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### SUNDAY

# Daylight Saving Time ENDS NOV. 7 Turn

#### Free Entrance to **Texas State Parks** Nov. 14 in Honor of Veterans Day

AUSTIN— In honor of both active and retired military, daily entrance fees at Texas State Parks will be waived for all day-use visitors Sunday, Nov. 14.

"The dedication, sacrifice and service displayed by the women and men that serve in our country's military is of pride throughout the country," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "Their commitly inspires us at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. To celebrate their service, Texas State Parks would like to once again invite everyone to spend the day at any one of our beautiful State Parks for free I am glad that we are able outside in honor of our veterans.

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas State Park is encouraged to reserve their day passes in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Day passes can be reserved Parks and Wildlife Department website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nov 4–Peggy Clark Nov 5–Mary Dobson Wesley "W.G." Zar-

Nov 6–Heather Hortman Nov 7–Gregory Block Paul Fulmer Bobby Horn III William Delome Nov 9–Inez Garbs Gardenia Kristynik

Nov 10–Tyler Elkins Kimberly Adams Nov 11-Fred Bauer Mike Robinson Joan Kindel

Nov 12--Rev. Tim Ed-Robin Gross Mozelle Robertson Mrs. L.L. Welsh

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov 10–Patrick & Becky Williams Nov 13-Gene & Becky Muldrow Nov 17–Alison Peters Nov 19-Bill & Cindy Creel

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## **64th ANNUAL HIGHLANDS EVENT**

# Spooktacular Jamboree has chills, thrills

HIGHLANDS - After taking a year off for the COVID Pandemic, the town came to life last Saturday and celebrated a combination of Halloween and the 64th Annual Jam-

The Theme for the Parade was "Spooktacular" and some of the units and their occupants were decorated in scarey costumes.

The Jamboree was somewhat scaled down this year, but nevertheless 25 units were in the parade, including the Parade Marshal, Goose Creek's

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Participants in the 2021 Children's Pageant categories of Little Mister and Little Miss pose for a group photo with their trophies, after the

#### JAMBOREE PARADE WINNING ENTRIES

OVERALL BEST OF THEME First Baptist Church Highlands BEST NON-COMMERCIAL

Highlands VFD Fire Trucks BEST CLASSIC CAR Ford Ranchero with Jr. Miss

Highlands Aubrey Bird BEST SCHOOL SPIRIT Goose Creek Memorial Dazzlers

**BEST MODIFIED VEHICLES** 

Vercher Race Car, Lawnmower and ATV

## Crosby Superintendent's message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

November is the month when so many of us stop to give thanks. In fact, November is National Gratitude Month. Gratitude has the amazing power to shift our focus to what is positive in our lives. I try to practice thankfulness each day, all year round. In today's column, I wanted to share a few of the things I am grateful for in Crosby

I am grateful to be able to watch Crosby High School's varsity football team achieve incredible victories. Our Cougars are preparing for a playoff run, after we hope to end the regular season undefeated in the district. Our Crosby High School varsity vol-



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leyball team is also entering the playoffs after fin-ishing second in the district. We will kick off the post-season for our fall sports with a celebratory bonfire. The public is invited to join us outside Crosby High School on Wednesday, November 10th before dusk.

All of us in Crosby ISD are grateful for our veterans and their service to our communities and our nation. Please circle Tuesday. November 9th on your calendar. Crosby ISD is hosting a Veterans Day event at 7pm at Cougar Stadium. We adjusted the date of the ceremony due to the possibility of a football playoff game on Veterans Day it-

I am grateful for the persistence of Crosby ISD's families, students, teachers, and staff. We started this school year facing strong headwinds from the pandemic. Through determination and heightened hygiene practices, our number of COVID cases in the district are less than half a percent of the total population. At the beginning of the school year, we committed to teaching our children every day in school. We are happy to have been able to do that every day this semester.

