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# What's Happening

*Community Events*

## December

**3rd Dayton Chamber Monthly Luncheon**

11:30 AM, Honey Bee Ranch

**7th Spirit of Christmas**

Dayton Community Center

11 AM Nutcracker Market

6 PM Parade

7 PM Tree Lighting and Festivities

**14th Farmers Market**

8 AM-11 AM The Dayton Crossroads

## January

**11th Farmers Market**

8 AM - 11AM The Dayton Crossroads

**16th Preventive Health Screenings by Life**

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# Dayton Family Life



## MEET THE YOUNG FAMILY

**T**ravis, Atina, Caeden, and Kailee Young, and their two dogs have lived in Dayton for 4 years as a family after moving back to the same town Travis grew up in. They moved to Dayton because they wanted to raise their kids in the small town atmosphere.

Travis and Atina Young have been married for 16 years after meeting in college. When asked how they met Travis said, "I saw her on campus one day when she started and asked her if she remembered me. She said no, but I knew she had. Lol. She said I pursued her, but it was the other way around." However, Atina said, "Only part of this story is true. I would like to say we pursued each other."

Both Travis and Atina attended Stephen F. Austin State University. Travis got his Bachelor of Arts in Communications and

then went on to get his Masters of Educational Administration at Prairie View A&M. Anita got her Bachelor of Science in Biology then went on to get her Master of Science in Educational Management at the University of Houston Clear Lake before getting her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership at Lamar University. Travis is the Executive Director of Student Services at Dayton ISD and Atina is a leadership specialist at Region 4 Education Service Center.



*"We instill the importance of education and perseverance in our children."*

Something unique about the family is both Atina and Travis' grandmothers were custodians in local school districts. Travis' grandmother in Dayton ISD and Atina's grandmother in Barbers Hill ISD. "It is a blessing for both of us to have continued the path in education and both, ultimately, being campus principals," Atina said. "We instill the importance of education and perseverance in our children." Travis is a former principal of Dayton HS and Atina is a former principal at Carroll Elementary in Sheldon ISD.



***“We moved to Dayton as a family, so that our kids could enjoy spending time with friends they go to school with, participate in community events, and be closer to family and friends,”***



Their son, Caeden, is 12 years old and attends Woodrow Wilson Junior High. He enjoys playing video games, acting, and modeling in his spare time. When he grows up, he wants to pursue a career in acting. Caeden also loves to play basketball and show livestock (swine and cattle).

“We moved to Dayton as a family, so that our kids could enjoy spending time with friends they went to school with, participate in community events, and be closer to family and friends,” Atina said. “We are excited to be able to see and experience the growth and spend more time in the community.” They love how everyone knows everyone in Dayton and no one’s a stranger. Also, one of their favorite places to eat in Dayton is Texas Seafood and Steakhouse.

Atina explained. “Everyone was able to pick a location and then we agreed on two as a group.” They have crossed off one destination on their bucket list so far after taking a trip to Disneyworld and are planning another trip for next year. They love to vacation anywhere near water or Disney related. Some other hobbies the family enjoys is watching movies, attending Rockets and Texans games, and cooking together.

Their daughter, Kailee, is 7 years old and attends Stephen F. Austin Elementary. “She loves to sing, play with her dolls, and torture her brother,” Atina said. Kailee also enjoys dancing at Dayton Dance Academy, and she is a member of Kate’s Dance Productions. When Kailee grows up, she wants to be a fashion designer and a makeup artist.

On the weekends, the kids participate in their hobbies and hang out with friends. When the family is not busy with work, school, and their extracurriculars they love to spend time as a family traveling. “This past New Year’s Eve we made a family travel bucket list of 10 places we’d like to travel to as a family,”

The family loves to spend their free time supporting Dayton Bronco events.





# Braised Beef Ribs



Submitted By:  
Katrina Brown

Preheat oven to 325 Degrees  
Get 5 lbs. of beef ribs and cut into individual ribs.

Sprinkle with salt, pepper and garlic powder on both sides.

Season 1 C of flour with 1 tsp. each of salt, pepper and garlic powder.

