Chapter 1: History of the New Year's Resolution

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day was associated with various gods and goddesses, symbolizing different aspects of life. The Babylonians believed that the new year brought new beginnings and opportunities for renewal. They celebrated the new year by gifts, feasts, and the exchange of baby images, which were believed to bring good luck and prosperity.

Chapter 2: Modern New Year's Resolutions

In the modern era, New Year's resolutions have become a popular way for individuals to set goals and make changes in their lives. The tradition of making resolutions began in ancient times, and it has continued through the centuries. Today, New Year's resolutions are made by millions of people, and they can vary widely in scope and content.

Chapter 3: The Psychology of Making Resolutions

Making a New Year's resolution can be a daunting task. Numerous factors can contribute to the failure of a resolution, such as unrealistic goals, lack of motivation, and external pressures. However, by setting realistic goals, seeking support, and staying committed, individuals can increase their chances of success.

Chapter 4: Celebrating the New Year's Resolution

Celebrating a successful New Year's resolution can be a rewarding experience. It can bring a sense of accomplishment and motivation to continue making positive changes in one's life. Recognizing one's progress and achievements can reinforce the importance of setting and achieving goals.

Chapter 5: New Year's Resolution Examples

Examples of successful New Year's resolutions range from simple personal goals, such as exercising more or eating healthier, to more ambitious goals, such as learning a new skill or starting a business. The key is to choose a resolution that is challenging but achievable, and to remain committed to its implementation.

Chapter 6: Conclusion

New Year's resolutions have been a part of human culture for centuries. They serve as a reminder to reflect on the past year and plan for a better future. By embracing the tradition of making resolutions, individuals can foster personal growth, make meaningful changes, and enjoy the satisfaction of achieving goals.
**Visions of Sugarplums Danced...**

Carolyn Earwood’s School of Dance held their Annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 17th. The young dancers performed to holiday tunes showing off some of what they have learned over the last few months.

**Saint Ann Catholic Church**

**Holiday Schedule**

- **Dec. 28**
  - Confessions: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
  - Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.
  - Dec. 29
  - Sunday Mass: 1:00 a.m.
  - Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
  - Dec. 31
  - Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.
  - Jan. 1
  - New Year’s Mass: 11:00 a.m.

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**Note from the Editor**

Last week, if you drove down Main Street in the small town and shipped off the North Pole before we made a copy of it to put in the paper. We are not only smart enough to hit a back copy so we could share it with you. Sorry Madison!

A Recipe for Good Luck

**Black-Eyed Pea Salsa**

- 1 cup yellow rice
- 2 cups water
- 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers

**Directions**

1. Bring a small pot of rice and water to a boil. Cover pot, reduce heat to simmer and let cook 20 minutes or until rice is tender.

2. In a large saucepan, combine rice, peaches, sour cream, and chile. Rinse and drain tomatoes; add to mixture. Stir the mixture over a medium heat until it is heated through.

3. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

**Folklore says that the eating of black-eyed peas brings prosperity to you throughout the new year! Enjoy! And be prosperous!**

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**Card of Thanks**

Card of Thanks to The Devil’s River News for their continued support of our Senior Citizens groups and Faith Search youth groups of the Light House Baptist Church for the fabulous homes of cottage cookies and treats this year. For the third year in a row LightHouse Baptist Church sent us baskets of one kind of treat or another and for that we are greatly thankful.

God Bless You, Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Staff

The Devil’s River News would like to thank our 2002 readers. We look forward to working with you in 2003 and years to come!

Happy Holidays!

**Calendar**

**December**

- **23**
  - New Year’s Eve

**2002 Holiday Celebration Barbie**

**Jan. 1**

Have a Safe and Prosperous New Year!

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By Ann E. Palmer, 
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Do you have much information on Christmas?
A. Yes, I have a lot of information taken from the Devil's River Valley area, and if you have any old home stories, I would love to hear them. Many of the stories are really fascinating.