I am thankful for our teachers who deliver on the promise of bell-to-bell instruction daily. I recently stopped by Newport Elementary School about an hour before dismissal time on a Friday afternoon. Every classroom I walked by, I saw students engaged and learning and teachers sharing their passion. It was inspiring to see each  $minute\ spent\ bettering\ our$ students.

I am grateful for our Crosby students as well. In late October, we celebrat-

of our Superintendent's Advisory Committee called the Cougar Council. I joined a dozen students for lunch and to discuss many topics. They all shared their ideas on how to improve their individual campuses. It was a lively discussion among the third graders through seniors. We'll meet again in December to continue our conversation. I believe students are our biggest stakeholders. I want to learn from them as much as they learn from us.

ed the inaugural meeting

Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. I hope you're able to spend the time with your loved ones, cherishing what's most important in our lives.

This is Now! Go Coogs!

## LyondellBasell Agrees to Reduce Harmful Air Pollution

## Channelview plant cited for excessive flaring

HARRIS COUNTY -Three U.S. subsidiaries of Dutch chemical giant LyondellBasell Industries  $N.V.\ (Lyondell)\ have$ agreed to make upgrades and perform compliance measures estimated to cost \$50 million to resolve allegations they violated the Clean Air Act and state air pollution control laws at six petrochemical manufacturing facilities located in Channelview, Corpus Christi, and LaPorte, Texas, and Clinton, Iowa, Lvondell will also pay a \$3.4 million civil penalty. The settlement, announced today by the Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will eliminate thousands of tons of air pollution from flares.



LyondellBasell Plant in Channelview, with the San Jacinto River and Highlands in the distance.

failed to properly operate and monitor their industrial flares, which resulted in excess emissions of harmful air pollution at five facilities in Texas and one in Iowa. Lyondell's subsidiaries regularly "over-

According to the com- steamed" the flares at plaint, the companies their facilities and failed to comply with other key operating constraints to ensure the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants contained in the gases routed to the flares are effectively combusted.

The EPA identified potential environmental justice concerns at the two Channelview facilities for exposure to particulate matter (2.5 micron), ozone, toxic cancer risk, and respiratory hazard. The significant emissions reductions of VOCs, HAPs, and greenhouse gases that today's settlement secures at the Channelview facilities serve to reduce exposure in the community to some of the same air pollutants that they are disproportionately exposed to.

"The Justice Department and EPA will continue to enforce the law against petrochemical plants that violate the Clean Air Act," said Assistant Attorney General

Todd Kim of the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Reparticular, we are committed to reducing harmful air pollution from unnecessary and improper flaring, especially near overburdened communities with environmental justice concerns.

"This settlement will require LyondellBasel to install pollution control and emissions monitoring equipment at six facilities in Texas and Iowa, reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful gases by thousands of tons per

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## County Now Offers Vaccine Boosters

 $Houston\ \hbox{--Harris County Public Health}\ (HCPH)\ is\ now\ administering\ the\ COVID-19\ vaccine\ booster\ for\ people\ in\ cer$ tain groups. Eligible residents include those who completed their two-dose mRNA vaccine series (Pfizer or Moderna) at least six months ago and anyone who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago. Eligible fully vaccinated residents can get a booster dose of the vaccine of their choice.

All COVID-19 vaccines provide strong protection for most people. A booster vaccine in an additional dose given after the protection provided by the original series has begun to decrease over time. The Pfizer booster helps certain groups of people maintain their level of immunity longer.

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their primary series: --65 years and older

- -Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- --Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions --Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

Note: The Moderna COVID-19 booster dose is half of the dose that is administered for the primary series dose

For individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson COV-ID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more

#### Additional Doses

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should receive an additional dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 28 days after the initial two doses This includes recipients of organ or stem cell transplants, people with advanced or untreated HIV infection, active recipients of treatment for cancer, people taking medications that weaken the immune system, and others. A full list of conditions can be found on the CDC's website.

