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DOWN HOME

Bailey's Jesus

God recently allowed me to see Jesus through the eyes of someone seeing Him for the first time. Having the advantage of knowing how the story ends, we can easily forget the cost of our redemption and love of our Savior.

Every year we attend a local church pageant at Christmas time, which tells the story of Jesus from His birth through His resurrection. It is a spectacular event, with live animals and hundreds of cast members in realistic costumes. The Magi enter on huge llamas and Roman soldiers look huge and menacing in their costumes.

Of all the years we have attended, one stands out indelibly in my heart. It was the year we took our then three-year old granddaughter, Bailey, who loves Jesus. She was mesmerized throughout the entire play, not just watching, but involved as if she were a player. She watched as Mary and Joseph travel to the Inn and was thrilled when she saw the baby Jesus in His mother's arms.

When young Jesus, on a young donkey, descends the steps from the back of the auditorium, in His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Bailey was ecstatic. As He neared our aisle, Bailey began jumping up and down, screaming, "Jesus, Jesus! There's Jesus!" Not saying just words, but exclaiming them with every fiber of her being. She altered between screaming His Name and hugging us.

"It's Jesus...Look!" I thought she might actually pass out. Tears filled my eyes as I looked through the eyes of a child in love with Him, seeing Him for the first time. How like the beggar screaming out in reckless abandon, "Jesus, Jesus!" afraid he might miss Him, not caring what others thought. This was so much fun.

Then came the arrest scene. On stage, the soldiers shoved and slapped Jesus, as they moved Him from the Garden of Gethsemane to Pilate. Bailey responded as if she were in the crowd of women, with terror and anger. "Stop it!" she screamed. "Bad soldiers, stop it!"

As I watched her reaction, I wished we had talked to her before the play. "Bailey, it's Ok. They are just pretending." "They are hurting Jesus! Stop it!"

She stood in her seat reacting to each and every move. People around us at first smiled at her reaction, thinking, "How cute." Then they quit smiling and began watching her, watch Him.

In a most powerful scene, the soldiers lead Jesus, carrying the cross down the steps of the auditorium from the back. They were yelling, whipping and cursing at Jesus, who was bloodied and beaten. Bailey was now hysterical.

"Stop it! Soldiers stop it!" she screamed. She must have been wondering why all of these people, us included, did nothing. Then she began to cry instead of scream. "Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus!"

People all around us began to weep as we all watched this devoted little disciple see her Jesus being beaten and killed as those first century disciples had. Going back and forth between

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"Victory Celebration" to be held December 27th

The City of Cross Plains is planning a hamburger supper at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. as a "Victory Celebration" in remembrance of the "Wildfire" that swept through Cross Plains that dreadful day in 2005, claiming two lives and over one hundred homes.

Supper will be provided along with photos and videos of the fire

as well as photos and videos of the new homes that have been restored. We encourage you to attend and continue to show your support of the wonderful "Caring Community" that Cross Plains professes to be.

If you have ideas or want to be a part of this celebration, please contact City Hall at 254-724-6114.

Submitted by Debbie Gosnell

Funeral Services Held for Jack W. Tunnell Saturday, December 16

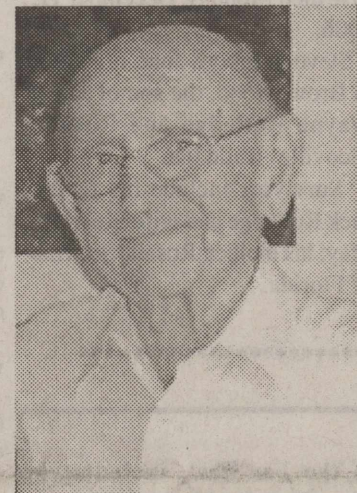
Jack Wilton, Tunnell, 82, died Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in Waxahachie, after a short illness. Services were held Saturday, December 16, 2006 a Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery. Officiating at the service for the celebration of the life of Jack Tunnell the Rev. Richard Chaffin, formerly of Cross Plains, now of Lubbock.

Jack is survived by his second wife, Dorothy; his sister, Mary Barton and husband Cecil of Cross Plains; a son, Jack Wilton, Jr. and wife Robin of Carrollton; daughters, Mary Carolyn Ogden of Duncanville and Julie Margaret Reynolds of Grand Prairie; son-in-law, Richard Ogden of Duncanville and grandson, Jason Allen; granddaughters, Lauren Ogden of El Paso and Lacy Loosbrock and husband Mike of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn "Kak" (2002); a brother, Fred Tunnell (2005) and a great-granddaughter, Alexis Allen (2003).

Jack was born June 19, 1924 at Rising Star, Texas to Fred and Armita Tunnell. He attended school at Rising Star until his parents moved to Cross Plains in 1937 where his father became president of Citizens State Bank. Jack graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended Tarleton State College for one year before transferring to Texas A&M.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and received



JACK WILTON TUNNELL

training in Corsicana, Greenville and San Antonio, where he got his "wings." He first served as a flight instructor at Coffeerville, KS. In April 1944 he was assigned to a B-17 crew preparing for duty in England. However, that changed in August 1944 when he was selected to take training as a B-29 pilot at Clovis, NM. In April 1945 with Jack in command, the crew flew a new B-29 to Saipan, where they were assigned to the 498 Bomb Group, 73rd Wing of the 20th Air Force.

His self-published book tells about his extraordinary adventures during World War II. It is entitled "Memories of a Bald Eagle." From March 1945 through VJ Day, September 6, 1945 his plane and crew flew 26 bombing missions over Japan, sometimes encountering intense opposition from the enemy. On ten of the flights it was necessary

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Celebrate the Joy of Christmas at the Bank

Texas Heritage Bank will be hosting "The Joy of Christmas", an Open House on Thursday, December 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served to all.

As we enjoy this Christmas Season, we're reminded of the

miraculous birth of Christ 2000 years ago in Bethlehem.

Please come and join us as we share this Holiday with our friends and customers and together, celebrate the birth of our Savior!

FUMC to Perform their Annual Christmas Cantata Sunday Evening at Presbyterian Church

Due to the generosity of the Presbyterian congregation, who opened their hearts and their church to us following the devastating fires of last December, the choir and congregation of the First United Methodist Church will still be able to perform their annual Christmas cantata. It will be presented as a part of the Christmas Eve service, Sunday, December 24th.

The evening will begin with a time of gathering for prayer and communion from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. In the United Methodist church, we believe in open communion. This means that you do not have to be a member of this church or even a Methodist. If you are a CHRISTIAN, you are welcome at the table of the Lord. We invite all who desire it, to come and pray and partake of the

Lord's Supper. At approximately 6:00 p.m., the formal part of the service will begin with the lighting of the Advent candles and the Christ candle as our call to worship. The choir will then begin their cantata.

This year's work is "Child of Peace" by Mark Hayes. From the mystery and promise of Advent to the glorious coming of the Messiah, it proclaims the Incarnation with power and sensitivity. It includes exciting new songs as well as fresh arrangements of the old familiar carols. The narration, by Pamela Martin, tells the Christmas story while drawing relevant parallels to our world today. Hopefully, it will be a reminder that regardless of circumstances, God's deep peace always awaits us.

During the Finale, the congregation will be invited to stand and join the choir in a stanza of "Hark the Herald Angels." At this time the flame from the Christ candle will be passed throughout the church as a reminder for all Christians that it is our responsibility to take Christ out into the world to shine in the darkness and bring others to His light.

As members of the First United Methodist church and choir, it is our prayer that this time of worship will touch the hearts of and enrich the Christmas season for all who hear and participate.

