 3481 was widened over a good portion of its length to include a center turn lane.

A traffic signal was also added at Vineyard Trail and Cedar Knob Road.

The city, Killeen Independent School District and city of Nolanville through a joint agreement began improving a segment of Warriors Path. This segment is in front of the new Nolan Middle School and will provide a center turn lane and an 8-foot sidewalk along with numerous drainage improvements. This project should greatly improve mobility in and around the school.

I-14 widening continues through Harker Heights. Once the project is complete, the I-14 road section in Harker Heights will be six lanes. Ultimately, I-14 will be six lanes all the way to I-35.

Major road projects are ongoing or



David 'Chevy' Chevalier, left, recreation center and City Hall custodian is honored as Employee of the Quarter by City Manager David Mitchell at a recent Employee Recognition Banquet.

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scheduled. FM 2410 was widened to a five-lane road section which included a center turn lane from the city's limits of Roy Reynolds Drive back to the bridge over I-14.

More projects are on the horizon! Look for a West to East turnaround bridge to be constructed on the East side of FM 2410 soon.

Providing a unique quality of place is important to the city and as such the City continued its focus on sidewalks.

Sidewalks were constructed along a portion of FM 3481, Prospector, Mountain Lion Road, and Amy Lane in prior years. The City constructed a sidewalk along the full length of Verna Lee Boulevard in 2019.

The City Council passed an ordinance requiring sidewalks in all residential developments. More additions to the city's sidewalk network are planned in the future.

The city is always seeking ways to provide an even greater level of service for residents, businesses and visitors.

The Parks and Library Departments are always bringing forward new and exciting programs to engage all interests in our community.

The Fire Department has completed a major renovation to the Central Fire Station and embarked on renovations to Fire Station #2. These upgrades will allow our firefighters and paramedics to provide even greater service.

Demand for housing in Heights re-

mained steady with 142 single-family permits being pulled in 2019. Residential duplex development accounted for 18 more permits.

Commercially, the city saw strong growth with \$46 million in reported commercial permit valuation in 2019.

The City of Harker Heights is blessed to have the support of our City Council and our amazing volunteer force!

I am blessed to lead a staff who love to serve others. We encourage all citizens to get involved. Attend council meetings, participate in a board or commission or volunteer in other ways throughout the community.

Just like your own story, Harker Heights has a special story; be a part of it with us!

Sincerely,
David Mitchell
City Manager

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Harker Heights faces COVID-19 challenges head on

BY BOB MASSEY
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Operating a city with more 30,500 residents on a daily basis is a major challenge unto itself, but add to that the onset of the coronavirus and it has a notable effect on every part of City Hall, as it holds hostage the employees, facilities, elected leadership, programs and program directors plus customers of the city.

Harker Heights has continued to take steps to meet the constantly changing face of COVID-19 while following the ever-changing guidance provided by leaders in state and county government.

While COVID-19 cases within the city limits have been on the lower side of the spectrum at 181, Bell County on the other hand has seen the number of cases skyrocket to 2,682 as of July 20.

City Manager David Mitchell, said, "We also stay abreast of the numbers of cases in our neighboring cities; Killeen, Copperas Cove, Fort Hood, Nolanville, Belton and Temple. We're firmly packed in our part of Central Texas, so it's in our best interest to stay informed at all times."

The list of operational changes that went into effect on May 4 is lengthy but important to note.

They include the operation of City Hall, conducting of public meetings, municipal court, operation of the activities center, the library, recreation center, parks and outdoor facilities, utility collections and the police and fire departments.

This year, there was no parade or a ceremony outside City Hall to honor the fallen on Memorial Day 2020 but a video was produced that was available on the city's Facebook page.

A majority of closures, amended hours and cancellations were in collaboration with Bell County, state and federal recommendations.

The revised hours allowed for additional cleaning and maintenance of the facilities to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

One of the more obvious changes happened on April 7, which was the first telephonic meeting in "real time" provided by the City Council and staff, making it possible for the public to hear the audio portion of the meeting along with the capability for residents to ask questions of the Council by phone during the course



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At City Hall for a May City Council meeting were, on the dais, from left: Gary Bates, director of informational technology, Julie Helsham, city secretary, Michael Blomquist, mayor pro tem, and Spencer Smith, mayor (not pictured). On the floor, from left: David Mitchell, city manager, Jody Nicholas, councilwoman, and John Reider, councilman. The other council members were in remote locations.

of the "live" meeting.

In response to Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's declaration of the public health threat, the council was allowed to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the purpose of holding telephonic meetings.

Beginning with the April 14 meeting, the public was able to participate remotely by dialing-in using a toll-free number and access code. That access meeting information is always included on the agenda that is posted 72 hours prior to the beginning of the council meeting. There is also an audio recording of each meeting available on the city's website.

As the governor and county judge struggle daily as to how and when to change directives concerning COVID-19, the leadership of the city continues to serve its residents.

The doors to City Hall were locked for a time and there was no foot traffic in the lobby but behind the scenes work went on as usual, despite some changes.

Business was conducted through Facebook, online and telephone services. All payments were made by way of the drive-thru window at City Hall.

COVID-19 may have closed foot traffic into the library but Library Director Lisa Youngblood has not missed a beat with the use of virtual presentations showcasing a plethora of events for all ages on the

city's Facebook page.

In response to the last directive issued by the Governor, Harker Heights has adjusted again.

All visitors and volunteers entering City Hall are now required to wear face coverings while on the premises. All employees must wear face coverings where 6 feet of separation is not feasible.

No one can accurately say how long this scenario will be part of Harker Heights residents' lives, and it will no doubt continue to change.

The leadership of the city has committed to following the directives of county, state and federal guidelines as they make decisions to adjust to and combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Heights continues to make infrastructure improvements

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In a developed and growing community, it can be easy to take infrastructure for granted.

The City of Harker Heights recognizes, understands and invests its resources to benefit the community.

Infrastructure is defined as the fundamental facilities and systems serving a city, such as roads, water, sewer, and buildings.

“Our City Council understands the importance of maintaining the existing infrastructure and facilities. It is imperative to ensure that our city has a sustainable and quality system for future generations,” said Jerry Bark, Public Relations director.

To ensure that those items are continually maintained and planned, the City Council has committed funding to a variety of capital improvement projects.

