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IN THE STARS

EVENTS Vacation Schedule

The STAR COURIER will be on Holiday vacation, from Dec. 20 through Dec. 31. The next issue of the newspaper will be published on Jan. 6, 2022.

Please continue to submit to grafikstar@aol.com. Contact number is 713-252-8000.

DEC. 17-19 Santa tours thru Crosby areas

Crosby Volunteer Fire Department

Operation Santa is this Friday through Sunday evenings in neighborhoods throughout the Crosby area. Each night we start as close to 6:00 PM as possible. Please note there were some route changes this year. Please find the nearest intersection and make plans to await Santa's arrival there. Please keep in mind the following:

- 1) Please park along side streets and not on the direct route. Congested roadways can slow down the progress of the parade.
- 2) Bring snacks, hot chocolate, coffee, etc. and make it a fun night waiting for Santa's arrival!
- 3) Santa loves to hug kids and give high fives! He even takes pictures at stops along the route. Please be mindful of others and take only 1 or 2 photos allowing others quick access to Santa. Santa has many children to see on these nights and we want to be mindful of others along the route.
- 4) Please keep a watchful eye on your children if they are near the roadway. We will have many large fire apparatus in the procession, and do not want to place a little at risk.

We look forward to another magical time this year! MAPS ON FACEBOOK...

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec 17 - Tim Dammon
Helen Dunks
Brandon Tappan
Laurie Delome
Dec 18 - Mikey Martin
Pauline Shields
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

ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec 17 - George & Stachia R. Thurmond
Zorro & Katie Soto
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

Santa arrives in Highlands on Fire Truck

HIGHLANDS - A warm, balmy evening was the start of the Holiday season in Highlands last Tuesday night, Dec. 7th.

Several hundred children and parents turned out at the park on San Jacinto Street, to see Santa Claus arrive on a Highlands Fire Truck. The truck also made a tour of residential neighborhoods first, as Santa waved to the children along the streets.

A line of children formed under the decorative arches, and along the avenue of decorated Christmas trees, to have a chance to talk with Santa about their wish list, and have their photo taken.

Hot chocolate was served by the Rotary Club, and Cookies by the Highlands Horizons club.



ABOVE: Santa sits in the pavilion at the end of the path through the colorful Holiday arches, and along the path of the decorated Christmas Trees.

LEFT: Santa waves from the Highlands Fire Department truck, as he arrives at the Park. Also riding with Santa was Miss Highlands, Haley Maxey. (Photos courtesy Highlands Chamber).

Cougars' successful season ends in Semifinals

Liberty Hill 42 - Crosby 14

By Allan Jamail

Bryan, TX, Friday, December 10, 2021 Crosby Cougars lost to Liberty Hill 42-14 in a Class 5A Division II semi-final rematch at the Merrill Green Stadium snapping their 12-game winning streak and ending with a 12-3 record. The games Team Captains were Braden Womack, Cyrin Myles, Kameron Kirkwood & McCoy Casey.

Last season it was the Cougars who won against the Panthers. In the semifinals last year, Crosby



Cyrin Myles, Cougars sophomore quarterback lays on the field inches short of the goal for the game's first touchdown. Photo by Allan Jamail

won with a 62-61 overtime victory after the Panthers fumbled the ball inside the 1-yard-line on the 2-point conversion to try to win it. Crosby lost the state title

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Crosby Cougars take the field against Liberty Hill Panthers in a Class 5A Division II semi-final rematch at Bryan's Merrill Green Stadium. Photo by Allan Jamail

Rotary Chili Feast set for Feb. 5th

HIGHLANDS - The Rotary Club is preparing to hold their 47th Annual Chili Feast, on Saturday, February 5. A chili lunch will be served from 11 am to 3 pm or until the chili runs out, according to Chili Feast chairman Andy Scott. A live auction will take place starting at 12:30 pm.

The event is being held at the St. Jude's Catholic Church social hall. The club president, Jerry Fallin, said that the raffle and chili feast will be held with COVID-19 protocol followed.

The club members are continuing to sell raffle tickets. There are 700 tickets available for a \$100 donation. A ticket



Winner of the Chili Feast Raffle will have their choice of a 2022 Chevy Trailblazer or a 2022 Chevy Equinox SUV, from Turner Chevrolet.

entitles you to two bowls of "Chester's Famous Recipe" chili, and a chance to win one of 17 raffle prizes, all worth

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Crosby Superintendent's message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

It's a great time to be a Crosby Cougar! I am so proud that our Crosby High School varsity football team finished a record-breaking season this month. Playing in the state semifinals in back-to-back seasons is remarkable. No other Crosby Cougar team has done that before. It took grit and determination to tell the world the Cougars are the best of the best. Our student-athletes are made of iron; they worked hard with a sense of purpose and so much heart. Even though we didn't make it to the State Championship, the 2021 football season is one for the record books: most points scored in a game or a playoff game (72); most consecutive wins in a season (12); most points scored in a season (677); and state semifinalists in back-to-back seasons.