Fully vaccinated people with weakened immune systems do not get as much protection as people with healthy immune systems. The additional dose helps boosts their immunity to the level of fully vaccinated people who are not immunocompromised. Please contact your healthcare provider to find out if an additional dose or booster is recommended for you

Additional doses and vaccine boosters are free at HCPH designated sites and vaccine appointments are not required, although they are recommended. Go to vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787. To find a location near you click here. Please remember to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card with you

## LyondellBasell to reduce Pollution,

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year," said Acting Assistant Administrator Larry Starfield for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "Those controls, plus a requirement for fence line monitoring of benzene emissions, will result in significant benefits for the local communities in Texas and

The settlement requires the companies to install and operate air pollution control and monitoring technology to reduce flaring and the resulting harmful air pollution from 21 flares at the six facilities. Once fully implemented, the pollution controls are estimated to reduce emissions of climate-change-causing greenhouse gases including CO2, methane, and ethane, by almost 92,000 tons per year. The settlement is also expected to reduce emissions of ozone-forming VOCs by almost 2,700 tons per year and of toxic air pollutants, including benzene, by nearly 400 tons per year.

The pollutants addressed by the settlement can cause significant harm to public health. VOCs are a key component in the formation of smog or ground-level ozone, a pollutant that irritates the lungs, exacerbates diseases such as asthma, and can increase susceptibility to respiratory illnesses, such as pneumonia and bronchitis. Chronic exposure to benzene, which EPA classifies as a carcinogen, can cause numerous health impacts, including leukemia and adverse reproductive effects in women. Flares are also often large sources of greenhouse

Flares are devices used to combust waste gases that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere during certain industrial operations. Well-operated flares should have high "combustion efficiency," meaning they combust nearly all harmful waste gas constituents, like VOCs and hazardous air pollutants, and turn them into water and carbon dioxide. The agreement is designed to improve Lyondell's flaring practices. First, it requires Lyondell to minimize the amount of waste gas that is sent to the flares, which reduces the amount of flaring. Second, Lyondell must improve the combustion efficiency of its flares when flaring is necessary.

Lyondell will take several steps to minimize the waste gas sent to its flares at each facility. At certain facilities, Lyondell will operate flare gas recovery systems that recover and "recycle" the gases instead of sending them to be combusted in a flare. The flare gas recovery systems will allow Lyondell to reuse these gases as a fuel at its facilities or a product for sale. Lyondell will also create waste minimization plans for each facility to further reduce flaring. For flaring that must occur, the agreement requires that Lyondell install and operate instruments and monitoring systems to ensure that the gases sent to its flares are efficiently combusted.

Lyondell will also perform air quality monitoring that is designed to detect the presence of benzene at the fence lines of the six covered plants. Monitoring results must be publicly posted, providing the neighboring communities with more information about their air quality. The monitoring requirements also include triggers for root cause analysis and corrective actions if fence line emissions exceed certain thresholds. Flare compliance is an ongoing priority for EPA under its National Air Toxics

The consent decree, lodged in the Southern District Court of Texas, is subject to a 30-day public comment period and final court approval. The consent decree will be available for viewing at https://www.justice.gov/enrd/ consent-decrees.

For more information about this settlement please visit: https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/equistar-chemicals-lp-lyondellbasell-acetyls-llc-and-lyondell-chemical-



# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

## COVID-19 vaccines for kids coming to state

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COV-ID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years. In Texas that could mean nearly 3 million children are now eligible for the vaccine.

The FDA reported immune responses in children in that age range were comparable to those of persons 16 to 25 years old. The vaccine was found to be 90.7% effective in pre venting the virus in children 5 through 11. The ongoing study of approximately 3,100 children found no serious side ef-

More than a million doses targeting children in that age group are being sent to providers in nearly half of the state's counties according to DSHS. As of Sunday, 15.44 million Texans have been fully vaccinated, which is right at 53% of the state's popula-

## COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS CONTINUE TO DROP

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week dropped to 28,840, and new deaths dipped to 937— the first time below 1,000 since summer, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.
The total number of lab-

confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations continues to decrease, with 3,571 reported throughout the state, down nearly 19% from the previous week, according to DSHS.

