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Christmas Day
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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THU. DEC 19 Crosby Chamber Christmas Open House

Come help celebrate this Holiday Season at Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce. You are invited to the Open House and visit with other Chamber Members. There will be food, drinks and door prizes. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 5317 First Street, Crosby, Texas, 77532 (Chamber Office)

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec 20-Kerney Thomas
- Dec 22-Rusty Williamson
- Dec 23-Barbara Whitby
- Dec 24-Janice Loftin Russell Rach
- Dec 26-Rick Bobalik Belvia Courvelle
- Dec 27-Kathryn Dunlop
- Dec 28-Jocelyn Victoria Kmiecik Kyle Schultz
- Dec 29-Thomas Coward Darryl Foster
- Dec 31-Susan O'Neal

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- Dec. 19-Kitty & Bob Elkins
- Dec 20-David & Kathryn Dunlop
- Dec 21-Roger & Lisa Simmons
- Dec 25-Bill & JoAnn Turner
- Dec 28-Kyle & Tricia Schultz
- Dec 31-Raymond & Jean Oliver Ashley & Eric Clamon

DEATHS

DeMarco, Frank
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Celebrating Christmas in our communities



Santa visits Huffman to chat with the kids.



Highlands lights up with Christmas decorations.

Share your Christmas

The Share your Christmas project provides new clothing for students in need in the three area schools in Highlands. The idea was conceived 17 years ago by the Catholic daughters organization of Saint Jude's church. For a project to serve approximately 150 students each year, it must have the support of local churches, clubs, businesses and individuals.

The school counselors take time from their busy schedules to work up the list of eligible students and handle the parent contact

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Share your Christmas sponsors are Nadine Goodney and Theresa Cashion (Catholic Daughters), Phil'cid Grant (ZXP), Andy Scott (Rotary), Jaime Ruiz (ZXP), Claudia Birdsong (First Baptist Church), Nieketta Baptist (Hopper Counselor), Chrissa Teel (Tri-County Construction, Shiela McDonald (Rotary), Valerie Guerra (ZXP), Delene Cotten (Horizons)and Renee Stripling (Highlands Elementary counselor).

Clothe-A-Child warms area hearts



Pastor Keenan Smith of Crosby Church reminded his gathering of Christ Jesus' humble beginnings. He points out the giving of God from John 3:16 and says, "We just want to carry the true meaning of Christmas, is anyone ready to do some shopping?" Those attending helped the receiving families pick out school clothes and a toy. Families were chosen by Huffman ISD and Dayton ISD on Monday, and Crosby ISD and Sheldon ISD on Tuesday in an enriching experience helping others.

I-10 Bridge lanes to reopen in January

HIGHLANDS - TxDOT has announced that the Interstate I-10 highway lanes over the San Jacinto River will return to normal in January.

The lanes have been restricted since September when several barges hit the structural supports under the highway, and TxDOT had to close the westbound lanes.

On the weekend of January 3rd the westbound lanes will reopen, including the on-ramp at 4 corners, and on the weekend of January 10th the eastbound lanes will return to a normal 3 lanes plus shoulder.

TxDOT said that this was a month earlier than originally scheduled.



State Representative Briscoe Cain reported the opening schedule from under the highway on Facebook.

Sampson Lodge award to Sheila McDonald



Last Thursday night at their regular meeting, the Sampson Masonic Lodge #231 in Highlands awarded the Master Builder Award to Sheila McDonald, president of the Highlands Rotary Club, for service to the community. Sheila's father, a Mason, was present for the ceremony as well as a number of Rotarians and other Masons.

Fatal accident on Crosby-Lynchburg Road

EAST HARRIS COUNTY - A 19-year-old lost his life in an accident in the 10,600 block of Crosby-Lynchburg Road a few minutes into Sunday morning, Dec. 15.

Deputies indicate that Jeyson Torres, 19, was driving his brown Silverado when he tried to pass another vehicle. The witness said he then swerved to get back into his lane, realizing that traffic was oncoming. His attempted evasive action was judged by deputies to be faulty and his truck pitched into a counterclockwise yaw.

