

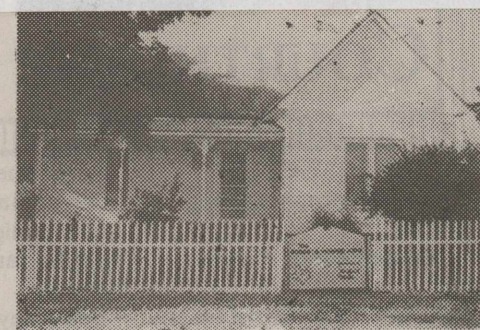
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week we are publishing the Christmas wishes of local children, so be sure to read them. It is a challenge to decipher what they are attempting to convey, especially when you are not familiar with the new toys and games. Amber helped me on these and I had to call the elementary office a time or two for additional information. Thanks Charlou for your patience. Some of the kids had some very original thoughts and it kept me entertained while I typed. You will enjoy them too!

Dena Lou Bordelon, of Houma, Louisiana, and formerly of Cross Plains, found the following letter among her late mother's (Imogene Cox) things. It was written by Dena Lou's grandmother, Madie Dean Phillips Dunlap, and was published in the *Cross Plains Review* on December 1963 with the Letters to Santa Claus. Dena Lou thought it would be nice if the letter was printed once again, and I certainly agree. The wishes listed are often in short supply, but in great demand. Please read with an open mind and heart. Have a Merry Christmas one and all! Vanda Anderson Creech

Any Of Us Might Write

Dear Santa:

It has been a long time since I have written to you.

I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt that stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken, tarnished or tear-stained.

Please bring me a few of those precious toys that once had: the shining baubles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lodestar of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate these priceless treasures or care for them as I should have, but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas. I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa. And please, this is what I want.

Give me a large basket of forgetfulness with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears.

Leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy. Tuck in a little song of cheer and, please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain, old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness, and tolerance that I can share with my neighbors.

Sincerely and thankfully,
A Grown-Up Child

Vehicle Registration Office Closed

The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed December 24-27th for the holiday and vacation. The office will re-open Monday, December 30.

For your convenience, please keep these dates in mind.

Christmas Eve Worship Planned at Cottonwood Baptist Church

In all the rush and frenzy of this season, it's easy to let this important time pass us by without taking time to meditate on what Christmas really means: the **Coming of the Lord!**

We tend to get so busy with gifts, lights, decorations and parties that this time of year goes by in a blur; when it's over many take a sigh of relief!

Cottonwood Baptist Church would like to invite you to briefly step out of the frenzy and quietly worship the Lord and reflect on His Coming. There are several opportunities in the area this season to worship and think on Jesus. This is one of those opportunities for those who would like to break away the night of Christmas Eve for a brief time of worship, meditation, prayer and fellowship. You are invited this December 24th at 8:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. God Bless You.

Submitted by
Matt McGowen, Pastor



BEST DECORATED BUSINESS —Connie Kirkham (left), owner of Connie's Cuts and Curls, is accepting recognition and a check for \$25.00 from Betty Westerman, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce representative.



BEST DECORATED HOME — Pictured at the entrance of the Dickson family home on W. Highway 36, are Justin (from left), Samantha, Dennis, Bonnie and Dusty Dickson. Margaret McNeel, center, president of Project Pride, presented them with a yard plaque along with a gift certificate for \$25 from a Cross Plains merchant designating the home winner in the 2002 holiday home decorating contest.

Best Decorated Houses and Businesses Announced

It was very difficult for the judges to decide which holiday decorations were most attractive, as there were numerous very elegant house and yard displays throughout the city. Project Pride would like to express their appreciation to all who participated in helping make Cross Plains very attractive for the Christmas season.

The final decisions were as follows: 1st Place - Dennis and Bonnie Dickson's home on West Highway 36; 2nd Place Rhonda Swift, South Avenue F; 3rd Place Mary Wilson's home on North Main Street; and Honorable Mentions Buck and Joan Brown's home and Jim and Garnett McKoy's house, both on North Avenue D. The Dickson family

received a gift certificate for \$25.00 from Project Pride.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce sponsored the business section of the decorating contest and they appreciate all who participated. Your hard work helps makes our community look great during the Christmas season.

Winners in the business contest

were: 1st Place - Connie's Cuts and Curls on Main Street; 2nd Place - *Cross Plains Review*, 116 S.E. 1st Street; Honorable Mentions - Home Sweet Home (Joe Howser), on Highway 36, and G&G Sporting Goods on Main Street. Connie's Cuts and Curls, owned and operated by Connie Kirkham, received a check from the Chamber of Commerce for \$25.00 for her efforts.

F U M C Grand Opening of G&G Sporting Goods Christmas Eve Worship Service Told

On December 24, Christmas Eve, First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will again have their beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service.

All those in our community are welcome for this truly beautiful event. The service will be led by Rev. Mike Redd and Dr. Richard Chaffin (former minister). Please come and join with us in the joyous event of the birth of Christ into our world.

G&G Sporting Goods, owned and operated by Jane Wilcoxon, will have an official Grand Opening this Saturday, December 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The new business is located at 240 North Main (the former West Texas Utility building).

Everyone is invited to come by and register for door prizes and enjoy refreshments. If you haven't met Jane, she is the wife of the boys basketball team,

Coach Jay Wilcoxon.

G&G Sporting Goods is featuring 15 percent off gray hooded sweatshirts with a logo of your choice (those in stock).

Jane also has letter jacket patches for athletes. She specializes in custom t-shirts, caps and wind suits.

For additional information call (254) 725-4671. Go by and get acquainted and check out the great merchandise!



WINNER OF ANGEL QUILT —Faye Jackson (left) is presenting Helen Walker with the beautiful "Angel" quilt. Ladies from the Senior Citizens' Center made the quilt for a fund-raiser and they earned over \$800 on the project. Faye did a lot of the handwork on the quilt. Helen said she was going to use the quilt for a bedspread. She was so proud of it.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wed., Dec. 18 Dismiss at 2:30 P.M. Buses will run at 2:40 P.M.

Thur., Dec. 19 Dismiss at 2:30 P.M. Buses will run at 2:40 P.M.

Fri. Dec. 20 Dismiss at 12:30 Noon. Buses will run at 12:50.

Christmas Holidays: School will dismiss Friday, December 20, 2002 at 12:30 Noon. Buses will run at 12:50.

Holidays will be Monday, December 21 thru Friday, January 3, 2003. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2003 at regular time.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bible Kids Club to Begin at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church is excited to announce its plans for a Bible Kids Club. It will be open to all students K-6th every Wednesday 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students will come to the church following school. The students will be given a snack and time to visit and complete homework until 4:15 p.m. The children will be divided into groups to lis-

ten and study various Bible stories.

An art project or game will be planned to enhance the story. The groups will then gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible bowl. The Bible bowl has questions for the boys to answer against the girls. The answers to the questions come from the story of the week and previous week's stories. See Bible Page 2

The Cross Plains Review Will Be Printing The Paper On Monday, December 23, Due To The Christmas Holiday.

We Ask That Everyone Please Have Their Information At The Office By Noon On Friday, December 20.

Thank You
We Wish You A Merry Christmas

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Deborah Sue Christensen, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Betty May, order releasing cash bond granted.

Kris Killion, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jody Harris, assault.
Stacy Little, theft of property by check.

Civil Minutes

Kris Killion, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.

Shana D. Dewey, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.

Augustine Leal, motion to revoke probation granted.

Luis Zuniga, transfer request from Tarrant Co. to Taylor Co. granted.

Betty May, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Scott Carroll, motion to revoke probation granted.

Jesus Siller, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) - 2nd, 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$243 court costs.

Isaac Wright, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$25 fine, \$288 court costs, \$38.25 restitution.

Charles Brooks, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.

Charles Brooks, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Hardeman Co. granted.

Johnny Baker, plea of guilty to theft of service, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$293 court costs, \$649.67 restitution.

Sandi Watson, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$153.86 restitution.

Laura K. MacArthur Philips, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$573.25 restitution.

Joshua Welch, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Benjamin Ramsey, order extending probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Jason Edward Self and Michelle Denise Cathey, both of Baird.

Delbert Duane Davis and Deana Lee Workman, both of Clyde.

Richard Evan Drew and Kayla Lynne Beard, both of Clyde.

David Wayne Phillips of Abilene and Deborah Kirsten Favor of Clyde.

Civil Filings

Randy Flores and Michelle H. Flores, divorce.

Angela Kay Bowen and Tracy Loyd Bowen, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix SE, VIN# 1G2WJ12M7RF22831, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

Civil Minutes

Cynthia Kay Garza and Chano P. Garza, divorce granted.

OBITUARIES

Onis Allen Taylor

Onis Allen Taylor, age 80, of Baird, passed away Friday, December 13, 2002, at his home.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 16, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Cemetery in Denton with graveside services at 4:00 p.m. with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Onis was born December 7, 1922 in Corinth, Texas to William Henry Taylor and Beulah Moreland Taylor.

He attended Corinth, Lake Dallas and Denton High Schools and North Texas University. Mr. Taylor served in the United States Air Corp during World War II. He retired from Moore Business Forms in 1985. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Survivors include his five children, Allen Taylor and wife, Jeannine, of Cross Plains, Louann Bates and husband, Gary, of San Marcos, Diana Levisay and husband, Kent of Stephenville, Amanda Taylor of Dallas and David Taylor and wife, Jennifer, of Midland; one brother, Jerry Taylor of Denton, seven grandchildren, and companion, Caroline Polliard of Denton.

Joyce Ware

Joyce Ware, 69, of Clyde passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at an Abilene hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2002 at the Cottonwood Baptist Church in Cottonwood, Texas. Rev. Robert Winter will officiate and burial will be in the Cottonwood Cemetery directed by Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

Mrs. Ware was born March 14, 1933 in O'Donnel, Texas. She had lived in Clyde since 1988 moving there from the Cottonwood Community. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. She married E.P. "Pete" Ware in Carlsbad, N.M. on May 27, 1951.

She is survived by 4 daughters: Linda Riley of Odessa, Nelda James of Clyde, Rhonda Lane of Clyde, Gail Hawkins of Clyde; 3 brothers: Don McKibben of Tahoka, Jerry McKibben of Tahoka, Joe McKibben of Florida; 7 sisters: Add Triola of Houston, Ruby Jones of Lubbock, Frances Matthews of Tahoka, Shirley Reece of Abilene, Patricia Williams of Lubbock, Kay Diller of Odessa, Mary Rowe of Henderson; 22 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 1 sister and 3 brothers.

Lucille Harris

Mrs. Lucille Harris, 98, of Abilene, passed away Friday, December 13, 2002, in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 16, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Lucille was born June 4, 1904 in Mounds, Oklahoma to Charles Robert Hassenzahl and Mary Elizabeth Fortune Hassenzahl.

Her early life was spent in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arkansas. The family moved to Cross Plains, Texas in 1921 where she met and married Albert Felix Harris in January 1925. They lived in Pioneer, Texas 19 years and Cross Plains 33 years before moving to Abilene in 1976.

As a young woman Lucille professed her faith and was baptized at Pioneer Church of Christ. She devoted her life to the Church and being an active Christian. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years, as well as a devoted mother, wife and homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Bessie Coppinger of Corpus Christi and Mary Jo Thompson and husband, Clovis, of Abilene; five grandchildren, Susan and Billy Shugart of Austin, Becky and Scott Carpenter of Corpus Christi, JoDee and Joe Bob Pate of Abilene, Dana Thompson of Abilene and Duey Len Thompson of Taos, New Mexico; six great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, four brothers and four sisters.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 11th and Willis Church of Christ, Abilene, or Pioneer Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 8, 2002 through December 14, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-67

Complaints-57

Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Help Make Someone's Christmas Brighter!!!!!!

The Rising Star 4-H Club is sponsoring the Rising Star Nursing Home Christmas Party. Please select a Christmas ornament from the Christmas tree at People's State Bank and purchase a gift for that resident. The resident's wish list is on the back of the ornament. The wrapped gift can be dropped off at People's

State Bank, Rising Star Nursing Center, or Rising Star I.S.D. by Friday, December 20th.

The residents' party will be December 23rd at 6 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Herring at (254) 643-1981 or (254) 643-6409.

BIBLE

Points will be given and added to weekly totals.

Prizes will be awarded in April at the end of the Bible Kids Club. Students may also add to their team's points by learning specific items such as The Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Books of the Old Testament and Books of the New Testament. These are the Bible stars.

Parents who are interested in sending their child to the program may enroll them in two ways.

Send a note back to the school by Tuesday, January 7, or call the church office. If your child will need a ride the church van runs every Wednesday (they must have a note). For additional information call Nancy Randolph at (254) 725-4226 or Vicki Dillard (254) 725-7275.

Texas Midwest to Give Community Awards

"Community Achievement" is the theme for an award offered by Texas Midwest Community Network. Member cities in the regional organization are eligible to apply for the award to be announced at the annual conference in October. Deadline for application is July 1, 2003.

The "TMCN Community Achievement" Award has been developed to encourage cities of all sizes in the region to be better prepared for future growth and economic development programs. Criteria for judging the award include vision, pride, assessment, youth involvement and connectivity.

Each TMCN member city is provided an outline of the criteria and means by which to measure their accomplishments. TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap,

Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sterling City, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

Award winning communities will be featured in media coverage and provided with specially designed signage art.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization focused on economic development, tourism development, regional awareness and promotion, education and legislative awareness. The organization provides a means by which communities can work together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.

For information contact the TMCN Office at (915) 676-0329.

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Cancer Genes Inherited from Both Parents

HOUSTON—(Dec. 2, 2002)—Both sides of the family history are important in considering the genetic risk of breast and prostate cancers, says a genetic specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"The genes that cause these diseases are genes you inherit from both parents," said Dr. Sharon Plon, associate professor of molecular and human genetics and pediatrics at Baylor. "For a woman, if Mom's family has not history of breast cancer, but Dad has three sisters who were diagnosed with breast cancer, that's just as worrisome."

The same is true for prostate cancer, and other forms of cancer that are influenced by genetics.

"People tend to focus on the parent who is the same gender as they are. Women look at their mom's side for breast cancer and men look at their dad's side for prostate cancer, but this is missing half the story," she said.

About 10 percent of all cancers are in people who have inherited a predisposition to cancer. Genet-

ics counselors assess those who might have an increased risk of cancer because of family history.

"Even if there is a history of cancer in your family, that does not necessarily mean you will develop the disease," Plon said. "But, it's important to determine if you are at an increased risk and may need early screening."

Families with a genetic susceptibility to cancer may have:

* Multiple family members with the same cancers.