Out of an abundance of concern, the majority of Capital Improvement Projects were put on hold due to the uncertainty of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Currently in progress or completed in 2020:

• **Turn lane on FM 3481 at Fuller Lane** — Constructing a left turn lane on FM 3481 for Gomer Lane, Fuller Lane, and Del Rey Drive.

This is a Texas Department of Transportation-funded project and was let for construction in September 2019 and was recently completed.

• **Fire station #2 renovation** — This station built in 2000 was initially designed for a small number of personnel. While the location is ideal for the growth of the city, the addition of 2,200 square feet is required to accommodate ad-



Harker Heights Fire Station #2 is currently undergoing renovation. The addition of 2,200 square feet is required to accommodate additional living quarters. The existing 2,500 square feet of living area will be transitioned into a weight room, tool, storage, and laundry room. The renovation will include a new exterior to the front of the building and the addition of a generator.

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The existing 2,500 square feet of living area will be transitioned into a weight room, tool, storage, and laundry room. The renovation will include a new exterior to the front of the building and the addition of a generator. The project is currently under construction as the anticipated completion date is December 2020, weather permitted.

• **Trimmer Creek Lift Station Iron Chloride Dosing system**

— This is a project to combat the seasonal odor control problems with the Trimmer Lift Station force main. Iron chloride is used to neutralize hydrogen sulfide gas in the force main.

The dosing system includes a bulk chemical tank and feed pumps and was completed in 2020.

• **Rattlesnake Road Water-line Replacement** — This is a project that replaced a 2-inch galvanized water line with a 6-inch water line on Rattlesnake Road from Indian Trail

to Mildred Lee Drive.

The water line is now looped

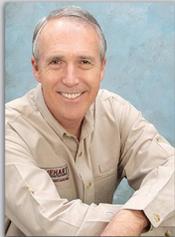
with new fire hydrants and is completed.



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Construction projects improve roadways across city

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Two major highway projects impacting Harker Heights commuters in 2020 — Interstate 14 widening project and the Stillhouse Lake Road turn lane construction continued toward completion.

The Farm-to-Market 3481 (Stillhouse Lake) road construction was a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) project and is now complete.

Interstate 14, which cuts through Heights in an east-to-west configuration, saw the first phase of the widening project completed last year; but the second phase continues construction into 2020.

INTERSTATE 14

This project began in the spring of last year at a cost of \$7.2 million for Phase 1, which stretches from the Harker Heights city limits, near Seton Medical Center, to the west to the Indian Trail overpass on the east.

Ken Roberts, retired public information officer for the Waco District of the Texas Department of Transportation said, “Our projected time of completion is late summer during the month August.” Roberts added that the project is on schedule. This portion of the I-14 is now complete.



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Huge drilling rigs and cranes work to clear the way to widen the I-14 bridge over Indian Trail in Harker Heights in May.

Phase 2 has begun and will continue throughout 2020, with the anticipated completion expected in the summer of 2021.

“The project began in the fall of 2019 and will require extensive bridgework,” said Jerry Bark, Harker Heights Public Relations director.

Extensive bridgework will first be done before major construction begins, he said.

“Just as in Phase 1, there will be traffic congestion as Phase 2 adds an inside travel lane in both the eastbound and westbound

directions as well as a concrete traffic barrier between the opposing travel lanes.” Bark stated.

When all phases are complete, the widened Interstate 14 will connect with Interstate 35 at Belton.

PLEASE SEE **ROADWAYS, 10**



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A crew member works to loosen tie downs on a trailer that brought a piece of heavy equipment for road work on Farm-to-Market 3481 in Harker Heights near Chaparral Road in May.

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ROADWAYS: FM 2410 widening completed

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There will be changes to entrance and exit ramps in Nolanville. Some exit and entrance ramps will be extended with only a slight amount of negative impact.

FARM-TO-MARKET 3481 (Stillhouse Lake Road)

The project on FM 3481 began in early January.

The construction is designed to increase safety on FM 3481 by widening the two-lane roadway with a continuous center-turn lane from FM 2410 to Del Rey Drive.

The addition of a new traffic signal at the intersection of FM 3481, Vineyard Trail and Cedar Knob Road was installed as a portion of this project.

“The project is completed, and the transition has been relatively smooth with our citizens. This project is intended to

increase the safety of our commuters and we are extremely pleased with the finished project.” Bark said.

FARM-TO-MARKET 2410

The widening of Farm-to-Market 2410 / Knights Way to two lanes in each direction plus a continuous turn lane was completed in 2019.

Part of the project was the installation of a sound wall, designed to abate traffic noise in adjacent homes.

After the sound wall project was completed, a section of the wall (end caps) was removed due to safety issues.

Particular sections located by stop signs impaired the vision of drivers.

As of mid-July, staff has not received a complaint or concern from the citizens within that particular area, Bark said.

Another project connected to FM 2410 is still in the early



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A huge crane is involved in the improvements to the sound wall at Farm-to-Market 2410 and Roy Reynolds Drive in April.

stages.

A turnaround bridge on the east side of the bridge — similar to the east-west turnaround on the west side — will be taking shape next year.

TxDOT let the project out for bid earlier this month.

According to Jake Smith, a TxDOT spokesman, construction on the \$3.1 million project is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall.

The project will take approximately 14 months to complete, Smith said.



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Harker Heights recognized as 'Superior Water System' by TCEQ

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The city is required by the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act to develop a Consumer Confidence Report for the public.

The recently released 2019 Annual Drinking Water Report includes information on the water source, regulated and unregulated contaminants, special health effects language, and information on protecting water quality.

The City of Harker Heights' main concern is to provide its citizens with high-quality potable water and to deliver an uninterrupted flow of water with adequate pressure in the required quantities while protecting our health and welfare.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized as a Superior Water System by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This is the highest rating available," said Jerry Bark, public relations director for the city. "Our drinking water meets or exceeds all federal (EPA) drinking water requirements." Bark said.

In 2019, the city used 1,635,115,000 gallons of water with an average of 4.5 million gallons running through approximately 187 miles of water mains each day.

That is an increase of 15,546,000 gallons of water used compared to the previous year. The City can also store approximately 6 million gallons of water at a given time. The city's per capita



General Manager Ricky Garrett explains the water treatment processes required in several tanks at the Belton Lake Water Treatment Plant during a council tour in June.