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Submitted by Rhonda Swift

Margaret McNeel to Retire from Texas Heritage Insurance Agency

After helping to take care of your insurance needs for over 40 years, Margaret McNeel has made the decision to retire.

Pat and Margaret opened The McNeel Agency January 1, 1967 with the purchase of an existing agency from Fred Tunnell. In 1972 they bought the McCuin Insurance Agency and then bought out the Exal McMillan Agency in the early 1980's.

After Pat passed away, Margaret sold the agency to Gene Greenwood in March 1985, but remained on the staff for Gene. She continued with the agency through another sale to Citizens State Bank in April 1997 until the present time.

Her dedication to serving Cross Plains and this area has been evident throughout her tenure. Margaret's extensive

experience has proven invaluable throughout the years.

There will be an Open House held Friday, December 29th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Texas Heritage Insurance Agency. Customers and friends are invited to come by and visit and wish Margaret the best as she embarks on a new adventure.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

Library to Host "Ring of Fire" Listening on December 27th

The anniversary of the devastating fire is coming and nobody is looking forward to it. However, it did happen and it will forever remain a part of our history. A part of our history that brought out the best in us as we came together to meet the challenges of recovery and rebuilding. Challenges that still exist even as we celebrate the holidays in different environments with different possessions and different memories.

Public Libraries have a special role in the preservation of history and our own public library takes this role very seriously. We were very fortunate last January to be approached by Tumbleweed

Smith of "The Sound of Texas" radio series fame. His Oral Communications class at UT of Permian Basin had selected Cross Plains for their semester project and wanted to come to interview people with a fire story to share. About two dozen local folks were interviewed; the students worked these individual interviews into one story about that fateful day and sent the only copy back to us.

Appropriately named "The Ring of Fire", the CD was available for listening on Homecoming week-end and Jerry Biggerstaff has since linked it to the library website — www.crossplainslibrary.com where people can access it from their homes.

On Wednesday, December 27, the Library will be open until 6:00p.m. with multiple listening stations available for folks to listen to "The Ring of Fire" as well as to the individual interviews. Interview are indexed and folks can listen to just one individual or to all the tracks. New earphones are available for private listening and CD players can be used for group listening.

Library Board members are certainly willing to keep the library open for later listening if anybody wishes. Just call 725-7722 if you would like to come later than 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

REVIEW WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 25
FOR CHRISTMAS

SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER Christmas Dinner Set

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner will be held Thursday, December 21, at noon.

Baked ham, hot cranberry sauce, dressing with gravy, green beans, fruit salad, bread and tea will be served for the holiday meal.

Kathy Anderson, Center Director, invites everyone to join them for this special occasion. The food and fellowship will be outstanding!!!!

Texas Heritage Bank

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Memo on pick up schedules for Christmas and New Years

No pickup on Christmas Day 12/25/06
All pick ups will be 1 day behind, drivers are working Saturday 12/30/06

New Years Day 1/1/07 running as normal

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Alice, Sales Coordinator
Allied Waste

Cross Timbers Offering Seminary Extension

Cross Timbers association is offering in January 2007 **Pastoral Leadership in a Small Church**. This is a study of the unique dynamics of a small church, including suitable styles and methods of leadership. Textbooks: "Leading the Small Church" by McCarty

"Small Churches are the Right Size" by Ray. We will meet at Breckenridge beginning January 18th and complete the course by May 17th. If you would like to take part in this study or would like to see about any class forming in your area, contact **Baylis Pope at 254-725-7749 by December 28th.**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Several months ago I volunteered to head an effort to obtain an electronic sign to advertise Cross Plains events to the traveling public. I now find myself unable to continue in this effort and I wanted to tell the citizens of Cross Plains of this change in my situation. Should there be anyone who is able to take this effort in hand, let

me know and I will give them the information I have gathered. I still feel this to be a worthy effort and hope someone can take over where I left off. For those who supported this effort, my thanks. For anyone I may have annoyed with my persistence my apologies. **Jerry Biggerstaff**

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX
Pastor: Walter Pope
 Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Study...7:00 PM
Our Church Is A House Of Prayer

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 16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas
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Every Sunday at 10:30 am
 Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)
Al Taylor, Preacher
 Phone: 254-725-7522
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clower
 254-725-7574
 Sunday School.....10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS, TX
Welcomes You!
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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 "Restoring & Equipping The Saints & Sharing The Gospel of The Kingdom"
 It's not about where you've been... It's about where God wants you to go!
 Sun 10 am * Mon Prayer 7 pm * Thurs 7 pm
 Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson
For Info: Call (254) 725-7418

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
 Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00
 Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
 Church (254) 725-6266
 Friendly Church Bible Teaching

OBITUARIES

Hollis Williams Shults, Sr.

Hollis Williams Shults, Sr., age 88, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in Brownwood. Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in May at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2006 with Jim Senkel officiating. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery. Hollis was born in Brown County, Texas to James Jefferson and Ida Mae (Williams) Shults on November 28, 1918. He was a graduate of Rising Star High School and went on to earn his Masters Degree in education. Hollis served in the U.S. Navy. He taught in several schools including Seminole High School

for 23 years, until he retired to the farm in Brown County. Hollis married Lyda Lee Armstrong on August 22, 1944 in Brown County, Texas. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Lyda Lee, and a daughter, Linda Jean Guerry. He is survived by his sons, Joe Shults of Cross Plains and Hollis W. Shults, Jr. and wife Cherry of Rising Star; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 160, Cross Plains, TX 76443.



GARY DEAN TYLER Gary Dean Tyler

Gary Dean Tyler of Clyde, age 54, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2006 in Abilene, Texas. Funeral services will be

held at the graveside at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, December 21, 2006 with Michael Ingram officiating; burial will follow in the Old Cottonwood Cemetery. Gary was born in Borger, Texas to Deward Dean and Wanda (Ingram) Tyler on September 4, 1952. He was an electrician and a Baptist. He is survived by a son Brandon Dean Tyler of Abilene; daughter Aleasha Duncan of Abilene; mother Wanda Tyler of Clyde; brother Randy Tyler of Clyde; sister Rhonda Houston of Hobbs, NM; grandsons Zachary Duncan, Bryson Tyler and Trace Tyler. He was preceded in death by his father. Visitation will be at Higginbotham Funeral Home Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for family and friends.

Justin Andrew 'Andy' Rutledge

RISING STAR —Funeral services for Justin Andrew "Andy" Rutledge, 25, of Rising Star were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2006, at First Baptist Church of Rising Star with Ministers David Pate and Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was beside his brother, Steve Rutledge, at the Rising Star Cemetery under the direction of Summers-Chambers Funeral Home of Cisco.

He died Monday, December 11, 2006. Andy was born October 21, 1981, in Cisco, the son of Jacky Wayne Rutledge and Rosalie (Scoville) Rutledge. Survivors include his father, Jack Rutledge and wife Sherry of May; his mother, Rosalie Scoville of Florida; and his daughter, Kaley Paige Rutledge and her mother, Alisha Holden of Rising Star.

Steven Patrick 'Steve' Rutledge

RISING STAR —Funeral services for Steven Patrick "Steve" Rutledge, 21, of May were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2006, at First Baptist Church of Rising Star with Ministers David Pate and Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was beside his brother, Andy Rutledge, at the Rising Star Cemetery under the direction of Summers-Chambers Funeral

Home of Cisco. He died Monday, December 11, 2006. Steve was born June 11, 1985, in Brownwood, the son of Jacky Wayne Rutledge and Rosalie (Scoville) Rutledge. Survivors include his father, Jack Rutledge and wife Sherry of May; his mother, Rosalie Scoville of Florida.