The truck left the roadway and slammed into two

trees at the east side of the roadway. Torres, evidently not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected as a result of the crash. Emergency crews found no sign of life on Torres.

Luis Sanchez however, the front side passenger was transported to L.B.J. Hospital in stable condition.

This case remains open and under investigation by Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Crimes Division. Deputy R. Sanders said they are investigating whether the driver was impaired causing the accident.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I have done a lot of things and went threw a lot during the past few years, my dog that I had a while ago got taken by some people and have been wanting another one even since then, though I might get another one sometime in the future. One thing more recently that has been bothering me is that my room has been destroyed and has been under construction for the past year now and had to sleep in the living room since then, and I wasn't able to have much privacy because of that. My brother had heart failier a couple of months back and had like 2 to 3 different surgeries. So I've been going threw a lot and I would help if I had a yeri microphone, and some good video capture card that could record video games in really high quality. Just so I could have some cool videos to have so I could just have something to occupie my time and look back on some times when I was having then.
Adam Hampton, 13 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you had a great year! I have been good I only got a couple conduct marks better than last year. Thank you for the presents last year I would like a nurf gun, bullets and a nedea. If I got that my heart would be blown up.
Merry Chrsitmas.
Brycen Schroden, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
How is everything going? I've been helping my mom. I really love the ipad. This year I would like a xbox one, I would love it! Merry Christmas!
Lane Landree, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
I hope your doing well! I will be on my best behavior. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I would love a phone and it will make me so happy. Merry Christmas Santa.
Madelyn Sebren, 9 years old

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like cupcakes and cake and a pex fish and cookies and a new backpack and a doll-house.
Zady bejarano, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like an Nintendo swich, Minecraft toys, phone, super Mario toys, Sonick toys, Lost Kitteys toys. I have been relly good this year. I helped my with chohres.
Anthony C., 8 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope you are doing well! I have improved a lot! I have good grades! Thank you for the dool you got me! This year I hope for a baby a live! I would share it a lot! And it would fill my hart with joy. Merry Christmas!
Kyndra Thompson, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I tried to do my best and I did king of good. Thank you for the Xbox 1 last year. This year can I get some books and Legos. And I will be really really happy! Merry Christmas!
Keegan Mcgee, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope you are doing well? I have been doing good with Reading! Thank you for the tablet last year. This year I would want a doll. I would be so thankful for it. Merry Christmas don't get sick yall.
Kalli Olree, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
How is everything going? I hope you are dping well! I try hard to be helpstu. Thank you for the stuff that you gave me last year! I really loved the pony! This year I want a intend sich. It wode make me happy! Merry Christmas!
Anabell Salinas, 8 years old

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★ SEASON'S GREETINGS ★

Napolis Italian Grill opens with Highlands ribbon cutting



NAPOLI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, on Main Street in Highlands is now open for patrons who want delicious Italian food. At the Chamber ribbon cutting: From left to right: Weston Cotton, Jaime Ruiz, Sarah Davis, John Vann, Michail Gkinos - Owner, Randy Casey, Angela Fela - Manager, Kathy Jaeger, LaNelle McKay, Betty Michalsky, Brenda Moore, Virginia Woods, and Jeanette Early.

Highlands choirs sing carols at Chamber, Rotary



Highlands Junior School choir singing at the Chamber Luncheon.



Highlands Elementary Choir singing at the Chamber Luncheon.



Highlands Elementary Choir singing at the Rotary Club luncheon. The choir director is Marsha Goodwin.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well! I have been getting AB honor roll and thank you for the phone you got me last year. And I would like a new phone this year and it would make me so happy. I would be grateful. Merry Christmas.

Alexiya Thomas, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you And Mrs. Claus. I have been helping my mom A lot. Thank you for the things

last year. I would like beybade Metal fusion toys, I would be 100% happy to get one. Thank you And Merry Christmas.

Eric Villareal, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I have been very good this year. I have been helping my mommy. Thank you for the bracelet last year. I really liked it. This year and I would love to have a Phone So I could call

my mom. I would be thankful of joy.