### RARE HUMAN CASE OF RABIES UNDER INVESTIGATION

A Medina County child is being treated for rabies in a Texas hospital, the Department of State Health Services reported last week. It is the first case of rabies in a human reported in the state since 2009.

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The child was bitten by a bat, according to DSHS.

Public health officials have identified all the places where someone could have come into contact with either the bat or the child. Experts are assessing the risk to those people and whether they should receive post-exposure vaccinations to prevent them from contracting rabies.

The department noted that rabies is almost always fatal once contracted, but is preventable if the vaccine and immune globulin are administered before symptoms begin. In Texas, according to DSHS, skunks and bats account for most animal rabies cases. Nearly 600 animals in Texas tested positive for rabies last year, about half of them bats.

#### 10-DIGIT DIALING MANDATORY IN SEVERAL NEW AREAS

The days of being able to just dial seven digits in seven Texas area codes are behind us. In July 2020 the Federal Communications Commission approved 988 as the abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Several Texas area codes (254, 361, 409, 806, 830, bers with a 988 prefix, and had to transition to 10-digit local dialing after the FCC order.

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...Gerardo Hernandez

digits will reach a recording that prompts the caller to redial using all 10 digits. The change does not affect price, coverage area or other rates and services, according to the PUC. ANOTHER LOOK AT

## IMPACT OF WINTER STORM

The Texas Public Utili-

ty Commission announced

effective Oct. 25 that all

local calls dialed in those

area codes with just seven

More than eight months after an unprecedented snow and ice storm led to widespread power blackouts in Texas, the Texas Comptroller's office took an in-depth look at the state's response and the legislative actions that fol-

Texas is the only state in the continental United States with its own electric power grid, which serves 90% of its population. Parts of East Texas, the Panhandle and El Paso are outside the area managed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and didn't experience widespread

Winter Storm Uri knocked out power and disrupted water utilities for nearly 70% of the state's residents for extended periods. Financial loss estimates range from \$80 billion to \$130 billion, according to Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

The comptroller's report explains the economic toll of the storm and the legislative changes to the electric market structure passed in the 87thLegislature. Critics have said the changes do not go far enough to make power companies weatherize their plants to insure against further outages due to extreme weather.

#### DROUGHT EXPANDS THROUGHOUT STATE

Texas is drying up.

Warmer and drier conditions are being reported throughout much of the state, reports the Texas Water Development Board. Approximately one-fifth of the state is now experiencing drought conditions, mainly in Northeast Texas. the Panhandle, Far West Texas and South Texas.

The National Weather Service expects drought to expand across the state through the end of January due to La Niña conditions that are expected to bring Texas a warmer and drier winter than normal.

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### Old Friends

I spent yesterday with old friends.

It used to be that I would follow the use of "old friends" with the disclaimer that they were "not really old!" This no longer feels necessary. If they are old friends of mine, I now have to say, objectively,

they are pretty old.

The "occasion" (if you want to call it that) was finally driving my oldest friend, Andrew, to his colonoscopy—which certainly sounds like an old person's activity.

I had been badgering

him for months. After he finally capitulated, it took him months to get an appointment. Then he asked if I would drive him, and I could hardly say "no" after all of that. Of course, I wouldn't have said "no' under any circumstances Andrew is my oldest friend, after all.

Since I would have to wait for him, I contacted another old friend, Clay, who I hadn't seen in ages, for a pizza and a chat.

