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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following poem expresses my holiday wishes to everyone I know and love. Sending Christmas cards has never been my strong suit and I long ago lost the physical list. However the mental list includes a multitude of people I have met over the years. Here's wishing you a wonderful Christmas!!! Vanda Anderson Creech

"Christmas List"

I have a list of folks I know,
all written in a book
And every year at Christmas time
I go and take a look.
And that is when I realize that
these names are part
not of the book they're written in
but of our very heart.

For each name stands for someone
who has crossed my path sometime.
And in that meeting they've become
the Rhythm of the Rhyme.
And while it sounds fantastic for me
to make this claim,
I really feel I am composed
of each remembered name.

And while you may not be aware of
any special link
Just meeting you shaped my life
more than you can think.
For once you've met somebody
the years can't erase
The memories of a pleasant
word or a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas greeting
is just a mere routine
Of names upon a Christmas list
forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas greeting
that is addressed to you
It's because you're on that list
of folks I am indebted to.

For I am but a total of the
many folks I've met.
And you happen to be one of those
I prefer not to forget.
And whether I have known you
for many days or few,
In some way you had a part in
shaping things I do.

And every year when Christmas comes
I realize anew
The biggest gift life can give
is meeting folks like you,
And may the Spirit of Christmas
That forever and ever endures
Leave its richest blessing in the
heart of You and Yours.

Anonymous

Callahan County Political Filings Announced

Callahan County Democratic Chairman Jon E. Hardwick reports the office of Justice of the Peace in Precinct #3 is the only contested race so far for the Democratic Party Primary Election.

Hardwick stated Baird JP incumbent Don Burns, Steve Odom and Jeraldeen Brumbaugh all filed December 3 for the vacant JP precinct which includes the County voter Precincts of #3 (Baird) and #5 (Clyde).

Burns, 57, has resided in the state 57 years and in Callahan County 18 years. Burns lists an address of 508 Thelma in Baird.

Odom, 53, has resided in the state and in the County 16 years. He lists his address as 1309 Sunset Drive in Baird.

Brumbaugh, 54, has resided in the state and in Callahan County 54 years. She lists an address of 240 West 5th in Baird.

Other candidate filings included:

Eston Shelnett filed for re-election to the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1. Shelnett, 76, is the incumbent JP for the Clyde, Eula and Oplin voter precincts. Shelnett has resided in the state 65 years and in Callahan County 65 years. Shelnett, who filed December 14, lists an address of 504 South 3rd Street in Clyde.

Bryan Farmer, of Eula, is the incumbent Callahan County Commissioner for Precinct #2. Farmer, 45, filed December 3 for re-election. He lists an address of 9312 FM 603 Clyde. Farmer has resided in the state and in the County 45 years.

Charlie Grider of Cross Plains, Callahan County Commissioner for Precinct #4, filed December 3 for re-election. Grider, 63, has resided in the state 63 years and in Callahan County 61 years. Grider lists an address of 424 Northeast 9th Street in Cross Plains.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn filed December 3 for re-election as County Judge. Corn, 61, has resided in the state and in the County 61 years. He lists an address of 532 Poplar in Baird.

Sharon Owens of Clyde, filed for re-election as the 42nd District Court Clerk on December 3. Owens, 52, has resided in the state 52 years and in Callahan County 29 years. Owens lists an address of 6218 County Road 252, Clyde.

Jeanie Bohannon filed December 3 for re-election to the position of County Clerk. Bohannon, 58, has resided in the state 58 years and in Callahan County 29 years. She lists her address as 601 West 3rd, Baird.

Dianne Alexander filed December 3 for re-election to the position of County Treasurer. Alexander, 51, has resided in the state 51 years and in Callahan County 38 years. She lists her address as 516 Thelma in Baird.

Candidate filing for a place on the March 12, 2002 Democratic Party Primary Election began December 3, 2001.

Candidate filing applications can be obtained from Hardwick at 227 Market Street in Baird. Applications for a position on the Democratic Primary Election ballot will be accepted through January 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Completed applications can be filed at the same location. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$100. See Filings Page 2

Sudden Illness Claims Former Resident's Life

Pamela Dee Koenig, 33, of Cisco, Texas, passed away Monday afternoon, December 10, 2001, at Eastland Memorial Hospital of an aneurism.

Services were held Thursday, December 13, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the I-20 Church of Christ with Larry Fitzgerald, Bob Pipes and Lee Lewis officiating.

Pam was born on March 29, 1968, at Coleman, Texas to Alvin and Vondean (Walters) Hutchins. She graduated from Cross Plains High School and Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth. Pam married Devin Koenig on August 2, 1986, at Cross Plains. The family moved to Cisco in 1997 where she helped her husband establish their clinic. She was a member of the I-20 Church of Christ and was very active in her church, especially the Lake Cisco Christian Camp. She was a member of the P.T.O., Chamber of Commerce, Civic League, Cisco Country Club and the youth activities of her children.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Devin Koenig; three daughters, Jayln, Jaryn and Jenna, all of Cisco; her parents, Alvin and Vondean Hutchins of Cross Plains; two brothers, Duane and wife Susan Hutchins of Stephenville, and Greg and wife Liz Hutchins of Cross Plains; her grandmother, Mrs. Inez Walters of San Antonio; her father-in-law



PAM KOENIG

and mother-in-law, James Oscar and Lucille Koenig of Cross Plains; two brothers-in-law, Daren and wife Kim Koenig of Tulsa, Ok and Dennis and wife Julie Koenig of Mansfield; grandmother, Mrs. Peggy Koenig of Cross Plains; nieces and nephews, Ashlee, Alan, Jarrah, Kevin, Karen, Aron, Blake, Melissa Daniel, Courtney, Jason and Chelsea; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were Dennis Koenig, Daren Koenig, Jeff Hutchins, Wesley Hutchins, Brad Linscott and Bob Linscott.

Memorials may be made to the Lake Cisco Christian Camp, P.O. Box 629, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Ron's Fina Now Open in Cross Plains

The Fina station at the corner of Highway 36 and Highway 279 is now open under new management. Ron Shy will be providing gas and oil full service with a mechanic on duty. Flat tires will be fixed, oil changes and general repairs will be available.

Ron has 15 years experience in the automotive repair field. He

intends to provide efficient and friendly service to the people of this area, including travelers passing through. He is the grandson of L.D. Halcombe of the Atwell Community.

Go by and get acquainted and let Ron help you with your automotive needs. You can call Ron at (254) 725-7512 for further information.

State can allow speed limit increase in rural areas

ABILENE, Texas — Rural areas of Texas could soon see higher speed limits on portions of the state highway system.

New rules allowing for a maximum speed limit of 75 mph in rural, less populated areas were approved Thursday, December 13, by the Texas Transportation Commission during its monthly meeting.

The rules implement House Bill 299, which allows speed limit increases in counties with populations of less than 10 persons per square mile. The bill was passed during the 77th Legislative session. Six counties in the Texas, Department of Transportation's Abilene district fall into that category. They are Borden, Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Shackelford and Stone-wall.

"The reality is that in rural areas, people usually drive a few miles over the speed limit because of the distances involved in getting from point A to point B," said Rep. Pete P. Gallego, who authored the legislation. "The increase in the speed limit will allow people more room to

gauge a comfortable yet safe driving speed when traveling."

According to Pat McKennon, traffic manager for the Abilene district, before an increase in the speed limit can be considered, traffic and engineering studies must be conducted by TxDOT to ensure that a higher speed limit is safe and reasonable for a particular roadway.

McKennon also said that the factors evaluated during speed limit engineering studies may include: prevailing speeds, roadway width, crash history, horizontal or vertical curves and shoulder conditions. The amount of and location of driveways for residential and commercial developments are also considered in the engineering studies.

The 75-mph speed limit will not apply to commercial trucks, truck tractors, trailer and semi-trailers. But it will apply to light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer. The nighttime speed limit will remain 65 mph.

Eighty-six of Texas' 254 counties, predominantly in West Texas, are eligible to request a 75-mph limit.



CITY AWARDED GRANT FUNDS— James Nichols, Councilman (from left), Edwin Weiss, Councilman, Stan Casey, representative for LCRA, Mayor Ray Purvis and Debbie Gosnell, City Secretary accepting the check from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

LCRA Helps City Build New Park

The City of Cross Plains is building a new city park downtown with the aid of an LCRA community grant.

The Lower Colorado River Authority's \$9,750 donation will help complete construction of the park located next to the existing city hall. The city sees the park as a way to attract new businesses to the community. The park also will be used for various activities, from outdoor weddings to small business group gatherings, picnics and nature activities for school children.

The city will fund the balance of the \$21,150 project for this town of a little more than 1,000 citizens.

The grant is one of 22, totaling \$493,000, awarded recently

through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. The program provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's electric and water service area.

LCRA is a conservation and reclamation district that generates electricity, manages the water of the Texas Colorado River, operates parks, and assists communities in economic development. LCRA operates on revenues from the sale of electricity and water and other services. It cannot levy taxes and receives no tax money.

Newspaper Office Closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas

The Cross Plains Review newspaper office will close Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 so that employees of the newspaper may spend time with their families.

The December 26 edition of

the newspaper will be delivered to the Post Office and arrive on newsstands Thursday, December 27.

Deadline to place an advertisement or for articles is noon Wednesday, December 26.

Remember Those In The Services

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<p>EA 3 Hopkins, Justin NMCB-133 Det Hawaii 370 Port Royal St. Pearl Harbor, HI 96860</p>	
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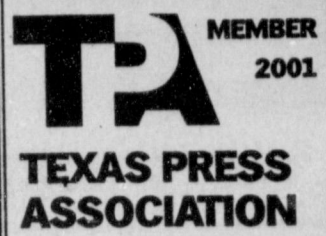
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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for March 12, 2002.

For Callahan County Clerk

Jeanie Bohannon

Political advertisement paid by Jeanie Bohannon, 601 West 3rd, Baird, Texas 79504.

For Callahan County Judge

Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 320 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.

All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

OBITUARIES

Edith Paschall

Edith Paschall, 89, of Abilene, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at an Abilene nursing center.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 543 Hickory, with Claud Parrish officiating. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Paschall was born March 5, 1912, in Baird. She moved to Abilene from Wingate in 1947. She worked in the post office substitution at Abilene Christian University as a postal clerk for 19 years. She married Lawrence Stanford Paschall March 27, 1929, in Cross Plains. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Paschall was a member of the Woodlawn Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by three sons, L.S. Paschall, Charles Ray Paschall and Darrell Paschall, and three brothers, Jack McMillan, Lloyd McMillan and Alfred McMillan.