Heat 1/4 C of vegetable oil in skillet and dust the ribs with the seasoned flour and brown on both sides.

After browning, place the ribs in a roasting pan.

Dice 2 carrots, 2 ribs of celery, 1 small onion and mince 2 cloves of garlic.

Sprinkle the vegetables over the top of the ribs and pour about 1 C of broth over them.

Add 2 bay leaves, cover and make in the oven for about 3 hours.

# Rosemary Mashed Potatoes

Boil 2 lbs. of cubed red skin potatoes until tender and drain.

Place the potatoes back in to the hot pot and add 3/4 C. of milk, 1/2 C. butter, 1 tsp. salt, pepper, garlic powder and dried rosemary.  
Mix until smooth and creamy.

Put some potatoes in a dish, take a rib or two and lay over the potatoes, then spoon some of the pan sauce over the top and enjoy!



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# Bullying – The “Silent Killer”

**T**he medical community often talks about the “silent killers” of Americans; hypertension, heart disease, cancer, and diabetes affect thousands of people throughout the year. Campaigns and public service announcements flash across television screens and adorn pamphlet racks of a doctor’s office, all desperately trying to educate everyone on these costly, and often times, deadly medical conditions.

As a therapist that works with students, I say there is a “silent killer” that is lurking in the classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds of our schools. It is not the fear of a mass school shooting, or the anxiety-provoking albatross that is the STAAR test. It is the devastating, and often times neglected issue of bullying. The fear of being bullied, and the repercussions that are a direct result of bullying, is emotionally affecting thousands of students each school day.

So what can parents do to help decrease the likelihood their child experiences bullying and what warning signs can we look for to

help determine if their child is being targeted?

I feel the best thing parents can do to help their child not be the target of bullying is to nurture and develop a sense of confidence within the child. A child who projects an aura of confidence, shows and expresses a sense of leadership amongst their peers, I believe, is less likely to experience the wrath of a bully. Cultivating this sense of self-confidence within the child may very well be the best armor parents can equip their child with in fighting this battle.

But what if your child is being bullied? Kids will often let parents know of bullying situations, but sometimes they are either too embarrassed, ashamed, or may have been threatened not to tell. So, as parents, we have to play “detective” and look for signs that may suggest bullying.

Look for physical signs such as unexplained bruises, cuts, or scratches. Watch for torn or damaged clothing, books, or backpacks. Changes in appetite: either eating a lot right after coming home or eating very little, may

be a sign of bullying. Difficulty sleeping, especially on nights before a school day, may be a warning sign. Additionally, look for emotional signs such as anxiety, depression, or feeling afraid to go to school.

Lastly, listen to them. If they are trying to come up with physical or emotional excuses to avoid school, this could be a sign there is a problem.

No longer can we live by the mantra “Kids will be kids”. We need to understand what bullying is, and most imperatively, know how to help our kids if they become the victim of it. Their physical and emotional health depends on it.

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# So Do Not Fear

For I Am With You

# Do Not Be Dismayed

For I Am Your God

*Isaiah 41:10*

**H**ow do you respond when life gets difficult? The two ends of the spectrum are those who are seemingly immobilized in response to being overwhelmed vs. those who battle through obstacles like a wide receiver carrying the football 50 yards for a touchdown.

An alternative is found in the Spanish phrase 'que sera, sera' which means 'whatever will be will be'. There is spiritual wisdom in that expression that correlates to encouragement from the apostle Paul to Christians at the Church of Philippi:

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."***  
***(Philippians 4:6-7)***

For those who are driven by the need to DO something about the outcome (beyond what the task requires), surrendering "control" via give it to God can be frustrating. Fortunately, the apostle Paul also gave the Philippians specific actions to do in the subsequent passage:

***"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*** ***(Phil.4:8-9)***

Some may interpret Paul's instructions as simply a variation on positive thinking, however, context is king. Paul's words are specifically directed towards Christians who are spiritually grounded by belief and trust in Jesus Christ – the One who experienced the ultimate and unfathomable stress of knowing what was to come and then enduring death via crucifixion. Fortunately for mankind, He overcame death and was resurrected in order to facilitate eternal forgiveness for all who committed to be His followers.