Clay is very funny, and he came up with a number of catchy names for a gettogether organized around Andrew's colonoscopy— none of which would be polite to repeat in a family newspaper, so I will let you imagine. We met at a nearby pizza place at a time when no one else was remotely interested in eating. It was far too late for lunch and much too early for dinner. I discovered that the time it takes to have a colonoscopy and recover from it is just about ideal for two old friends to reconnect and share a piz-

za. I highly recommend it. Clay told me about his father, who is not doing well, and I told him about my parents, who are. It seemed surprisingly effortless, talking to this person who I really have not been in touch with for more than half my life. The years between our adolescence and yesterday afternoon seemed to melt away, leaving me with this curious feeling of stepping back in time.
Clay is in touch with

people I haven't seen since high school, and it was fun to hear about them. He has always had a good memory and a sharp eye for detail. Some of our mutual friends, he told me, seemed exactly the same. Only their hair color appeared to have significantly changed. Other friends had aged more noticeably. Clay described seeing someone he'd not seen in

"It was like I could see the person I knew, looking out from this old person's face," he told me. I knew what he meant, and I wondered where I fell on the spectrum. (I didn't ask.)

My memory is not anywhere near as good as Clay's and that's probably because I don't spend a lot of time reminiscing. But visiting with Clay was a good reminder of how quickly the years are swallowed up, how much time has passed. New friends only know the person I am today. Old friends know all the previous versions of me and sometimes that is a comfort. At other times, it's a little scary. Sometimes I like to think that I have always been exactly as I am—right down to my hair color.

Andrew's colonoscopy turned out well, although he has to go back in three years. I know he will forget, and it will be my responsibility to both remind him and get him there

again.

"We'll have to get together again soon," I told Clay. "Even before An drew's next colonoscopy!"

Clay agreed, and I know we will. But it's nice to think we'll have that to look forward to.

Till next time, Carrie Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn."

Learn more CarrieClasson.com.

an award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email:





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## ON THE HILL

## Barbers Hill **High School** FOOD DRIVE

BHISD Fall Food Drive November 1-11

Little by little, a little becomes a lot!

The food pantry is in need of the following

vienna sausage

tuna cereal peanut butter ravioli soup instant potatoes canned fruit carrots corn bread mix pancake mix syrup chips mac and cheese Snack size: cookies, chips, crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc. The pantry is thankful for all donations but currently does not need green beans or

Drop off items in front of the library. All donations help stock the West Chambers County Food Pantry located at the Mont Belvieu First United Methodist Church.

### Flu shots available in Chambers

Get your flu vaccine through Chambers County Public Health FOR \$15.

Vaccines are available throughout the County on the following schedule.

WiNNIE 108 E Fear RdWinnie, TX 77665 409-267-2681 October 6, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 am. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. October 20, 20218:30 a.m. to

11:30 a.m. November 3, 20218:30 a.m. to

to 11:30 a.m.

December 1, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 am.1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

December 15, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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December 2, 20218:30 a.m. to

11:30 am.1 p.m. to 4 p.m. December 16, 20218:30 a.m.

ANAHUAC 102 Airport RdAnahuac, TX 77514 409-267-2731

Vaccines available at the Anahuac location of Chambers County Public Health every week: Mondays 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.l p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday12:30

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COVID-19 transmission in
Chambers County, patients and
family members are strongly
encouraged to social distance,
wear face covenings and follow wear face coverings and follow other safety measures.

# BH Eagles defeat Broncos 22-19

MONT BELVIEU -The Broncos came to town last Friday night, with hopes of teaching the Eagles a lesson, but they left with a limp.

The Dayton Broncos football team (Dayton, TX), was outplayed 22-19 in Friday's league challenge with the host Barbers Hill Eagles (Mt. Belvieu, TX).

Although the teams were evenly matched, and there were some outstanding performances, the Eagles led throughout the game, and at the end prevailed.

The Eagles (5-4) will now prepare for their challenge against Texas City (Texas City, TX). The Stingarees come into the 5A-2 Region III District 12 challenge with a 8-1 record. In their last challenge, Texas City



Barbers Hill #89 J. Neall kicks a field goal in the second the game. Barbers Hill Eagles 22, Dayton Broncos 19.

nipped Port Neches-Groves (Port Neches, TX), 49-42, in a league challenge.

