



#### MY HOMETOWN

**DECEMBER 2017** 



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## Heartland Upcoming Events Lifestyle Director Bonita Plested

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The holiday season is upon us and the joy of the season is in full bloom! I wish you and your family peace, joy and happiness this holiday season.

Heartland Teen Elves went door to door to pick up Dear Santa letters from 57 Heartland children! The Teen elves greeted each home with Christmas carols and a festive greeting. It was a joy to see the looks on all the children's faces as the teen elves sang to them and collected their personal letters to Santa.

The magic of Christmas is in the air as we count down to the first Annual Heartland Tree Lighting Ceremony, We are in for an amazing day that includes holiday carolers, crafts, hot coca, s'mores with marshmallows roasting over an open fire, candy cane scavenger hunt, Santa's arrival and lighting of the Heartland Holiday Tree and so much more! See page 1 for details.

The 1st Annual Heartland Sock for Seniors has begun! Spread the joy of the holiday season by donating a package of new socks at the HOA office now until December 18th. The new socks will be distributed to Heartland Seniors on December 22nd. See page 12 for details.

What is better than a gift from the heart? A handmade gift from the heart! Heartland Kids Santa's Workshop is set to take place on December 16th. The kids will make a gift for mommy, daddy, sister, brother, best friend and their favorite pet. See page 5 for details.

The Heartland Farmer's Market is scheduled for December 16th from 9am—1pm . There will be a lot of great gift items available at this months market. Holiday Fruit Baskets all sizes and price ranges. Goat Milk Skin care gift items and baskets, Farm fresh vegetables, herbs, seasonal fruit, eggs, honey, all natural cookies, probiotic Kombucha, firewood, pickled veggies and much more. Please come out and support the Heartland Farmers Market! See page 3 details.

The first Annual Heartland Noon Year's Eve Party will be in full effect on Sunday, December 31st! We will welcome 2018 kid style with a Noon Years Eve celebration! Heartland kids will have a blast dancing, singing and just being a kid! We will enjoy pizza from Mr. Jims Pizza, ice cream and a cake! See page 10 for details.

I would like to thank Certified Pest Control for sponsoring the Heartland Tree Lights.

Huge thank you to M&N Photography and DJ services . Milton and Nicole Attaway you are greatly appreciated for providing the music for so many Heartland events! !

The Heartland Adult Soccer Team will begin meeting in January! See page 6 for details and registration.

There are so many amazing events coming up in our great community!

Only Residents In Good Standing Are Eligible For: Contests, Activities, Events and Classes

ALL EVENTS REQUIRE REGISTRATION ! ONLY THOSE REGISTERED WILL BE PERMITTED TO

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# Heartland Farmer's Market

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For More Information Call Bonita Plested 972-564-1511 or bplested@ccmcnet.com



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# Student Spotlight



## <u>Grace Cox 16 years old</u> <u>Crandall High School 10th Grade</u>

Just like most of our students participating in the Spotlight, Grace talks about how she enjoys living in such a diverse community with lots of friendly people. She enjoys having a park so close to home. And, the fact that the park and streets are kept so clean, makes living in Heartland very special.

Grace says she likes going to school because all her friends are there! We get to meet and greet each other daily. And we are able to learn together everyday.

Grace's favorite sport– soccer is what it is all about for her. Not only is it great to watch this sport on television or in the stadium but she enjoys playing . Last year, she played with the Crandall High School Varsity Girls Soccer team. Grace says soccer is so much fun, And she loves the competition when playing .

Volunteerism is a given for our young home towner, Grace Cox. She has taught children's classes for the past 3 years with Vista Church. Grace teaches 3 year olds on Sundays and helps out with church events like the sports camp.

Grace states that for many years, it has been a shared family event joining others to help feed the homeless during Thanksgiving holidays.

Grace Cox is a honor roll student in the top 10% of her class. She was a member of the Varsity Soccer Team as a freshman. She also plays volleyball, but hanging out with her friends, enjoying all genres of music, eating out and participating in Vista youth events are her most favorite things to do!

After high school, Grace plans to attend Baylor University and attain a Bachelor degree to become a teacher.

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#### More Comfort for Less Cost

To make your home more comfortable this coming winter while saving money at the same time, try the following tips:

Seal cracks around doors and windows using weather stripping and caulk. This keeps heat inside the rooms. Heat can also be lost through leaky heater duct work before it even gets to where it is needed. To save heat, insulate the ducts and seal the joints along the heater duct work.

Install an insulation jacket around your water heater to keep the water inside hotter longer, so it reheats less often. This helps you save money on your electric or gas bill and gives your family greater comfort.

Consider programmable thermostats that allows you change temperature settings at different times of the day and night automatically. This saves money by not heating the home unintentionally should you forget to turn down the heat.



