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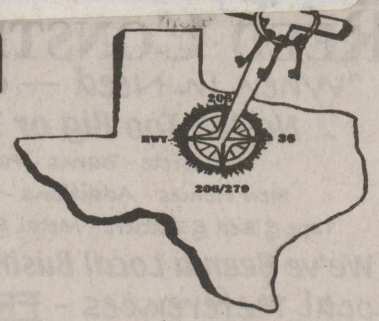
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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: It is my personal prayer that each and everyone will have a Merry Christmas! Here is a down to earth prayer that Texans can relate to. Please note that they used the term "Merry Christmas" as it should be in regard to Jesus' birth. It is so heart breaking to see the honor stolen from our Savior's name. Christians—how long are we going to tolerate this disrespect???? **Vanda Anderson**

"A Cowboy Christmas Prayer"

I ain't the best at prayin', but I know You know me, Lord.

I've seen the folks in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word.

But now I'm here to do a job out on the lonely plains,

A-lookin' after cattle; feelin' thankful when it rains;

Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass;
Aware of Thy kind Spirit in the way it comes to pass.

That hired men out on horseback and the livestock that we tend,

Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again,

Of Him whose comin' brought goodwill into the hearts of men.

A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord; but if You'll hear my prayer, I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.

Don't let no hearts be bitter; Lord; don't let no child be cold; Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's weak and old.

Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after. And sorter keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen old cows a-starvin', and it ain't no happy sight;

Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on Thy good Christmas night—

No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet.

I'll aim to do my best to help You find'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord—I ain't the best at prayin'.

But still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin'.

We speak of "Merry Christmas" Lord—I reckon You'll agree, There ain't no "Merry Christmas" for nobody that ain't free.

So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord; just help us as You can, To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man.

Author Unknown

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Ray Purvis Receives Scottish Rite Recognition

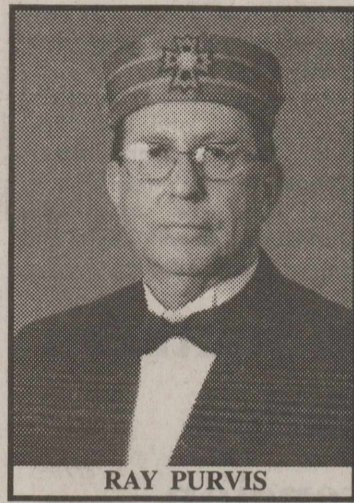
Mayor Ray Purvis was summoned to the Scottish Rite Bodies of Ft. Worth this past month to be invested with the high rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, (KCCH). The Scottish Rite reserves this designation for 32nd Degree Masons deserving recognition for faithful services to the Rite and Masonry in general.

The respective Sovereign Grand Inspectors General or Deputies likewise nominate members for this honor, and these must also be unanimously approved by The Supreme Council. This Investiture is a prerequisite of receiving the Thirty-third Degree at some later time, though relatively few receive this distinction.

After being initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in December 1966, Ray has accumulated an impressive Masonic resume. His partial record reads as follows: Master of the Lodge 1981, 1995; Served as Secretary for 25 years; District Deputy Grand Master 1984; District Educational Officer 1990; District Masonic Relations Officer 1994; Life Member 1994; Life Esoteric certificate; Floor School Instructor since 1991; District Instructor since 1991; Golden Trowel Award 1999; York Rite Mason since 1981; 28 year member and endowed Scottish Rite Mason and member of Suez Shrine.

Besides his zeal for masonry, Ray remains active in church, community and civic affairs. He was elected to Cross Plains City council 1978 to 1990, before being elected mayor in 1996. He is also a member of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce. He and wife Kathy are active members of First Baptist Church where Kathy sings in the choir and Ray has served on various committees.

Born in Cross Plains September 27, 1943, Ray



RAY PURVIS

attended Cross Plains schools for 12 years before enrolling in Garlands Barber College in 1962. He went into business for himself in 1965 and has operated his own shop for 45 years. He married Kathy S. Payne, daughter of Jimmielee and Virginia Payne on July 5, 1969. They have two children, Kevin R. Purvis and wife Yvonne of Fort Worth, and daughter, Angela S. Purvis of New Mexico.

The Ft. Worth Scottish Rite Bodies, Southern Jurisdiction, are the same entity that operates the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital where no patient is ever charged for services.

The cap of the Knight Commander Court of Honour is red with a darker red band trimmed in gold. In the center is a representation of the Knight Commander Jewel, a Passion Cross with fancy arms, featuring in the center a trefoil embroidered in green, encircled by the "Kt Comm., Court of Honour" embroidered in gold. The symbol used here, the tripod, was regularly used in formal Masonic documents in place of a period in the abbreviation of formal titles. Its use is maintained as a tribute to the Craft's distinguished past but it may be and often is replaced by a standard period.

Submitted by John Baum

Drawing for Cash, Gift Cards

Could you use a little extra cash or gift cards this holiday season? The sophomore class will make that happen for two lucky winners on December 21st.

The class is hosting the drawing to raise money for next year's Fall Festival and prom. A registration table will be set up in the gym foyer during home varsity basketball games for anyone who would like to purchase a chance to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Two prizes will be given away during the last home games before Christmas on December 21st. One name will be drawn for the gift cards at halftime of the girls' game, and another name for the \$100.00 cash prize during halftime of the boys' game. Winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes. Come out and support our basketball teams and the sophomore class. The lucky winner could be YOU!!

Submitted by Rhonda Hinten, Class Sponsor

City's Wastewater Plant Sliding Downhill

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

At the December 11th Council Meeting, City Employee, Doug Dugger gave a synopsis on the condition of the irrigation system at the Wastewater Plant. He expressed concern over the fact that it's beginning to deteriorate very rapidly. "It's going downhill pretty fast. The H2S is corrosive and eats up the pipe. It's rotting," stated Dugger.

He let the Council know that both he and Stuart Sowell have been looking for parts to replace the worst parts of the outdated system. The problem is those

parts are scarce or nonexistent. Mark Norris pointed out that the ends of the pipe are cast-aluminum, set in 1990. Norris stated that the millions of gallons of waste pumped through those pipes since then have been responsible for their dissolving.

Both Norris and Dugger asked the Council to look into budgeting a new replacement system before a malfunction happens, as most of the population of Cross Plains is dependent upon it working properly.

Most cities have gone to what is called the Pivot System. This system is set to cover both fields,

Burn Ban lifted in County

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn lifted the Burn Ban in Callahan County effective on Monday, December 10th.

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court will meet again on Wednesday, December 19th to discuss reinstating the burn ban again. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

"Home For Christmas"

Have you really looked at the Christmas scenes in Higginbotham's windows? It stretches all the way from the east side of the building to the Bridal Shop. There are so many sweet memory items for you to see.

At night, the entire look of the windows change. The forest of the trees shine all about with their green lights. The reindeer prance onward. Come have dinner at the beautifully decorated table—just waiting to serve you. The fireplace draws you into a cozy room with its huge Christmas tree. The new bride awaits in the Bridal Shop window.

It took two days to complete these decorations. Those responsible are Paulette Foster, Susan Casby Horton, Katrina Casby, Debi Casby Riennerth, Margaret Casby, and Project Pride members. The Military uniform was provided by Wallace Bennett. (View photos on page 11.)

Submitted by Anne Rone

Remember our Soldiers

When making out your Christmas card list, please include the following:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001.

Cross Plains Review to publish December 27th edition

The Clyde Journal, Baird Banner and Cross Plains Review newspapers will close Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and December 25th to allow employees to spend the Christmas holiday with their families. The newspapers deadline for articles and advertising for the

Christmas Carols, Bands, Auction, Oh How Fun

Are you ready for a night of Christmas Carols and shopping right here in Cross Plains? On Thursday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m. the annual Christmas concert will begin with the Pre-K through 3rd grade students serenading us in the auditorium. The 4th graders and their recorders will be followed by performances by the 5th grade band, 6th grade band and the "Pride of Cross Plains" High School Band.

Following the band, the 8th grade Skills for Living class will

be modeling the garments they constructed in class this six weeks.

The Art class at CPHS will be holding a silent auction of their projects in the foyer of the auditorium. Some of the pieces up for auction include clocks, rings, vases, place settings, jewelry and a couple of life size sculptures among other treasures.

Come and join us for this family fun-filled night and you might even be able to mark some names off of your holiday shopping list.

First United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service to Start at 6pm

The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will hold their annual Christmas Eve service December 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church located at 200 N Ave D. Due to the generosity of the Presbyterian congregation, the Methodists have been worshipping in conjunction with them while waiting for the completion of their own new facilities since the old church was destroyed by the wildfires of 2005.

The evening will begin with gathering the community to partake in the Lord's Supper. In the Methodist church, we believe in open communion. This means that you do not have to be a member of this church or even part of the Methodist denomination. If you are a Christian, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table in remembrance of His gift of new life for all who believe.

Next, the newly christened *Unfolding Glory* choir will perform "The Wonder of Christmas," a cantata arranged and orchestrated by David Hamilton. The music begins with a prayer for peace as we look upon a world gone mad around us. It will take us from the despair of war and hate to the hushed awe of wonder, as we consider God's great gift of Jesus

who was willing to suffer and die for each of us who, in the grand scheme of things, are so small and insignificant. He left His throne and crown to come to earth as a child and here at the manger, we celebrate with the angels and shepherds as we witness Jesus' miraculous birth. Next, we share in the excitement of the shepherds as we spread this beautiful story to all the earth. As we march through the desert with the wise men, we consider what humble gifts we can bring to the King of Kings. This music will conclude with the joy and praise of the faithful who, each Christmastime, return to the manger to remember the birth of Christ our Lord and adore Him anew.

Finally, the service will conclude with the lighting of the Christ candle, whose flame will then be passed throughout the congregation as a reminder for all Christians that it is our joy to take Christ out into the world - to shine in the darkness and bring others to His glorious light.