The Broncos now sport a 2-7 record. They take the field next when they host Kingwood Park for a 5A-2 Region III District 12 challenge on Friday, November 5. Dayton will meet a Panthers team coming off a 35-22 league win over Nederland (Nederland, TX). The Panthers record now stands at 3-6.

In the game Friday night between Barbers Hill and Dayton, the Eagles led in each quarter, and at half-time the score was 15-6. The Broncos missed 3 point-aftertouchdowns, or the score would have been much

Dayton scores on this 50 yard reception and run into

In individual stats, Eagles QB #9 B. Holdren was 13 for 29 in passing for a total of 162 yards. TDs were scored by #2 G. Hagler and #9 B. Holdren rushing, and #88 B. Thompson receiving.

The Broncos QB #7 B. Denton passed 21 of 32 for 331 yards, while  $\mathrm{TDs}$ were score by #1 D.

Washington rushing, and #5 A. Garner and #8 C. Cooper receiving.

On overall team performance. Dayton had a total of 4 sacks by the defense, and 1 interception. Barbers Hill had 1 interception, but no sacks.

In comparing the teams, in Rushing Barbers Hill had 270 yards, Dayton 117. In Passing, each team had 250 yards.

## Some Halloween Fun at MB City Hall



City of Mont Belvieu, Texas October 29

The Community Development department at City Hall brought all the fun to the office this morning. How creative are these domino costumes?

Okay, fine...we're going back to work now to make sure your permit requests are reviewed and the city stays on track

## **MAYES MIDDLETON Legislative Update**

## **CONCLUDES THIRD**

AUSTIN - After working late into the night, the Texas House adjourned Sine Die on the third called special session last Tuesday, Oct. 5. We have been in session nearly nonstop since January (one regular session and three special sessions), and many great things have been accomplished for our

Rep. Vasut and myself working to pass conservative legislation during the special session.

During the third special session, the Legislature passed the following con-

servative priorities: --Completed the redistricting process, crafting the new legislative and Congressional district maps following the 2020 Census



Rep. Vasut and myself working to pass conservative legislation during the special session.

--Appropriated funds received by the state under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

-- Protected the integrity of girls sports by ensuring that biological boys may not compete on girls sports teams

--Approved a constitutional amendment that will provide additional property tax

relief by raising the homestead exemption These legislative efforts build upon several months of accomplishments following our regular session earlier this year.

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### Houston Methodist Baytown

## Comprehensive Back and Neck Pain Treatment

BAYTOWN - (October 21, 2021) - Back and neck pain can progress from being simply a nuisance to a debilitating medical condition that impacts mobility and quality of life.

Back and neck pain may be whether it's mild, dull, an annoving ache, or persistent, severe, disabling pain, back and neck pain can greatly reduce your range of motion and, left unaddressed, impact virtually every aspect of your

Baytown area residents suffering from neck and back pain now have advanced, evidence-based options when it comes to treatment. The spine and nerve specialists at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital's Spine Program are experts in treating back and neck pain. The experienced team is here to guide you to finding relief

from back and neck pain, whether it is everyday discomfort or severe pain from a complex condition or injury.

Under the direction of Dr. Comron Saifi, orthopedic and spine surgeon with Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Baytown, the spine program offers:

• A multidisciplinary team of board-certified doctors and specialists

· Personalized treatment plans ranging from nonsurgical options to minimally invasive sur-

• Comprehensive care

Saifi says it's important to see a doctor when back or neck pain interferes with your daily life. "If you suffer from back

or neck pain, a thorough

DR. COMRON SAIFI

evaluation and treatment plan can help reduce pain and improve a patient's quality of life," Saifi said. "We spend time analyzing the underlying cause of your pain and then create a personalized treatment plan designed to improve your quality of life."

