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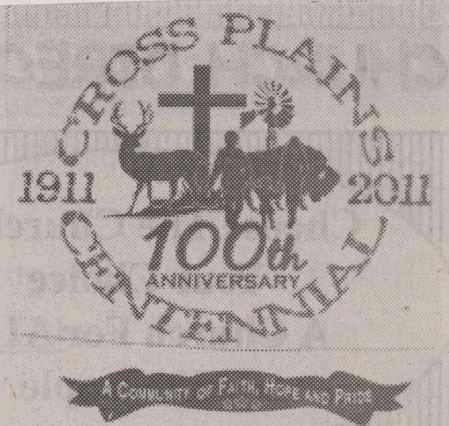
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Merry Christmas



CITY OF BAIRD GRANT AWARD—John M. Powell, third from the left, Area Director for the United States Department of Agriculture presented the City of Baird a \$21,000 grant through a USDA Rural Development grant to purchase a new police vehicle to be used by the Baird City Marshal's Office during a presentation

held at the Baird City Hall recently. Pictured from left to right include: Deputy Marshal Eric Howard, Mayor Jeff Barton, John M. Powell, Baird Marshal Bobby Beard, Baird City Secretary Lorrie Higgins, and Hilary Stegemoller, representative for Congressman Mike Conaway.

City of Cross Plains Receives \$75,000 from U.S. Department of Agriculture Funding

The United States Department of Agriculture awarded an RBEG, Rural Business Enterprise Grant, for \$75,000 to the City of Cross Plains on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. The Economic Development

Project/business to be assisted Corporation put in \$7,500 to make a total of \$82,500 available in a revolving loan fund to loan eligible small and emerging businesses within the Cross Plains area.

by the Relending Loan Funds program will be a positive economic impact on the community. The City of Cross Plains has a population of 1,068 and is located in Callahan County. Last Shot Boots, a recently

established business in Cross Plains, was the beneficiary of the grant. The new business held their Grand Opening three days last week to celebrate their official opening.



What A Huge Success! — The Cross Plains Community Christmas Celebration Choir led by Tim Tolosa.

Cross Plains Community Christmas Celebration

The Cross Plains Community Christmas Celebration was a GREAT Success! The Community Christmas Band was incredible as they played "A Heart" by Travis Cottrell. Both choirs were made up of members representing several different churches across our community. I have been directing choirs for over 30 years and must say that this choir had the best harmonious blend of any previous choir. The kids were fabulous as they were featured in the songs "Awaken Us", "O Little

Children's Choir also did a wonderful job singing the vibrant musical "Joy of Every Longing Heart" by Travis Cottrell. Both choirs were made up of members representing several different churches across our community. I have been directing choirs for over 30 years and must say that this choir had the best harmonious blend of any previous choir. The kids were fabulous as they were featured in the songs "Awaken Us", "O Little

Town of Bethlehem", and "In the Light of Christmas". To wrap things up, everyone filled the platform as we closed out the evening with the song, "Live a Merry Christmas"! It was a joyous time of celebration for all present as the congregation joined in the singing of several familiar Carols. Not only was God glorified, and the focus of Christmas re-centered on Christ, but the people of Cross Plains gave generously to both the Senior Center of Cross Plains and

the upcoming 2014 Cross Plains International Missions Trip. Both causes received over \$800!! Thank YOU, Cross Plains citizens for your attendance, participation, and generosity! We are already looking forward to serving God and community again next year!

Submitted by
Tim Tolosa
(Community Christmas
Celebration Director and
Minister of Music, FBC Cross
Plains.)

The Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains to Present Musical Production

"The Jesus Gift" ---A Musical for Christmas, created and arranged by Tom Fetteke and orchestrated by Russell Mauldin, will be presented by 4His Glory and Friends at the Presbyterian Church, 200 North Avenue D., Cross Plains.

The performance will be held Sunday, December 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the church

auditorium. The residents of Cross Plains and surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the event.

You don't want to miss this musical presentation, if it compares to previous ones. They are always well prepared and beautiful.



Cross Plains Christmas Parade Participants — Don and Susan Childers with the famous flamingos.

C.P. Chamber Christmas Parade

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Lighted Parade was a huge success!

The Chamber hopes to make this a new tradition, and to have even more entries next year! The amount of people from community that showed up was amazing! There was at least 120 children who took pictures with Santa!

Wayne and Bonnie White took 1st place in their little red

mustang, Cross Plains 4-H took 2nd place with their cute donkeys that hitched a ride, and the Kaleidoscope took 3rd with their snowman on top!

Thank you to all who participated, and helped make this great event happen for the community!

A special thanks to our board member Stephanie Bien for all her hard work that she put into this event.

Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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Sunday School9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Ministry Activities
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM

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Gregg Steine, Youth Pastor

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First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM
MUSIC- CONNIE SWIFT
LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY
Pastor Kathy Monroe
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433 North Main Street
Cross Plains, Texas 76443
Minister: RICK AUSTIN

SUNDAY:
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)
Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

OBITUARIES

Margaret Strength Jordan

Margaret Strength Jordan, age 64, passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, in Comanche, Texas. She was born on November 26, 1949, in Coleman, Texas, to C. J. and Kathryn (Fuller) Strength. For many years she owned and operated Jordan's Steak House in Comanche. Margaret was a Baptist. She is survived by her son, Shane Singleton of Liberty; two brothers, Charles Strength and wife Linda of Cross Plains, Donald Strength and wife Vickie of Cross Plains; three sisters, Mary Whatley and husband Jim of Borger, Vickie Murphy and husband Stanley of San Angelo, and Carla Strength of Abilene; two grandchildren, Laren and Teresa; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and step-mother, C. J. and Mel Strength; mother and step-father, Kathryn and Troy Tomlinson; and sister, Barbara Pope. Graveside services were held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains with Bro. Dewayne Clowers officiating. Comanche Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ruby McFarland

Ruby Marie McFarland, 86, of Coleman died Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at Coleman County Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, 2013 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman. Burial will follow in the Santa Anna Cemetery, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home. She was born on July 25, 1927 to George Paul Thate, Sr. and Jessie Lee Ashley in Coleman County near Burkett. She grew up in her early years in Burkett, before moving with her family to Coleman where she attended Coleman High School. She married Paul McFarland in 1961 in Coleman. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1974. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and did not mind helping them when needed. Survivors include one son, Terry Bagley and wife, Melissa of Brownwood; two daughters, Rita Olinger and husband Creston of Coleman, Brenda Lambert and husband Gary of Lake Coleman; two sisters, Melba Salmons of Missouri, and Alma Laird of Dallas; 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, five brothers and one sister.

Ricky Wayne Smith
Ricky Wayne Smith, age 56, of Cross Plains, passed away Monday, December 16, 2013 at his mother's home in Cross Plains. Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie White officiating. He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas to Ilene (Foster) Smith and Carl Lee on June 7, 1957. He worked as a carpenter. He was a Baptist. Ricky is survived by his daughter, Holly Smith of Cross Plains; son, Ricky Lee Smith and wife Stacy of Anna, Texas; mother, Ilene Smith of Cross Plains; brother, Rodney Smith and wife Rose of Abilene; two grandchildren, Chase and Arista as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Carl; two brothers, Randell and Reggie; as well as his wife.

Willie Mae Gaines Wilson
Willie Mae Gaines Wilson, 94, resident of rural Santa Anna, Coleman County, died Monday, December 9, 2013 at 3:05 p.m. at her residence. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery near Grosvenor. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home. She was born on June 17, 1919 at Cross Cut in Brown County, a daughter of Wister Francis Gaines and Cora Lee Strickland Gaines. She attended school at Cross Cut. On December 12, 1937, she married Walter Woodrow Wilson in Cross Plains. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1997. She was a member of the Grosvenor Baptist Church and a long-time dairy farmer and rancher in Coleman County. She was a faithful supporter of the Wet Texas Rehabilitation Center Auction in Coleman and always contributed two cakes, German Chocolate and Italian Cream. She also contributed quilts that she had made. Mrs. Wilson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Rita Wilson Day and husband Clint Day of Santa Anna; one nephew, Jimmy L. Gaines and wife Faye and their children of Gault, California; seven grandchildren, Tammie Franke, Leslie (Tiger) Wilson, Sherry Vanpelt, Debra Urban, Derek Ray, Doug Ray and Tina Johnson; 14 great grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Eddy Bo Wilson, a daughter, Ann Ray, a grandson, Terry Joe Pickett, great granddaughter, Kathleen Johnson. Memorials may be made to Girling Hospice, 107 South Park, Brownwood, Texas 76801 or West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Arienne Angel Bennett, theft by check.
Dakshesh Meghji Bhalodia, theft by check.
Keith Glenn Driskill, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes
End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Billy Ejem Jr.; Erin C. Jones; Kristan Marie Bancroft; David Abernathy; Brandon L. Rice; Gregory G. Brown; Cameron R. Paschal; Stoney Walker; Jon R. Forrest; Melanie A. Ritter; Stephen Zarcone.
End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation: Hilda Marie McFadin; Richard A. Marshall Sr.; Jeremiah S. Brown; Amber Ray Bullock; Gary J. Seals; Lonnie Andrew Keith; Shane L. Hailey; Daniel Shain Strickland; Kerry R. Mendez; Stacey L. McGlasson; Eddie Lawayne Rose III.
Challie O. Johnson, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
William R. Henley, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.
Watkins Whitworth, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs.

Watkins Whitworth, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Christopher Ralph, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.
Garrett R. Belshe, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$200 fine, \$424 court costs.
Rolando Silva, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.
Rolando Silva, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Jennifer A. Gravely, order defendant's motion for continuance granted.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings
Donald Tucker vs. Mackie Crossan d/b/a Mackies Construction and Charles Lewis Jr. d/b/a C. A. Lewis Construction, damages construction.

Civil Minutes
Dale Franklin Taylor and Elizabeth Anne Taylor, divorce granted.
End of term order discharging defendant under probation: William Dugan; Jason M. Welch; Daniel Moreno.
End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: Bobby G. Keith; Everette Henry; Mark A. Moreno.

SHERIFF'S CORNER

By Sheriff Terry Joy

It is difficult to believe that nearly a year has passed since 12:00 a.m. January 1, 2013. That is the date and time when I became the sheriff of Callahan County. What an adventure this first year has been. We have done many good things during the past year and have had many positive experiences. This past year has been very rewarding and I have been able to stay ahead of the learning curve. I have become acquainted with many of the residents of Callahan County and I have made friends in all communities. The staff has proved to be dedicated to meeting the needs of the residents of the county. Calls come in great number some days; other days not so many. Each call is important; and, we have made every effort to address needs and concerns of citizens in a timely manner. During the year, we have added two new vehicles to our fleet. One of the vehicles was partially paid for by grant monies. The sheriff and deputies are now protected by safety vests that were also partially funded by a grant. Changes and updates to the dispatch area in the jail have been made with grants from the West Central Texas Council of Governments. The work space for dispatchers has been expanded and improved. New technology has given us the opportunity to be more efficient in the area of communication. I invite you to come by the jail on January 1, 2014 to see our changes and improvements. During your visit, we can share black-eyed peas and cornbread. Drop by anytime from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.. We look forward to seeing you. We are in the process of evaluating the year and making plans to be more efficient and serve our citizens better. If you have suggestions or ideas that you would like to share with me, feel free to do so at our open house. My staff and I look forward to seeing you on January 1, 2014. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Sheriff Terry Joy.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 16, 2013 through December 13, 2013 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—39
Complaints—38
DWI—1
Fugitive Arrest—2

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

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

We wish all of you--near and far--a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Everybody's busy this week getting ready for Christmas--cooking and decorating and baking and getting ready for family and friends and relatives to come.

Stop by Lowe's Market in Cross Plains this Saturday morning and pick up some baked goodies that your company is sure to love. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control will be having their Annual Christmas Bake Sale right in front of Lowe's Market. Stop by and say "hello," pick up some home-baked pies, cakes and other goodies to take home and share with your loved ones for the

Holidays. Sugar Free goodies will be available too.

Enjoy breakfast with us--as Fire Chief Joe is making Breakfast Burritos for the Bake Sale. Bring your own coffee, though.

Money earned from the bake sale goes to help take care of the firetrucks and keep them filled up with gas and ready for service when they are needed.

Cakes, pies and other holiday goodies are needed for the sale. If you can help us by donating a baked good, you can drop it by the bake sale on Saturday morning--or give us a call and we'll see that someone comes by and picks it up from you on Friday. 254-725-7369.

Fire Chief, Joe and the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire

Control drove one of our newest firetrucks in the Christmas Parade last Thursday evening. Thanks to Roger Hinkle, Jim Grindstaff and Joe for hooking up the LED lights and decorating the truck. And to Teri for making the "Merry Christmas" banners for the truck.

The Kiwanis organization had a hit with their Stew Supper the night of the parade. The Senior Center was full of people enjoying dinner. Great job!