The pastor, choir and congregation of the First United Methodist Church warmly invite one and all to come and join in our worship celebration. It is our prayer that this time together will touch the hearts and enrich the Christmas season for all who choose to partake.

Submitted by Rhonda Swift

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OBITUARY

Edith Laverne Nigar



Edith Laverne Nigar, 76 of Clyde, died Friday, December 14, 2007 at a local hospital. Services were Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at Southside Baptist Church. Brother Billy Sellers officiated. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Mrs. Nigar was born March 1, 1931 in Roscoe to Levi and Eula (Long) Bennett. She attended schools at Cottonwood and Cross Plains. She married

Eddie Nigar on April 17, 1948 in Baird. They moved to Clyde in May 1963. Mrs. Nigar was a homemaker and a member of Southside Baptist Church, Clyde.

Survivors include her husband, Eddie of Clyde; three sons; Eddie Nigar of Seguin, Mike Nigar and wife Kelly of Clyde, and Donnie Nigar, also of Clyde; three daughters, Vicki Stephens and husband Dalton of Oatmeal, Kathy Buster and husband Eddie of North Richland Hills, and Sandra Buster and husband Ronald of Clyde; three brothers; Weldon Bennett of Lake Brownwood, Billy Bennett of Rockport, and Jerry Bennett of Abilene; seventeen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Mary Torricelli, one sister, Glenda Strange, one brother, Dee Bennett and two grandsons, Joseph Wayne and Steven Stanley Buster.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Marla D. Wawee, theft by check.
Mario G. Moreno, theft by check.
Jon L. McNabb, theft by check.
Jeremy W. King, theft by check.
Nicky L. Hollis, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Dennis J. Tipler, motion to amend complaint granted.
Amy Shiree Cox, order releasing cash bond granted.
John J. Duarte, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.
Kunal K. Udeshi, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Eslie Jon Barbee, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Rotanza Roberts, motion to revoke probation granted.
Michelle Weaver, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) - 2nd, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$406 court costs.

John J. Duarte, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$406 court costs.
Misty D. Sublett, motion to dismiss to assault granted for plea to other case.

Marie McFadin, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marie McFadin, order releasing cash bond granted.
Dennis R. Hawley, motion to dismiss to deadly conduct granted, witness unwilling to testify.

J. R. Webb, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.
Joshua Wilkinson, motion to dismiss to violation of protective order granted for plea to other case.

Zane G. Simmons, motion to dismiss to DWI granted in the interest of justice.

Terry C. Baker, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted for plea to other case.
Deborah Jo Chrane, motion

to dismiss to deadly conduct granted, victim unwilling to testify.

Timothy A. Houlihan, motion to dismiss to assault granted for plea to other case.

Timothy A. Houlihan, motion to dismiss to theft granted for plea to other case.

Cody R. Gonzalez, motion to dismiss to theft granted, victim unwilling to testify.

Zachery A. Patterson, motion to dismiss to DWLI granted for plea to other case.

Jeremy R. Franke, motion to amend complaint granted.

Charles C. Speckles, motion to amend complaint granted.
Benjamin Strahan, motion to amend complaint granted.

Marriage Licenses

Rodney C. Blackbird and Shelly J. Roberts, both of Clyde.
Chad M. Nia of Albany and Sabrina V. Rawls of Dickinson.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Johana Ortiz, engaging in organized criminal activity.

Riyannah Hawkins, engaging in organized criminal activity.

Yedidiah Hawkins, engaging in organized criminal activity.

Yedidiah Hawkins, indecency with a child.

Yedidiah Hawkins, aggravated sexual assault, 2 counts.

Yedidiah Hawkins, sexual assault.

Civil Filings

James Wornet Semmlar and Jacquelyn Marie Semmlar, divorce.

Lonny Earl Broadus vs. Pamela Susan Broadus, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Blake Fulenwider, CDJ vs. Texas Department of Transportation, unopposed judgment granted.

Mindy Nichole West and Leslie Eugene Batteau, Jr., divorce granted.

NOTICE - The Patricia Campbell in the courthouse records is not Patricia Arms Campbell of Clyde.

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Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz

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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension

January 8 through April 3, 2008, we will be studying PM3351 Pastoral Care using Wiersbe's book *The Dynamics of Pastoral Care* and Lutzer's *Pastor to Pastor*.

If someone from your church has interest in joining our study in January notify Baylis Pope at

his home phone 254-725-7749 (a Cross Plains number).

We will meet at De Leon on Tuesdays and Breckenridge on Thursdays in the evening hours.

Submitted by Baylis Pope

SBA disaster loan assistance tops \$25M for Texas victims

Sacramento, CA—Joseph O. Montes, Regional Administrator of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), announced today that SBA has approved over \$25 million in disaster loans to homeowners, renters and businesses damaged by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred June 16th through August 3rd.

"SBA is the Federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster damaged private property. SBA helps fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and covers the cost of replacing lost or disaster damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations," said Montes.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations

may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to homeowners and businesses to help with the cost of making improvements that prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

SBA also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs of small businesses, which suffered economic injury relating to the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Residents and business owners may obtain additional information by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955 or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is October 29, 2007. The EIDL application deadline is March 31, 2008.

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Happy Holidays!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Roundup

Herman and Naomi Weaver have been seen around town lately. They attended the First United Methodist Church on Sunday and Herman was joyously introducing his new wife to his friends.

Herman and Naomi were married on November 17, 2007 in Ft. Worth, in Davis Memorial United Methodist Church, and since their acquaintance they have discovered that Naomi is not totally unfamiliar with Cottonwood, Texas.

Her grandmother, Zora Wright, was born here and evidently went to school in Cottonwood. Naomi stated that evidently her grandparents were cotton farmers and moved on to North Texas. Naomi was born in Blue Grove, Texas and raised in Henrietta, Texas.

Through a marvelous coincidental "cottonwood connection", Naomi met Herman when her brother and he were working with trees in Possum Kingdom.

Herman said, "I just brought her home."

Cottonwood Cookbook Remembers Cottonwood When

Do you remember when your

grandparents talked about the bustling community of Cottonwood was king of the economy.

Listen to this quote from the Cottonwood Cookbook, "By the end of the 1890's Cottonwood had four churches, two schools, a college, and 37 other businesses. Three gins, a bank, two story hotel, and of course the usual wagon smith and black smith shop contributed to a thriving community. Telephone poles arrived in Cottonwood late in 1897, connecting our valley to Cisco, Scranton, and Cross Plains."

Three gins a ginning, four turtle doves, bales of white stuff carted off to market. My grandfather grew lots of cotton and when we got his cotton picked we moved over to our neighbor's field and helped pick his cotton. It was the only time during the year we earned cash money. Cash money to buy our overalls, cambre shirts and high-top boots. These things we ordered from the Sears and Robuck or the Montgomery Ward catalogues, and waited with bated breath until our packages arrived on the mail hack out of Cottonwood.

When the railroad arrived in Cross Plains, the gins closed in Cottonwood and the people began to decline in population and in the Cottonwood, with its fertile land, rich wooded forests, and where hunting deer and other wild animals is becoming the new "King."

In the beginning, Cottonwood was king. The railroads came to Cross Plains and closed the reign of cotton in Cottonwood. Then wheat became the new king. The government in the early 30's, with its "New Deal" closed the reign of wheat as king. Then came peanuts. Peanuts reigned for many years, and the government, with its new laws of who could own what and where, once again closed the reign of peanuts. Now people are fleeing the big cities, buying up the land and putting double-wide mobile homes next to the old windmills and raising grass and wild animals as the new kings.

Now folks, I have lived throughout the reigns of all these kings of the economy and I'm sticking around, by the grace of God, to see, if He allows it, what's next!

Library Special Holiday Hours

The Cross Plains Public Library will be closed from Monday, December 24, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

We look forward to providing services for you again beginning Wednesday, January 2, 2008. May your holidays be filled with the love and joy of families and friends.

Submitted by
Linda Burns, Librarian

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Stats
December 10 - 14, 2007

Patrons	63
Programs	26
LAP	5
LAPsit	3
Books Checked Out	88
LAP	12
LAPsit	12
Copies	2
Reference	1
Internet Users	15

Donations: Cecil and Mary Barton, Celia and John Miller, Anne E. Jolliff, and Betty Browning

Memorials: Tom and Arlene Stephenson, Charles and Lou Rodenberger, and the Class of '46 In Memory of Doreen Shields; Wanda Merryman In Memory of Earl and Ethel Hughes, Noel King, Lois Vaughn, and Charlie Howard Edington

Volunteers: Llavonne Childress, Sue Bennett, Beverly Ross, Bobbye Hinkle, Catherine Bss, Azalee Womack, Ginny Hoskins, Arlene Stephenson, and Wilma Lawrence.

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By NIKKI PEREZ

Welcome back everyone. Christmas is just next week. Hope everyone has their shopping done because the stores are getting a little crazy.

On Monday we had the tumbler from Cross Plains here to entertain our residents. Their gymnastic teacher, Minday Estes, has done a wonderful job. Those girls are very talented. Thank all of you so much for coming. The residents really enjoyed watching the tumbler.

Last Thursday we had the GA's here to visit with our residents. They brought cookies and punch. We thank all of you for coming.

Some good news this week, Ramona Dudas had been staying with us. During her stay she received therapy and is doing remarkably well. She is doing so well that she got to be discharged home to be with her husband and family. What a wonderful Christmas present. We enjoyed her stay with us and hope she continues to progress.

The winners of the door decorating contest will be announced during our employee-Christmas party on Thursday night. The winners and judges will be announced to the public next week.

Our resident birthday party will

be on Thursday, December 27th at 2 p.m. The birthdays for the month of December are: Irene Starkey and Pauline Regian. The employee birthdays this month are: Dorothy Horrell and Ava Dodd.

Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy go out to the family of Richard (Dick) Evans who passed away over the weekend. I'm sorry for your loss and he will be greatly missed.

