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Daylight saving time ends 2am Sunday, Nov. 4  
  
 Turn clocks back one hour

**IN THE STARS**

**EVENTS**

**NOV. 10 EASTSIDE VETERANS CELEBRATION**  
 All Veterans and First responders welcome. David H. Mc Nerney Crosby American Legion Post 658, 14890 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532. Parade at 10 am from Crosby Middle School. See AD inside for more details.

**DEC. 8 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & PARADE**  
 December 8, 2018, 1:00 pm - 6:00 p.m. Parade at 6:00 p.m., Crosby Fairgrounds, 14920 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532. Free hot dods, popcorn & cotton candy. Pictures with Santa, crafts and food, goody bags, shopping and entertainment. Sponsorship opportunities available, call 281-328-6984 to register. Hosted by Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce. FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
 Nov 2-Bob Fikes Joseph Delome  
 Nov 3-Brittany Gleason Natalie Welch  
 Nov 4-Peggy Clark  
 Nov 5-Mary Dobson Wesley "W.G." Zarsky  
 Nov 6-Heather Hortman  
 Nov 7-Gregory Block Paul Fulmer Bobby Horn III William Delome

**DEATHS**  
 Gary Lynn Hendry Sr. Keith David Carden

**Veterans' Celebration ready, donating**

CROSBY – This Veteran's weekend is the Centennial of the signing of the Armistice that ended the War to End All Wars and the Eastside Veteran's Celebration (EVC) is keeping their Veteran's Day celebrating active by hosting a parade, ceremony, dinner and bake off on Saturday, Nov. 10.  
 In the interim as they made plans, they raised funds for two Crosby High School activities that needed support. Eastside Veteran's Celebration donated \$500 to the Crosby Band trying to raise funds to go to a special band event in Chicago and \$500 to the Crosby High School JROTC. Eastside Veteran's Celebration curtailed their annual cook-off and will do without the Red, White and U ceremony done by Crosby High School.  
 Starting anew annually,



Bob Ward hands Kevin Knight and Michael Lehw a check for \$500 to help enable the band to attend a special event in Chicago later this year.

EVC is intent on building for the future with Liberty and Justice two Piggy Banks seeking donations to build a permanent veteran's memorial.  
 Those that would like to help are asked to attend the \$10 dinner on Nov. 10 and purchase raffle tickets from members of EVC or at ACE Hardware for a military engraved M1911 Springfield .45 Caliber A.P.C., a \$2,000 vacation voucher or a \$500 gift card. Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Another raffle is for a quilt is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 7.  
 On November 10 EVC will host a parade that will line up at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. leave the Mid-

dle School's north exit and proceed north on FM 2100 exit FM 2100 at First St. and go left at Wahl Street and left again at FM 2100 then back to the Middle School.  
 Once reassembled at the American Legion Hall, ceremonies salute the veterans and first responders with a bake off, and complementary meal for about 350 veterans and a guest, serving all \$10 a plate buyers until about 4:00 p.m. Special salutatory services and recognitions begin at 11:30 a.m. as does the dinner for veterans and first responders.  
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**Church pulls Extreme vehicle event Sunday**



Crosby Church's Pastor Keenan Smith is ready to help as an Extreme athlete pulls a local fire truck last Sunday at the Extreme Machine "I Am" family festival and craft show. There was never a dull moment and the hamburgers were delightful! Continued on Page 8

**Methodist host Fall Fest**



Crosby Methodist Church was active with a Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fest last Saturday. Kids of all ages enjoyed the beautiful day, bounce houses, inside the Parish Hall the Rummage and food sales court were a staple attraction. And the Pumpkin Patch continues until Oct. 31, so hurry out and get your pumpkin. More on Page 8

**Highlands student struck by car on way to school**

HIGHLANDS – A 16 year old student of Goose Creek Memorial High School is recovering from injuries sustained when hit by a car that allegedly was passing a school bus on Wallisville Road at Hasty Lane. The victim, Tiffany Alanis, is a junior at GCMHS.  
 The accident ocured on September 19. The Goose Creek CISD bus had a Stop Sign extended, and red flashing Stop lights, when a 25 year old driver of a black suburban allegedly passed the bus and struck the student.  
 The Harris County Sheriff's Office changed an official report of the incident 35 days after it ocured, according to Alanis, who feels that justice should have acted quicker.  
 Apparently the HCSO was trying to get answers and interview witnesses as to why the driver of the suburban passed the bus. Alanis was struck while trying to board the bus, she said. Those familiar with the case said that the HCSO revised the initial report to correct discrepancies in the investigation.  
 Goose Creek CISD has a video showing the incident, but reportedly the video has not been viewed by authorities.  
 The Sheriff's Department finally issued a Class C Misdemeanor to the driver of the suburban as late as October 17.  
 Alanis reported that she suffered a concussion, cuts and bruises, and had a \$24,000 hospital bill after the accident.

**Crosby ISD cuts more staff; has 4 trustees on ballot**

CROSBY – The new superintendent of this district, Scott Davis, continues to hunt for ways to solve the financial crisis the district found themselves in recently. After announcing an initial staff cut of 33, the number has now risen to 129, including 95 lay-offs and 34 retirements.  
 The district is currently trying to find several million dollars to balance their operating budget and reserve funds. These were tapped into when construction costs for new schools grew beyond estimates. As a result, the state has given the district the lowest financial rating.  
 Early voting, and the general election on November 6th, will seat 2 new school trustees, and see 2 more returning without opposition on the ballot.  
 Kasey Lewis and Sharon Eavon Fain will vie for Position 2 in the only contested position. The At-large Position is to continue with John Warren Swinney.  
 Position 1 will be retained by Tanya Eagleton. Joseph R. Humphries is the only candidate that applied for Position 3, now held by John Lindsey for  
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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

### Chamber hosts a Night at the Races

The Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce hosted a Night At The Races at the Crawfish Shack Oct. 20 as a fundraiser to bolster operations. The event was like the Derby comes to Crosby.