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for him to land the plane on Iwo Jima, an island which the U.S. Marines had wrestled from the enemy just a few months earlier. On May 5, 1945, on a run to Japan, his plane encountered wind sheer inside a thunderstorm. In order to regain control of the plane Jack maneuvered the loaded plan through a loop, causing the bomb load to rip from the racks through the bomb bay doors. He was able to fly the wreckage to a safe landing on Iwo Jima. On the return from a bombing run on May 14th a typhoon swept into the area, closing access to the main B-29 bases. All planes were diverted to Iwo Jima. Jack piloted the missions to be flown, that of dropping food, clothing and medical supplies for the prisoners of war camps located around Japan. He piloted his plan on three such missions.

to the Far East, including a friendly visit to Japan, the country Jack had flown over as a bomber pilot. Jack's primary hobby was flying and he owned two different planes in which the couple sometimes traveled. He sold his plane in 1979 and bought a travel trailer and they continued their travels, logging over 100,000 miles with it in tow. They visited many of the reunions of Jack's B-29 military wing and crew, set in various U.S. cities.

While stationed in Clovis, Jack was introduced by letter to Kathryn Roberta Bledsoe of Lubbock. The introduction came at the suggestion of Kathryn's sister, Lois, as she and Jack rode a bus between Clovis and Lubbock. Jack and Kathryn corresponded during this time at Clovis and while he was overseas. Upon Jack's return to the states in November 1945 the couple met face to face for the first time, were engaged and married December 3, 1945 in Lubbock. They later made their home in Cross Plains where Jack was employed at Citizens State Bank. He was involved with the bank for 34 years, retiring in 1980 as bank president. Through the years Jack and Kathryn were active in church, community and school affairs. They traveled extensively, visiting more than 40 countries and, with the exception of Antarctica, stepped foot on every continent of the world. They made a sojourn

Jack maintained a workshop at his home where he created beautiful pieces of furniture for friends and family. Other hobbies included gardening, reading and square dancing. He had an interest in sailing and built a sailboat. He was professional photographer for a while. He served on the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. Jack was a confirmed member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coleman, where he was a lay reader and served on the Bishop's Committee. Wife Kathryn died on June 28, 2002 after lingering illness. The next year Jack moved into a retirement facility in Carrollton, to be closer to son, Jack, Jr. and daughter, Julie. There he met Dorothy Ewing. They were married on August 29, 2003.

Memorials in Jack's honor may be made to the Cross Plains Library, P.O. Box 333, Cross Plains, TX 76443, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 185, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or a charity of your choice. Pallbearers were nephews, Tom Tunnell, Missouri City; Paul Stasney, College Station; Rufus Duncan, Lufkin; and Robert Jones of Lubbock. Others serving were Wimpy McCoy and Dale Mitchell, both of Cross Plains.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding
Misdemeanor Filings
 Shawn J. Ballard, claiming lotto prize by fraud.
 Deborah Jo Chrane, deadly conduct.
 Jonathan T. Wiley, theft.
 Cory M. Stowers, theft.
 Billy Wayne Sanders, possession of marijuana.
 Bobby D. Chittum, theft.
 John Christopher Stiles, open container.

Donald A. Dortman; Astray Rivera; Jocelyn Dawn Davis; Miguel Valeriano; Michael Andrew Cannon; Dale Matthew Miller; Jaime Loya; Brandon Lendermon; Culla Walden; David Garcia Hernandez; Dung Tran; Robert Jones; Adam McGill, Sr.; David Biehl; Robert Miller.
 Donna Reid, judgment revoking probation granted.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 William B. Harmon, order for withdrawal of counsel granted.
 Amelia Kinser, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 20 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$256 court costs.
 Cristie Immel, motion to withdraw as surety granted.
 John Tijerina, Jr., motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Ashley McGinnis, motion to revoke probation granted.
 End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Tommy Lee Foster; Mary Elizabeth Closs-Dugan.
 End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation:

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding
Civil Filings
 The State of Texas vs. Robert L. Adkins, judgment nisi.
 Daniel Glenn Taylor and Marsha Kay McGaughey Taylor, divorce.
 The State of Texas vs. real property known as 140 E. 7th St. Baird, Tx., notice of seizure and forfeiture.

Civil Minutes
 Countryplace Mortgage, Ltd. vs. Jack M. Boehnlein and Chlora M. Boehnlein, default judgment granted, plaintiff to claim liquidated amount of \$62,244.82 from defendant.
 Daniel Brady Martin and Cecelia Ann Martin, divorce granted.

Thank You God For The Healing Rain

First Baptist Church
Sunday
 9:45 am Bible Study
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wednesday
 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
Ronnie B. White, Pastor
 (254) 725-7629
 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

PLEASE COME JOIN THE First United Methodist Church
 Worshipping with the First United Presbyterian Church
 200 Ave D & 2nd Street
 Sunday School 9:30AM
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM
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 Thursday Jean's Feed Barn
Jim Senkel, Pastor
 Church 254-725-7377 Cell 325-280-8480

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Methodist Church Gets Response
George and Marsha Ossowski of Granbury, Texas, writes "Dear Mr. Bennett, Please accept the enclosed donation for preservation of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We are so appreciative this wonderful

building is getting a "face lift"! Additionally we have included a small donation for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Dept. We were not sure where to send this - Anything we can do to help please contact us."

That's the spirit. It is great to know that people are willing to

step up to the plate and swing the bat.

Thanks to the Ossowski's, and to others who have made donations, they keep coming in and are adding up. Please send donations to, Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, Texas, 76443.

RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

The residents Christmas Party is Thursday the 21st at 6:00. All family and friends are invited to come. Sandwiches, chips and dips will served. Santa will be making his appearance. First United Methodist Church Choir members will be here to sing carols for us.

Our birthday party for the residents is the 28th at 2:00. Those with birthdays are Volley Joe Williams, Elizabeth Chamberlain and Pauline Regian.

Employees with December birthdays are: Ava Dodd and Dorthy Horrell. Jim Walker will be providing the entertainment for us. Family and friends are welcome to come.

Appreciation to Regie, Glenda and Cindy Barr for the jars of candy and stuffed animals, to the GA's for the delicious cookies they made, and to our special friend for the cute living tree plants from Tim's Floral. God Bless.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the talented Tumbler's perform for us this week. Many thanks to their instructor, Mindy for coming.

Wherever You Go, Whatever You Do, This Is Our Holiday With For You - May You Hold In Your Heart A Star From Above; May It Bring To You Peace, And Light, And Love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

QUILTING Today in Cross Plains

By Barbara Powell

Quilting today probably isn't much different than it was seven-teen years ago when Jessie Casey formed the first group. No one knows how many beautiful quilts have been completed over those years. Lena Gage has done a wonderful job in keeping the quilting process running smoothly.

We have one or two quilts in the frames at all times. When we have quilted a quilt for each member of our group, we then do what we call a pay quilt. We just completed a pay quilt, 'Shadow Box' for Myrna Mitchell. The cost varies according to the size of the top. We are now quilting on Lena Gage's beautiful 'Fan Quilt'. We quilters really enjoy quilting on the beautiful and sometimes unusual quilts for others. Quilting is no only a fun activity, we are creating heirlooms that may be passed down through the generations.

Several of our quilters attended the brunch given at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. They had a wonderful luncheon plus having the opportunity to view the beautiful quilts and handwork that had been donated.

If anyone is interested in quilting or learning to quilt, you are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at the American Legion Building.

QUIPS, CLIPS AND COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Comment: All my rowdy friends are coming over tonight; bologna, bread, scrambled eggs and gravy!