Hayden McMurray Dreyer, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like a New par of jeans and a New Small bed and a iPhone also a desk for my laptop and a chair. I have been really good this year I have been good because I say please and thank you to santa please and thank you.

Priscilla Lopez, 8 years old

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ROUND-UP

Santa in the City

Santa is coming to Mont Belvieu. Come see him and take pictures when he visits Eagle Point Recreation Center, Thursday, December 19, 2019 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Goss Memorial Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library

- Thursday, December 19 - 8:00 pm, Adult Book Club discussing *Catching Christmas* by Terri Blackstock

- Friday, December 20 - 10:00 am, PJs and Pancakes with Santa & Mrs. Claus, (ages 0-11)

- Library Fundraiser: Let us wrap your gifts for you while you help a good cause! Bring your unwrapped gifts 16"x12"x11" or smaller to the library and we will wrap them for you for just \$2.00 per gift. Wrapping paper will be provided or you can bring your own if you wish. Every Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - Noon beginning Tuesday, November 19 - Thursday, December 19.

Call Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu at 281-576-2245.

Boots and Bullets Event Tables Now Available

Get your boots ready to scoot, the annual Boots and Bullets event, benefitting the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department, is just around the corner. This premier Dayton event will take place on January 25, at 6 pm at the Dayton Community Center, featuring live music and dancing, silent and live auctions and raffles.

"We're really excited about how things are coming together. We're going to have some terrific entertainment and great auction items," said Captain John Coleman of the Dayton Police Department and event Co-Chair. "Everyone's guaranteed to have a good time."

Entertainment will be provided by Austin Tellez and local favorite, The Southern Breeze Band. VIP tables, which include a steak dinner, and wine or whiskey of choice, and Reserved tables should be reserved early; space is at a premium. The deadline to reserve a table is January 15. Tables seat 10. VIP Table for 10 people - \$500 (Include steak dinner, two bottles of

See *Boots & Bullets*, PAGE 8

A Merry Last Christmas from the San Jacinto Mall

By Jarrett Murray

The San Jacinto Mall hosted its "Merry Last Christmas" event on Saturday December 14th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. to commemorate 38 years of memories with one last Christmas celebration. With construction and the redevelopment of the shopping center underway, this event gave participants one last opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the mall.

The event included a giveaway for the first 100 people in line, face painting, a balloon artist, Santa Claus, and even a performance from the Goose Creek ISD Sterling Swing Choir. Crowd members reminisced by sharing some of their fondest memories at the mall over the microphone for all to hear. Later in the day, Santa Claus did a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas for the children. Some of the final shops remaining were open for holiday shopping during the event as well. Girl Scout

Troop 6021 was present during the event, offering gift wrapping services to help fund their 2020 United Kingdom trip.

The event closed with commemorative bricks from the Mall given away in a raffle. San Jacinto Mall is permanently closing its doors on January 5th, 2020. Some stores are expected to open in Fall 2020 as San Jacinto Marketplace is in development.



Goose Creek ISD Sterling Swing Choir at San Jacinto Mall Last Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 14
Photo by Jarrett Murray



Graphic design of new San Jacinto Marketplace

City of Mont Belvieu Christmas Lights



Residents in Mont Belvieu and surrounding areas can enjoy City's Christmas decorations. See Christmas Tree photo, page 10
Photo by Jarrett Murray

Brighter Days Assisted Living sends Season's Greetings



Merry Christmas from the residents of Brighter Days Assisted Living in Dayton

*** Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope you are doing well. I am doing good in reading I really need to try harder in math. Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I would like to have a LoL doll's and I will share it to my friend's and I will like to have a alppe watch and I really need it to call my mom when something goes wrong so pls. Zoeybeth Valencia, 9 years old

Winners announced in Dayton Christmas Tree competition

Winners in the City of Dayton's annual Christmas Tree Competition were announced this week after the votes were tallied at the city's Spirit of Christmas event.