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use for 2019 was 147 gallons per day.

Currently all the city's drinking water comes from Belton Lake and is purchased through the Bell County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1.

"The city has passed a Water Conservation Plan to encourage efficient use of water by our residents and businesses." Bark said.



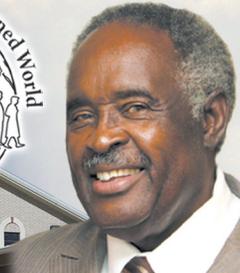
Ricky Garrett, general manager of the Lake Belton Water Treatment Plant, displays water samples in one of the laboratories at the plant.

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Fire, police departments likely to request new vehicles

BY THADDEUS IMERMAN
HARKER HEIGHTS HERALD

After some delays, work on the expansion of Harker Heights Fire Station No. 2 began June 1, and work is going as planned, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Sims said earlier this month.

The project, which is expected to be complete in mid-December, is budgeted to cost \$2.2 million.

“The renovation is adding 2,350 square feet to the south end of the building, and renovating the remaining, I believe about 6,800 square feet,” Sims said.

Sims said the renovation is necessary due to higher staffing requirements to cope with a higher call volume for that fire station.

Previously operating with one or two people per shift, the fire station now has a ladder truck and ambulance operating out of it.

The expansion will allow the fire depart-



In the past 12 months, the Harker Heights Police Department was again recognized as a “Best Practices Agency” by the Texas Police Chief’s Association. Police Chief Phil Gadd said the department has held the distinction for the past eight years.

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ment to staff six people per shift for a total of 18 people.

During the past year, the fire department has received a new ambulance which serves as Medic 1 at the Central Fire Station.

“We made our initial order back in October of ’19, and we received that unit about the middle of June and put it in service late June,” Sims said.

The coronavirus pandemic forced the fire department to put

some other requests to the Harker Heights City Council on hold, he said.

Sims said some of them were higher expenditure requests.

Over the course of the last year, the fire department promoted Cindy Hicks to deputy fire chief of operations and has made multiple hires to fill voids in the force.

Currently, the fire department has 44 firefighters and two administrative person-

nel, Sims said.

Looking ahead, Sims said he will likely request funding to replace a ladder truck, to refurbish a reserve pumper fire truck and to purchase a breathing system for Central Fire Station.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the past 12 months, the Harker Heights Police Department was again recognized as a “Best Practices Agency” by the Texas Police Chief’s Association.

Police Chief Phil Gadd said the department has held the distinction for the past eight years.

Gadd said the department prides itself on being an ever-learning organization.

“The department for the last year and a half has been reviewing and rewriting all of its policies to ensure they are up to date with current and relevant information,” Gadd said via email.

Over the course of the last year, the police department swore in six new officers and anticipates swearing in four new ones in the next 12 months, Gadd said.

The police department has received grants to purchase equipment such as surveillance cameras and night vision viewers, equipment to help plot accidents and crime scenes and a throw phone to help in hostage situations.

More purchases are expected in the upcoming budget cycle.

“Specifically, we are looking to add additional vehicles to our Patrol, Criminal Investigation, and Community Service Divisions to assist in serving the citizens of Harker Heights,” Gadd said.

In the coming months, Gadd said the department is looking to apply for grants for a license plate reader and more bullet-proof vests.

Harker Heights Fire Chief Paul Sims, right, swears in Cindy Hicks as deputy fire chief of operations Dec. 2. Hicks is a 25-year veteran of the department.

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Chamber maintains support for more than 800 members

BY GINA PENCE

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

The Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center saw an increase in programs, visitors, sales tax, and new businesses in the first two months of 2020.

All economic indicators were showing a promising forecast for the year. Then, COVID-19 hit and the chamber quickly had to begin pivoting its business model to maintain a strong support system for the community. No one could have foreseen this event.

As announcements of COVID-19 started to rattle our community, the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce began to unite with organizations across the Central Texas area to support our residents and local businesses.

With a cross-section of local partners, we supported efforts to understand the impact of COVID-19 closures and



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Gina Pence, left, president of the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce, presents Alicia Searcy with a #TogetherWeAreStronger sticker. Searcy owns the Southern Grace Salon & Boutique in Harker Heights.

respond quickly with programs, resources, and policy shifts.

The length of the recovery from COVID-19 pandemic and the severity of the decline remains unknown. One thing we do know: We

are stronger together!

Unity and community support are needed for a successful reopening. We must continue to pivot carefully and conservatively, with possible dramatic changes from pre-

pandemic to post-pandemic approaches to capital management, sanitation, operations, communication, and marketing.

We are still in the beginning stages of recovery and the chamber continues working hard with local, regional, and state partners on resources to serve you.

The HH Chamber has added new programs and partnerships to help our local businesses thrive.

- Expanding our shop local program with a recovering our community together campaign — Together We Are Stronger

- Curation of local, state and federal resources and information

- Responsive pro-

gramming that maintains economic vitality

- Provided communication platforms to connect and inform businesses

- Opportunities for the community to come together

- Free online e-gift card program to local businesses. Sign up now <https://www.gift-fly.com/signup/QHKE-X7HW-U5Y5>

- National marketing partnership with Support Local USA Today. Supporting local chamber members that offer e-gift cards. View city of Harker Heights listings <https://supportlocal.usatoday.com/city/harker-heights-tx/>

- Partnership with city of Nolanville supporting local businesses and the economic development committee

- Welcome bags for newcomers and visitors into the area

During these challenging times, our team at the HH Chamber and the Vision XXI Leadership Class of 2019 was able to accept delivery of the First Responder Memorial at the HHFD at Indian Trail. A formal ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Please visit www.hhchamber.com for community events, business resources, and city updates. Stay social with the chamber on FB, Instagram, Twitter, and Youtube.

GINA PENCE is president and CEO of the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce.



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The Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce welcomed Orangetheory Fitness as a new member during the business' grand opening.

Businesses in Harker Heights partner up with Chamber

BY ARTIE PHILLIPS
HARKER HEIGHTS HERALD

A number of new commercial properties have cropped up across Harker Heights in the past year, and business has been booming.

