the Brazos River. Considered Texas include the 500-footthe largest preserved find from Texas, this 1,635-pound meteorite was venerated by several Indian cultures for its supposed healing powers and is currently housed at the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University. Other finds in

diameter Meteor Crater at Odessa, the third largest crater in the United States, and the Peña Blanca Spring meteorite, which plunged into a swimming pool on the Gage Ranch in Brewster County on August 2, 1946.

Summer robotics camps available for middle schoolers

Angelo State University's Department of Teacher Education will once again host its free "Camp Code" Robotics Camps for local and area middle school students this summer on the ASU campus.

Each five-day, non-residential camp is open to students who will be entering sixth, seventh or this grade eighth fall. Participants will learn to build and program robots using the LEGO Mindstorms hardware/ software platform.

The Robotics Camps are all beginner camps this year and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day on the following dates: July 24 - 28, July 31 - August 4.

All the camps are free to all

participants - and T-shirts and

lunches will be provided. Applications for the camps are available at angelo.edu/campcode. In addition to coding and

robotics instruction, the camps will also feature sessions on team building, information on opportunities to join groups or organizations focused on coding activities, and information on careers in coding, robotics and technology.

The Robotics Camps are funded by a \$29,861 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This marks the fifth straight year ASU has won a TWC grant to underwrite the camps.

May is National Motorcycle Safety **Awareness Month**

As motorcycle fatalities continue to rise and the spring weather draws more riders to Texas roadways, TxDOT is urging drivers to look twice and be considerate on the road around motorcycle riders.

Amy Jo Miller was enjoying a ride on the back of her boyfriend's motorcycle in Bell County when an inattentive driver turned left in front of them, hitting the bike and throwing her across the road. Seconds later, another vehicle then ran her over in a hit-andrun crash, leaving her with multiple injuries. serious Fortunately, she survived, but 15 years later, Amy Jo is still recovering from her injuries.

Amy Jo, now 49, is just one of thousands of Texas motorcyclists seriously injured-or worse, killed-in crashes every year. In 2022, 562 motorcycle riders were killed in motor vehicle crashes, an 8% increase over the previous year.

"People on motorcycles are more vulnerable on our roadways," TxDOT said Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's important for drivers to pay extra attention and look out for motorcycles especially at intersections, when turning in front of oncoming traffic and while changing lanes. We all want to get home safe."

In addition to National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, TxDOT's annual safety campaign "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" also aims to protect motorcyclists by educating drivers on how to safely share the road. Below are safety precautions all motorists should keep in mind to help prevent motorcycle crashes:

Stay alert. Give driving your attention. Even full а momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio station, can have deadly consequences.

Pay special attention at intersections. One-third of all motorcycle fatalities happen at roadway intersections.

Take extra care when making a left turn. Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear and avoid turning in front an oncoming of motorcycle.

Look twice when changing lanes. Check mirrors, check blind spots, and always use turn signals.

Give motorcyclists room when passing them. Move over to the passing lane and don't crowd the motorcyclist's full lane.

Stay back. If you're behind a

motorcycle, always maintain a safe following distance. When a motorcyclist downshifts, it can catch drivers off guard since there are no brake lights to signal reduced speed.

Slow down. Obey posted speed limits and drive according to conditions.

help To drivers fully understand the importance of driving safely and the dangers motorcycle riders face, TxDOT is taking its "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign exhibit on the road during National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The exhibit will feature a virtual reality component that gives participants the opportunity to experience high-risk traffic situations from the perspective of both a driver and a motorcyclist.

TxDOT's "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

Free youth leadership camp to be held in June

The Alcohol & Drug Awareness Center for the Concho Valley and The Concho Valley C.A.R.E.S. Action (Community and Resources for Empowerment and Success) Coalition are hosting a 2 week Summer Youth Leadership Camp. Dates are June 12 - June 16 and June 19 - June 23, 2023, from 9 am - 12 pm, daily. This year's camp will be located at Kairos Christian Center at 2600 Chestnut St, San Angelo, Texas, 76901. Pick up and drop off will be at Kairos Christian Center. Camp is open to all upcoming 5th graders through upcoming 7th graders. The deadline to register is May 26. Space is limited!

Why Leadership Camp? Positive Leaders in the school setting are positive INFLUENCERS to everyone. These leaders help to promote positivity in their school not only by what they do but also what they DON'T do. We want to train our youth to be leaders so that they maintain safe and healthy relationships, out people seek and experiences that are productive to achieving their personal goals and to say "no" to temptations that are unhealthy and unsafe. We have an educational and fun two weeks planned with activities revolving around careers, arts, our environment, service to our community, and more! About CV CARES: In 2007, CV CARES formed with the mission to reduce through substance use community effort, focusing on youth. CV CARES has been a coalition of the Alcohol & Drug Awareness Center for the Concho Valley, a nonprofit 501(c)3, for over a decade, and

collaborates with agencies and individuals from 12 sectors of our community.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Flores, CCP Director, at 325-224-3481 or visit www.adaccv.org.



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