Area organizations, individuals and groups decorate the trees, which are on display at the Dayton Community Center. Participants are asked to provide a donation amount of their choice. All donations go towards the Liberty County Bike for Kids program which provides Christmas assistance to Liberty County families.

Six judges and 273 public votes determined the winning trees:

Most Unique, Best Themed, Most Extreme & Peoples Choice Trees.

Special thanks go out to the events top donor, Dayton Electric.

The trees will be on display throughout the rest of the year.



Most Unique Tree: Pct. 4 Constable Robby Thornton.



Best Themed Tree: Pct. 4 Commissioner Leon Wilson.



Most Extreme & Peoples Choice Trees: HellRaisers (Winners in both categories).



Thank you Dayton Electric for being top donor.

★ SEASON'S GREETINGS ★

GCEFCU Helps Goose Creek CISD With Toys for Tots donation to Faith Family Church



Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union presents a check to Goose Creek CISD to help with the district's partnership with the Toys for Tots project, organized by Faith Family Church. Pictured are (from left) Jessica Rodriguez, GCEFCU business development coordinator; Kyle Ford, GCEFCU vice president; Pastor Tony Pena with Faith Family Church; Araceli Delacruz, student services director; Eloy Chapa, assistant superintendent for human resources; Julia Arceneaux, business development manager and Stella Gonzalez, student services secretary. Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Highlands Jr. wins District One Act Play Festival

Highlands Junior School celebrates receiving 1st place in the recent District UIL One Act Play Festival. Pictured are (first row, from left) Viridiana Nunez, Madison Collins, Jamie Finney, Alex Johnson, (second row, from left) Landon Trahan, Sofia Ramirez, Lilyanna Garcia, Kristine Richards (third row, from left) Tre Innocent, Kaylee Edwards, Ruben Fernandez, Lexi York, Omar Moreno, Hunter Teel, Robert Richard (Director), (top row, from left) Rosendo Escamilla, Ashley Gamble, Iyanna Guzman and Cody Mcanally (Assistant Director). Medals were presented to Viridiana Nunez for Most Outstanding Technician; Kaylee Edwards, Rosenda Escamilla and Madison Collins for Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; Sofia Ramirez and Hunter Teel for All-Star Cast and Ruben Fernandez for Best Actor.



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Dear Santa,
I would like some copic markers. I also want marker paper, a gig paper, little it's pet shop and a marker case. I've been good this year. I help my mom it's hard for beign the only parent.
Delilah, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like an hoodie. I would also like a head phones for my ps4. T have been really good this year. I changed my phone.
Icanryn Monce, 8 year old

Christmas in the Community,

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for the project. Sponsors shop for the clothing and gift wrap the items before delivering them to the schools. These sponsors give to the students with a joyful and loving attitude. They are a group of which we are all very proud.

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Phile'cid Grant (ZXP), Andy Scott (Rotary), Jaime Ruiz (ZXP), Claudia Birdsong (First Baptist Church), Nieketta Baptist (Hopper Counselor), Chrisa Teel (Tri-County Construction, Shiela McDonald (Rotary), Valerie Guerra (ZXP), Delene Cotten (Horizons) and Renee Stripling (Highlands Elementary counselor).

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? Santa am I a Bad kid or a good kid? Thank you for the toy I want. Santa I want a bowling pin and a bowling ball toy.
Jazmine, 9 years old.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? I am beign nice to my frins? Thank you for the Diary I like it? This year I wood want to have a Book. So I cam read The Book? Merry Christmas.
Greenlie, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
How is eveten. I Ben good Tese yery Thank you For the Ten Thes yery I wont A Netonses Anow p6t.
Raul, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
I Well like a Nintendo swech and a ps5 with fornite. I was graut.
Marcus Celestine, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? In school I act good I make a lot of friends and get good grades. Thank you for the piano last year. I really liked it. This year I want head-phones to have a mic and maybe some legos and a ps4. I feel like I deserve it a little bit and if you got me what I wanted for Christmas I'd be filled with joy J.
Gabriel Palacios, 8 years old


Season's Greetings from the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department



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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

**THOUGHTS FROM
HILLSIDE CHURCH**
By Dr. Mark Trice



The Rest of the Story

Christmas is coming. I know; there's no surprise here. You knew Christmas was coming back in October when decorations and craft items started hitting the store shelves. You knew it when the commercials started sneaking in even before Thanksgiving. Still, Christmas is almost here, and that's a good thing. Why? Because it's the time of year that often makes even those whose hearts are hardened toward God stop and think that maybe there's something to the story of the baby that changed the world.

