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Holiday celebrations, parade: Christmas in Crosby

CROSBY – Christmas and the arrival of Santa were celebrated through the community on several days, with the Fire Department, Crosby ISD, and EMS conducting Operation Santa with drive-thru routes through residential areas for kids to meet and greet Santa.

Crosby Church held a Festival on Dec. 10, with rides, booths, petting zoo, and of course Santa and the Mrs. Lots of good photos at this event.

And later that evening the Crosby-Huffman annual Christmas Parade with floats and Santa again, traveling down FM2100 from the Middle School and back. Lighted floats, fire trucks and more delighted the fans and families lining the streets.



Santa and Mrs. Claus were busy at the Crosby Church Festival, and also at the Crosby Community Center. Photos of the children with Santa were a family favorite.



The Crosby Christmas Parade took place on FM2100 Saturday evening. ABOVE, the Crosby Cheerleaders, BELOW Crosby Baseball.



Christmas is a time for Sharing in our communities



Highlands Rotary Club participated in Share Your Christmas by preparing gift bags for 8 children that will be distributed Christmas week. Each gift bag will include clothes, shoes, and age appropriate toys for Christmas. ABOVE FRONT Ann Woodall, Patricia Scott, Denise Smith, BACK ROW Larry White, Robert Woodall, Johnny Gaeke, Weston Cotten, Andy Scott, Gay Lynn Milliorn, Diana Weaver.



Share Your Christmas, a community project started 19 years ago at St. Jukes Church. (Article on Page 8 includes other participants not in photo).

Left side of tree, LJA engineering- Brian Doolittle, Tammy Endres, Mick Helfrich, First Baptist Church- Claudia Birdsong;

Right side of Tree: Highlands Horizons- Becky Baumbach, Highlands Rotary club- Tricia & Andy Scott, Setco Pipe & Supply- Bryan & Sandra Wilson, Chrissa (Brian) Teel, Highlands Elementary Paola Thibodeaux & Lisa Gauthreaux.

Crosby Superintendent's message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

I want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays. Our Crosby ISD students and staff members are beginning their Winter Break, and we hope they enjoy the next two weeks making memories with their families. The Crosby ISD Winter Break runs from December 22 to January 4. Staff members return for development days on January 5 and January 6. We'll welcome students back to class on Monday, January 9.

Our campuses just wrapped up what's been a



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

busy month of holiday performances. In all, there were more than 20 different concerts over the last two weeks. Thank you to the parents, adult volunteers, and community members who spent their evenings cheering our Cou-

gars, from pre-kindergarten little ones to seniors starring in "The Little Mermaid" musical at Crosby High School. On December 13, I had a wonderful time narrating the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement Clarke Moore, as the Crosby High School Band performed a wonderful accompaniment. It's an annual tradition for me to read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in the District. Hearing the wonderful music in time with the poetic lyrics capped a beautiful evening.

There is a lot to celebrate this December. This

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Goose Creek Superintendent's message to the community

Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season

Greetings Goose Creek CISD Family,

The past four months have been a whirlwind for our students and staff. It seems like just yesterday that we were welcoming students back to school and now, we are preparing to see the ending of one year and the beginning of another. We have experienced some amazing times just in these past four months. From the opening of three new campuses, to the debut of three new pre-K programs, facility celebrations and the opening of



SUPERINTENDENT RANDAL O'BRIEN

our state-of-the-art Robotics Center; our district is experiencing the type of growth we could only dream of just a few short years ago. And none of this would be possible without the support of our stakeholders. As we look to-

wards the future and what we envision our district to be for the next year, we want to thank our Goose Creek CISD family for your unwavering support. We do not take it for granted.

To our 24,000 students, 4,000 employees and their families, I wish you a very happy holiday season and an even Happier New Year! Please be safe, enjoy your time with friends and family as you create new memories that will last a lifetime. Our district will be closed December 19th-January 2nd. Employees return on January 3rd and students on January 5th.

Best Regards,
Dr. Randal O'Brien, Ed.D.

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Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa
You are assume because you bring me present and I go to sleep, so I can get presents in the morning. All I want for Christmas is a mini shopping cart from Target and pink Rainbow Squish mellow. - Ali-Guy - 7 yr.

Dear Santa
Hi! My name is Peyton. I know your name is Santa, I love your elf and I love you Santa. I want for Christmas a dog Squish mellow. -Peyton- 7 yr.

Hi! Santa! How are you doing Santa? We are having a Christmas performance. Are you going to come? -Sam- 7 yr.

Dear Santa
How are you? What I want for Christmas is a typewriter and a nutcracker. I also want Pokemon violet and a Nintendo switch and a joke. - Auburnee- 8 yr.

Dear Santa
How are you But I am great but I want a squish mellow and watch bottle and kid iPad and a coloring book and Merry Christmas. - Jayleen- 7yr.

Hi! Santa, how are you. For Christmas I want squish Mellows. -Olivia H.- 8 yr.

Dear Santa
How old are you? I want for Christmas is Squish mellow. - Jose- 8yr.

Hello, Santa. For Christmas I want a phone and a LOL and mini brans and a bike and a Squishmellows and Barbie and Cash and puppy cone. Lohryr Ann - 7yr.

Dear Santa
How old are you? I would like a Word Search for Christmas. I would like a Pet

reindeer and a pet snow fax and a pet dog mini brain a coffee cup Squish mellow. - Carlie - 8 yr.