While only nine permits have been issued in the past year for brand new construction in the city, many businesses are opening their doors at existing locations, while many other long-standing businesses are newly partnered with the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce within the past year.

From July 2019 to July 2020, nine new businesses submitted permits for new construction in the city, worth a total

value of \$2.44 million.

LIST OF BUSINESSES PARTNERING WITH THE HARKER HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SINCE JULY 2019

(Based on ribbon cuttings by the Chamber of Commerce)

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3045 Stillhouse Lake Road, Suite 105

Black Hawk Brewing Supply
582 E. Central Texas Expressway

Best Western
511 Pan American Dr.

Dunkin'/Baskin Robbins
529 E. Knights Way



Deka Lash
201 E. Central Texas Expressway

New Heights CBD
108 E. FM 2410, Suite B

Sean's Pub
1827 E. FM 2410



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Employees of Your CBD Store, located at 582 E. Central Texas Expy., stand outside the new business during their grand opening recently.



Chamber of Commerce for support, promotion



Employees of 3D Volume Lash & Brow Studio, 813 S. Amy Lane, Suite 104, cut the ribbon to their new business alongside members of the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce during the business' grand opening.

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Jack in the Box is located at 160 E. Central Expressway, next to IHOP.

101 W. Veterans Memorial Blvd.

Security Finance
302 Millers Crossing, Suite 7

Farmers Bridges Insurance Agency
3045 Stillhouse Lake Road, Suite 111

GameDay
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Orangetheory Fitness
3045 Stillhouse Lake Road, Suite 108

3D Volume Lash & Brow Studio
813 S. Amy Lane, Suite 104

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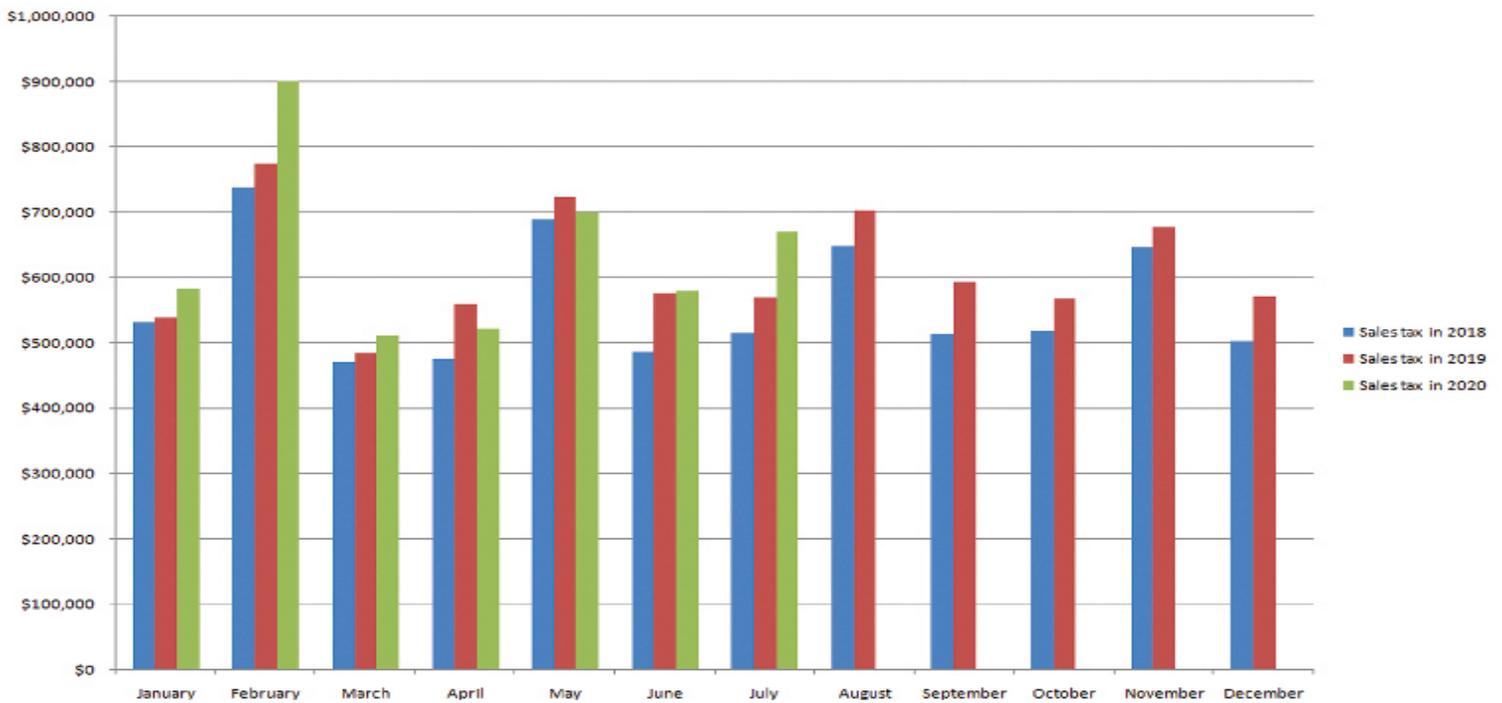
You First Health and Wellness
582 E. Central Texas Expressway

Life Moves Yoga
3045 Stillhouse Lake Road, Suite 110

Employees of Anthony Joseph Jewelers and members of the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon at the business' grand opening at 3045 Stillhouse Lake Road, Ste 104.

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Sales tax figures for city see overall increase in past year

BY ARTIE PHILLIPS
HARKER HEIGHTS HERALD

The city of Harker Heights has collected a little more than \$4.47 million in sales tax so far since the start of 2020, slightly more than the \$4.23 million received by July 2019, which amounts to roughly \$240,000 more sales tax revenue than this time last year. This is a 5.67% increase from last year's sales tax revenue to date.

In August 2019, the city received \$702,692, an 8.42% increase from August 2018.

The city also saw a slight increase in sales tax in September 2019 over the previous September. Harker Heights received \$593,197, an increase of 15.34%.

In October, the city received \$568,410 in sales tax, year, a 9.69% increase from October 2018.

Harker Heights also saw a sales tax increase in November, receiving \$676,834 for a 4.69% increase.

In December the city received \$571,842 in sales tax allocations for a 13.51% increase.

Month-by-month sales tax

revenue allocations in 2020 show increases in the \$2,000 to \$35,000 range compared to correlating months in 2019.