The story of Jesus' birth will be told over and over again in coming days. Families and churches will read it in their Christmas gatherings. People will hear it on the radio as Christmas music shares the Word through both classic and contemporary lyrics. People will see it as they drive by nativity scenes in front yards. They'll even be exposed to the Christmas story in commercials and as they shop, because no matter how PC this world gets there will always be companies that use the true Christmas story to boost their sales.

But here's the deal: The baby in the manger is only the beginning of the story, and Christmas is our God-given chance, an open door for us to share the rest of the story. Christmas stops people in their tracks for a moment, turning their eyes to this One who came to change the world. When they pause, hesitating in their dash through increasingly busy lives, we gain the opportunity to make a genuine introduction, to help them understand who Jesus

Christ really is, and who He wants to be for them.

Let's not stop with the nativity this year; let's purpose in our hearts to share more, to take people further into the greatest story ever told. It's true that in most cases we only have that moment, that instant of hesitation as the nativity catches their eyes. However, a lot can be said in just a few words, words like, "Ag! It's wonderful to think that any father, especially God, would ask his son to be born for people like us knowing that he was doing it specifically so he could die for us. Ah

That wouldn't be enough to give them all of the answers, but it might be just what is needed to make them truly stop, to inspire them to start asking the right questions. Whether they ask you what you mean or go to Google for answers, your brief comment may be all it takes to trigger a sincere search and lead them to that one critical decision that will make all the difference in the rest of their story.

Christmas is a busy, noisy time, a time of rushing and laughing and listening to music that may or may not get the message right. In the midst of the busy-ness and noise, let's keep our eyes and ears open for opportunities to share the love that changed our lives. Let's remember God's purpose in sending His son, and listen for His promptings to do our part in helping others gain a greater understanding of what we really mean when we say, Merry Christmas!

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Dear Santa,
I would like an new Nintendo swich game the game Donkong. And a Hoverboard. And a fish. And do not fall off the roof!!!
Anthony Delgado, 9 years old

Behold! A Child Is Born

The parishioners of St. Jude Thaddeus in Highlands extend a warm greeting to those seeking a church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and share the blessings of another Nativity celebration. Parishioners, we are grateful for the support and encouragement we have received during this year.



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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019

MASSES

Christmas Eve Tuesday, Dec. 24

4:15 pm -- Christmas Carols
5:00 pm -- Vigil Mass
11:15 pm -- Christmas Carols
12:00 am -- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25

9:00 am English Mass
11:00 am Spanish Mass

New Year's Eve Tuesday, Dec. 31

8:30 am English Mass
6:30 pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

8:30 am English Mass
6:30 pm Bilingual Mass

★ OBITUARIES

Frank DeMarco

DeMarco, Frank, 87, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Joan (nee Powers) DeMarco. Loving father of Diane DeMarco & her husband Dave Manson, Frank DeMarco, and the late David DeMarco. Frank was an Army Veteran who served in the Korean War. He was also a proud Plant Supervisor for Continental Can Company. Friends will be received Thursday, December 19, from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Ippolito-Stellato Funeral Home, 425 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, Funeral Mass Thursday, 1:00PM, St.



Michael's R.C. Church, Lyndhurst. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Send condolences to stellatofuneralhomes.com

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Dear Santa,
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Jordan, 8 years old

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20,
King James Version

1: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2: (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3: And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18: And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



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Goose Creek CISD FFA students win awards



Goose Creek CISD FFA students participated in recent Leadership Development Events.