"Gonna Rock, Gonna Rock Around the Clock Tonight"

I've been thinking again. Sometimes that's good and sometimes it's not so good, maybe even bad. Guess it just depends on what you are thinking about.

It appears to me that little old topsy, turvy Christmas spirit, has been very, very, very busy. He has gone from door to door, from person to person enthusing each one with that Joyous Christmas Spirit! Oh what glorious tempestuous music and singing fell upon the ears of the beholders.

Here are some small snack foods: Peel a fresh pumpkin, butternut squash or sweet potato then bake or boil.

Add 2 packs of Sweet and Low, 3 eggs, 2 tsp of vanilla extract, 1 tsp cinnamon; 1 tsp all spice; 1/2 cup flour, blend well.

Add 2 drops red food coloring and 3 drops yellow food coloring. Blend well.

Spread 1 sheet of wax paper on your cutting board or counter top. Place about 2 X 2 of the pumpkin, squash or sweet potato mixture on the wax paper. Then place a large marshmallow in the center.

Turn your oven to 300 degrees to preheat, next take another sheet of wax paper and spread nearby. Place 1 to 2 cups of cereal, such as Post Toasties, Branflakes, etc. on the wax paper. Roll the marshmallows around covering it well, then take the ends of the wax paper and fold over the cereal. Take the rolling pin and roll it over the wax paper crushing the cereal lightly.

Spread the sheet of wax paper and taking a tablespoon, pick up 2 tbsp. of the crushed dry cereal.

Take another tbsp. and fill with a heaping spoon full of sweet potatoes, drop directly atop the dried cereal. Place a small mushroom or 2 into the center.

Add about 1 tsp. coconut, top with another spoon of sweet potatoes, push edges together and sprinkle with crushed cereal.

Take a cookie sheet or other large flat pan and when your sheet is full, bake at 350 degrees.

I am listing other fillings to use: almonds (either whole or slivered), a pecan half, cranberry sauce 1 tsp., raisins, dates (chopped) or 1/2 a walnut.

You can serve them with the small marshmallows. Two or three should be just about right. The kids like them, as they are warm and sweet. Adults like them as they are very versatile and will fit in with just about any entree. It can be slightly altered and then it is just great with Mexican food or pizza with spinach, onion and mushroom salad.

They are wonderful on a chafing dish, right beside your luncheon or dinner plate and as appetizers at a party.

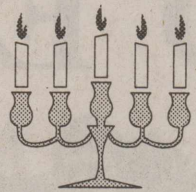
Here are other appetizers that are simple to make and great to eat. Men really seem to like these. Use Cheddar, Swiss, a sharp or mild Colby cheese and Monterey Jack. Cut into 4 inch squares, cut frankfurters into 3 inch pieces or use German sausage. Stick a tooth pick in. Use dill pickles or any type pickle you desire. Take the pickle and cut it in half, lay the pickle down on the cheese, fasten it to the cheese with a toothpick. Now taking the frankfurter, you prepared earlier stick the end of it into the pickle on the cheese.

This can be more versatile by using Colby cheese and green or black olives with squares of roast beef; or use one square of ham, Swiss cheese, a small ball shaped tomato and the top of green onion.

Happy Holidays !!!!!!!

DUSTY HARGROVE, WE WILL NOT FORGET YOU AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU NOT BEING WITH US THIS CHRISTMAS.

WE LITTLE KNEW THAT MORNING THAT GOD WAS GOING TO CALL YOUR NAME.



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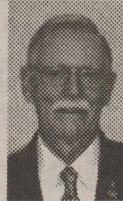
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Says Dennis (the Menace) to the preacher as he comes out of the church building: "Gold, Incense, an' Myrrh? That's not the kind of presents I'd want for Christmas!"

Well, we might expect kids to think that way—and to not think any more highly of Christmas than that. But I'm wondering where they learned it? I hope we will all stop and remember that it's not just some "sayings"—"It's not the gift, it's the giver," or "It's not the gift, rather the spirit in which it is given," or even Jesus' statement, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35b)—rather, some real truisms. And remember that God gave the greatest gift ever, that of eternal life. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).

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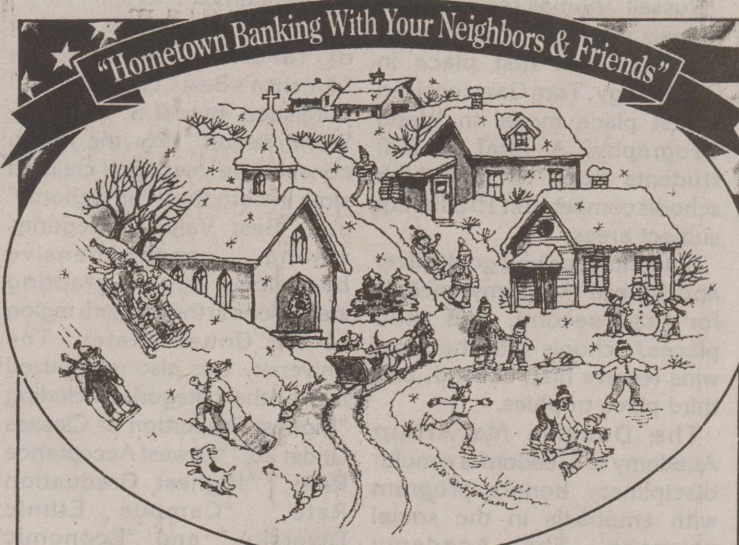
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The Joy of Christmas

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C. P. STUDENT REVIEW

Thursday, December 21st



**JV Girls
and Varsity Boys**

Play in Moran @ 4:30

Junior High Girls Basketball Report

The Jr. High Girls played two (2) more games the last two (2) weeks plus the gold team traveled to Hamlin to play in a tournament.

The Purple girls team played Albany first in a very close ball game the girls lost 12 to 11. It was close the entire game and they had chances to win but the shots did not fall for the girls. Scoring and playing was Rosa Salazar 6 pts, Tori Robertson 5 pts, Shelby Ames, Kenzie Taff, Charleen Avants, Sammie Tollett, and Rachelle Allen. In their second game, the girls played Eula. This game was even more exciting than their Albany game. The girls won the game 10 to 8, making two free throws in the last few minutes of the game to win. Scoring and playing was Rosa Salazar 4 pts, Charleen Avants 2 pts, Rachelle Allen 2 pts, Shelby Ames 1 pt, Tori Robertson 1 pt, Sammie Tollett.

The gold team played Albany and lost 39 to 11. Scoring and playing was Lauren Goode, 5 pts, Madison Wells 4 pts, Kodi

Roberts 2 pts, Samantha Dickson, Lana Gary, Delany Ames, Miranda Williams, Savana Wyatt, Shawna Lewis and Zoie Walker. The girls next game was against Eula losing 26 to 8. Scoring was Lauren Goode 5pts, Kodi Roberts 2 pts, and Zoie Walker 1 pt. The girls then traveled to play Hamlin in their tournament. The girls lost 38 to 9. Scoring was Madison Wells 1 pt, Lauren Goode 3 pts, Savanna Wyatt 5 pts and Delany Ames 1 pt. The girls next game was against Rotan, losing the game 22 to 21, this game was close at all times, with the girls missing to many close in shots, and overall it was the girls best game. Playing and scoring was Samantha Dickson 2 pts, Delany Ames 2 pts, Madison Wells 2 pts, Lauren Goode 8 pts, Savana Wyatt 2 pts, Zoie Walker 5 pts, also playing in the game was Lana Gary and Kodi Roberts. The girls next game is after Christmas break, January 8th, in Cross Plains when they play Winters.