Well, that does it for this edition until next time, take care and God Bless. Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas holiday.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 9, 2007 through December 15, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—35
Complaints—13
Vehicle Accidents
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 24 - 28

MONDAY - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY - CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY - Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Oven Fries, Ranger Cookie

THURSDAY - Lima Beans, Beets w/Onions, Hominy Cass., Tomatoes & Okra, Apple Crisp, Cornbread

FRIDAY - Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, 1/2 Banana, Cookie, Crackers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

3-Cross Plains Review December 20, 2007

Local Judge Burlie Taylor Attends Seminar in Tyler

Judge Burlie W. Taylor was certified at the recent Stage 1 Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held December 4-7, 2007 in Tyler, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University- San Marcos, with offices in Austin.

The seminar is one of three seminars held for newly appointed Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements of eighty (80) hours of training

within the first year of taking office, as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Role of the Judge and the Judiciary, Court Structure of Texas, Due Process, Magistrate Duties, Inquests, How to Judge Cases, Justice Court Desk Book Overview and Introduction to Law Books, Trial Procedure, Ethics and the Judicial Conduct Commission, Legal Terminology, Code Construction, Financial Management, and State Agencies.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty.

Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth.

When He was dead, He was

laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE..

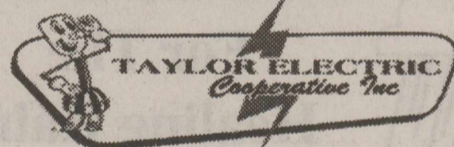
May Christmas blessings be yours and happiness light your life.

Barbara Holmes Worcester

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Here we are on "the eve" of Christmas again. There seems to be a controversy going on as to whether we should wish people "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays" for fear that someone might be offended with "Merry Christmas," since they may be Jewish, Muslim, an atheist or some other who doesn't believe in Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son. (Oops, I shouldn't have said that — it might have been too assertive!)

I'm certainly glad that Peter, John, Paul and the other apostles didn't check and see if it was "politically correct" or not to speak of Jesus. There could not have been nearly as much Gospel preached back then as there was if they had refrained from mentioning Christ, the resurrection, and Jesus' relationship with the Father.

"God exalted Christ and gave Him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord" (Phil. 2:9-11). We'll either confess Him now, or later. But "later" will be too late...

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship as we learn how to better "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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TEEN LEADERSHIP PLAY—Mrs. O'Briant (front, from left), Dakota Gilliam, Maci Whitson, Lakeney Walker, Megan Brown, Dania Gonzales, and Ms. Hinten; Cheyenne Cowan (back, from left), Katharine Goode, Ashley Dugger, Shahala Trammell, Gema Sanchez, and Victoria Creamer.

7th Grade Teen Leadership Play and Toy Drive

The 7th Teen Leadership class would like to thank the Cross Plains community for supporting our school and students. We realize without the community our school could not be such a

good school. With the outpouring of love, the community has made our toy drive a huge success. The toys will be delivered to needy children in the Cross Plains area.

We would also like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed our play "The Least of These" by Jerome McDonough. The money and gifts collected will also benefit our toy drive.



8th grade students practice exiting the front of the bus in an orderly fashion.



CPHS teacher Marc Morgan (left) explains to Dillon Whiteley and Toney Kemp how to safely help passenger Taylor Savell off the bus.

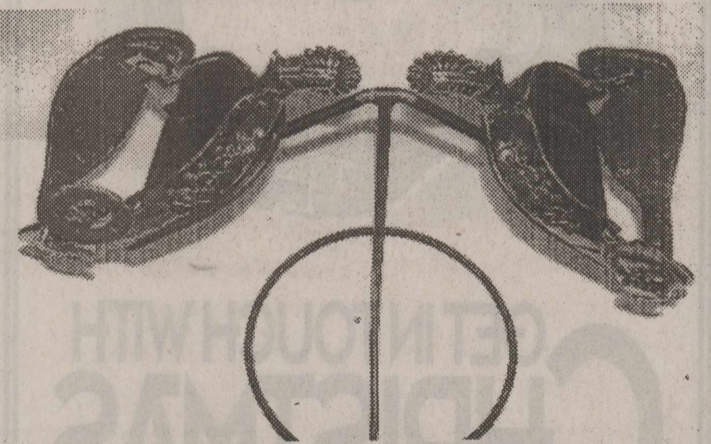
CPISD Staff and Students Participate in Emergency Bus Evacuation Skills

The Cross Plains I.S.D. faculty and students are practicing their emergency bus evacuation skills.

Beginning September 1, 2007, House Bill 3190, passed by the Texas Legislative, requires a school bus evacuation program and requires a school district to

train all of its students, teaching staff and bus drivers in the process of emergency school bus evacuation at least twice a year.

The staff and students viewed a school bus evacuation video, then proceeded to practice a front, rear and combination evacuation.



Would You Like Some Homemade Spurs?

Please support the Ag Youth of the Cross Plains FFA and Junior FFA through your purchase of a chance on these genuine Handmade Spurs.

Tickets are one (1) for \$1.00 or six (6) for \$5.00. You may purchase a ticket(s) from any member of the FFA, or FFA

Boosters. You may also contact Mr. Richey or Mr. Morgan for more information.

The drawing for the spurs will be held in conjunction with the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **December 20, 2007**, beginning at **7:00 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. Open Forum
2. Read and approve minutes from previous meeting.
3. Discuss and take action on location of 2008 Prom for CPISD.
4. Discuss purchasing program car for CPISD.
5. Discuss and take action on a Power Lifting Program at CP.
6. School Board President discusses school board training hours for all school board members.
7. Executive Session
 - A. Personnel
8. Action on Executive Session

9. Review Financial Report/Pay Bills.
10. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **December 14, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.**

Jacie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees

Christmas Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 19th	School will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 20th	School will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.
Friday, December 21st	School will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. Buses will run at 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Holidays

December 24, 2007 through January 4, 2008

Thursday, January 3, 2008	Staff Work Day - No Students
Friday, January 4, 2008	Staff Work Day - No Students

Students will report back to school on Monday, January 7, 2008 at regular time.

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 19th

3rd Period 8:00-9:50
Break 9:50-10:00
5th Period 10:00-11:50
Lunch 11:55-12:30
7th Period 12:35-2:25
Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 20th

2nd Period 8:00-9:50
Break 9:50-10:00
4th Period 10:00-11:50
Lunch 11:55-12:30
6th Period 12:35-2:25
Buses will run at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, December 21st

1st Period 8:00-9:45
8th Period 9:50-11:35
Lunch 11:35-12:00
Buses will run at 12:00 p.m.

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Cross Plains Basketball Teams Collecting Toys

The Cross Plains basketball teams are collecting toys during their home game on December 21st.

You are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy for each individual admission. Thank you for supporting our school and athletes.

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December 20, 2007



CROSS PLAINS KIWANIS CLUB MEETING NEWS—Vilma Gonzalez (left) and Sharon Pope (right) presented a program on the progress of the Cross Plains Ready Writing Magazine. They were the guests of Peg Terrell (center). Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, noon, at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is welcome.

Consumer Alert: Don't pay up-front to borrow holiday cash

With the holiday season in full swing, many Texans might encounter advertisements promising instant cash loans. Consumers should avoid loan offers that require up-front payments for "taxes" or "processing fees." Legitimate lenders never ask borrowers to pay money up-front in order to obtain a loan.

Posing as legitimate loan offers, these slick loan promotions often appear online, in newspaper classified ads or on flyers. Some scammers provide a toll-free number for borrowers to call and supposedly speak with someone who claims to be a reputable bank representative. Other con artists send official-looking correspondence guaranteeing a loan for hundreds or even thousands of dollars at a reasonable interest rate.

In both schemes, borrowers are instructed to wire several hundred dollars in advance to cover the loans' taxes or processing charges. Once consumers send the money, they never hear from the scam artist again.


Many of these schemes give the impression that they are based in the United States. Often, they provide "confirmation" correspondence with a return address in this country. The unfortunate reality is that most scammers are based abroad and

use stolen or disposable cell phones that cannot be traced. The correspondence addresses are either nonexistent or anonymous drop boxes. Once money is wired to the scammers, they are able to pick it up from any of thousands of locations around the world, with little chance of being caught.

Consumers who need extra cash over the holidays should consider approaching local lenders to discuss their options in person. Borrowers should also carefully protect their personal information, especially Social Security and bank account numbers. While reputable lenders typically require Social Security numbers and other information to conduct credit checks on a borrower, scam artists often obtain victims' personal information to perpetrate identity theft.

Texans can verify they are dealing with a legitimate, properly licensed organization by contacting the Texas Department of Banking toll-free at (877) 276-5554 or online at www.banking.state.tx.us.


To report an advance fee scam or to obtain additional information, call the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or visit us online at www.oag.state.tx.us.



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RIBBON CUTTING/OPEN HOUSE FOR TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY DEPOT.

Ribbon Cutting/Open House for Texas & Pacific Railway Depot well attended despite the weather

A ribbon cutting/open house was held Saturday, December 8th to celebrate the re-opening of the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot in Baird. The event was well attended despite the cold weather. The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance by Cub Scout Pack 222 followed by the National Anthem played by the Baird High School Band. Betty Henson, president of the Baird Foundation welcomed the crowd, recognized the Baird Foundation board members and introduced the speakers. Trish Duque, secretary of the Baird Foundation, spoke on behalf of the foundation and gave a brief summary of the project. Trish, who now lives in Phoenix, AZ, along with Betty Henson and assisted by Elizabeth Grindstaff, prepared the application to TxDOT for funding the restoration of the Depot.

Judge Roger Corn spoke on behalf of Callahan County. Although the County did not contribute financially it played a major role, serving as nominator for the project. Bun Barry, chief appraiser and secretary-treasurer of the Development Corporation of Baird, spoke on behalf of the City of Baird and DCOB. Paul Hoelscher, director of construction for the Texas Department of Transportation, spoke on behalf of TxDOT. Through the Enhancement Funding Program, TxDOT provided 80 percent of the total cost of the project. Thank you TxDOT!