Dear Santa
I hope you have a great time at the North Pole. Football helmet and a ...BMX PS5. Serempqh - 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I pop you are haven a Christmas. I would like a Squish mellow. Please three. -Ava- 7yr.

Dear Santa
For Christmas my elf on the shelf has big good and I want a phone and money and meta

magic kits. How are the reindeer? - Jaziel _ 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I have been good and I've stayed out trouble. I would enjoy new clothes and makeup. How have you been? -Tyanna - 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I've been a good kid. I would like a PS5 Nintedo Switch and a Phone. I hope my big brother would get along with me. I wish my family the best! I hope the elves are good. -Antonio- 8 yr.

Dear Santa
I have been pretty good. I have been tried to stay out of trouble. I would enjoy a James Charles makeup kit and a Ocles. I hope are well, Love Amia. - Ama- 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I've been so good and never got in trouble. I would like some new skates and some new toys. I hope you are well. Love, Cameron. 8yr.

Dear Santa
I have been good and I hope you are well. I want for Christmas is a motion control car and a toi terex that makes noise. And I hope me and my brother. -Asher- 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I've been good and nice, so I think I will get presents. I will like clothes and toys. I will get you extra cookies and carrots . Love Jaequeline. 8 yr.

Dear Santa
I've been good this year and I stay out of trouble. I will like a baby bunny and a baby kitten. I wonder what the elf are doing? I hope the they are good and nice to each other. - Julieth- 7 yr.

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ON THE HILL

ExxonMobil Starts Operations at Large-Scale Advanced Recycling Facility

ExxonMobil announced successful startup of one of the largest advanced recycling facilities in North America. The facility at the company's integrated manufacturing complex in Baytown, Texas, uses proprietary technology to break down hard-to-recycle plastics and transform them into raw materials for new products. It is capable of processing more than 80 million pounds of plastic waste per year, supporting a circular economy for post-use plastics and helping divert plastic waste currently sent to landfills.

Since the start of pilot operations at Baytown last year, ExxonMobil has recycled nearly 15 million pounds of plastic waste. The proprietary Exxtend™ technology enables the breakdown of plastic waste that would previously be destined for landfills – from synthetic athletic fields to bubble wrap and motor oil bottles. The company helped form Cyclyx International LLC, a joint venture created to collect and sort large volumes of plastic waste and is investing in a first-of-its-kind plastic waste processing facility in Houston to help supply ExxonMobil's Baytown advanced recycling facility.

To accelerate advanced recycling, ExxonMobil is a founding member of the Houston Recycling Collaboration, which brings government and industry together to increase access to recycling programs and expand infrastructure for mechanical and advanced recycling technologies. ExxonMobil plans to build advanced recycling facilities at many of its other manufacturing sites around the world, which would give it the capacity to process up to 1 billion pounds of plastic waste annually by year-end 2026. The company is assessing facilities in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Beaumont, Texas; and Joliet, Illinois; as well as at sites in Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Canada.

ExxonMobil is also collaborating with third parties to assess the potential for large-scale implementation of advanced recycling technologies and opportunities to support improvements to plastic waste collection and sorting in Malaysia and Indonesia.

New Mayor of Beach City issues First Newsletter and Holiday Greeting

BEACH CITY- I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am your new Mayor Ken Pantin. I would like to thank all the citizens of this wonderful city for allowing me to serve as your mayor. I am truly humbled by this opportunity. For those who don't know me I am the bald one in the middle.

I have been married to my wife Sharon, on my left for 45 years. We have three children. One son and one daughter live in Beach City with their families and another son who lives in Cedar Park, Texas with his family. We have seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Sharon and I have lived in Beach City for 22 years. While living in Beach City Sharon and I have been very active in the community as I believe



in serving the community in which I live, work, and play. We along with a great number of citizens were successful in fighting two hazardous waste sites that were set to come to Beach City. I am a big supporter of our fire department and all the dedicated men and women that serve in it. I am an Air Force Veteran and have been

credited by then Congressman Jack Fields for being responsible in bringing the present Veterans Administration Hospital to Houston. I am presently on the Board of Directors for Northshore Rotary, and American Legion Post 658. I have served on a local bank board and school board for 13 years until my resignation upon moving

to Beach City. I am a Christian and attend Second Baptist Baytown where I am blessed to serve as a Deacon.

While serving as an Alderman I have seen our city benefit greatly from the leadership of our past mayor who is our commissioner elect. After our past mayor decided to run for commissioner I was ap-

proached by several citizens to run for mayor. After much prayerful deliberation I made my decision to run. I promise the citizens that I will serve in a manner that is honest and respectful to all. I want all the citizens to know that Beach City has some of the finest Aldermen of any city and I am extremely blessed to serve with them.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: With my recent resignation as Alderman and becoming Mayor, there is now an open Alderman position. Anyone interested in being considered for the Alderman position should submit a letter of interest or resume to City@BeachCityTx.us. We will accept letters of interest and resumes until January 12, 2023.

Mont Belvieu Christmas Parade 2022



Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

Living with Valve Disease: PROTECT YOUR HEART

Every day, your good health depends on your heart valves opening and closing successfully about 100,000 times. Your heart's four valves work together to ensure adequate blood flow through the heart and throughout the body. If you have a heart condition that prevents one or more of those valves from functioning properly, this can put a strain on your heart and cause problems with circulation. A narrowing or stiffening of a heart valve can make it harder for the heart to pump blood.