Submitted by Coach Atchley

Two Cross Plains students win medals in academic competition at HPU

Two Cross Plains High School students won medals in the small school division of the 11th annual Academy Scholastic Contest hosted by Howard Payne University's Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom. The contest was held on the HPU campus on December 8.

Russell Thomas received two medals placing first in English Grammar and first place in Psychology. Tom Gary received a first place medal in World Geography. A total of 222 students from 15 area high schools competed in 15 different subject areas.

Students received gold, silver and bronze Academy medals for first, second, and third places. Schools with the most wins receive first, second, and third place trophies.

The Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom is a multi-disciplinary honors program with emphasis in the social sciences. The Academy provides a broad-based, liberal arts education firmly rooted in Christian values, Western civilization and free enterprise.

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liberal arts, pre-professional, and honors studies, as well as a graduate program to its students. Located on a residential main campus in Brownwood, Texas, and at seven extension centers across the state, the university is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

HPU received a record number of favorable rankings in "America's Best Colleges 2007," published by "U.S. News & World Report." For the fourth consecutive year, HPU claimed slots in both the "Top Schools" and "Best Value" categories among comprehensive bachelor's degree-granting institutions in the Western region of the United States. The university was also recognized in five other categories including "Highest Proportion of Classes Under 20," "Lowest Acceptance Rate," "Highest Graduation Rate," "Campus Ethnic Diversity," and "Economic Diversity."

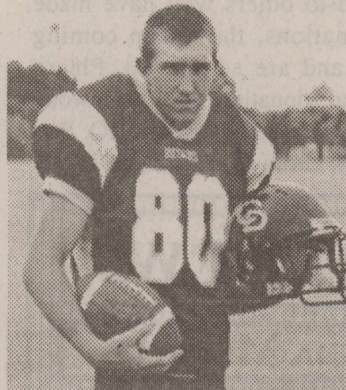
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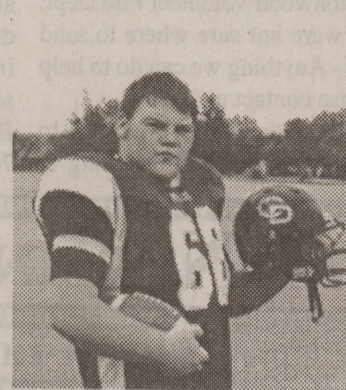


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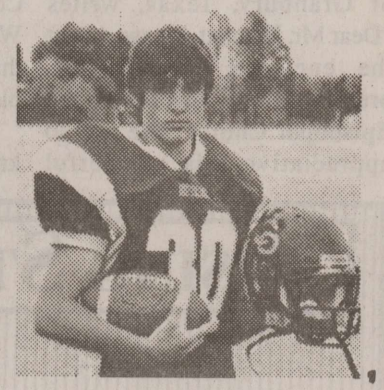
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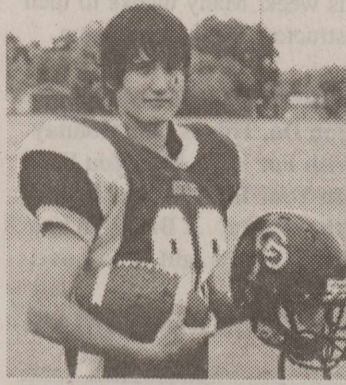
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1st Team - TE



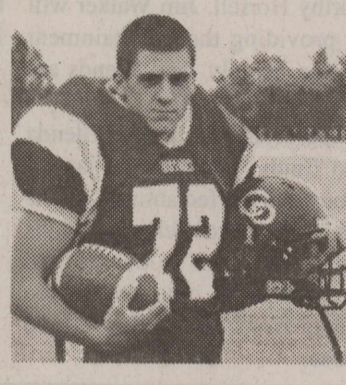
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1st Team - OL



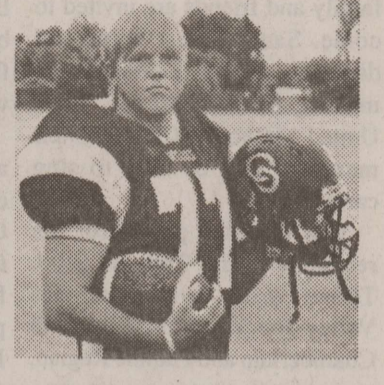
SEAN WILLIAMS, SR.
2nd Team - RB



JUSTIN DICKSON, SR.
2nd Team - REC

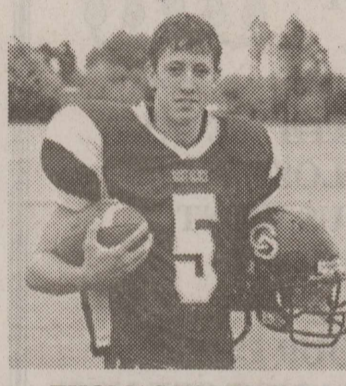


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Honorable Mention - OL

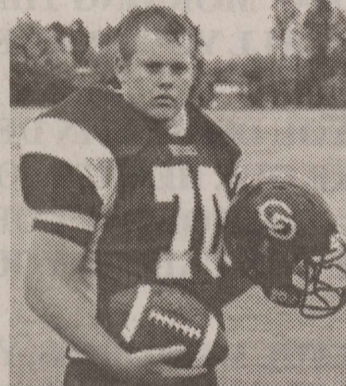


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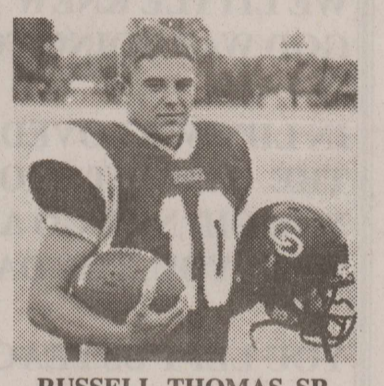
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THOMAS ESTES, SR.
2nd Team - DB



ZACH BENNETT, SR.
2nd Team - DL



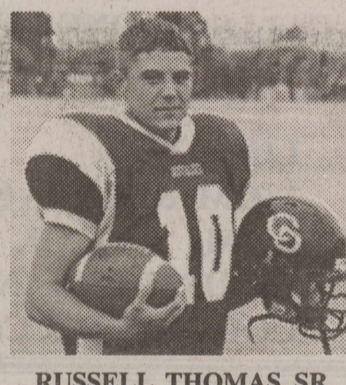
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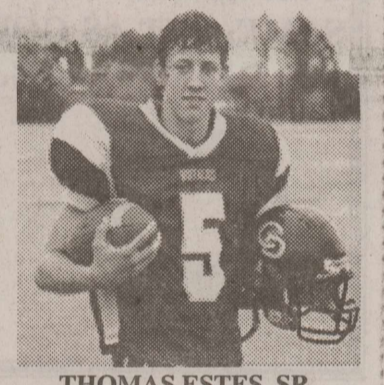
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ACADEMIC TEAM



RUSSELL THOMAS, SR.



THOMAS ESTES, SR.

Swearing in of new Callahan County Officials

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Tuesday, December 19th	School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20th	School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

**Christmas Holidays
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The Cross Plains High School AG and FFA made their third annual trip to deliver fruit to feed the homeless. This year they delivered to the Mission as well as the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Kyle Cunningham, Josh Radle, Bryce Bowden, Cody Hyles and Mr. Roy Richey delivered 250 cases of apples and oranges. They received a tour of the shelter, an educational explanation of homelessness and how it relates to drug and alcohol additions. In the picture below a young man who lives on the streets asked for an orange while they were being unloaded. We later learned he is on a waiting list for the drug addiction unit run by the shelter. Many thanks to Mr. Richey and the students for making the extra effort to provide this fruit.