It is reassuring to have the serenity that comes from knowing that God is real and that it is possible for those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior to have a personal relationship with Him via faith, prayer and biblical inspiration/instruction.

A sense of confidence manifests from knowing that this short life we live and what we say, think and do are important to and seen by God – and that He has loving intentions in His sovereignty over mankind. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah quotes God's reassurance for His people in (Isaiah 41:10):

***"So do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."***

The New Testament apostle Paul provides similar reassurance in Romans 8:28:

***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."***

When faced with overwhelming challenges, where do you turn?

Janette Goulder-Frick, Financial Administrator

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## REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Based out of the Rural Health Clinic with in Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center is a growing number of specialty physicians who can provide most all treatment options right here in town. Currently specialty clinic appointments are being offered by scheduling through the Liberty Dayton Medical Clinic at 936-336-9175. On May 1st, 2019, Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center hired all new Emergency Department Physicians. The hospital knew that there had been a long standing problem, and they were finally in a position in which they could make a change. Under new administration for the last few years, there have been many steps taken to operate more efficiently, produce better outcomes, and increase patient satisfaction, but none as rewarding as changing physicians. The move to new ER providers has significantly helped in all three categories. Dr. Kyle Sheets is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of Concord Medical Group. Concord Medical Group is the staffing agency Liberty Dayton has hired to provide physicians for the Emergency Department. Concord provides Emergency Physician coverage for nearly 100 hospitals in Texas. Concord is committed to not only providing the highest quality care, but to ensuring patients are provided an excellent patient experience in a timely manner.

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Dr. Hemali Patel is a doctor of podiatric medicine specializing in foot and ankle care. Dr. Patel is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and is frequently a guest lecturer at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio regarding diabetic limb salvage and diabetic wound care. Dr. Patel treats children and adults as well.



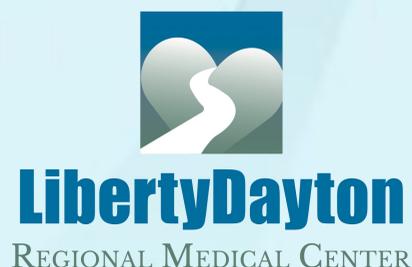
Dr. Mahajan is an interventional cardiologist who specializes in coronary artery disease, vascular disease, and acquired structural heart disease. Dr. Mahajan will see all patients age 16 and above.

**M**arch 2019, Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center began acquiring new, state of the art diagnostic radiology equipment. The largest piece of equipment is the Canon Aquilion Prime 80 Slice CT scanner. The new 80 slice machine is an upgrade from a 16-slice machine. Essentially, every rotation of the scanner produces 80 individual images or “slices” and is extremely fast. This scanner ranks one of the highest image qualities available on the market. It is truly a state of the art scanner. With this scanner come all of the CAT Scans that can be ordered, but it also features new preventative exams, such as lung cancer screenings and coronary calcium scoring. Non-invasive cardiac scans can now replace interventional cath procedures in a lower risk patient. Additionally, the scanner has extremely low radiation dosing, 1/10th of traditional CAT Scans and screenings produce about the same radiation dose of a standard x-ray. There are only a few other scanners in the Houston market that match the technologies and image quality available in this machine. Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center continues to expand on it’s full service line of X-Rays, Ultrasounds, CT Scans, MRIs, and now Interventional Procedures.



**I**n addition the acquisition of a new CT Scanner, new service lines are being offered at Liberty-Dayton Regional Medical Center. There is now a radiologist who specializes in diagnostic imaging on site two days a week. Interventional Radiology is offered weekly. Interventional Radiology specializes in pain injections, steroid injections, biopsies, aspirations, arthrograms, and a long list of vascular procedures such as varicose vein treatment and venous lysis and ablation. The Interventional Radiologists are available to consult with any doctors, including your primary care doctor, to answer questions about best treatment plans or for referral if needed. With the growing number of radiology exams being performed right here in our community, we are finding more and more need to provide the interventionalist services. There is a great need for pain management in our community that offers treatment other than medications. Interventional Radiology makes that possible.