Newly elected board members of the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce from the last election luncheon. Pastor Keenan Smith of Crosby Church, Eric Jennings of Doc Resources and Brittany Samprey of Community Resources Credit Union and two from Huffman.

### Crosby Cougars fall to Barbers Hill 49-30

By Allan Jamail

Crosby, TX. – Friday, October 26, 2018 the home team Cougars fell behind the Eagles 9 points within the first two minutes of the opening kickoff. Crosby fought back and gained the lead 14 to 9 before the end of the first quarter. Both teams swapped the lead in the first half several times, the Eagles led at halftime by 5 points, 29-24. Barbers Hill took the game away from Crosby in the second half out-

scoring the Cougars 20-6 with a 49-30 final score. Last year Barbers Hill led at halftime but Crosby outscored them in the second half to win the game. Crosby's record of 5 wins and 3 losses has a district game against the Nederland Bulldogs Friday, November 2nd 7:30 PM at the Nederland ISD Stadium. The Cougars final regular season game is a district home game against the 3-5 Baytown Lee Ganders Friday, November 9th at 7:30 PM.

### “Battleship TEXAS WWI Commemoration”

Join Texas Parks and Wildlife in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War I armistice aboard Battleship TEXAS, the last remaining U.S. battleship to have served in World War I and the largest remaining artifact from World War I in the State of Texas. On Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., visitors may participate in a number of family-friendly activities that commemorate the World War I Centennial, including special guided tours, a community “Flanders Field” poppy mural, and a presentation by University of Sheffield (England) professor Dr. Jonathan Rayner. These and other hands-on activities and ex-

hibits are free with paid general admission. Saturday, November 10th, at 6:30 p.m., in the San Jacinto Monument Theater, Texas Parks and Wildlife, First Texas Volunteers, and the University of Sheffield will offer a free screening of “The Battle of the Somme.” This film is an iconic British World War I documentary and war propaganda film that captures the first day of the Somme Offensive on July 1, 1916. Be aware that this movie may not be appropriate for children—viewer discretion is advised. Admission with tickets only—tickets available at [www.facebook.com/events/253683055285333/](http://www.facebook.com/events/253683055285333/)

In addition to Saturday's activities, the general admission to Battleship TEXAS will be free on Sunday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day and the continuing WWI Centennial Commemoration. On Sunday, the 11th, there will be a public commemoration ceremony from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the ship's bow that will include a presentation by San Jacinto College's Webb History Club. Battleship TEXAS is owned and operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Battleship TEXAS is permanently moored adjacent to the San Jacinto Monument, 3523 Independence Parkway, in LaPorte, Texas.

### GCM Pinks out with Pink Ribbon

Goose Creek Memorial High School students and staff “Pink Out” for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in honor of faculty members and friends who have had breast cancer.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

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November 10, 2018  
Welcome  
**All VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

David H. McNerney Crosby American Legion Post 658  
14890 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532

### Free BBQ for Veterans/First Responders and +1 Guest

**Events include:**  
**PARADE 10 AM** — Saturday

Participants Line up 9am at Crosby Middle School  
Chairman: Eddie Foster (281) 794-5122

### “SCRATCH” BAKE-OFF -

Participants Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Chairman: Wanda Matthews 832-514-0314

### OPENING CEREMONY

Everyone Saturday 11:30 a.m.

**BBQ Plates for Sale**  
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### AWARDS—RAFFLES—MUSIC

Eastside Veteran's Celebration  
Chairman: Dr. James Gracey 205-218-0357

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## ROUND-UP

### Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial

#### Library events

• Tuesday, November 6 - 10:00 am, Baby and Me (ages 0-24 mo)

• Thursday, November 8 - 9:30 am, Sensory Storytime (sponsored by Eagle Point Recreational Center, ages 0-5 yrs)

• Friday, November 9 - 9:00 am, Veteran's Coffee and Donut Hour

• Friday, November 9 - 10:30, Storytime (ages 0-5 yrs)

Library is located at 1 John Hall Drive, Mont Belvieu, 281-576-2245.

### Lee College - South Liberty County Spring

#### Preview Night

LIBERTY, TX - The Lee College Education Center - South Liberty County is opening its doors to potential students on Thursday, November 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Students and families are invited to meet with program faculty, tour the facility, answer questions, receive advice on course selections, register on-the-spot, and get help with processing financial paperwork. A Financial Assistance Workshop is scheduled for the same day from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Room 124. Light refreshments will be provided.

Spring Preview Night  
Date: Thurs., Nov. 8, 2018

Time: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Lee College Education Center - South Liberty County  
1715 TX-146, Liberty, TX 77575

"Attending the Spring Preview Night is an excellent opportunity to explore the academic programs offered in Liberty and meet with the instructors who are committed to educational success," said Wesley Wells, Education Center Manager. "We welcome all prospective students to come take a closer look at the Lee College Education Center - South Liberty County."

To attend, please register online at [www.lee.edu/workforce](http://www.lee.edu/workforce) or call the Center for Workforce and Community Development at 281-425-6311.

### WCCCC Diva Evening 2018

Diva Evening will again promote business networking for woman managers, employees, clients and friends in a fun and relaxing atmosphere at this year's event. Our eleventh ladies' night fundraiser will be held Thursday, November 15, at The Tower Club, Houston Raceway Park, 2525 FM 565 South in Chambers County. This event is a great way to benefit both your business and the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce (WCCCC) - and pamper some deserving ladies in the process.