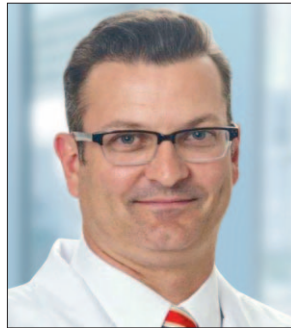
Having a leaky valve that doesn't open and close properly can cause a backward flow of blood called regurgitation. As these problems worsen, the heart may have to work harder to make up for the reduced blood flow. Valve repair or valve replacement surgery may be needed to treat the condition

and restore function.

MANAGING HEART VALVE DISEASE

"Valve disease can be caused by infections, heart attacks and other conditions linked to heart disease. Or you can be born with it," explained Dr. Walter O'Hara, a cardiovascular surgeon at Houston Methodist Heart & Vascular Center at Baytown. "For some people, the condition stays the same throughout their lives and doesn't cause problems. But for others, heart valve disease slowly worsens. It can put you at an increased risk of developing infective endocarditis, a serious infection that can damage or destroy heart valves." Fortunately, working closely with your doctor to manage valve disease can help you feel better and reduce the risks to your heart. Here are some key steps to take:

Prevent infection. Pre-



Dr. Walter O' Hara

venting infection is essential in protecting your heart valves from further damage. Tell your doctor and dentist that you have valve disease, and take antibiotics before any dental procedures, surgeries or invasive tests. Also, be vigilant about taking care of your teeth and gums to prevent infection.

Watch for signs of infection. See your doctor if you have any signs or symptoms of an infection, especially if you have a fever, increased heart rate, fa-

tigue, body aches, or a persistent cough or swelling in the feet, legs or abdomen.

Take your medications as directed. Your doctor may prescribe medication to treat your valve disease or manage symptoms. It's important to keep track of your medications and take them as directed by your doctor.

Consider having surgery. Your doctor may recommend surgery to a valve problem. Surgical options vary based on the type of problem, and may include:

Annuloplasty — surgical placement of a ring around the valve to make it close tight

Balloon valvuloplasty — widening the opening of the valve using a balloon through a catheter

Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) — replacement of a narrowed or damaged aortic valve

See your doctor regular-

ly. Heart valve disease is something you may have to manage for the rest of your life, even after having surgery for valve repair or replacement. "It's important to have a doctor monitor the progress of your valve disease," O'Hara said. "You may need regular echocardiography or other tests to keep tabs on it." Be sure to keep up with your follow-up visits as scheduled.

The interventional cardiologists with the Valve Clinic at Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center at Baytown can help treat and manage your valve disease. Together you can review the actions you can take to reduce complications and live your best life. Call 346.292.1416 or visit houstonmethodist.org/valve-clinic to schedule an appointment with a heart valve disease specialist today.

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By FRANCIS P. CHURCH,
First published in The New York Sun in 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, “If you see it in The Sun, it’s so.” Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia
O’Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church’s editorial, “Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus” was an immediate sensation, and went on to become one of the most famous editorials ever written. It first appeared in the The New York Sun in 1897, almost a hundred years ago, and was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.

Virginia O’Hanlon went on to graduate from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree at age 21. The following year she received her Master’s from Columbia, and in 1912 she began teaching in the New York City school system, later becoming a principal. After 47 years, she retired as an educator. Throughout her life she received a steady stream of mail about her Santa Claus letter, and to each reply she attached an attractive printed copy of the Church editorial. Virginia O’Hanlon Douglas died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81, in a nursing home in Valatie, N.Y.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Retiring Senator Named Secretary of State

Retiring state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has been named the next secretary of state by Gov. Greg Abbott. She replaces John Scott, who announced his resignation effective at year’s end.

Scott was the third nominee for the post not confirmed by the Senate. He was appointed in October 2021, and the Legislature has not met since then. Nelson, who is completing 30 years in the Senate, should be a strong candidate for approval because of her lengthy tenure there. A new legislative session convenes in January.

The secretary of state’s office, among other duties, oversees the state’s election process.

“I look forward to this new chapter of public service and appreciate the confidence Governor Abbott has placed in me to serve as Secretary of State,” Nelson said in a statement. “Voters expect fair elections with accurate, timely results, and I am committed to making that happen. Texans with all political views should have faith in our election system.”

TIKTOK BANNED ON ALL STATE-ISSUED PHONES

Abbott last week ordered all Texas state agencies to ban use of the social media app TikTok on any government-issued device, saying it risks allowing China to gain access to “critical U.S. information.”

The popular video-sharing application is owned by a Chinese company and is used by an estimated 85 million people in the United States.

TikTok maintains the Chinese government has never tried to access the data of its users, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Abbott said he is prepared to work with state lawmakers to make the ban permanent during the next session, and to extend the ban to devices issued by local governments, such as cities and counties.

“We must work together to stop the Chinese government’s efforts to collect, store, and distribute Texans’



data and personal information,” Abbott wrote in a letter to Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan.

TPWD BIOLOGISTS STRESS TESTING HARVESTED DEER

The recent discover of chronic wasting disease in Kaufman County has spurred biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to stress the importance of testing deer taken this hunting season to curb the spread of the deadly disease.

The neurological disease is highly contagious and affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. It has been found in 17 Texas counties and documented in both captive and free-ranging deer in 30 states and three Canadian provinces, according to TPWD.