In January the city of Harker Heights received \$584,465, a 8.48% increase from January 2019's \$538,768.

The city also saw a slight increase in sales tax in February. Harker Heights received \$901,355, a 16.22% increase from February 2019's \$775,532.

The trend of increasing sales tax allocations continued in March, when Harker Heights received \$512,268, a 5.63% increase from last year's \$484,964.

In April, Harker Heights received \$522,756, a 6.51% decrease from April 2019's \$559,145. Part of this was attributable to the statewide shutdown of businesses in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

In May, though some businesses were still closed or only operating at reduced capacity, sales tax allocations continued to climb, with Harker Heights receiving \$699,509, a 3.36% decrease from May 2019's \$723,866.

The city also saw an increase in sales tax in June, when Harker Heights received \$579,848, a 0.43% increase from June 2019's \$577,348.

July saw a large sales tax percentage increase, as Harker Heights received \$669,968, a 17.43% increase from July 2019's \$570,540.

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New homes see dip in price as 2020 continues

BY ARTIE PHILLIPS
HARKER HEIGHTS HERALD

The Harker Heights housing market for June 2020 is showing that prices have been going down while closings have been going up over the past year. All the while, monthly inventory remains mostly unchanged, at least according to the June housing report, the most recent numbers available.

The median home price for new houses in the city is currently sitting around \$218,000, which the Fort Hood Area Association of Realtors says is a 4.8% decrease from the median home price in June 2019.

The number of closings has also risen by a slightly smaller percentage, climbing just 2% when compared to June 2019.

The city also has a housing inventory of just 1.7 months, a drop of 1.1 months from the housing inventory available in June 2019. Housing inventory is defined as how long it would take before all active listings are sold if housing prices remained static.

According to Harker Heights



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Multiple houses continue to be built at the end of a cul-de-sac in the Cedarbrook Ridge subdivision in Harker Heights.

public relations director Jerry Bark, construction is progressing smoothly at numerous new housing developments in the city. Housing developers in the city are still working on

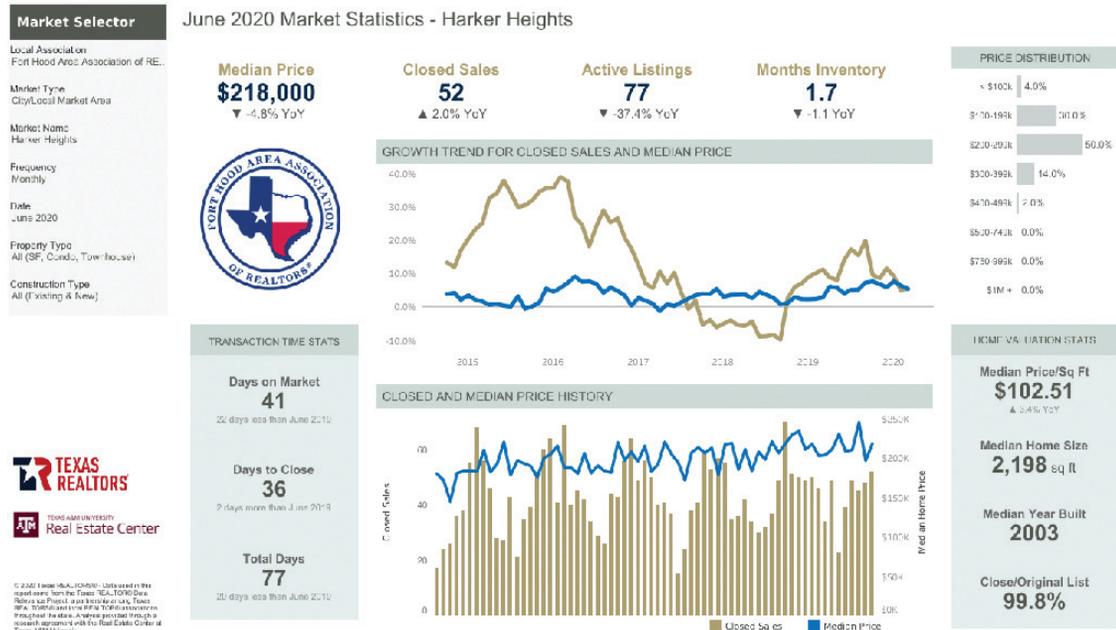
Cedarbrook Ridge, with phase 1 nearing completion. 193 of 205 homes in phase 1 have been completed so far, and phase 2 will consist of approximately 245 new single-family

homes.

Speaking to other subdivisions in the city, Bark said The Grove at Whitten Place and Tuscan Meadows have both been completed in the past year, with The Grove now hosting 272 houses and Tuscan Meadows hosting 402 new houses. Stonewall Ridge has also completed 41 houses across phase 1 and 2.

“We have not received any apartment building plans and aside from the large single family residential subdivisions listed above a majority of the subdivisions for construction have been for duplexes,” Bark said.

In addition to new single-family housing units, the city has recently increased its offering of multi-family units, following the addition of the Stillhouse Hollow Flats apartment complex in 2017.



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Heights prepares infrastructure for new middle school

BY BOB MASSEY
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

The partnership between a school district, two cities, and a private property owner will bring forth Nolan Middle School; the second middle school ever built within the city limits of Harker Heights.

Since it opened in 1987, the first and only middle school campus in the city has been Eastern Hills Middle School on Indian Trail.

Efforts of Killeen Independent School District, the cities of Harker Heights and Nolanville plus a private property owner will result in the opening this fall of a new middle school with a student enrollment of more than 1,000 students and 100 staff members.

Construction began on the school on Oct. 10, 2018. The city of Harker Heights began planning infrastructure requirements for the campus well before construction ever began.

Director of Public Works Mark Hyde told the Herald, “The first task necessary for development of any property, especially in this area of the city limits, was the extension of water and wastewater mains.

The city began working on this some years ago and that part of the project was completed about the time construction got underway.”

The three entities involved in the building of Nolan Middle School quickly acknowledged the need to improve Warriors Path to accommodate the added traffic from the school and local developments.