Goose Creek CISD FFA students competed in the recent Gulf Coast District Leadership Development Event (LDE) with some advancing to Area and one student earning the opportunity to compete at the State level. Cassie Rogers, freshman FFA Creed Speaker from Ross S. Sterling High School competed in the State FFA LDE December 6 at Sam Houston State University, placing in the top 24 for Junior Creed Speaking. There were 633 entries in this category from across the state.

To start out the competitions, students competed at the Gulf Coast District LDE at Turner High School in Pearland ISD. Goose Creek Memorial FFA students competed in Senior Skills (3rd place, advanced to Area); Junior Skills (3rd place, advanced to Area); Junior Quiz (1st place, advanced to Area); Ag Advocacy (3rd place, advanced to Area); Job Interview (4th place); Senior Quiz (6th place); GH Creed (6th place); Senior Creed; Public Relations and Radio Broadcasting.

Stuart Career Tech FFA students competed in Junior Creed Speaking (2nd place, advanced to Area); Junior Skills (5th place); Junior Quiz (4th place); Job Interview (6th Place); Radio (8th place) and Senior Skills (8th place).

Robert E. Lee High School FFA students competed in Ag Issues (3rd place, advanced to Area); GH Creed; Job Interview; Radio; Senior Creed; Senior Quiz and Senior Skills.

Sterling High School FFA students competed in Senior Skills (1st, advanced to Area); Junior Creed Speaking (1st, advanced to Area); Junior Skills (2nd place, advanced to Area); Senior Chapter Conducting (5th place); Senior Creed Speaking (4th place); Public Relations (5th place); Radio Broadcasting (5th place); Job Interview (11th place); Junior Chapter Conducting (4th place); Junior Quiz (12th place) and Senior Quiz.

Students advancing to the Area III Leadership Development Events competed November 15 at the Berry Center in Cypress. GCM competed in Senior Skills (7th place); Junior Skills (6th place); Junior Quiz (12th place) and Ag Advocacy (12th place).

Stuart Career Tech FFA competed in Junior Creed Speaking (12th place), and Lee FFA competed in AG Issues (12th place). Sterling FFA competed in Senior skills (8th place), Junior Skills (8th place) and Junior Creed Speaking (2nd place, advanced to State).



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Cassie Rogers performs the FFA Creed at the dedication of the John D. George Agriscience Center. Cassie, a freshman at Ross S. Sterling High School, competed in the State FFA LDE at Sam Houston State University, placing in the top 24 for Junior Creed Speaking from a field of 633 entries.

For the 2019 Texas FFA Leadership Events, there were 5,418 total entries, including 701 in Senior Creed Speaking; 635 in FFA Broadcasting; 633 in GH Creed Speaking and 488 in Job Interview.

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Avoid Holiday Heart Health Dangers

BAYTOWN — (December 13, 2019) — Studies consistently show the risk of heart attack increases during the holidays. Whether it's from overindulging at the table, to an increase in stress and reduction in exercise, the holiday season brings a virtual shopping list of lifestyle choices that can negatively impact your heart health.

According to Duke University researchers, during November, December and January, more people die from heart attacks than at any other time of the year.

Nadia Fida, MD, an advanced heart failure, pulmonary hypertension and cardiac transplant cardiologist and director of the Heart Failure Clinic at Houston Methodist Bay-



Dr. Nadia Fida

town Hospital, says it's possible to still enjoy the holidays while not increasing your risk of heart attack by avoiding four common dangers associated with the season.

Too much food and too little exercise

"Don't entirely forget about your healthy lifestyle, but a little indulgence on special occasions is generally not a problem," Fida said. She suggests substituting low-fat or nonfat yogurt for mayon-

naise in dips and dressings and replacing some of the bread in your stuffing recipe with chopped vegetables. She also recommends heading to the shopping center to do some holiday speed-shopping, or logging some miles around the neighborhood or walking trail.

Too much alcohol and smoke exposure

Parties can come fast and furious this time of year, but drinking too much alcohol can raise the level of some fats in the blood and increase the risk of high blood pressure, alcoholism, obesity, stroke, suicide and accidents. With more social gatherings during the holidays, the opportunities for exposure to secondhand smoke, which has been linked to cardiovascular-related

death and disability, increase.