Survivors include a son, Royce Paschall of Las Vegas, NV; three daughters, Lavonne Lansford of Venus, Sandra Waldren and Kay Wilson, both of Abilene; five sisters, Flora "Peggy" Koenig of Cross Plains, Jewel Martin of Bisbee, AZ, Evelyn Proctor of Austin and Joyce Young of White Mountains, AZ; a brother, Doyle McMillan of Cross Plains; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas, Inc., P.O. Box 3344, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Cassie E. Allen

Cassie E. Allen, of Rising Star, passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2001. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with David Harris and Richard Massey officiating. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen was born October 15, 1917, in Athens. She married William Paul Colwell in 1939. She married H.A. Allen and lived in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include her two sons, George Thomas Colwell of LA and Billy Paul Colwell of TN; of TN; five sisters, Pauline Parsons of Baird, Maurice Martin and Olena Ezzel, both of Rising Star, La Fond Ghormely of Deer Park, Uva Jones of Cross Plains; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, Nathan Hellums, sister, Georgia Walker, and an infant son.

Love Fund Opened for Kay Mosley

A Love Fund has been established for Kay Mosley at Texas Heritage Bank. She has been hospitalized at Brownwood Regional Medical Center for testing related to heart problems.

Contributions will be utilized for medical expenses incurred. Your kind generosity will be appreciated by the family. Please keep Kay in your prayers.

Delma Coppinger Honored Recently

First American Bank's Southern Region recently named Delma Coppinger the Employee of the Year. She had been selected Employee of the Month for November which was the second time she had received that award.

The recent honor included an engraved standing plaque and a

cash award. Delma is Assistant Manager over the branches in Cisco, Eastland, Ranger and Breckenridge. She has managed branches in Cross Plains and Cisco and has had continuous employment with the company for twenty years.

LIBRARY NOTES

December 10-14

Donations:
Pauline Lawson - monetary donation

Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstogge - books
Mr. William Davies - books and audio cassettes

Bonnie Dickson - books
Honorarium:
Ross Hemphill - Honor: Emma Hemphill Reeves

Memorial:
Judy Melissa and Cole Luter - In Memory of Pauline Warren and Lee Wayne Wheeler
Jerry and Chris Biggerstaff - In

Memory of Donna Pickett
Living Water Ministries - In Memory of Pam Koenig
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell - In Memory of Pam Koenig

We have an exciting speaker for our next "Meet the Author" series. Her name is Melinda Rice and she is the author of the *Lonestar Heroines Series*. She will be speaking at Kiwanis and at the high school. Look for more details later in the month, and mark your calendar for January 15, at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Marriage Licenses

Ray Dean Houston and Louise Nancy Laursen, both of Clyde.
Jason Scott Salg and Anna Marie Chaney, both of Clyde.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Christopher Espitia, order revoking probation granted.

Clinton E. Thetford, order revoking probation granted.

Ramon Vasquez, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Darrell Lynn Sasser, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Stoney B. Williams, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Manuel Munoz, motion to dismiss to driving while license suspended (DWLS) granted, paid fine, order releasing cash bond granted.

Lorraine Beagle, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$350.31 restitution.

Preston C. Bartlow, plea of guilty to failure to stop and give required information after a collision, 6 month probation, \$250 fine, \$263 court costs.

Joe Ray Brown, Jr., plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$89.52 restitution.

Joe Ray Brown, Jr., transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Grady Joe Groves, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$108.26 restitution.

Lorraine Beagle, Jr., transfer request from Callahan Co. to Wise Co. granted.

Douglas E. Etheredge, motion to dismiss granted, pled to another charge in justice court.

Joe Tom South, motion to dismiss granted, in the interest of justice and order releasing cash bond granted.

Benjamin W. Bewley, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$313 court costs.

Howard T. Smith, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Christina Esther Cerda and Grabel Olvera Cerda, divorce.
Chondra Ann Lang and Monty Lee Lang, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

John Solis, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Cathy L. Gutkowski, burglary of a habitation.

James C. Gutkowski, credit card abuse.

Benjamin Escovedo, Ct. I, conspiracy to possess or transport of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, Ct. II, possession of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.
Tara L. Tucker, credit card abuse.

Tiffany M. Jackson, Ct. I, conspiracy to possess or transport of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, Ct. II, possession of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Earl Hugher, judgment revoking probation granted.

Edwin Pat Savell, order dismissing motion to revoke probation granted.

FILINGS

Peace is \$300. The filing for all other County offices is \$600. Anyone needing assistance, or for more information, you may call the Democratic Party chairman's office at 915-854-1256 or home phone 915-854-1336.

S.S. Rep. Schedule

A representative from the Social Security Administration office in Abilene will be in Eastland at the Courthouse, first floor, on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. January 22,

February 26 and March 26.

You may call Social Security at the toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 any weekday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cross Cut Cemetery Receives Memorials

The Cross Cut Cemetery has received the following memorials honoring Ferrell Newton: Margaret and Susan McNeel, Cross Plains \$25; Lee and Billie Loper, Baird \$25; Marie and Roy Stambaugh, Cross Plains \$25; Toodie and Hoyt Byrd, Austin \$100; Gwyn and Bill Gunn, Baird \$25; M. Grey Darden and Donald Morfitt, Valley Head, WV \$50; Delia A. Brannon, Fort Worth \$50; Ermanell M. Penney, Clyde

\$25; Doris M. Givens, Odessa \$20; Sue and Keith Watkins, Eastland \$25; Jean and James Alexander, Rising Star \$20; Lynda and Ronald Gray, San Antonio, \$50; Sandra and David Gray, Granbury \$25; and Clemie Strong, Ranger \$20.

All donations are greatly appreciated by the association. Contributions may be sent to O.B. Byrd, HC 30 Box 79, Brownwood, Texas 76801.

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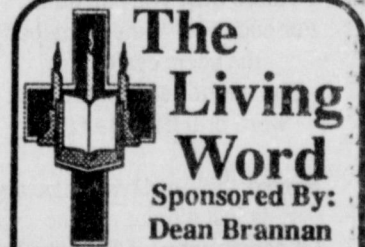
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Dec. 24 6:00

Jimmie Mize - Interim Pastor
Kevin & Kim Cassidy - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music

Welcome!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

As you may have already suspected, I delight in the rich history of Cottonwood, Texas, the Cross Plains area, Callahan County and the surrounding territory. I collect snippets of this history and am often admiring of and amused at the elaborations of it published in the early tabloids of the county.

Here is one, printed in the pages of the *Callahan County Clarendon*, dated May 1, 1880, when the county was only three years old. The article expresses the hopes and optimism of new settlers in a brave new land when dreams were big and the future was bright and dependent on the coming of a railroad, which never arrived. It is entitled, "Description of Callahan County and Belle Plain" and was given to me by Claire Edwards, a good and true native of Cottonwood.

The article commences with glowing descriptions of the bountifulness of the watersheds of Callahan County's streams; Turkey Creek, Hubbard Creek, Pecan Bayou, Dead Man, Battle Creek and others, then turns its attention to Belle Plain, the County Seat at that time. The communities of Cottonwood, Turkey Creek, Admiral, Burnt Branch and others were closely linked to the Belle Plain and its government, business and social institutions. It reads as follows:

"Belle Plain, the County Seat, is most admirably located on an inclined prairie just on the edge of the vast body of post oaks laying south of us, being high and on the open prairie, it is one of the most healthful locations in the State; it has a wonderfully substantial class of buildings; it has about eighteen or twenty business houses, six of which are built of rock, and four of them two stories high; a new jail, of stone and iron, to cost \$6,500, will be completed this spring; we have one Odd Fellows Lodge; and there is a pro-

spect of the organization of a Masonic Lodge in the near future; Presbyterian and Methodist church organizations, a fine and promising school, and the usual compliment of professional gentlemen. We have a daily mail from Fort Worth, and five different stage lines center here. We do say, without fear of successful contradiction that there is not a town on the frontier of Texas, that is such a law-abiding town as Belle Plain; a drunken man is seldom seen on the streets.

Our railroad prospects are most flattering. The Texas & Pacific (better known abroad as the Southern Pacific) have laid their line entirely through the county, and as we write, the surveying and locating agents are surveying a line through Belle Plain, and ere the next number of the *CLARENDON* is issued we will doubtless be able to announce to the world that we have secured for Belle Plain, the advantages of one of the most important railroads on this continent."

Well, we all know that the T&P ran through the northern part of the county and never made a bobble toward Belle Plain. A Division Headquarters, complete with "roundhouse" and many jobs were established at Baird. Soon the County Seat moved to Baird. Belle Plain lost all its businesses, schools, lodges and churches, professional gentlemen and dreams.

It became a ghost town. Now, the ghosts have almost all gone. What is left is a Texas State Historical Marker and the fading memories it preserves.

Belle Plain is located about 13 miles west of Cottonwood and its history is very rich and part of the fabric of our own heritage.

(Please report news and personal items to Wallace Bennett 254 725-7474.)

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



COLONIAL OAKS EMPLOYEES, J.C. CHILDERS AND SANTA HAVING A GREAT TIME



SANTA CLAUS TALKS WITH SAMANTHA DICKSON AND ZELDA MILAM



GARDEN CLUB LADIES SERVING AT PARTY

We had a wonderful turn out of family and friends at the Residents' Christmas Party. The residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Bro. Clower and member from the Pioneer Baptist Church presented a nice program. Everyone joined in with the singing of Christmas Carols. The Garden Club ladies displayed a beautiful table with delicious punch and cookies. Santa Claus not only made a hit with the children but also with the staff and residents. We would like to take the opportunity to say a "Big Thank You and Gold Bless" to everyone who had a part in making this event special for our residents and your loved one.

Our thoughts and prayers for Frank Bartek who is in the hospital.

Appreciation to Mike and Sandy Redd for the gifts; to the Richardson family for the fruit; to Bonnie Rogers for the candy, crackers, cookies and poinsettia; to the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class from First Baptist Church for the gifts; to Kitty Propest for the cakes and cup cakes; to Peggy Stallings for the Kleenex, paper towels and tissue; to the First United Methodist Church for the Kleenex, and candy; to our special friends for the beautiful poinsettias for our residents; to Martha Switzer for the candy and to Ann Bell for the candy; to the children from Living Water Ministries for the gifts and singing of carols and to Ray for his part.

Katie Williams of Ovalo and

Lorine Bryson visited Carl McKenzie.

Thurman and Theresa Adams visited with Doris Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans visited Myrtle Owens.

Wanda Martin and Amber Kleiber visited with Delilah Goble.

Mildred Free visited with Hallie Hartley.

Peggy and Elizabeth Morals visited with Pauline Regian.

Nita Swafford of Baird visited Louise Richardson and J.C. Childers. Also visiting was Earlene Hughes.

Joan Schwengel visited Doris Adams.

Activities

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey and Donie McCowen. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise.

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Dean Brannan. Exercise class.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss. Dominoes.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey (2), Eric Kelly, Clifford King and Donie McCowen. Popcorn and Dominoes.

SUNDAY: First Baptist Church. Wherever you go, whatever you do, this is our holiday visit for you: May you hold in your heart a star from above; may it bring to you Peace and Light and Love.

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PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING CAROLS

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Historical Fact: The Cross Plains Garden Club is a member of the State and National Garden Clubs.

"Lingering Holiday Memories"

The holidays are an exciting time whether you are a student in school, a thirty something or a silver-haired senior.