For more information, please call Diva Hotline at 281-576-5440.

## Chambers County announces new County Engineer, Cory Taylor

Chambers County is pleased to announce Cory Taylor, P.E. as the new County Engineer effective January 1, 2019. Cory most recently served as Director of Maintenance Operations for the Beaumont District of TxDOT where he served the state for nearly 26 years before retiring.

Cory is a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He began his career with TxDOT as an Engineering Assistant in 1993 in the Gilmer Area Office in the Atlanta District, where he worked in a variety of engineering, construction, and maintenance capacities and reached the level of Assistant Area Engineer before transferring to the Tyler District as the Assis-

tant AE in Longview. In 2009, Cory joined the Beaumont District as the Liberty Area Engineer, where he oversaw all Area Office design, construction and maintenance for the expanding regions in Chambers and Liberty Counties. In 2014, Cory became Director of Transportation Operations for the 8 counties of the Beaumont District and made his final move for TxDOT to become the Director of Maintenance in 2017.

In what some might consider bad timing, Cory's first week on the job as Beaumont's Director of Maintenance was the same week Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast last year. But Cory seized that opportunity to shine in coordinating all of TxDOT's response activities during and after the floods that

resulted from national record-setting rainfalls, with some spots recording over 60 inches of rain in southern Jefferson County. Cory's coordination not only included the Beaumont team's response, but also involved those from the assisting districts and divisions, and was done professionally, efficiently, and most importantly, safely over an eight-month period. Cory would be the first to say that while those times were very stressful, the teamwork and friendships he was able to establish with those from all over the state will never be forgotten.

Cory's passion for developing employees will certainly be missed, especially

See New County Engineer, Page 6



Chambers County announces new County Engineer, Cory Taylor, right, beginning new year.

### UNITED WAY

## Grant Funding begins with Letter of Intent

Baytown, Texas - United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County (UWGBACC) released the Letter of Intent to apply for funding for 2019-2020. Non-profit agencies that provide programs and services meeting the health and human service needs of the Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for funding.

UWGBACC strategically invests funds to meet basic needs and tackle the root of community issues. The focus is on human services that are aligned with education, financial stability and health. Sadly, the need is usually greater than the available funding. The Letter of Intent helps volunteers understand the problem being addressed and the solution provided by the agency program. The funding process chart and strategic plan can be found on the United Way website.

The Letter of Intent is due November 9, 2018 by 5pm. Applications received after that time will not be accepted. All applications

must be submitted electronically. Applicants will be notified no later than November 16, 2018 if they meet funding criteria and priorities and will be invited to submit a full application.

The annual campaign is underway and the goal is \$3.1 million. Donors can give to the community impact fund in support of local grants or they may designate their gift to a human service organization of their choice. There are no fees negatively affecting your gift due to the generous contributions of corporate donors who support UWGBACC operations. Community Impact grants for 2018-2019 totaled \$2,006,440 for 33 local programs serving the Baytown area, Highlands and Chambers County.

For more than 70 years, United Way of the Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County has tackled our community's most difficult issues in the areas of education, financial stability and health. For more information about your United Way, visit: [www.unitedwaygbacc.org](http://www.unitedwaygbacc.org)

## City of Baytown donates trees to Baytown Junior School



Chuck Jennings (left), City of Baytown Horticulturist, explains the proper way to plant a tree to students in the Go Green Club at Baytown Junior School, while City employees (from left) Dennis Prescott, Darrick Roussell, Joshua Walley and Omari Fry demonstrate. The trees were donated by the City of Baytown to the campus.

## Ceremony marks new CRCU Hospital Community Room



(From left to right): Becky Chalupa, CNO HMB; Connie Tilton, CRCU board member; Randall Sanders, CRCU board member; Rick Peebles, HMB board member; Pete Alfaro, HMB board member; David Frazier, CEO CRCU; David Bernard, CEO HMB; Victoria Marron, CRCU board member; Tucker Coughlin, CRCU board member; John Newsome, HMB board member; Gilbert Santana, HMB board member; Dr. Shawn Tittle, HMB CMO/CQO; Jarren Garrett, HMB VP of operations.

BAYTOWN — (October 24, 2018) — Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital (HMB) received a generous donation from Community Resource Credit Union (CRCU) supporting nursing education and training. In celebration of this outstanding contribution, hospital and CRCU board members, employees, physicians, nurses and other supporters were on hand for a recent dedication ceremony for the naming of the new Community Resource Room.

"We are proud to continue our support of the nurses, physicians and staff of this wonderful hospital," said David Frazier, CEO and president of CRCU. "Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has been here for the residents of Baytown and surrounding communities for over seven decades. We are very excited to continue our partnership with Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital in opening this great new facility; and continue our support of nursing education, training and retention through the

Nursing DAISY Awards and new Crowning Achievement in Nursing Excellence fund."

"We are honored to have CRCU as the first corporate member of the Houston Methodist Society for Leading Medicine and our nursing endowment," said David Bernard, CEO of Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. "I would like to thank CRCU for this significant donation. The new CRCU Community Room will be used for educational opportunities and meeting space for the hospital and community."