Anyone hunting in an established CWD zone must bring their deer to a check station within 48 hours of harvest for testing. There are about 30 check stations and drop boxes across the state. For more information, visit the TPWD website at tpwd.texas.gov.

STATE’S LARGEST TEACHER PREP PROGRAM UNDER FIRE

The Texas Education Agency is recommending that Texas Teachers of Tomorrow have its accreditation revoked after failing to improve training of teacher candidates. The Dallas Morning News reported the company, which certifies thousands of teachers mainly through online courses, failed to meet demands by TEA that it ensure all candidates receive adequate ac-

tual classroom training.

The State Board of Educator Certification met Friday to consider the company’s fate. Texas Teachers of Tomorrow and TEA are expected to present arguments before an administrative judge, and the case could stretch on for months or even more than a year.

The company has been on probation for several months, and TEA found it did not meet the terms of their agreement to improve. The state already faces a teacher shortage that could be exacerbated if the company’s accreditation is revoked.

TABC WORKING WITH RETAILERS OVER HOLIDAYS

‘Tis the season for tipping, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is working with retailers to make prevent illegal alcohol sales. TABC plans inspections across the state to ensure retailers are following the law and not selling to people under 21 as well as those who are visibly intoxicated.

“Now is the best time, before the holiday season kicks into high gear, for business owners and managers to educate their staff on ways to prevent illegal alcohol sales,” TABC executive director Thomas Graham said.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, drunk driving was a factor in nearly one-fourth of all traffic deaths last year. Businesses who violate state alcohol laws face fines or suspension of their alcohol licenses, while individuals could face misdemeanor charges resulting in a fine or jail time.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT STATE PARKS

State parks across Texas are hosting a variety of holiday events in December, including themed guided walks, scavenger hunts and more, according to TPWD. However, anyone planning to visit a state park should reserve their day pass in advance to avoid turned away from parks that reach capacity. You can do so on the TPWD website (tpwd.texas.gov) or by calling 512-389-8900.

Activity examples include elves running loose at Fort Boggy State Park on Saturday, Dec. 10, with prizes to folks who spot the first 10 elves on the Lake Sullivan Trail. At Big Bend Ranch State Park, the darkest skies in Texas provide excellent star gazing. A full list of holiday events at state parks is on the TPWD website.

COVID-19 cases continue to rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in Texas rose once again, this time to 30,096 with 91 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported a slight increase, with 1,977 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients across the state.



Spencer and Kelsey Grammer in “The 12 Days of Christmas Eve”

Q: I recently watched a Christmas movie with “Frasier” star Kelsey Grammer. Was that his real-life daughter who played his daughter in the movie? They have the same last name. Is her mother Camille from “The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills”? — G.Y.

A:Yes, father-daughter combo Kelsey and Spencer Grammer recently starred in the Lifetime holiday film “The 12 Days of Christmas Eve.” Kelsey plays a wealthy CEO with a knack for business, but has zero personal skills, resulting in a poor relationship with his offspring. After his character gets into a frightening car accident, none other than Santa Claus gives him 12 chances to mend his ways.

As for Spencer Grammer, her first acting role was an appearance on an episode of “Cheers” back in 1992. Spencer’s also known for playing Dr. Lucy Montgomery on the daytime soap “As the World Turns” for three years, and she went on to star in the ABC Family series about sorority life, “Greek.” Her longest-running role, for about 10 years, has been in the form of voiceover work as Summer on the animated series “Rick & Morty.”

As for Spencer’s mother, her name is Doreen Alderman. Camille Grammer, formerly of “The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills” fame, was his second wife. They were married for 14 years and had two children before splitting after the first season of the reality show. For the past decade, Kelsey has been married to Kayte Grammer, who is from England. They met while she was working as a flight attendant during one of his business travels.

Q: Who are the Antonellis, the couple who own a cheese shop in the credit card commercials? Where is their store located? — D.N.

A: They’re spouses John and Kendall Antonelli, owners of Antonelli’s Cheese Shops in Austin, Texas (www.AntonellisCheese.com). According to “Insider,” their store hosts hundreds of classes and events every year and also sells their products wholesale to over 150 restaurants. During the pandemic, they actually grew the size of their workforce by 40% across three locations.

John is a former CPA, who had an epiphany on their honeymoon that he wanted to do “something with cheese.” Kendall worked for a nonprofit and eventually joined John in launching their business. They both do public speaking engagements as well.

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Most Popular Christmas Movies of All Time

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| 1. The Santa Clause 2 | (2002) |
| 2. The Nutcracker and the Four Realms | (2018) |
| 3. The Santa Clause | (1994) |
| 4. The Holiday | (2006) |
| 5. Elf | (2003) |
| 6. The Polar Express | (2004) |
| 7. A Christmas Carol | (2009) |
| 8. How the Grinch Stole Christmas | (2000) |
| 9. Home Alone | (1990) |
| 10. The Grinch | (2018) |

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APPLICATION. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50, 12900 Crosby Lynchburg Road Crosby, Texas 77532, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0011770002 (EPA I.D. No. TX0136174) to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 360,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 0.5 miles east of the intersection of Crosby-Lynchburg Road and Farm-to-Market 1942, in Harris County, Texas 77532. The discharge route is from the plant site to Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) ditch G103-09-01; thence to a series of impoundments; thence to San Jacinto River Tidal. TCEQ received this application on November 7, 2022. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Crosby Library, 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.06042,29.877046&level=18>

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ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

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AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Rachel Broom, P.E., Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., at 713-462-3242.