Remember, the burn ban is still off. Please exercise caution if you plan to burn. Let the Sheriff's Office and your local fire chief know before you light the match. Here in Cottonwood, call Fire Chief, Joe Terstegge at 254-725-7281, and the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY

December 9 - 12, 2013

Patrons	152
Books Checked	80
Programs	94
LAP	4
Lapsit	3
GED Class	3
Christmas Family Night	84
Copies	31
Internet	22
WiFi	1

Interlibrary Loans 1

Reference 12

Donations
Cecil and Mary Barton

Memorials
Vonnie Rutherford
In Memory of O.M. Gage

Vonnie Rutherford
In Memory of Yvonne Peevy

Donna Wagner
In Memory of Dick Wagner

Anonymous
In Memory of R.L. Medley

Book and Miscellaneous Donations
Johnny and Betse Rosson

Volunteers
Azalee Womack
Polly Beeler
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Bob Childress
Wilma Lawrence
Tucker Isbell
Helen Parsons
Ginny Hoskins
Michael Ellis
Judy Luter

Senior Citizens Center Activities

December 23-27

Monday, 23rd - Exercise 11:00

Tuesday, 24th - HOLIDAY Center Closed

Wednesday, 25th - Merry Christmas!

Thursday, 26th - Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15

Friday, 27th - Exercise 11:00

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 22-28

Monday - Chicken Vegetable Soup/1/2 Pimento Cheese Sandwich/PickleBeets/Crackers/Dessert/Drink

Tuesday -CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday-
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday - Hawaiian Chicken/EggRoll/Mixed Vegetable Blend/Bread/Dessert/Drink

FRIDAY - Cheeseburgers/(let,tom,onion,pickle)Onion Rings/Fruit Cup/Dessert/Drink

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M

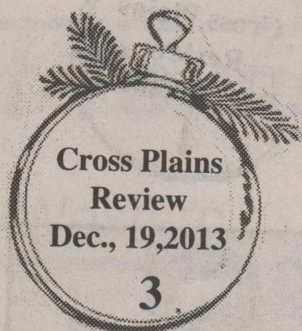
BAKE SALE THIS SATURDAY

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Holiday Bake Sale this Saturday, December 21st in front of Lowe's Market in Cross Plains. The bake sale will start at 9 a.m.

Stop by and pick up some delicious home-baked cakes, pies and other goodies. Sugar-free items will be available.

If you'd like to donate an item for the bake sale, just drop it off at the store on Saturday morning, or call 725-7281 to make arrangements for someone to come by and pick the baked good up from you.

Proceeds from the bake sale go toward the repair and maintenance of the firetrucks.



Coleman Man Dies in Head-On Collision North of Cross Plains

A Coleman man was killed late Wednesday morning in a two-vehicle head-on collision six miles north of Cross Plains on State Highway 206.

James David Carpenter, 78, of Coleman was driving a 1994 Ford F-150 pickup northbound on SH 206 around 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11th, when his vehicle collided head-on with a 1996 Dodge Ram pickup driven by William Charles Morton, 61, of Cisco.

According to DPS Trooper Brent Barry of Cross Plains, the Dodge RAM pickup was pulling a 1990 utility trailer.

Trooper Barry said Carpenter was attempting a u-turn near the crest of the hill at County Road 409 and remained in the northbound lane. The Morton vehicle entered the crest of the hill and was unable to avoid the head-on collision with the Carpenter vehicle.

Also injured in the Carpenter vehicle was Joyce Bryan Davis, 75, of Coleman, who was transported to Coleman County Medical Center.

Morton sustained no reported injuries.

Carpenter was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Burley Taylor at 12:15 p.m. and the body was taken to Higgenbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

Trooper Barry said all were wearing seatbelts and the weather was clear and the roadway was dry.

Callahan County Tax Office Holiday closing dates

The Callahan County Tax Office, located on the first floor of the Court House in Baird, will be closed Dec. 23rd; Dec. 24th; and Dec. 25th for Christmas. They will run a skeleton crew on Dec. 20th. They will be closed Dec. 31st for New Year's Eve and Jan. 1, 2014 for New Year's Day.

The Motor Vehicle Registration Sub Station, located at the JP office in Cross Plains, will be closed Dec. 24th for Christmas Eve and Dec. 31st for New Year's Eve.

During these days of uncertain weather conditions, please call ahead during inclement weather to check for delayed openings or early closures or all day closures. Call the main office at 325-854-5820 for information on both offices.

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We will be open on Thurs. Dec. 26, 27, 28, 30.
We will be closed on Tues Dec. 31st at noon & Wed. Jan 1, 2014. We will be open on Thurs. Jan. 2, 2014, back to our regular schedule!

Thank you All! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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A MUSICAL for CHRISTMAS
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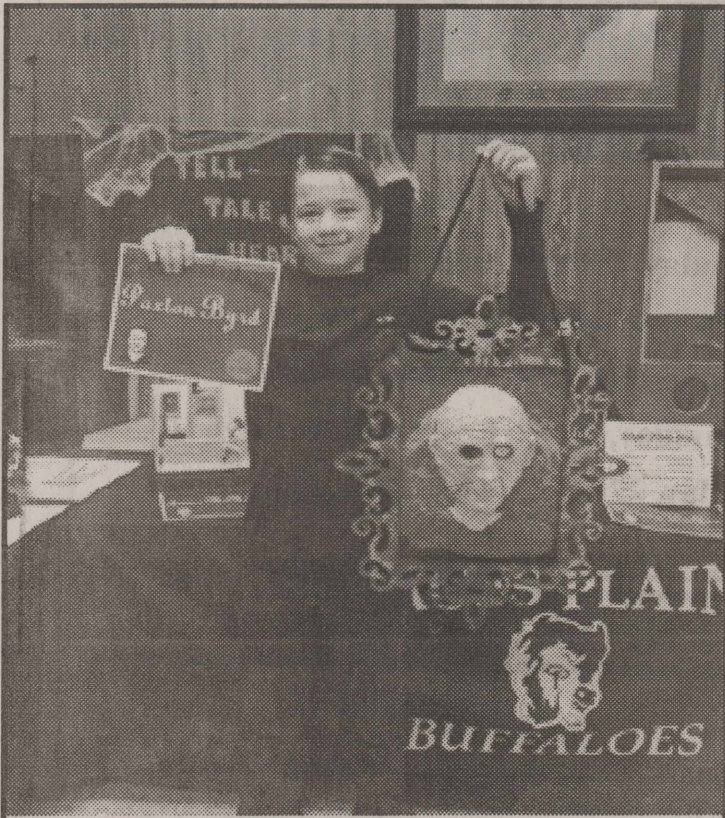
THE JESUS GIFT

Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 22nd
at 7:00 p.m.

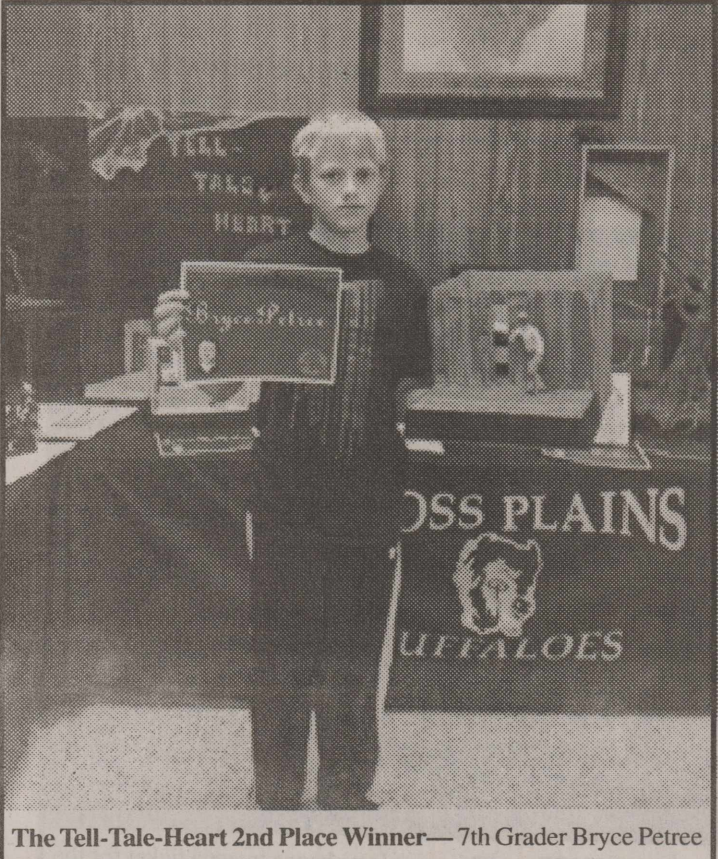
200 N Avenue D
Cross Plains, Texas

Refreshments to follow the performance.

Created and Arranged by Tom Fetteke
Orchestrated by Russell Mauldin



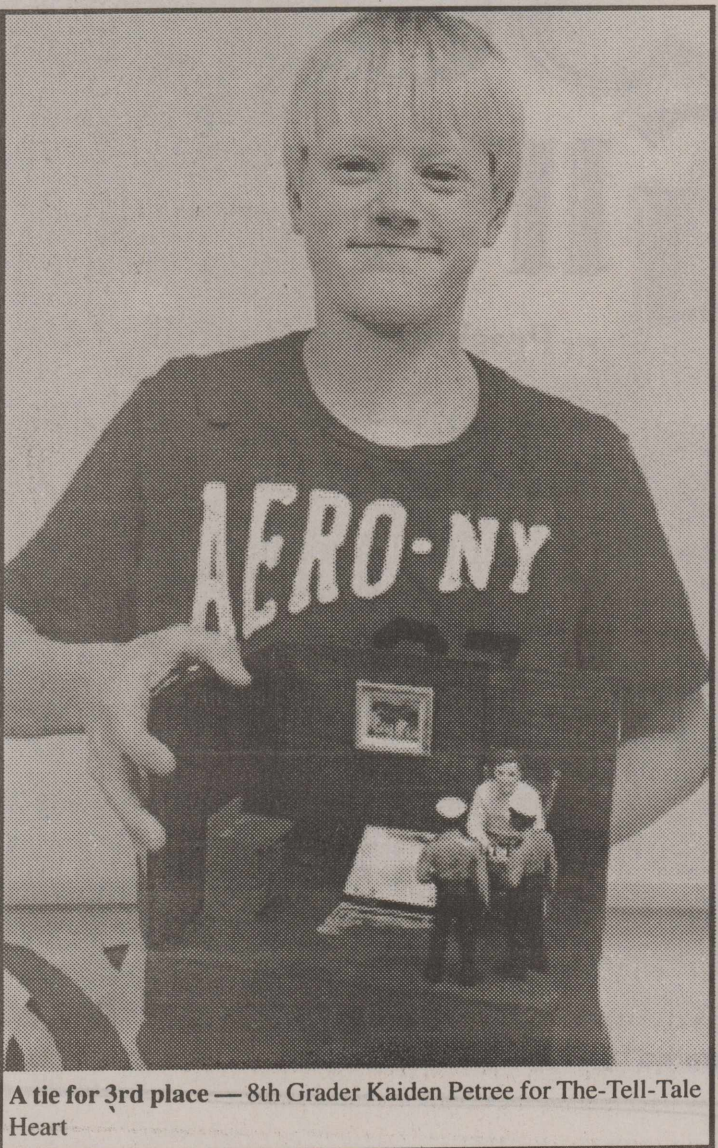
1st Place Winner — 7th Grader for The -Tell-Tale Heart is Paxton Byrd



The Tell-Tale-Heart 2nd Place Winner — 7th Grader Bryce Petree



7th Grade Winner for 3rd Place — Brian Morales for a Tell-Tale Heart



A tie for 3rd place — 8th Grader Kaiden Petree for The-Tell-Tale Heart

Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes ranked twentieth in Class A Division II

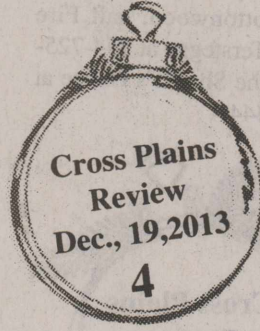
The Cross Plains High School Lady Buffaloes basketball team is ranked twentieth in the state of Texas in Class A Division II, according to the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

The TABC poll, released Tuesday, December 16th includes:

1. Roscoe Highland (11-0)
2. Lipan (16-1)
3. Follett (11-0)
4. Nazareth (14-1)
5. Menard (14-2)
6. Garden City (11-1)
7. Eula (11-2)
8. Frost (9-1)
9. Goodrich (8-1)
10. Chireno (12-3)
11. Miami (11-2)
12. Buckholts (9-1)
13. Valley (10-2)
14. Rochelle (12-3)
15. Leakey (10-4)
16. Calvert (13-0)
17. Round Top-Carmine (5-1)
18. Campbell (10-2)
19. Baird (9-1)
20. Cross Plains (8-3)
21. Morgan (10-1)
22. Miami (10-1)
23. Rankin (10-4)
24. Strawn (8-6)
25. Yantis (8-5)



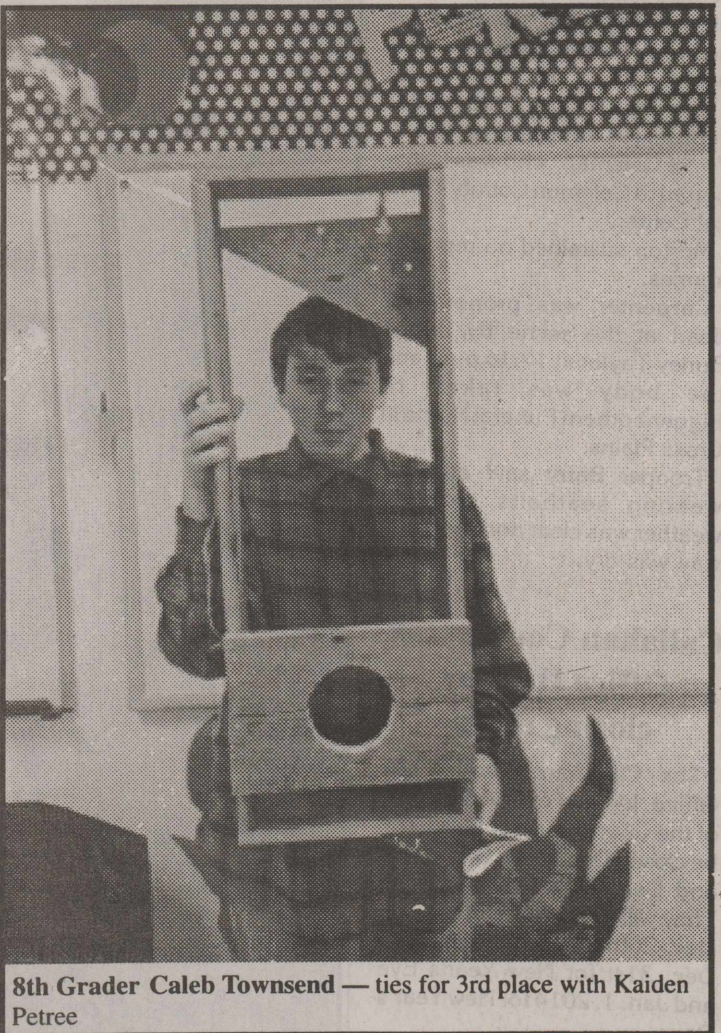
Cross Plains Elementary Students for Month of October — Pictured are Nora Odum (from left) River Bradley, Brian Curry, and Casie Morgan.