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Board Member  
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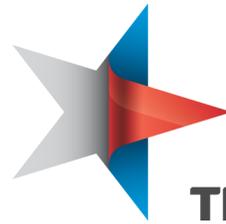
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# THE CROSSROADS

**T**he area in town called The Crossroads is pleasing to the eye today, but it wasn't always so. In January 2016, Mayor Jeff Lambright and Caroline Wadzeck collaborated to create a city advisory committee called the Dayton Enhancement Committee. It was composed of eleven members that were approved by City Council and its mission was/is to enhance the aesthetics of our city. They began by addressing one of the biggest eye sores in town – the weed grown lot beside the old Police Dept. building adjacent to Highway 90, our main corridor through town. The name Crossroads was suggested by one of the members in the earliest discussion and the name stuck.

In April 2016, the committee received permission from the City to proceed with plans and in May, curbing was poured to separate the lot from Highway 90. By June, the project was put on hold due to serious drainage problems that the City had to address but by August the committee was working on a visual plan for the lot and had decided that waysides or informational panels telling about Dayton's history would be included. After working on various components of the project, individual committee members selected one they wanted to develop and reported back with their recommendations. The committee would then give additional input and it would receive a majority vote of approval before they moved forward to another component.

In October the committee had a rough sketch of the area with landscaping and hard scape features. They enlisted the help of Clayton Bracey to make a professional

drawing and city workers began digging out a 4' wide sidewalk that connected with the one at Jack-in-the-Box and wound around to the Police Dept. City Council awarded a budget in January 2017, which combined with donations from individuals, enabled the committee to complete most of the work. Eagle Scout Hunter Alley assumed the task of constructing the pergola which is now almost complete.



Work on The Crossroads has progressed slowly, but is now in its final phase. Still to come is laying the brick "patio" in front of the pergola that will include engraved bricks honoring Dayton's first responders and public servants. Grass will be placed in the rest of the dirt area around the pergola, completing the project. In working on The Crossroads from the initial idea to almost completion, the committee came together as a close-working team. This is only one of many projects the DEC has now completed, but this was the one requiring the most planning and detailed work. The group is now launching a Mural/Street Art initiative and the West Memorial Mile project that will continue the beautiful crepe myrtle trees that you see on the east side of Hwy 90 coming into town from the river bottom, to the west side of Hwy 90 leaving town.





The committee that brought The Crossroads into being was:

- Mayor Jeff Lambright
- Alvin Burress
- Alan Conner
- Andy Conner
- Donna Jouette
- Charlotte Krigar
- Lee Krigar
- Cynthia Miller
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Engraved bricks are still being sold to honor first responders (Dayton firefighters, VFD ladies' auxiliary, policemen) and public servants (mayors, city council members) at a cost of \$100. Proceeds benefit the coming Fire/Police Museum.

Contact Alvin Burress 936-402-5875 or Caroline Wadzeck 936-402-3797.





# Adam King



**T**roop 8 Scout Adam King passed his Board of Review for Eagle Scout on April 26, 2019, thus obtaining scouting's highest honor, The Eagle Scout Award. He is the son of Billy King and Leslie Newton.

Under the leadership and guidance of Scoutmaster Paul D. Newton, Troop 8 sponsored by Eastgate Church of Dayton, King has been a member for six years and has earned 32 merit badges. As a BSA National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) graduate, he has served his troop over these years as Scribe, Historian, OA Representative, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and is currently the Senior Patrol Leader. King is an active Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society, serving as a past Chapter Chief of Hasinai Lodge and Delegate at the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in Bloomington, Ind.

As a member of Troop 8, King has camped over 120 nights in the outdoors having participated in numerous weekend campouts and attending camps at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in Fort Davis, TX, El Rancho Cima in Wimberley, Texas, Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Decatur, TX, Bear Creek Scout Reservation in Hunt, TX, and Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp in Athens, TX.