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 Mrs. Bertha Hoyt
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 Ida Witney
 Brian Haun
 Vanessa (Taff) Mathison
 Sheila McWherson
 Laura Johnson
 Danielle Marion

DECEMBER 24
 Judy Steele
 Tonya (Steele) Berge
 Courtney Taylor
 Dena Jo Nickerson
 Justin Richey
 Mike Moore
 Frankie McGough
 Christy (Dewbre) Fox
 Patrica Webb
 Getrude McIntoch
 Carol (Foster) Bectold
 Ethel Eastham
 Mrs. Emma Morgan
 Jim Alexander
 Lacy J. Koenig
 Christy Driskill
 Brandi Hutton
 Rita Falkner
 Theresa Adams
 James Conor Sweetman

DECEMBER 25
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 Robert Floyd
 Leanne Gibson
 Donald Stover
 Leslie Reed

Karin Sabatis
 Wesley Webb
 Brent Hutchins
 Blanche Thrasher
 Charlotte (Brown) Lee
 Roger Crawford
 Joseph Jackson
 Daniel Bushnell

DECEMBER 26
 Lindsey Ames
 Jay Ringhoffer
 Bill Slate
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 Loy Thompson
 Lisa Sims
 Brandon Jones

DECEMBER 27
 Belva Gwinn
 Mrs. Elmer Wilson
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 Bobby Lawrence
 Dr. Mickey Bush
 Norma Proctor
 John Ross McCaghren
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 Patricia (Lee) Higgins

DECEMBER 28
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 Brian Sibley
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Liveoak Land and Real Estate welcomes Inga Brennan

Inga Brennan, a Texas Licensed Real Estate agent has accepted an invitation to work with Liveoak Land and Real Estate.

Inga is no stranger to Callahan and Eastland counties. She is the daughter of Travis and Wanda Williams. Travis worked with W.T.U. in the area before retiring. Inga attended school and grew up in Rising Star. She lived in "foreign countries" like California and Kentucky before returning to the great state of Texas and her old stomping ground.

Inga is married to Mike Brennan, a Physician Assistant with Heart of Texas Medical Group. Inga & Mike have four

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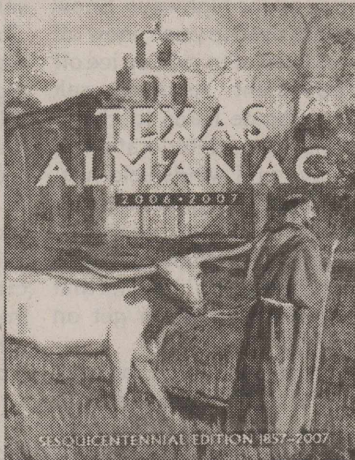
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Commissioners approve 2007 county holiday list

Callahan County Commissioners approved the list of county observed holidays for 2007 during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, December 11th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the county holiday list for 2007.

The county holidays include:
Monday, January 1: New Year's Day.
Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King Day.
Monday, February 19: Presidents Day.
Friday, April 6: Good Friday.
Monday, May 28: Memorial Day.
Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day.
Monday, September 3: Labor Day.
Monday, October 8: Columbus Day.
Friday, November 9: Veterans Day.
Thursday/Friday, November 22-23: Thanksgiving.
Monday/Tuesday, December 24-25: Christmas.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tommy Holland and Precinct #4 Commissioner Doris Grider. Also present at the meeting were County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—The minutes of the November 27th commissioners' court meeting were approved as presented.

—There was no public comments received.

—County Extension Agent Robert Pritz gave the annual report for 2006. Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve the annual report for 2006. Commissioner Farmer seconded and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve a set amount of \$2,500.00 limit for Justice Technology Fund to be used by the Justice of Peace without going before the commissioners' court each time for permission. Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Cross Plains Precinct #4 Constable Bill Young resubmitted expenses incurred during the Cross Plains wildfire, less FEMA payment. Mr. Young stated he should be paid as a matter of

principle. Judge Corn read the Local Government code 86.021 stating the duties of a Constable. Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay approved bills. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all approved bills except the ones submitted

Commissioners approve order restricting use of fireworks in County

On the 11th day of December, 2006, first having determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing, the Commissioners' Court adopted the following order effective immediately:

ORDER RESTRICTING USE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

A. No persons may detonate, ignite, or in any way use certain aerial fireworks in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this order.

Order prohibiting certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County

Callahan County officials approved an order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

At the December 11th meeting, Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to approve an Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Callahan County. Commissioner Doris Grider seconded and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

A. A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way of a county road.

B. If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fire-

works is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civ. St. Art 62011-1 (a) (2),

2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation,

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults,

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

C. An offensive under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

APPROVED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

(s) Roger Corn
 County Judge

(s) Harold Hicks
 Commissioner Precinct #1

(s) Bryan Farmer
 Commissioner Precinct #2

(s) Tommy Holland
 Commissioner Precinct #3

(s) Doris Grider
 Commissioner Precinct #4

(s) Jeanie Bohannon
 Attest: County Clerk

December 29th Deadline for next Welding Class

Abilene, Texas—During the summer of 2006, a consortium was formed, consisting of the City of Abilene, the Workforce Center, Cisco Junior College, and the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, to address labor shortages in welding by a number of area businesses. A training curriculum was developed by Cisco Junior College in coordination with four local business, including Rentech Services, Inc., Hirschfeld Steel, Lauren Engineers & Contractors, Inc., and Robinson

Fans. The Workforce center handled the application and screening of potential students. Two classes of fourteen welders each completed a 120-hour express welding course, which consisted of four weeks of welding at CJC, and one week of basic employment skills training at the Workforce Center. A job fair was conducted for each class, and all graduates have secured employment as welders.

The application and screening process has already begun for a third welding class, scheduled to begin on January

22, 2007. Interested individuals should visit the Workforce Center website at www.workforcesystem.org to download an application packet. The information may be accessed by clicking on "Fast Track Welding" in the column at the left. The deadline to submit completed application forms is December 29th. Previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply. For additional information, contact the Business Services Unit at the Workforce Center at (325) 795-4200.

Tx-Dot's Abilene District prepares for more winter storms, drivers should be ready too

ABILENE, Texas – With the first major winter storm behind us, maintenance forces in the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene District are gearing up to protect the traveling public and roadway against the next ice and snow conditions.

The district has a fleet of vehicles stationed at every maintenance office in its 13-county area that is equipped to combat snow and ice in the winter. Counties in the Abilene District include Callahan, Borden, Fisher, Howard, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Stonewall, Scurry, Shackelford, and Taylor.

Dump trucks are fitted with v-box spreaders on the back, and as needed, snow plows on the front. The v-box spreaders are used to spread Meltdown-20, otherwise known as magnesium chloride on the highways. Snow plows are used to push snow off the roadway or to pick up ice off the pavement. As sand, salt and aggregate leads to clean-up conditions, deterioration of roadways and windshield hits, the Abilene District limits its use of sand and aggregate to emergency conditions such as steep hills and to aid trucks that need more traction to get on their way.

"On occasion," Brian Crawford, said, "we are questioned as to

whether we are working the roadways as the public cannot see any aggregate or sand on the pavement. However, because we use Meltdown-20 which melts on contact with moisture, the visual effect is not evident." Crawford is the district's director of maintenance.

"Meltdown-20 is a granular substance that draws moisture from the ice, snow, and air to form a brine that breaks the bond between the ice, or snow, and the roadway surface. Therefore,

Meltdown-20 is generally not visible to the traveling public, but it is still actively working to melt the ice and snow. In addition," Crawford said, "we can effectively treat roadways using Meltdown-20 at a lower overall cost that we can when using aggregate, sand, and or salt."