Tell-Tale Heart 1st Place Winner for the 8th Grade — Larson Walker's project represented 5 different works: The Premature Burial, The Gold Bug, Manuscript Found in a Bottle, The Raven, and The Black Cat



8th Grade 2nd Place Winner — James McMillan for The Raven



8th Grader Caleb Townsend — ties for 3rd place with Kaiden Petree

Junior High English Class Completes Work on Edgar Allan Poe

Mrs. Porter's Junior High English Classes have recently completed a study on the works of Edgar Allan Poe. The students had to create a project that

represented a poem or short story by Edgar Allan Poe. All of my students worked hard and their projects were amazing!



FFA Banquet Talent Show Winners — Monday, December 2, 2013, Taryn Estes (left) and Morgan Manley (right) competed in the annual District FFA Banquet Talent Show in Coleman, Texas, with three other acts also in the talent competition. Taryn and Morgan ended up winning First Place and advanced to compete in the Area 4 Convention Talent Show in May in Mineral Wells. The Cross Plains FFA Chapter was represented by 12 FFA members, 5 guests, David and Mindy Estes and Lana Manley, Shirley Smith, Aaron Wheeler and 3 advisors. Along with the talent competition, FFA students also received recognition and awards for their participation in Leadership, Development Events, Career Development Events, Scholarships, Proficiencies, Degrees, and other various areas of the FFA. In addition, the Cross Plains FFA Chapter placed first in the overall sweepstakes at this year's LDE contest.

Submitted by: Taryn Estes, Cross Plains FFA President

School Board Meeting

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **December 18, 2013**, beginning at **8:00 p.m.** in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2013 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Open Forum
 - A. Recognize Elementary Students of the Month
 - B. Vibra-Whirl Sports Track Construction
2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - B. Review Bills/Finance Report
 - C. Report Board Members' Training Hours
 - D. Update Wellness Policy
 - E. Consider Bids on Track Renovations
 - F. Consider 2013-13 Financial Audit (Cam Gully)
3. Personnel
 - A. Consider Resignations
4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Superintendent's Contract

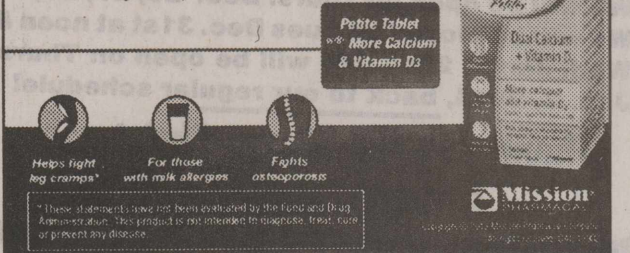
- and Appraisal - Jan. Meeting
- B. Band Concert - Dec. 19 at 6:00 in the Auditorium
- C. Christmas Dinner - Dec. 19 at 7:00 at the Methodist Church
- D. Campus ST&AR Test Results
- E. Anyone Interested in Appraisal Board of Directors
- F. UIL Academic Elem. and JH Results
- G. Janitor and Teacher Aide Needs

5. 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 Meeting 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.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **December 13, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.**

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- 11250 C.R. 454** — 2 BR-2 BA on deep water at Lake Brownwood...**\$390,000**
- 11.46 ACRES** — Spacious 4 BR-2 BA country home, 2 water wells...**\$315,000**
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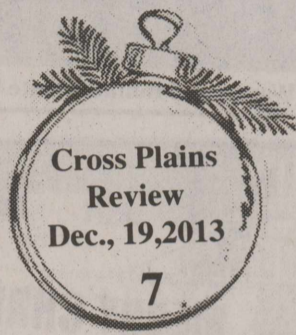
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- 76.07 Ac.** - Cottonwood - Part **UNDER CONTRACT** nting, 1 well/elec. on prop...**159,000**
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- 202.53 Ac.** - Brown Co. - Hunting property, 10 Ac. food plot, 5 tanks, water/electric...**455,692**
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- 80.38 Ac.** - 4BR-3.5B 2 story brick, 2 brick strg. bldgs, coastal, 1 Ac. stocked lake...**920,000**
- 107 Ac.** - Brown Co. - 2 BR-1B farmhouse, 1 well, 2 tanks, nice cattle pens, fenced...**299,900**
- 111.75 Ac.** - Great horse facility, 2BR-1 3/4 B Hm, coastal 45 Ac., 2 ponds, barns, pens...**409,000**
- 119.9 Ac.** - 3BR-2B white limestone, porch, pens, barn, shed, 1 well, 1 tank **Reduced...515,000**
- 138.77 Ac.** - 3BR-2B rock/hardy board, modern w/ granite countertops, 3 tanks...**550,000**
- 160 Ac.** - 3BR-2B brick w/ pool, horse property w/ barns, stalls, round pen, tack room...**849,000**
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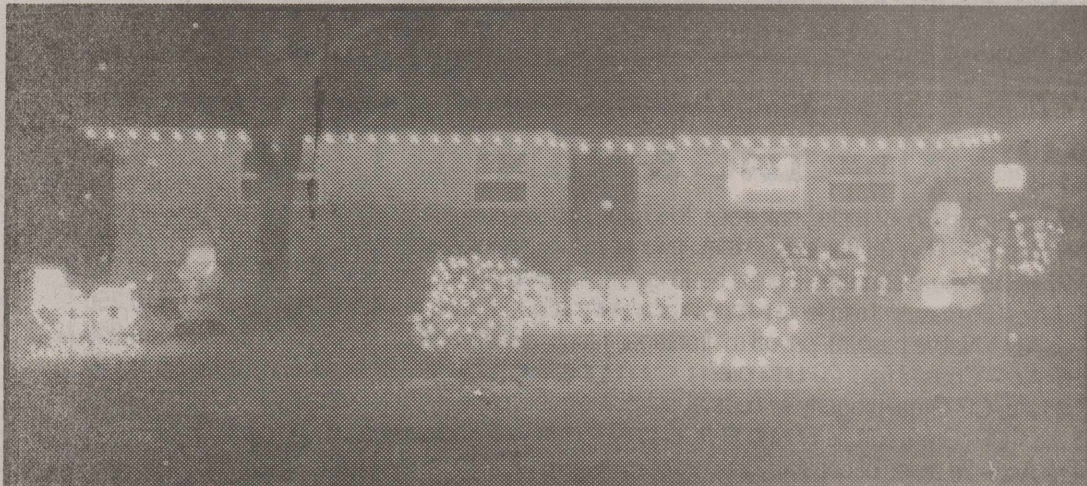
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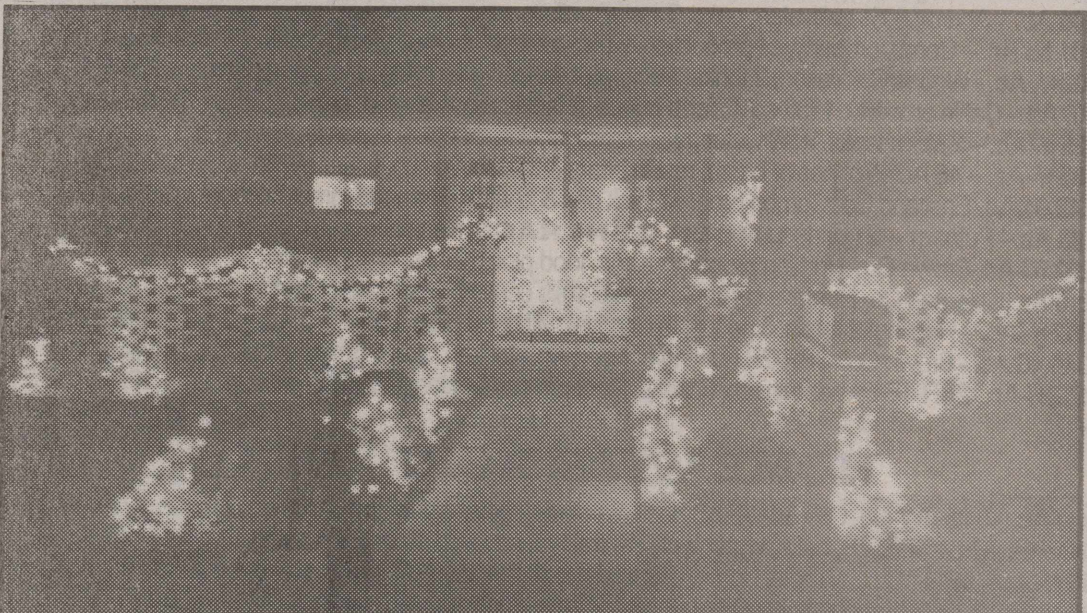
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Cross Plains Chamber Announces Decorating Contest Winners Announced



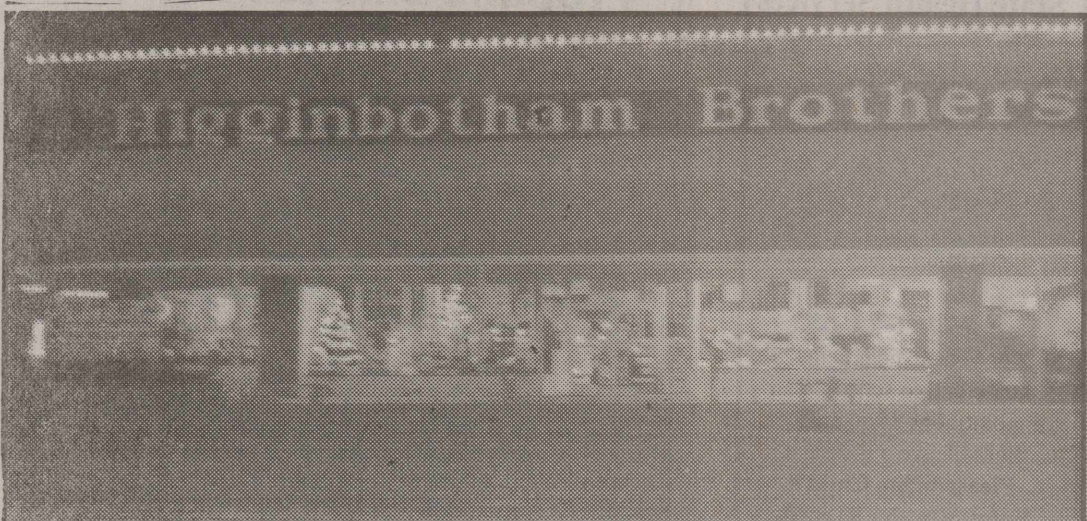
1st Place Winner — The home of Billy Lee won 1st place in the home decorating contest for Cross Plains.