King is in the 12th grade at Dayton High School and has been active in both the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Business Professionals of America (BPA).

For his Eagle Scout community service project, King planned and executed a mapping of the historical Acie Cemetery in Dayton, Texas. This involved recording all the names, dates, and geographic location information from over 300 headstones and entering them into an online database where the Acie Cemetery Association could manage the grave plots and where the public can view the records online.

King is the 14th Eagle Scout to come from Troop 8 since its founding in 2005. A ceremony honoring King took place in August. Family and friends were invited to attend.



King continues to be active in Scouting and attended Philmont Scout Ranch for a 12-day backpacking trek this past summer with other Scouts from Troop 8. In 2020 King will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University.





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# 6 Reasons To Visit Your CPA Other Than For Tax Filings

**L**et's start here: most folks are not, and never wish to be, a tax professional. Fortunately, you don't need to be an expert. That's what your CPA is for. It's not just that they can do your taxes once a year--they can advise you before you make certain decisions so you can act as insightfully as possible. Here are five areas where having a CPA in your corner can save both money and sanity.

## 1. Buying or Selling a Home

If you've ever bought or sold a house, you know everyone wants a piece of the pie: realtors, lenders, brokers, etc. In many ways, getting into a new home can feel like taking the cage down into an ocean of sharks. But accountants are different; they're on the side of the customer. A CPA helps you understand how buying or selling a home might impact your income, taxes, and more.

## 2. Renting Out a Space

It takes fewer than 30 minutes to put a room on Airbnb. The downside to these easy-to-use income sources is that people often mistake "easy" for "no consequences." What may seem like a financial solution in the short term may turn out to be a tax fiasco later.

## 3. Household changes

If you normally file as single, consider calling your CPA when you decide to tie the knot. Depending on the income of a future spouse, you might be in a different tax bracket, and you'll want to adjust their withholding at work. Conversely, if you're separating from a spouse, it makes sense to do the same. When one of my clients gets divorced, particularly when they have children, I talk to them about things like alimony, deductions, and more.

Obviously having a child could impact your taxes or tax return. Additionally, if you're planning to hire a nanny, you may be entering into an employer-employee contract, wherein you're obligated to pay things like Social Security or Medicare. Adoptions--whether a domestic, foreign, or special needs adoption--come with their own list of tax implications. Many parents aren't aware that adopting a child may qualify them for certain tax credits or exemptions.

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## 4. Purchasing Big-Ticket Items

Buying a very expensive item like a boat, camper, or car also carries tax implications. But that's not where CPAs can lend the most wisdom. Instead, accountants can help answer the question: Where will the money come from? More than anyone, accountants know what repercussions can result when a client sells or moves mutual funds, stocks, 401(k)s, etc.

## 5. Starting a Business

CPAs can help you figure out what entity structure you should use, from a tax perspective. As your accountant and tax expert, they can look at client business proposals with a more practiced eye and ask questions a friend or family member may not think of. Besides advising you on entity structure, accountants can advise clients on budgets, go over operations, P&Ls, balance sheets, and recommend any software tools that could help manage your business better. You may also want to schedule quarterly check-ins

## 6. Switching Jobs

Many CPAs wish their clients would tell them ahead of time when they plan on switching jobs. You should be saying, "Hey, I'm leaving this job and starting this job, how should I fill out my payroll paperwork for the new company?" That's critical, because at the end of the year, you may owe tax money.

But withholdings aside, it's about saving you money as well. Recent tax law changes have reduced job-related deductions that used to be deductible. Maybe you're taking some classes as part of your new position and can write off that investment too. You can't always be the expert on deductions or exemptions, but a CPA is, and that expertise can give you a boost in negotiating that new job or career.



About Kathryn Sharp, CPA – Ms. Sharp opened her Dayton practice Dayton in October 2019. With a master's degree in tax and 20 plus years of experience in public practice and at NYSE companies, she brings a breadth of insights and services to the area. Go to [www.daytonxcpa.com](http://www.daytonxcpa.com) for more information.