For most Americans the holidays commence with Thanksgiving and continue through New Years.

It's a time of getting together with family and friends for conversation, for visiting, exchanging recipes, plans and ideas for decorating; for sharing all these homebaked goodies and for all the enjoyment it brings to each of us.

Decorations for Thanksgiving seem to usually include drawings or likenesses of pilgrims and/or Indians portraying participants of the first Thanksgiving and images of the bounty of the fall harvest such as pumpkins, turkeys, etc.

Other holidays bring forth images according to the holiday theme.

Holidays create memories and memories remain the basis and the mainstay of the holidays. Those same memories help us to keep holiday traditions alive.

Foremost in my memories of holidays long past is the warmth of family members, caring, the camaraderie, the often told stories of the elders' childhoods, the excitement of childhood games, the competitiveness among our peers until the winner was determined but highest of all on the totem pole of memories is the general feeling of overall happiness.

Remember the luxury of all the family gathering near the blazing fireplace ----just sitting, visiting with Grandma and Grandpa just sitting and rocking. Occasionally the cry of an infant, the giggles of toddlers would drift through the house co-mingling with the warm air and with the happy chatter of a family enjoying the holidays.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club members met at the Multi-Purpose Center December 14 and then drove to Abilene where they ate at the "Cotton Patch" Restaurant and then went to Baack's Florist and Greenhouse. They saw many beautiful plants and Christmas trees and decorations. The day was beautiful and it was a most enjoyable excursion.

It was decided to contribute to the Kay Mosley Love Fund, one

of our members, who is in the hospital.

Members who participated in the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home open house last Sunday were Mary Ella Weaver, Julene Franke, Wanda Martin, Audrey Lovett, Wanda Hammel, Eva Fleming, Bob and Barbara Powell and Joyce Odom.

The next meeting will be January 11, at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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"The headlines in the *Abilene Reporter-News*, Monday, December 17, 2001, read: "Poll: Religion important to Texans but attendance at services lagging." It was both encouraging and discouraging at the same time. The article stated that "ninety-two percent of Texans say religion is important in their daily lives... "yet, "weekly attendance at religious services in Texas dipper four percent points since 1999 to 50 percent." It even stated that "50 percent is a high attendance rate compared with a national rate of approximately 40 percent"-and that it "is well above the 33 percent the poll recorded in 1997."

I would dare say that there would be another great gap between the 92 percent claiming that religion was important in their daily lives and the percentage of those who daily study their Bibles, especially the New Testament, toward learning what God's will for them is. And I would suspect a great gap between those who read some form of "spiritual" material and those reading the Bible itself-the greater being readers of the first rather than the last.

The market is flooded today with the writers and their books that pertain to "spiritual matters"-with many of them being from the truths of the Bible, others being a watered down approach to God's actual teaching. No wonder there is such a gap between "religious people" and "God's religion practiced." I would encourage, there fore, a reading toward understanding and application of God's divine instructions-His "road map" for our journey from here to eternity.

Come join us in fellowship as we learn God's will more and more. We really do care about you, too!

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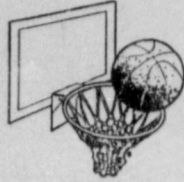
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Girls Basketball Action Reported



The girls were off on Tuesday with no game scheduled.

Friday the girls traveled to Miles. The J.V. Girls lost a close one 31 to 30. It was a good ball game to watch and the kids really played hard. We missed some key free throws in places and turned the ball over at times during the game. Scoring the points were Clark 12, Bennett 6, Wooten 4, Rivard 4, Edington 3, and Ross 1.

The Varsity Girls lost to Miles 55 to 41. The Lady Buffs got in early foul trouble and turned the

ball over way too much against their pressing defense. The girls dug a big hole early in the game down by as much as 22 points. The kids attempted a big second half rally counting the lead to 7 on two different occasions. The rally came up short on both attempts and mounting foul problems took over as we finished the game. Scoring leaders were Bailey 18, Dillard 4, Richards 4, Mauricio 4, Winfrey 3, Nixon 2, Hartman 2, Vasquez 2 and Rivard 2.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team had two tough losses last week.

On Tuesday the Buffs fell to 2-A Colorado City at home and Friday they lost at Miles.

Friday's score was 64-19, with Joe Dillard and Chuck Norris leading in the scoring with 6 and 5 points, respectively.

On Tuesday Jose Mauricio led the Buffaloes with 16 points.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Friday, December 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subject to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Open Meeting
 1. Prayer
 2. Open Forum
 3. Read and Accept Minutes
 4. 2001 Cross Plains I.S.D. Audit Report
 5. Property Insurance for C.P.I.S.D.
 6. Discuss/Take Action on Student Graduating on 3 Year Plan
 7. Discuss/Take Action on H.B. 1130 Educational Aide Exemption Plan
 8. Discuss/Take Action on Electricity Provider
 9. Discuss /Take Action on Gym Construction Settlement Agreement
 10. Executive Session (if needed)
 11. Personnel Staffing
- Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

J.H. High Girls Basketball Report Told

Monday, December 18, the May Tigers came over for three games.

The girls "A" and "B" teams played as one team because May only has one girls team again this year.

The Cross Plains "A" team started the game off with a strong defensive and offensive press. Scoring 22 points and May 1 point in the 1st quarter. During the 2nd quarter we tried to sub in 11 different girls and we scored only 6 points to May's 7 points. The score at halftime was CP 28 May 8.

In the 3rd quarter the C.P. "A" team started it off again scoring 10 points and then we started putting in subs again and May turned in 7 points. The score was CP 38 May 15.

In the 4th quarter we continued with the subs for some playing time and during the quarter May had the chance to shoot 18 free throws and made 12 of them. A few quick turnovers and foul in the last 12 seconds and May was moving up on CP, so in went the "A" team players. Final score was CP 42 May 39. All 16 of the girls had playing time and they played well with pressing, shooting and steals.

Team scorers were Norris 17, Vasquez 8, Scott 5, Douglass 4, Hutton 4, Bacon 2 and Hutchins 1. Record CP "A" Team 4-2.



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Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Program Fund Expanded

HOUSTON—More students in 4-H and FFA programs across Texas will have the opportunity to apply for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships due to a change in the program. In November, show officials eliminated the program's restriction on agriculture or life science field of study, allowing students to major in any authorized field of study leading to a bachelor's degree.

The Show's 4-Hand FFA scholarship program as its oldest program and awards \$1.4 million to graduating high school seniors each year. This change in policy not only affects future scholar-

ship recipients, but also is effective for students currently attending Texas colleges and universities on Show 4-H and FFA scholarships. While this may change choice of major for some students, it still allow them to take their agriculture and life science backgrounds into their future careers.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501 (c)(3) educational charity. With its current commitment of \$8.5 million, the Show has committed more than \$85 million to scholarships and educational programs since 1957.

7th Grade Boys Basketball Summary

November 15, 2001, Cross Plains Vs. Sydney at Sydney.

CP 0 4 4 0 8
Sydney 4 8 17 6 35
Individual scoring: Russell Thomas-5, Justin Dickson-2, Clay Koenig-1.

November 17, 2001, Cross Plains Vs Zephyr at Sydney.

CP 2 8 5 2 17
Zephyr 10 10 6 16 42
Individual scoring: Justin Dickson-7; Sean Williams-2, David Peters -2, Russell Thomas-2, Clay Koenig-2, Lance Allison-2.

November 19, 2001 Cross Plains Vs. Hamlin at Hamlin.

CP 3 7 8 10 28
Hamlin 14 6 11 12 43
Individual scoring: Russell Thomas-11 Justin Dickson-9, Sean Williams-3, Lance Allison-3, Clay Koenig-2.

November 26, 2001, Cross Plains Vs. Ranger at Cross Plains.

CP 10 12 3 8 33
Ranger 2 2 2 2 8
Individual scoring: Justin Dickson-13, Russell Thomas-10, Clay Koenig-5, Lance Allison-4, Brock Cooper-1.

December 3, 2001, Cross Plains Vs. Brownwood at Brownwood.

CP 6 3 0 14 23
Brownwood 2 12 4 6 24
Individual Scoring: Russell Thomas 10, Justin Dickson-7, Clay Koenig-6

December 10, 2001 Cross Plains Vs. Gorman at Gorman.

CP 7 3 9 8 27
Gorman 6 15 5 14 40
Individual scoring: Russell Thomas-10, Lance Allison-5, Justin Dickson-5, Clay Koenig-4, David Peters-2, Sean William-1.

8th Grade Boys Basketball Results Noted

November 19, 2001 Cross Plains vs. Hamlin at Hamlin.

CP 4 7 5 6 22
Hamlin 14 10 8 6 38
Individual scoring: Aaron Phillips - 9, Rivier Dillard-8, Travis Golson-4, Chance Watkins -1.

November 26, 2001, Cross Plains vs. Ranger.

CP 4 6 0 10 20
Ranger 10 16 14 2 42
Individual scoring: River Dillard-8, Aaron Phillips-4, Roy Smith-4, Travis Golson-2, Chance Watkins-2.

December 3, 2001, Cross Plains vs. Brownwood at Brownwood.

CP 3 0 1 4 8
Brownwood 8 8 7 6 29
Individual scoring: River Dillard-4, Chance Watkins-3, Travis Golson-1.

December 10, 2001, Cross Plains Vs. Gorman at Gorman.

CP 2 8 18 10 38
Gorman 8 8 9 9 34
Individual scoring: River Dillard-18, Chance Watkins-7, Travis Golson-6, Roy Smith-4, Aaron Phillips-3.



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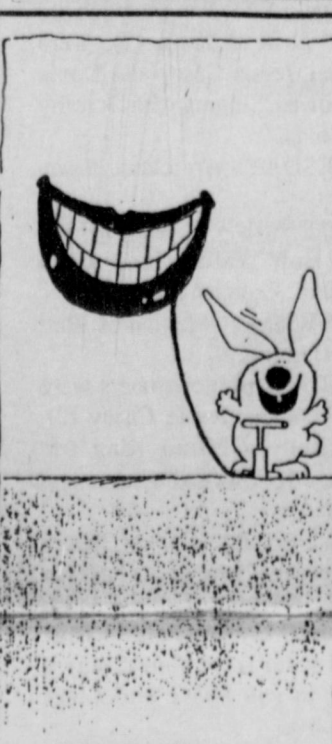
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 The Family of Donna Pickett

Cards of Thanks

As the year comes to an end we would like to thank everyone who has been so generous to us. A sincere thank you to each person who contributed to our building fund so that we might try to preserve the Cottonwood Community Center, to the musicians who faithfully came and played for the musicals, to Dairy Queen for furnishing the ice each month, to the ones who provided or purchased baked goods for our bake sales, to those who contributed food and time for our REHAB fund raiser and our turkey supper, and to those who supported us by attending the functions that we have had in the Cottonwood Community. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

Sincerely,
 Cottonquiling Club

Cards of Thanks

The family of Pamela Koenig would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all of you that had a part in sharing in the loss of this special person.