* Family members who develop cancer at an unusually young age.

* Family members who develop a second or third "new" cancer.

* Family members with certain rare cancers, such as male breast cancer.

Plon said those who are concerned about an increased risk of cancer should discuss the issue with their primary care physicians. If a genetic evaluation is recommended, the individual will be provided a risk assessment, as well as suggestions for prevention, early detection and treatment options.

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Please Join Us

December 24, 6 p.m.

"VESPERS SERVICE"

"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given. . ."
Isaiah 9:6 a

First Baptist Church

725-7629 3rd & Main Cross Plains, TX

Ronnie B. White, Pastor



Christmas Eve

Worship Service

7 P.M.

December 24

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Cross Plains, Texas

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

On Tuesday Ty and LaRaye Kelly and their "Ranchers" performed at the Center. Their show was a Christmas theme, and it was enjoyed by residents and staff.

On Wednesday we completed a project that we started last week. The residents made cookie mix in a jar. They put the different ingredients in the jar and then decorated the jars with fabric and put them in pretty gift bags.

We have all been so busy moving residents from room to room. I would like to thank Martha Switzer for helping out. Thanks Martha!

The ladies from the Rising Star Church of Christ brought by lovely gifts in gift bags for each and every resident. That was so thoughtful and we appreciate it so much.

Gene Moore came in Friday to

play on the piano and it was great as usual.

I also need to mention the beautiful poinsettias that were sent by our anonymous friend via Tim's Floral and Gifts. Thanks so much!

Resident Myrtle Hoggett came back home after a rather long stay in the hospital. She is doing great and is feeling much better.

Some sad news to report, resident, Emma Graff, passed away Sunday night. Emma was a sweet sweet lady who in her younger days was a hard working farmer who lived north of Rising Star. I remember seeing Emma pulling out on the highway heading toward Cisco in her Chevy pickup. You could just see the top of her head peeking over the steering wheel. She will be missed.

Telemedicine improves health care in rural communities

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

On June 30, 1990, a little girl, barely an hour old, went into severe respiratory distress at Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine. Her physician, James Lueke, M.D., immediately consulted with a neonatologist located 312 miles away at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. Marian Myers, M.D., examined the infant, looked at her X-rays and recommended emergency treatment. Within two hours the girl was stable.

One Friday in late April, a little boy in Hart came to see school nurse Retta Knox because he had a sticker in his hand. The wound appeared to be seriously infected and there is no physician in Hart. The little boy needed immediate attention, so Knox called on pediatricians in Lubbock who examined the boy and prescribed appropriate antibiotics.

How were doctors able to see these children on such short notice? These patients were able to visit a doctor without leaving their home communities through a new tool in the medical community telemedicine.

Pioneers in telemedicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center physicians have performed more than 9,000 telemedicine examinations using telemedicine since the program began in 1990. Telemedicine allows physicians to examine, diagnose and treat patients over long distances using videoconferencing equipment.

The newest telemedicine units consist of a computer, screen, camera, microphone and a vari-

ety of medical equipment needed to examine patients. This equipment and technology allows a specialist to look at the patient's ears and throat, listen to heart and lung sounds, look at X-rays and medical records and even check patients' electrocardiograms (EKGs).

There are currently 23 rural counties in Texas without a primary care physician and 63 counties without a hospital. With the use of telemedicine by Texas Tech and other health providers, people who live hours from advanced medical care can receive quality primary and specialty medical care without leaving their communities.

The benefits of telemedicine are not limited to the patient, however. Without this service, parents with sick children have to take off from work and drive to a clinic, doctor's office or hospital. Today, parents are able to come to the clinic in their hometown, be part of the visit and then return to work more quickly while their children also miss less school.

Although telemedicine has been successful, it will never replace a doctor seeing a patient face to face or community hospitals. No machine can ever replace the comforting shoulder that physicians provide their patients. But, when no primary care physician or specialist is available, telemedicine may be the next best option to provide needed care.

Patti J. Patterson, M.D., is the vice president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She grew up in Hale Center.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Christmas Party Heralds in Glad Tidings for All

Cottonwood's Christmas party last Tuesday night ushered in the 2002 Holiday Season with glad tidings and a joyful noise. The event was a very well attended. If you missed Tracy Dillard's puppets portraying a typical Christmas scene as only little devils (no judgment intended) disguised as little angels can do it, you missed one of the year 2002's top shows. Cottonwood youth who donned puppet habit and attitudes to play the parts were Dean Brawley, Lewis Walker, Angela Rodriguez and Marie Bessalaar. The puppet production included many favorite children's Christmas carols and included one of the most popular of all, "Away In a Manager".

Herman Weaver added a great spiritual dimension to the program when he recited "The Christmas Gift", a favorite Christmas poem.

The Cottonwood Community Chorus capped off the evening with additional carols and put the final touches to a well received Christmas program with their version of "O Holy Night". The chorus got a standing ovation for this number and Sonda McGowen's solo part at the beginning was outstanding.

Thanks to Norma Strahan, on the piano; Mary Ella Weaver, Master of Ceremonies; Tracy Dillard and Sonda McGowen for directing the chorus, Faye Gilliam, Mary St. Peter, Isla Stroud and others for decorations; and everyone else who contributed to the effort and all those who came to share a good old-fashioned Cottonwood Christmas Party.

Callahan County Historical Commission Meets in Cottonwood

Members of the Callahan County Historical Commission held their annual Christmas meeting at the Cottonwood Community Center and enjoyed a good fellowship meal and lively discussion of Cottonwood's history and legendary past. Thirty-one members of the commission and guests who came from Baird, Clyde, Dudley, Denton Valley and other communities, participated in the evening's program. Those from Cottonwood who participated in the discussion were Judy Luter, Wanda Weaver Hammel, Wallace and Carol Bennett, Robert and Yvonne Peavy, and Bryan and Debbie Bennett. Out-of-town guests, Brad and Marti Bennett of Bend, Oregon, also attended. Brad is the son of former Cottonwood residents, Frenchy and Mary Elizabeth Bennett. Allen Wright, Callahan County Attorney and Chairman of the Commission, led the program that included a preview of year 2003 activities.

Baptist Church Hay Ride and Caroling Event Well Attended

The Cottonwood Baptist congregation enjoyed an evening of caroling and refreshments last Sunday evening when they gathered for a Christmas party that included a hay ride on Herman Weaver's hay wagon and a tour of Cottonwood singing Christmas carols. The evening was concluded back at the church with hot chocolate and sandwiches.

(Please call Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 about Cottonwood news events or personal items.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics Honorarium:
Charles and Lou Rodenberger
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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ogden
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and Robin Price, Julie and Doug Reynolds, and Jack Tunnell

Jack Tunnell Honoring - Mary and Cecil Barton and Fred J. Tunnell
Betty Edwards -
Honoring - Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin
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Carol Walt

PIONEER NEWS

Vi Harlow and Jean Fore visited a week with their brother and wife in Wolforth and Jeff, Jill and Ryan Harlow of Lubbock. Paul and Juanita Harlow visited with

them and returned home. Frankie Smith had her daughters, Roxie Nance of Irving and Shirley Harrelson of Fort Worth visiting in her home last week.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: The holidays are upon us, as we prepare for Christmas guests, family and friends; let us prepare in a prayerful manner. As our guests arrive, the atmosphere at that time sometimes sets the mood for the whole holiday visit. Happy Holidays everyone from my home to yours!!!

"Holiday Hostess--Happy Guests"

Expecting guests over the holidays is almost the norm now-a-days. It's time to clean out the closet in the guest room, change the bedding, maybe refresh the guest bedroom window curtains or replace them. An acquaintance of mine used to at Christmas time, take down and pack away the bedspread and curtains in the guest bedroom and replace them with white ones. Then she put down a Christmas bedside rug, a red or blue throw pillow on the bed, set a couple of Christmas ornaments or ceramic figures of elves, snow men, etc. around and voila! The room is all ready and waiting to welcome guests. Don't forget to add a box of tissues, a

bottle of lotion, and a decanter of ice water and a tumbler. A small dish of after dinner mints is very welcoming, also. Near the door, place a potted poinsettia, or an ivy with red, gold and blue picks. That is a great finishing touch.

Now for the guest bathroom, clean as a whistle with gleaming chrome, the usual clean, soft towels and wash clothes, soaps, lotions, after bath spray, aftershave and soft, smooth gaily colored bath mat. A commode seat cover is no longer necessary, especially if you have the commode with the brown wooden look lid.

It's really nice to add a can of a pleasant scented room deodorizer, a nicely scented pillar candle, a pretty glass or vase containing several new toothbrushes in case a guest forgot theirs. You can catch them on sale and stock up. It's these extra little touches that makes your guests visit a memorable one.

If you are traveling during the holidays, be cautious, watch out for yourself as well as the other drivers. Take precautions and drive safely.

Happy Holidays from Jack Scott

Dear Friends,

I wanted to send a note to wish you all a very happy holiday season and let you know that I am doing well. Mary and Lynn have moved into the house they have been building for the past two years, so I also wanted to give you the new mailing address. It is listed below along with directions so please plan to visit them if you are in Austin.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with all our family. It was a little chaotic since we now have FIVE babies in the family. It was wonderful though and we have three girls and two boys...one of which is named Jack. He is not the "most disciplined" one of the group either.

I have enjoyed lots of sports in the past few months. We had new

carpet put in my apartment and just this week. Mary and Lynn decorated a Christmas tree for me so everything is pretty festive looking. I hear that Cross Plains is decorated as always and I am delighted to know that. I still feel very connected to that wonderful part of the State, to the people who call it home and to all the activities that take place there.

I hope you will come see me if you get near Austin. I am always delighted to hear news from home and see familiar faces. And, I hope you will know that I am thinking of you during this season. Bless you for being such wonderful friends.

Jack Scott
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CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

By Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met December 14 at 10 a.m. and carpooled to Abilene for the regular monthly meeting.

We went first to the "Cotton Patch" and ate our lunch, then drove to the Abilene Zoo where we had a delightful and educational time, viewing the many animals and fowls housed there and seeing the different kinds of vegetation grown to attract butterflies. We also viewed the hot house where many plants had been started to replant and renew existing ones.

We had a brief business meeting presided over by Barbara Powell, president. Julene Franke was elected nominating committee chairman and Mary Ella Weaver and Eva Fleming assisted.

Barbara stated she had looked into getting information for a "Habitat For Bird Sanctuary" started. More information would be forthcoming.

Members enjoying this pleasant, though crisp December day were Bob and Barbara Powell, Wanda Martin, Julene Franke, Wanda Hammel, Audrey Lovett, Betty Beggs, Mary Ella Weaver, Eva Fleming and Joyce Odom.

Bob made pictures and all agreed a most enjoyable and pleasant day for all.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2003 at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Mary Ella passed out pamphlets on "Be Water Smart--Xeriscope" and "You Can Make a Difference--Saving the Future".

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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A young man was vainly working on his Model T Ford—trying to make it run again. A very well dressed man stopped his very new automobile and asked the young man if he could help. The young man wondered how this well dressed gentleman could help but was told to make a certain minor adjustment with one of the levers on the steering column—and was assured that it would start. The young man rather reluctantly made the suggested adjustment and sure enough, the motor started! Surprised, the young man asked, "But how did you know just what to do to my old car to make it run?" "Well," he replied, "I'm Henry Ford. I made the car and I know all about its workings."

I wonder if we'd be willing to try that same technique in our lives? When things aren't running right—maybe not running very well at all!—or perhaps just needing to be "tuned up"—go to the Maker and let Him tell us what's needed? There's a Manual, you know, provided by the One who made us. And He tells us all about our "workings" in it. Maybe we need to get selfishness out of the "fuel tank" and replace it with "otherness." Maybe our timing is off—we're putting last things first instead of first things first. Or it may be a real major adjustment needed that's keeping everything else from working—you're a good moral person but you've never really let Jesus get in your "driver's seat." What I'm talking about is—you becoming a Christian and letting the Lord steer your life. Don't you think it's about time?

We'd love for you to study the Manual with us as we all strive to get the "bug's" out of our radiator—I mean lives. We really do care about you, too.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on December 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Public Hearing on AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) Cross Plains I.S.D. Report Card.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on December 19, beginning at 7 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Discuss with FlatLine Power Technologies, Inc. about surge protection/consumption reduction system and take action
3. 2002 Cross Plains I.S.D. Audit Report
4. Discuss with Tammy Walker, Callahan County Tax A/C about delinquent taxes
5. Discuss with Bun Barry, Callahan County Property Tax Appraiser about School District Appraisals
6. Discuss and take action on declaring bus route as hazardous route
7. Open Forum
8. Read and accept minutes
9. Executive session (if necessary)
10. Discuss and take action on personnel staffing - A. Accept Resignations B. Hire New Employees
11. Review Financial Report/Pay bills
12. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 13, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennon, for the Board of Trustees.

College Information Hotline Available in January 2003

COLLEGE STATION—The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) announces its 18th annual toll-free College Information Hotline 877-275-7007. Hotline 2003 will be available January 18 and 19, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time). The College Information Hotline, which is the largest project of its type in the nation, provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and their families.

The College Information Hotline is available to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities, or special programs. Callers may also request information from specific colleges and universities or information about any college in the United States. Spanish-speaking counselors and admission representatives from more than 25 public and private colleges and universities in Texas will be on duty.

In previous years, callers have predominantly been high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests are beginning to come from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or have never attended, and veterans with questions about their benefits.

TACAC would like to than LoanStar Educational Loans for their support in serving the students of Texas.



Participants in the Callahan County Youth Deer Hunt are: Tommy Smith 16, Michael Turner 14, Angel Brooks 14, Russell Buchanan 9, Dusty Cooper 14, Brock Cooper 16, Jacob Dillard 12, Kyle Dillard 15, Billy Floyd 16, Coby Parker 14, R.C. Smith 16, Kevin Walton 14 and Roger Wamsley 15. Parents and Volunteers are: Tommy Lake, Craig Buchanan, Curtis Cooper, Brian Davis, Darrell Floyd, Vance Wallace Callahan County Game Warden, Doug Smoot Silverbrook Ranch, Eddie Curtis Callahan County Sheriff, Jim Hall Callahan County Deputy Sheriff, Johnny and Leonna Adkins Chuckwagon Cooks, Lacy Hogue Superintendent Baird ISD, John Windham Baird City Marshall, James Conally Captain Game Warden, Randal Brown Coleman Game Warden, William Heath Coleman Game Warden, Kevin Curtis, Russell Manion, Laquita Wallace, and William Windham.