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 17: Cowboys host Eagles in huge NFC East meeting on Christmas Eve: NFL giving fans a present of a triple header on Christmas Day

Christmas Week is here and that means hunting for last minute gifts for that special someone, visiting with friends and loved ones, feasting on tasty tidbits, and of course, plenty of NFL football!

While a majority of Americans will be taking time off from work during the holiday weekend, NFL teams will be at work as playoff contenders look to secure post-season berths, while teams still in the playoff hunt will be looking for help from others to keep their playoff hopes alive and teams like the Texans will be playing out the string and looking forward to the 2023 season.

Oh, those wacky Texans! Two weeks ago, they played perhaps their best game of the season, but still lost to the Cowboys in Arlington, 27-23. Houston held a 23-20 lead late in the fourth quarter, but after being stopped on fourth-and-goal at the Dallas two-yard line, Dak Prescott led his team on a 98-yard game-winning drive, punctuated by Ezekiel Elliott's two-yard touchdown run on fourth down with 41 seconds left in the game. Lovie Smith's team gave the Cowboys all they wanted and then some, but sadly, the Texans could not finish the job, which has been the case all season as Houston dropped to 1-12-1 on the season and is probably looking at the No. 1 overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.

Speaking of the Cowboys, they host the Eagles on Christmas Eve in a huge NFC East contest for both teams. The Eagles improved to 12-1 on the season and played at Chicago last Sunday. Dallas played at Jacksonville. The Cowboys need to keep winning to have a shot at overtaking the Eagles for the NFC East title, but that's going to be a tall order. After the road trip to Arlington, the Eagles finish with home games against the Saints and Giants, while Dallas' last two games are at Tennessee and at Washington.

Dallas' best scenario is to finish with the best record among the Wild Card teams, which should have them playing at the winner of the dreadful NFC South in the Wild Card round of the playoffs.

The Philly-Dallas game will be one of 11 played on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, the NFL will gift us a triple-header kicking off with Green Bay at Miami, followed by Denver at the Los Angeles Rams and concluding on Christmas night with Tampa Bay at Arizona.

The Texans will visit the Titans on Christmas Eve, hoping they have better luck with running back Derek Henry than they did in their first encounter on Oct. 30 when Henry ran over, around and through the Houston defense for 219 yards. The Titans have struggled as of late, having lost three straight games heading into last Sunday's game in Los Angeles against the Chargers. Two weeks ago, team owner Amy Adams Strunk fired General Manager John Robinson. Playing the Texans might be the right tonic to get the Titans going again as the playoffs near.

Other interesting games on Christmas Eve feature streaking Cincinnati visiting New England, the Giants playing at Minnesota, Seattle visiting Kansas City and Washington taking on a hot San Francisco team that keeps winning behind third-team QB Brock Purdy and a stifling defense.

Before we take a look at this holiday weekend's games, let's review last week record. A 9-1 mark upped the season record to 119-55 (68%).

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for once again taking the time to read my weekly column. I really appreciate it.

Now, onto this weekend's games

NFL

Cincinnati at New England: The Bengals are playing as well as any team in the AFC at the moment and will carry that momentum with them into New England on Christmas Eve. Two weeks ago, Cincinnati took care of Deshaun Watson and the Browns, 23-10 as Joe Burrow (3,685 yards, 27 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (64 receptions, 821 yards, 7 TDs) hooked up for a touchdown. Chase's return from a hip injury makes the Cincinnati offense all the more dangerous. He and fellow wideout Tee Higgins (60 receptions, 861 yards, 5 TDs) should give the NE secondary fits. Look for Burrow to attack the Patriots secondary early and if he's successful, then the running game should benefit as Joe Mixon (701 yards, 6 TDs) and Samje Perrine wear down the Patriots. My pick, Cincinnati 26, New England 15

Houston at Tennessee: The Texans would like nothing more



than to spoil the Titans holidays by pulling off an upset in Nashville on Saturday. That will be easier said than done, but then again, the Titans haven't exactly been setting the football world on fire as of late. As mentioned earlier, Tennessee has lost three straight games heading into last week's game against the Chargers. Two weeks ago, the Titans lost at home to the Jaguars, as Henry (1,199 yards, 11 TDs) lost two fumbles. Henry should have another big day against the Texans. He loves playing against them. He's rushed for more than 200 yards in four consecutive games against them and should be in for another big day on Saturday. Tennessee will need that because QB Ryan Tannehill (2,371 yards, 13 TDs) hasn't exactly been lighting things up in the passing game. Houston played better on offense two weeks ago in their tough loss to the Cowboys. QB Davis Mills (2,319 yards, 11 TDs) is back at QB. Rookie running back Dameon Pierce (939 yards, 4 TDs) will be looking to be a thousand yard rusher as a rookie. Look for Henry to be the difference maker in this game as the Titans look to get rolling as the playoffs near. My pick, Tennessee 31, Houston 18