TxDOT's maintenance forces work the most heavily traveled highways first. After the high priority roadways are passable, they focus on the less traveled routes. Initial efforts are directed to locations where drivers are most vulnerable, such as bridges, overpasses, hills, curves, ramps, and interchanges.

Once called into action, the Abilene District maintenance

crews continue to work around the clock to clear roadways until the storm has passed.

"The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority, and we respond to snow and ice situations as quickly as possible," Crawford, said.

Motorists can also do their part by driving carefully and:

• **Use caution when driving over bridges and overpasses.** These are the first to freeze.

• **Reduce speed and drive with caution.** A vehicle needs at least three times more space to stop on a slick roadway. Visibility can also be reduced during winter weather conditions.

• **Be patient.** Your trip time – including short commutes to work – could increase when adverse weather conditions exist.

• **Winterize vehicles before traveling during adverse weather.** Check fuel, tire, oil, and antifreeze levels. Make sure heater, brakes, and windshield wipers are working properly.

• **Check area weather conditions on radio or television before starting a trip.**

• Motorists can also call TxDOT's toll-free highway conditions line at 800-452-9292 or go on-line to www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm.

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By Barbara Holmes Worcester

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More than nineteen hundred years ago, there was born a man contrary to the laws of life. He was born to poor parents. He did not travel extensively. Only once did he cross the borders of the country in which he lived.

In infancy, He startled a king. He puzzled the doctors. In manhood he ruled the course of nature, walking upon the billows as if they were pavement and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service. He never wrote a book and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold all the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song and yet he furnished the theme for more songs than all of the songwriters combined. He never founded a college but all the schools to-

gether cannot boast of having as many students. He never practiced medicine, yet he has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

He never marshaled an army nor drilled a soldier or fired a gun and yet no leader had more volunteers who have, under his orders, made rebels stack their guns and surrender without a shot being fired.

Every seventh day, the wheels of commerce slow and multitudes wend their way to worshiping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone but the name of this man abounds more and more.

Though time has spread more than nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not kill Him, satan* could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth on the highest pinnacle of glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints and feared by devils as a personal Christ, our Lord and Savior! He is INCOMPARABLE !!

*I refuse to dignify this name with a capital letter.

The next one is also one of my

favorites.

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village where He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled a hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials except himself. He was only thirty three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched all the navies that ever sailed all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

The authors of both of these pieces are unknown.

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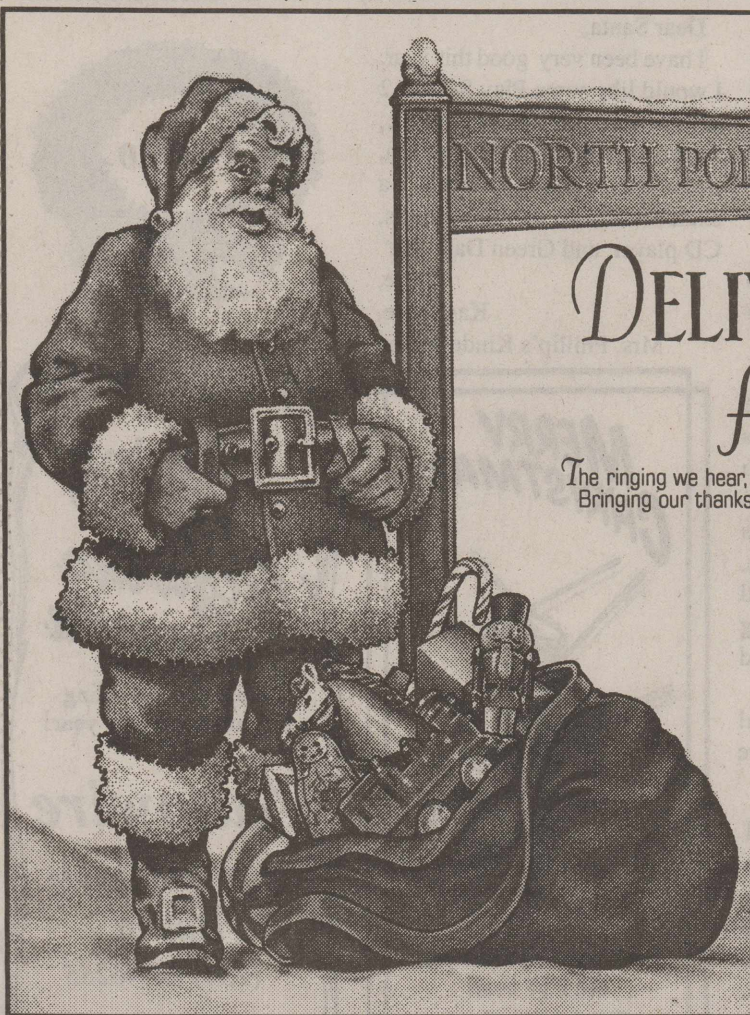
At The Cross Plains Review

Callahan County Cordially Invites you to a Reception in Honour of Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk & Rolan Jones, Justice of the Peace, Pct. # 4 who are celebrating their retirement from dedicated service to the County Thursday, December 28, 2006 2:00 - 4:00 PM Callahan County District Court Room (Third Floor)

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The ringing we hear, could be Santa's sleigh
Bringing our thanks and warm wishes your way
Along with our hopes for peace on earth
And a season that's filled with joy and mirth.
So wherever you're headed and whatever you do
May our glad tidings travel with you!

The Cross Plains Review
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Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle to ride in the pasture. I also want some more John Deere tractors. I need some more Wrangler jeans.
Jerrid Tennison,
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I think I have been good this year. I know you'll be really busy this year, but what I would really like for Christmas is a fire truck, and a Busslight year toy, race car toy and a ride in Santa's sleigh with all the reindeer and Rudolf, too.
Thank you your friend,
Jared Fulcher
age 4, Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a Muscle Machine Car, a Muscle Man, a talking Pickachoo Pokemon, a Thomas train, a Spinder Man toy, a stuff puppy dog, some color little man, something with Lilo and Stitch the series, a Power Ranger toy, and another football.
Yours truly,
Randy, Jr.

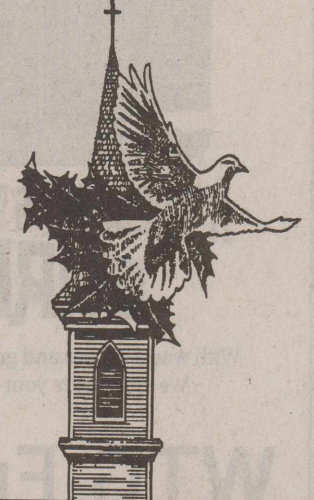
Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, My name is Lexie. I am 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. This year I would like a barbie house, more barbies, a barbie pool, a barbie horse, a handheld V-Smile and games. Hope all is well at the North Pole. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Also I will leave some hay and water for the reindeer.

Share The Faith

May you and your loved ones find inspiration as we celebrate the blessings of this wondrous season.

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Santa Claus letters are published in their originality—without corrections.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lane. I would like a horse, a new truck and a computer. I want you to bring my sister a new doll and a horse. I would also like a new farm with cows.
I have been good,
Lane McGinn

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Richard and for Christmas I would like a Lightning McQueen TV, a bed for Lightning McQueen, some race car toys and a Lightning McQueen toy box.
Love,
Richard Gregory

Dear Santa,
Are you having fun in your workshop? I have been a good boy. I would like some toys for Christmas. Please bring me some transformers, a spyro video game, spy gear and guns that make sounds.
I Love You Santa,
Tyler Nichols, 5 yrs old
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Please come by my house on Christmas. It will be all lit up and all my cousins will be there. I would like for you to bring me a space ship toy, more farm animals, and maybe some dinosaurs.
I really need some new boots and a cowboy hat. If you have any green chaps (that are short enough), throw them in, too.
I really like your reindeer!