Youth Deer Hunt at Local Ranch Was Huge Success

A Youth Deer Hunt was organized by Game Warden Vance Wallace and held this past Saturday for a group of Callahan County kids. 13 boys and 1 girl participated in the opportunity to hunt deer on the Silverbrook Ranch. The youth involved were from Baird, Clyde, Putnam and Cross Plains and ranged in age from 8 years old to age 16. The focus of the event was to provide a hunt for the kids who wanted to go deer hunting but otherwise would not have been able to. For many of the kids this was their first deer hunt. Even though no deer blinds or

feeders were used, the weather was excellent and the 14 kids harvested a total of 17 Whitetail deer. All of the deer were field dressed and taken home by the successful hunters.

A delicious predawn Chuck Wagon Style cowboy breakfast and later a lunch was served to the kids and volunteers. The kids and all the volunteers who assisted had a great time and were able to enjoy seeing lots of wildlife and beautiful country.

On behalf of all who participated a sincere thank you goes out to all of the people and businesses that contributed to

make this event possible: The Silverbrook Ranch of Callahan County, Lawrence's Grocery in Clyde for donating all of the food, Johnny and Leonna Adkins of Abilene for bringing out their Chuck Wagon and cooking the great meals, Clyde Hardware for donating camo hunting caps to all the kids, Callahan County Sheriff's Department for their contributions and to all of the adult guides and other volunteers who assisted in making this a safe and memorable experience for everyone involved.



Johnny & Leonna Adkins served a delicious predawn chuckwagon style cowboy breakfast and then lunch to the Callahan County Youth Deer Hunters and Volunteers at Silverbrook Ranch.

Buffaloes Place 2nd in Cross Plains Tourney

The Buffaloes placed second in the Cross Plains Invitational Tournament December 12-14. The Buffs beat Sidney 56-37, Eden 56-47, and lost to Zephyr 34-53.

Scoring against Sidney were M. Allen 18, Mauricio 12, Goains 10, Dickson 6, R. Allen 5, Purvis and 3, Gardner 2. Mauricio led with 3 assists. Rebounding were M. Allen 10, Goains 8 and Purvis 7. Goains and 5 steals and R. Allen had 4.

Sidney 4 13 12 8 37
CP 19 15 14 8 56

Scoring against Eden were Harris 15, Dickson 13, Mauricio 6,

Goains 4, R. Allen 3, Purvis 3 and Gardner 2. Rebounding were Harris 14, Dickson 8, M. Allen 8 and Goains 7. Mauricio had 6 steals and Goains 4.

Eden 19 6 8 12 47
CP 15 12 10 19 56

Scoring against Zephyr were M. Allen 14, Goains 5, Harris 5, Mauricio 5, Dickson 2, Purvis 2 and R. Allen 1. Rebounding were M. Allen 9 and Goains 5. Steals were Goains 4 and R. Allen 4.

Zephyr 20 13 15 6 53
CP 6 2 13 13 34

All Tournament selections were Michael Allen, Dusty Dickson and Jose Mauricio.

J.H. Girls Basketball Report

Monday, December 9th, the Junior High Girls basketball players traveled to Ranger. The results of their games are as follows:

"A" Group
CP 2 10 12 18
Ranger 4 12 24 30

In most of the games this season, this group of girls came out strong, working hard together and making a few shots. The trouble seems to be that most of their shots will not fall in the hoop.

Against Ranger during the 1st and 2nd quarters we stayed up with them, then after the half, foul trouble began and those shots wouldn't fall in.

Team players: Scott 12, Douglass 3, Wallace 3, Avants, Randolph, Milam and Libey.

"B" Group
CP 2 4 6 7
Ranger 12 25 35 41

Team players Mathews 5, Schaefer 2, Stout, Cook, Biggs, Lewis and Walker.

Ranger had a quick group of girls and Cross Plains had their hands full.

The "B" group of girls are adjusting to the game and picking up on some of the skills. They get real nervous and excited when they step on the court during a game. These things are worked on during their class time every week. Maybe the girls will overcome their problems and continue to have fun playing the game of basketball.

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

Lady Buffs Take 2nd Place in C.P. Tournament

The Lady Buffs played in the Cross Plains Invitational Basketball Tournament December 12-14. The outcome of each game is as follows:

CP 16 24 40 52 57
Sidney 13 24 40 52 55

Team players: Richards 17, Dillard 12, Norris 11, James 5, Rivard 5, Winfrey 3, Hartman 2, Edgington 2, and Young.

CP 13 28 43 58
Eden 15 26 37 46

Team players: Richards 14, Dillard 13, Norris 10, Hartman 8, Rivard 6, Winfrey 5, James, Young, A. Rivard, Edgington.

Championship Game
CP 9 22 29 47
Priddy 23 41 66 74

Team players: Richards 15, Dillard 14, Norris 9, James 4, Rivard 3, Hartman 2, Young, Edgington.

The Lady Buffs won 2nd Place in the Tournament. All-Tournament Players were Kelsey Richards, Bree Dillard and Jesse Norris.

The girls played very competitive teams during this tournament. Keep working hard ladies.

Bree Dillard also received All-Tournament Player Award at the Rising Star Tournament December 5-7.

Submitted by Coach Chris Lewis

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J.H. Boys Basketball Update

The Junior High Boys "A" and "B" teams played Baird this week and the results are as follows:

"A" Team won 37-28
"B" Team lost 29-6.
Playing well were Russell Thomas and Brock Cooper.

Submitted by Casey Stone



Callahan County Youth Hunters and the deer they shot during the Youth Deer hunt on Silverbrook Ranch last Saturday.

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ELEMENTARY EXTRA

BY NANCY RANDOLPH

The Pre-Kindergarten part will be December 19 at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon with a regular daily schedule. Watch for notes about early dismissal due to semester finals at the junior high and high school. All other classes will have parties on Friday, December 20.

School will be dismissing early on the 20th at 12:30. All Pre-Kindergarten students will attend school at 8 to 12:30. The Pre-Kindergarten class will be traveling to the Rising Star Nursing Center to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Small Christmas presents will be delivered also.

The Christmas concert will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, December 19th. Pre-Kindergarten students are asked to wear PJs or sweats for their part of the program. Mr. Sowell is asking the K-6th grade students and band students to dress up. Nice slacks or dresses for the girls and nice slacks and shirts for

boys. Everyone in our community is invited to the auditorium to enjoy the Christmas songs.

The elementary staff will continue to put an end to zeros with the ZAP program. Students are encouraged to complete class work and homework assignments to avoid staying after school in the ZAP program.

All the elementary teachers and staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. As we ring in 2002, remember that we are striving to make Cross Plains Elementary the best elementary school in the state of Texas. We are building it with great character by striving for students that are great citizens. Each student is trustworthy, responsible, fair and caring. Children respect themselves, their family members, school, community and country. We will see you in 2003!!!!

TESTING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 18	Thursday, Dec. 19	Friday, Dec. 20
8:00-8:55 Study Hall	8:00-8:55 Study Hall	8:00-8:55 Study Hall
9:00-10:30 Test, per. 1	9:00-10:30 Test, per. 2	9:00-10:30 Test, per. 7
10:35-10:50 Break	10:35-10:50 Break	10:35-10:50 Break
10:55-12:15 Test, per. 3	10:55-12:15 Test, per. 4	10:55-12:15 Test, per. 8
12:15-12:45 Lunch	12:15-12:45 Lunch	12:15-12:45 Lunch
1:00-2:30 Test, per. 5	1:00-2:30 Test, per. 6	Buses run at 12:50
Buses run at 2:40	Buses run at 2:40	Semester, Wrap-up

Rep. Stenholm receives Farm Bureau award

CORPUS CHRISTI—Congressman Charles Stenholm was presented the Texas Farm Bureau's Meritorious Service Award at the organization's 69th Annual Convention held in Corpus Christi December 9th.

In presenting the award to Stenholm, Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman said, "Our honoree today can only be described as one of the giants of Texas agriculture. That is true today and it's also true in the historical sense. He is on everyone's 'short list' of individuals who have had great and lasting impact on our industry."

Stenholm is the 21st person to receive the award in TFB's seven-decade history. It is the highest honor the organization can bestow.

Patman cited Stenholm's work on the 2002 Farm Bill as the Congressman's most recent contribution to Texas agriculture and noted his influence with other members of Congress.

"There have been many, many times that I've talked with a member of Congress about an issue or bill of concern to agriculture and Farm Bureau," Patman said.

"Very often, when that Congressman did not understand the details of agricultural legislation, he or she would say something like, 'I'll have to talk to Charlie about that.'"

Previous Meritorious Service honorees include Governor Dolph Briscoe, Progressive Farmer Editor C.G. Scruggs, members of Congress and the Texas Legislature, and former TFB Presidents.

Texas Green Inches Out the Cotton King

By Craig Rogers

The Texas "Green Industry" is growing like wildflowers according to Fall 2002 research report. Texas A&M University researchers have ranked Horticulture as the state's second largest agriculture industry.

The legendary Texas Livestock Market holds its time-honored place at the top of the report. However, longtime king Cotton has dropped to third behind the ever-growing Horticulture Boom, which had added more than \$9 billion a year to the state's economy and sustaining 222,000 jobs.

"The green industry is diverse and multifaceted," said Dr. Don Wilkerson, Texas Cooperative Extension horticulturist. "Its major components range from the production of floral and container plants in nurseries, to landscape design, installation and maintenance business, to the retail sector, which includes both wholesale and retail sales."

The fastest growing segment is color plants in landscaping and bedding where the impact is more evident in East Texas. The industry has more than tripled in the past fifteen years and growth performance is expected to increase at least 10 percent per year for the next decade if the economy remains stable.

With the Texas Master Gardener Program and the many gardening show and magazines available, today's customer is better educated about plants and their performance than they were just ten years ago. This horticulture knowledge base has sent demand soaring and leaving suppliers playing catch up.

"The work at Texas A&M has enable our industry to thrive and

meet the demands of growth in an environmentally responsible way," says Dr. Steve Good, extension horticulturist and state coordinator for the Coordinated Education and Marketing Assistance Program (CEMAP) of Texas. Environmental issues will continue to be a challenge for the industry, said Wilkerson. Water availability and pesticides are the two key issues that A&M agriculture scientists are working in regards to the future of the industry.

With horticulture becoming more science based and environmentally conscience nursery workers must be better informed. The Texas Certified Nursery Professional, and Master Nursery Profession programs are a collaborative effort between the Association and the Extension Service.

Most of the major Texas metropolitan areas have extensive horticulture projects in cooperation with the Extension Service and are all accessible for public viewing and educational activities. Texas A&M also maintains the Aggie Horticulture web site at aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu.

Whether you have just a small lawn with a few flowers or full-blown Arboretum, you are helping grow "Texas Green", but cattle is still King.

Source: White, H. *Lifescapes*, Fall 2002, Texas A&M University Agriculture Communications

Local Ladies Are Opening Subway in Thrifty's at Clyde

Local residents wanting more variety in their dining are in luck. A Subway franchise restaurant is to be constructed inside Thrifty's Food Mart located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde.

Denise Coulter and her mother Yvonne Peevy of Cross Plains have purchased the Subway franchise for Clyde and will be opening the new restaurant inside the convenience store around March 1, 2003.

Subway sandwiches pitches their product as low fat in their television ads by Jerry, a person who lost a lot of weight eating Subway sandwiches. Coulter said Subway features seven six-inch sandwiches with 6 grams of fat or less. Coulter said Subway is a very specialized food retailer, selling only six-inch and 12-inch sandwiches, along with soft drinks, snack chips and cookies.

The mother/daughter team also own the Subway franchise in Cross Plains which was opened seven years ago and built the freestanding Subway location at I-20 and Highway 183 in Cisco 18 months ago.

According to Coulter, the Subway food retailer in Clyde will be open seven days a week beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The restaurant in Clyde will close at 10:00 p.m. every day except Friday when the business will close at 11:00 p.m.

The Clyde restaurant plans to employ eight to 10 people in Clyde.

Coulter said she has been seeking a location for the Subway restaurant chain in Clyde for over a year. She said ideally the company wanted a freestanding location along I-20 in Clyde because those franchises make the most money, however the Subway corporate offices in Lubbock wanted on that particular intersection in Clyde. Coulter said the Subway corporate headquarters will be leasing the building from Thrifty's Food Mart owner Nick Saab and in turn subleasing the location to the Cross Plains restaurant owners.

Saab said he and Subway

signed a contract to lease a portion of Thrifty's Food Mart November 20. He said Thrifty's is currently building a 16x24 foot addition to the east side of the store to accommodate the new Subway restaurant. Saab said a portion of the new addition will house a new walk-in freezer for Thrifty's and the remainder of the addition will be leased to Subway. Saab said he has 90 days to complete the construction for the Subway restaurant. The Thrifty's owner said he has hired a contractor to build a shell building and the Subway corporation will hire a contractor to finish the inside of the new addition with Subway's own color scheme.

The Thrifty's owner said Subway will hire its own employees. Thrifty's and Subway will share the dining room of the convenience store and Saab pointed out the nonsmoking area will also remain.

Saab said he wants the Thrifty's Food Mart customers to know they are welcome inside the dining area, whether they order a Subway sandwich or not. "I want the coffee drinking public to know they should still feel welcome," Saab said.

He said the Thrifty's Food Mart deli will remain open, however he will no longer sell his own type of deli sandwiches. Saab said both Thrifty's and Subway will offer fountain drinks. Saab said Thrifty's and Subway will not share the drive-through area of the convenience store. Saab said because Subway requires more questions than can be answered over the speaker, Subway customers will be asked to enter into the store to order. Saab said both Subway and Thrifty's customers will use the same entrance on the south end of the convenience store.

Saab said the Subway restaurant owners seemed interested in using the delivery service recently offered by Thrifty's Food Mart and Dairy Queen.

Saab said he believes the new Subway franchise will help his business as well as the Whataburger and Sonic Drive-In along I-20. "I feel like Whataburger and Sonic have

helped our (Thrifty's) business," Saab said adding, "It will bring more people to Thrifty's. Both Subway and Chevron (Thrifty's gasoline wholesaler) are both strong business brands," said Saab.

The Thrifty's owner said he was approached by the Subway corporate office about locating a Subway franchise inside his store, but he was not interested. "I have enough responsibility," Saab said with operating Thrifty's Food Mart and Dairy Queen in Clyde.

Saab said he's met with the Cross Plains owners of the Subway franchise and believes them to be customer and service oriented. "She's (Denise Coulter) concerned about how the customer is treated. It seems like that's important to her," Saab stated.