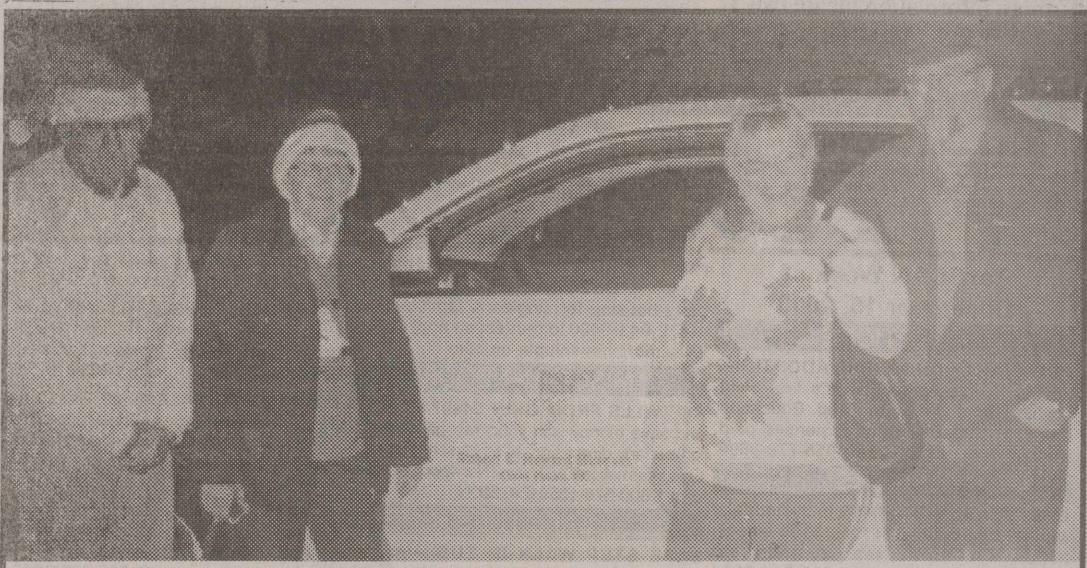
2nd Place Winner — The home of Don and Susan Childers placed 2nd in the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Christmas house decorating contest.



1st Place Winner — City Hall won 1st place in the business decorating contest sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce for 2013.



2nd Place Winner — Higginbotham Bros. wins 2nd Place in the business decorating contest for Christmas.



Representing Project Pride — Project Pride had a decked out car and lots of candy for the kids. Representing Project Pride was Tom and Arlene Stephenson (left to right), and Larry and Nora Pointer.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Christmas house and business decorating contest went fantastic! The chamber hopes for this contest to continue to receive more entries with each year!

Congratulations to our winners and Merry Christmas from the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce!

Winners include:

1st Place - Business - City Hall

2nd Place - Higginbotham Bros.

1st Place Home - Billy Lee

2nd Place - Don and Susan Childers.

The community appeared very festive for the season!

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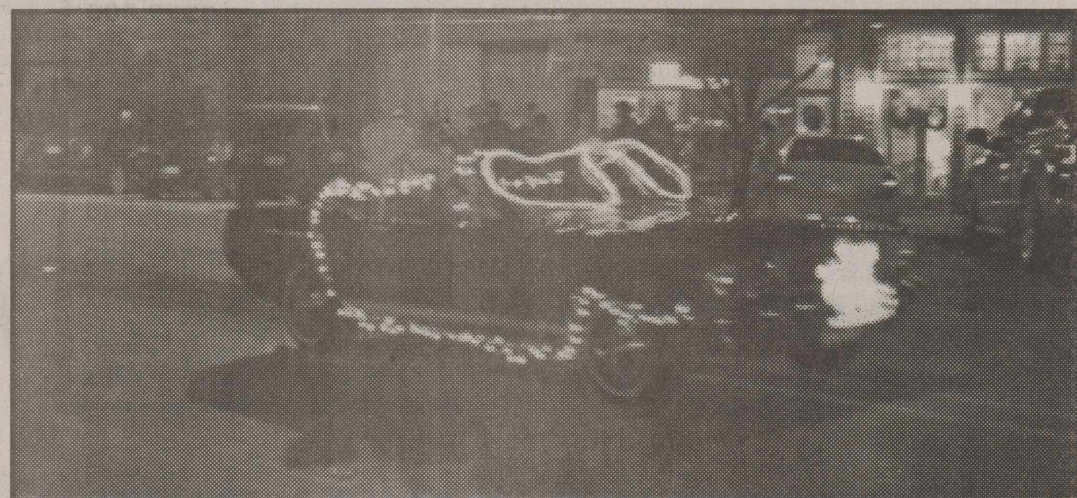
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Cross Plains Christmas Parade — Representing the Barbarian Festival Committee with a Hawaiian Christmas Theme were Visitor Stan Richards (left to right), residents, Russ and Diana Miller. Photo submitted by Diana Miller.



Wayne and Bonnie White 1st Place Winner — Little Red Mustang takes 1st.



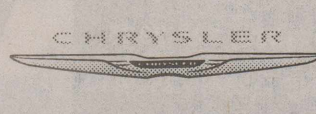
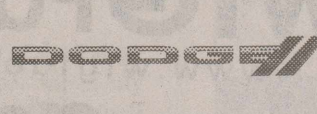
Ready for the Parade — One of Cottonwood's Firetrucks ready for the Cross Plains Christmas Parade. Along with the "Merry Christmas" banners and LED lights, the truck was also adorned with a Christmas tree and a wreath.

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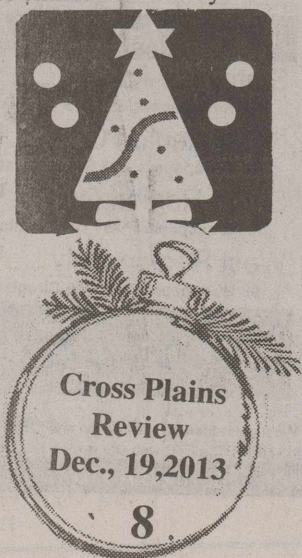
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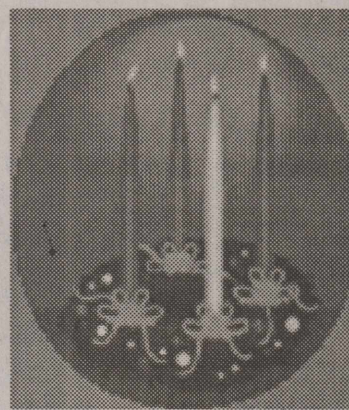
Beta Sigma Phi Helping Families — Members of Beta Sigma Phi take a break from assembling food baskets for distribution to families in Cross Plains. Pictured (left - right) Brandi Daliege, Carol Bennett, Elizabeth Hunsaker, and Jan Waggoner.

First Presbyterian Church in Baird to hold Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

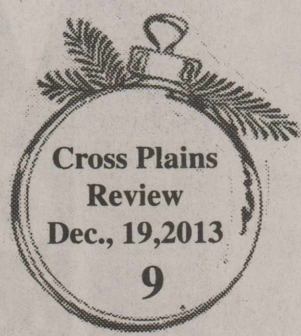
The community is invited to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at First Presbyterian Church of Baird, 104 E. 4th Street. The brief service begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th and is very casual.

In addition to the traditional scripture readings by church family members and singing familiar Christmas songs, special music will be provided by Pat Parker, Karen Shelnett, Bill James and Lloyd Ray Hughes.

Since 1975 First Presbyterian Church of Baird has held the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Church



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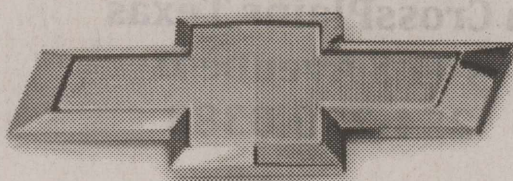
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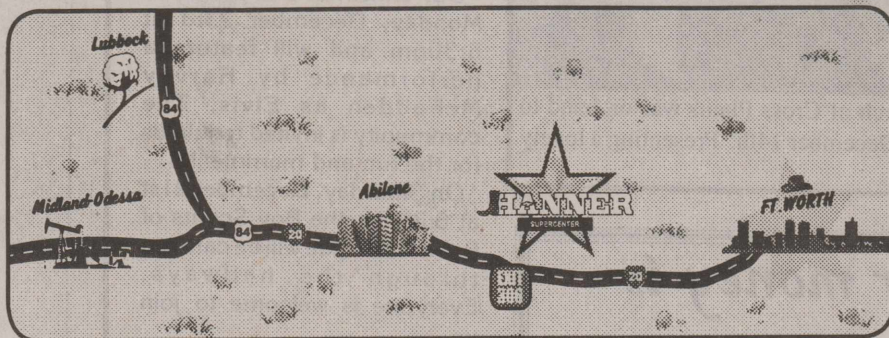
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Callahan County to benefit from over \$30,000 in USDA Rural Development funding

CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, DEC. 2, 2013—USDA Rural Development Area Director John Powell and representatives from Callahan County and the City of Baird announced funding today totaling over \$30,000 for new emergency response vehicles to benefit residents of Callahan County.

"Reliability of emergency response vehicles is essential to ensuring safety and security for rural residents," said Rural Development State Director Paco Valentin. "Rural Development is pleased to assist these recipients with projects that will support and protect the entire community."

Callahan County was awarded an \$11,500 Community Facility Grant for the purchase of a new police vehicle. The new vehicle will help maintain a safe community for over 12,900 residents throughout Callahan County. The City of Baird was presented \$21,000 through a USDA Rural Development grant to purchase a new police vehicle to be used by the Baird City Marshal's Office. The new vehicle will be used to provide law enforcement services to over 1,600 residents of Baird.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to im-



GRANT AWARDED—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, at left, accepts a \$11,400 grant from the United State Department of Agriculture Rural

Development's Community Facility Grant for the purchase of a new police vehicle for Callahan County Sheriff's Department. Pictured in the center awarding

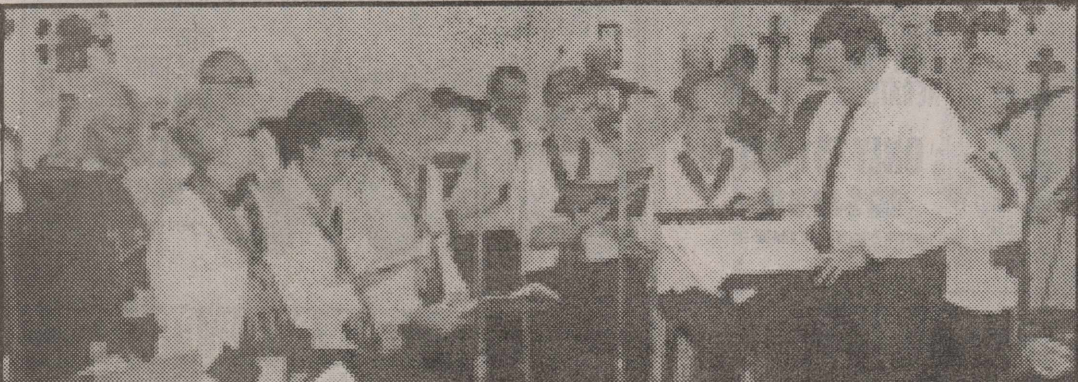
prove the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and

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the grant is John M. Powell, Area Director for the United States Department of Agriculture, and at right is Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy. For information on these and other USDA Rural Development programs throughout Texas, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TXHome.html"](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TXHome.html)

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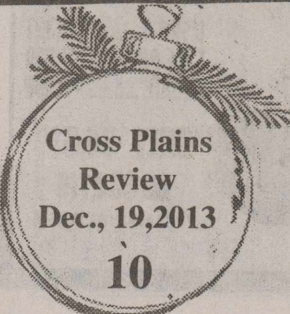
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First Baptist Church Choir Presents Christmas Program — Residents and employees of Rising Star Nursing Center were treated to a wonderful Christmas program on Thursday, December 12th during the noon hour by members of the First Baptist Church and led by Tim Tolosa.



Christmas Music Filled The Air — The United Methodist Church of Cross Plains was on hand to entertain the residents of Rising Star Nursing Center on Saturday, December 14th. Presenting a lovely chorus of Christmas music was Kevin Morton, pastor.



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Grand Ole Oplin Holiday line up

The holiday's are quickly arriving and we wish everyone a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We all enjoyed our Annual Christmas Ball. Our dance hall was transformed into a beautiful winter wonderland with Christmas trees everywhere and Christmas lights sparkling throughout our hall. We give many thanks to Alice Denunzio along with her crew of volunteers including her husband David, Judy and Regina Woodard, Mrs. Owens, Heather Ryan, Sybil Johnson, Gaitha Breeding, Emily Hopkins, Kamryn Rank, Moery Nia, Robin Nichols, Koryn Nichols and a host of others for their many long and cold hours of decorating. Don't forget that we will be holding a dance on Friday, Dec. 20th with JERRY BAIERD AND TEXAS TRADITION. Come on out for

an evening of good music and good friends. There will be no dance on Dec. 27th. Be sure and join us on New Year's Eve. MUDDY CREEK will be here to help ring in the New Year playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$8.00 per person. Our dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end shortly after midnight. Everyone is invited to bring snacks to be shared by all during the band's break. The Oplin Community Center will serve black-eyed peas for a little luck in the coming new year. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. The Oplin Community Center and The Grand Ole Oplin thanks all of our dancers for their support through the past years and wishes everyone the happiest of Holidays!

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On Friday, December 20th at 3:00 pm we will have our Resident Christmas party. Our special guest, Santa Claus, will be handing out gifts to the residents. Employees draw resident names and enjoy purchasing special items for the residents.

Our Christmas Ball will be on Monday, December 23rd at 6:30pm and will feature a performance by Harvey McFadden as Elvis. The community is invited to join us for the fun and merriment.