## Nature Photography tips at next Nature Center program

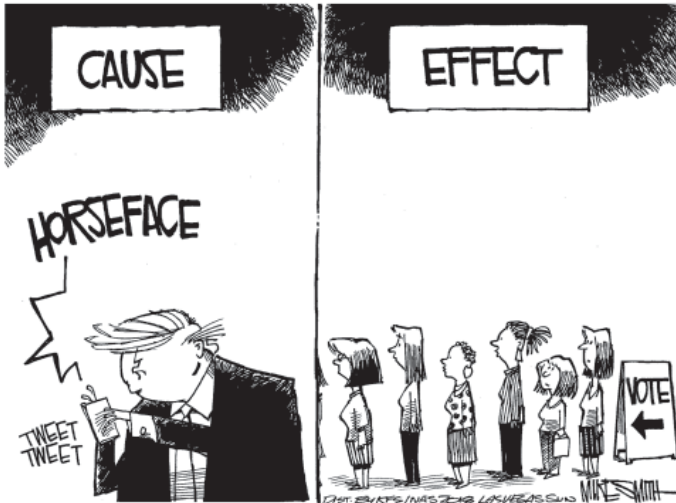
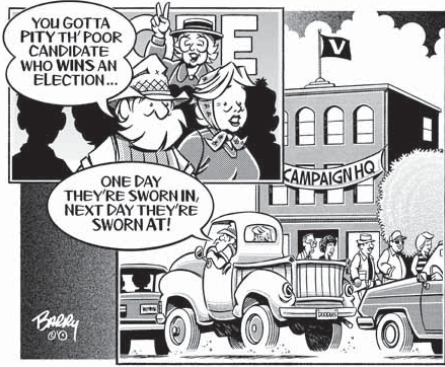
Baytown, TX --10/3/2018--Want to learn how to 'shoot' those birds you love? Or capture the breathtaking beauty of a coastal sunrise? Or maybe you're more into details with a close-up shot of a native plant that intrigues you. Join photographer David LeMaster at 10 am on Saturday, November 3 at the monthly Nurture Nature Series as he shares pointers on wildlife photography and goes a step further as he demonstrates. This is a hands-on session with the opportunity to take photographs. It is recommended that each participant bring a personal camera, but it is not required.

In addition to being a photographer, LeMaster is also a novelist playwright, drama director and sometimes poet. He has taught English, Theatre, and the Humanities at San Jacinto Central

for twenty years, and speech at Centenary College of Louisiana prior to that. His love of photography became serious about eight years ago and since that time his focus has mainly been discovering ways to use the craft as a means to physical, mental, and emotional therapy. He is eager to share some of the things he has learned using photography in this unique manner. Following the discussion participants will have the opportunity to use these tips at the nature center. Come enjoy David's presentation, practice some photography and spend the afternoon at the nature center.

The programs are free with general admission to the Baytown Nature Center. For additional information, contact [Christina.Butcher@baytown.org](mailto:Christina.Butcher@baytown.org) or phone: 281-420-7130.





## Preparing for Holidays

Have you turned on the heater yet? Winter is still a ways off come December 21, 2018. First frost is around November 29 or thereabouts to December 10th. Depends on what source you are reading. Come the first Sunday in November it's time to turn the clock back an hour. Move to Arizona and the state does not observe Daylight Saving Time. And there are about 7 more weeks until Christmas which reminds me; I picked up your gift last night while out and about. Got you the same thing I got you last year.

With another year of crop failure, the garden of weedin has shut down for 2018 as there was no crop to speak of. With little production since moving to the new place on another creek, a decision to retire from farming has been reached. Thanks to Joe V's which played a part in the decision process?

2018 was a fast summer or so it seemed. Me & the Mrs. made it to Montana for a week and it was a sight to see. Our tour guide, host and cook was my Georgia cousin. Sites included Lewistown which included a train ride with prime rib dinner. They staged a train hold up then the robbers and a bunch of saloon gals came on the train. The ladies were hugging all the men and I found out later one planted a big red lipstick print on my forehead.

Appears to be a casino on every corner and Cuz took us to Virginia City where we visited the oldest saloon in Montana called BALE OF HAY known as Montana's Oldest Watering Hole. Old Cuz parked at another place down the road and showed us a two story outhouse and a cabin with a grass roof. Ain't no way you would catch this Georgia boy in the first floor of that outhouse, crappy, eh?

From there we went on to Ennis and Big Sky. In Ennis we went to the Long Branch Saloon that replicates the TV series saloon. There were lots of photos of the Gunsmoke series saloon and the cast of characters including Matt, Kitty, Doc, Festus, Chester and others. Of course the place was surrounded with one arm bandits and we got to meet Dub Taylor's grandson if you know who Dub Taylor...that's Buck Taylor (Newly O'Brien on Gunsmoke) son.

Checked out the Grizzly and Wolf Center in West Yellowstone that was truly a sight to see and behold.

One evening Old Cuz prepared an elk roast for us with all the trimmings. A first for us to ever eat elk and it was simply divine. One outing we had mountain oysters and that too was a treat if you like beef with a nutty flavor. Most evenings were martini time as Cuz acquired the taste for such. One was much surprised that the Mrs. actually had a martini and finished it.

Summer included trips to Baton Rouge, San Antonio, Woodville, Canton and Winnie, Texas. Let me say that time flies when you are having fun.

Summer has gone and the chill of fall is once again in the air.

## Social Security Matter

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty - Should I Marry My Girlfriend?

**Dear Rusty:** My girlfriend of nine years will be 66 on June 4th next year. It was her plan to begin taking half of her ex-husband's SS at that time allowing hers to grow until she reached 70 at which time her benefit would slightly exceed half of her ex's. Three months ago, I was diagnosed with an illness that may very well shorten my time here significantly. So, I'm thinking if we get married she would qualify for 100% of my SS after one year, which would be only four months later than when she could begin taking half her ex's. So, I guess, in that instance she would just begin taking half of my benefit. The big question is, what happens if I pass on before we've been married for a year? Is she stuck then at her own reduced rate or can she go back to claim her ex's and allow her own to grow until age 70? I was delaying collecting my own benefits until age 66 in January but began collecting in August after my diagnosis. Thanks for any insight you can offer. Signed: Providing for my Girlfriend

**Dear Providing:** I'm very sorry to hear of your health situation, but I applaud you for tending to your partner's future during this difficult time. To start, I'd like to clarify that spousal benefits and survivor benefits are two distinctly different things in Social Security. Spousal benefits refer to benefits given while both spouses are living, while survivor benefits refer to those given when one spouse predeceases the other. While you and your new wife would need to be married for at least one year for her to collect spousal benefits from you, you would only need to be married 9 months for her to be eligible for survivor benefits. The distinction, of course, is that as your spouse while you are living she'd be eligible to collect up to 50% of the benefit you're entitled to at your full retirement age, but as your survivor (after 9 months of marriage) she'd be eligible to collect 100% of the Social Security benefit you were receiving at your death.