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Again we remind everyone beginning with the New Year our regular admission to our Friday night dances will be increased to \$4.00 per person. We apologize for this inconvenience, but with rising costs in just about everything, it's just something that we were forced to do. We do appreciate everyone's continued support.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So gather all your friends and family and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for evenings of good friends and good fun. And if we don't see on New Year's Eve, have a safe and Happy New Year. Have a very Merry Christmas too!

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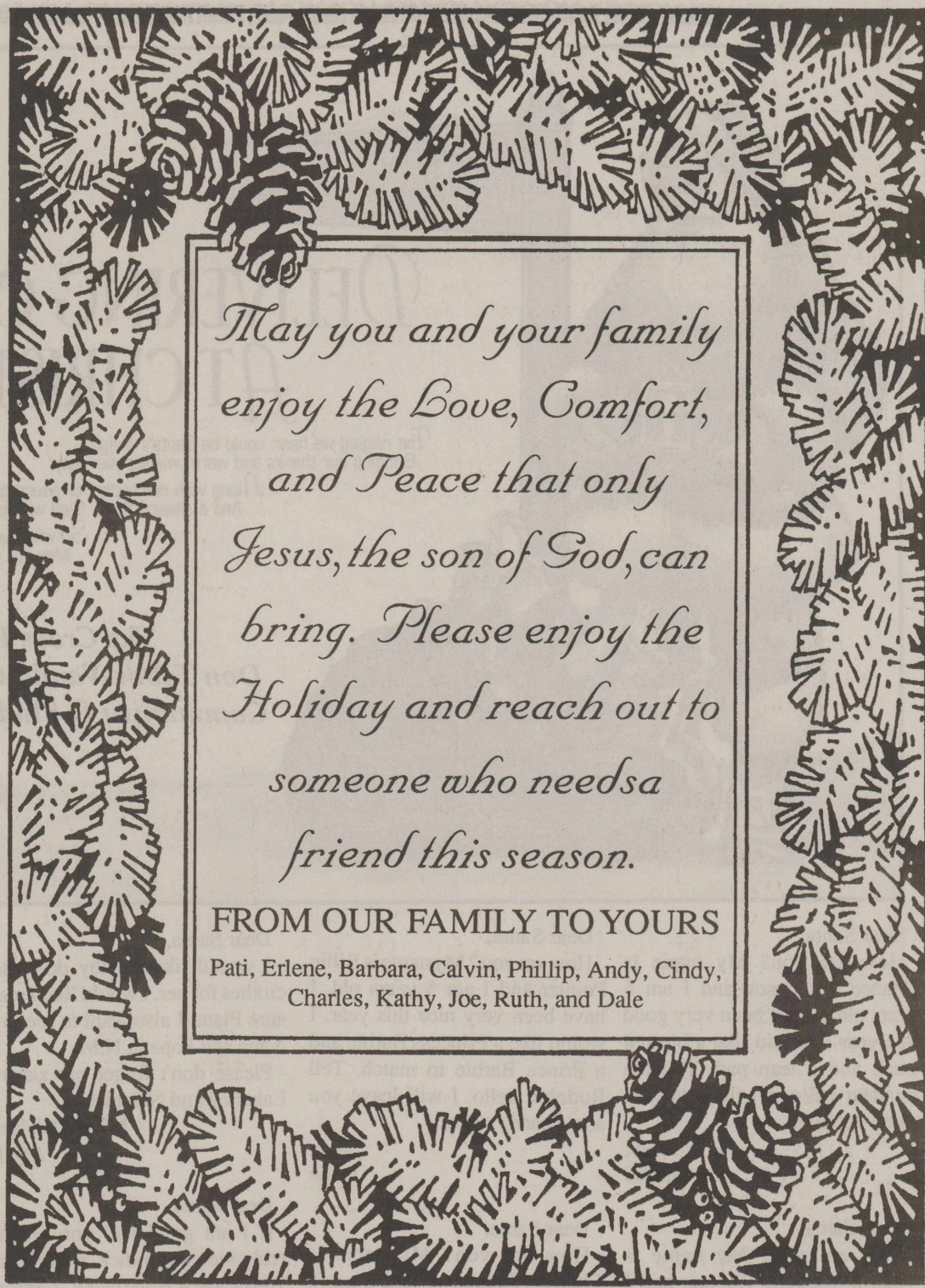
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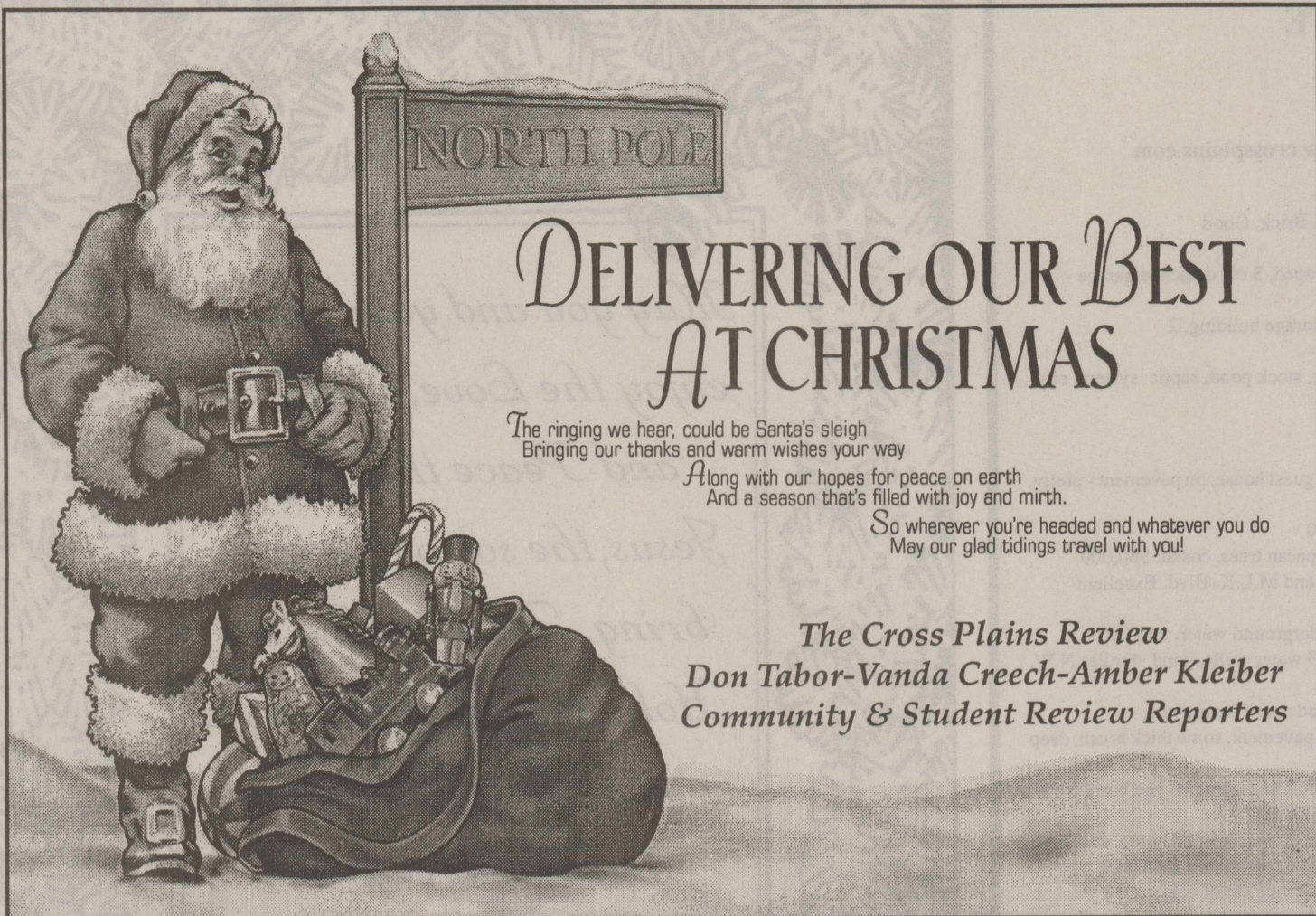
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Dear Santa,
 How are you? My name is Chance Thompson and I am 4 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a big red truck and a leap pad. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
 Chance

Dear Santa,
 How are you? My name is Valarie Michelle Roberts and I am 4 years old. I have been very good and very bad this year. I would like a Barbie and a two ponies for my barbie. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Love,
 Valarie

Santa letters are printed as is, no corrections have been made. This gives the letters a unique appearance and sounds as it is written in the child's own words.

Dear Santa,
 How are you? My name is Billie Pointer and I am 5 years old. I have been very nice this year. I would like a Princess Barbie and a Prince Barbie to match. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some candy canes.

Love,
 Billie

Dear Santa,
 How are you? My name is Charles Thompson and I am 4 years old. I have been very happy this year. I would like a Barbie Beetle and a Dora computer game. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some of my toys.

Love,
 Charles

Dear Santa,
 I would like a baby doll and clothes for her. I would like Treasure Plant. I also want to see my Nana and Papa in N.M.

Please don't forget my sisters Lakene and Nakadah.

Mikera Walker
 Age 6

Dear Santa,
 If I am good will you please bring me a pogo stick, a dirt bike, Throw Me A Bone game, 2 Aaron Carter Hit Clips and a Jimmy Neutron Light Up Back Pack. Please don't forget my stocking.

Bronc Dillard

Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is for my brother Nathan to get his flute back and please get my brother Ethan a toy. I want a movie and a Barbie.

Love,
 Kaitlyn Koettel

Dear Santa,
 Here's my list for Christmas. I have been a pretty good girl and do well in school.

1. Loving family doll house 2. A pony 3. An Art set 4. Computer phonics games for our new computer 5. I want my sister to be home for Christmas 6. A new Barbie and a new Barbie car 7. A stereo 8. I want my family to have a good Christmas 9. I wish for good health and love to everyone.

Love,
 Angel

Dear Santa,
 My name is Lindsey and I will be 7 years old the day after Christmas. For Christmas I would like a new bikini, a talking Barbie head, a Barbie wall, a talking Kelly doll, a Barbie candle, and a new Barbie book.

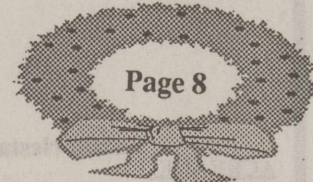
I love you Santa and Mrs. Clause, and I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
 Lindsey Ames
 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like a computer for Christmas and a Blast Off Pinball and Spiderman electronic pinball for Christmas.

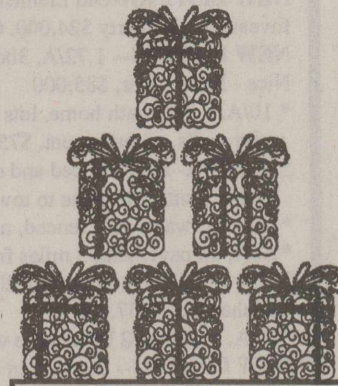
Tori Monroe

Dear Santa,
 I want Too Cut Twins with a stroller, Mommy's Little Patient, Spectra Color and a trampoline.
 Love,
 Christa Potter



Dear Santa,
 Hi my name is Daniel I am 8 years old. I am writing you a letter to see if you can bring me these things for Christmas. I would like a horse, a radio, a remote control truck, a dirt bike, a goat cart, a baseball glove, and a bat, a sponge bob blow up chair, and a back pack that is red and blue. I hope I get these things from you. Thank you very much. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

P.S. Merry Christmas
 Love,
 Daniel Higgins

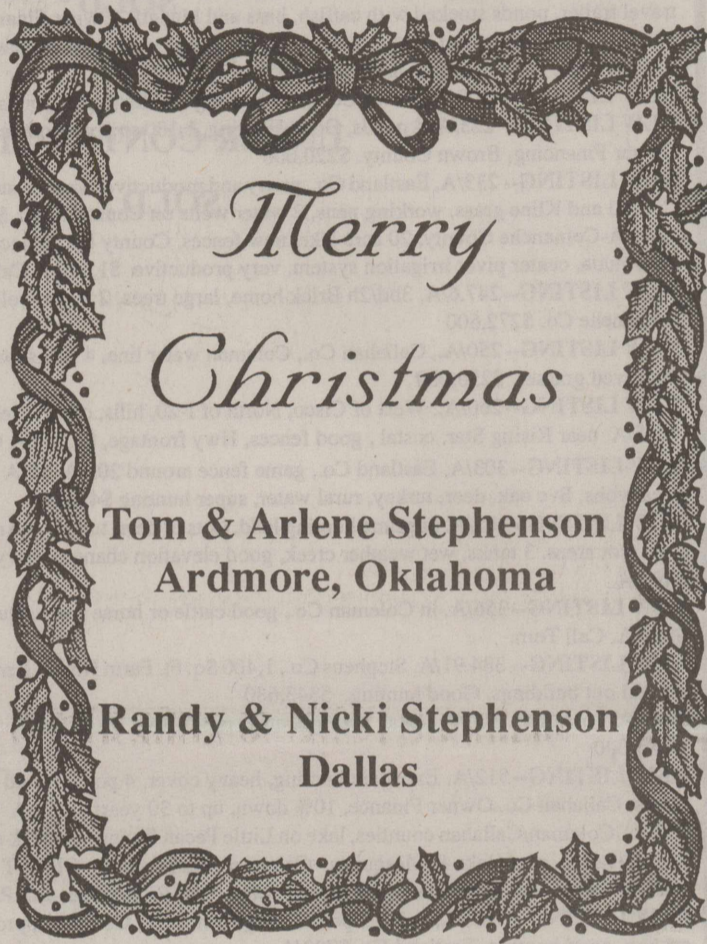


Happy Holidays

Here's hoping your Christmas really stacks up!