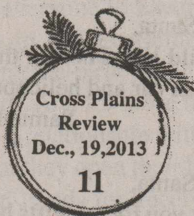
On Saturday, December 21st at 6:30pm, the Boy Scouts of Baird and Clyde will be caroling through the hallways. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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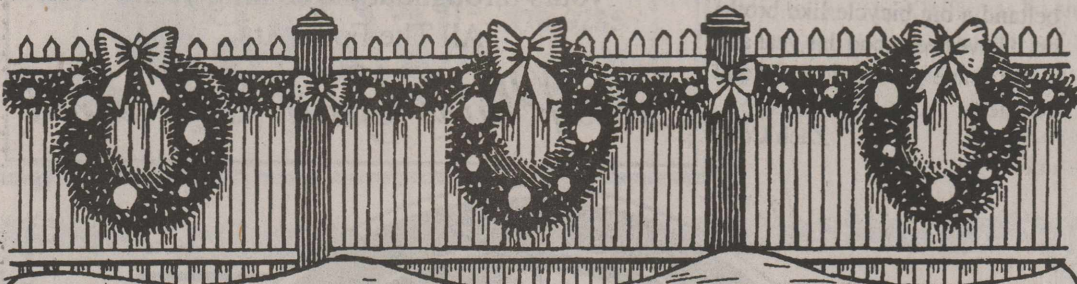
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Love,
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2 1/2 years old

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a tractor, a big tractor like Papias, team umizoomi, milli, geo and bot.

I can't wait till you come.

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Weston Beggs
Age 2 years

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. I love any kind of tractors and construction equipment toys. John Deere is my favorite. If you could please bring me some of those.

I hope you have safe travels.

Love,
Vance Hutton
Age 4 years

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like some play trucks, tractors and play animals. I also would like a push/petal kids 4 wheeler so I can keep up with my cousins. I really hope I get a play barking dog.

I will leave you cookies and milk and extra for rudolph.

Love,
Castyn McNutt
15 months old

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Claus have had a great year. Buddy, our elf has been making his appearance all around our house making sure my brothers and I have been being on our best behavior.

I know that I have been very good this year and I would like a new truck and trailer, farm animals, movies, puzzles, Spiderman cowboy boots, cowboy hat and some new warm clothes.

Don't forget to leave mom and dad something, too. I will tell my mom to leave you some milk and cookies in case you get hungry.

Love,
Rylen Reed
3 years old

Dear Santa,

My name is Kutter Riley Reed. I have been a pretty good cowboy tis year. I would love a Buzz Lightyear and Jessie! I would also like Bullseye, Woody's horse, some new cowboy pants and shirts cause I'm going to win me a belt buckle this year muttin bustin.

If you or my daddy find a white horse to ride, Ill take one of them too! Any farm animals or tractors, too. I don't have near enough!

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4 years old

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Winner of American Legion Raffle— American Legion Post 423 would like to announce the results of our annual raffle. The winner of the raffle this year was Jackie Wells of Big Springs, Texas. Members of American Legion Post 423 would like to thank everyone for their support and participation of our raffle. Merry Christmas everyone. Ron Bell Post Commander Post 423



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Western Hognose Snake

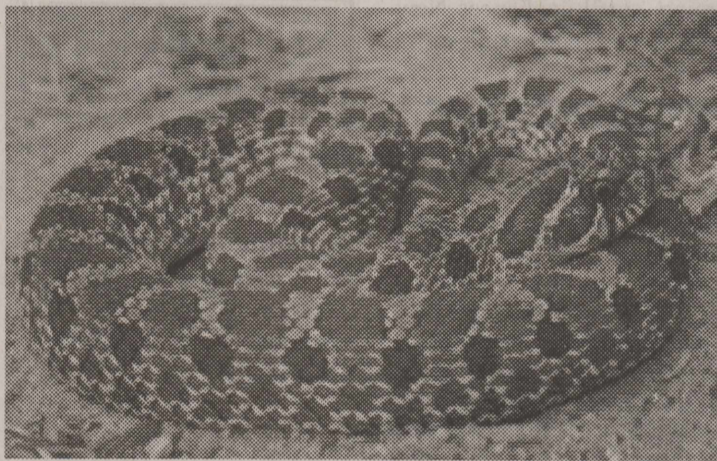
Just at the mention of the word snake, people tend to respond in a variety of ways ranging from fear and hatred to understanding and fascination. Few other exhibits at the San Angelo Nature Center are commented on quite like the snake exhibits. But there is one species of snake that makes its home here in the Concho Valley that makes the most die-hard "snake-hater" rethink their position due to its endearing face and comical defensive behaviors. That snake is the Western Hognose Snake.

Western Hognose Snakes (*Heterodon nasicus*) primarily occur in the High Plains eco-region of the Panhandle where they can be quite abundant. Secondary eco-regions include the northern Edwards Plateau (which includes the Concho Valley) and the prairies and marshlands near the Gulf of Mexico, although they are not encountered nearly as often in these regions. Their preferred habitat is mixed grass prairies where the soils are loose and well drained, while cotton fields are also utilized.

This species of non-venomous snake is a medium-sized reptile, with adult males reaching a total length of approximately 20 inches. Females of this species can be longer, up to 32 inches in length, and both sexes are stout and heavy-bodied. Their dorsal coloration ranges from tan to brown and is decorated with a row of large brown blotches that run the length of the spine. Smaller, more faded spots alternate along the sides of the body. The belly is mostly black littered randomly with yellow or orange spots.

The most defining characteristic of the Hognose snake is the sharply upturned snout that gives the animal its namesake. This upturned snout, while providing the snake an almost endearing feature, is generally used as a tool, much like a man uses a shovel, to root out its primary prey of toads. These amphibians make up nearly fifty percent of the hognose snakes diet, while lizards, reptile eggs, and small mammals make up the remainder of their prey items. One adaptation that hognose snakes utilize is the enlarged adrenal glands that render the toxins of their toad prey useless. Without this gland, the systematic damage from the toad's poisons would most certainly kill this small serpent.

Like most other harmless snakes that inhabit the temperate areas of Texas, breeding takes place in the spring following the long periods of inactivity during winter. Hognose snakes, like other snakes, do not hibernate in the true sense of the word, but rather employ an activity known as brumation. This means that the snake's metabolism, heart rate and breathing all slow down to a near stop, but they are quite awake and aware of their surroundings. Once temperatures achieve a level of warmth that the snake finds tolerable, usually in early April, then the males begin their quest to mate. Females release a



Western Hognose Snake
(*Heterodon nasicus*)



The Head of the Western Hognose Snake

pheromone that attracts the males, and mating ensues upon the male's discovery of the female's location. Gestation is generally thirty days in length, and after that period of time, the female lays a clutch of as few as four and as many as twenty three round, off-white, and paper-thin shelled eggs that are buried a few inches below the surface. Unlike birds who guard their eggs, female hognose snakes leave the nest as soon as she is finished laying, leaving the young to fend for themselves upon hatching. Incubation times vary depending on temperatures, but generally young begin to hatch sixty days later.

The hognose snake is not a fast reptile that can rely on its speed to avoid predators. Rather, it has two curious defensive behaviors that are not only comical, they are highly effective. The first behavior that is utilized when it is confronted with a predator, including man, is to be aggressive. It will flatten its neck and head, giving it the appearance of a venomous snake. It will then inhale air to its lungs capacity making its body appear larger than it is. Next, it will exhale that air quickly, making a loud hissing noise. And finally,

it will strike at the intruder, albeit with a closed mouth. The whole event is to intimidate a would-be predator so it may make a hasty escape, and many times this is quite effective, especially with people who fear snakes. However, this strategy is all show, for hognose snakes are not aggressive towards people at all.

If this aggressive behavior fails, then the hognose snake will employ a more submissive, and somewhat comical, reaction. It will open its mouth, roll out its tongue, void musk and feces from its anus and rub it along its body, and then roll over belly-up in a manner that portrays its death. Many predators will avoid prey items that are already dead, and especially ones that smell as such. What is comical about this behavior is the fact that if a person flips a hognose right-side-up, then it will immediately roll back over on its back, as if to say that the only way that it can appear dead is to be on its back. Because of these behaviors, this snake is reverently known in the herpetological community as the "Great Pretender".

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at www.fullprice71@gmail.com. Unity as the "Great Pretender".

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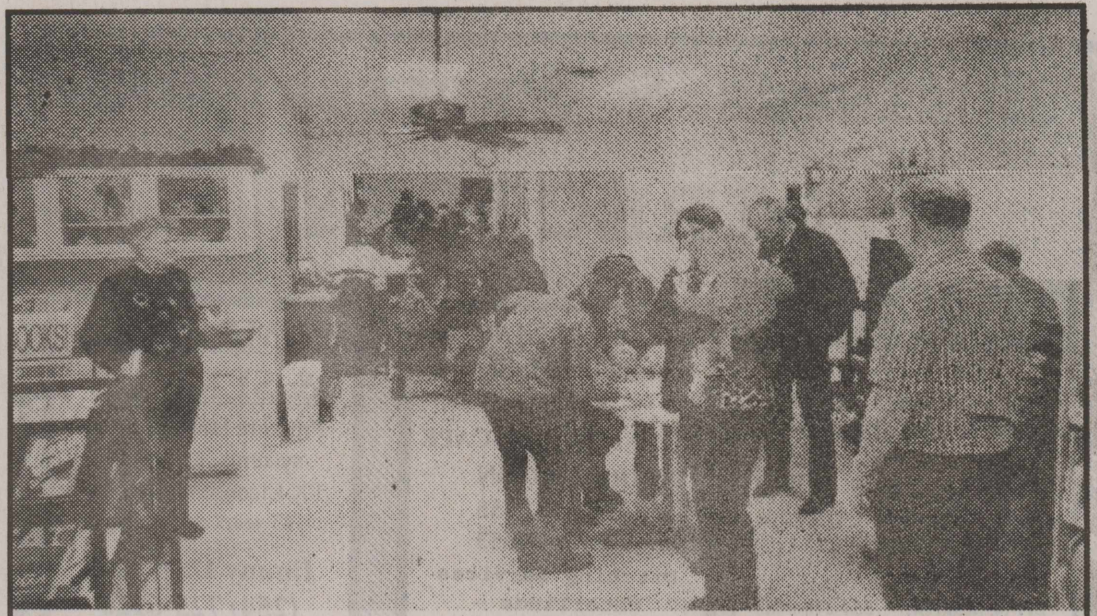
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The Cross Plains Library was bursting at the seams last Thursday, as part of Christmas Family Night, with 84 parents and children coming in to make ornament- one for the library tree and one to take home. There were seven different ornaments for the children to choose from featuring

jeweled Christmas trees, snowmen, reindeer, angels, candy cane mice, snowflakes, and an origami ball. Each child also received a free CD of children's stories. Our thanks to Sue Bennett for organizing this every year and thanks to our faithful volunteers for helping- Judy

Luter, Helen Parson, Wilma Lawrence, Bob & Lavonne Childress, Michael Ellis, and Tucker Isbell. Also, our thanks to Helen Parson and Sue Bennet for donating craft items for the ornaments. Come by and see the beautiful tree decorated by our community children.

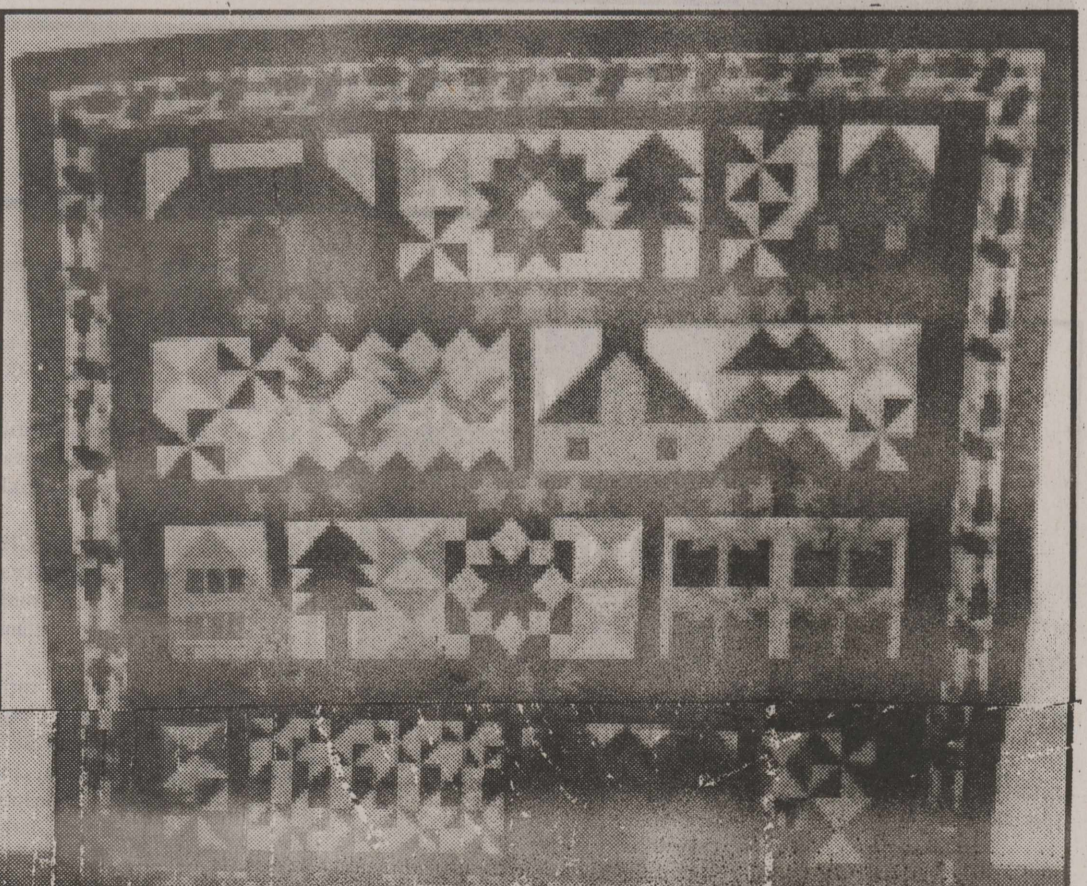
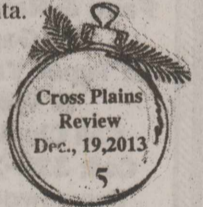


Rising Star Nursing Center

Rising Star Nursing Center residents performed the annual Christmas pageant, "The Christmas Story," directed by Dona McIntire on Sunday, December 15th. A standing room only crowd of close to 100 were on hand to see the play depicting Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus in the Manger. Pianist, Maxine Morgan and Soloist, Connie Kirkham provided the background music. The players were: Joseph--John Popowich, Mary--Eula Mae Grisham, Main Angel--Martha Kay Justice, Main Star--Juanice Cook, Angels--Hazel Lee, Marjorie Talley and Sallie Tepfer, Shepherds--Jeanette Bass, Sallie Hutchinson, BJ Patterson and Bettie Bettencourt and Wise Men--Bobby Nichols, Paul Neeb and Theresa Lewis.