Karl Komatsu, president of Komatsu Architecture, Ft. Worth, spoke for his firm. Mr. Komatsu and his team of professionals, developed the master plan and managed oversight throughout the construction phase. The final speaker was Larry Frazier, president of the Fain Group of Ft. Worth. His firm carried out the restoration. Visitors were invited to tour the Depot and enjoy refreshments hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The re-opening of this preserved historic landmark is indeed a grand occasion. The Baird Foundation Board of Directors would like to, once again, express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who had a part in helping us achieve this goal. Again, we must say thank you to the Dodge Jones Foundation, the Diane Graves Owen Foundation and the Bob Herd Foundation for their generosity and willingness to help. We are very proud of this beautifully restored Depot and hope it serves the community well.

Submitted by: Betty Henson, President, Baird Foundation

ALCOHOL Impaired Driving Can Destroy Your DREAMS If you drink—don't drive!!!!

The holiday season is a great time to visit family, but few adult gatherings are alcohol-free. This means that more people may be driving impaired than other times of the year.

A study of information from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis shows the days immediately preceding Christmas are among the top deadliest vehicle fatality days of the year. The Thanksgiving holidays supply another surge upward in traffic deaths.

In Texas, the risk may be higher than in other states, based on the state's past record. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Texas ranked number one in alcohol-related crashes in 2006. More than 1,500 Texans who lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2005 had alcohol in their blood at the time of the accident.

Central Texas counties lost more than 219 citizens to alcohol-related traffic accidents in 2006. Travis County has the highest number of alcohol-related crashes of the central region, at 64 in 2006. The Texas counties with the highest rates per 100,000 are Wheeler County (103), Roberts County (120) and Oldham County (140).

"You never want to lose a family member to an accident, but losing one around a family holiday just makes the pain worse," stated Ryan Thorpe, Director of Admissions at Narconon Arrowhead, one of the country's leading drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, located in Canadian, Oklahoma. "Any family member who can't make rational choices when it comes to alcohol use needs immediate help to prevent such disasters. At Narconon, we have been helping people overcome substance abuse problems for the last forty years. With 70 percent of those we have helped remaining substance-free two years after graduation, we have helped to make the holiday season safer for everyone."

Mr. Thorpe pointed out that during the holidays, requests for help that Narconon receives increase. "A survey of families coming to us for help found that 73 percent experience more problems, upsets and emotionally traumatic situations during the holiday season than any other part of the year. The right moment to get an addicted person help is really the very first moment you can and no later. You want to avoid any possibility that they will add to the traffic fatality statistic."

To save your loved one from substance abuse, call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1-800-468-6933 or go to www.stopaddiction.com. The Narconon drug and alcohol rehabilitation program was founded in 1966 by William Benitez in Arizona State Prison, and is based on the humanitarian works of L. Ron Hubbard. In more than 120 centers around the world, Narconon programs restore drug and alcohol abusers and addicts to a clean and sober lifestyle.



WONDERFUL ADDITION THE DOWNTOWN AREA—Season's Greetings Flags fly on the new black wrought iron buffalo frame.

Workplace substance abuse in United States

Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the October/November 2007 monthly newsletter from the West Central Workforce Development Board. The excerpt is from www.osha.gov.

The vast majority of drug users are employed, and when they arrive for work, they don't leave their problems at the door. Of the 17.2 million illicit drug users aged 18 or older in 2005, 12.9 million (74.8 percent) were employed either full or part time. Furthermore, research indicates that between 10 and 20 percent of the nation's workers who die on the job test positive for alcohol or other drugs. In fact, industries with the highest rates of drug use are the same as those at a high risk for occupational injuries, such as construction, mining, manufacturing and wholesale.

OSHA recognizes that impairment by drug or alcohol use can constitute an avoidable workplace hazard and that drug-free workplace programs can help improve worker safety and health and add value to American businesses. OSHA strongly supports comprehensive drug-free workforce programs, especially within certain workplace environments, such as those involving safety-sensitive duties like operating machinery.

A comprehensive drug-free workforce approach includes five components—a policy, supervisor training, employee education, employee assistance, and drug testing. Such programs, especially when drug testing is included, must be reasonable and take into consideration

employee rights to privacy. OSHA understands that many workers with substance abuse problems can be returned safely to the workplace provided they have access to appropriate treatment, continuing care and supportive services. Although not required by OSHA, drug-free workplace programs are natural compliments to other initiatives that help ensure safe and healthy workplaces and add value to America's businesses and communities.

OSHA works closely with the US Department of Labor's Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace program to help employers ensure their health and safety plans are enhanced through workplace drug prevention. Working Partners website is <http://www.dol.gov/workingpartners>. OSHA and Working Partners strive to raise awareness about the impact drugs and alcohol have on the workplace and provide information on how to establish drug-free workplace programs. A particular focus is placed on small businesses, since they are less likely than their larger counterparts to have mechanisms in place to prevent workplace substance abuse despite being more likely to suffer from its negative impact.

Also, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Division of Workplace Programs provides guidance for employers on workplace drug testing issues, and its <http://www.GetFit.SAMHSA.gov> website provides a range of information about workplace wellness issues, including drugs and alcohol.

American GI Forum leadership concerned over provisions in House, Senate energy bills

Washington, D.C.—"The leadership of the American GI Forum applaud the Congress for its renewed focus on developing a sound national energy strategy for our nation, but have become increasingly concerned over certain provisions contained within the comprehensive energy bills that have passed the Senate and House," stated Antonio "Tony" Gil Morales, National Commander of the American GI Forum.

"More than thirty years after the 1973 Oil Embargo that inflicted a decade of damage to the American economy, the Congress is now on the verge of adopting policies that will further jeopardize both our economic well-being and our national security despite the good intentions of their proponents," added Morales.

American GI Forum leaders - many with roots in energy producing states including California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas - recognize the complexities and realities of the relationship between energy, our economy and national security better than most and first became involved on such issues 25 years ago after the "oil shocks" of the 1970's.

"Energy is still a huge part of our Texas economy and fuels the greatest economic machine in world history," added American GI Forum State Commander Paul Herrera.

"Weakening our U.S. energy sector will have a particularly negative impact on jobs and the well-being of all Texans at a time when daily news reports remind us of the possibility of a major downturn in our national economy looming ahead- and

we know that those with less resources and smaller incomes always suffer most," Herrera added.

"Punitive tax increases on America's oil companies will weaken our nation's ability to hold its own in an international energy marketplace dominated by giant, government-sponsored monopolies of nations including Algeria, Angola, China, Iran, Nigeria, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela - and this puts all Americans at risk," Morales continued.

Founded by Dr. Hector Garcia and 700 other Hispanic veterans in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1948, the American GI Forum is a Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization that will celebrate 60 years of advocacy for the needs of America's veterans and their families in 2008 in areas including civil rights, veterans' benefits, health care, jobs, education, economic growth and national security.

"Well-intended proposed new regulations on the energy sector are likely to have the same disruptive and negative impact for consumers as similar attempts to micro-manage these markets in the 1970's which created long lines at gasoline stations and even schools in the Midwest closing in the winter due to a lack of heat," Morales said.

America's largest consumer of oil is our nation's military. And without increased domestic energy production, our great nation will become even more dependent on energy supplies controlled by other governments.

"Saddam Hussein's torching of Kuwait's oil fields in the waning days of the first Gulf War sending over a billion barrels of

oil up in flames and pouring billions more into the sea to plunge the entire region into an environmental as well as economic catastrophe and President Vladimir Putin's more recent, heavy-handed use of natural gas as a political weapon with his neighbors should serve as sobering reminders that the use of energy as a weapon by foreign governments did not end in 1973.

"Our Hispanic soldiers and their families have consistently led all Americans in the number of deaths and casualties resulting from military conflict since our earliest wars," said Morales.

"Instead of making ourselves more dependent on foreign sources of energy and tying our energy sector into knots, we should be doing everything possible to maximize the contributions of every available domestic energy resource - oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear, solar, biomass and other alternatives included - to make our nation stronger and more secure economically and otherwise," Morales concluded.

U.S. policies promoting increased domestic energy supply and strengthening our energy industry will help keep our children and grandchildren out of harm's way and allow them the same opportunity to pursue and enjoy the American dream as previous generations.

All Members of our Texas Congressional Delegation are urged to vigorously oppose any legislation that imposes new taxes on the U.S. energy industry, reduces domestic energy production, increases our dependence on oil imports and makes America less secure.

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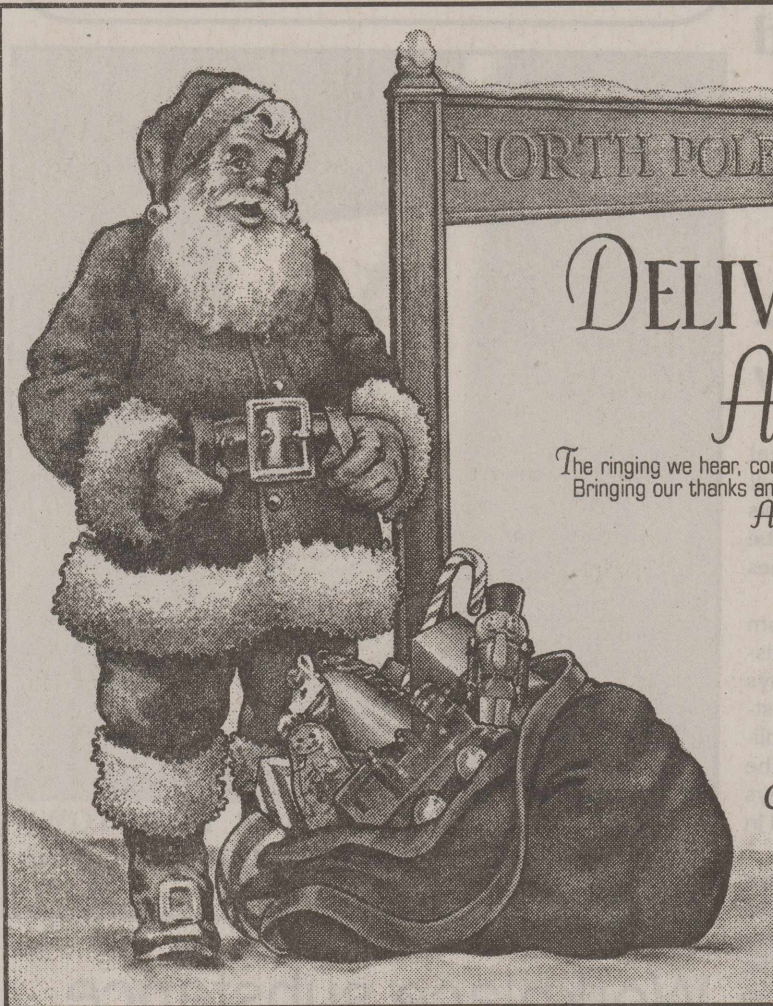
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In Loving Memory of her Son,



I want to hear your footsteps,
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There will be no sound of
hurried footsteps,
Coming down the hall.
No Christmas presents under
the tree.