“A joint agreement was entered into by the three entities to widen a portion of Warriors Path from just north of the



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Road equipment and construction workers can be seen in June on a stretch of Warriors Path adjacent the campus of the new Nolan Middle School in Harker Heights, which is scheduled to open its doors in August. The city is improving the road and adding sidewalks in preparation for the school's opening.

school site to south of Pontotoc Drive,” said Jerry Bark, director of public relations.

This section of roadway consists of curb and gutter construction and will also provide a three-lane roadway made up of two lanes each direction and a center turn lane.

The project will also provide deceleration lanes for the school and an 8-foot sidewalk on the western side of the property boundary.

The eastern boundary will be developed to accommodate a 10-foot sidewalk that will be added by the City of Nolanville at a later date.

Harker Heights Mayor Spencer Smith said, “We value our partnerships with KISD and Nolanville and we’re proud to provide this much-needed infrastructure upgrade for our citizens.”

Harker Heights’ portion of

the road improvement in front of the school was roughly \$1.1 million, according to Bark.

“KISD and the City of Nolanville paid for a portion, as well,” he said.

City Manager David Mitchell said, “Working with a private property owner, the city was able to secure right-of-way from Pueblo Trace to the school site. This provides a vehicular and pedestrian connection to the residential areas located to the west of the school.

In a letter from Lt. Randy Stefek of the Harker Heights Police Department Traffic Management Unit to Mark Hyde, director of public works for the City of Harker Heights, Stefek stated that the campus sits between Warriors Path and Pueblo Trace with entrances and exits to the property on both roadways. Roadway construction is tak-

ing place on Warriors Path to aid in increase traffic flow; however, Pueblo Trace will remain a minor residential street.

With support from the HHPD, the City Council at its June 9 meeting adopted a four-way stop sign placement for the Pueblo Trace, Pima Trail intersection.

Stefek also said that the line of sight in all directions is important to maintain low accident rates.

“This intersection has overgrown trees and shrubbery in need of trimming or removal,” he said.

The new middle school is scheduled to be dedicated on Aug. 16, with the fall semester beginning the following day.

The current Nolan Middle School on Jasper Drive in Killeen is scheduled to close at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

New KISD middle school nearly complete in Harker Heights

BY HUNTER KING
HARKER HEIGHTS HERALD

A new middle school is coming to Harker Heights and is scheduled to open on Aug. 17, the first day of school scheduled for the Killeen Independent School District.

Until now, Nolan Middle School has been the name of the school that sits on Jasper Drive and has been there since it opened in 1961.

However, that school has been decommissioned and the new middle school in Harker Heights will be taking the name.

The school is located on Warriors Path and it will be completed in the coming weeks.

Taina Maya, the spokeswoman for the district, said that furniture is currently being moved into the school and that the school will be dedicated on Aug. 16.

The new school is costing the district \$54 million from its strategic facilities fund and the school will have the district's second Middle School Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Program.

The reason for the new middle school is to address the district's continued growth at all levels of education and to try and remove portable classrooms from other middle schools in the district.

The new Nolan Middle School will retain the school's Mustang mascot and light blue and white school colors and will add black as an accent color.



PHOTOS BY TODD MARTIN | KISD

Construction continues at the new Nolan Middle School on Warriors Path in Harker Heights.



York

Touring through the new school, Principal Ashley York, a former math coach, anticipated the school's STEM distinction. "Science and math is going to be huge," she said. "I'm especially interested in pushing

females to excel in math and science." Another new KISD school is being built on the former athletic field of the old Nolan Middle School on Jasper Drive.

The new Clifton Park Elementary School will be opened in the fall of 2021 and is being paid for as part of the district's construction bond that was approved in 2018.

The cost of the school is \$35 million and is part of the \$426 million 2018 bond issue.

The school takes its name from the Clifton Park Elementary School on Trimmer Road. Like the former Nolan Middle School, the old Clifton Park facility will be decommissioned before the new school opens.

TODD MARTIN, a KISD communications specialist, contributed to this article.



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Parks & Rec Department advances 10-year master plan

BY BOB MASSEY
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

The Harker Heights City Council, at its June 23 regular meeting, voted to accept the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for 2020 to 2030, as compiled by Brent Luck and the Luck Design Team LLC of Austin.

The Luck Team provides park planning and landscaping architectural services to public sector entities.

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Achee provided guidance and support for the project assisted by the membership of the Harker Heights: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board being made up of Natalie R. Austin, Heidi Heckel, Eva Keagle, Patrick W. Kerr, Jack Palmer, Angie Wilson and alternates Brittany Harris and Alonzo Williams.

City Manager David Mitchell and Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Nicole Loayza also assisted in developing the plan.

The plan was developed between August 2019 and February 2020 using input from individuals and groups through a needs assessment survey, public meetings and communication with city leadership and personnel.

The council discussed and asked questions about the draft of the plan at a June 16 workshop meeting held telephonically due to COVID-19

The goals of the master plan include accessibility, sustainability and maintenance.

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The Harker Heights City Council, at its June 23 regular meeting, voted to accept the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan for 2020 to 2030, as compiled by Brent Luck and the Luck Design Team LLC of Austin. Carl Levin Park, 400 Millers Crossing, is one of the major parks in the city.

limitations.

At that meeting, Achee said, “One of the major reasons to have an up-to-date plan is that it is a requirement to receive Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Parks Grants.”

On the local level, the master plan guides critical decisions about infrastructure, prioritizes capital improvement projects based on the findings within the plan and identifies crucial needs discovered through the existing facilities inventory.

Input from the community was a driving force behind the

10-year growth plan. Through three public meetings, a public forum, opinion survey and discussions with city staff, 357 responses to 21 park-related questions were completed.

The results of an inventory review indicated that there are 181 acres of parkland throughout the City and seven parks:

- Carl Levin Park, 400 Millers Crossing
- Community Park, 1501 East FM 2410, Goode-Connell Park, 110 E. Beeline Lane
- Kern Park, 400 S. Ann Boulevard, Purser Family Park, 100 W. Mountain Lion Road
- Skipcha Park, 515 Prospector Trail and the Summit Soccer Complex, 401 N. Amy Lane.

A 69-page document was the product of the Luck Team’s work with the help of the Parks and Recreation Board, City staff and volunteers. It summarized the features of each park and the results of the opinion survey.