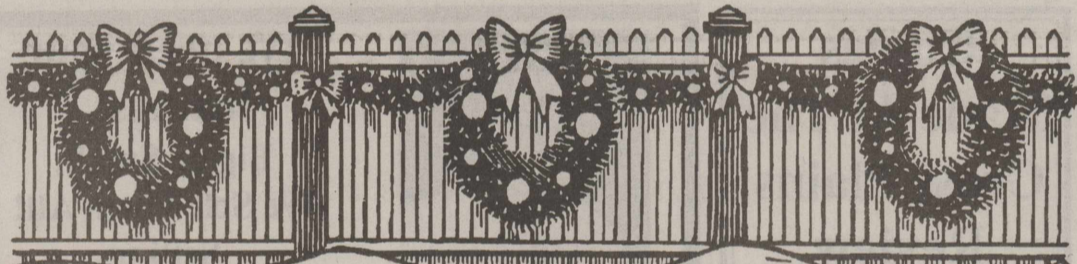
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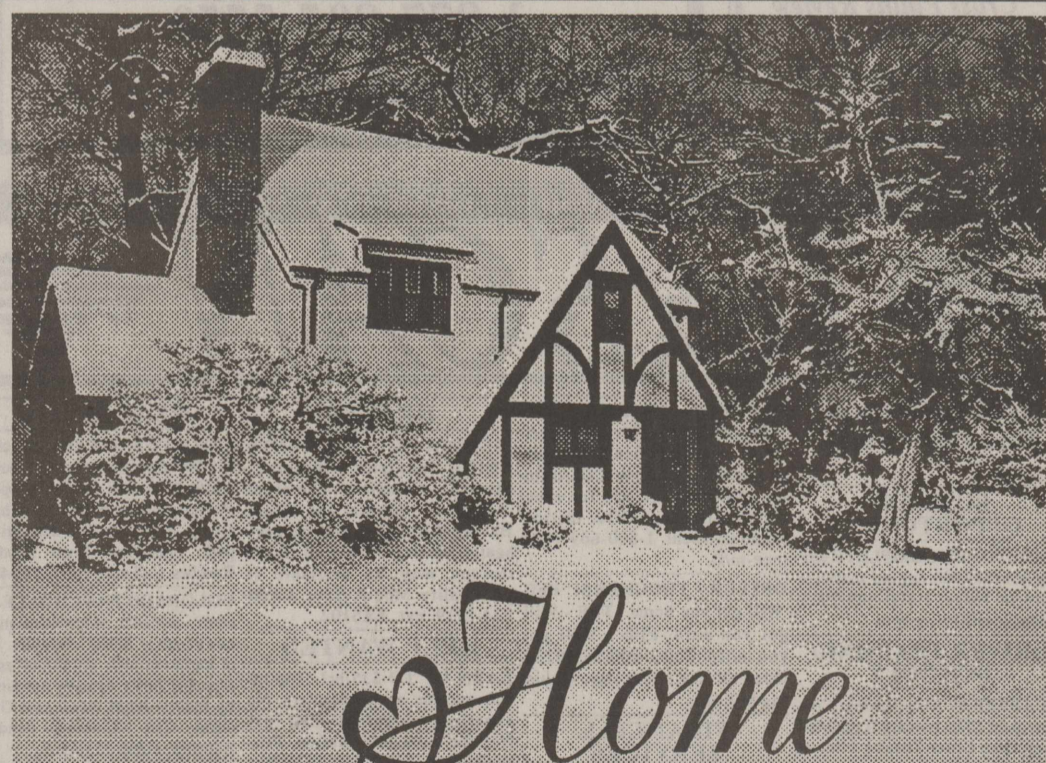


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 Charlie Grider--Commissioner

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Autumn Kelly and I am 4 years old. I have been very fine this year. I would like a toy elmo and a Barbie doll. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Autumn

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Sarah Perry and I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie Rapunzel and a Pink Rapunzel Tree. Tell Mrs. Claus hello. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Kelli Sue Bennett and I am 5 Years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie doll and a make-over doll. Tell your reindeer hello. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Kelli

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Christy Navarro and I am 4 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie and Kelly bath baby doll. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Christy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like the poor to have a nice Christmas. I would also like a dog and several other things, but that is ok.

Yours truly,
Brittany Coe

Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good girl, so please bring me these things: easy bake oven, remote control car, and a computer. Here are some more things I would like: a dome house, \$1,999 in cash, get to have a friend over to stay the night.

Your truly,
Melissa Black

Dear Santa Clause,
These are the things I want. I want a lava phone, a cell phone, moeny, stuffed animals, a dog, some fish, a fish tank that has a veiwing microscope, a sleeping bag.

Love,
Amber

Dear Santa,
I want a black light, flashing light. I want glow in the dark stars, disco ball, swirly lamp. I want my dad to get better to. I also want to paint my room lime green. All I want is things for my room from the Coach House.

Love your friend,
Tiffany Holland

Dear Santa,
May you bring me a remote controll train and a Big guy on a motersicle and a acto blast.

Love,
Sheldon

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a Barbie radio house, Pokemon cards, Pokemon movies, New Serendipity books, Batman Beyond Return of the Joker, Spiderman Web Blaster, Harry Potter PolyJuice Potion Maker, skateboard, Princess talking wand, Princess karaoke, Pop Staitain Barbie, My Size Rapunzel, Princess Musical Cinerala Castle, Princess Acitviaty-Sets, Mysery Squad Barbie and Friends, Pose Me Pets, Funky Trunk, Power Wheels Barbie Cruisen tune jeep, Hellow Kitty table lamp, Bratz Salon' Spa, Bratz Makeover Head, Bratz glow dolls, Spiderman Sky Rider Playsef, Beyblade tranforming tops, Beyblade Super Stadium, and Zoid super model kits.

Hannah Horton
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like the movie cross rode, scooter, balls, math craft set, big teddy bear, rill parrot, a camolion, and a diarry.

Maci

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a roller backpack, horse, sattle, a new leadrope, a blanket for the horse, clothes, shoes, Mary Kate and Ashly stuff, cowgirl boots, a cow-girl hat, cowgirl stuff, Stich the movie, a little radeo, a murnad tooth brush, new makup, new TV, VCR, computer and prenter, new rollerblads, sunglasses, books about Mary Kate and Ashley.

Bring it on a horse with a sattle.
Love ya lots,
Shayla Cozart

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayten and I just turned 9 years old on Halloween. I would like Pokemon the Movie 2000, new Pokemon cards, some dinosaur toys, some Bionicle legos, the Lilo and Stich movie, a mini poochie and a Kirby, and I want two new joke books. I would also like a new radio and a children's dictionary.

We will leave the reindeer some oats out front in the yard, and leave some milk and cookies for you--but save one or two for Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Jayten Ames

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a football helmet and equipment, Nintendo Advance with a football game. I would really enjoy some movies too. I would like the movie Spirit and Ice Age. I also would like some chucka boots and please remember all the other children.

I love you,
Blake Hutchins

Dear Santa,
I would like two play station games, which were NFL Blitz and the Harry Potter game. I also want a Harry Potter Polyjuice Potion maker and a Harry Potter Whomping Willow game. A tool set with nails, a remote control car, a Dallas Cowboys football locker and a DVD player with the DVD Harry Potter.

Good flying,
Logan Turner
Age 9, 4th Grade

P.S. I've been really good! Don't forget that, okay!

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Taner Griffin and I am 4 years old. I have been very nice this year. I would like a Transformer Amada and a Tranformer Amada Optimus. Tell the elves hello. I will leave you some hot chocolate.

Love,
Taner

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Zach Thompson and I am 4 year old. I have been very good this year. I would like a radio control Chevrolet and a remote control racer. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Zach

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Teagan Fortune and I am 4 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a bike and a keyboard. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some hot chocolate.

Love,
Teagan

Dear Santa,
My name is Kreede and this is my first Christmas. I have been a very good girl. I sleep through the night and I'm happy all the time. For Christmas I would like a jumping pony and a baby doll. Tell Mrs. Claus and Rudolph "hello" for me.

Love,
Kreede Orum
6 months old

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies--or may better ----cheese!

Dear Santa,
I wish that this Christmas was very very special because it's fun and I wish that you would get me another Easy Bake Oven, Rapunzel Barbie and Disco Barbie. I would also like some dress up clothes and a snow cone maker. I have been a good girl this year.

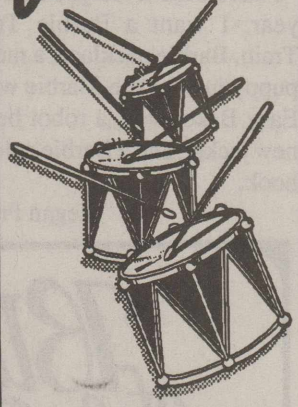
Remember my sister, they have tried hard to be good.

Your a good man Santa. Bye, bye, Santa.

Love,
Kelbi Hyles
Kindergarten



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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wish for.....
Clothes, a doll, pink bike, Dora Explorer doll, a baby broter, and a Playstation. I have been good this year.

Always Good,
Kristina Roberts

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good girl this year. I want a Barbie Travel Train, Barbie necklace, a radio, a puppy just for me, Barbie watch, Easy Bake oven, a robot buddy, new jacket, and a Barbie coloring book.

Megan France

Dear Santa,
I think that I have been pretty good this year. This year for Christmas I would like a few things, a stereo, spiderman web-blastor, a 4 wheeler, and a camera. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Austin Walker

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Madelyn Turner. I would like a Barbie watch like the one I lost, a telescope, pink radio, fish aquarium and two red walkie talkies like Logan. I also want a penny bank with real money. Could you bring the puppies some Puppy Chow? They eat a whole lot. Don't forget to bring my brothers Logan, Layton and Carter something, too.

Have a safe trip and stay warm.
I love you,
Madedy
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I love you. I wish to have 2 Men-in-Black toys. I also want a Superman, Spiderman, Green Goblin, Sleeping Pooh-bear, a game, a movie (Men in Black, Monsters, Inc., Spiderman).

Hope you have a Safe Journey and God Bless You!

Love,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Ice Show computer game, a Pocahontas movie, a magic kitchen and a Light Brite for Christmas.

Please bring my little brother Brayden some toys too. We have been pretty good this year. Thank you Santa!

Love,
Jaden Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Would you please bring me an airplane and a B-B gun.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Colton McWilliams
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Carter Turner. I want to thank you for all the toys you brought last year. This year I want a play race car and a daddy horse, mommy horse and baby horse set. I also want a remote control monster truck, toy rifle and little ATM bank with play money. I would also like an army suit if you have room.

We'll leave some hay for the reindeer. Don't forget your cookies and cappuccino!

God Bless You,
Carter Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bike and some new boots. My brother Tripp would like to have a new tractor to ride and my baby brother Ketch Miles needs diapers and toy. I have been a good girl. I will leave you two chocolate chip cookies and one sugar and some milk. I will leave the reindeer some M&M's. Hope you have a happy Merry Christmas.

Dear Mrs. Claus,
I hope you are fine. I hope the elves are doing good on building the toys. I hope the reindeer are doing good on flying the sled. I hope the sled is fine and comfortable.

Happy Birthday Jesus!
Love,
Jurnee Thomas, age 6
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole?
I thank my brother (Breck) would like to have a Baby Lion. I thank my Mom would like a dimen ring. I thank my dad would like a motorcycle. I wont a pin-ball table.

Tatym Shaw
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Tristen's Christmas List: Gameboy Advance, Harry Potter Gameboy, Pokemon cards, Digimon cards, movies Lilo and Stutch, Spirit, MIIB (Men Black II), cars, 4-wheeler (small one), and 2 bionicle toys.

Tristen

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a sponge bob's sleeping bag and some-things for my sister. She would like clothes and toys. We will get cookies.

Misty

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a stuffed reindeer and Santa, shoes, clothes, Barbies, makeup, movies, jewelry, My Size Barbie jeep, Bible, purple and gold cheerleading uniform and pom poms and nail polish.

Sincerely,
Morgan Manley

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Rebekah Crockett and I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like dress up clothes for me and a Big Barbie house. Tell your reindeer hello. I will leave you some hot chocolate and cookies.

Love,
Rebekah

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Michael Foster and I am 4 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a fire truck and a Power Rangers Game. Tell your reindeer hello. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Caitlyn Bland and I am 3 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie house and a Barbie clothes. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Caitlyn

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Alex Stout and I am 3 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie doll and a Barbie car. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some popcorn.

Love,
Alex

Dear Santa,
I would like a big Kelly doll that has a bathtub and it turns into a bed. I want a changing table for my doll. I also want to see my nana and papa in N.M.

Please don't forget my sisters Mikera and Nakadah.

Love, Lakeney
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Baby born, mericle moves baby, chalk board and eraser, chatty girl, robo dog, crossroads, a new school zipper bag, school back pack, a lunch box, a water slide, a new bike, All I Spys, All Christmas book, a robot to do all chores, a pack of markers, highlighters, toy Rudolph, more crayons, and 100 stickers.

Victoria Creamer

Dear Santa,
I want a scatebord, a horse that walks with Mery Kate and Ashley dolls, I want a reel horse with a sadle. I want a paint horse. I want flip flops, a canycane, a Repunzel horse with a wagon, and all the things that goes to Rupunzel. I also want a prinsas talking wand, blue genes with a belt, candy, my size Rupunzel, prinsas doll gift set and barbie vollkwagn.

Love,
Katie Horton

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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.

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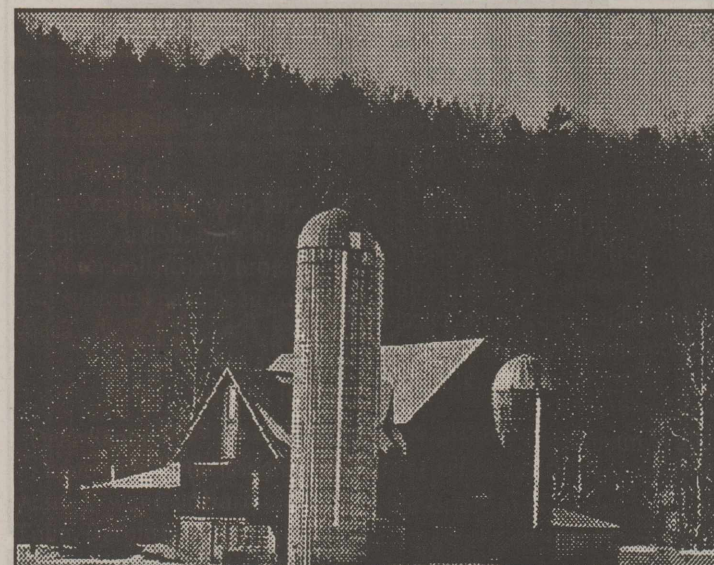
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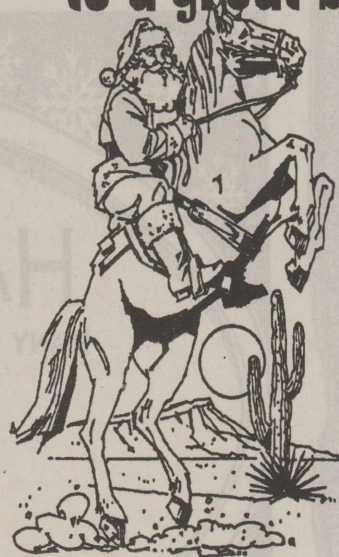
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Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Seth Wyatt and I am 4 years old (almost 5). I have been trying to be very good this year. I would like a bike and a toy motorcycle. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some carrots for the reindeer.