No players, cows or balls,
For you have went to be with
Jesus, to celebrate this year.

And though, as I remember you,
my eyes will fill with tears,
How wonderful it must be, to
be in our Lord's sight!

To be with the angels to sing for
our Savior, a heavenly Silent
Nite.

Yes, my son, this is the true
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Love,
Richard Gregory
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Santa,
I would like to see more snow. It would be fun to go hunting in the snow. Please bring me lots of toys for my new room.

Love,
Benjamin French
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Lexie. I am 5 years old. Mom says I have been pretty good this year. How is everyone at the North Pole?

For Christmas I would like a Polly Pocket House, Easy bake oven, and a Hannah Montana Barbie that sings.

I will leave some milk and cookies for you. And some hay for the reindeer.

Love,
Lexie Thompson
5 years old

Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten
P.S.- Please bring my brother, Zach, some more Bryer Horses for his collection. And anything else you think he would like. He is 9 years old.

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a phone only if you can and also a bike and some other things. Some Heelys, radio, Playstachion and a guitar hero, so I can play it on the playstachion.

Sincerely your friend,
Destinee Cooper
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year!

Would you please bring me a new play kitchen, a mini trampoline, a Thomas the Train set, some clothes and shoes.

I will leave you some cookies and fresh milk from my Papaw's milk tank. I will also leave some hay for your reindeer.

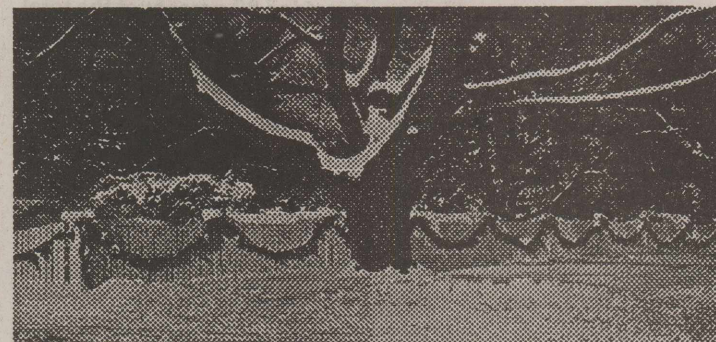
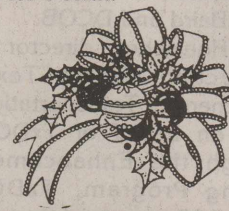
Love,
Madison Foster
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a Transformer, a skate board, a new jacket, and a cowboy hat.

Love,
Alex Porter

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a backpack, jacket, and some toys for Christmas. Thank you very much me and my sister and brother will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thanks again,
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Holiday Greetings

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Wishing you a festive season filled with good friends, good times, and glad tidings. Thanks for making it all worthwhile!

Callahan County

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Dear Santa,
I can't wait for you to come to town, I have really tried to be good. I would like some shirts, a telescope, and some tools. I would like a jungle gym. Please bring me a TV so I can watch movies in my room.

If you have time please bring my Mamoo a small and big fake tractor, bring my mommie a camera, my pawpaw really needs a new phone.

Thank you Santa and I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Josh Wilson
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten
P.S.- I hope you like our tree.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some gum and a gumball machine. I want a ball, new blue top Anderson Bean boots, a bigger bicycle with training wheels, and a new back pack with transformers on the front. I also want a microphone.

Love,
Jerrid Tennison
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a Sharpooth for Christmas this year.

And don't forget about my little sister and brother.

Love,
Jared Fulcher
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you because you bring me presents, because you have elves. You bring every nice boy a present.

Please bring me a Spy Gear, Froggy Jumper game, a skate board, and a jeep I can ride in. I would like some orange Sketchers. Bring my Daddy a new cowboy hat.

Have a safe trip from the North Pole.

Love always,
Kyler King
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a game called Mowercart and Pac-man, a toy truck, a toy elf, and a toy reindeer. Also, I want a new jacket, a new shirt that looks good.

Goodbye,
Brady Potter
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas! Good Day! I love you! Can I see your reindeer? Ho, Ho, Ho! I would like you to give me jingle bells, a limo that I can drive in, a real doggie to play with, and pink boots with flowers on them to wear. Have a good evening. I'll see you again.

Love,
Heather Yates
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas! Happy best Christmas! Could you bring me a jar of fake eyeballs so I can play tricks with them. I also want a fake sword to play with outside and a Sponge Bob watch to check what time it is.

If Mom wants to leave you cookies, she will.

See you soon,
Trent Tollett
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolf doing I don't have a chimney, you are going to have to come through my door. I hope you have a good job at work.

I have heard your songs too many times. I am tired of listening to it.

I want a brand new bed, toy box that already has toys in it, and a school building toy set with little persons wrapped up in it.

By Santa! I love you!
Ketch Thomas
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I love you! What are you going to bring me for Christmas? What do the "elves" do?

I would like a pocket knife with a knife in it. Me and my Dad is going to get deers to eat with t. Also, I want two Ben 10 video games because it is my favorite game. Could you also bring me a Spiro video game because I lost the one I had - Spin the Legend.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Kaydence Smoot
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want presents like a motorcycle and a bike. Also, I would like a Dora toy that waves her hand and says, "goodbye".

I want to sing "Jingle Bells" to you because you would like it.

Mom makes cookies for you, Santa.

I Love you,
Savhanna
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a spider in a cage, a DS, a horn, knife, toy gun that swings around a bomb, BB gun, a robot, ammo pack, a dog, kitten and a motorcycle.

These are the 3 things I want the most: a DS, ammo pack, and a BB gun the most.

Are your "reindeers" good? I will leave you gingerbread cookies.

Love,
Tyler Nichols
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How you doing? I hope your "elves" are doing good working on toys. How's Comet doing?

Santa, I want a monster truck, a fake zombie and the cut off foot, and a jet pack. I also want a Transformer.

If I get the zombie and the cut off leg, I am going to put the leg on the zombie and them put boots on the zombie. I want the zombie's head to pop off and on. I want his arms and knives to pop off and on. I like this stuff because I watch Goosebumps.

I want the transformer to change into a truck.

I want the fake eyeball to go to the body of the zombie.

I want a jetpack to put on my back so I can push the buton and it would fly and if you say "go", it will go.

I love you and miss you.
Gavin
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
You are good. Would you bring me my presents. This is what I want: a yellow jumprope, black boots, silver belt, and a black cowboy hat.

I have been good and I love cowboy stuff. Please bring Mimi a new car, and Daddy doesn't have much tools. Please bring Kyler a new transformer. He loves them.

Bye Santa,
Keegan King
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a Leapfrog game to put on my Leapfrog and a pink girl motorcycle to ride, and a choo-choo tain I can ride.

I want this and this and this.

Bye Santa,
Angel Mangrum
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
May I have a skate board to do tricks on, black cowboy boots, and a red and black race car to play with.

I will leave cookies out for you.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Jared Armor
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a blanket that has Dora wearing boots on it. I also want a Dora doll that wears boots to play with please bring me some red roller skates and other presents.

Merry Christmas,
Jasmine Alexander
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I will give you some cookies when you come here. I wish you could get me a white tree.

Please bring me a Barbie doll, a Barbie house, some ice skates, and a swim suit.

Bye - bye,
Sarah Aitchison
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Wishing You A Glowing Season

Thanks for providing a bright spot in our year!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
From Our Hearth To Yours

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to a great season!

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

Merry Christmas to all!

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

With Our Gratitude

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

Thank you for your kind patronage.

J & L Sales
Corner of Highway 36 & 206
Cross Plains, TX
(254) 725-6531

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Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten



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

Ray's Barber Shop
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CHRISTMAS
HOPE IT'S UPLIFTING

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CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

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

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

THE CHILDRESS FAMILY

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

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

Hutton Construction
(254) 725-6316

It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!

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

Jean's Feed Barn
Whit and Jean Wilson and the Crew
(254) 725-6881

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Petshop for Christmas. Also, some new bean bags would be nice. Big bean bags!

Love,
Hannah Crockett

Dear Santa,
I have bin good. I want a perit for Christmas. Also a baby doll, a FBI Lab kit, a toy dinosaur, a new bike, my own tristr, some double A badrees, and an art set.

Love,
Ashley Anderson

Dear Santa,
I would like some money, my own room, a new hat, video games, and a Power Rangers movie.

Love,
Jyles Wootton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Playstation with guitar hero game, a red rider BB gun, moon boots, a remote control hummer and a bike.

Love,
Jevon Tillery

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like some transformers, hot wheels, boots, clothes, dinosaurs, army men, electric guitar, Shrek game, Shrek the third, Garfield 2, toy gun, and Heelies.
I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Sterling Switzer

Dear Santa,
How are you? Bet you are busy. I heard that the elves are very busy. Christmas is not that far away.

I would like it if you could get me a computer and computer game.

I will leave out milk and cookies for you. I hope you have a safe trip on the sleigh Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas,
Kayden Oskins

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a cd placer with some cds and I want those cds to be called Pop 4 Kids.