Stress and anxiety

Whether it's coping with family dynamics, traveling, shopping, cooking, hosting or attending get togethers or worrying about holiday bills, relaxing during the holidays can be difficult. "Acute and chronic stress may contribute to high blood pressure. Relaxation techniques like deep breathing or taking a yoga class may help alleviate stress," Fida said. "Also, understand your limits and don't aim for being perfect."

Exposure to germs

Crowded malls, school plays, indoor parties and visiting relatives: It's no surprise that respiratory infections like colds and flu are more common during this time of year. "People

with heart disease have an increased risk for dying of complications from the flu, so if you haven't already gotten a flu shot, be sure to get one now," Fida said.

In addition, washing your hands frequently, getting enough sleep and making sure other family members are up to date on their vaccinations can also help to cut your risk. If you do get sick, be careful if you have high blood pressure and are taking cold medicines. Decongestants can raise your blood pressure.

For more information on steps you can take to improve your heart health, call 281-837-7587 or visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown to schedule an appointment with a Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital heart specialist.

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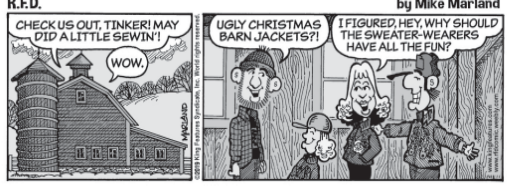
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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Grill fill
6 Easily split rock
12 Give in
13 Beer gut
14 Fitting
15 "Carnelot" role
16 First victim
17 Bullets and such
19 Big bother
20 Director Kazan
22 Unruly group
24 Trouble
27 Taj Mahal city
29 "– Mis-labeled!"
32 New Orleans neighborhood
35 Criterion
36 Yanks
37 Sauce source
38 That girl
40 Send forth
42 Raw rock
44 Sheltered
46 Capri, e.g.
50 Swiss city
52 Country
54 TV's Superman portrayer
55 Nasal qualities
56 First-born
57 Have a hunch

DOWN
1 "– Your Enthusiasm"
2 Reed instrument
3 More than enough
4 Whopper
5 Unwavering
6 Unwanted email
7 Ricochet, in billiards
8 Shack
9 Occupies
10 Gulf War missile
11 "Comin' – the Rye"
12 Masseur's workplace
18 Theater canopy
21 Fond du – Wis.
23 Scull need
24 Starward
25 Anger
26 Diminished
28 Increases
30 Ultramodernist
31 Have a go at
33 Ultimate
34 "– was saying..."
39 Icicles' homes
41 Saturn's largest moon
42 Storybook baddie
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47 Deadly septet
48 Playgirs' box
49 Type measures
51 Previous night
53 Shock and –

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GOVERNMENT: When was the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency founded?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What gift arrives on the 10th day in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- MOVIES: What was the name of Shirley MacLaine's character in "Terms of Endearment"?
- PERSONALITIES: At which sport did Babe Didrikson Zaharias excel in the 1940s?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How do baleen whales eat?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which early American statesman once said, "A good conscience is a continual Christmas"?
- MUSIC: Which singer was nicknamed "The Material Girl" in the 1980s?
- BIBLE: What was Moses' wife's name?
- INVENTIONS: Who is credited with discovering X-rays?
- MEDICAL: What does the Ishihara test gauge?

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Ilany, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
I've been a excellent student. I have been

helping other people. But what I'm gonna tell you is not for me it's for all the homeless people. They are on the street cold with very little to eat or clothes to wear. So please Santa help them.
Daniela Vallejo, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like an hover board I would also like a phone case for my phone have been really good this year. I was a good

boy this year kept my room clean.
Aiden Gonzalez Pet, 9 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a little naughty but I will do better. Although I did very well on my last report card. I know I can do better. All I want for Christmas is for you to help the homeless people get shelter and food.
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