Let me take a moment to thank



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

Athletic Director and Head Coach Jerry Prieto. He was named Coach of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Houston. I had the honor of attending the awards dinner earlier

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Letters to Santa

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I help in the kitchen, and I also help my dad to give the food to our dogs and chickens. For Christmas I want nails and a iron that you put on your hair like little bit rocks, and I also want a book that it has a mermaid that you can change the clothes. Thank you, Amy.

Dear Santa, I love christmas I want a lol house and a hachmals fly and lols pig and barbed, Kinley.

ear Santa, How are your ranger? I was a lettuce SoDr for cosmos. I sow at sis mostcus. Luke,

Dear Santa, I have been good. I help my little brother clean his room everyday that it is messy. I help my sister take care or my little brother at home. I help my mom wash dishes at home.I would like the skateboard that is teal and enemy. Stenho; scegris for my family gloss and thank you, Santa Clos. Love, Kaylani.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been a good boy, because I clean up. I also help my mom what she says. For Christmas I would like a piano please. Thank you, Fans.

ear Santa, How are your reindeer? I have been a good boy today and I LOVE Christmas. I want a Firebalsby. Luke, 7 years old.

Dear Santa, Wht is it like at Nufl Puot? Can I hav crayons, Can I hav Sillycents, Can I hav bike, Can I hav tBises, Can I hav Xbox, Can I hav a ... Morgan, 7 years old.

Dear Santa, I ben good. Be KS. I hop my mom mk

Dear Santa, I want for Crism is a pig LOL and a skateboard. Ray, 6 years old.

Dear Santa, Haw are you? Haw are rarders in the NOR PLL? Can you a tteickop and RC plan. Orian, 6 years old.

Dear Santa, How are eu and deers. Could I please hav a good toys. Love, Travis, 6 years old.

Dear Santa, How are you? I'm good. How are your reindeers doing? I want a Nintendo switch and a Ryan egg and a rainbow dash doll and a elf on the shelf toy and a buzz lightyear toy that talks. I want these cause I'm trying to be a good girl this year.Chloe.

Dear Santa, Can I please have a scapbardand a nodwearings and a fidget spinner please. Avxmy, 6 years old.

Dear Santa, A baby tots doll, a Brbey doll. Please and thank you. Devan, 7 years old.

Dear Santa, I wnun Mario game, lego, Mario puppy, a fish, sonic mania plus PS3 and sonic granrasn. It's me Mario maker. Cason, 6 years old.

Dear Santa, Megalodon RC car that goes on water and land. Some gummy bears and that's it. Jayden.

Dear Santa, I want a it pops and a bit kit fairs book, and a have bold. I love you the most. Noon, 7 years old.

Dear Santa, I want a Lol doll, Padaly, I want a Bobe Dol, Prise slag. Makynzie, 6 years old.

Dear Santa, A ef buk. A fak ef. A babeyg. A baner toy, a slim ki. A toy bog. Srdner, 6 years old.

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Dear Santa, Can I please have a LOL and puppy and ramps. Emily, 6 years old.

From Our Family to Yours, Best Wishes for the New Year



Joe Stephens and family

Best Wishes for the Holidays



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Mont Belvieu SANTA in the City

SANTA IS COMING TO YOU! This year, Santa is coming to you! With the help from the Mont Belvieu Fire Department and various other city departments, Santa will be given the grand tour of Mont Belvieu by fire truck so he knows exactly where all of his stops will be on Christmas night. Get a special sneak peek of Santa right from your neighborhood during his tour and give a wave or a shout to let him know that we won't let a silly virus take away our Christmas!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
Icet Creek Crossing Cottonwood Reserve at Champions Estate Lakes of Champions Lakes of Champions Santa in the City - Night 3

Eagle Pointe Pictures with SANTA

December 17th - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex
Stop by the Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex Event Center for a quick photo opportunity with Santa! Crafts and hot cocoa will be available for children on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Chambers Landfill Holiday Schedule

Please make note of the following adjusted holiday hours of operation for the Chambers County Landfill and Box Sites.
Thanksgiving Day - All Facilities Closed
Christmas Eve - All Facilities Closed
Christmas Day - All Facilities Closed
Thank you and have a happy holiday season.

Shane Clausen to Be Honored at JDRF Gala

BAYTOWN — (December 14, 2021) — Like many people diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, Baytown resident Shane Clausen has become an expert at navigating the challenges caused by the disease.

Clausen, who was born in La Porte and has lived in Baytown since 1994, received the Type 1 diabetes diagnosis when he was 11 years old and learned quickly that being educated about the disease is the key to living with the chronic condition that affects an estimated 415 million people worldwide.



The Clausen Family (from left) daughter-in-law Hannah, Ben, Megan, Shane and Kathi

"We manage my diabetes, but I do not let it dictate what is happening in my life," Clausen said. "When I was first diagnosed, my parents studied everything about it to make sure I took care of myself and that I had the best doctors and support

system possible."

Clausen, a vice president and senior sales executive with Fiserv, a banking technology firm, will talk about the challenges of living with diabetes in his role as honoree of the annual JDRF Gala, scheduled for January 15, 2022 at Houston's Royal Sonesta Hotel. The event benefits the JDRF's mission of supporting diabetes patients and their families by funding research into new therapies and community programs. Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is a sponsor of the event.