Is Rudolph the red-nose reindeer real? Are you real?

Write back soon,
Jackilann Shepard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girls all year long. My name is Gabby and I am in 1st grade at Cross Plains.

For Christmas this year I would like some play pots and pans. And I would like a Barbie house. And a bear toy and also some make-up. And a Tinkle Bell toy.

Thank you and I love you. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Gabby

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a shaving kit, shoes, X-Box 360, cowboy clothes, cologn, fishing pole. Please bring my baby brother some cowboy clothes and boots.

Love,
Kyler Stout

Dear Santa,
I would like a army gun one that will fit my knife. For Mom a new jewelry box, Dad a new football, coffee cup, a new belt, a v-bot and spy gear and dart tag.

Love,
Wayne Snell

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I love you forever. I am happy it is going to know today. When is it almost Christmas?

I would like a Hannah Montana guitar, and a car. Also a Bratz doll, and some moon sand. Please Santa don't forget about me at Christmas.

Love,
Monika Essary

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a Barbie and a scooter and a bunch of dress up clothes.

Love,
Ashley Cochran

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler, 22 cricket and a pair of chaps.

I am going to try to be really good. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love,
Tripp Thomas

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole and how is Rudolph doing?

This year for Christmas I would like a new book about reptiles. I also would like a remote control race car and a monster truck to send to my cousin Zach. I would also like some Legos, a Leapster cartridge and a Megazord.

Good luch delivering all those presents.

Love,
Paxton Byrd

Dear Santa,
I think Christmas is the best time of the year. I have been good this year.

I would like a Jeep, some moon sand, a Little Pet Shop Diary, some games, and anything Hannah Montana.

Please remember my sister, Brenna, she would like new stuff to decorate her room and a camera.

We will leave cookies and milk by the tree.

I love you,
Kenzie Kleiber, 6 years old
Mrs. Hunter's First Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a pink camo four-wheeler, a real guitar, roller skates, and a skateboard. I would also likea Baby Alive doll or a drum set.

I will leave some cookies and milk for yo and some corn for your reindeer at my house on Christmas Eve. How are Mrs. Claus and the elves? Have a safe trip!

Love,
Mallory McCready

Dear Santa,
My name is Hanna Fortune. I am in the 1st grade at Cross Plains I.S.D. and I am 6 years old.

For Christmas I would like to have a Little Pet Shop town, Pet Shop Diary, Spong Bob game boy game, clothes, Tinker Bell comforter set, and a set of magnetics.

I have tried to be a good girl this year, and believe I deserve some of this. I will leave some cookies and milk on the bar for you. Give Rudolph a big hug and kiss for me. I love you very much.

Love,
Hanna Fortune

Dear Santa,
My name is Baylee Savell. I would like for you to bring me a few things this year, a Hannah Montana suit and wig. Also I would like Barbies and a bike and Bratz dolls and a puppy also some snow.

Thank you, Merry Christmas,
Baylee Savell

Dear Santa,
My name is Samuel Guerrero and I have been pretty good this year. I would like a guitar, MP3 player, PS2 game, and yugioh cards. Please don't forget my brother, Isaiah. He wants yugioh cards too.

I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love you,
Samuel



Come, Let Us Adore Him!

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

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Thank You!

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Merkel, Texas
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Merry Christmas

May peace and glad tidings visit your home this holiday season. We're grateful for your visiting us this year. Thanks!

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From David, Lenell, Claren, Stacey, Chris, Cassie, Kirstin, and Cody Sliger



Happy Holidays

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

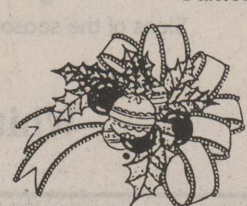
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E. Hwy 36 & Ave. B
Cross Plains, Texas
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We really appreciate your business.

Jimmy D. Wilson Drilling
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Jimmy and Carolyn Wilson



Dear Santa,
I hope you, Mrs. Clause, the elves, and the reindeer have a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From Hannah Cowan
P.S.-Please tell Mrs. Clause, the elves, and the reindeer I said, "Merry Christmas."

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I hope this letter finds you doing well. This year for Christmas I would like a basketball goal and a basketball. I'll leave you cookies out.

Love,
Larson Walker
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want a microphone. I also want a pair of knee boots. I need some new jeans and shirts. I also would like some hair bows.

Love,
Kelsi Tennison

Dear Santa,
I would like a gameboy with games.

Love,
JJ Porter

Dear Santa,
I won't a Hannah Montana microphone. I would like a black skirt and knee boots. Would you please bring me some new jeans, shirts, and a new pink shiny show stick for when I show my pigs. I would love to have a Bedazzler to dress up my clothes.

Love,
Jayme Tennison

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some more games for my V-Tech and a latch hook rug set. I would like some clothes. I would also like that pink and green jacket and some shirts and pants. My brother would like some cars of Cars the movie. Like Sally. He would like some clothes just like me.

I will have milk and cookies ready for you.

Love,
Brittany Crouch

Dear Santa,
My name is Katy Jo Morgan, I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a creativity tower, ultimate nail studio, crayola cutter, and an uno game. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Katy
P.S. - My sister would like a kitchen set, tea party set, and a Shrek 3 movie.

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a play stashen two and a football suit and a skooder.

We will give milk and cookies for a present.

Love,
Riley Potter

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a MP 3 player and an i pod, a pony, and some new shoes and new clothes, and a new camra and I've been really good and making hundreds on papers at school but most of all I just want a good Christmas with my family and one more thing the movie Harry Potter and the oder of the phoenix.

From,
Kayla Stoudemire

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would really like to have a skate board, Spy video car, Web World, Teckro Pony, Wak a mole, Spiderman stuff, moon sand, Mars mission, Alvin and Chipmonks video game, and horse stuff.

Thank you,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I want a Avatar book, a Avatar TV, a Avatar blanket, a Avatar chair, and an Avatar ceiling fan.

Love,
Sunbeam Wahl

Dear Santa,
This year I've been good. I would like to ask for a razor scooter, i pod, and telescope.

Also my sister, Hailey, has been good to. She would like a Baby Alive. I will live some milk and cooks.

Love,
Alexis Mauricio

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie motorcycle that I can ride. Also, please bring me a bell, a nitro notebook, a baby alive, a karioke machine, piano and an mp3 player.

Love,
Reagan Kirby
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I am a big girl for Mommy and Daddy. My name is Abbigale. I am two. I would like a baby doll for Christmas please. I am a good helper.

I like your reindeer. Do you like my reindeer?

Love,
Abbigale Shepard

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good boy this year and I try to listen to my mommy as much as possible. Thanks for all the presents last year. I play with them all the time. This year I'd like a four wheeler - like my friend Addi, and I promise to be careful. I'd also like some blocks, books and CD's because I really like a good beat I can dance to. I'd really love to get a kitten but my daddy says no so maybe you could have a talk with him.

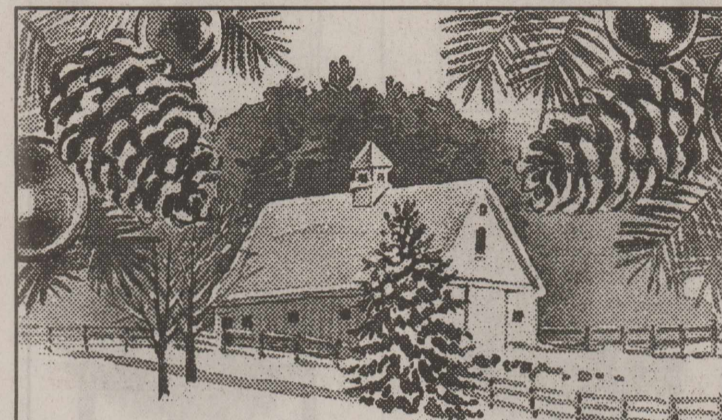
Have a safe trip Christmas Eve. I'll leave a snack out for you, and tell the reindeer and elves I said "hi".

Your buddy,
Stryker Dillard
age 1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nitro notebook, pj's, clothes, slippers, a makeup set and a karioke machine.

Please bring my baby sister (Brailyn) some shoes, clothes and a wagon.

Love,
Ashlyn Kirby and
Brailyn White



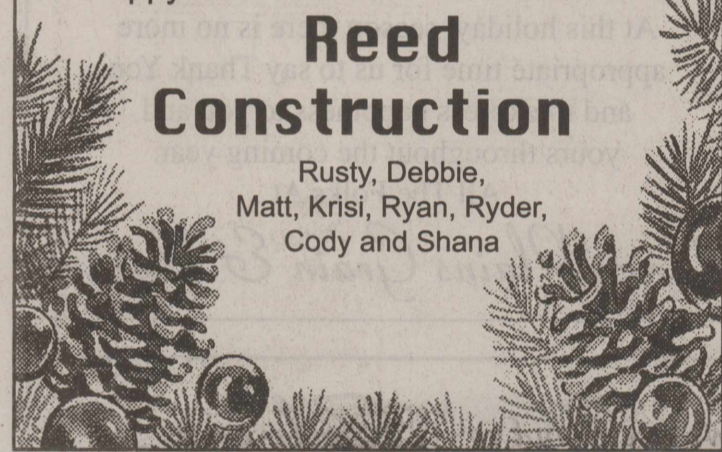
With You In Mind At Christmastime

May you and your family enjoy the many blessings that give true meaning to the holiday season. We feel privileged and blessed to have you as our neighbors.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Customers

Reed Construction

Rusty, Debbie,
Matt, Krisi, Ryan, Ryder,
Cody and Shana



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Wherever you may wander,
Wherever you may roam ...
When it comes to celebrating Christmas,
There's just no place like home!

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Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I was wondering if you would please bring me lots of new toys. One thing on my list this year is a new farm set. I would also like a new gun so I can go hunting with my dad. I love to watch movies especially Scooby Doo, Shrek, Backyardigans, and Deigo. If you can also get me a new drum set I would like to have one of those too.