The goals of the master plan include:

Accessibility — providing parks that are available for all abilities and accommodates both vehicular and non-vehicular connectivity to those parks and recreation opportunities;

Sustainability — develop and enhance parks and recreational programs within the city that promote environmental awareness and place environmental education and stewardship as a leading tenet for patrons of the city’s park system

Maintenance — take care of the excellent park infrastructure that the city has and ensure that future park improvements are developed with best practices of maintenance in mind; and Innovation-bring energy and vitality to recreational facilities in the city’s park system by providing unique park experiences.

Library's commitment to public includes COVID adaptations

BY STEPHANIE RATTS GRISSOM
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

It's been a good year for the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library.

To begin with, the library received the 2019 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award, its sixteenth.

The library exhibited excellence in 10 separate areas of library services in order to receive this award; of the 571 public libraries in the state of Texas, only 53 received the award, making the Harker Heights Public Library one of only 10% of public libraries to earn this distinction.

Then there is all the new online content that was added in response to COVID-19.

"We have found that necessity breeds ingenuity," said library director Lisa Youngblood in an email communication.

This included increasing activity on both the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel, providing online video content for patrons and area residents. There has been an great collaboration between the library, Parks and Recreation Department, Activities Center, city staff members, and City Council members to bring such programming as May the 4th Be With You, Career Week, and virtual tours of various organizations to the public.

"We are doing our best to let everyone know we are here, we are thinking of them, and we are still enjoying learning," Youngblood said.

Other services have also received a bit of an overhaul to accommodate COVID, as well.

The library offers contactless, curbside pickup, for starters, as well as phone and email reference assistance, by-appointment internet computer use, and online-only library cards, which give patrons full access to the library's entire online database.

Through all of these adaptations and services, the library also managed to bring the summer reading program to the public during this time.

The Friends of the Library sponsored the "ReadSquared" program, where people could sign in and log their reading hours.

The program also provides games and weekly challenges for all ages. Weekly



HERALD FILE PHOTO

Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library director Lisa Youngblood poses with her three animal helpers Nora, India Jane and Lando during a special Pet Storytime that Youngblood led in May.

programming is viewable on the library's Facebook page, where videos range from movement programs to professional performers to science experiments that can be recreated at home.

In addition, said Youngblood, "Since we have been unable to meet in person, we have been compiling Exploration Kits for which patrons can register. These kits contain educational information, craft activities, and other fun and games."

As for what the future holds for the next year, Youngblood said, "We do not know what the future holds. We do know that our mission has not changed. The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library is a dynamic resource for encouraging lifelong learning and reading enjoyment.

"Whether in the library facility or through ever advancing technologies, the library provides opportunities for patrons

to enrich their lives and to pursue their aspirations," Youngblood said. "How we strive to meet the challenges and opportunities afforded us may look a bit different, but we look forward to finding new and old ways to serve our community."

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Seton continues to set standard for excellence

BY LUCY TAYLOR
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights (Seton Medical Center), a partnership between the Seton Healthcare Family in Austin and Ardent Health Services in Nashville, Tennessee, is a Joint Commission accredited, Catholic hospital proudly serving the Greater Fort Hood area.

The hospital, located at 850 W. Central Texas Expressway, has seen significant growth since its doors opened in 2012 with a staff of 269 employees. Now, with a staff of approximately 500, Seton is continuing to provide exceptional quality care to patients.

While the nation faces the COVID-19 pandemic, Seton Medical Center continues to maintain high standards of safety and infection prevention. To prevent the spread to the COVID-19 virus, enhanced safety practices are in place, including screening staff and patients for symptoms upon entry, limited visitation, universal masking for all people in our facility and physical distancing. Waiting rooms, lobbies, restrooms and other areas with frequently-touched surfaces are thoroughly and continually cleaned and disinfected.

With quality patient care as a top priority, Seton Medical Center Harker Heights is an accredited chest pain center and strives to offer the newest methods and best practices in heart care. Also designated an Advanced Primary Stroke Center, the hospital provides best practice-driven stroke care. Seton Medical Center is ready and able to manage all types of medical emergencies in a safe environment with outstanding medical expertise.

In 2019, Seton Medical Center was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by IBM Watson Health. The Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals® study found that the top-performing hospitals in the country achieved better risk-adjusted outcomes while maintaining a lower average cost per beneficiary than non-winning peer group hospitals. The annual study spotlights the best-performing hospitals in the U.S. based on a balanced scorecard of publicly available clinical, operational and patient satisfaction metrics and data. The study has been conducted annually since 1993.

"To be recognized among the best in the nation is a reflection of Seton Medical



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The Post-Partum Suite — Women's Center is seen recently in Seton Medical Center Harker Heights. The hospital is launching free virtual child birth classes. Expectant mothers should call 254-680-6336 for more information.

Center Harker Heights' ongoing commitment to continuously improve health care outcomes while providing outstanding care and controlling costs," said Zach Dietze, Seton Medical Center Harker Heights CEO. "I want to thank our associates and physicians whose intense focus and hard work have earned this recognition. They are an exceptional team and I'm honored to work beside them."

Outpatient services are another key focus for the hospital. Seton's outpatient therapy program opened in 2016 in partnership with the Armed Services YMCA at the 54,000-square-foot wellness center in Harker Heights. The program offers expanded access to therapy services in the area.

Another area of growth is the Wellness Works program, a program that serves more than 70 companies and thousands of employees throughout Bell County.

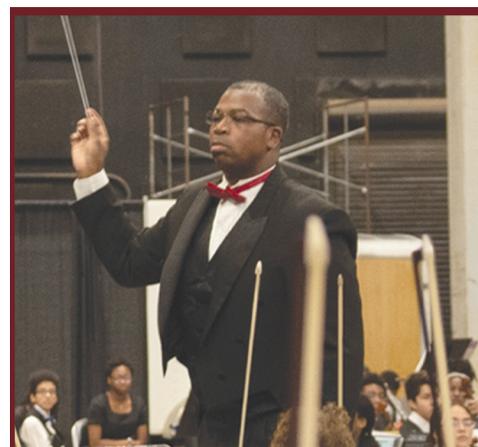
The service coordination team and a corporate health consultant work together to build and maintain relationships with

employers through a variety of wellness activities including blood pressure screenings, flu-shot clinics, scheduling annual wellness exams and assisting with appointments for imaging or laboratory services. In addition, Wellness Works offers complimentary on-site and virtual presentations to support occupational health and safety. Approximately 1,000 interactions are coordinated monthly through the program.