Dear Santa,
I want a cheerleading suit, skates, barbi phone with lipgloss, a shirt with fur and ruber pants with fur, red fur sweater with glitter and white hi hill shoes.

Love,
Seth

Sara

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and I was wondering if you could bring me a Barbie doll house (with nine rooms), furniture to go with it, a Rapunzel Barbie doll and the Rapunzel Barbie Movie. My sister Kenzie (20 months old) would like a baby doll and a rocking chair. She has been good (At least that is what my mom thinks).

P. S. Sorry Santa but I don't have a chimney so you will just have to work your magic.

We believe in you,
Brenna Kleiber - 5 years old
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
This will be my little brother Keegan's first Christmas and my second one. It will be so much fun.

We would like to have some toys that make noise or plays music. We hope to get a big red wagon with sideboards, so everyone can pull us.

We have been good boys and we are looking forward to visiting with all our little cousins at Mimy and Pappy's house at Christmas.

We love you,
Kyler and Keegan King

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the northpole. How are the raindeer. I do a good job in my school work, and I've been a preaty good girl. May I have a barbie laptop. May Russell have a fossil watch.

Senseraly,
Rachelle Allen

P.S. Please give the service men and women and their familys a safe and a merry Christmas. God bless America.

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a Beauty and the Beast doll. Be sure to put your seat belt on when you come to see me.

I'll leave you a cookie and some milk, and some milk and carrots for your reindeer.

Merry Christmas,
Hannah Cowan

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is Singing Stars Karaoke machine, motion lamp, 6-rotating disco ball, fur real friends, Disney prinssess radio, and pop dreamer dolls.

Love,
Shelby Ames

Dear Santa,
Hi there. This is Dakota. I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like a go-cart, extreme Tony Hawk skate board and a hamster.

I would also like for our family to all be together. I would like for all the less fortunate to have a good Christmas.

I Love You Santa!
Love,
Dakota Bomar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I believe in you. What I want for Christmas is a whole Spiderman set with all of the bad guys in it, and black cat. And I also want a whole Rescue set, and all of the Rescue Hero people and the movies. And all of the Power Rangers. I would also like a motorcycle. Not a toy one, a real one, and a real four wheeler. Please don't send a lump of coal. I will have milk and cookies for you.

I Love You,
Korbin McLean

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck! My dad wants a book. My mom wants candy. My brother wants comic.
God Bless,
Kiefer

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good and bad. I want a lot of things for Christmas, but you don't have to give me all of it. Look at the list I have you. Is Rudolph being good? How's the elves doing? I will leave cookies and milk on the table and you can eat it. That's all.
P.S. Bye

Love
Brock Thetford
5 years old
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew Hagler and I am 1 year old. For Christmas I would like to have a Bicycle just my size — I love to drive things. I also want a doctor kit because I love to play with my mom's stethoscope. I also want a Barney Dance With Me Mat, and a dump truck. It's okay if I get dirty because I love to take a bath. I also want a vacuum cleaner.

You will have to find me at my Nanaw's house in Cross Plains. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Drew Hagler

P.S. Please bring my Uncle Joe something good!

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a puppy for Ginger. I want you to give away the toys I do not play with to boys and girls.

Love,
Haleigh

P.S. I want a dvd player.

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Landon Armor and I am 5 years old. I have been very nice this year. I would like a jam guitar and a Frog Tennis game. Tell the reindeer hello. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Landon

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Dobbs McWilliams and I am 3 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a Power Rangers Vehicle and a horse. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some hot chocolate.

Love,
Dobbs

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Tyler Baker and I am 4 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like a shotgun and a Radio Control Baja Extreme. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some hot chocolate and cookies

Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Shelby McWilliams and I am 5 years old. I have been very nice this year. I would like a Rainbow Care Bear and a Barbie Hotel. Tell Mrs. Claus hello. I will leave you some milk.

Love,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Darrin Ames and I am 4 years old. I have been very nice this year. I would like a Turbo Jet City and a Train. Tell Rudolph hello. I will leave you some hot chocolate.

Love,
Darrin

Dear Santa,
I want a X box and sword, a DVD, a knife, and bow and arrow. I would like a Nintendo game cube.

From,
Patrick Border

Dear Santa,
I want some cloths and a toy remot control.

I'm getting my mom a ring and a neckels and I'm getting my dad a \$5.00 bill.

I don't now what my nanny and pap got me.

Taylor Savell

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a saddle, a black hat, a pup. I would like a par of boots.

Your truly friend,
Chad Switzer

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want clothes but no toys. I would like a 12 guage shotgun and a lot of other stuff. I would also like a bunch of cowboy stuff. That is what I want this Christmas.

From,
Tru Avants

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control airplane and X box for Christmas and help my mother get well for Christmas.

From,
Cody Ford

Dear Santa,
I would like a game cube with Starfox Adventers. I would also like Starfox 64 on Nintiendo 64.

Your friend,
Joel Hinten

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike for Christmas. If you can't get me that, at least get me a video game called "James Bond the World Is Not Enough". Or you could get me a Land Sea Rover.

Yours truly,
Colton Rockett

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike so I can ride all day long.

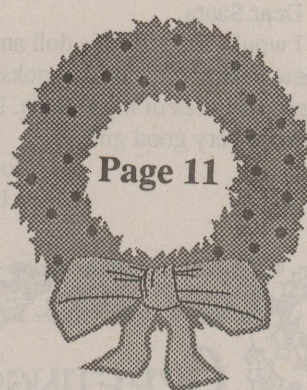
I want an X box so I want be bored on week ends.

I want a play station 2 so I won't be lonely.

From,
Britney Crafton

Dear Santa,
I would like a brest collar for my saddle, some pants, boots, mud boots, shirts and a heating blanket.

Love,
Justin Golson



Dear Santa,
I would like a four-wheeler for Christmas and my family to take a trip to Kansas.

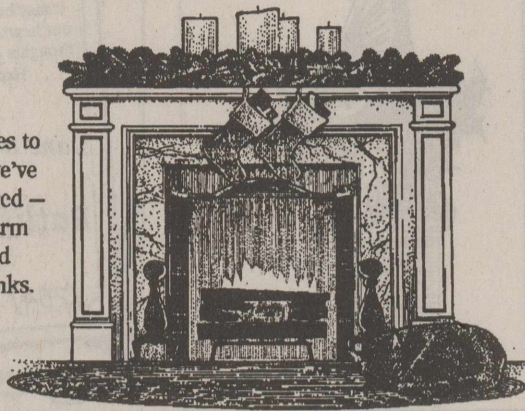
Yours truly,
Jacob Marsh

Dear Santa,
I would like a box car and a red mustang. Don't let the cars melt on the way over please.

Yours sincerely,
Cody Milam

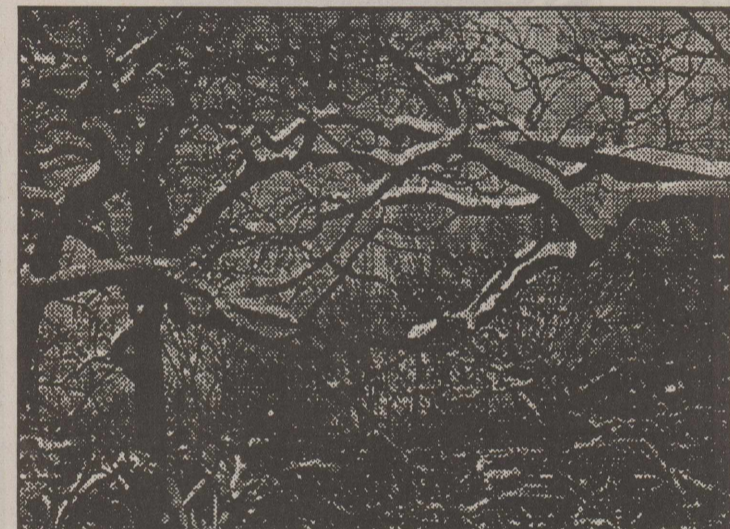
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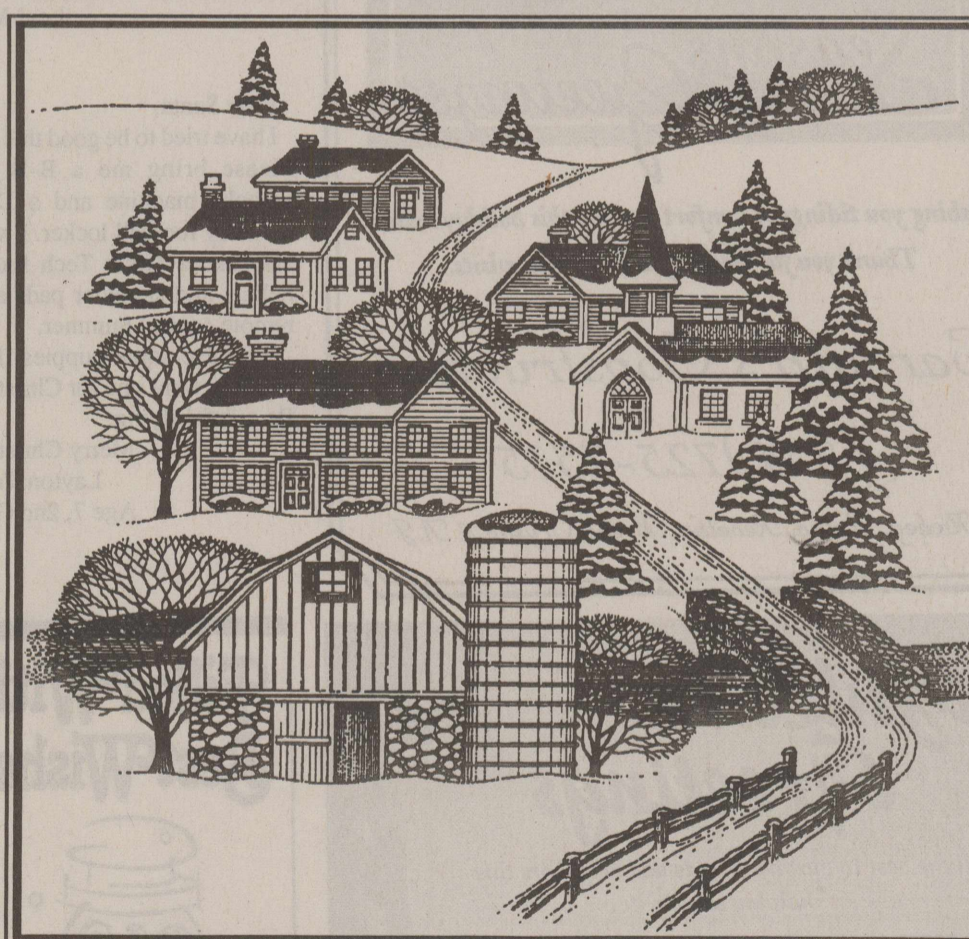


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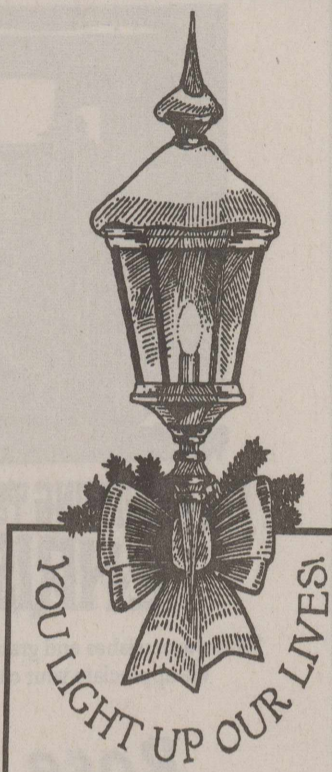


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Love,
Misty Ivie


Dear Santa,
I want a couple barbies, and a Ken, Spectra Color, Too Cute Twins, Mommys Little Patient, and the Rapunzel Kids.

Love,
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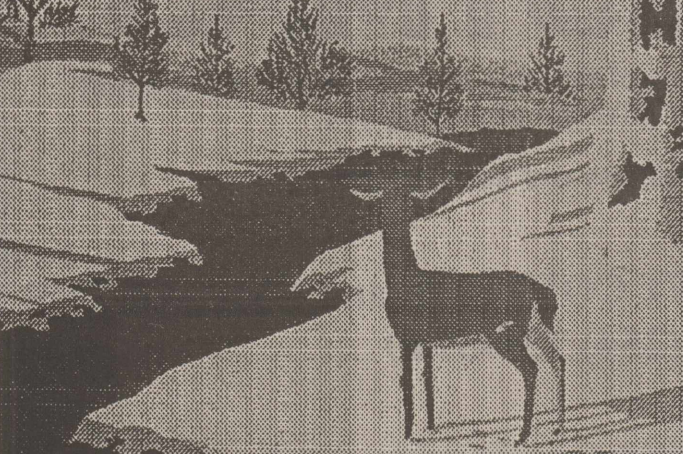
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I would like a go cart, gameboy, my own T.V. and a puppy.

Your friend,
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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a tv that I can put videos in. Another thing I want is cowboy hat. The last thing I want is water boots.

Yours truly,
Savana Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I would like a c.d. player with cds. I would also like jewelry.

Yours truly,
Ashley Cozart

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a c.d. player, Matilda the book and a new watch.

Love,
Delany Ames

Dear Santa,
I would like it if you brought these things: a pump up airplane, a remote control car and some clothes.

Yours truly,
A friend,
Allan Wheeler

To Santa,
I would like a new cat, because my cat died. Another thing I would like is a Nintendo Game Cube. And last I would like new posters because I don't have many.

Yours truly,
Kevin Baker

Dear Santa,
I want an X Box for Christmas. I've always wanted one of those. Another thing I want is a Play Station Two. These things are cool.

Well that's all I want for now, Santa. See you next year.

Love,
Miranda Williams

Dear Santa,
I'd like a new computer. I hope I've ben a good boy. If I haven't I stll wish you would bring me a present.

Yours truly,
Jonathan Ray Hollis

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, remote control tractor, remote control car and remote control jeep.

Your friend,
Levi Marsh

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a B-B gun, karaoke machine and a Dallas Cowboy football locker. I would also like a Texas Tech football helmet and shoulder pads and a remote control hummer.

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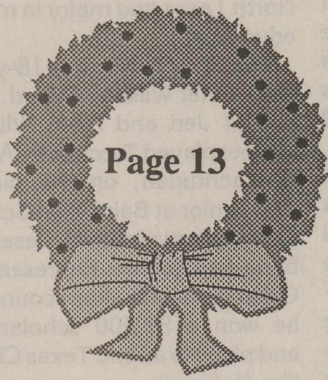


OPEN UP TO CHRISTMAS!