Don't forget about my little brother he has also been a very good boy. Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Love,
Ryan Reed
2 years old

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Rudolph going to guide your sleigh on Christmas Eve? How are your reindeer feeling?

I have been very good, Santa, My name is Madilynn and I am four years old. I want you to bring me a pink guitar.

I will leave you milk and cookies.

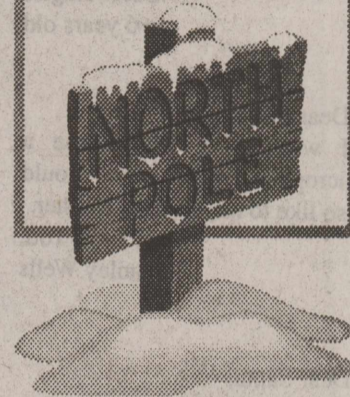
Love,
Madilynn Shepard
P.S.- I will be at Gran and Pop's house.



All Signs Point To Christmas!

Thank you for passing by our way this year. Have a joyous Noel.

T & K Tire and Alignment
(254) 725-6223
Randy Baker & Family



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON
May you and your loved ones enjoy all the splendor of this very special time of year. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Cross Plains Parts Plus

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Silent Night
In a season so serene and still,
We think of peace and of goodwill;
And in spite of the cold and frost and snow,
We're warmed by thoughts of the folks we know!
Merry Christmas and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

The Movie Store and Tanning Salon
(254) 725-7394
Skeet and Wanda Walker

Blessings of the Season
As we recall the Christmas miracle, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His many splendid creations, large and small.
We really feel fortunate for the blessing of your patronage.

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Bud, Becky, Bree & River Dillard

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

Cross Plains Business Service
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(254) 725-7434
Fax: (254) 725-4653

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Dear Santa,
Have the reindeer been good? My name is Drew Hagler and I am 6 years old. Now what I want for Christmas is the Big Bumble Bee Transformer and several different Transformers. I would also like a blue MP3 player and art supplies. If you could fit it on your sleigh, I would like a desk for my room, the Transformers movie, the Spiderman 3 movie, the Underdog movie, and a new Nutcracker for my collection. I could also use a new toothbrush, some candy, and Pirates of the Caribbean At World's End movie in my stocking. If you can't bring me all this stuff for Christmas it will be okay. I will just get it for my birthday.

I Wish You a Merry Christmas!
Drew Hagler
6 years old

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a microphone and a horse. I would also like to have a cash register.
I Love You,
Bailey Wells

Dear Santa,
My name is Adrien Canales and I am 4 years old. I go to Speech with Ms. Henry at Cross Plains Elementary.

May I please have some boots, a Batman 4-wheeler, a horse, a saddle, hot wheel cars, a bull, a rope, a black cowboy hat, more cowboy clothes, a fireman truck, a new teddy bear, toys for my dog Tex, a bracelet for my mom, tools for my dad and a baby brother.

I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some hay for your reindeer;

Thank you,
Adrien Canales

Dear Santa,
I have see you in person, but I am not ready to sit in your lap yet. For Christmas this year I would like to have a Mickey Mouse Clubhouse and a camouflage baseball cap. I am trying to stay out of trouble so that I will have presents under the tree. My big brother has been really good to me, so please bring him a present too!

Love,
Haider Rudloff

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I was wondering if you would please bring mee some new toys for Christmas. I also could use some new clothes. Don't forget about my big brother he also has been a good boy this year. Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Love,
Ryder Reed
7 months old
1 year old

Dear Santa,
I hope you and the reindeer had a good sumer. My name is Emma Hagler and I am 3 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Horsi, Barbie makeup, and a Barbie Pooping Dog. I would also like a Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader suit with boots and pom poms. For my stocking, I would like the Flicka movie, a new toothbrush, and some candy. I will leave you some milk and cookies at my house.

I Love You!
Emma Hagler
3 years old

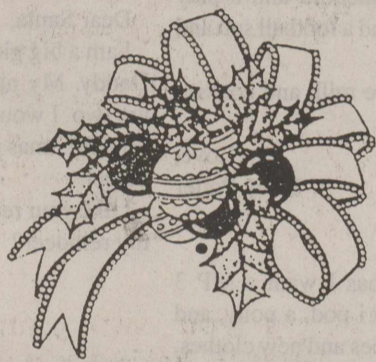


Dear Santa,
I already saw you this year and told you what I wanted for Christmas, but just in case you don't remember... I would like to have a Spiderman motorcycle and a pirate ship. I am trying really hard to be good each and every day. Please remember to bring my little brother some toys too.

Love,
Hunter Rudloff

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava and I am 1 this year. I have been a very sweet girl and I am growing bigger every day. For Christmas, I would like a new baby doll and baby stroller. I would also like a purse with play makeup, so I don't make my big sister mad when I play with her stuff.

I Love You!
Ava Grace Hagler



**He Knows
You've
Been
Good...
especially to us!**



**Dale Mitchell
Building**

We greatly appreciate the good business that has come our way. Thanks also for trading in your hometown.

We pray that everyone will have good health and prosperity in the new year.

Dale and Myrna

We Wish You A



Merry Christmas

Park Car Wash

Says Thank You to all our customers for their patronage.

*Enjoy the Beauty
of the Season*

May you revel in the splendor of the season and marvel at the miracle of all living things large and small.
With appreciation and warm holiday wishes from all of us.

Tim's Floral and Gifts

(254) 725-6220



Tim Dillard

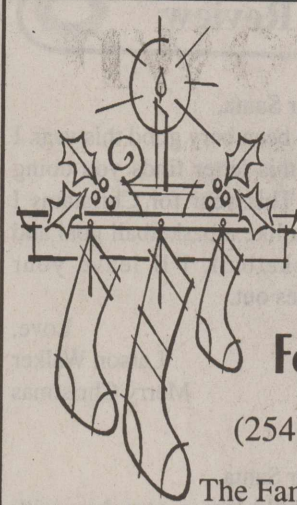


Hallelujah!

May the coming year be filled with miracles and the promise of everlasting peace on earth. Noel!

**The Clyde Journal
and The Baird Banner**

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Hope your holiday is filled with delights.
Merry Christmas!

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At this holiday season there is no more appropriate time for us to say Thank You and to express happiness to you and yours throughout the coming year.

All The Folks At

Cross Plains Grain & Peanut

*May
the Lord
watch over you
this Christmas*

And may His love and His light guide you throughout the holiday season and beyond.
Merry Christmas!

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Whitney Odom and Donna Ames
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The Brown Bag Christmas

When I asked our newlywed Sunday School class to share a favorite Christmas story, Carrie Fuller said, "Our family has one we call the 'Brown Bag Christmas.'" When she finished, I had to hear more. Two days later, I called a member of her family for more details. It was the early 1930's during the Dust Bowl days of Kansas, in the heart of the Depression. The Canaday family--Mom, Dad, seven children--were having a tough time existing, so there would be no luxuries at Christmas that year. Mom told the children to go outside and find a Christmas tree and decorate it. After a lengthy search, they returned with a dead branch, the only thing they had been able to find. They stood it up in a bucket lamp and got in bed, but they were too excited to sleep. Was this not Christmas? Had they not asked God to send them the presents He wanted them to have? Did Mom of sand and decorated it with pieces of paper tied with string. Little Judy, almost four, did not know how a Christmas tree was supposed to look, but somehow she knew it was not like that!

As Christmas approached, the Canaday children, like children everywhere, pestered Mom and Dad about what presents they might get under their "tree."

Dad pointed out that the pantry was bare, that they did not have enough to live on, and there certainly would be no money for gifts. But Mom was a woman of faith and told her children, "Say your prayers. Ask God to send us what He wants us to have." Dad said, "Now, Mother, don't be getting the children's hopes up. You're just setting them up for a disappointment." Mom said, "Pray, children. Tell Jesus," and pray they did.

On Christmas Eve, the children watched out the window for

visitors, but no one came. "Blow out the lamp and go to bed", Dad said. "Nobody is going to come. No one even know we're out here."

The children turned out the not say God answers prayer?

Late that night, when one of the children spotted headlights coming down the dirt road, everyone jumped out of bed and ran to the window. The commotion woke up Mom and Dad. "Don't get excited, children," Dad said. "They're probably not coming here. It's just someone who got lost." The children kept hoping and the car kept coming. Then, Dad lit a lamp. They all wanted to rush to the door at the same time, but Mr. Canaday said, "Stay back. I'll go." Someone got out of the car and called, "I was wondering if someone here can help me unload these bags." The children dashed out the door to lend a hand. Mom said to her youngest, "Stay here, Judy, and help Mom open the bags and put up the gifts."

A deacon from the church in town had gone to bed that Christmas Eve, and lay there tossing and turning, unable to get the Canaday family off his mind. Later, he said, "I didn't know what kind of shape you folks were in, but I knew you had all those kids." He had gotten up and dressed and went around town, rousing people from their sleep to ask for a contribution for the Canaday family. He filled his car with bags of groceries, canned goods, toys, and clothing. Little Judy got a rag doll which remained her favorite for years.

With so much food, Dad wanted to have a Christmas feast, to spread it all out and eat as they had never eaten before, Mom, ever the caretaker, said, "No, we need to make this last." And it did last, for weeks.

The next Sunday, Mrs. Canaday stood in church and told what the members--and one deacon in particular--had done for her family. There was not a dry eye in the house.