New York Giants at Minnesota: The Giants were one of the feel good stories for much of the season, but in the last couple of weeks they have fallen back to earth and are now in danger of missing out on the playoffs. Two weeks ago, they were thumped at home by the Eagles, 48-22. QB Daniel Jones (2,534 passing yards, 12 TDs/548 rushing yards, 5 TDs) isn't getting it done and running back Saquon Barkley (1,983 yards, 8 TDs) is starting to wear down. Two weeks ago, the Vikings lost at Detroit and need just one more win to wrap up the NFC North title. Look for QB Kirk Cousins (3,358 yards, 20 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (950 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (99 receptions, 1,500 yards, 6 TDs) to light up the NY defense as the Vikings wrap up the division and look to host a first-round playoff game. My pick, Minnesota 33, New York Giants 20

Seattle at Kansas City: Two weeks ago, Seattle lost at home to Carolina in what could very well cost Pete Carroll's team a playoff berth. Things don't get any easier on Saturday when the Seahawks visit the Kansas City Chiefs in Arrowhead Stadium. The Chiefs are rolling on offense behind QB Patrick Mahomes (4,160 yards, 33 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (81 receptions, 1,039 yards, 12 TDs), wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (61 receptions, 762 yards, 3 TDs) and rookie running back Isaiah Pacheco (591 yards, 3 TDs). The KC defense did give up 28 points to a bad Denver offense, so Seattle QB Geno Smith (3,433 yards, 25 TDs) and wide receivers Tyler Lockett (71 receptions, 896 yards, 8 TDs) and DK Metcalf (72 receptions, 869 yards, 6 TDs) should be able to make some plays against the KC defense. The only problem is, the Seattle defense will have to contend with Mahomes. The Chiefs are in a battle with Buffalo for the top seed in the AFC, so I don't see them looking past a good Seattle team on Christmas Eve. My pick, Kansas City 34, Seattle 26

Las Vegas at Pittsburgh: The Raiders visit the Steelers on Christmas Eve needing a win to keep their faint playoff hopes alive. Two weeks ago, Las Vegas let Baker Mayfield, who had been with the Rams for all of two days, beat them with a 98-yard drive with no timeouts remaining en route to a 17-16 win in LA. For some reason, the Raiders turned to running back Josh Jacobs (1,402 yards, 11 TDs) and styled QB Derek Carr (3,117 yards, 20 TDs) and star wide receiver Davante Adams (82 receptions, 1,247 yards, 12 TDs) in the second half and worked Jacobs. The Raiders need to let Adams be Adams. That might not be easy against a tough Steeler defense. If the Raiders are able to shut down Pittsburgh running back Najee Harris (704 yards, 5 TDs), they should leave the Steel City with a much-needed win. My pick, Las Vegas 24, Pittsburgh 14

Philadelphia at Dallas: The Game of the Week in Week 16 pits the high-flying Eagles against the upset-minded Cowboys. Two weeks ago, the Cowboys played down to the level of their competition and it almost got them upset at home by the Texans. Look for a much more focused team on Christmas Eve when the Eagles come calling.

Philly is loaded on offense led by QB Jalen Hurts (3,157 passing yards, 22 TDs/686 rushing yards, 10 TDs), running back Miles Sanders (1,068 yards, 11 TDs) and wide receivers A.J. Brown (894 receptions, 1,020 yards, 10 TDs) and Devonta Smith (66 receptions, 775 yards, 5 TDs). They are also solid on defense. That high-powered offense will get a real test from one of the top defenses in the league. Look for Micah Parsons to rush from different points to keep the Phill offensive line guessing. It will be paramount for the Dallas defense to put a spy on Hurts because he is so dangerous when he runs the ball. On offense, the Cowboys should feature their two-headed running game of Tony Pollard (894 yards, 12 total TDs) and Ezekiel Elliott (716 yards, 9 TDs). Those two have combined for 1,610 yards and 21 TDs this season. If the Dallas running game can control the clock and keep Hurts and the Eagles offense off the field, that should give QB Dak Prescott (1,847 yards, 14 TDs) the chance to make plays downfield to CeeDee Lamb (74 receptions, 961 yards, 6 TDs). Dallas can't afford to get down by double digits early in this game. In their first meeting in October, the Eagles earned a hard-fought 26-17 home win over the Cowboys. Look for the Dallas running game to be the difference maker in this one as Dallas pays the Eagles back for that early-season loss. My pick, Dallas 30, Philadelphia 27

Green Bay at Miami: The Christmas Day triple-header begins in South Florida with the Packers taking on the suddenly struggling Dolphins. This should be a fun game to watch and could turn into an offensive shootout between GB's Aaron Rodgers (2,864 yards, 22 TDs) and Miami's Tua Tagovailoa (3,004 yards, 22 TDs). The Packers are pretty much out of the playoff hunt, so they should play free and loose. The Dolphins, on the other hand, entered last Saturday's game at Buffalo riding a two-game losing streak. Tua struggled in the 23-17 loss to the Chargers and needs to get back on track. He should be able to do that against a suspect Green Bay defense. Look for wide receivers Tyreek Hill (100 receptions, 1,460 yards, 6 TDs) and Jaylen Waddle (59 receptions, 1,003 yards, 6 TDs) to attack the Packer secondary, while Rodgers will look to make plays to his new favorite receiver, rookie Christian Watson (25 receptions, 401 yards, 7 TDs). This one means more for the Dolphins, so look for Tua to right the ship and keep Miami alive in the AFC Wild Card race. My pick, Miami 33, Green Bay 27