"I do not really feel like I deserve to be honored," Clausen said, "but I am thankful for the people who support the event to raise money to find a cure and to provide better alternatives for care."

A product of La Porte High School who attended Lee College before earning a finance degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Clausen has not allowed diabetes to slow him down and has maintained an active lifestyle throughout his life in part because his family and friends are also informed about the disease.

"When I was younger, my parents never let it stop me from doing anything I wanted to do; they preached that I have to acknowledge the issue and be prepared. My friends know that I have it and no matter what we're doing boating, scuba diving, snow skiing, etc.—they prepare like I do just in case I need sugar or a reminder to check

my blood sugar," Clausen said.

Clausen has been a regular at the annual gala since attending his first in 1996. Over the years, he has seen many improvements in diabetes treatment, the most significant being advanced insulin delivery systems and blood monitoring devices. He now wears a device on his arm that syncs with his phone that monitors his blood sugar; eliminating the need for annoying finger pricks.

He and Kathi have been married since 1994 and have two adult children (Ben and Megan). He credits her for helping him maintain his health.

"Kathi is my partner in this journey and is up to date on what's going on with me," he said. "She can often tell me things about me before I realize it."

The gala features dinner, a silent auction and dancing, as well as a wide variety of unique and silent auction items, most of which are provided by area residents and businesses. This year's items include group wine tasting outings, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo tickets, group golf packages, Houston Rockets tickets, jewelry, travel packages and more.

For information on sponsorship opportunities or tickets, contact Laurie Terry, Houston Methodist Baytown director of business development, at 281-420-8459 or laterry@houstonmethodist.org.

Nutcracker Ballet Returns to Lee College Dec. 17-19

A Baytown Christmas tradition has returned in full splendor to the Lee College Performing Arts Center. Three performances of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker will be presented at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18, and a matinee performance on Sunday, December 19 at 2:30 p.m.

The renowned 1892 ballet, set on Christmas Eve, will be performed by the Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre in a spectacular production in partnership with Lee College at the college's performing arts center (PAC).

"We are so excited to announce 'the PAC is back!' said Dr. Angela Oriano-Bradshaw, Lee College Vice President for College Advancement and the Director of the Performing Arts Center. "There is no better time than now to enjoy a family favorite holiday tradition, right here in our hometown," she added.

In addition, as an added special treat, Sugar Plum Fairy Teas will be held December 18 at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. Families and children will be invited to attend in their best-dressed tea attire and join for fun with the Sugar Plum



Fairies and the cast of The Nutcracker. The event will be held in the lobby of the performing arts center and \$25 tickets are available at lee.edu/pac, or by calling 281.425.6311.

Tickets for performances of The Nutcracker are also available at lee.edu/pac and are \$25 and \$35.

Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

Safeguarding Against GERD

BAYTOWN — (December 9, 2021) — An estimated two-thirds of all adults get occasional heartburn. But for some 15 million Americans, including pregnant women and even children, heartburn is a frequent, even daily, ailment. Worse, it's often accompanied by chest and abdominal pain, hoarseness, coughing and difficulty swallowing.

Doctors call this group of chronic symptoms gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD. Left untreated, GERD can result in Barrett's esophagus, a chronic inflammation of the esophageal lining that causes cancer in a small percentage of cases. Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital gastroenterologist Dr. Yassir Ashraf says the good news is that in nine out of every 10 cases, physicians can treat GERD effectively.

GERD develops in people with a weakened sphincter—the ring of muscle that keeps stomach acid from refluxing back into the food pipe.

"Normally, the sphincter stays tightly sealed; when it leaks, we get heartburn," Ashraf said.

"In GERD, the sphincter becomes weak and stomach acid begins to continually scald and damage the tender esophageal lining."

Experts don't fully understand what causes reflux disease. Some people with GERD don't have heartburn, for example—though it's the disease's hallmark.

People with a hiatal hernia, in which the upper part of the stomach extends above the diaphragm, have a higher risk of developing GERD. Other likely culprits include:

- Asthma.** Half of all asthma sufferers get GERD. Though the reason is unclear, doctors think asthma-related coughing and sneezing, as well as bronchodilator medication, somehow weaken the sphincter.
- Ulcer treatment.** Up to 30 percent of people who take medicine to rid the stomach of peptic ulcer causing Helicobacter pylori (H.pylori) bacteria go on to develop GERD. Some experts think H. pylori, which neutralizes stomach acids, somehow protects against reflux, and ulcer drugs may remove this protection.
- Crohn's disease.**



DR. YASSIR ASHRAF

This inflammatory condition usually attacks the small intestine, but Crohn's can strike the esophagus and, researchers suspect, foster the onset of GERD.

Thankfully, many GERD cases respond to lifestyle changes, medication or both. Typical therapies include:

- Lifestyle changes** such as avoiding foods and beverages that trigger heartburn, changing meal times and eating habits, losing weight and sleeping with the head somewhat elevated
- Not smoking or drinking alcohol**—both weaken the sphincter
- Medications** like antacids; over-the-counter H2

blockers—Tagamet HB, Pepcid AC or Zantac—which slow acid production; proton pump inhibitors, like Prilosec or Nexium, which stop acid production; prokinetics to tone and strengthen the sphincter; or drugs that coat irritated esophageal linings.