We cannot possibly send a written Thank You to each person that sent their prayers, called, visited, sent food, the beautiful flowers, and memorials.

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Thanks,
Frankie Smith,
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Shirley Harrelson,

Cards of Thanks

We have so many people to Thank for being with us and supporting our families during the loss of our Pam.

Randy and Judy Foster for taking us to the hospital to be with her, for the many friends who were at our home when we got home that night, for the many friends who visited us and brought food, sent flowers, and memorials, for the friends who kept our business open, all the prayers that brought us strength, the many, many friends who attended her service, the Church of Christ who opened their activity center for our families after the service and to Devin for such a sweet service.

Thanks for everything all of you have done for us. We know that Roses will bloom again.

Alvin & Vonदान Hutchins Duane, Sue, Alan & Aron Greg, Liz, Ashlee, Kevin, Jarrah, Karen, & Blake

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library will hold a Public meeting at 11:00 a.m. on January 7th, at the library, 149 Main Street, regarding the submission of an application to the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for loan/grant assistance in the amount of \$3,950 to be used for the replacement of the library central heating and air conditioning unit.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the general public an opportunity to become acquainted with the project and express their views.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER
STATE OF TEXAS &
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN &

ORDER REDRAWING
CALLAHAN COUNTY
JUSTICE PRECINCT
BOUNDARIES BASED ON
2000 CENSUS

WHEREAS, an analysis of the 2000 decennial federal census disclosed that existing County Commissioner precincts in Callahan County, Texas are substantially unequal in population; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County adopted new County Commissioner precinct boundaries to equalize the population of the respective districts in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County has undertaken to redraw the justice precinct boundaries to take into account the proposed changes to the County Commissioner precincts and to provide for the efficient administration of said precincts; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County established criteria to provide the County with a means by which to evaluate and measure proposed plans and established guidelines for public participation in the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, through a public meetings and Commissioners Court meetings, has received and considered testimony in evidence regarding the need for the alteration of certain commissioner precincts and the resulting change in election precincts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, pursuant to the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution, applicable

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Statutes and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, that effective on January 1, 2002, Callahan County, Texas shall be divided into three (3) County justice precincts as depicted in Exhibit A to this Order, which is a map denoted "Illustrative Plan 1" accurately depicting the boundaries and territories of the respective County justice precincts as redrawn, and which map is incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Order; and Exhibit B to this Order, which is a list of 2000 Census voting tabulation districts ("VTDs") assigned to each respective justice precinct, or, where VTDs have been divided between justice precincts, a list of 2000 Census blocks assigned to each respective justice precinct, and which list is incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Order.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Adopted this 10th day of December, 2001.

CALLAHAN COUNTY,
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**Callahan County
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Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 9, 2001 through December 15, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-62
Complaints-91
DWI-2
Public intoxication-1

Vehicle Accidents
There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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DECEMBER 21
Alen Woody
Jackie Monsey
Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr.
Jimmy Crawford
Eddie Hedrick
Beth Meador
Tommy Phillips, Jr.
Riley Allen
Peggy Brock

DECEMBER 22
James Illingworth
Peter Perry
Cody Joe Sliger
Mrs. B. Crow
Gary D. Gilland
James Goble
Jerry Walker
Thurman Furry
Lindsey Meiron
Cody Ford

DECEMBER 23
Bo Barr
Bobby Sipes
Roselyn Holmans
Douglas Dallas
Mrs. Kenneth Thate
Janet Rister
Weston Jones
Cliff Waddell III
Kenneth Sowell
Jason Beauchamp
Barbara (Purvis) Batton
Lauretta Johnson
Tommie Neff
Star (Dodds) Burleson
Mrs. Bertha Hoyt
Lawana Freeman
Ida Withney
Brian Haun
Vanessa (Taff) Mathison
Sheila McWherson
Laura Johnson
Kay Dennis Mosley
Danielle Marion

DECEMBER 24
Tonya (Steele) Berge
Courtney Taylor
Dena Jo Nickerson
Mrs. E.B. Webb
Justin Richey
Mike Moore

Frankie (Letney) Neeb
Christy (Dewbre) Fox
Judy Steele
Patricia Webb
Getrude McIntosh
D.P. McCorkle
Carol (Foster) Bectold
Ethel Eastham
Mrs. Emma Morgan
Jim Alexander
Lacy J. Koenig
Christy Driskill
Brandi Hutton
Rita Falkner
Theresa Adams
James Conon Sweetman

DECEMBER 25
Robert Floyd
Leanne Gibson
Jimmy Van Story
Donald Stover
Mrs. R.L. Moon
Leslie Reed
Karin Sabaitis
Wesley Webb
Brent Hutchins
Blanche Thrasher
Charlotte (Brown) Lee
Roger Crawford
Joseph Jackson
Mrs. Cal Long
Daniel Bushnell

DECEMBER 26
Jay Ringhoffer
Mrs. Joe Bryson
Bill Slate
Richard Keith Illingworth
Tom Robinson
Loy Thompson
Lisa Sims
Brandon Jones

DECEMBER 27
Mrs. Jack Little
Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Dickie Nowell
Bobby Lawrence
Dr. Mickey Bush
Norma Proctor
John Ross McCaghren
Hannah Brown
Patricia (Lee) Higgins

**Cross Plains Cemetery Association
Report For The Month Of November 2001**

Donations & Earnings	
I/M of Sterling Odom by Joyce Odom	\$ 25.00
I/M of Sterling Odom by Nancy Palmer	25.00
Eva Byrd	30.00
Gage	150.00
I/M Sterling Odom by M/M Ralph Trevey	25.00
Earnings Added to Acct	4.94
Totals:	\$110.36

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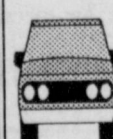
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- NEW LISTING-- 2 Lots Near Baptist Church \$1,000
- NEW LISTING--55/A stockpond, good views, good grass, rural water line, close to town \$625/A
- NEW LISTING--20/A, on pavement, 5 miles from town unimproved, \$20,000
- NEW LISTING--214 3/4/A, West of Lawn in Taylor County, 1/4 minerals, rural water line, Jim Ned Schools, Good hunting, close to Abilene. \$695/A
- NEW LISTING--1,267/A, 5 stock ponds, creek, rolling, Mesquite & Liveoak, rural waterline, Excellent deer, turkey, Quail, and Dove hunting, Southwest Callahan Co.
- NEW LISTING--100/A, Good hunting, rural water line, Coleman Co
- NEW LISTING--370/A, Hills, Liveoaks, 7 ponds stocked with fish, Canyons, excellent Hunting \$550 an acre.
- NEW LISTING--523/A Callahan County, 4 stock ponds, water well, Divided into 4 pastures, good hunting, Good cattle Ranch \$700/A
- NEW LISTING--20/A **UNDER CONTRACT** \$20,000
- NEW LISTING--3 bd/2 bath nice **SOLD** 190/A, 2 water wells, lots of trees, good hunting, 4 miles from town. \$75,000
- NEW LISTING--37/A 5 miles South of Abilene on Hwy 36. Good development potential, good homesite.
- NEW LISTING--50/A in Brown County near Blanket, stock pond, water well, Excellent deer hunting, on County Rd. \$75,000
- NEW LISTING--Home & 80/A **SOLD** Rising Star-50/A of Love & Cline grasses, 3 bd home, garage, water well Call Pauline Winfrey
- NEW LISTING--1,000/A with 3bd/2 bath Brick, CH/A, excellent fences, hills, lakes, ponds, working pens, super hunting and fishing \$750/A
- NEW LISTING--119.5/A, small lake, on pavement, good hunting, stock farm, and home site \$1,000/A
- NEW LISTING--1,885 acres with 7,000 sq 5bd/4 1/2 bath Arkansas stone, split level home, swimming pool. Must see to appreciate. Is now a working ranch, would make good corporate getaway. \$1,300,000.
- *160/A, 3 miles S.W. of Cross Plains, rural water line, excellent fences, 2 ponds stocked with fish, Good deer & dove Hunting-will divide.
- *House and 57.34/A, East of Cross Plains, brick and very nice, large rooms, with 3bd/2 bath, large trees, and backed up to a lake, Rising Star area--Call Pauline.
- *255/A with 3 bd/2 bath rock house, waterwell, pecan orchard, mountains, good hunting, north of Cottonwood.
- *249.5/A, 40/A in coastal **SOLD** cultivation, hills, native pasture, 4 stock ponds, rural water line, excellent hunting, minerals, central Eastland County.
- *4 large residential **SOLD** lot in addition to Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.
- *Approximately 140/A, has everything. Creek bottom w/large pecan, oak, elm, & Liveoak, hills & canyons w/mesquite, 4 stock ponds, large creek, on pavement, rural water line, excellent deer, turkey & hog hunting w/ quail, dove & ducks. Located west of Cisco.
- *11.41/A, waterwell, fenced, native grass, good home site.
- *185/A in North Brown County, 2 stock ponds, rural water line, on pavement, wooded, creek some cultivation. Good hunting & fishing!
- *570/A Coleman/Callahan counties, lake on Little Pecan Bayou + 4 stock tanks, metal barn & cattle pens. Part in cultivation, part Oaks & Mesquites. Coleman water system. GREAT HUNTING! REDUCED.
- *22/A Cottonwood **UNDER CONTRACT**

ACREAGE WITH HOME:

- NEW LISTING--4.89/A with 1,880 sq. ft. 3 bd/1 3/4 Bath, nice, close to town, large storage bld. city water and waterwell.
- NEW LISTING--1.7/A and beautiful 3 bd/2 bath, CH/A, Brick, split level, 2 water wells, Garage, Carport, large trees--Cross Plains \$138,000
- NEW LISTING--3 bd/1 **UNDER CONTRACT** 2 water wells, CH/A, at edge of town, lots of trees, city water \$95,000
- NEW LISTING--3 bd/3 bath on 2.2/A, barns, pens, water well, large trees in town. A bargain at \$36,000
- *1/A lot and older house, great fixer upper, nice lot, in Rising Star --Call Pauline.
- *Beautiful 3bd/3 bath brick, CH/A, on 7/A Cottonwood area, water well, large barn, fenced fantastic view.
- *3bd/2 bath CH/A frame home on 10/A, Cottonwood area, 2 water wells, stock ponds, trees, pretty views, secluded, on pavement.
- *3bd/3 bath, brick on 5/A, fireplace, large trees, workshop and barn --Call Pauline.
- *Nice remodeled **UNDER CONTRACT** 230 sq ft on 2.2/A, on pavement, good location, good waterwell, near Cross Plains. Reduced!