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Dear Santa, My name is Jodi and I am 5 years old.

For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie and a My Little Pony Sleeping Bag.

I have a new baby brother named Ryan, would you please bring him a toy for his baby bed. Thank you!

I love you, Santa,
Jodi Payne

Dear Santa,
My name is Kali Phillips. I am 10 months old. This is my very first Christmas. I like to play with pretty packages and look at the pretty lites. I can't wait to find out what Christmas is all about. Anything you bring me will be very exciting. Momie will put out a nice snack.

Love, Kali Phillips

Dear Santa,
My name is Shena Jo Thomas. I've been pretty good this year. I would like you to bring me a baby crib, a doll high chair, a baby crib, and a baby doll with a white sleeper. I'll leave cookies and milk for you. Thank you.

Love,
Shena Jo Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mandee and I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl most of the time.

For Christmas please bring me a Jeep that me and Landon can both ride in. I also would like a Speak and Spell so I can learn to spell before I start school next year. And I want a Barbie Doll Bath and Shower.

Don't forget to bring my baby brother Landon something. And also my cousins T.C. and Topi. We will leave you some milk and cookies by the Christmas tree.

I love you,
Mandee Westerman

Dear Santa Claus,
I really have been good this year, well maybe not all the time. It sure is hard to be good all the time, when you are 3.

For Christmas I would really like to have a baby doll, football, a Minnie Mouse purse and makeup set, and don't forget my bubba Clint. Bring him some farm sets.

I'll leave you some milk and cookies by the tree.

I love you,
Candice Bailey

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are well. I have been a pretty good boy this year.

For Christmas, would you please bring me a basketball goal and some Construx with eighty pieces. Also, a new G.I. Joe Tomahawk helicopter and some things for my stocking.

Please help the other boys and girls have a Merry Christmas. Thank you Santa.

I love you,
Sam Nixon

Dear Santa,
I have been good. My 3 brothers have, too. I would like a Hot Looks doll, a bike, and a shopping cart. Bring my brothers something, too. I love you.

Brittany Bennett

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a Cabbage Patch baby doll. I want a pink purse, and a pair of pink house shoes. I want a Popple. Thank you.

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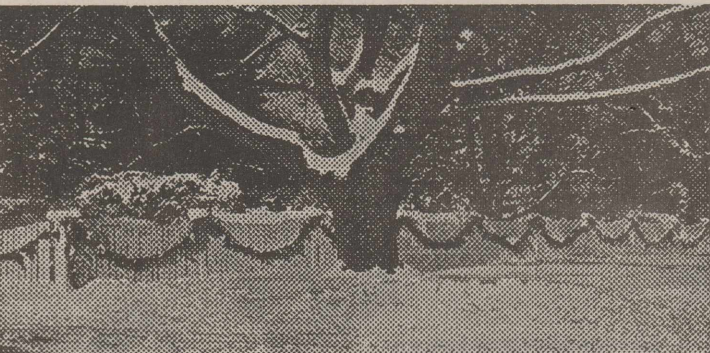
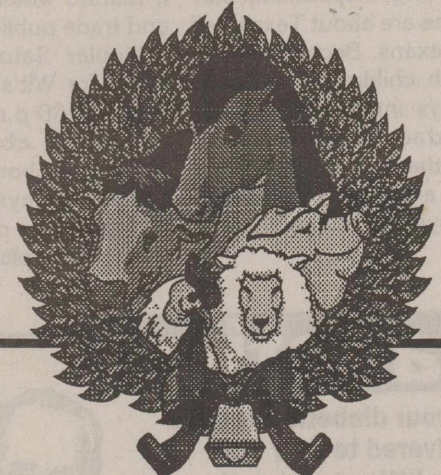
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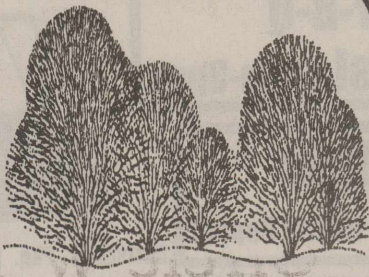
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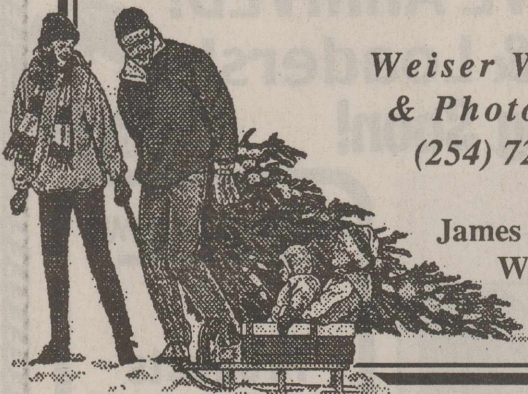
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Authors visit Baird

By Ginny Greene

The fun will include talking to authors, autographed books, and refreshments, when several local authors visit Baird on December 21st, just in time for last-minute gift shopping.

Wit's End, located at 400 Pine Street, will host the book signing day from noon till 4:00 p.m. Wit's End is operated by Callahan County businesswomen Anita Mays and Pat Albus. The shop is a fascinating maze of rooms filled with gift items and collectibles. The shop opened this summer after extensive repairs and remodeling by Anita's mother, Juanita Wooten.

Owner Anita Mays is excited about the chance to bring these authors to Baird. "Titles by these writers include children's books, adult reading, inspirational stories. Some are about Texas - all are by Texans. Because of my work with children in schools, I'm always interested in good books and activities for children."

This is the first of what Anita plans as a regular occurrence. She enjoys the atmosphere of

browsing shoppers, tea and cookies, conversations with authors, the chance for readers to have their book purchases signed by the authors themselves.

Authors who will be at Wit's End on this special day are Danielle DelHomme and Evelyn Maley with their book, *Women Forged in Fire*; Elaine Coleman with her newly released *Texas Haunted Forts*, and Nancy Robinson Masters, whose books include *All My Downs Have Been Ups*, and children's books *The Horrible Homemade Halloween Costume*, *The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm*, and a four-piece *Airplanes of World II Series for children*. Sue Turner will be unable to attend, but her book *Wings Born Out of Dust* will be at Gwen Choate's table. Gwen Choate is a feature writer for magazines and trade publications.

Regular Saturday shopping hours for Wit's End are 10:00 am. to 6:00 p.m. For more information about Saturday afternoon's book signing day, call Anita Mays at (915) 854-1812, or email amaysd@bigplanet.com.

Tanner Wilson named Talent Find runner-up

CORPUS CHRISTI — Mixing classical music and country tunes, 16-year-old Jennifer Dubbs of Wood County set the tune of Texas Farm Bureau's Talent Find Contest and was named winner over a field of 12 other finalists.

Dubbs, the daughter of Wanda and Jeff Dubbs of Mineola, is a junior at Mineola High School where she is a member of the choir, band, Key Club and Junior Historians. She sang the Italian love song entitled *Time to Say Goodbye*, followed by the country classic, *Blue*. Jennifer,

who won a \$2,000 scholarship, plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in music education.

Named runner-up was 18-year-old Tanner Wilson of Baird. The son of Jeri and Allen Wilson, Tanner played *Toccata*, by Aram Khatchaturian, on the piano. This senior at Baird High School participates in football, baseball, band and debate. Representing Callahan-Shackelford counties, he won a \$1,500 scholarship and plans to attend Texas Christian University.

County Historical Commission offers unique holiday package

The Callahan County Historical Commission is once again offering a holiday package on two of its most sought after items. The official history book of Callahan County, "I Remember Callahan" edited by Hicks Turner and the Burkett Pecan pen are being offered through the end of December as a package from the Commission for \$70.00. The history book and pen set in a matching carved wooden box is priced at \$90.00.

"I Remember Callahan" normally sells for \$55.00. It is a 475 page, large bound volume relating the history of the county and many of its families and contains many photographs. The Burkett pecan pen uses the wood from the first Burkett pecan tree

which was developed in Callahan County and destroyed by lightning a few years ago. The tree is listed in "Historic Trees of Texas." The pen comes with a Certificate of Authenticity from the historical commission. It normally retails for \$29.00 for the pen alone or \$49.00 in the wooden box. The package price is reduced \$14.00. Supply of the pens is very limited and all proceeds support the county historical commission in its work.

You can purchase your holiday sets from County Attorney and historical commission chairman Allen Wright at 915-854-1640 at the county courthouse or from Hubert Donaway at 915-662-3334.

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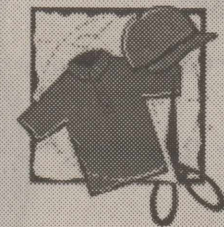
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Top 10 Lottery Retailers In Callahan County

Store	City	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Thrifty's Food Mart	Clyde	\$421,177	\$451,382	\$521,341	\$335,031	\$361,899	\$381,224	\$410,365
Howle's Kountry Store	Clyde	Not in Top 6	\$320,740	\$444,317	\$307,374	\$377,164	\$373,074	\$457,791
Lakeway Store	Cross Plains	\$286,473	\$399,27	\$431,043	\$172,808	\$211,612	\$247,718	N/A
Skinny's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	\$238,833	\$157,716	\$177,940	\$228,292	\$271,216
Skinny's	Cross Plains	\$277,749	\$288,004	\$261,165	\$190,286	\$217,719	\$179,959	\$209,722
Wes-T-Go	Baird	Not in Top 6	N/A	\$250,355	\$145,364	\$155,479	\$150,265	\$174,967
Allsup's	Baird	N/A	N/A	\$223,200	\$138,693	\$127,090	\$134,671	\$172,737
Tally's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14,000	\$107,048	\$117,035	\$134,654
Allsup's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	\$166,633	\$122,252	\$115,485	\$110,840	\$149,126
Lawrence Brothers	Clyde	N/A	N/A	\$156,441	\$97,730	\$96,713	\$98,910	\$80,433
D.J.'s One Stop	Clyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$71,510

Lottery Sales Up 5.2 Percent in Callahan County

Texas Lottery sales in Callahan County rose 5.2 percent, according to the Texas Lottery Commissioner totals reported for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Lottery sales totals in Callahan County are calculated from the fiscal year which ended September 1, 2002.

Total lottery sales in Callahan County totalled \$2,132,521 in 2002, up \$110,533 or 5.2 percent from the 2001 total of \$2,021,988. The highest lottery year was reported in 1997-1998 fiscal year when \$2,693,328 in total sales was reported.

According to Lottery sales totals, the seven Lottery sales retailers in the City of Clyde sell 73 percent or 7.3 out of every 10 lottery tickets sold in Callahan County. Baird's two Lottery re-

tailers sold 16 percent of 1.6 out of every 10 Lottery tickets sold in the County. Cross Plains sells nine percent or less than one out of every 10 lottery tickets sold in the County.

Howle's Food Store, located at 105 South First Street West in Clyde, was the top Lottery retailer in Callahan County with total sales of \$457,791, replacing Thrifty's Food Mart as the top Lottery retailer.

Thrifty's Food Mart, located at I-20 & Cherry Lane in Clyde, fell from the number one Lottery ticket retailer to number two with total sales of \$410,365 for the fiscal year.

Skinny's #52 convenience store, located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, was the number

three Lottery retailer in the County with total sales of \$271,216.

Skinny's #67 convenience store, located at Ave. F & 4th Street in Cross Plains, was the number four retailer in the County with total Lottery sales of \$209,722. Skinny's in Cross Plains was the only Lottery retailer in the top 10 in sales after the Lakeway convenience store went out of business last year.

Number five on the list of County retailers was Wes-T-Go #25, located at 1033 Cherry in Baird with total Lottery sales of \$174,967.

Allsup's #186 convenience store, located at I-20 and the Coleman Highway in Baird, was number six on the list of the 10

top retailers with total sales of \$172,737.

Allsup's #128 convenience store, located at Cherry and I-20 in Clyde, was number seven on the list with total Lottery sales of \$149,126.

Tally's convenience store, located at 1060 FM 603 in Clyde, was number eight on the list of the top 10 with total Lottery sales of \$134,654.

Lawrence Brothers IGA, located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, was the number nine Lottery retailer with total sales in 2002 of \$80,433.

Rounding out the top 10 Lottery retailers in Callahan County was DJ's One-Stop, making its first-ever appearance in the top 10 with total lottery sales of \$71,510.

Most Texans have positive view of electric competition

Rebecca Klein, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas

Since the beginning of the year, I have said that retail electric competition is right for Texas.

According to a recent statewide poll by the Center for Research & Public Policy, most Texans agree.

Nearly two out of three (64 percent) of the state's residential customers have a "very positive" or "somewhat positive" view of retail electric competition, up from 48.3 percent a year ago.

Other highlights of the poll include:

- Three out of four residents (75.3 percent) reported they were "very interested" (38.8 percent) or "somewhat interested" (36.5 percent) in choosing a retail electric provider.
- Among residential customers, 52 percent of those interviewed cited "lower price" as the factor that might lead them to switch electric providers, while 29.5 percent cited "customer service." About 8 percent said "renewable energy" would be a factor that might lead them to change electric providers.

Texas lawmakers did a good job of building the competitive electric market. In areas open to competition, all customers have numerous offers available from competing electric providers, hundreds of millions of dollars have been saved on electric bills, and we've encouraged investment in new power plants and transmission lines. Despite some bumps during the transition to competition, the Texas market is working.

You can choose among a variety of Retail Electric Providers, based on what is most important to you lower prices, enhanced customer service, even environmentally-friendly sources of power. Since the PUC

continues to regulate the transmission and distribution of electricity, you can be assured the actual delivery of electricity will remain safe and reliable.

One measure of a successful market is the number of customers who shop. Latest numbers show that approximately 320,000 residential customers (roughly 6.5 percent) are now being served by a new electric provider.

Another way to measure success is by looking at the number of Retail Electric Providers that have entered the market. There are more than 25 active Retail Electric Providers operating in the Texas market, serving all classes of customers. Residential customers have between three and 11 offers from which to choose.

Perhaps the key measure of success is whether Texans are saving money. The answer is an unqualified yes—even without switching providers.

Residential customers in competitive areas of the state saved approximately \$900 million in the first year of competition compared to 2001.

Texas can save even more money by shopping for a new provider. A residential customer can expect to save an additional \$80 to \$165 dollars a year by switching to the lowest cost provider.

As we begin the second year of retail electric competition, I expect to see more customers enter the competitive market, more offers from Retail Electric Providers and even more enthusiasm for the good thing we have going in Texas.

For more information about Texas Electric Choice, visit www.powertochoose.org, or call the toll-free Answer Center at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (866-797-4839).