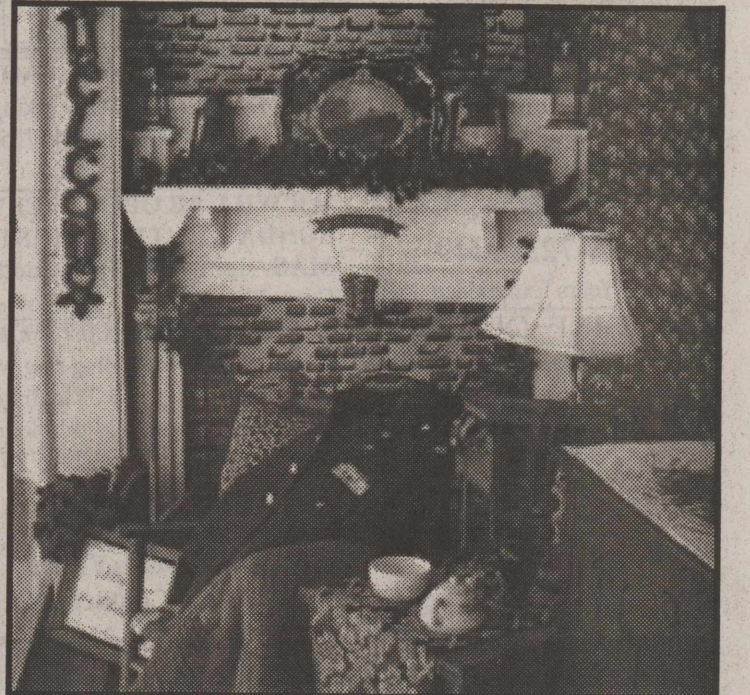
Years later, the oldest sister Eva wrote up this story about her family for a school project. Eva said, "We were so thrilled by all the wonderful things in the bags, for a while; we lost sight of the most special gift. The best gift that Christmas was not in brown bags at all. It was Mom's faith, as she taught her children to bring their needs to Jesus and trust Him to meet them. And a Dad's love that wanted only to protect his children from hurt and disappointment."

When Carrie finished telling her story, she added, "Little Judy is my wonderful grandmother."

Today, Judy Canaday Dryden lives in Sanger, Texas. As she relived this event from seventy years ago over the phone, one could hear the tear in her voice and feel her pride in being the recipient of such a precious heritage from her mother and father. At Christmas, we celebrate praying mothers and caring fathers and believing children. We give thanks for sensitive deacons and generous friends and sleepless nights. And we praise God for the hard times that teach unforgettable lessons, stories of faithfulness that get told and retold through the years inspiring each new generation to place their faith in a loving Savior.

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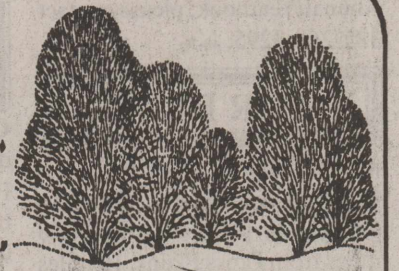
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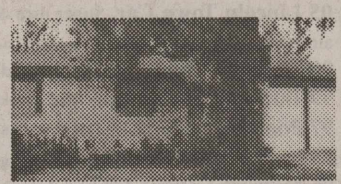
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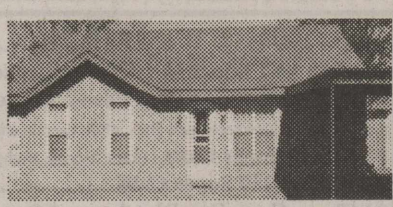
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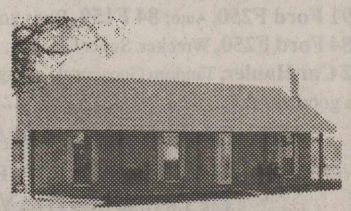
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CELEBRATING 64 YEARS TOGETHER
Wilburn and Margie McNeal

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn McNeal of the Cottonwood Community are to be Congratulated on 64th Wedding Anniversary

Wilburn and Margie McNeal, of Cottonwood, marked their 64th year together this past Tuesday, December 18, 2007. The couple married December 18, 1943 in Idabel, Oklahoma.

Wilburn retired from the ministry due to health issues. They have been enjoying their retirement while attending the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

The McNeals have five children, Joann Porter and husband Jim of Linden, James and Vickie McNeal of Harrell, William and Janice McNeal of Cottonwood, Melba and Dennis Hampton of Cottonwood, and La Donna and Mark Moening of Cross Plains; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Cross Plains Quilting Club Celebrated the Christmas Season at Regular Meeting

The Cross Plains Quilting Club ladies met at the American Legion Building on Tuesday, December 11, at 9 a.m. their regular quilting day. Present were Daisy Holcomb, Polly Beeler, Wilma Lawrence, Lena Gage, Cindy and Nicole Clark, Azalee Womack and Joyce Odom.

They adjourned at 3 p.m. and went to the home of Cindy and Nicole Clark where they had an exchange of gifts and enjoyed the warm hospitality of the beauti-

fully decorated home. Then we were served a delicious meal. Cindy's oldest grandchild, Callie, at with us, too.

Each member expressed their thanks and enjoyment. It was the ending of a happy time of fellowship.

The Quilting Club meets each Tuesday at 9 a.m. and dismisses at 3 p.m. We would welcome new members.

Submitted by
Joyce Odom

Grand Ole Oplin Hosting Annual New Year's Eve Dance December 31st

The Grand Ole Oplin will be hosting its Annual New Year's Eve Dance on Monday, December 31, 2007. Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorite country dancing tunes beginning at 8:30 p.m. and ending just after midnight. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$5.00 per person. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break, and the Oplin Community Center will be providing a bowl of black-eyed

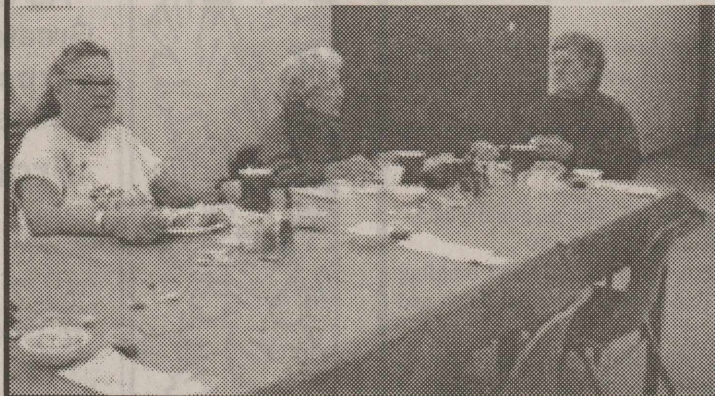
peas to everyone to welcome in the New Year (and maybe bring us a little bit of luck in the New Year!)

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to help the Grand Ole Oplin ring in the new year! The Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!



2007 SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS DINNER HIGHLIGHTS



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the street. If there are none, or if handicapped parking is designated elsewhere, then signs will be placed along the curb or it will be painted red delineating it as a **Fire Lane Only**.

*Carouth said he still hasn't heard back from the **Texas Forest Service** on their request to upgrade and sell one of the fire trucks. Chief Carouth reminded the Council that January is the month that the Department elects their Fire Chief.

He told them the City has 1 vote concerning who gets nominated. He reminded them if they wanted to do so, please have a name ready by early January.

*The monthly **Fire Department Report** tallied a total of 103 volunteer hours. These included 53 calls for fires, 35 hours of training and 15 hours of business meetings. There were 21 wildfires, with CPVFD responding to 2 calls in Eastland County and 1 in Coleman County.

*Discussion continued about whether it would be advantageous and legal for the City of Cross Plains to have a dumpster on hand for local contractors to use for the disposal of their debris. Gosnell pointed out that after contacting the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, such action would constitute a **'Transfer Station'**, which would be illegal for the City to operate.

Contractor **Ricky Carouth** said that he while appreciated the City's efforts to help local

contractors out, it would be in the financial best interest of all, to just have BFI deliver dumpsters as needed to construction sites. No decision was made at this time and the discussion was tabled.

***Allied Waste** was scheduled in this month's agenda to further discuss the idea of new **Poly-carts**, but in their absence, that discussion was tabled as well.

*After more research, Gosnell reported that if they stay with the same type of copier they now use, but cancel the contract for service, the cost alone would be \$350 per replacement cartridge. The City leases this copier for \$55 a month. That price covers the cost of all replacement toner and any needed service calls.

Mayor Ray Purvis advised that there is no need to rush into anything. The Council agreed for Gosnell to continue to look into the possibilities of other options before a decision is made.

*In the **Police Report** for the month of November there were **83 calls for service**. These include 6 Assaults, 5 Thefts, 4 Criminal Mischief calls, 4 Suspicious Person calls, 4 Reckless Drivers, 4 Dog calls, 3 Prowlers, 2 Terroristic Threats, 2 Phone Harassment calls, 2 Family Disturbances, 2 Accidents, 2 Four-wheeler complaints, 2 Criminal Trespass, 1 Alarm Response, 1 Truancy call and 1 Sexual Assault. There were 56 Warnings and 96 Citations.

Kitchen Help is Here Just in Time for Christmas!!!!

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

Lacy J. Koenig
Christy Driskill
Brandi Hutton
Rita Falkner
Theresa Adams
James Conor Sweetman

DECEMBER 25

Klay Wilson
Robert Floyd
Leanne Gibson
Donald Stover
Leslie Reed
Karin Sabatis
Wesley Webb
Brent Hutchins
Blanche Thrasher
Charlotte (Brown) Lee
Roger Crawford
Joseph Jackson
Daniel Bushnell

DECEMBER 23

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

DECEMBER 26

Lindsey Ames
Jay Ringhoffer
Bill Slate
Tom Robinson
Loy Thompson
Lisa Sims
Brandon Jones

DECEMBER 24

Jim Bassett
Judy Steele
Tonya (Steele) Berge
Courtney Taylor
Dena Jo Nickerson
Justin Richey
Mike Moore
Frankie McGough
Christy (Dewbre) Fox
Patrica Webb
Getrude McIntoch
Carol (Foster) Bectold
Ethel Eastham
Mrs. Emma Morgan
Jim Alexander

DECEMBER 27

Belva Gwinn
Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Dickie Nowell
Bobby Lawrence
Dr. Mickey Bush
Norma Proctor
John Ross McCaghren
Hannah Brown
Patricia (Lee) Higgins

DECEMBER 28

Tami Gwen Woody
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- 96 F250 4x4 Crew Cab,Auto, V8 (Blue).....\$2,750
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