Back and neck pain may have many different causes, including overuse, strenuous activity, repetitive lifting, improper form,

trauma, degenerative disc or vertebrae conditions, protruding or herniated discs, joint problems such as arthritis, obesity and muscle tension or spasm. In addition to surgical

options, the Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital Spine Program offers a full range of treatments, including nonsurgical options like physical therapy, pain management, massage therapy and acupuncture. The staff includes spine care-specific nurse navigators to assist you in your journey to finding relief from back and neck pain and return to enjoying your everyday activities with less pain.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/ spine or call 281-427-7400. Houston Methodist Bay-

town Hospital screens all

those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office. Masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) are required while providing patient care, and we have reorganized waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing. We have also implemented additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces.

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub and provides first dose shots as well as boosters for those meeting FDA and CDC guidelines. Vaccines are open to everyone age 16 and older. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment visiting houstonmethodist.org/vac-

## 64th Annual Highlands JAMBOREE

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Superintendent Randal O'Brien, who was also the Highlands Chamber's Terry Davis Award winner

Also in the parade were Highlands Fire Department fire equipment, Constable Eagleton's cars and deputies, Miss Highlands and Jr. Miss Highlands, Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's staff, Chamber of Commerce lead car, First Baptist Church, GCM Dazzlers and Charms, Highlands softball and little league teams, Childrens' Pageant contestants, Shriners modified race cars, HJS Cheerleaders and Marching Band, a 4-H float with the Sweetheart & Beau, and even a lawnmower!.

Prize winning units are listed in a box on Page 1 of this issue. Judges for the Parade were Emmelee Lopez, Jorge Moreno, and Jennifer Woods McCann.

After the parade, activity moved to the Highlands Elementary School multipurpose room. There was a silent auction, exhibitors booths from Precinct 2, and vendors with food and

The highlight of the day was definitely the Child-Mister and Lil Miss strut-ting on-stage to the delight of the audience, filled with family and friends. Several hundred attended the show, taking pictures and cheering for their favorite child or grandchild.

Emcee for the Pageant was Miss Highlands Haley Maxey, with the assistance of Pageant Chairwoman Jessica Woods.



Parade Marshal Randal O'Brien following next



Chamber Director Jessica Woods leads the parade, with Highlands Fire Department equipment, sirens and lights flashing, thrilled the crowd and won an award for Best Non-Commercial float.



Newspaper editor Gil Hoffman discusses the Precinct 2 Plan for Highlands, with planning consultant Amanda Haney.



Precinct 2 Staff Gretchen Knowles and Tonya Kostka were on hand with information about programs for the public.



Emcees Haley Maxey and Jessica Woods kept the program moving, introducing children in the pageant.



### Thanksgiving is Thursday 11/25

Family Meal Special #1: \$155.00 Feeds 8-10

Glazed Spiral Ham or Baked Turkey, Chicken & Dressing (Full Pan), Green Bean Casserole (Full Pan), 24 Deviled Eggs, Gravy, 12 Rolls, 12 Pumpkin Whoopie Pies & 1 Gallon of Unsweet Tea

Family Meal Special #2: \$80.00 Feeds 4-6

Slices of Glazed Spiral Ham or Baked Turkey, 1/3 Pan of Chicken & Dressing, 1/3 Pan of Green Bean Casserole.

12 Deviled Eggs, 6 Rolls, 6 Pumpkin Whoopie Pies & 1 Gallon of Unsweet Tea Individual Meal: \$16.00

2 Pieces of Spiral Glazed Ham or Baked Turkey, Chicken & Dressing, Green Bean Casserole, 2 Deviled Eggs, 1 side of Gravy, 1 Roll & 1 Pumpkin Whoopie Pie

Al A Carte Items Feed 6-8

Green Bean Casserole: \$23.00 Broccoli & Rice Casserole: \$23.00 (Made with our Homemade Broccoli Cheese Soup Recipe)