Denver at Los Angeles Rams: The midday game has all the makings of a stinker as two struggling teams meet in SoFi Stadium on Christmas afternoon. Denver had high expectations entering the season after acquiring Russell Wilson (2,805 yards, 11 TDs) from Seattle in the off-season, but Wilson has had perhaps his worst season as a pro. The Rams, who are the defending Super Bowl champs, are playing for nothing more than pride at this point of the season. Two weeks ago, Mayfield led the Rams to a 17-16 win after being with the team for just two days. Look for Mayfield to play free and loose on Christmas as he leads the Rams to a moral victory over the hapless Broncos. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 23, Denver 20

Tampa Bay at Arizona: Tom Brady (3,585 yards, 17 TDs) and the Bucs take on Kyler Murray-less Cardinals on Christmas night in what could be a must-win situation for TB. It appears Murray suffered a season-ending knee injury two weeks ago in the Cards' 27-13 loss to New England. Two weeks ago, the Bucs dropped a 35-7 decision at San Francisco as Brady and the offense once again struggled to put points on the scoreboard. Brady and wide receiver Mike Evans (59 receptions, 805 yards, 3 TDs) haven't been in sync for some time now and with the season running out, it would behoove both of them to get things going down the stretch. Fellow wideout Chris Godwin (73 receptions, 703 yards, 2 TDs) has caught on lately and Brady will need a big night from him if the Bucs are to hold onto the top spot in the rancid AFC South. It appears the Cardinals are simply playing out the string and it might cost head coach Kliff Kingsbury his job. We shall see. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Arizona 13

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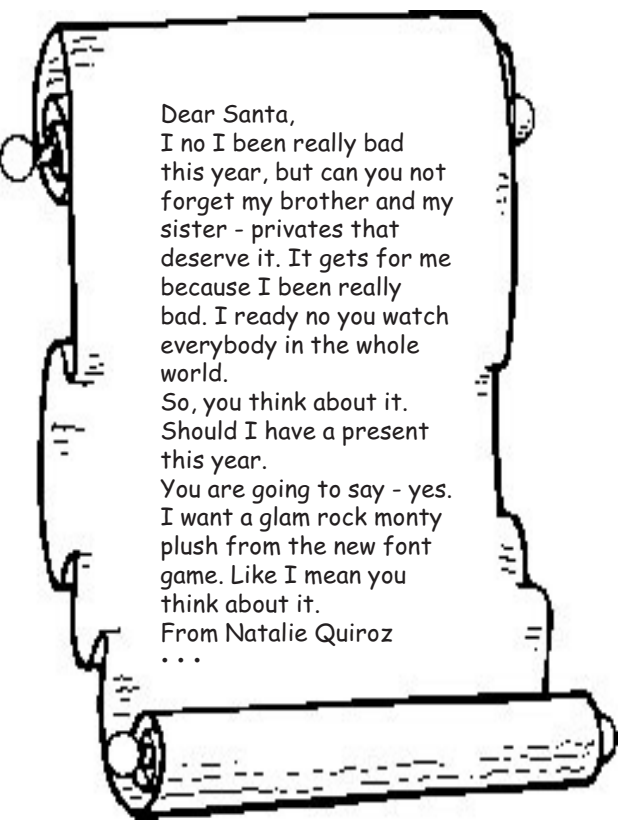
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| 250th Ticket | Beats Solo 3 Wireless Headphones |
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| 350th Ticket | Air Fryer |
| 400th Ticket | 65 Qt. Artic Cooler |
| 450th Ticket | Shotgun |
| 500th Ticket | \$200 Gift Card |
| 550th Ticket | 28" Black Stone Cooker |
| 600th Ticket | Outdoor Propane Fire Pit |
| 650th Ticket | 22-250 Rifle |
| 699th Ticket | 55" Smart TV |
| 700th Ticket | 2023 Chevy Trailblazer or 2023 Chevy Equinox SUV <small>(Color & Model may vary from Pictures)</small> |

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Holiday Season's Greetings

Crosby Superintendent's Message,

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month, the Board of Trustees honored students for fall semester achievements. From Cross Country runners who showed up for 5am practices to the Crosby High School volleyball players who earned District 17-5A Academic All-District spots. Three tennis players, Daisy Palacios, Jarleen Torres, and Hailie Saucedo, earned spots on the Academic All-District Tennis Team with grades of 90% or above in all their classes this fall. The CHS football team received honorable mentions for five players who made the Academic All-State Team: Dan Thomas, Christian Sims, Haden Moidel, Kristian Roberson, and Ryan Murrin. Additionally, 13 players were named to the 1st Team, 2nd Team, or Honorable Mention on the All-District Team listed by the 5A-D1 coaches. The Crosby High School Band also received a round of applause for their 10th year of Division 1 ratings at the UIL Marching Band Contest.

The Board also applauded the achievements of FFA students. CHS senior, Shelby Kouba, made it all the way to the State Competition in the Senior Creed Speaking category. Students have to recite the FFA creed by heart and then answer questions from a panel of judges. Shelby finished in first-place in District, second-place in Area, and eighth-place in State. Shelby is the president of the Crosby chapter of the FFA. She is also a member of the Superintendent's Cougar



Superintendent Patterson and the Crosby High School Band performing "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Council, and I can attest Shelby is an outstanding example of a student-leader. Shoutouts as well go to the FFA Greenhand Quiz team for a 4th place finish at District, and the Ag Advocacy and Greenhand Skills teams for 5th place finishes in District.