If you and your girlfriend get married now, she loses her ability to collect only spousal benefits from her ex-spouse while you are living, because she cannot collect ex-spouse benefits while she is married. But once she is no longer married that ability is restored. So, if you were to pass before you are married for 9 months she would still have the option (because she was born before 1954) of claiming only Social Security spousal benefits on her ex-spouse's record while allowing her own SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year until she reaches age 70. At that time, she would switch to the higher benefit on her own record. So, I believe there is little or no risk to your girlfriend's future Social Security benefits for you

to get married. If your prognosis is good and you live at least the required 9 months, she can collect survivor's benefits from your record equal to 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death. If you survive beyond one year she will be entitled to file for spousal benefits on your record and collect 50% of your FRA benefit while you are living and then switch to survivor benefits when you pass.

But if your prognosis is not good and you do not survive for the required 9 months of marriage, your new wife will still have the ability (provided she has not yet filed for her own benefits) to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" on her living ex-husband's Social Security record and allow her own benefit to grow. Once again, I'm so sorry to hear of your failing health, but glad to be able to provide you with some Social Security guidance and, hopefully, ease your anxiety at least on this matter. My best wishes go out to you at this difficult time.

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## Texas receives grant to help fund anti-terrorism measures

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 24 announced \$55.5 million in funding from the federal Homeland Security Grant Program to support state and local efforts to prevent terror attacks and crack down on terroristic activity in Texas.

These awards, according to a governor's office news release, will go toward local anti-terrorism efforts across the state, including 227 different State Homeland Security Program projects and 134 Urban Area Security Initiative projects.

"Texas is confronted with a wide range of threats that pose a risk to our safety and security each day, and as governor, my first priority is to ensure the safety and security of all Texans. These grants will enhance state and local officials' efforts to not only confront, but also prepare for and prevent, attacks before they happen," Abbott said.

Most of the grant is to be meted out as follows:

- \$19.9 million for equipment, training and exercise support for local, regional and state-level response teams such as SWAT, bomb, HAZMAT and search and rescue teams, and for other law enforcement and fire and emergency medical services personnel;
- \$12.1 million for state, regional and local planning and preparedness efforts;
- \$8.1 million to sustain and enhance operational communications capabilities;
- \$3.7 million to support state and regional "fusion centers" that promote intelligence and informa-

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

tion sharing capabilities among federal, state and local partners.

### Agencies conduct exercise

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Oct. 25 announced the Dallas, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas DPS would lead a statewide training exercise Oct. 28-30.

The DPS said the purpose of the "Full-Scale Training Exercise" is to "examine the ability of federal, state, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions to respond to complex terrorist attacks with a focus on integrated response planning among law enforcement, medical services, emergency management and other whole-community stakeholders."

Host cities for the exercise include Greenville, Brenham, San Antonio and El Paso.

Safety Week is observed in promoting Texas Safe Schools Week, Oct. 21-27, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas School Safety Center encouraged schools to take a comprehensive approach to school safety.

A comprehensive approach means school staff, students, parents, first responders, mental health professionals and commu-

nity stakeholders working together to ensure safe and secure learning environments.

"School safety practices should be a priority every day in our schools," said Texas School Safety Center Director Kathy Martinez-Prather. "Prevention and preparedness efforts play a critical role in fostering a safe school climate. Having regularly reviewed emergency plans developed with local first responders, as well as regular training and drilling in emergency procedures, ensures that responses are well-executed in the event of an actual emergency."

### Early voting begins

The Office of the Secretary of State posts early voting cumulative totals for the Lone Star State's 30 most populous counties.

Sizable numbers of voters in those counties cast ballots between Oct. 22 and Oct. 26, the first five days of the 12-day early voting period that will end Nov. 2. For the five most-populous counties, numbers were reported as follows:

Harris: of 2,338,460 registered voters, 380,266 (16.26 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Dallas: of 1,335,313 registered voters, 272,062 (20.37 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Tarrant: of 1,122,597 registered voters, 219,947 (19.59 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Bexar: of 1,098,257 registered voters, 193,521 (17.62 percent) voted in person or by mail;

Travis: of 775,950 registered voters, 181,739 (23.43 percent) voted in person or by mail.

Election Day is Nov. 6.

### Pablos refers complaint

Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos on Oct. 22 confirmed that the agency had received a complaint regarding "pre-filed voter registration applications" sent to Texas residents who are ineligible to vote and that his office referred the complaint to the Texas Attorney General's office for investigation.

Pablos said some Texans may have received potentially fraudulent materials from third parties prompting them to register to vote despite being ineligible to do so.

"We continue to urge all Texans to be vigilant when receiving registration or ballot-by-mail materials from third parties, and my office will continue to work to ensure that Texans and Texas voters are protected from any illegal activity," Pablos said.