On page 197 there is a story about Juno, Texas and the Driskill Family History. The Driskill family moved into the Juno area in 1899 from Kentucky. The family was very close-knit, and they all lived together in a big house named the Driskill Ranch. The house was built in 1899 and was the center of the community. The Driskills were very involved in the community, and they hosted many social gatherings at the Ranch.

The story talks about the Driskills' Christmas traditions. The family would decorate the house with holly and other holiday decorations. They would also bake cookies and other holiday treats. The children would help decorate the tree, and they would hang ornaments and lights. The tree would be lit with candles and would be the centerpiece of the home. The family would gather around the tree and sing carols together.

The story also talks about the Driskills' gift-giving traditions. They would give each other gifts, and the children would receive presents from Santa Claus. The gifts would be wrapped in colorful paper and tied with ribbons. The children would open their presents on Christmas morning, and they would be excited to see what they had received.

The story ends with the Driskills' New Year's Eve tradition. They would host a party for their friends and family, and they would have a midnight toast to the new year. The children would help set the table, and they would have fun with their friends. The party would continue late into the night, and the children would be tired but happy to have spent the holiday with their family.

If you have any stories or traditions related to Christmas, please share them with us. We would love to hear about your family's holiday traditions and share them with our readers.
Hunt Graduates From Basic Training

Congressmen Dole

The new year brought a good one again to the kneeling and wondrous little man. An America's son, a soldier, and a once again young Marine. It seems just days ago that he was belted into a cold football and regaining my second-touchdown and my twelfth-three yard field goal.The holiday season rolls on as quickly as it does. It's already time to consider New Year's resolutions. Since the year has changed in the last few weeks, I find myself challenging myself to something new. This year, may we all have a healthy dose of something new.

Air Force Airman First Class

Hunt has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six-week training, the strain studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, strain were required to complete basic training early because of the unexpected and unexpected evacuation.

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Oil & Agribusiness

Scrapie Program Record Keeping

New compliance guidelines for scrapie record keeping are in place for the entire registered Flock Health Inspector Service - Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS). This program is part of the national scrapie eradication program.

The new record-keeping requirements are based on internationally accepted practices and recommend an increased level of animal identification information. The new guidelines will ensure that the scrapie eradication program operates normally and still be in compliance with the scrapie eradication program.

The new guidelines will not affect existing EID or record-keeping requirements for most products. The exceptions are for low-risk commercial sheep and owners of goats that have been commingled with bridge commingled sheep. Owners will have to replace their sheep and goats with an official premises ear tag rather than a registered brand or ear-notch.

USDA-APHIS-VS is also expanding to issue new or updated national record-keeping strategies for scrapie-infected or source flocks. These strategies will be based on the flock's genetic makeup and which must be removed from the flock.

More information on these and other topics related to the scrapie eradication program is available on the internet at www.animalagriculture/scrapie or call toll-free 866-873-2824.

Gone and Nina Brandenburg of Reevesville, Texas were hunting on the Schenkel Ranch in November when Nina killed this 11 point buck. The buck field dressed at 164 lbs.

Sign-Up for Wool, Mohair Deficiency Payment Begins

by Sandy Whittley, FSGA Secretary.

Texas wool and mohair producers can sign up for wool and mohair loss deficiency payments (LDP) administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA). On November 6, 2002, the agency made available Notice LP-1878, which addresses the 2002 wool and Mohair Marketing Assistance Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Program for wool or mohair.

Producers must complete FSA Form LP-633 to apply for the LDP. For 2002 wool or mohair deficiencies (Oct. 11, 2002, to Nov. 4, 2002, must sign up by December 6, 2002. Producers who sold 2002 wool or mohair must sign up before they see the wool or mohair and by the January 23, 2003, deadline.

The program software and instructional handbook should be available to the FSA offices by early December. Both loans and LDP are subject to a cost-sharing agreement. Program details can be accessed through the FSA portion of the USDA web site.
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