"If you're having frequent heartburn or abdominal pain or have taken antacids for more than two weeks without relief, see your doctor," Ashraf said. "While there, be sure to list all the prescription and over-the-counter drugs you are taking. Muscle relaxants, pain relievers, hormones or high blood pressure medications can cause or worsen GERD symptoms."

Endoscopic procedures and surgery as a last resort can often improve more difficult cases of GERD and Barrett's esophagus. Doctors can explore the affected area with an endoscope, a miniature camera device that can also take tissue samples. Another test, the barium swallow radiograph, provides an X-ray outline of the esophagus and can detect hiatal hernia and severe inflammation.

Ashraf says the standard surgical procedure, called Nissen fundoplication, wraps excess stomach tissue around the sphincter to strengthen it. Newer procedures place either stitches or tiny cuts on the sphincter, leaving scar tissue that firms and toughens the passageway into the stomach. Lasers are now being used to burn away Barrett's cells so the esophagus can heal.

The specialists with Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates at Baytown provide care for a full range of gastrointestinal conditions, including peptic ulcers, irritable bowel syndrome, chronic diarrhea and fatty liver disease. For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-422-7970.

Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub and provides first dose shots, including for children ages 5-11, as well as boosters for those meeting FDA and CDC guidelines. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.

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.



Cougars' successful season ends in Semifinals

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Crosby's head coach Jerry Prieto (center) gives some inspirational words to the disappointed Cougars after losing in the semi-final playoffs. He congratulated the team for their winning season of a perfect 7-0 district win record. Photo by Allan Jamail

game to Aledo the following week in Arlington.

Crosby won the coin flip and deferred wanting to kickoff to the Panthers so they could open the second half receiving the kickoff. Crosby's defense held the Panthers forcing them to punt. Things looked good for the Cougars as they marched down the field near the goal when quarterback (QB) Cyrin Myles run came up inches short of the goal (see photo). On the next play when the ball was centered Myles couldn't control it and a Panther pounced on it stopping what would have put the Cougars ahead for the game's first score.

The turnover fired up the Panthers as they marched down the field scoring a touchdown (TD) with 3 minutes before 1st quarter's end. They scored two more times before half-time keeping the Cougars scoreless with a 21-0 lead.

The Cougars took the 2nd half kickoff but couldn't move the ball and



Crosby's senior wide receiver Kameran Kirkwood stretches the ball across the goal from a pass from Cyrin Myles with 55 seconds left in the third quarter for a TD. Photo by Allan Jamail

had to punt. Both teams exchanged a couple punts. With 4 minutes into the 3rd quarter Crosby fumble again, it was picked up

by Panther's defensive end Aaron Brewer and returned 27 yds for TD taking the lead to 28-0.

Crosby's only points came in the final minutes of the 3rd quarter. Wide receiver Kameran Kirkwood took a

Crosby Superintendent's Message,

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this month. Coach Prieto exemplifies what a leader should be. He cares for the team as a family. I've talked to players who've told me they feel loved, supported, and championed by a head coach who cares. It has been my pleasure to watch Coach Prieto on the sidelines remaining steadfast during games that looked like they would not end in Crosby's favor. He doesn't let up, and our team doesn't let up. We can't wait for next season.

I've spoken before about visibility, and why it's so important for me to attend as many student events as I can. I care about Crosby ISD. Crosby is not only where I grew up and attended school, but it's where I started my career in education. The spark of seeing students flourish is something I treasure each day as your Superintendent. I was so impressed by the Crosby High School swim team during their recent meet in Galena Park. I had a chance to visit with the fans and parents cheering them on poolside. I'll be a fan in the stands anytime for my kiddos!

I recently had the pleasure to attend the Crosby High School Band's Winter Concert at CHS. The commitment these students make to mastering their instruments is always a joy to watch. Students may not realize how proud they are making all of us, but their parents and the entire Crosby / Barrett Station communities couldn't be prouder.

Also, this month, the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees recognized a dozen student groups for achievements during the fall semester. My heart beamed as we celebrated: our National Merit scholars; FFA students who competed in Area Leadership Development Events; Art students who had the opportunity to display their art in a professional gallery; and JROTC cadets, including three who earned first place trophies in extreme marksmanship competition. We also saluted fall sports for great seasons: tennis, cross country, and the volleyball team who made it to the first round of the playoffs. I often tell Crosby ISD students that no matter your ability, please continue to showcase your talents. You have our entire communities supporting you and watching you grow.

Finally, I have a request for our Crosby ISD families, students, and staff members. Christmas is right around the corner. Take time to practice self-care over the holiday break. Rest, reset, and recharge as much as you can. I am so grateful for what we've accomplished the last four months. I look forward to seeing what we achieve next.

This is Now! Go Coogs! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Rotary Chili Feast,

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more than the \$100 ticket price.

Club members are also selling Chili lunches only, for \$10. Great for extra hungry folks, or to take home for later.

This annual event is a high point for many in the community, who see their friends at least this one time each year, and catch up with stories. It also has great good, and quality auction items.