You make it known that agriculture counts

Every five years the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), conducts the Census of Agriculture and this year—2002—is a census year. The 2002 Census of Agriculture will be mailed to nearly 3 million producers across the country in mid-December. For Texas, the state expects to send out about 300,000 forms. Any producer who does not receive a Census form by the first week of January should call the Ag Census toll-free number 1-888-4AG-STAT (1-888-424-7828) to get a copy sent to them.

All producers of any agricultural product should participate in the Census of Agriculture to ensure that all operations, large and small, are properly counted and represented. The Census is the most comprehensive source of statistics portraying our Nation's agriculture. It is the only source of uniform agricultural data for every county in the United States. The information is used by producer organizations, local governments, university researchers and many others to support agricultural policy and development, promote agricultural products, aid production, and much more.

Because of the importance of the census, response is required by law [P.L. 105-113, the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997, also documented in Title 7, U.S. Code]. Also, it is important to note that by law [U.S. Code, Title 7] individual reports to NASS are kept strictly confidential. They are only used in statistical summaries and no individual reports are ever released to anyone outside of NASS. NASS cannot and will not share its list of names or any individual data with any other organization - public or private.

With the 2002 Census of Agriculture, farmers and ranchers have the opportunity to show the value of the agriculture industry for the U.S. as well as for each State and county. Again, producers should call the Ag Census toll-free number to get a copy of the form or for assistance completing the form received in the mail. If you need a speaker for a gathering of farmers or ranchers, please contact the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service at 1-800-626-3142. It's important that every producer, large or small, promptly complete and return their form and make it known — agriculture counts!

Cattle raisers welcome government decision on TB

FORT WORTH—"Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association heartily applauds the decision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to delay additional movement restrictions of Texas feeder cattle," said John E. Dudley, president of the beef producers organization.

Due to detection of two bovine tuberculosis-infected herds in Texas, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service had earlier put in place regulations that would have greatly impacted the interstate movement of Texas cattle. These regulations were slated to go into effect Jan. 1, 2003. Federal officials recently announced those rules would be delayed at least for nine months.

"This is an important decision that buys us some time to continue to work toward eradication of TB and to seek regulations that won't be so onerous to the cattle industry," said Dudley.

"TSCRA leaders and staff have been a part of a group that has been working for several months with Texas Animal Health Commission and APHIS officials to seek relief from these burdensome regulations," added Dudley. "We will continue to work closely with industry leaders and animal health represen-

tatives to help draft a regulation that's practical for producers while also protecting the U.S. cattle population," he added.

Other organizations included in the TB Working Group are Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

Texas animal health officials expect APHIS staff to complete its risk assessment early next year to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle. State cattle TB records show that less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB. Some animal health experts consider this to be a negligible risk. However, should APHIS decide there is a significant risk and new regulations are put into place, they probably would not go into effect until at least Fall of 2003.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 125-year-old trade organization whose 13,200 members approximately 5.4 million cattle on 70.3 million acres of range and pastureland primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Oct. 4.0%	Nov. 3.7%
Total Labor Force	7,189	7,189
Total Employed	6,900	6,922
Total Unemployed	289	267

County's unemployment rate drops below 4.0%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of November 2002 fell three-tenths of one percent to 3.7 percent from October's 4.0 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, December 9 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 7,189 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,922 were employed during November 2002, and 267 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in December 2001 was 3.3 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in October 2002. Of the 7,189 civilian labor force in the county during October, 6,900 had jobs while 289 or 4.0 percent were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.2 percent in September 2002, 4.1 percent in August, 4.4 percent in July, 3.9 percent in June, 3.1 percent in May, 3.3 percent in April, 3.5 percent in March, 3.8 percent in February, and 3.8 percent in January 2002 according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties' unemployment rates for November 2002 include: Brown, 5.1 percent; Coleman, 7.1 percent; Eastland, 3.3 percent; Jones, 3.6 percent; Rannels, 3.4 percent; Shackelford, 4.3 percent; Stephens, 7.8 percent; and Taylor County, 3.8 percent.

The Texas actual unemploy-

ment rate declined for the fourth consecutive month, falling by four-tenths of a percentage point from September's rate of 6.2 percent to 5.8 percent in October. October's rate is the highest Texas has encountered for the month since 1993 when it reached 6.5 percent. Though the rate is eight-tenths of a percentage point higher than last October's 5.0 percent, this year's monthly decrease matches the average four-tenths of a percentage point reduction typically seen between September and October. The U.S. unemployment rate dipped for a third straight month, slipping by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.3 percent in October. Since May, the state rate has been higher than the national rate by an average of six-tenths of a percentage point.

Of the 10,772,600 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,145,900 in October. The total number of unemployed in October 2002 was 626,700. The state's unemployment rate during the same month last year was 5.0 percent.

The United States unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in October 2002. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of September 2002 was 5.4 percent. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in October 2001 was 5.0 percent.

Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER 21

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Beth Meador
Tommy Phillips, Jr.
Riley Allen
Peggy Brock
Carsyn Walker

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Cody Ford

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Lauretta Johnson
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Mrs. E.B. Webb

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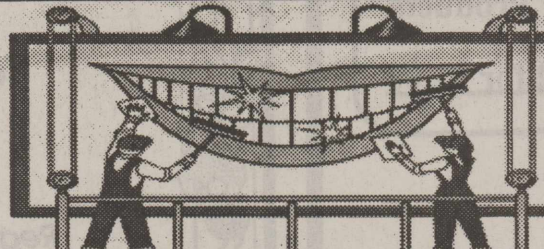
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Loving county roads...

I've lived on country roads and city streets. I'll take country, every time. I don't mind visiting congested metro areas, but there's always a feeling of escape when the traffic thins and high-rise gives way to rural scenery. Fields and pastures are easier on my eyes and easier on my nerves.

All these thoughts have come to me because life seems more precious after dealing with MyKeeper's emergency surgery, and I'm coming up against a benchmark birthday — (eeeks!).

Here's some of the reasons I love living on our County Road:

—Nothing blocks my morning sunrise watch.

—The night lights in our neighborhood are stars.

—I can yell if I want to. I always seem to want to.

—There's no yellow line painted on our road.

—The air is fragrant with the smells of trees and dirt instead of gasoline fumes.

—Often there are no cars on our road for long spaces of time.

—I drive past lots of critters on the other side of the fence.

—County Road seasons spice up my days — things like new leaves, a redbird, wildflowers, foals and calves and goat kids.

—The tail of the train whistle,

miles away, floats past our house.

—Tractors on the road are attractive to me. So are kids on horseback. And deer, as long as they stay away from my car. That goes for skunks, too.

—A few years ago, in Washington State, we were frequently surprised by herds of sheep or cattle being driven to high pasture in spring. Trail drives laugh at clocks and appointments.

—Many creatures have crossed our property on the way to water. One winter, right after Christmas, a caribou came to visit. I remember looking in the want ads under Lost and Found to see if Santa listed a lost reindeer.

Yesterday on my County Road was another day that made me smile. Way off down the road was a car coming at me, and something alongside. As the distance between us closed, I saw what it was. A car and horse were ambling down the road, side by side, the horse on short rein through the open window. Where else would you see that, but on a County Road.

Thank God I'm a County Roads girl! Yee-Haw!!!!

Merry Christmas from me and My(FeelingMUCHBetter)Keeper. © Ginny Greene 2002

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All Texas auctioneers must be licensed

Did you know that Texas law requires auctioneers in the State of Texas to be licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and be covered under the recovery fund?

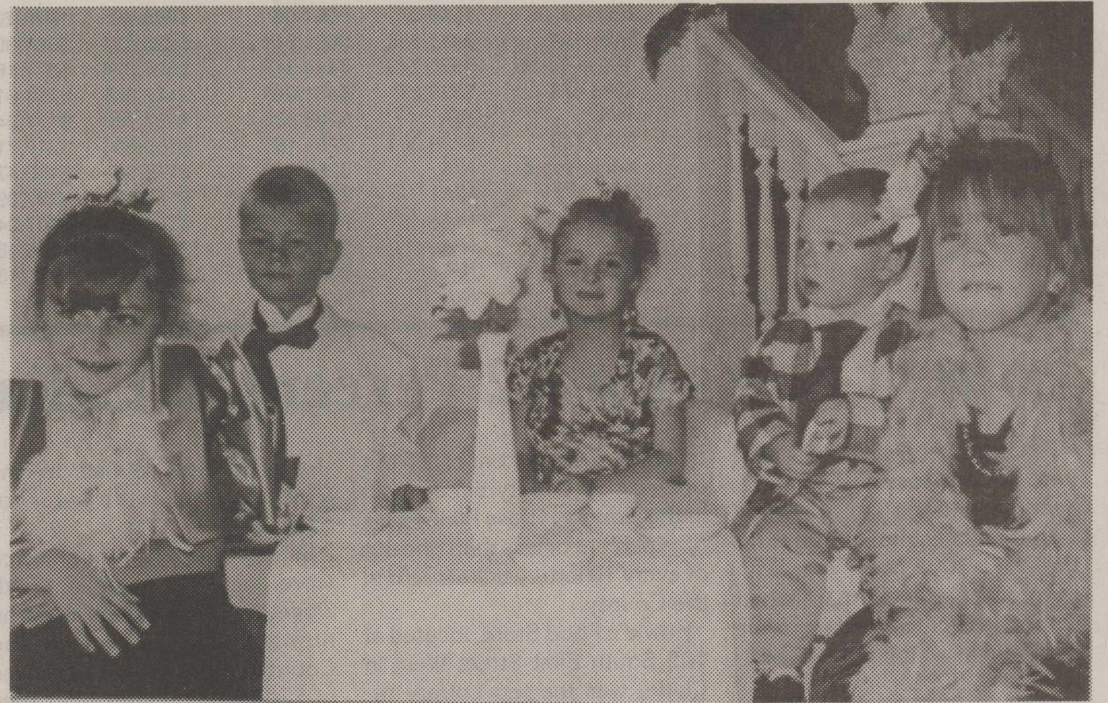
This is the law. All auctioneers selling in Texas must have a valid auctioneer's license, renewed yearly, and displayed at all auctions. No out of state auctioneer license is valid. All auction advertisements must include the auctioneer's name and Texas license number.

Before selling estates, business liquidations, real or personal property of any kind consider using the auction method.

Auctioneering is one of the oldest professions known, and is the fastest way to sell property. It also brings the most money and sets the fair market value of real and personal property.

All licensed auctioneers are listed on the Texas Department of Licensing Regulation website at <http://www.license.state.tx.us>. If any time you have a dispute you can contact the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation at P.O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 463-2906. This notice is to be displayed at all public auctions.

This public service announcement was prepared for your information by Hill College, P.O. Box 619 Hillsboro, Texas 76645 (254) 582-2555 extension 313.



COME TO THE PARTY — The great-grandchildren of Jim and Ida McCowen are dressed for the celebration. Pictured are Abbi Beaty (from left), Blake Hutchins, Taya Hamilton, Zachary Harris and Anna Beaty. Not pictured are Skyler McCowen, Ethan Harris, Kiersen Harris, Cooper Hamilton, Jarrah Hutchins and Ashlee Mathews.

Wedding Anniversary and Open House for McCowen's

The great-grandchildren of Jim and Ida McCowen are having a party to celebrate their great-grandparents' 55th Wedding Anniversary and also an Open

House, as they have returned to Cross Plains to make their home. The reception will be at 400 North West 5th Street (the home of the late Bill and Katie Kilgore)

from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The McCowen family hope you can attend. Your presence will be their very special gift.

One Rabid Skunk Reported in County

One rabid skunk was reported in Callahan County during the month of September, according to the Texas Department of Health.

The Department of Health Zoonosis Control Division reported one skunk was tested positive for rabies during the month of September 2002.

The Department of Health re-

ported 78 animals tested positive for rabies during the month throughout the state, while 795 animals were tested negative for the disease. The Department of Health reported 41 rabid bats and 31 rabid skunks during the month. There were reports of three rabid fox, one raccoon, one cat and one rabid goat from Pecos County during the month.

Texas beef producers invited to attend January Beef 706

Texas beef producers seeking a guide to navigate their rapidly changing industry should attend Texas' unique beef quality program called Beef 706.

Sponsored by the Texas Beef Council and Texas A&M University, the next two Beef 706 programs will take place Jan. 20-22 and Jan. 22-24 on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station. Producers can register for either of these classes on a first-come, first-serve basis by calling tollfree 1-800-846-4113.

Registrants must provide their own transportation to and from College Station and their hotel for two nights. Registration and all meals are free for Texas beef producers through the \$1 beef checkoff program.

For more than a decade, Beef 706 has helped Texas beef producers adapt their management and production practices to changing consumer needs. Its objective is to teach management techniques that allow producers to reach for higher prof-

its. The Beef 706 topics—all taught by nationally renowned Texas A&M University animal science professors—include quality and consistency, total quality management principles and consumer eating experiences. In a typical session, participants learn what industry segments require changes and why. The program is widely acclaimed for giving producers a rare perspective of the beef production chain from genetics to consumer.

Of the producers who attend Beef 706, 85 percent say they learned about beef industry issues of which they were unaware. Eighty-one percent say they will make different beef industry business decisions based on what they learned.

Beef 706 begins at 3:30 p.m. on the opening day of each class session. The program takes up the entire second day. It concludes about noon on the third day.

To receive more information or to register, contact Dr. Mike DeLaZerda at 1-800-846-4113.

Put your holiday gifts under wraps

Wrap your gift as pretty as you please. But when preparing it for mailing, be practical and protective. Sturdy packages with complete, legible addresses help your gifts will arrive quickly and in good shape.

So, holiday mailers are advised to use a sturdy carton large enough to accommodate the gift package plus cushioning, and to remove or mark out any conflicting address information already on the carton. Do not use wrapping paper or twine cord on the outside of the carton - paper can rip, and twine can become tangled in mail processing equipment.

It is important to seal your parcel securely. We recommend pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape, or glass-reinforced, pressure sensitive tape.

Your return address, in the upper left-hand corner of the package, should be complete

and should include your proper ZIP Code. The recipient's address should include name; box number or complete address number, street name and suffix (Ave, St, Blvd, etc.) plus any street directional (E, N, S, W, etc.), and ZIP Code. Before sealing your package, it's a good idea to put the delivery address on a sheet of paper inside the package. Then, if something happens to the outside address, postal personnel still have a way to identify the recipient. To minimize this possibility, use permanent, not water soluble, ink or markers and clear tape over the entire label.

Proper addressing means complete and legible addresses. Always include apartment and suite numbers and correct ZIP Codes. The ZIP Code belongs on the same line as the city and state - that's where our sorting clerks and automated processing equipment look for it.

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