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This fabulous custom built home has an open floor plan with a spacious living room, soaring ceilings and a family that is perfect for entertaining. There is a formal dining room, an office and the gourmet kitchen has gorgeous granite counter tops, island, breakfast bar, built in party and plenty of cabinets for storage. The enormous master suite with private bathroom has dual vanities, separate shower and tub, and two large walk-in closets. MLS# 92519190

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LIFESTYLE PAGE

**Gary Lynn Hendry Sr.**

Gary Lynn Hendry Sr., affectionately known as "Bird", was born on August 8, 1948 to William L. and Helen M. Hendry in Camden, TX.

He was the youngest of three sons. He graduated from Furr High School in Jacinto City, TX. He met the love of his life, Blanca Dalia Juarez at the young age of 16 years old. He went on to join the United States Army where he honorably served his country in the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1971. When he returned, he and Dalia were united in marriage on December 13, 1974.

Gary had a love for cars, fishing and the outdoors. He was a very well respected employee and friend to many at Hendry's Paint and Body Shop in Channelview, TX



where he worked for many years. On October 17, 2018 Gary joined his Lord and Savior.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, as well as his brother, Larry Gene Hendry. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 44 years, Blanca Dalia Hendry; brother Ronnie

L. and Linda Hendry, his beloved children, Gary Jr. and Paris Hendry, Andrea and Troy Rogers, Holli and Glen Gilbert, Mandi and David Salazar; 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and military brothers.

The family invites you to join them for a visitation on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Inurnment with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. October 25, 2018 at Houston National Cemetery.

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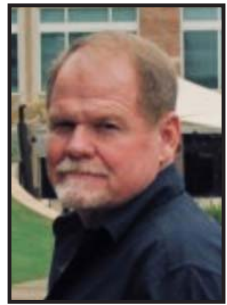


Ahead of Saturday's Bingo Tourney Shirley Simien and Patricia Reed receive guests to the Parish Hall. On Sunday, owing to delicious barbecue and a multitude of activities, the Church was at capacity by 4:00 p.m.

**Keith David Carden**

Keith David Carden, age 67, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Keith was born on January 26, 1951 in Kingsville, Texas to Louis Bruton Carden and Augusta Mavoureen (Stroup) Carden.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Betty Rose Davis and Louise Norseen. Keith leaves behind his loving wife of nine years, Mary Carden. Keith is also survived by his son Brian Carden and wife Olivia, and their children Samantha, Abram, Cali and Lainey; daughter Angela Carden Arminski and husband David, their children Brittany O'Donnell, Alexandra Arminski, Nicole Newman and Thomas Arminski; and step-son Shawn Latta and wife Nikki and their children Caleb and Jackson Latta. Along with extended family and friends, Keith leaves behind his sister



Mary Ann Parker and husband Ronny.

Keith attended Texas A&M University, where he went on to earn his HVAC Certifications. This paved the way for Keith to start Carden Air. Keith has pursued his HVAC passion for the last 39 years as he proudly served Crosby and the surrounding communities. Keith's legacy is held in a high regard for his fair business practices, honesty and integrity known throughout the area.

As much as Keith enjoyed the day to day tasks at work, he was known to spend time outdoors. Keith had a passion for hunting, fishing and raising animals; while these activities brought him joy, he was a devoted family man. Of all of Keith's hobbies, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends most of all.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas on Friday October 26, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church of Crosby, 615 Runneberg, Crosby, Texas on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Sterling-White Cemetery.

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Dr. Mark Trice

Am I dating myself that I remember learning the song "Deep in the Heart of Texas" in school? Mind you, I'm not saying I remember much of the song beyond "The stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas," but I do remember learning it. I wonder if they even teach songs like that these days. Regardless, you really don't have to be from Texas to appreciate the majesty of the night sky. Just get out into the country, away from all the city's light pollution, kick back, and look up.

Really, how many things are as impressive as a clear night sky that's absolutely filled with stars? And if you happen to catch a meteor shower? You can't pay for that kind of entertainment! But then, if you dig into NASA's photo files, you quickly realize that what we see from Earth is only the smallest

glimmer of what's out there. God's star collection is... pardon me... astronomically impressive! It is unimaginably massive in not only size, but variety.

Yes, I said God's star collection. That's really what it seems like, after all. He filled the universe with this glorious diversity, and He did it while giving special attention to each and every one of the stars He created. How do I know? Psalm 147:4 tells me so. It says, "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name." (NKJV) Isaiah 40:26 agrees: "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." (NIV)

Impressive, right? Okay, "impressive" is an understatement. But here's the truly impressive thing: This very same God who delights in His astounding universe also delights in us, in each of us as individuals. He knows OUR

names! In Matthew 6:26 Jesus talks about birds, how God takes care of them and will take even better care of us. Then, in Luke 12:6-7, He addresses the birds again, how even the sparrows men consider near worthless are always under God's watchful eye. He also reveals that God knows exactly how many hairs each of us has on our heads at any given moment. Seriously! Read it!

God made us in His image and after His likeness. (Genesis 1:26) He has plans for our lives. (Jeremiah 29:11) He loves us so much He sent His son to die for us. (John 3:16) He makes us new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) He knew us before we were in our mothers' wombs. (Jeremiah 1:5) He calls us His children. (1 John 3:1) I could go on for days, showing you in Scripture how important you are to the Creator of Everything. If you grasp only one truth this week, let it be this: You, truly, are priceless to Him.

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Leviticus 19:32



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## What Do New Blood Pressure Guidelines Mean for You?

BAYTOWN — (October 12, 2018) — Leading heart experts have redefined high blood pressure (HBP) for the first time in 14 years. The new blood pressure guidelines from the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the American Heart Association (AHA) were released in late 2017, giving a lower definition of HBP. According to the ACC, this new definition may result in nearly half of U.S. adults being diagnosed with the condition.



Dr. Irfan Dadabhoy

Do you have HBP? Blood pressure is a measurement of the force of your blood pushing against your vessel walls. HBP, or hypertension, is diagnosed when that pressure is consistently too high.