Raffle prizes this year include gift cards, a 32" television, portable ice maker, battery charger, Beats wireless headphones, an air fryer, a 65 qt. Artic cooler, a shotgun, a 28" Black Stone Cooker, an outdoor Propane Fire Pit, a 6.5 Rifle, a 55" Smart TV, and of course the grand prize, a new Chevrolet vehicle, the winner's choice of a 2022 Chevy Trailblazer or a 2022 Chevy Equinox SUV.

The Highlands Rotary Club uses the proceeds from the Chili Feast for community projects, such as scholarships, library, and fire departments, as well as scouts and other organizations. Last year they purchased a van to facilitate a mobile library for the community with the help of the Stratford branch library.

The Highlands Rotary Club is now 73 years old, having been chartered in 1948. Fundraising for community projects over all those years has amounted to almost \$1,000,000. Much of this

was returned in scholarships, as the club annually awards about \$30,000 to graduating seniors and college students. The club actively supports our local schools, including Interact clubs at Chinquapin and Goose Creek Memorial.

The club members are selling raffle tickets and welcome your support. Contact Tricia Scott at 281-426-3558 for information on how to acquire a ticket.

The club is always looking for new members, also, if you would like to join others in community projects and fellowship.

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CHRISTMAS IN HIGHLANDS



Letters to Santa



AVENUE OF DECORATED TREES IN HERITAGE PARK ON SAN JACINTO STREET, WITH SANTA IN THE GAZEBO.



DELENE COTTEN AND THE HIGHLANDS HORIZONS SERVING COOKIES, WITH THE ROTARY CLUB IN THE BACKGROUND SERVING HOT CHOCOLATE.



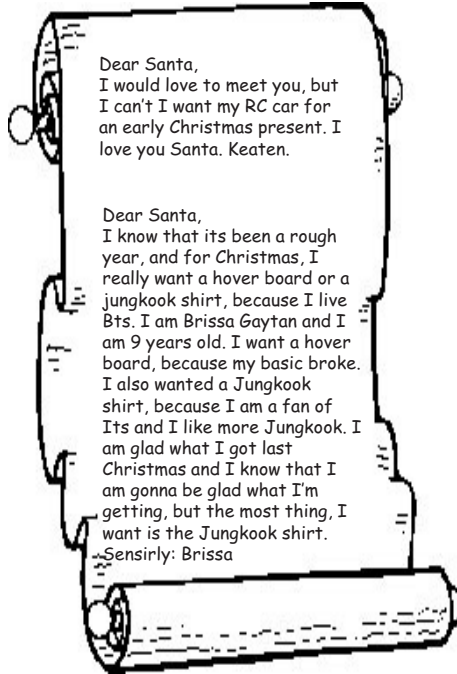
SANTA IN THE GAZEBO, WITH JESSICA WOODS, MR. & MRS. RANDAL O'BRIEN, CHRISSA TEEL, AND JR. MISS AND MISS HIGHLANDS

Dear Santa,
Santa I am Yuvia and I am 11 years old. Christmas is around the corner and I know its rough year that's why I would like a game master mask or a ring light. And also I have little brother name Dario, and he is 5 years old. For Christmas he would like a bike. I want the game master mask, because I would like to get tie Tok famous and I want a ring light, because I want to make pictures or videos better lighting.
Sencirly, Yuvia

...
Dear Santa, I want the new American Girl doll, her name is Courtney 1986. And a new bick, and some more Games for my Nintendo switch. And a Xbox, and a head set, and can you get mom & dad a message chair. A dog bed and some dog toys. A barn bed for me with a desk under it. Some more up for Gracen and the game snow runes for Nick. But I really want is to see you.
From: Zoey

Dear Santa, I would like a PS5 and I would like a head set and a 4wheeler and I would like a phone, and a RC car want go 30 mg. And I want a bike. I have been good all year! Isaiah, 8 years old.

Dear Santa, I have been good most of the year. Can I have a some hot wheels pleas and a among plashy, please.
Love Credenec. Love Santa.



Dear Santa,
I would love to meet you, but I can't I want my RC car for an early Christmas present. I love you Santa. Keaten.

Dear Santa, I know that its been a rough year, and for Christmas, I really want a hover board or a jungkook shirt, because I live Bts. I am Brissa Gaytan and I am 9 years old. I want a hover board, because my basic broke. I also wanted a Jungkook shirt, because I am a fan of Its and I like more Jungkook. I am glad what I got last Christmas and I know that I am gonna be glad what I'm getting, but the most thing, I want is the Jungkook shirt.
Sencirly: Brissa

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer an roundoff? May I have some roller skates? Santa. I love you and Ms. Claus and the elfs. Love, Madison, 7 years old ...

Dear Santa,
How is your rain deer? Wan't I want for crimes is stick bots, and some more legos. Mary Crinmas Santa! Love, Jase, 6 years old. ...

Dear Santa,
Haw are you going. Haw are your raderde. Can I have a LoL col. And I have a raderde. Love, Ariana, 6 ...

Dear Santa,
I want a phon for chmiss two Chet to my Huber. My Huber is fun to ride. Love, Makenna, 7 years old. ...