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# From the Desk of the Executive Director



## Twentieth Anniversary!

**2**020 will be the year The Dayton Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 20th Anniversary. Even though I have only been here four years, I am so excited to be a part of this grand celebration. We have seen many changes over the last 20 years. We have had 19 Chamber Presidents and approximately 90 Board Members, many serving more than one term. Starting January 1st of 2020 Tammy Alexander, of the Dayton Police Department, will become our 20th Chamber President. We have had several great directors starting with our very first Director, Lester Ray Wisengerber. There have been many outstanding individuals who gave time, hard work, and planning, and financial support. To name a few Hall of Fame Members, John Otto, Boyd Arnold, Bob Edwards, John Simmons, Gene Touchstone, Aaron Holbrook, Cliff Richey, Bill Sjolander, Bubba Toler, Arlene Langham, and Leslie Herndon. Over time we have probably had more than 1000 different members come and go. The chamber would like to thank each and every one of these people from Board Presidents to members. It is because of great people like each of you that this chamber is the GREAT chamber it is today.

It was with great vision that the Dayton Chamber was formed. Although we shared a great partnership with the Liberty Chamber for many years and appreciated

their support and camaraderie, Dayton business leaders saw a need for our very own Dayton Chamber of Commerce. They had the foresight that Dayton was on an upward growth path. Growth, is exactly what we are experiencing today. The chamber looks forward to working with the city to ensure we grow at the right pace. Sometimes slow and steady wins the race. But as we grow it is of utmost importance to work with our current businesses to help them to grow and prosper. Therefore, we created Support Dayton, #LiveDaytonBeLocal program. We have yard signs and decals available to order if you would like to participate.

***“Our Mission is:  
Working together to build a  
Stronger community through  
networking, advocacy,  
and education.”***

Let us know what you think of this new magazine, Dayton Crossroads. It was created to showcase our city, community, and businesses. Be sure to look for your friends and family in it. You are more than welcome to share with us your event dates, recipes, and ideas. Also, we would love to have you as an advertiser. Call us for more information 936-257-2393 or visit us online <https://daytonchamber.com/chamber-magazine>.

As we look forward to 2020, we are currently working on budgets, events and how to best support our membership. Some of the things we are working on right now are:

**2020 Annual Banquet, February 1st.  
A Roaring Twenties / Speakeasy  
1st Responders Lunch, March 3rd  
Mug Bug Fest, April  
A Women’s Conference, June  
New Teachers Luncheon, End of July  
Taste of Dayton, September 10th  
Spirit of Christmas, December 5th**

These are just a few things in the works and of course, things are subject to change. 20 years in the making and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce is still making plans to achieve and advance to better serve our community and our membership. We ask for your support and help to achieve the goals of YOUR chamber. Remember this is the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, not the staff’s chamber but, Dayton’s Chamber. The staff and I are committed to helping you achieve your goals and ideas for the chamber. If you have thoughts and ideas my door is always open, please come and feel right at home.



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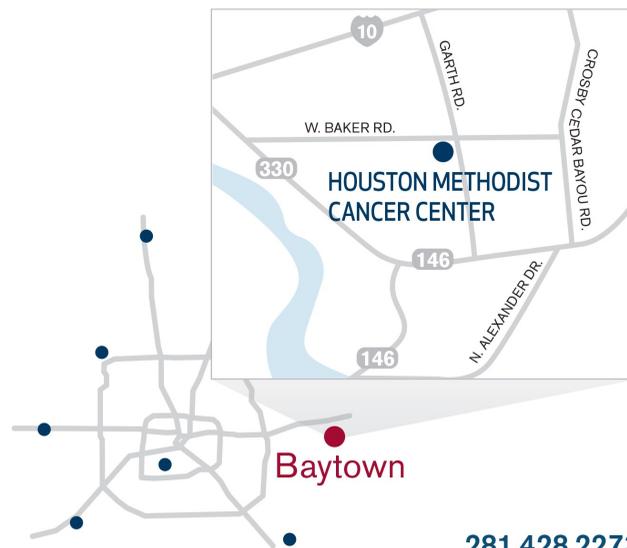


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