RESIDENTIAL:

- NEW LISTING--2bd/1 bath on 1 1/2 lots on Main Street Nice. \$40,000
- NEW LISTING--2 bd/1 bath close to school \$15,000
- NEW LISTING--2bd/1 bath, large Kitchen and Dining Area, fenced, on large lot in Cross Plains \$32,500 Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING--3 bd/1 bath, 1/2 acre fenced chain link, fruit trees, in Rising Star. \$38,500 Call Pauline.
- *3bd/2 bath, Brick, CH/A on 4 lots, 2 detached garages, fenced yard, lots of storage, good location. \$35,000.
- *3bd/2 bath, garage, hot tub, on large lot. Great yard with water well. REDUCED \$35,000, in Rising Star city limits. Call Pauline.
- *3bd/2 1/2 bath in Rising Star **SOLD** large lots w/ guest house, PRICE REDUCED --Call Pauline
- *1bd/1 bath home, fenced carport and nice storage, well insulated, nice place, in Rising Star --Call Pauline
- *0 DOWN, \$1,000 Move in - 3bd/2 bath, 3 years old, CH/A, in town -nice. REDUCED TO \$48,000
- *2bd/1 bath, frame, large trees, on 2 lots in Cross Plains, reasonably priced.
- *2bd/2 bath, brick, fireplace **SOLD**, on 4 lots, large pecan trees, cellar, waterwell, carport in Rising Star.
- *3bd/2 bath on large lot, 16 pecan trees, a homestead in town. Call Pauline
- *REDUCED-2bd/2 bath home, with glassed in porch. Also 1bd/1 bath apartment w/shop building on South Main. Good Buy! \$35,000

MOBILE HOMES:

- NEW LISTING--1999 Fleetwood Mobile Home, 3 bd/2 bath, to be moved \$28,500

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- *2,225 sq.ft. Bld, Downtown Cross Plains, CH/A, excellent condition and location.
- *Business with home, Excellent opportunity, 1 city block, metal shop building, vehicle storage, fenced, other outbuildings, Puls 3bd/2 bath brick home, CH/A, privacy fence, good location.
- *PK's or Buffalo Inn Bld. across from school, use for home or business.
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Christmas 2001....

Holiday greetings from our tribe. Seems like change and study rule our lives this year.

Precious lives in another state, and we don't get to see her very often. She's facing a change of job, a change of career, or a change of focus in her present job. It's a precarious balance until the situation resolves itself. She'll be relieved when she figures out which side of the fence she'll land on.

In her spare time, she fields such questions as, "Mama, do butterflies have ears?" and, "Mama, where does my blood go?" from five-year-old scientist Smiley Riley. She found out the book store has some neat children's illustrated science books. Or at least it used to. Now Precious has them all lined up on her bookshelf.

Her sister, Puddin', is preparing for a mid-life change of career, too. It's a nerve wracking effort, but the work that seemed pleasant and different and outdoors is now wearing out her framework. She's definitely not the indoor office type, but is looking for something a little less physical for her second career.

Puddin's youngest, Peanut, has big hopes and dreams for her life in high school while she works her way through the last of junior high. Being the youngest sister is always a catchup game, but she makes life big just by her sunny presence.

Sweet Pea, next in line, is a high school freshman this year. Weekends, she studies dressage

and the ways of English riding. It's hard work, but the hardest part falls to us at the end of each lesson — wrenching her away from the horse.

Punkin just finished first semester finals and feels good about it. Her challenges this year include perfecting a system for living in that compact world of dorm life.

MyKeeper, the "light of my life," (he told me to say that), is studying to find the best ways to cope with me and the kids and the grandkids and the goats and the dogs. He says that is the real challenge.

I've been studying the habits of my goats and the creatures that nest and den and burrow the property around our house. It was a key discovery this year to find out why my frequent visitor, Lydia the Lady Mockingbird, hangs around here. It's not our scintillating company that draws her, but our lantana berries. It's been humbling, but she's still welcome.

So many things are different this year. So much is unsettled. Everyone I know wants a perfect, happy Christmas. I guess that means we all hope the Christmas season goes according to plan. Sometimes it doesn't. Unless you keep in mind Whose Plan. We seem to need the constant reminder that our faith grants us a heritage of hope. That's what really matters.

We send Christmas greetings from our County Road.

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ON THEIR WEDDING DAY— Ellowayne and Roy Neil Tatom



50 YEARS TOGETHER— Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom to Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Roy Neil and Ellowayne Tatom will be honored with a reception celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, December 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Hosting the reception will be their children, Beverly and husband Charlie Ross of Cross Plains and Kim and husband Eddy Gibson of Ruidoso, New Mexico, along with their five grandchildren, James Ross, LeAnne Gibson, Colby Gibson, Courtney Gibson and Karen Ross.

Roy Neil met Ellowayne Byrd on an arranged blind date. They were married at the Cottonwood Baptist Church by Rev. Jess Bigbee on Christmas Day, 1951. Roy Neil was serving in the U.S.

Army at Ft. Riley, Kansas. They lived there for one year and then moved back to a peanut and stock farm in the Atwell community where they lived for 45 years. Both worked at Eastland Auction for several years. After retirement, the couple built a home in Cross Plains where they have resided for the last four years.

They are longtime members of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains where Roy Neil serves as a deacon, and both of them have taught Sunday School classes over the years.

All friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend the reception and help them celebrate this special occasion. Your presence is gift enough.

Bennett Completes Basic Training in the Marine Corp.

December 6, 2001 (FHTNC)— Marine Corps Pvt. Michael P. Bennett, son of Phillip and Sheri Bennett of Cross Plains, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Bennett successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Bennett and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Bennett spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Bennett and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corp's core values —honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Bennett and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits

were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Bennett is a 2001 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

The Smells of Christmas

By Sharion (Stansbury) Fry

Do you remember the smells of Christmas? To this day when I go into the produce department of the grocery store in the fall of the year, I have memories of Christmases past. The smell of the oranges and the sight of the red shiny apples and the assortments of unshelled nuts signal that Christmas is coming.

On Christmas Eve we would go to our daddy's chest of drawers and each of us girls would get one of his socks to leave out for Santa. These were just old, ordinary socks, nothing like the fancy Christmas stockings that we use today. We would choose the area under the tree that we wanted Santa to play our gifts and we would place our sock there.

The Christmas tree was usually a cedar tree that we would go and select ourselves from one of my parent's friends' pastures. Sometimes it would be one bought from the grocery store. We decorated it exactly two weeks before Christmas and it came down on Christmas Day.

While we were sleeping "Santa" would fill our socks with goodies. On Christmas morning the socks would be found lying on the floor misshapen and bulging. We

would find an orange, an apple, pecans, walnuts, almonds and the colorful hard Christmas candy. There would be the hard candy ribbons, which had to be broken into pieces to be eaten. We would savor the fruit filled hard candies. I can't remember that last time that I had candy with cotton lint from a sock on it. We didn't mind at all.

The smells of Christmas add to the season. Our minds recall the scents of this time better than we can remember the actual memories. I can look at old photographs and remind myself of the times after I was twelve years old, which is when I received my first camera. Mama and Daddy didn't take pictures the way we do today. I don't have a picture of any of us as very small children on Christmas mornings. The smells of Christmas are the closest I can come to a photo in my mind.

The days that are long ago and faraway, are now only memories recalled by the scents of the day, or in the memory of a special toy brought by Santa.

Dear God, thank you for the memories and the love that was given to us by our parents. Thank you for a Mother, who told us about Jesus. Amen.

MA & PA

BY JAMES NICHOLS

Written for Slew Foot

"A Christmas Story"

Yes, Esther, there is a Nester.
He is a Christmas Donkey.
He's short, not too long.
His ears drag the ground.

Yes, Esther, there is a Nester.
Mary rode upon his back.
He saw that she arrived
In Bethlehem safely.

Yes, Esther, there is a Nester.
He was the donkey that
Looked after the Christ Child.
He welcomed all the other animals
As they awed from afar.

Yes, Esther, there is a Nester.
He is a Christmas Donkey.
If we celebrate our savior on Christmas Day
Wouldn't you say Santa's sleigh
Should be pulled by eight tiny donkeys
With their ears dragging the ground.

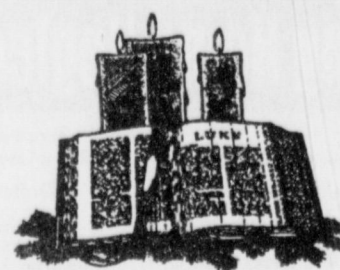
Over The River And Through The Woods...



I want to wish all my friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Drive Safe and Sober
Love you,
L.C and Ludie

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below.
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music cannot compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear,
And be glad I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send each of you a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I send each of you a memory of my undying love,
After all love is a special gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories that Jesus told.

Please love each other as the Father said to us,
For I cannot count the blessings or the love He has for you,
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

VETERANS NEWS
By TOM IVEY

GOOD NEWS—The Department of Veterans Affairs has made it easier to obtain Pension benefits. (Veterans with non-service connected disabilities may be eligible for "Pension" while these Veterans with service connected disabilities may be eligible for "Compensation"). Effective September 14, 2001, medical evidence that the Veteran is permanently and totally disabled will not be required under three conditions:

1. The Veteran is 65 years or older and not gainfully employed.
2. The Veteran is any age and he or she is a patient in a nursing home for the purpose of long-term care.
3. The Veteran is any age and a Social Security determination is a record that the Veteran is totally disabled and improvement is not expected.

All other requirements for Pension regarding service and finances remain the same. Pension requires that the Veteran have at least one day of war time service. That means that the Veteran must have been on active duty during a time when the United States was either at war or for the brief time following war. Overseas or battle duty is not necessary. Release from the service must have been under other than

dishonorable conditions.

The present Pension rate is \$775.00 per month for a single Veteran and \$1015.00 for a Veteran with one dependent. ALL OTHER INCOME counts against the pension but credit is allowed for out of pocket medical expenses for the Veteran and dependent. This includes Medicare and supplemental health insurance costs, prescriptions, dental, optical and hearing expenses.

VA pension and compensation rates will increase by 2.6% (same as Social Security) on January 1, 2002. Call or come by (Monday & Tuesday) or call 915-854-1520 with questions. Perhaps there is a way to get you some additional income.

HOLIDAYS—Your Veterans office will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas and again on January 1 for New Year's Day. The office will be open on December 31 along with the Courthouse offices.

TAPS—Two more Callahan County Veterans have answered the last call. William W. Henegar of Putnam reported December 6 and Bill Betcher of Baird followed the next day. Veteran Betcher served during both World War II and the Korean War. Our sincere sympathy to the families of these men who were there when needed.