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa my name is Leslie and I am 11 years old. Yes I am 11 I still believe in you, I am help my mom and help my brother to do online school. I'm going to ask you only two thing number one a Akatsuki necklace and a Akatsuki beani that is all I want Santa Claus. Sincerely Leslie, and thank you if you could read this.

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you? I have been good boy because I do my chores. I also help my mom wash clothes. For Christmas I would like a toy. Please.
Love Omaro.

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas: Barbie dream house, Princess accessories (dress), (jewelry), play make-up toy, play laptop, play phone.

Dear Santa,
How are your randare doing and how are you doing? Can you bring me sum mojo Pelose. If you wot to now haw alfratoe is doing? He is doing good.
Aiyssa, 6 years old. ...

Dear Santa,
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Love Credenec. Love Santa.

Dear Santa,
I put a LecfBirt with Acloru and with speck. Love, Luna, 6 years old. ...

Dear Santa,
How are your rede. I was a good boy. I wot a Jacket, I wot a srt. Waylon, 7 years old. ...

Dear Santa,
Bike One Doll, Lol Doll, Baby alive, PolPol Doll. Love, Skylye, 6 years old. ...

Dear Santa,
I bin a good girl. Can you brag me a gold reg? Kristina, 7 years old.

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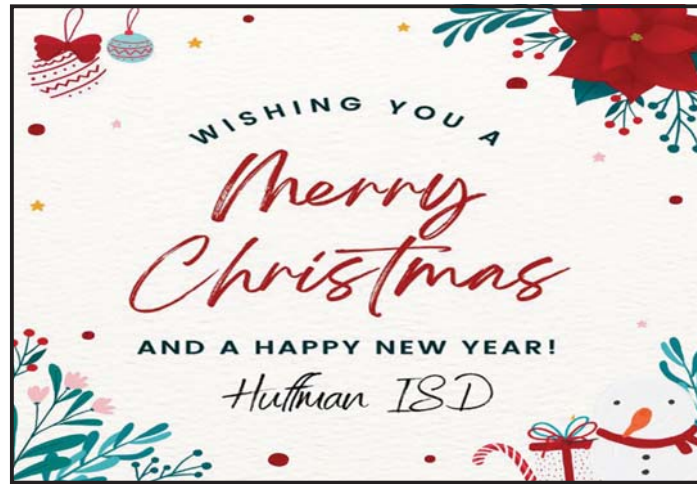
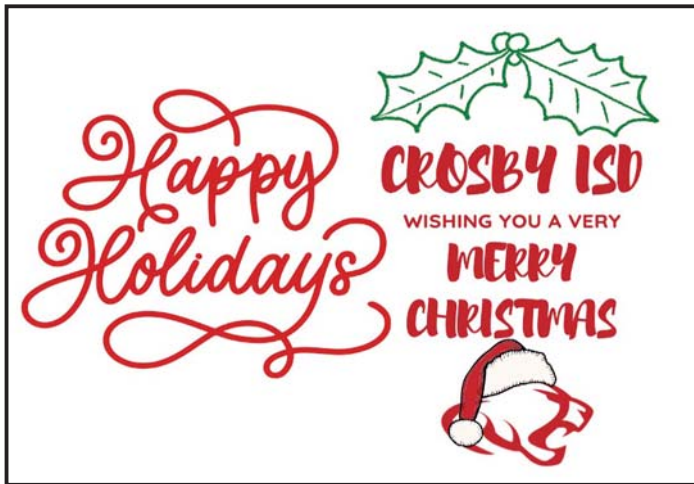
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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
 I want a toy car and a race charm and a tran. Zion.

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a go car. I have been good all year. Thank you, Torge.

Dear Santa,
 I want a L.O.L., I want a omg dolls, I want a makeup, I want a phone. Zaylee.

For Christmas I would like a bike, baby dog, my mom to, hav fun and a dog. I have been good all year. Thank you, Michael.

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want is paint canvases, paint and brushes, and shoes. Thank you. Santa. Jasmine.

ar Santa,
 How are you today? I have been a good girl this year, I want a make up pallet for Christmas. Ps have a great Christmas Santa. Winter.

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing today? And I have been a nice boy because I have help my parents doing chores like cleaning my house, washing the dishes. So I do all my chores what my parents told me to do. So you are the best person, so I will do chores what my parents told me to do. So I want dark souls, dragon ball fithorz, ...minion toy gun and blue cars, so thank you.

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Dear Santa,
How is your day Santa? I
wrot for Crismis is a bike
and a fit ball. Sebastian,
7 years old.
...

Dear Santa, Please can I
have LOL things and a
dog. Rove, 6 years old.
...

Dear Santa,
I want legos and a small
ballpit.
Love Zoer
...

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for
Christmas: 1: Porida
crime (Pupel light case)
(file). 2: AirPods (light
purple case). 3: New
phone (iPhone) (phone
case). 4: Ring light (tall
one). 5: Real laptop
(apple). 6: Sam and Cloby
mreah. 7: Clothes. 8:
Shoes. 9: Paid island. 10:
a Buch of paint stuff.
Zoey
...