Urgent care provides an important access point to healthcare for the community. Seton Medical Center continues its partnership with Freedom Urgent Care.

In addition to urgent primary care, this collaboration provides a venue for occupational medicine services for on-the-job injuries, vaccinations, physicals, routine medical testing and OSHA-mandated exams for employees working in an industrial environment. Freedom Urgent Care has two clinics conveniently located in Harker Heights and Killeen.

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Seton Medical Center names new Chief Executive Officer

Patrick Swindle set to start new position on Aug. 3

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Seton Medical Center in Harker Heights has a new top executive.

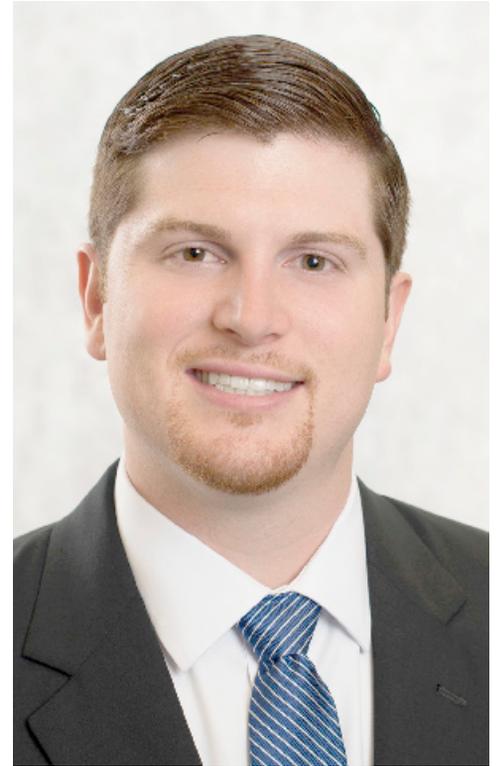
“Seton Medical Center Harker Heights has appointed a new leader, Patrick Swindle, as chief executive officer,” according to a news release from the hospital. He will begin his new role on Aug. 3. Swindle succeeds Zach Dietze who is transitioning to CEO at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This will be Swindle’s third CEO posting, having successfully led both University of Texas Health Pittsburg and UT Health Quitman in East Texas, according to the release. Under Swindle’s leadership, UT Health Quitman improved from a three-star to a five-star Centers for Medicare and Medicaid System rating

and UT Health Pittsburg improved from a three-star to a four-star rating. Both hospitals have ranked in the 90th percentile for patient experience as measured by Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems.

“Patrick has a proven track record of enhancing patient experience and strengthening employee engagement. He has also had great success building strong relationships with the community and attracting great talent,” said Bob Williams, division president and CEO. “His leadership style will be a great fit for Seton Medical Center Harker Heights.”

Becker’s Hospital Review recognized Swindle in their annual 60 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know in 2020, Rising Stars: 66 Leaders in Healthcare under 40 in 2019, and 70 Critical Access Hospital CEOs to Know in 2019. He is a graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor of business administration degree and holds a masters of healthcare administration degree from The University of Houston — Clear Lake.



Seton Medical Center CEO Patrick Swindle

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Farmers Market returns for remainder of season

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The 2020 Harker Heights Farmers Market season began June 13 at Seton Medical Center with a grand opening that featured 30 vendors showcasing items from local honey, handmade furniture, cupcakes, pickles, handcrafted items and much more.

The market traditionally opens the first Saturday in May, but this year, concerns surrounding the spread of the coronavirus in the Killeen-Harker Heights area.

After several weeks of monitoring the number coronavirus cases locally, city officials made the decision to open the farmers market in mid-June, though many new safety protocols were put in place.

Sara Gibbs, activities coordinator for the city of Harker Heights, said, "The market opened at 8 a.m. and closed at noon on the first day and we will continue with that schedule every Saturday through October 31."

The space between vendors was beyond the required 6-foot social distancing, a large majority of the customers wore masks and the Harker Heights Activities Center provided hand washing stations at each entrance.

Dalton Tittle, a nurse in the U.S. Army, and his wife, Kylie, a full-time nannie, said, "This is our first time at the market at Seton.

The Rosa family picks up masks from Simply Sewn: All Things Baby and More at the Harker Heights Farmers Market.



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First-time market visitors Kylie and Dalton Tittle, right, discuss choices at From My Creation operated by Latisha Hale, far left, in mid-June.

Kylie Tittle said, "I'm a sucker for farmers markets so I was really excited about coming out today."

The Tittles bought spicy pickles and a wooden sewing needle connected to a necklace for Dalton's grandmother.

The pickles were purchased from Lati-

sha Hale, owner of "From My Creations."

Hale said, "I've been a vendor at the market for the past 10 years and came over to Seton after being with the market at Carl Levin Park.

Pedro Rosa, along his wife, Anna, and their two children, Adam and Alex, purchased masks from "Simply Sewn: All Things Baby and More."

Pedro Rosa said, "We came out today to share our support for the market and the community especially at a time like this."

For more information about the market, call 254-953-5493.

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City Council approves zoning for new hotel in Harker Heights

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In mid-May, the Harker Heights City Council approved a zoning change that will clear the way for a new Hampton Inn off Knights Way near Carl Levin Park.

The unanimous 5-0 council vote, taken during a telephonic meeting, set the stage for the construction of an 88-unit limited service Hampton Inn on a 2.2-acre plot of vacant land located near 335 E. Knights Way, to the south of the private drive between Popeye's and Whataburger.

The applicant, Sandip Patel of Reva Holding, Ltd., submitted all of the required building plans to the Planning and Development Office in January.

Joseph Molis, director of

planning and development, said, "After a staff review, it was noted that the proposed building plans exceeded the height and number of stories allowed within the B-4 (Secondary and Highway Business District) district or 45 feet and 3½ stories, respectively."

For the applicant to continue development, the staff suggested that the best solution was the granting of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to address the height regulations within the current zoning classification of B-4.

Now with a 5-0 vote in their favor and a change in zoning, Reva Holding, Ltd. can move forward with the project.

There has been no announcement about the beginning or completion dates for the new Hampton Inn.



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