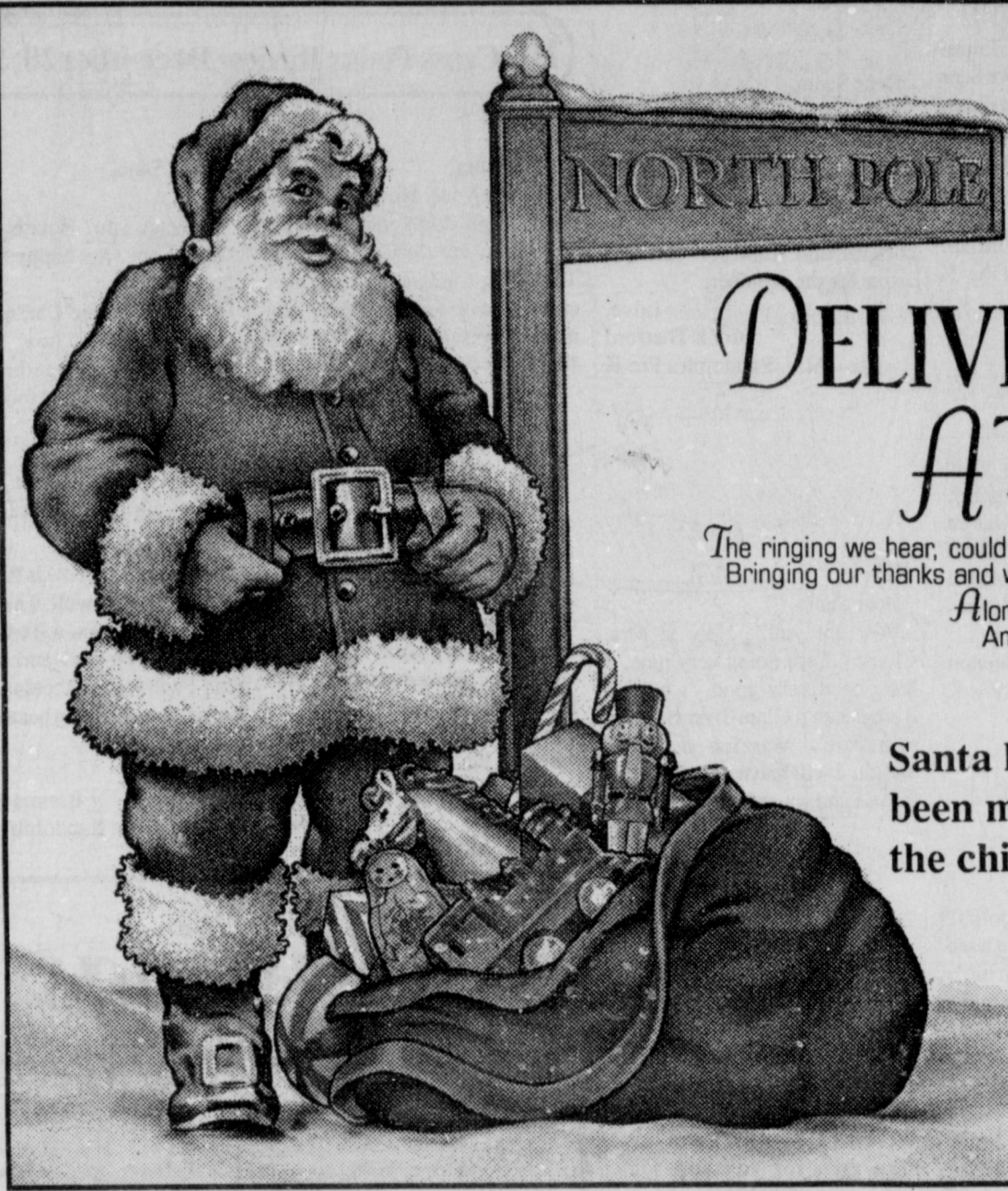
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DELIVERING OUR BEST AT CHRISTMAS

The ringing we hear, could be Santa's sleigh
Bringing our thanks and warm wishes your way

Along with our hopes for peace on earth
And a season that's filled with joy and mirth.

So wherever you're headed and whatever you do
May our glad tidings travel with you!

Santa letters are published as is, no corections have been made. The wording is original, as written by the children.

Dear Santa Claus,
I think I have been a good girl this year. I would like a pocket knife for Daddy. A real tea pot for mommy. And for John Ross a belt buckle. For me nothing thank you.

From,
Tiffany

Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a motorcycle, boots, belt and hat. I would also like trucks and a trampoline. Please don't forget my little brother Samuel, he would like trucks too.

We will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Isaiah Guerrero
Age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want boots, cowboy hat, and some trucks.

Doobs

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? How is Rudolph? I have been a very good girl, no matter what Papa Wood says.

Can you please bring me a back pound puppy, Leap Pad Monsters, Inc. game, a Mike the Monster a Barbie Van Dance Studio, a swing set and a workbench so I can help Papa.

I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Be careful.

Love you,
Ashlyn Hilburn
Age 4

Santa Claus and reindeers,
I want a puppy dog for my birthday, and I want a pink hat, pink boots, and a horse.

Hannah Cowan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Barbie, some Jeans and cowboy boots.

Shelby McWilliams

Dear Santa,
I just turned 10 years old and live in Cottonwood. I would like a Barbie Doll, some very warm clothes, cause it gets cold in the country, warm PJ's too, Sneaker Skates, Telescope, Barbie ATM machine, some CD's and books.

Please don't forget my Grandpa he wants warm PJ's too. and my GrandMa wants a couch.

Please Don't forget my brother James and Christy, my niece Kelsea and new nephew Brandon Lee, he wants baby toys and clothes. Remember all the other kids too.

Love,
Kathleen

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good time at the North Pole. For Christmas I want that Slithering Jake Snake and that Big Motorcycle, a Resue Hero set, Mike and Sully Bedtime, new cowboy boots and Sponge Bob game. I am going to leave out Chocolate Chip Cookies and milk for you in case you are tired. I have been a good boy this year and I hope you bring something for everybody in the whole country. Please bring my Sissy something and Mama and Daddy, and Cutter, China and Bubba.

I hope your reindeer can find my house. Be careful getting here. I'm in school already.

From,
Bronc

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very fine. I have been very good. I want a Barbie town house and a Wendy plush doll. I will leave cake for you and ranch dressing for the reindeer.

Love,
Misty Ivie
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a Barbie x-mas tree and a unicorn horse. I will leave cookies for you and water for the reindeer.

Love,
Kelbi Hyles
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

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Peace
on
Earth

Your goodwill has meant so much to us these past months. Thanks for being such wonderful friends and customers!

THE CITY OF
CROSS PLAINS
EMPLOYEES



WELCOME THE SEASON

WELCOME CHRISTMAS INTO YOUR HOME
By GATHERING FRIENDS FROM WHEREVER THEY ROAM;
WELCOME CHRISTMAS INTO YOUR HEART
By SHARING THE FAITH AND DOING YOUR PART;
WELCOME CHRISTMAS BY HONORING OTHERS
FATHERS, MOTHERS, SISTERS, BROTHERS;
WELCOME THE SEASON IN YOUR OWN SPECIAL WAY,
AND ENJOY ALL THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS DAY!

Comanche County Electric
Cooperative
(915) 356-2533

SADDLE UP
to a great season!



Thanks, pardners, for doing business with us this year.

Merry Christmas to all!

Johnson's Dry Goods
(254) 725-6211
Noah and Bobbie

Wishing
You A
Glowing
Season

Thanks for providing a bright spot in our year!

Cross Plains
Frozen Foods
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Alvin & Vondean Hutchins



CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

We're counting our blessings this holiday season, and your kind friendship is among them.

With thanks and best wishes from our family to yours for a very merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous new year.

THE CHILDRESS FAMILY



Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph?
I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a Tarzan Game and a NFL game. I will leave milk and hot chocolate for you and food for the reindeer.

Love,
Dalton Gilliam
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is your reindeer? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a Tony Hawk Skateboard (Radio Controlled), and a E-Karaoke. I will leave milk for you and cookies for the reindeer.

Love,
Paige Wilson
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph?
I am doing very good. I have been very nice. I want Barbie's Marzipa and Candy Sleigh and a Super Scooter Shennen. I will leave milk and cookies for you and reindeer food for the reindeer.

Love,
Allanta Wheeler
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph?
I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a Monster Inc. Doll. I will leave a snow cone for you and apples for the reindeer.

Love,
Kaylee Potter
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is the North Pole? I am doing fine. I have been very nice. I want pokemon and GI Joe or Amen. I will leave some potatoe chips for you and corn for the reindeer.

Love,
Brody Thomas
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a playstation game and a Mario game for game boy. I will leave cookies and milk for you and water for the reindeer.

Love,
Brock Theford
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Clause? I am doing very nice. I have been very good. I want a Barbie Jam'n Glam Tour Bus and a Barbie's Marzipa & Cany Sleigh. I will leave hot chocalate for you and water for the reindeer.

Love,
JaeLynn Stout
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I am doing fine. I have been very nice. I want a Boom box and a baby doll. I will leave some gum for you and some cookies for the reindeer.

Love,
Kristin Savell
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is your reindeer? I am doing very good. I have been good. I want a play kitchen and baby doll that draws and paints. I will leave cookies for you and water for the reindeer.

Love,
Cheyenne Bomar
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

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Dear Santa,
How are you? How is the reindeer? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a Tonka big truck, and Hot Wheel cars. I will leave cookies and milk for you and reindeer food for the reindeer.

Love,
Kiefer Steinle
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is the reindeer? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a play house and a ball that floats in the air. I will leave a house for you and water for the reindeer.

Love,
Cory Cavender
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is the reindeer? I am very happy and have been very nice.

I want a Barbie Christmas tree and Barbie Boom box. I will leave a gingerbread man for you and reindeer food for the reindeer.

Love,
Guadalupe Ramirez
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph?
I am doing very well. I have been very good. I want a Barbie princess make-up doll and a boom box. I will leave chocolate Cookies for you and green beans for the reindeer.

Love,
Brenna Kleiber
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Blessings of the Season

As we recall the Christmas miracle, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His many splendid creations, large and small.

We really feel fortunate for the blessing of your patronage.



Connie's Cuts and Curls
Connie Kirkham
(254) 725-6318

C & C
Service Center
Cliff Kirkham
(254) 725-7445

With Our Gratitude



To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your kind patronage.

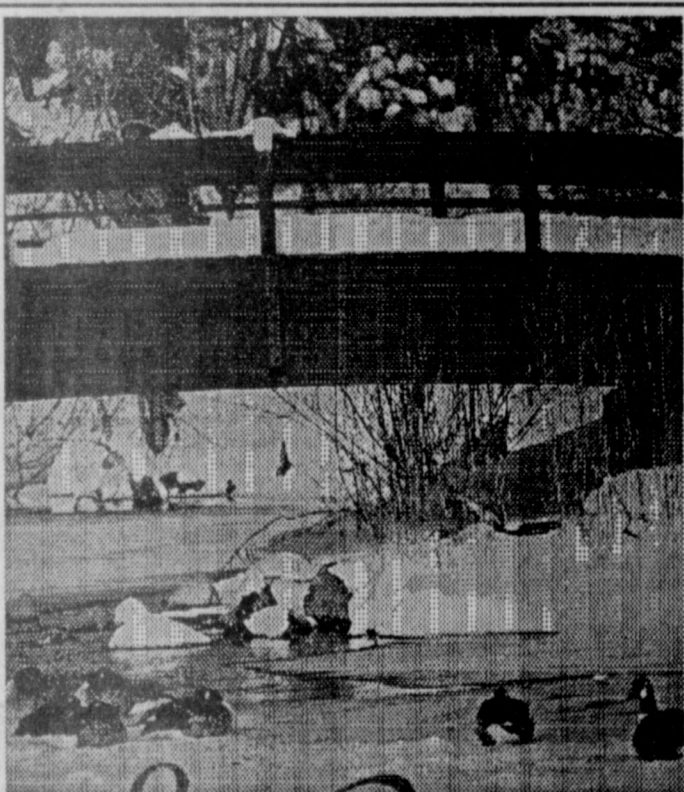
Coleman County
Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(915) 625-2128



It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!