Dear Santa,
Christmas lists from
Elijah
1: toy drone, 2: toy air
plane, 3: toy car, 4:
inspector gadget toy, 5:
loat cave, 6: loat car, 7:
among us game, 8: robot
dog.
...
Dear Santa,
I wot a modrbike plus,
and a stoic batboy,
iPhone, goes, floods,
iPhonscd. Held, 6 years old.
...

Dear Santa,
My name is Ariana, I am
in 4th grade and I want a
Hover board and an aA
set PSS, but I want my
hover board with color. I
have been a good student
in school and what I wish
for you to help my family,
because my mom is always
cleaning and my dad is
always working under the
sun. And I also want OMG
and LOL dolls,
From Ariana Thank you.

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Dear Santa,
I want a toy car and a
race charm and a tran.
Zion.
...

Dear Santa,
I want a L.O.L., I want a
omg dolls, I want a
makeup, I want a phone.
Zaylee.
...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want is
paint canvases, paint and
brushes, and shoes.
Thank you. Santa.
Jasmine.

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5. How are you
doing? I have been good
boy, because I help take
out the trash. I also
helping my dad on work.
For Christmas, I would
like a PS5 and the
Nintedoe and a game for
the Nintendo. Thanks,
Edwin.
...

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I
have been a good girl,
because I For
Christmas I would like a
toy please. Thank you,
Melisa.

Dear Santa,
How are your rede. I was
a good boy. I wot a
Jacket, I wot a srt.
Waylon, 7 years old.
...

Dear Santa,
Bike One Doll, Lol Doll,
Baby alive, PolPol Doll.
Love, Skyliie, 6 years old.
...

Dear Santa,
I bin a good girl. Can you
brag me a gold reg?
Kristina, 7 years old.

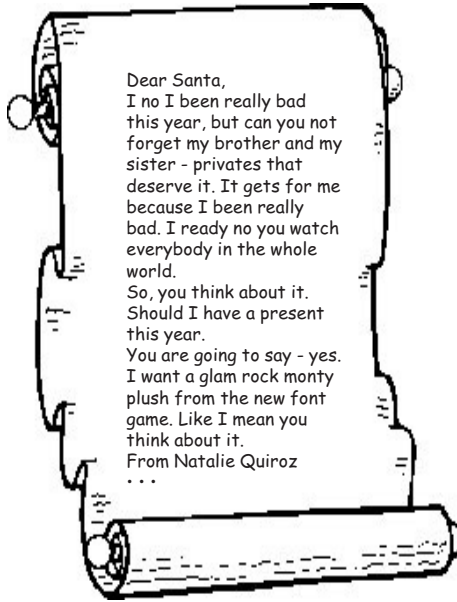
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy
this year and I would like
the cr7 rare gold
superbly boats and Poke
Mun cards, and a big bag
of hot chetosse in my
stocking and a lot of
twirlers in my stocking
and a playstation and a
gold controller and the
cables for the play
station and fifa20 and a
neck lace for my mom and
a new hover board.
...

Dear Santa,
My name is John and I'm
in 5th grade, and I've
been a good boy, and I
wish for a Nintendo
switch.
...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a
Santa slat that has a
radar char on it and a
antenna and a car radio
on it.
From Jayden To Santa
...

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I
want a game on my
Nintendo switch W9xe.
I'm cute a pitman and
Kirby star allies, and a
the battlecat on the
Nintendo switch. All my
game I want on my
Nintendo switch I want
more game and a the
battle cat Pot be on my
gameboy.
Thank you, me my
Christmas

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for
Christmas: Barbie dream
house, Princess
accessories (dress),
(jewelry), play make-up
toy, play laptop, play
phone.
...



Dear Santa,
I no I been really bad
this year, but can you not
forget my brother and my
sister - privates that
deserve it. It gets for me
because I been really
bad. I ready no you watch
everybody in the whole
world.
So, you think about it.
Should I have a present
this year.
You are going to say - yes.
I want a glam rock monty
plush from the new font
game. Like I mean you
think about it.
From Natalie Quiroz
...

Dear Santa,How are you
doing? I have been a good
girl, because I clean up, I
also take out the trash.
For Christmas I would
like a LoL, TV, color,
puppet box, (ent, Marcos,
caveat, seteco. Thank
you, Damaris.
...

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I
have been good girl
because I help my family
and I help my sister and I
also help my mom to cook
in the kitchen. So can I
get a unicorn toy for
Christmas Day please.
Honey.
...

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today?
And I have been a nice
boy because I have help
my parents doing chores
like cleaning my house,
washing the dishes. So I
do all my chores what my
parents told me to do. So
you are the best person,
so I will do chores what
my parents told me to do.
So I want dark souls,
dragon ball fithorz,
...minion toy gun and blue
cars, so thank you.

Dear Santa,
Hello how are you? I
have been a good boy
because I do my chores. I
also help my mom. I take
care of my baby cousin. I
wash the clothes and take
them out. I wash cars
with my dad. I want
something for Christmas.
...

Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa this is what I
want. A new tablet, and a
Walmart gift card.
Exzavve.

Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa, How are you. I
binag big. I owt rorstas..
Logan, 6 years old.
...