“High blood pressure is sometimes called a silent killer because it doesn’t cause symptoms and won’t be caught without regular blood pressure readings,” said Dr. Irfan Dadabhoy, a primary care physician at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. “Having HBP makes you four times more likely to die from a stroke and three times more likely to die from heart disease. The only way to know whether you have HBP is to have it checked. Most likely, your blood pressure is measured and recorded every time you go to your health care provider’s office.”

Recent research by Dr. Robert A. Phillips, Houston Methodist’s chief medical officer, and his colleagues investigated the impact of the new blood pressure guidelines. While patients at higher risk for cardiovascular disease benefited from the stricter guide-

lines, those with lower risk had more harm than benefit from the intensive treatment recommendations. Talk with your doctor about guidelines for your personal health situation.

### Blood Pressure Categories

Your systolic pressure, or the top number of your reading, is the pressure in the arteries as the heart beats. Your diastolic pressure, or the bottom number, is a measurement of the pressure in the arteries as the heart muscle rests. “Typically, the top number receives more attention, but elevated diastolic pressure alone also increases cardiovascular disease risk,” Dadabhoy said.

Under the new guidelines there are now five categories of blood pressure. The prehypertension category has been removed from the guidelines. (See “Know Your Numbers.”)

### Managing High Blood Pressure

While more people are considered to have HBP under the new guidelines, that doesn’t necessarily mean we’ll see a dramatic rise in blood pressure medications prescribed to patients. The goal is that by defining HBP at a low-

er threshold people will start working with their health care providers sooner to find ways to successfully manage the condition through lifestyle changes.

“There’s no cure for high blood pressure, but you can successfully manage it with medication and living a healthy lifestyle,” Dadabhoy said.

The following changes can help you keep a lid on HBP.

- Monitoring your blood pressure regularly
- Taking your medications as prescribed
- Eating a well-balanced, low-salt diet (DASH diet)
- Exercising regularly
- Maintaining a healthy weight that you and your doctor have agreed on
- Quitting smoking
- Increasing potassium intake, if recommended by your doctor
- Managing stress
- Limiting alcohol

The new HBP guidelines are below:

**Systolic mmHG (upper number)**

Normal: Less than 120

Elevated: 120-129

HBP Stage 1: 130-139

HBP Stage 2: 140 or higher

Hypertensive Crisis: Higher than 180

**Diastolic mmHG (lower number)**

Normal: Less than 80

Elevated: Less than 80

HBP Stage 1: 80-89

HBP Stage 2: 90 or higher

Hypertensive Crisis: Higher than 120

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[houstonmethodist.org/baytown](http://houstonmethodist.org/baytown) to make an appointment for a physical with a primary care doctor at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

## Wake up to the Power of Sleep

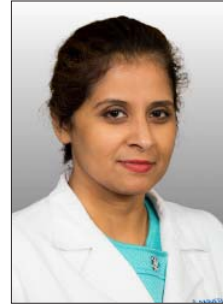
BAYTOWN — (October 19, 2018) — Many people struggle with getting in a solid eight hours of sleep from time to time, but usually the problem is temporary. For others, chronic sleep disturbances are the norm and medical intervention is necessary. Either way, not getting enough sleep can lead to serious health issues.

“If you wake up frequently at night, feel groggy and crabby in the morning or nod off during the day, you may not be getting enough quality sleep,” said neurologist Ruby Parveen, MD, medical director of the Sleep Lab at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. “You might also need treatment for a sleep disorder, such as insomnia, narcolepsy, sleep apnea or restless legs syndrome.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), lack of sleep is associated with a number of chronic conditions, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity and depression. Parveen offers suggestions for the sleep deprived on getting a good night’s sleep.

### Steps to Better Sleep

For people who battle insomnia, interventions to create a good sleeping en-



Dr. Ruby Parveen

vironment and a healthy sleep routine can improve the odds of getting a better night’s rest.

1. Be consistent. Make it a habit to go to sleep and arise at the same time every day, during the week and on weekends. “If you don’t nod off after 15 minutes or so, get up and do something that relaxes you—read a book, meditate—then return to bed once drowsiness sets in,” Parveen says.

2. Create a cozy den. Keep your bedroom as dark and free of distracting noise as possible and at a comfortable temperature. In general, having a room temperature around 68 degrees is best for sleep.

3. Unplug. Turn off TVs, laptops, cellphones and other electronic devices at least 30 minutes before

bedtime. The artificial light generated by these screens interferes with the body’s sleepiness cues.

4. No napping. The more you sleep during the day, the less sleep you’ll likely get at night. Never take a nap after 3 p.m. and limit napping to less than one hour.

5. Get physical. Exercising regularly helps reduce stress (a key factor in sleep disturbance) by causing your brain to release stress-reducing endorphins. Time your exercise to end at least six hours before your bedtime.

6. Avoid Stimulants. Caffeine and nicotine stimulate the brain and interfere with sleep. Avoid caffeine after lunch and drink no more than about two cups of coffee daily. Remember, caffeine is also present in energy drinks, soft drinks, tea and pain relievers.

7. Stress Management. “If you find yourself worrying at bedtime, try to designate a specific time during the day to write down your worries and get these feelings out of your system,” Parveen said.

If you’re not waking up refreshed, contact a sleep specialist at the Sleep Lab at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital to schedule a consultation. Visit [houstonmethodist.org/baytown](http://houstonmethodist.org/baytown), or call 832-556-6535.

## New County Engineer,

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as he led the district’s Engineering Assistant development program over the years. Cory always strived to make TxDOT successful in the future, by both the work he had done and directed, and by developing future leaders.