Signs of the season are all over town, and we'd like to thank you for coming around!

Coleman County Telecommunications, INC. d.b.a.
Santa Anna, Texas
(915) 643-1946 or 1-800-439-1723



Season's Greetings

With warm regards to you and your flock this holiday season. It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you.

From All The Folks At
Cross Plains
Grain & Peanut



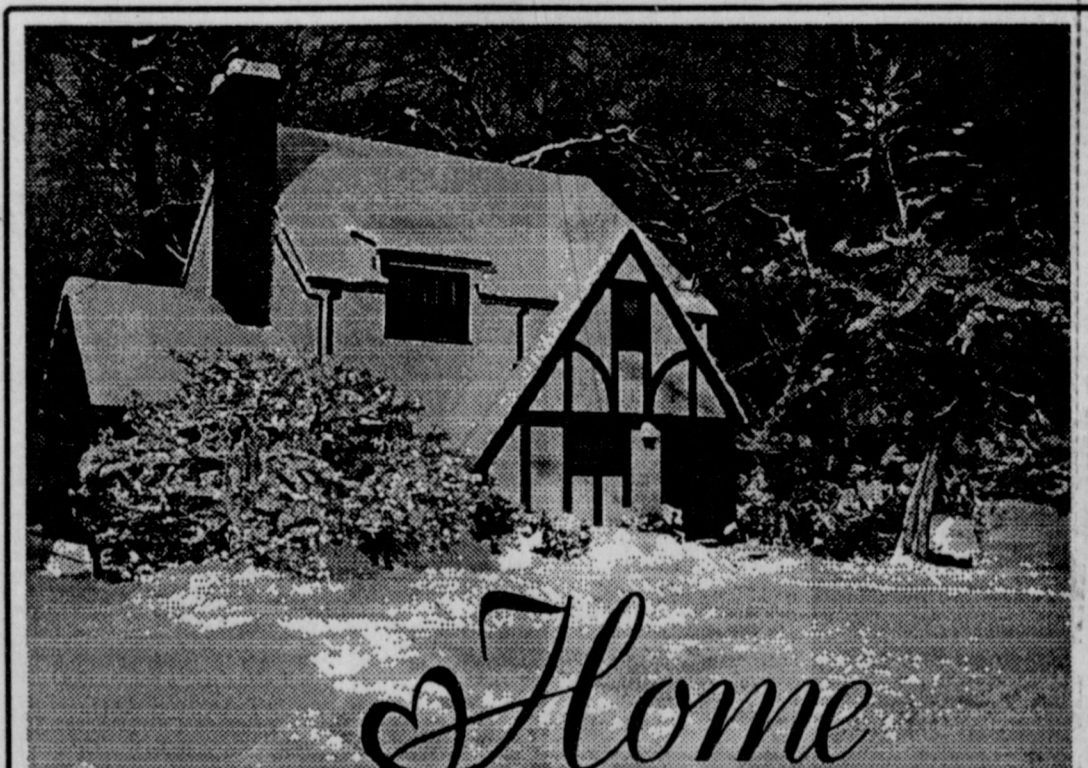
YOU LIGHT UP OUR LIVES!

Merry Christmas and sincere thanks to our customers and friends this holiday season.

Thank You for Your Patronage

Dale Mitchell
Building

Dale, Myrna, and Mindy



Home Is Where the Heart Is

We know our hearts are with all the great people we've had the privilege to work with this past year. We feel proud to serve and be a part of this wonderful community.

Merry Christmas and many thanks!

Jones Real Estate

Rolan Jones, Broker
(254) 725-6163
348 South Main
Cross Plains, TX

webpage: www.crossplains.com



Christmas Is On The Way

Some things haven't changed much since the old days. Good friends, loving family and courteous neighbors like you, are still what Christmas is all about. With appreciation and warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Jimmy D. Wilson Drilling
(254) 725-6120
Jimmy & Carolyn Wilson

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very fine. I have very good. I want a frogger game and hot wheels race track. I will leave cookies and milk for you and milk for the reindeer.
Love,
Ben Branch
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am doing very well. I have been a very good boy. I want a truck and tools. I will leave milk and cookies for you and oats for the reindeer.
Love,
Chance Thompson
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very good. I have been a very good boy. I want a TV and teddy bear. I will leave milk and cookies for you and horse feed for the reindeer.

Love,
Caden Creach
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very fine. I have been very good. I want a Mr. Potato Head and a cash register. I will leave milk and cookies for you and water for the reindeer.
Love,
Kristen Bland
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Catch the Spirit

In a grand tradition, we offer our thanks and warm wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Weiser Weddings & Photography
(254) 725-7387

James & Tammy Weiser

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is your reindeer? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a diary and boom box. I will leave milk and cookies for you and water for the reindeer.

Love,
Megan Frances
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Dancer? I am doing very good. I have been a very good boy. I want a car and dinasors. I will leave Dr. Pepper and cookies for you and corn for the reindeer.

Love,
Charles Thompson
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I am doing very fine. I have been very good. I want a ring and a necklace. I will leave cheese and Root Beer for you and cookies for the reindeer.

Love,
Jurnee Thomas
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very well. I have been very good. I want a Playmobil set and a (Radio Contro) Tommy Hawk Skateboard. I will leave cookies and milk for you and a gingerbread man for the reindeer.

Love,
Austin Walker
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudolph? I am doing very good. I have been very good. I want a Hit Clip and a Crash bandit game. I will leave cookies and milk for you and apples for the reindeer.

Love,
Korbin McLean
Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K

Deck The Halls!

Wishing you all the trimmings of a beautiful holiday season.

Your presence has been the best present for us this year. Thanks!



*Taylor Coutny Electric
Cooperative, Inc.*
Merkel, Texas
(915)928-4715

Merry Christmas

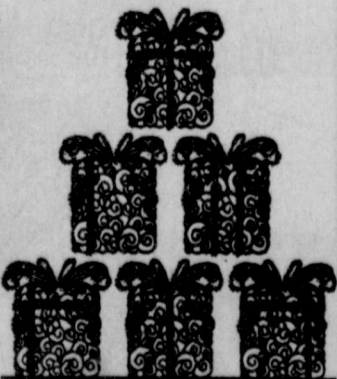
May glad tidings find you wherever you go! We thank you for visiting us this past year.

Cox Plumbing & Electric
(254) 725-6731
Earl Cox

Happy Holidays

Wishing you peace and joy at this wondrous time of year. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, Inc.
E. Hwy 36 & Ave. B
Cross Plains, Texas
(254) 725-7216



Happy Holidays

Here's hoping your Christmas really stacks up!

Amelia's House of Beauty

(254) 725-7247



To Our Good Neighbors At CHRISTMAS

We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the privilege of serving you.

Happy Holidays and heartfelt thanks!

BUGBUSTER PEST CONTROL and EMPLOYEES
(254) 725-6740

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a toy rabbit, a toy ballerina bear and a real fish.
Love,
Jaden Kennedy
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control spiro that catches eggs and a Playstation.
Love,
Taylor Parker
6-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want a Harry Potter game and movie, Sailor Moon, a cat, a skateboard and lots of Digimon.
Love,
Katie Smith
6-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, Barbie mom, Barbie Robot and a gingerbread man robot.
Thank you,
Love, Lindsay Ames
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy, X-Box, a book and a T-Rex Robot.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Brett Webb
5-years-old

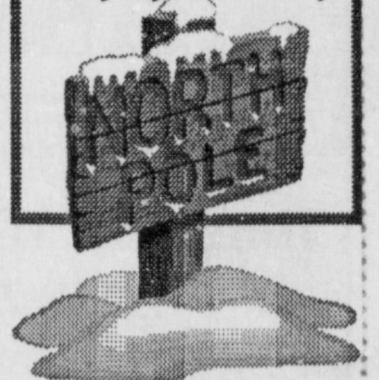
Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep, a Barbie, a little bear to sleep with and a Moma Barbie.
Love,
Christa Potter
6-years-old

Dear Santa,
I need a new Barbie and a Ken doll, a new bed that's my size and Nutcracker Barbie.
You're the best Santa!
Love,
Caroline Cline
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good.
Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a notebook, CD player, guitar and a trampoline.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Merry Christmas and a New Year.
Love,
Renee Robertson
2nd grade

All Signs Point To Christmas!

Thank you for passing by our way this year. Have a joyous Noel.
T & K Tire and Alignmet
(254) 6223
Randy Baker & Family
Tony Wyatt & Family



**JOY
HOPE
LOVE
DREAMS
FAITH
PEACE
HAPPINESS**

Who says you can't have it all?

With best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

Bargain Barn
Hwy 279 and State Park Rd 15
(915) 784-6976
OR
(915) 784-5511

Dear Santa,
I want a T-Rex Robot, a Battle-Bot and that's all.
Love,
Aaron Wheeler
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a horse robot, a rabbit, a tent, a real horse, goggles. Thank you very much.
Love,
Colton McWilliams
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Monster truck, race truck, a train, a unicorn, cars, rocking airplane and a basketball.
Please bring a dog for Aaron and a boy Barbie for Kristen.
Love,
Justin Willis
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want a train set, a gameboy, a fox toy and a big stuffed teddy bear.
Be careful and have fun.

Love,
Joshua Branch
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want shoes, more dresses, more Santa hats, Santa doll, a stocking for next Christmas, pants, a bubble pen, a Barbie, doll horse, Barbie car, book and a tat-too.

Love,
Jasmine Lowe
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an "X box, Superman game, Nintendo II, a dog, a new house and a new bed. I will help you deliver the presents and take care of you if you're sick.

Love,
George Lowe
5-years-old

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Monsters, Inc. toys, game cube, Spiro game, and a Robin Hood tree house game.

Love,
Cameron Rockett
6-years-old

Dear Santa,
I want a T-Rex Robot, hot wheels, lots of books and a skateboard.
Merry Christmas!

Love,
Alyssa Wheeler
6-years-old

Dear Santa,
This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good.
Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a little angel that sings Christmas song?
I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Kristin Willis
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good this year.
Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a Karioki machine, CD player, and cheerleading suit?
Charleen Avants
2nd grade

Holiday Greetings

May your spirits be lifted by the beauty of this wondrous season. We're truly grateful for your continued patronage.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Customers.

REED CONSTRUCTION
Rusty, Debbie, Matt, and Cody

Season's Greetings

*As snow is blanketing the ground,
We'd like to spread cheer all around
With a flurry of best wishes, too...
From all of us to all of you!*

Russell-Surles Title, Inc
(915) 854-1115 --- (915) 893-4227
Baird,

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Monster truck, Gameboy II, video game "64" and Spy Kids Game, a remote control race car, cars, a robot shark that changes form and a new puppy.
Love,
Tristin Stephenson

it's a Winter Wonderland

Snow is blanketing the ground,
Spreading good cheer all around
Because every flake's another sign
That Christmas can't be far behind!