Our JROTC cadets are also doing great things. Members of the marksmanship team won three second-place finishes and three third-place finishes overall this semester. Cadet Private First Class Samantha Diaz achieved first place with a National High

Score and earned the award of Best Shooter for the School Year 22-23. She is a true JROTC superstar! Congratulations as well to Cadet Second Lieutenant Jimena Olguin who was named an exceptional leader and the Model Cadet for the other 145 CISD

cadets.

Congratulations to six Crosby Middle School choir students who were selected for the Region 33 Choir. Hailee Moore, Valeria Huicab, Amanda Delgado, Xavier Vargas, Eduardo Paloma, and Toller Spear. We'll make sure we pass along performance dates as soon as they're scheduled.

Our elementary schools are busy engaged in a fun focus on literacy. Third graders at Drew, Barrett, Crosby, and Newport elementary schools have read more than 1.7 million minutes since November 7th. 1,730,808 minutes to be precise! They've been challenged in the "Read To The Final Four" bracket-style

competition. We'll know in a few weeks if one or more of our schools makes it into the Round of 68 against elementary schools across the Houston area.

Behind these big successes are big sacrifices by parents. Thank you for the late nights, long drives, homework help, and bedtime stories.

The holiday season is upon us. We in Crosby and Barrett Station are blessed with amazing educators and support staff. I am thankful and hopeful for what's to come in 2023. May we all end 2022 surrounded by those we love.

We are Better Together! Go Coogs!



Crosby High School senior Shelby Kouba who placed 8th in the FFA Senior Creed Speaking competition at State.



Crosby Middle School students who made Region 33 Choir



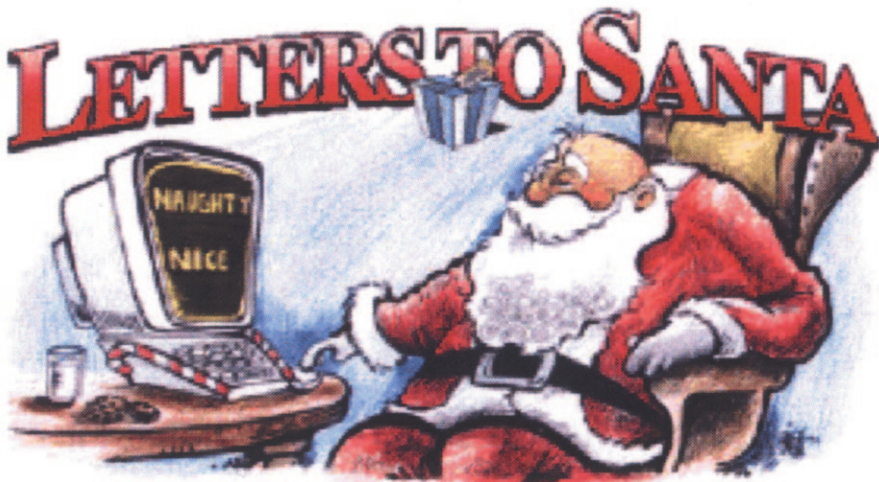
MERRY CHRISTMAS! at Crosby Church Holiday Fest.

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Dear Santa
I have been pretty good and I've stayed out of trouble. I would like some bath and body works perfume lotion. Hand sanitizer. I hope everyone at the North Pole is good. -Mya- 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I've been between bad and good, so I won't get that much presents. I would enjoy a iPhone , and everyone to have a great Christmas. I hope you are doing well. Love Olivia- 7yr.

Dear Santa
I've been solo good. For Christmas I want a PS5 and a iPhone. Love, Taylor- 7 yr.

Dear Santa
I've been really good this year, this is one thing I want this year is a water bottle, because my other one is broke. Merry Christmas. - Kinley- 6yr.

Dear Santa
I've been good and some day I really want to see you. And all I want for Christmas is a horse turn me to magic, last but not least is you. -Tace- 8 yr.

Dear Santa
I been very good this year, my elf even said I'm on the very good list and on Monday my elf save me a Christmas present, because I've been very good. -Ashton- 8 yr.

Dear Santa
I want a big & small plysheys and some new shoes , a new phone, clothes, soaks, new brush, new covers, new sheets and new pillows, new crocks and new colors, new markers and new drawing paper, new siver's and new rolling books. And a new stick pillow = BIG! -Adalne- 8yr.

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

Share Your Christmas,

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Share Your Christmas, a community project started at St. Jude's Church. Article on Page 7. The Share your Christmas project provides new clothing for students in need at the Hopper and Highlands elementary schools. Highlands Junior school did not participate this year. The project was started 19 years ago by the Catholic daughters organization at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. For a project to serve so many students each year, it must have a lot of support of local churches,

businesses and individuals. The sponsors give to the students with a joyful and loving attitude. They are a group of which we are very proud and thankful, said Theresa Cashion, chairman of the project. Year after year, regardless of what is going on in the world around us, the citizens of Highlands always find their way to provide for our students. We are grateful for their genuine love of giving. The school counselors take time from their busy schedules to work up the list of eligible students and handle the parent

contact for the project. We are thankful to the counselors for the time and effort they give to the children. Sponsors not available for the picture include the Catholic Daughters members and KC's of St. Jude's, Woodforest bank employees, Dr. White's office staff, Delene and Weston Cotton, Brett and Jessica Marshall, Jim and Paula Cashion, Dwayne and Anne Cauthen, Kathryn Dunlop and a couple of very generous sponsors who wish to remain anonymous.