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I
have been a good girl this
year, I want a make up
pallet for Christmas. Ps
have a great Christmas
Santa. Winter.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would
like a baby puppy, a bike,
a stuffed unicorn and a
baby alive. I have been
good all year. Thank you,
Kennedy.
...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would
like a head set and a PC
and a PS5 and a lego set.
I have been good. Thank
you, Atticus.
...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would
like a Nike 5, PS5, TV and
a Christmas tree. I have
been good all year. Thank
you, Wyatt.
...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would
like a Xbox and dirt bike,
a game boy. I have been
good all year. Thank you,
Nathan.
...

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would
like a LoL, a pet dog, a tie
boar, a neklis. I have
beed good all year. Thank
you, Josie.
...

Dear Santa,For
Christmas I would like a
phone, computer, 100
dollars and a makeup set.
I have been good all year.
Thank you, Karsen.

Dear Santa,
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and a 3Ds, and bike
Love, Dane
...

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PLUSHETTE D. CALDWELL

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

c/o Weston Cotten
1500 Wallisville Rd
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 DECEMBER 9, 2021.

Weston Cotten

by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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PLUSHETTE D. CALDWELL

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

c/o Weston Cotten
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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 DECEMBER 14, 2021.

Weston Cotten

by WESTON COTTEN
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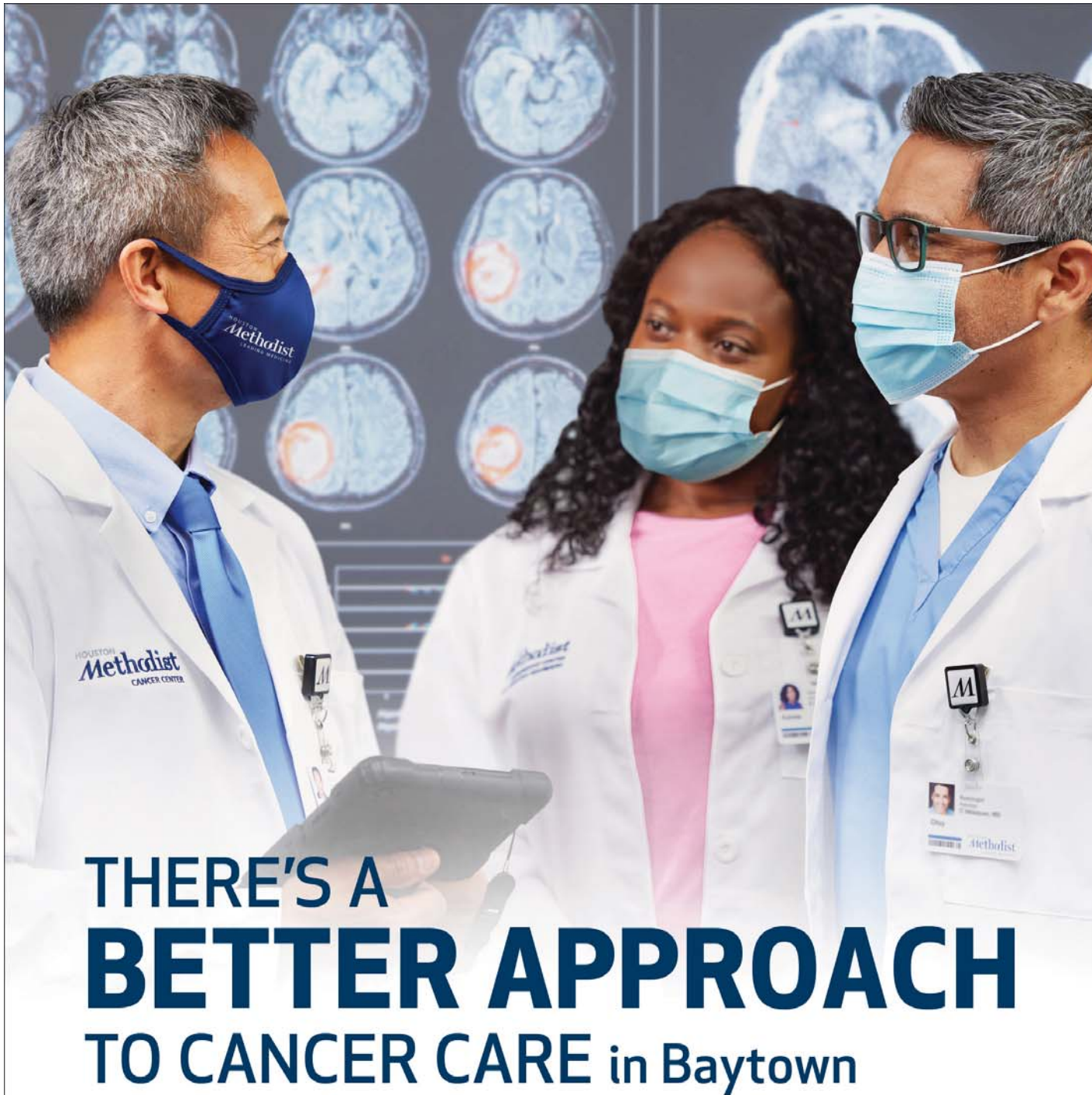
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