#### A Message From Barbara Walker Elementary School Principle Abby Baker

The Annual Barbara Walker Elementary School Jingle Bell Run is scheduled for December 19th at 9, 10 and 11am. If you would like to volunteer to help out please contact Sharon McPherson Story at smcpherson@crandall-isd.net.

Our NEHS is hosting a game night on December 12th from 6pm—7pm. The entry fee is a new unwrapped toy or individually wrapped snacks. Proceeds will benefit the Kaufman County Children's Advocacy Center.

#### A Message From Dietz Elementary School Principle Melissa Smith

Dietz Elementary School will be hosting its first Jingle Bell Run on Tuesday, December 19th. If you are interested in volunteering to ensure the safety of our students for the run, or in any other capacity please contact your Lifestyle Director Bonita Plested at bplested@ccmc.net

No School December 21st—January 5th.



#### Light Up The Night Contest

Sponsored by Trinity Valley Electric

Three lucky Heartland Residents will be awarded a \$100 credit on their electric bill from

Trinity Valley Electric Cooperative.

Must be a Heartland resident in good standing with the association.

One winner for each of the following categories:

Through the Eyes of a Child

**Creative Inflatables** 

**Traditional Elegance** 

Deadline to register your home is December 11th.

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Decorations must be displayed clearly during the evening of Sunday, December 17th and Monday, December 18th for judging—5:30 m—8:00pm Judges are comprised of resident volunteer committee members. Judging will be conducted on a 1—10 point system for each of the following areas: COVERAGE \* ATMOSPHERE \* SHOWMANSHIP Bonus points will be awarded for the use of energy saving LED lights.





Drop off locations: Heartland HOA Office Brookshire Brothers - 102 W Gleason St, Crandall, TX 75114 Keller Williams Lake Cities - 5435 N Garland Ave ste 190A Garland, TX

Collecting Donations December 1st - 11th



For questions contact: Miranda Forbes (469) 858-8610







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### **Timely Tips for December**

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile.

Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other power equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crape myrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

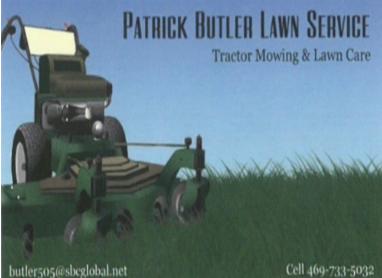
Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your land-scape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase **frost cloth** for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

It is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled.









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#### NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

#### A DOOR ME CONTEST

The first month for the A-Door-Me contest were the three homes listed above. A-Door-Me is the newest contest sponsored by Calloway's for the top decorated entryways.

All three homes were very festive with great curb appeal featuring doorway lights, wreaths, hay bales, gourds, scarecrows, pumpkin topiaries, bathed in beautiful orange color that mirrored the colors of the parkway trees. If only Fall lasted just a bit longer...

#### The Winners of the A Door Me Contest are:

2029 Wagon Trail 4031 Heavenly Way 4001 Bridgewater Check the Newsletter to register for the next A-Door-Me contest for the month of February.







December 6th: Play Time with Lego's December 13th: Toddler Storytime December 20th: Toddler Holiday Party! December 27th: Playdough Party Heartland Toddler Play Group, Where A Kid Can Be a Kid! Every Wednesday 10am—12pm At Heartland Hall!

**<u>Click here to register for the fun!!!</u>** 

#### Welcome New Heartland Residents! Heartland HOA welcomes the following new residents to our community:

Thomas Hanna

Jhante Penigar

Robert Gaspard & Chelsie Parker

Josh & Esmeralda Aleman

Michael Schaff & Tabitha Hall

Yesenia Albe

Ambrea Jones

Quentez Tillmon & Erica Bones

Jefferson Jackson

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Troop 375 would like to help you show your patriotic pride in the United States of America. With a contribution of \$60, Boy Scout Troop 375 will place a 7 ft flag pole with a 2.5 ft x 4 ft flag in your front lawn for each listed holiday. The flag will be up by sunrise and retrieved after sunset of each listed holiday. This is a special way you may support your local Boy Scout Troop as well as show your patriotic pride

Name :	Phone:
Address:	
City:	Zip:
Email:	55 - 69589

To Register,

 Please include payment with form, checks should be made out to Boy Scout Troop 375

Mail form and payment to:

Christopher Foster 635 Farr Alton Rd, Combine, TX 75159



### **Holiday Office Closures**

Friday. December 22nd, 2017: Closing at 3:00PM

Monday, December 25, 2017: Closed

Tuesday, December 26, 2017 Closed

Friday, December 29, 2016: Closing at 3:00PM

Monday, January 1, 2018: Closed

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 Closed



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