Presenting the pre-pageant music were members of the First Baptist Church of Rising Star Sunday School class and the Rising Star 4-H Club with Carol Lawrence directing. The kids also brought wrapped presents for the residents. The family of Theresa Lewis brought gift bags of lotion and candy. Additionally, the Rising Star Church of Christ brought gifts for residents.

Also in attendance was Santa, played by Santa.



"Hometown Christmas" Quilt — Beta Sigma Phi is holding a drawing for this beautiful 80"x90" "Hometown Christmas" quilt to benefit their scholarship fund. Donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and tickets are available from members and Texas Heritage Bank, CP Senior Citizen's Center and the CP Public Library. The quilt is pieced and appliqued by Michelle Kaiser and Mildred Hoegler, and quilted by the Cross Plains Quilting Club members: Kathy Anderson, Lena Gage, Daisy Holcomb, Gladys Jackson, Wilma Lawrence, Joyce Odom, Bernice Payne, Olecia Perez, Barbara Powell, and Azalee Womack. This quilt is currently on display at Texas Heritage Bank. Drawing will be held at the bank at noon on Dec. 20th. Beta Sigma Phi awards a scholarship each semester to a Cross Plains student. Members of Beta Sigma Phi and their families are eligible for the drawing.

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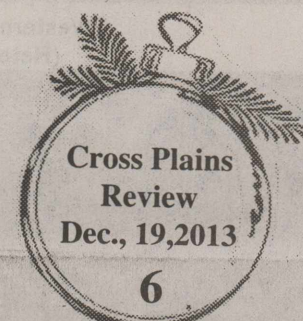
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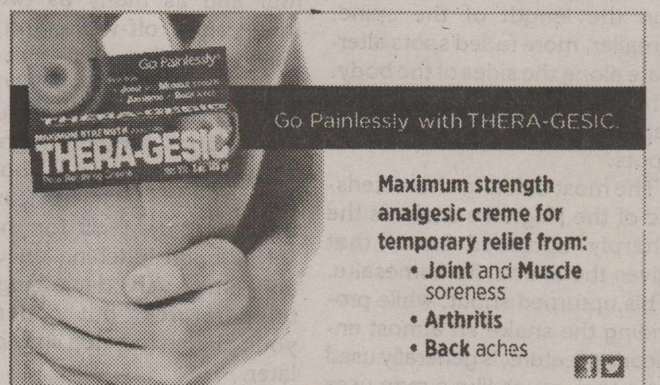
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Dalance Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I hope your elf Joey is safe. I love you. I would like to have a new baseball and soccer ball. I love my family. Could you bring Addison a dollhouse. She has been nice most of the time. I will leave you snack on Christmas Eve.

Anson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would love for everyone to have family to share in the excitement of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. And for those that do not have a relationship with God I pray that they open their hearts, souls and minds to receive the gift of having a relationship with God and find that road that leads to eternal salvation, that only God can supply.

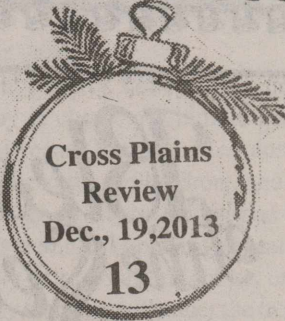
God Bless!
Mrs. Gomery

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like owl stuff, an Austin & Ally movie. Shake it up books, all the /disney Channel stuff, and music stuff, and a music scooter. I would also like an owl book.

Love,
Harmony Goble

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a rocketboard, a bag of candy, new paints, a new dog and a Nintendo.

Love,
Able Wheeler



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As we grow older we become more aware of God's blessings upon us in our business and personal life. We have been blessed by many good friends in many ways. We pray everyone has a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year.

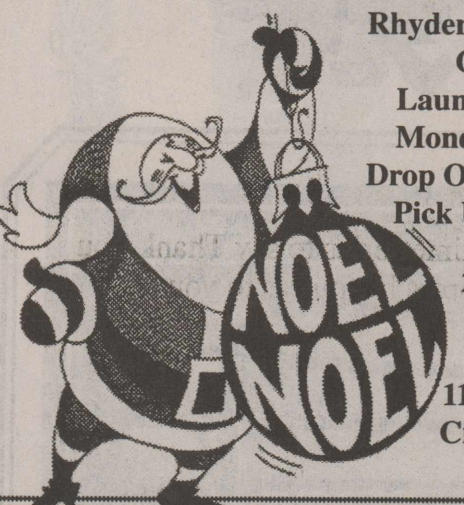
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Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Big monster truck, Xbox and a skate board. I have been a good boy this year. My sister would also like to have a Ipod phone, monster high dress up and a barbie house with two dolls.

Dylan Strickland

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a cowboy belt, a robot dog, my own paper house with a T.V., a Girl potato head for the baby, a new Cars bike, and I have been good this year. I will make you some cookies for when you stop by.

Isaiah Cody

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a fishing pole, a John Deere tractor with lights, a blue screwdriver, a Mr. Potato head book, a hammer and a bicycle, and a walker so I can walk. I have been good this year. Thank you for the toys.

Josh Cody

Dear Santa,
I am 5 yrs. old and have been a good boy, I want a kindle, Paw Patrol actionfigures, trucks. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Jeffery Yates

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is an Ipod and a pink laptop. I want one that is like a teenager's laptop. I would also like a scooter that has light up wheels, an easy bake oven, and a chocolate fountain.

Love,
Jaysie Burns

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the toys you gave me and my brothers last Christmas. This Christmas I want an Xbox with two remotes and a DS. That's what I want for Christmas.

Love,
Theron

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

May you have the gift of faith, the blessings of hope and the warmth of His love at Christmas and always.

At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a new year of good health, happiness and prosperity.

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Mariah Goode



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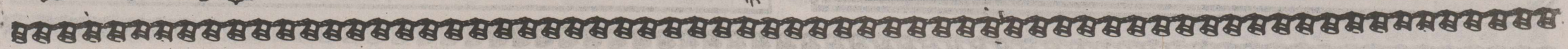
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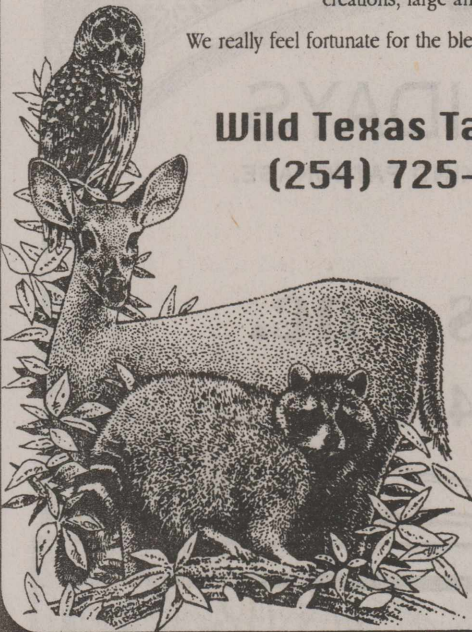




Blessings of the Season

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

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Love,
Abigail Mauricio

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a pair of drums, a WiiU, a remote control monster, a Noble ans an Xbox 360. I would also like an I Phone 5C, an Ipad, and a marker maker.

Love,
Jr. Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Can I have a drum set, converse shoes, a marker maker, a cool book, a watch, a texas Rangers sweater, an I phone 5C, a WiiU, and an army dog. Will you get my baby sister something too?

Love,
Dusty Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I want a keyboard and a watch.

Love,
Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
I want Tony to have a present please. He never gets a good present. I want a Kindall for Christmas. I don't think you are real. Just give me a Kindall and I will believe in you. I never get presents from you. You have to give me five candy canes and a Kindall.

Blessings,
Kodie Blaine

Dear Santa,
I would like a WiiU and saome WiiU games. I also would like an Xbox One, and an IPhone 5C and a cool book.

Love,
Coltyn Barron

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a new baby sister. I also want a barbie, new pants, clothes, and boots.

Love,
Julie Ann Jordan

Dear Santa,
Have a Happy Christmas! This is what I want for Christmas: some boots, my own IPhone, easy bake oven stuff , and a puppy.

Love,
Jolie Hutton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can I have 2 Zebra scarfs, sopme new clothes and a stuffed Clarence puppy. My family will have you a very good surprise!

Blessings,
Addison Long

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want the game Sonic the Lost World and world peace.

Sincerely,
Jaeden

Dear Santa,
I want a babydoll, a stuffed boxer, a stuffed raindeer, a quilt, a pair of gloves, a stuffed zebra and a new pair of clothes.

Love,
Cadence Nickerson

Dear Santa,
I want a Western guitar and a Nintendo DS2. I also want a cat toy and a puppy. I would also like princess stuff and glass slippers. I am going top give you cookies. Thank you for all the things you have given me.

Love,
Kenzie Snell

Dear Santa,
I wish for a happy Christmas and please give to the people that want something. I want some new clothes and a pair of socks and new scarfs. I would also like a new pair of gloves, a winnie dog, and new books. I hope Jesus has a good birthday.

Love,
Brenda Willis

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me these things: roller skates, american Girl doll clothes, bunk beds, basket ball goal, a horse and A cat for my American Girl doll. A unicorn flashlight friend. Akitty Flipe EZ Hat. The pretty unicorns stretchkin, and bring Mikki the blue elephant. Thank you.

Love,
Addison Daliege

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan. Please bring me a gun, dirt bike, stuffy, pj's, toy rhino and remote helicopter. See you on Christmas.

Ethan Franke Beasley

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. I would like some John Deere tractors, play animals. I need a new kids 4 wheeler to ride outside. I would also like a camo chair/recliner. Anew rope and a cowboy hat. Thank you Santa, I love you. Hope everyone is well and I will leave you and your elves some cookies and milk.

Love you,
Aiden Mathews - age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. Ipad, Barbie House. A toy Santa Claus, a playhouse, a tree house, I will take care of them, and I won't break them. I have been being good.

Toni

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a motorcycle with a guy, a boat toy. I would also like a Woody & buzzlight year toy with leggo house.

Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I would like shoes, a Doc Mcstuffin playdoll with her house, and a monster high play doll, a jeep, a transformer, Itunes gift cards, wii games, Xbox one, Nutcracker. I want Frozen the movie, a sleeping bag and a tent.

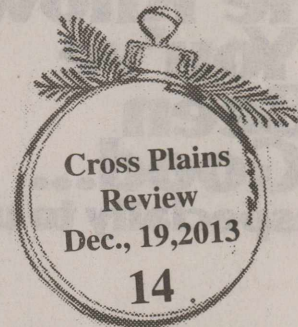
Thank you,
Schan Avery Switzer

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a Barbie Dream House, a bike, and Unicorn Stompeze's, and a new Harley for daddy. I will leave cookies, milk and reindeer food.

Love,
Amanda Roberts

Dear Santa,
This year I have tried to be on my best behaviour. I would love a new knife to take along on hog hunts with my daddy, also a new pair of leather gloves so my hands don't get messy when catching them wild hogs. Please don't forget my little Tatym Ryan. We will leave milk and cookies!

Love,
Tyler Gage Mackey



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Cross Plains Public Library

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Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, a doll house,
toy car, toy camera and a
Monster High Doll. I will leave
you cookies and milk. I love you.
Jaci

Dear Santa,
I want a WiiU, skateboard,
leapreader, a new bike, beam box,
more games for my wii.
Blake Snell

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, a doll house,
a toy camera and a Monnster High
doll.
I will leave you milk and
cookies.

I Love You,
Kadie
1st Grade

Deer Santa,
I ant/a toy train set. A football
helmet. Bow and arrow.
Thank you,
Cullen Ellis

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is
snow and marine stuff like a new
fish.
I want everyone to have a
wonderful Christmas.

Love,
Cody Parr- age 10

Dear Santa,
My name is Gracie. I am 6 years
old. I have been very good this
year, I would like a trampoline, a
Caroline doll, a purse with play
make-up and a designer monster
high Barbie Dolls.