Cory and his family have lived in Chambers County since February of

2010. Since that time, he has worked with other agencies, cities, counties and elected officials to improve the safety and operations of the highways of South East Texas. Cory said he is very excited to start working with the County Judge, commissioners and staff to solve similar road and bridge is-

ssues for the citizens of Chambers County.

Please join me in congratulating Cory on a long and successful career at TxDOT and welcoming him to Chambers County.

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**BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that, on November 12, 2018, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Barbers Hill Independent School District (the "District") will conduct a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. (the "Public Hearing"), in the District's Board Room located in the C. T. Joseph Conference Center, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523. The Public Hearing will be to consider designating a certain area as a reinvestment zone under Texas Tax Code § 312.0025, in portions of Chambers County, Texas, to be known as the "Targa Downstream Reinvestment Zone 2018" (the "Reinvestment Zone"); establishing the boundaries thereof; and providing for an effective date.

In determining whether to designate the Reinvestment Zone, the Board will consider whether the Reinvestment Zone (i) meets the criteria for the creation of a reinvestment zone as set forth in the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended, and (ii) is reasonably likely to contribute to the expansion of primary employment in the Reinvestment Zone, or attract major investment in the Reinvestment Zone that will be a benefit to property in the Reinvestment Zone and to the District and contribute to the economic development of the region of this state in which the District is located.

All interested persons may appear and present testimony and evidence for or against the foregoing.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 467,634 Estate of BERNICE LAVERNE SMITH, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 1, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on September 5, 2018.

**ROBERT ALLEN SMITH**

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this September 14, 2018.

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Sealed proposals for Smart Meter Installation Project to serve the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 in Harris County, Texas will be received at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., 16610 IH 45, Suite 250, Conroe, TX 77384, until 2:00 P.M. local time, November 15, 2018 and then publicly opened. A NON-MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. on November 8, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. Each bid must be submitted in a 9" x 12" envelope and accompanied by Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, duly executed, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the bid.

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 is proposing to install 1,385 smart meters as well as purchase additional smart meters for future installation. In addition to meter installation, this project will include distribution of information to the residents as well as software installation and startup for billing capabilities at the District office.

This project is eligible for DWSRF funding, therefore, the following requirements apply:

- This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).
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- This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.
- "Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60."
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- Right to reject any and all bids.
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- Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall include the Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.

- This contract is subject to the federal requirements of Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 and Part 1532 regarding Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor will comply with the assurances provided with the bid that leads to a contract.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from [www.CivCastUSA.com](http://www.CivCastUSA.com): Search Harris County MUD No. 50 Smart Meter Installation. Questions deadline is November 4 at 5:00 PM. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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## Fall Fest,

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Pastor Jamie Lea chimes right in with the musician at the Fall Fest at Crosby United Methodist Church on Saturday as Pumpkins were picked rummage and dinners were sold by locals of Crosby United Methodist Church.



## Eastside Veteran's Celebration,

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Members of Eastside Veteran's Celebration donate \$500 to Colonel Reeves with Sgt. Tim Meadows to the Crosby High School JROTC to help them keep up with functions as the school recovers.

## Crosby School District,

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over 10 years. Humphries raised questions early concerning the last bond election and the financial disposition of the school district. Running unopposed, he will be taking over John Lindsey's post at Position 3 in January. These new board members, and the remaining board, will be faced with helping Superintendent Davis bring financial stability back to the district. After the last round of cuts, Superintendent Davis issued a statement, of which this is a part: "We knew these days were coming, and yet, no amount of emotional preparation could have fully prepared us for the most difficult and necessary step of informing our beloved employees that they

would no longer be working for Crosby ISD. ... Any new vacancies from this point forward will be posted and any of our employees whose positions were dissolved may apply. "I think the sadness is evident today across the district. I can tell you with resounding conviction that the sacrifices made by so many will not be in vain. It is up to all of us to be certain that this district survives and thrives again. Tomorrow we will return to work and together we will keep pressing forward. We will tackle the day's challenges one day at a time. We will make decisions to rebuild our district one decision at a time. We will continue to press forward. It will take time to adjust to living a new normal and

I can't promise that it will be a perfect process, but I can promise that the resolve to recover will carry us through the challenging times ahead. "I've been a part of the Crosby Cougar Family for only 16 weeks and I know that I lead an outstanding group of people in our schools. The community has wrapped its arms around us and taken care of so many needs the way families do for one another. I am proud to be here. I wouldn't wish these circumstances on anyone, but we have grown in unforeseen ways and we've all witnessed that unspoken resilience that is the ultimate trademark of this community. Crosby ISD will survive."



The Jared Jamail Memorial Fund was established to celebrate Jared's life through helping others. We have just completed our 20th Jared Jamail Memorial Golf Tournament and once again our family was touched by the great turnout. As a sincere thank you to all the golfers and sponsors, a cup with the 20th commemorative tournament logo was given out. A request from the Jamail family is that this logo be not only the reminder of Jared (and keeping his memory alive), but also of all the students these scholarships have helped throughout the 20 years - 123 Crosby HS students for a total of \$301,000. It is gratifying to see many of them participate in the tournament each year.

None of this would have been possible without family, friends and our community. Our family will continue our mission to provide scholarships for deserving Crosby students; by doing so we are able to assist these young adults in preparing for their future and also honor the memory of our precious Jared.

We would also like to thank the contributors & sponsors which have provided items for the auction/raffle. To show our appreciation we encourage everyone to patronize these businesses whenever possible.

And a special thanks to Jared's Aunt Pam. We cannot say enough about her drive and dedication in helping keep Jared's memory alive. This is obvious by the number of people she reaches each year to make the tournament a success.

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Sincerely,  
*"Aunt" Pamela Johnson*