Skillet Corn: \$17.00 Green Beans: \$17.00

Candied Yams: \$23.00

Chicken & Dressing: \$28.00 Cheesy Baked Asparagus \$23.00

1 qt of Gravy: \$10.00

2 Dozen Deviled Eggs: \$21.00

1 Dozen Rolls: \$11.00

1 Gallon or Raspberry or Peach Tea: \$7.00 1 Gallon of Sweet or Unsweet Tea: \$5.00

Party Trays Feed 10-12 Sandwich Tray on Croissant: (36 Pieces) \$45.00 Choose Chicken Salad, Tund Salad, Pimento Cheese, Turkey & Swiss or Ham & American (2 choices)

Assorted Party Tray: A Mixture of Fresh Fruit, Chicken Salad on Croissant, Pimento Cheese Wonton Cups & Stuffed Cherry Tomatoes \$75.00

Decorative Cookie Tray: (30 Cookies) Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Cookies, Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, Coconut Macaroons & Chocolate Drop Cookies \$38.50

**Desserts Feed 6-8** Chocolate, Lemon or Coconut Meringue Pie: \$21.00

Pumpkin Cheesecake: \$28.00

Pumpkin or Chocolate Whoopie Pies \$21.00 (1 dozen)

Large Loaves of Sweet Bread: \$10.00 (Banana Nut, Chocolate, Strawberry, Lemon Pecan, Lemon Poppy & Pumpkin) Get them Beautifully gift wrapped for \$14.95

Mandarin Orange Cake: \$22.00

Chocolate or Strawberry 4 Layer: \$28.00

Dips Feed 6-8

Baked Potato Dip served in Plastic Serving Bowl with 1 Bag of Ruff \$24.00

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## **BROTHER DUANE** nee: JOSEPH JAMES GREGORY

Brother Duane nee: Joseph James Gregory, was born on February 26, 1925, to the late Ignac John Gregory and Mary Virginia (Ripkowski) Gregory in New Waverly Texas. Brother is preceded in death by all his brothers and sisters, Edward Gregory, Marion Gregory (Stella), William Gregory (Frances), Hermon Gregory (Rita), Rosalee McCloskey, (Paul), Bernice Billiiot (George), Sadie Ulkie (Louis), Lucille Schmardl (Martin), Clara Machala (Stanley). Brother Duane is well remembered by numerous nieces and nephews as Uncle Joe.

Prior to entering the brothers of the Christian Schools, Brother served time in the Military during World War II. He received a Victory Ribbon, 2 Overseas Service Bars, and a Large Button for ARS Score

Brother entered the Novitiate in 1960 and made final vows in 1966. Prior to entering Religious Life Brother Duane received a B.B.S. degree from the University of Houston, in Houston Texas in

After spending some time in the Scholasticate (a college formation community) he was assigned to various



schools in the legacy district (NOSF) St. Paul's, Covington, on several occasions, De La Salle High School, New Orleans, LA, St. Michael's High School, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Archbishop Rummel High School, Metairie LA, and De La Salle-Christian Brothers Lafayette, LA either as an accountant or bookkeeper.

While at St. Paul's (besides being an Accountant) he was also the moderator of the St. Paul's Golf Team during his stay 1982-1986. He continued his love of golf through his active years. He enjoyed playing the Christian Brother's Golf Tournament each year. Even after he retired, he kept practicing putting in the Brother's House He loved to watch Golf matches on Saturday and was a faithful follower of the different

sports at St. Paul's. Brother Duane was an avid gardener and

while still in his younger days he cut the grass around the house and took pride in caring for the plants in the beautiful patio in the brother's courtyard.

of prayer had a great love of the Rosary and made a variety of prayer workshops, retreats, and pilgrim-

Brother Duane died very peacefully on October 15, 2021 at St. Tammany Hospital. The Brothers Community would like to thank the nurses CNA's, other staff members, the cooks, and Hospice for the gracious and loving care they gave to Brother Duane.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date followed by inurnment in St. Joseph Abbey Cemeterv

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#### JOE SCOTT PARKEY

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

> 402 Pineview Highlands, TX 77562

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 OCTOBER 28, 2021

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