Thank you Santa,
Gracie

Dear Santa,
All I really hope to see and
enjoy is chewing a bubble gum
candy cane. Mom said I couldn't
get one at the Dollar Store, and if
I was good maybe I'd get one in
my stocking. I hope if I'm really
really extra good I might get one
in my stocking and under the tree!

Also I would love to have a
picture of you and Mrs. Clause
along side of your eclefes. Mom
said its elves, but I'm sure you
know what it is I'm saying.

THANK YOU AND LOVE,
Gunner Lee

P.S. My big brother really wants
a bike, so if you can please bring
him one, and a if you have
enough. Maybe one for my little
brother and me, too. Then we can
all ride together as a family.

I'm trying real hard to stay off
the Naughty List, but its very dif-
ficult sometimes. But I think I'm
still good; I hope. If not, please
at least bring my brothers things.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dusty Crop
Hopper remote control plane, a
red and black hooded jacket and
anew video game (it doesn't
matter which one). I'd also like
a bunch of Legos, some new
underpants, socks and dress
shirts.

I would also love a giant
Superman, some adventure guys
and a basketball goal. If it's okay
with my mom, I'd also like an air
soft gun.

I'll leave you some chocolate
milk and cookies and some
carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Stryker Dillard
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you and the reindeer have
had a wonderful year. I know our
elf, Buddy has been reporting to
you at the North Pole and I hope
it has all been good stuff.

Before I tell you what I would
like this year for Christmas, I
would like to say thank you for
all the gifts you gave me last year.

This year I would like a new
truck and trailer, rodeo toys,
Legos, Sheriff/Fire Station,
Pistol cowboy boots, brown
cowboy hat and some new warm
clothes.

Don't forget about my brothers,
they have been very good this
year too. I will leave you some
milk and cookies in case you and
the reindeer get hungry.

Ryder Reed
6 years old - 1st Grade

Santa's Letters from Mrs.
Richard's Third Grade Class

Dear Santa,
Racelyn and I haven't been
fighting as much this year. I think
we've been good enough. I was
wishing I could get for Christmas
a fake car that I can drive. Also,
an Easy Baqke oven, a mind
controller, a chair that I can use
for an Xbox360 games, and lots
of sewing fabricplease. I'll let you
in on a little secret. I'll make you
cookies to snack on.

Love,
Jocelyn, age 9

Dear Santa,
I've been goodkind of, so just
say that I've been good. Ok, I will
tell you what I want for
Christmas. I really want an ipad,
an iphone and a Xbox360, and a
ninetendo DS. While you're there
I'm going to leave cookies and
milk for you.

Love,
Sarah, age 8

Dear Santa,
I want another elf friends for
Elfort. Please don't forget my
friend and classmate Bobby who
just lost his dad. Have a safe trip
and may you and the reindeer
have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. I
hope I'm not on the naughty list.
How are you and how is Rudolph
and the other reindeer? I hope you
have a safe trip. I would like a
iphone and mp3 player, a furby
loom and a bike. See you soon!

Love,
Jeresta - age 9

Peace on Earth

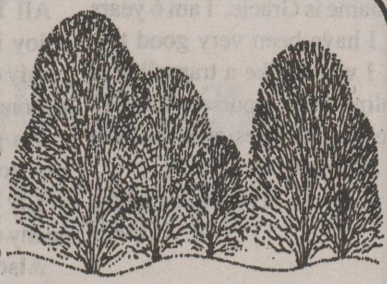


Wishing all the blessings of the Holiday Season to you and your
loved ones. We hope that you will always find peace and con-
tentment, guided by that everlasting light that led the shepherds
to the Holy Child. Have a happy Christmas season.

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Luke 2:10-11

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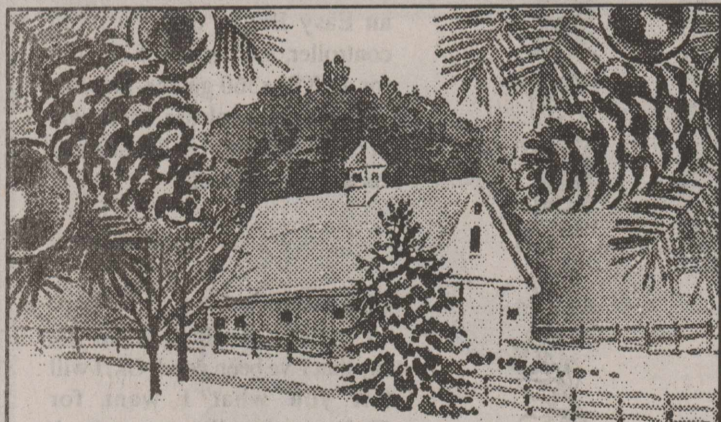
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Rusty, Debbie,
Matt, Krisi, Ryan,
Ryder and, Rylen
Cody and Kutter

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope I am not on the naughty list. I tried to be good. I named your elf Buddy. He is funny. Will you send me a picture of all your Reindeer.

These are things I want for Christmas: a microscope, toys, facts about animals, airheads, and a picture of you. Some people don't believe in you, but I do. My favorite holiday is Christmas. I'm glad that Christmas is the 25th day of December because it is close to my birthday. Have a Merry Christmas —

Your friend
Ryan Reed - age 8

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good Santa. These are the things I want for Christmas. I want a snow man tree, a four wheller, and a deer rifle, and a coloring book. I also want a 3DS with Sonig Lost World. Don't forget. i will make cookies for you.

Love,
Gus, age 8

Dear Santa Claus,

I been good this year, but I hope I'm not on the naughty list. This is what I want for Christmas this year if you think I've been good. I want two games called Mario Brother Tool and Sonic Lost World.

Love,
Lupita Morales

Dear Santa,

I have really been trying to be good but it's hard. When you have so many girls in your family. If you think I been good I want posters for my room, Xbox games, money, an Amazon card, more books, and more WWE wrestlers. By the way Santa, I will leave you milk and cookies.

From your buddie,
Logan - age 8
Ho Ho Ho

Dear Sante Nick,

I hope you have a great trip coming here. I would really love these things for Christmas. A fourwheeler, a rifle and some clothes. Have a safe trip!

Love,
Hannah, Age 8

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is a gator and a bicycle and that is all I want for Christmas.

Love,
Dakota Chyanne Kelly

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good this year, and if I have please bring me a si-fi revoltech Jurassic Park T-Rex, Transformers full of cybertron bruticers, and a Dragon fish that all because I don't want to make your job hard.

Love Always,
Zane, Age 8

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good this year and I hope you think I have. I have five things I really want. First a four wheeler and I want it to be blue zevra, and if you can't do that I want it blue. I want new clothes, (new sharits, jackets), and most of all I will try to leave milk and cookies for you. Don't forget my sisters Taylor and Tandy.

Love always,
Livia Busby - age 10

Dear Santa,

I am trying my best to be a good boy. How have you been? How are the reindeer? I would like a switch and Dinosaur. I would like a mincraft sword and a transformer toy, name, Brall. I would like a Pac Man, Ghostly Adventures game. Hope you have a great Christmas.

Your friend,
Braxton

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing this year. I can't wait to see all the toys you are bringing. Please bring me a karaoke set and a Tablet that has a keyboard. Please bring daddy home ASAP.

Love,
Mackenzie - age 9

Dear Santa,

I will leave you some cookies and milk. For Christmas. I want a blue race car.

From your buddie,
Bobby Don Bell - age 9

Dear Santa Claus,

I've tried to be good this year for you and I hope you don't have me on the naughty list. For christmas I would like 'a Xbox360, a wii and a playstation. See you soon!

Love,
David Mendata - age 8

Dear Santa,

I hope I'm on the good list. If I'm on the good list, I would like a furby, a furby Boom, Zoomer, a password jefnal. and a kitty. I will leave you something to eat. I love you, Santa. You are the best.

Love,
Kalie - age 8

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa I am a good kid and a good helper and a good Reader. For Christmas I want a four wheeler and a ipad. I will see you soon!

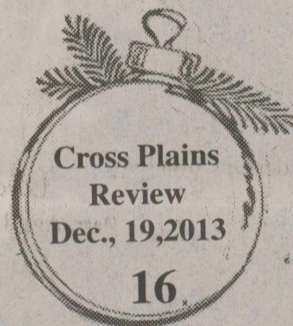
Your friend,
Kody - age 8

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer doing? How are you doing? I have gotten better with my reading this past year. I been working very harde. This year i want a compound bow to shoot an elk. I want a lot of pertine and some new clothes. I also want to help out the orphanage. Giving them my good old clothes. I would like a camo dress.

Tell Mrs. Clause that she had better keep you full of cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Katie



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Dear Santa,
I want a box of lags and more
army men, a scout, and a dog.
Love,
Gage

Dear Santa,
Hope you are well. I have been
good this year. For Christmas I
would like a green dirt bike and a
remote control monster truck, and
a train. Hope to see you soon.
Love,
Rowdy

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer treating
you? Santa, I hope you will
comese me this Christmas. I
wouldlike a pair of cowboy
boots,andsome rain boots too.
Could I also have some golf
shoes, too. To play with I would
like a remote control car.
Santa , I will leave you some
sweet cookiesby the tree branch.
I love you Santa!
Jacoby Gilliam

Dear,Santa Claus,
I hope that you and all of the
reindeer have been doing well this
year. Please tell the elfs that I said
hi and thank you for making all of
the toy's for us. All I want for
Christmas is a piano. Stay well
Santa and see you soon.
Love,
Hailey Mauricio

Dear Santa,
I hope you been feeling good
and how's the reindeer treating
you? For Christmas I want a pet
turtle, razzor cart, Rex bug
panda target for shooting
practice.
Love,
Elijah - age 9

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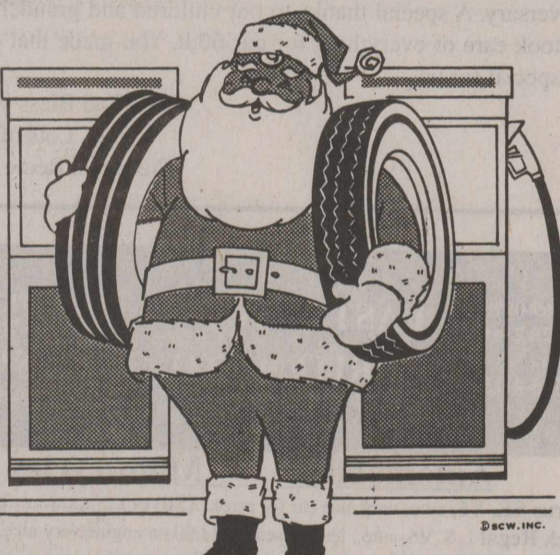
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this year. How are things down
there? I want a black powder BB
gun and a apoclephachit hatchet.
I want a cross bow to go hunting,
and three klmnives.
I wilol leave some cookies and
milk out for you.
Your friend,
Billy Jones - age 9

Dear Santa,
I have a new baby sister named
Tatum and she is doing great.
How's your family? How are the
reindeer? This year, I want some
lace up hunting boots aand a new
243 rifle. I would like a knife and
a holster. I also would like a dog
vest and a tracking collar for my
dog, Blu Duck. I'm not sure if I
haqve been good, but I am trying.
Your friend,
Trampas - age 10

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been doing? I
have been trying really hard to be
good. How is Rudolph and the
reindeer and Mrs. Claus? For
Christmas I would like an ipod or
pj's for my stuffed horse. I hope
I'm on the nice list and not the
naughty list. Hope everyone is ok!
Love,
Abbigal Shepard -
age 8

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is
snow and Marine stuff like a new
fish.
I want everyone to have a
wonderful Christmas.
Love,
Cody Parr, Age 10

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Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and 'stuffed
animals for Christmas. I hope
friends have a good, good Christ-
mas and that they get lots of good
presents.
I want Mrs. Webb and Mrs.
Winfrey to get gifts to! I
everyone I love to have a really
fun Christmas and me too. Most
of all I want to see my mom!
Love,
Grace Elizabeth West

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope I'm not on the naughty list
this year. I would like an AR15 and
243 bullets, a new .22 gun, and a
red motorcycle.like my cousin has.
Please eat my cookies.
your friend,
Adrien - age 10