We appreciate your patronage and goodwill.
Happy Holidays!

Susan J. Schaefer, CPA
(254) 725-6747
Merry Christmas
from
Susan, Betty, Becky, Corbin, and Angela

REJOICE!

With best wishes to all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Thanks for your friendship and loyal support

Home Sweet Enterprises
Antiques & Collectibles
East Hwy 36
(254) 725-7351
Joe Howser

Delivering Our Thanks

We're ho-ho-hoping a bundle of good news and glad tidings lands on your doorstep every day of the holiday season.

We appreciate your loyal readership.

The Cross Plains Review
Don Tabor-Vanda Creech-Melody McWilliams
Community & Student Reports

Filled With Best Wishes



Serving you has been a real treat for us. Thanks!

Cross Plains Business Service
(254) 725-7712
(254) 725-7434

Dear Santa,

When you come would you please leave new jeans, long sleeve shirt, new shoes and socks because it is getting cold. Would you please stop the war and one more thing, I love you,

Your friend,
Hayden Wyatt

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie and the Nutcracker, an umbrella, toy horses and Hello Kitty things for me. I also want a magnet for Shelby, a toy car for Darrin, new boots for Dad and new makeup for Mom.

Thank you,
Delany Ames

P.S. If you run out of money you can borrow some of mine.

Dear Santa,

I wish my Mom would not go to Idaho. If she does I want her to take me with her.

Please Santa I would like a horse and a car for my Mom, a hat and an animal like a cow.

Love,
Cody Milam

Dear Santa,

The thing that I want the most for Christmas is to see my cousin, Danielle.

I also want a Barbie Dream House, a Barbie Hotel and a Barbie Beetle bug volkswagen.

Love,
Cheyenne Cowan

Dear Santa,

I want toys, 3-wheeler, gameboy, Pokemon, play station, jam box and nas car.

Britton Dukes

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good. Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a trampoline, Diva Star doll, notebook and radio?

Love,
Sammie Tollett
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Can I have some jeans because the old ones are too short. And some sweaters because the winter is coming. Please leave a dog at my house because my other dog ran away. I want a playstation, a snug bug and a pair of football pads.

Thank you.

Your friend,
Wesley Howell

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nintendo army game and a chess set.

I have been a good citizen. You are special. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Jonathan Hollis

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a horse with a carriage, mini erasers, a real paint horse, magic jumping horse, some real snow and my family to stay joyful.

Love,
Morgan Thomas
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

I want Green Packers stuff, new shoes because my old shoes are ripping apart, Leggo man, playstation 2, and a toboggan.

Your best part of Christmas.
Your friend,
Allan Wheeler

Dear Santa,

What I want is some clothes, long sleeve shirt and blue jeans would be nice because my clothes are too little and too short. I want a Dallas Cowboy hat.

Did I forget to mention your the BEST.

Taylor Savell



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

HOPE YOUR SEASON DELIVERS A LOAD OF GLAD TIDINGS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE.

Ray's Barber Shop
(254) 725-7530

Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa. Could I have some Saga games please. I like to take pictures of you and I like your reindeers too. I like your elves too. You are my best friend.

If you have a Chevrolet truck, load it up in your sleigh and please bring it to my house.

Thank you,
Savana Wyatt

Dear Santa,

I really would like to have some sign language books, an old Navy blue jacket, some Mary Kate and Ashley boots, a Fonics Game and books about animals.

I have been a very good girl. I would like to stop the war.

Your helper,
Ashley Cozart

Dear Santa,

On Christmas please can I have a Nintendo 64, race car track, leap frog a snow bord, so if I get bord.

Levi Marsh

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a paint ball gun with paint balls, elect, scooter, Gameboy Advance, games for Gameboy Advance are F-Zero and Pokemon, Crystal and Rocket Power.

I have been good this year. I promise I will leave you cookies, cheeze and milk.

Megan has been a nice sister so please give her a \$20 cd.

Thank you Santa.

Your friend,
Austin Thomas

Dear Santa,

I'd like to have something for Chrismes and this what I like. A set of Pokemon cards, a skater's dirt bike, a scooter, a machine gun, a new t.v. the scorpion king, canopy bed, Mewtoo Returns movie, a paint ball gun, an angel doll, gameboy, nintendo, video camera, Pokemon Gold and Silver, a big box of mini erasers, a surf bord, a bike, makeup, gold nail polesh, Spiro Gameboy, computer, roller skates, skate bord, a pokemon bed and bat, Digemon cards.

Love,
Hannah Horton

I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,

I would like a new radio, some clothes, a tool set and a new cap. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Justin Simons
2nd grade



WITH WARM WISHES

It may be cold outside, but our hearts are warmed with thoughts of friends like you. Happy Holiday!

Dane & Sue Ratliff

Ratliff Supply

(254) 725-4242

Enjoy the Beauty of the Season

May you revel in the splendor of the season and marvel at the miracle of all living things large and small.

With appreciation and warm holiday wishes from all of us.

Jim's Floral and Gifts

(254) 725-6220



Tim Dillard

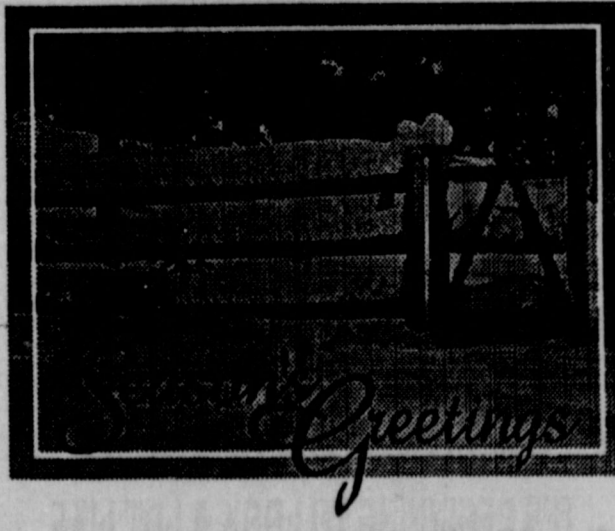
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Customers like you just can't be beat!
Thanks, everyone!

The Burkett Store

(915) 624-5463



Wishing you tidings of comfort and joy this holiday season.
Thank you for blessing us with your visits.

Carouth's Consturction

(254) 725-7515

Rickey, Kalba, Ranelba, Brent, Crystal & A.F

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE.

Sylvia's Hair Shack

Sylvia Switzer, Owner
Phone 725-6333

Dear Santa,

Please may I have a real paint horse, and a collection of Digimon cards and Digivice? I would like the second digivice.

Please give the boys and girls all over the world that live without any parents some presents to.

Have a great ride on December the 25th 2001. Oh! And one more thing or may I ask you for some more things? I would like Pokemon cards too please. Please may I have a toy truck that drives in the yard? Please may I have a few chapter books? Please!

Oh! And one more thing or two. Do you like cookies and milk? I have been very good, well almost.

Your dearest friend,
Lauren Elizabeth Goode
second grade

Dear Santa,

These are the things I want for Christmas game boy color, Pokemon Gold and Silver, Pokemon the movie, Mew two returns and a video camera. And please can I have 20 sets of Pokemon cards and 10 boxes of mini erasures. And if you can make one for me I would like a portable computer that is little and you can plug it in. And please some safety protection for my bike and scooter.

Jayten Ames
2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some mini erasures and I want a real paint horse. Please bring me a canopy bed too. I have been good at my house. I want a unicorn that is made out of glass. I want a scooter for me and one for my little sister. Her name is Inez. I want a movie of the Grinch and one movie for my sister. Bring her a movie to Micky's Magicle Christmas.

Your friend,
Rosa Salazar
2nd grade

OUR BEST WISHES

Hope your holidays a hit from beginning to end!

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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

With warm wishes and gratitude from our house to yours. We appreciate your calling on us this past year.

Rose Butane
(254) 725-7410

Dear Santa,

I would like a big boy bike and I would like a set of Pokemon cards. I would like a surf board and a gameboy color, Miss Pokemon, pinball and a computer. Some rollar skates and a skate board and digimon cards, a water gun and a pair of black books.

Love,
Dakota Bomar
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

May you try to get me a canopy bed, a real paint horse, mini erasures and a paint ball gun.

For my brother Justin from me the movie The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.

I want a doll and my family to stay joyful. I'd like a few chapter books and all 50 quarters and a drum set.

To the North Pole!

Your friend,
Sam Dickson

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like a pogo stick, paint ball gun, safety helmet, new bike, pro helmet, a couple of chapter books, skating shoes, plane white shirts, an inguanna, a new water gun (big), a big sully, an ant far, a tire swing, some drums, miny motor cicle, a new pair spurs and a new kite.

Love,
Ryder Foster
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good. Would you bring me some presents for Christmas?

May I have a notebook and trampoline, mittens, motorcycle, books and guitar?

I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Virginia Murdock
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good.

Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a radio and trampoline and karioki machine and a dog.

Then I will leave you some milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.

Love,
William Howell
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good.

Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have Beany Baby, Puppy Collection, Green bike, Skooter and Samantha?

Love,
Shelby Ames
2 grade

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be really good.

Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a Diva Star Doll.

I will live you some cookies. Happy New Year.

Love,
Brice Robertson
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be real good.

Would you bring me some presents for Chistmes? May I have a radio and a bike, trampoline, some books, CD player and guitar.

I will give you some cookies and milk.

Merry Chistmes and Happy New Year.

Love,
Jessica Christensen
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

This has been a good year. I have tried to be a good girl.

Would you bring me some presents for Christmas? May I have a trampoline, a motorcycle toy for me to ride on, a Monsters Inc. Factory and a bike.

I will leave you Jello.

Happy New Year,
Brienne Purcell
2nd grade

Dear Santa,

May I have a real paint horse, a paint ball gun, water bed, miny erasers, nentindo game, cube with games, Pokemon card, gameboy, advance rocket power game and chapter book? Please may I have some clothes and spy game? Santa can you get me a fake snake with candy. Please may I have all of the new quarters, all 50 and some pencils and Pokemon erasers.

Payton Porter
2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl this year.

I won't a Mary-Kate and Ashley Doll, Mary-Kate and Ashley watch and some close. Mary-Kate and Ashley earrings.

I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Love always,
Misty Simons
7- years-old

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a mini erasure and reindeer, please! How are the reindeer? How are you? How is Miss Claus? How are the elfs?

How would you like milk and cheery cheze cake?

I have been good this year.

I might leave you a candy cane this year. Oh! Is Rudof going to help you this year?

Love,
Rachelle Allen
2nd grade

Come, Let Us Adore Him!

May your heart be joyful, and your spirit lifted, as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

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Eddie Curtis--County Sheriff
Sharon Owens--42nd District Clerk
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