To Our
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Folks like you are really a
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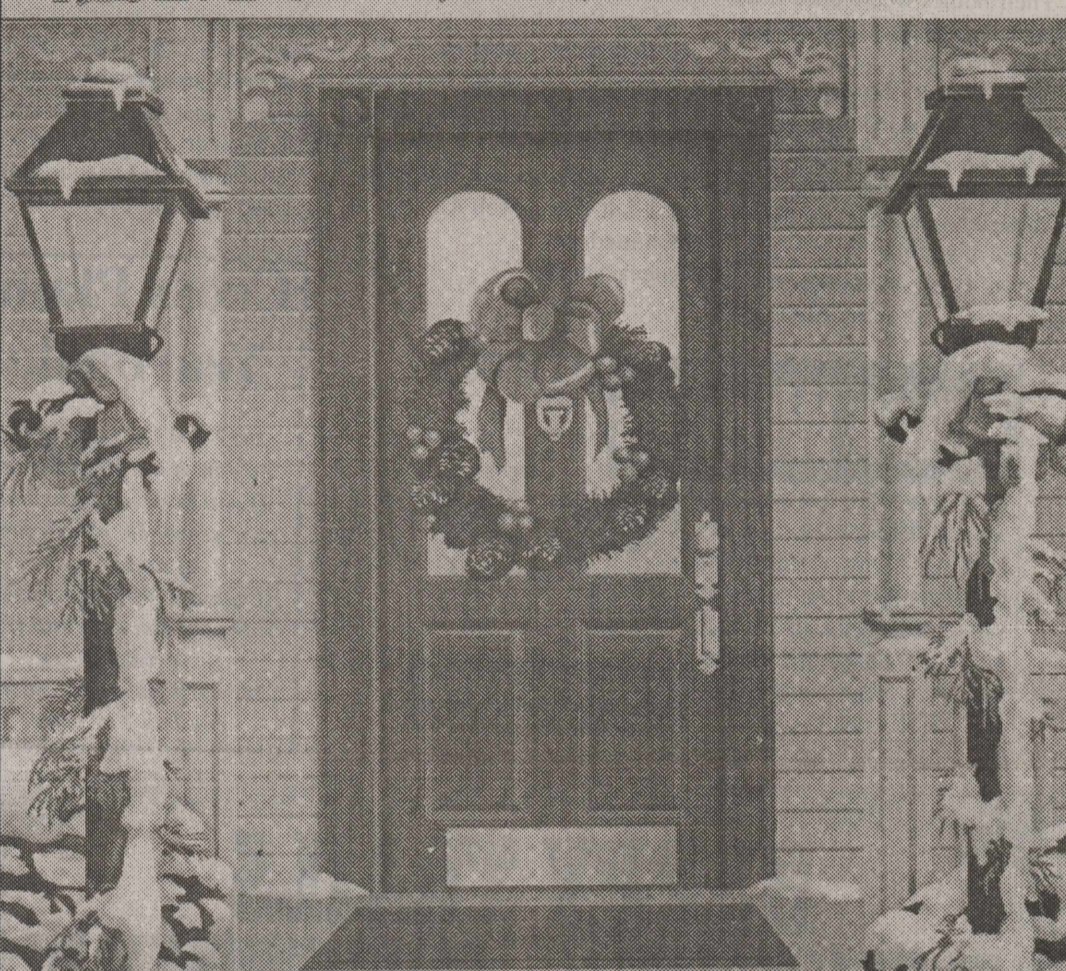
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Happy Birthday Jesus

Happy Birthday Jesus, A Holy Christmas nite. We've all been told the story of how you made wrong right.

Oh how your cries filled the air, at the beginning and at the end.

Oh how you brought the world salvation for women and for men. Some say you are a "fairy tale," too good to be true. Others say just a good teacher and refuse to believe in You!

Many try to ignore you, push

Your part in Christmas away! That's like trying to ignore the sunset or sunrise of the day.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is not, just a choice we make. He's not like a Christmas tree, you choose, real or fake!

He's born in a manger, He's died upon a hill. Please think this over and make this Christmas real!!

Submitted by Geneva Nelson



STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Cross Plains Public Library has made changes in the writing contest. The 2014 entries may be submitted anytime between November 15 and January 10. The contest is still open to all students grades K-12 who are eligible to go to Cross Plains ISD whether in public school or home-school. Contestants can pick up an entry form at school or the library. Only one entry is allowed per student, and there is a five page limit. As always, writings will be "blind judged." Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each grade. Lou Rodenberger Outstanding Achievement plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners. Winners will be awarded during a special program on the afternoon of Sunday, March 23, 2014. Family and friends will be invited to attend.

Submitted by Geneva Nelson



It's A Girl!



Adalynn Mae Savell

December 11, 2013
7lbs. 9 oz.
20 inches long

Adalynn was welcomed into this world by her proud parents, Taylor and Sarah Savell and big brother Kayden. Paternal Grandparents are Liz Johnson and Chris Savell, Maternal Grandparents are Kellie (Draper) Cozart and JimBob Cozart as well as Jimmy Rogers.

"Missing"

Someone's missing, Lord, from our table today.

We look to all our memories, Lord, remember and replay,

And yet, we still hurry about, Lord, and we still go on,

Seldom thinking much about those, Lord, who are left all alone.

Their homes where once filled with happiness, and laughter their rooms did fill,

Now, there's only silence and being at this world's will.

They heard rings of door bells and knocking at their door!

These days all they hear, there's no time anymore.

No time to make more memories, to remember and

recall. No time to fill these places with laughter, none at all.

No time to set there and listen, while you go on and on.

No time to even notice, we've left you all alone!

You would of filled that place at the table, if we had only asked.

If we had kept you in our present not left you in our past.

Someone's missing from our table, Lord, precious times already gone.

For we have not only left them, Lord, but You as well Alone!

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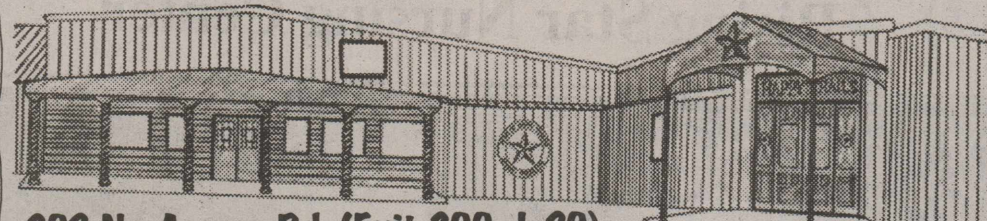
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December 26

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Jay Ringhoffer
Bill Slate
Tom Robinson
Loy Thompson
Lisa Gardner
Brandon Jones

December 27

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

December 28

December 29

Dianne Johnson
Mrs. Earl Allen
Johnnie Strickland
Kenneth D. Brown
Frances Knott
Vicky (Moore) Worley
Michael Blake Foster
D.J. Roe
Jacob Strickland
Peyton Wood
Shelby Wood
Jon Tonne
Hunter Thomas

December 30

Keith Hopson
Billy Gene Spoon
Carol Bates
Mrs. Bob Dean
Christopher Hamer
Getrude Johnson
Wanda Jennings
Milton Bates
Billy King
Joseph L. Hopkins
Nancy Sheppard
Randy Duncan
Sambo Fleming

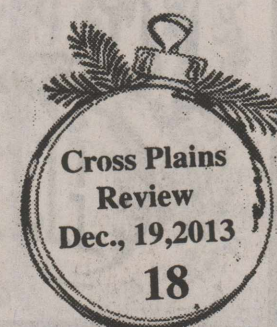
December 31

Jesse Norris
Kimberly (Ratloff) Stover
Royce Lawrence
Rodney Gene Gregory
Austin Walker
Seth Wyatt
Kathy Denny
Johnny Combs
Shirley Emmons
Mrs. Norman Farr
Danielle Webster
George Randall Dickey
Vickie (Hickman) Walker
Billy Spoon

Happy New Year!!!

January 1

John Bagley
Charles Barr
Henry Wellmaker
Joyce Williams



Card of Thanks

We want to thank all our family and friends that came to our 60th Anniversary. A special thanks to our children and grandchildren who took care of everything for our 60th. You made that day so very special for us.

May God Bless you all.
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99 Ford Crown Victoria LS, leather seats, Nice car.....(Tan).....\$2,995
01 Daewoo 4cyl. Auto. 4Door. Looks, runs good.....(Red).....\$2,250
00 Mustang, V6, 5spd.....(Silver).....\$3,995
99 Ford Taurus, auto., V6, runs, looks good.....(White).....\$2,250

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Chairlift inside 99 Ford E150 Van..Super Clean.....\$3,500
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03 Dodge Durango, 7 Pass., V8, auto, SUV.....(Silver).....\$4,850
00 Lincoln Navigator, 7Pass, leather, looks, runs good, A nice SUV.....\$5,450
00 Expedition, Eddie Bauer Ed., 8 pass, loaded, super nice.....\$5,250
99 Expedition XLT, 5 passenger, loaded, chrome wheels (Maroon).. \$4,600
99 Explorer Sport, V6, auto, Looks and runs very good.....(Green).....\$3,995
Ford Explorer, Sport, V6, this is a nice one..... (Blue).....\$3,395
94 Ford Conversion Van, raised roof, leather, T.V., loaded, runs good.....\$2,450
94 Dodge Caravan, 7 Pass., V6, Auto., Runs good.....\$1,850
92 Ford F150, Conversion Van, Loaded, 7 Pass., lots of extras, V8, Auto.....\$2,295

DIESELS

99 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, 5spd, nice truck.....(Green).....\$6,250
99 Dodge Quad Cab, SLT, Cummins 4X4, runs good..Gray/Blac.....\$3,750
98 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, Low miles, 180k, auto., leather seats.....\$6,200
86 F350 Diesel, hydraulic wheel lift, 91 cab, runs good.....\$3,500
99 Ford Diesel F350, Dually, auto., looks, runs good.....(White).....\$5,750
01 Dodge Diesel Quad Cab, auto., shortbed, (white).....\$6,200
01 Ford F350, Lariat Dsl, 6spd, Flat Bed Dually, A good truck (White).....\$6,500
01 Ford F350 Lariat Diesel Dually flat bed, automatic, Super Cab.....\$7,250
99 Ford 250, Super Duty, Super Cab, diesel, Auto.....(Gold).....\$6,500
97 Ford F250 4x4 Reg. Cab., diesel, flatbed single rears, 5spd.....\$3,750

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03 Ford F250, Super Duty, V8, auto., Ext cab, flat bed, Nice truck.....\$4,250
06 Ford F250 Super cab, V8, auto, short bed.....(White).....\$4,950
04 Ford F150 XL, V8, auto, long bed, ext., cab, dual exhaust..(White).....\$4,600
04 Ranger XLT 4x4, Super cab, V6, auto, 113,000 miles.....(White).....\$6,975
00 Ranger XLT supercab, V6, 5spd., Shortbed, Stepside, runs.....(Gold).....\$3,500
96 Ranger XLT, 5 spd.....(Maroon & Gold).....\$2,750
2000 Chevy 2500, Vortec V8, automatic, 275-65-20 tires.....(Red).....\$3,200
00 Dodge SLT, Quad Cab, V8 auto., runs good.....(Blue).....\$2,950
95 Chevy 2500, Extended cab, V8, 5 spd. (Tan).....\$2,750
00 Chev. 2500, V8, Auto., Ext. cab — CASH PRICE. \$1,250..(White).....\$1,500
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 Love,
 Graydon Albrecht

Dear Santa,
 Can I please have some Holiday cookies? And eat my candy canes off my Christmas tree?
 And 2 robot toys, a blue dinosaur with sharp teeth, Christmas Play-Doh, a toy Ladybug, another dragon and a toy donkey. And a big toy chicken leg! And I don't want anything else. Oh yea, a toy shotgun!
 William Albrecht
 3 years old
 Theron and Graydon's little brother

Dear Santa,
 I would like Thomas the train, bike, fast car and helicopter.
 Samuel Elkins

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for my gifts last year. I tried to be good this year. I would like a Furreal monkey this year year. and a babydoll. A perfect Polly bird and a bell for nana's porch. Also a furreal pony, a spiderman toy for Luke and a baby toy for Layne. We love you so much.
 Kylie Davis

Dear Santa,
 My name is Autumn, I would like a new bike and trampoline for Christmas please.
 Love,
 Autumn

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Snow White. Doll house, the Dwarfs, and lots of Barbies.
 Jasmine

Dear Santa,
 I would like a toy house and mickey mouse toys. And I would like Tinker Bell toys and a toy computer and a frog. I have been a good girl all year long. I will have cookies and milk ready for you when you come. Thank you Santa.
 Love,
 Kera Arberry

Dear Santa,
 I would like for you to bring me movies, Tent, Pink Jacket, Baby clothes, dresser, Pink Comforter and Jewelry.
 Hannah Marr

Dear Santa,
 I love you. I have been a good girl this year. Could you please bring me a bike. I really love Ben (my elf on the shelf). He is the sweet dreams of my heart. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
 Langly Potter

Dear Santa,
 This year I want a blue jeep for the baby, a potato head. And a robot. I also want a cowboy belt and a big bicycle like brothers. I have been good this year and I will leave you some milk and cookies.
 Zach Cody



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Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie Dream House, a Barbie and the Frosted playhouse. I would also like some American Girl Doll stuff and Dorā and Boots ice skating dolls, and the Play Doh ice cream machine set. Some girl Legos would also be nice. I'm going to leave you some cookies and chocolate milk and reindeer some carrots.
 I love you very much, thank you for taking a picture with me.
 Love
 Harper Dillard
 Age 4 years

Mrs. Apple's Pre-K
 Dear Santa,
 I would like a bracelet, movie, book to read, picture of my cat, sassy, new shoes. Please bring my sister something. She is 7 yrs. old. I am 4yrs., We will leave some cookies and milk for you.
 Haylee Gregory

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be good this year. My mom and dad and my aunt. For Christmas I would like a tablet. I Dora, I lalaloopsy. Thanks.
 Arletha Sanders



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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.
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 Isaiah 9:6
 We're proud to join you and your family in sharing the miracle of Christmas.
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 Our offices will be closed December 24th thru December 25th so our employees may enjoy the Christmas holidays with their families.
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