Love,
Lexie Thompson 4 years old,
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K
P.S.: Please bring my brother Zach a pellet gun. He has been pretty good this year.

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me some games, Xbox, boots, and a truck.
Love,
Ashton

All We Want For Christmas...

is to say, "Merry Christmas and many thanks!" We really appreciate your being so nice to us.

Cross Plains P.T.O.

- Tina Wyatt-President
- Amber Thomas-Vice President
- Stephanie Thompson-Reporter
- April Cowan Treasurer
- Amber Kleiber Secretary



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Power Ranger that explodes when he takes off. Please bring my mama something and my PaPa needs motorcycle tires. Please send someone to fix my motorcycle, it broke. Please tell Mama Clause hello!

Love You,
Josh Wilson

P.S. Santa: I want a jelly-fish net so I can have some jelly when I catch them. I need a family chair too.

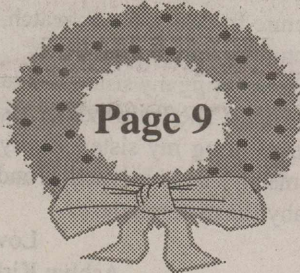
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. So I wanted to let you know that I would really like to have a walking my little pony and my walls to be painted green like Makayla's and if you could bring baby Ryan something too.

Thank You,
Haley

Love you,
Keegan King
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Busby. I have been a kind of good girl. I want for Christmas some clothes, make-up, shoes, some more clothes, and a toy Ladybug car, more shoes, more toys.

Love,
Taylor Busby
Mrs. Apples's Pre-K



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- Crystal Davis, Agent (325) 370-7790
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Holiday Greetings From All Of Us

Callahan County

- Roger Corn--County Judge
- Tammy Walker--Tax Assessor-Collector
- Jeannie Bohannon--County Clerk
- Eddie Curtis--County Sherriff
- Sharon Owens--42nd District Clerk
- Dianne Alexander--County Treasurer
- Rolan Jones--Justice of the Peace
- Doris Grider--Commissioner

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? My mommy and daddy said to tell you that I've been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me a bicycle, some Barbies, some new DVD's, and some clothes? Please bring something for all the kids so everyone can have a Merry Christmas. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some carrots for your reindeer.

Love,
Madison Foster

Dear Santa,
My name is Livia. I have been good this year. I would like some make-up, socks, clothes, hat and gloves, and also if you can please bring me some know to play in.

Thanks,
Livia

Dear Santa,
I would like a tool set, a big train set and new clothes.

Thanks,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll.

Love,
Angelia Wahl

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. My wish list is: video games, tent, boots, clothes, Cars stuff, toy gun, football suit, Buffalo jersey, Tonka.

I Love You,
Sterling Switzer
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Tripp. I have been very good. I want a toy tractor, John Deere. I want a bike and a rope and a new saddle blanket.

Your friend,
Tripp Thomas
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
It is me, Kenzie. Thank you for all the good stuff you gave me last Christmas. This year I would like a new bicycle, some movies, and an easy bake oven. Bundle up tight so that you do not get sick. I will leave you some hot chocolate and some cookies.

Love,
Kenzie Kleiber, age 5
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten
P.S. Please bring my sister Brenna a game boy and some board games.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like please a Megazord. I want a Power Ranger too, please. I would also like a basketball hoop and a bug habitat and a bow and arrow. I would like a Spiderman that walks for Wade and a Puppy Alarm Clock for Mackenzie. Thank you.

Love,
Paxton Byrd

Dear Santa,
I want a Build-A-Bear Workshop kit, an mp3 player, a makeup shelf, Polar Express movie, music box, drum set, picture frames, a music watch, a picture of you, Santa.
Please bring my sister, Reagan, a Thomas The Train movie. Also, please bring my sister, Brailyn, some pink and blue clothes and a Baby Einstein movie.

Love,
Ashlyn Kirby

Dear Santa,
I hope this letter finds you doing well. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a kids camcorder. I would also like it if you would bring my sister a bog of coal, she has been bad this year.

Merry Christmas Love,
Larson Walker

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of brown boots. I want a rifle with a leveraction, and also a robot with a remote control.

Love,
Dawson

Dear Santa,
My name is Tandy. I have been a very good girl this year. I would like, make up, shoes, boots, phone, and some clothes. Also a movie or two. And a computer to play. I really need a video game too. And a bagpack.

Thank You,
Tandy

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. There is a blonde horse that's name is Butterscotch that I would like to have. I also want the Barbie with the horse that really walks that is a set. I also really like the Bratz, so one of the Bratz dolls would be nice. The last thing I am asking for is the Barbie dream house and some of the dolls with it.

Thank you Santa!
Kayla Stoudemire

Dear Santa,
My name is Hanna Fortune. I am 5 years old, and have been somewhat of a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a Barbie, Itch a Sketch, Furbie, clothes, boots, pajama's, Pixel Chich, and a color pixter. Please have a safe trip to my house. I will leave cookies and milk on the bar for you. Give Rudolph a big hug for me and have a Merry Christmas.

Love Always,
Hanna
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. I want a PBR bullriding set and a gator (the kind you ride on not the animal). Thank you so much.

Love,
Trenton Potter
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Hannah. I am 5 years old. I like cats and dogs. I also like playing with Barbie's and Bratz. I would like an Ariel Magical Talking Kitchen, I saw it on TV. I also saw an Ariel Makeup Kit that would be nice to have. I like horses. I would like a wreath for Christmas with red holly berries on it. I am going to color a picture for you. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Hannah Crockett
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like some Play Station 2 video games, (toys) Hulk, Superman, Batman, Spiderman, new skateboard shoes, a skateboard with spit fire wheels, CD player, and Green Day CD.

Love,
Kaydence,
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

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

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CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

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

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

THE CHILDRESS FAMILY

THE Spirit IS BUILDING!

The holiday spirit is building, and we want to add our best wishes and gratitude. Merry Christmas and a pile of thanks!

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It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!

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

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Dear Santa,

I have been waiting all year for Christmas, please bring me some Army soldiers, tanks, and helicopter. I really liked my cousin Breck's Army toys he got for his birthday. A new rifle would be nice, too.

Please bring me new boots, cowboy hat, and spurs.

Have a safe trip from the North Pole!

Love,
Kyler King
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I hope you have been watching. For Christmas this year I would like an artist set with everything. Are you getting the present ready? I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Jackilann
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Have a Happy Holiday! And lots of fun. How are your reindeer? How are you? I will have lots of cookies and milk waiting for you when you come to my house. If you can I would like the new snow cone maker for Christmas this year. Bring anything else you want to me. I will be please. Be careful and drive safe.

Thank You!
Kayden,
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten
P.S. Please bring my brother presents, too. His name is Strait.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie with clothes, a pony with a crown, a Bella Cheer set, and a play puppy.

Love,
Ashley Cochran, age 6
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to have a knife, gun, boots, jacket, sword, the movie Barnyard, and 2 games for my game cube. Don't forget my 3 sisters and my mom and dad. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Ky Stout
Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Bubba. I am 5 years old. This year I would like to have a motorcycle. I've been somewhat good this year, I think. My sisters haven't been good this year my mo says but can you bring them each a babydoll. We have no chimney but I'll sneak and open the door for you after mommy and daddy go to sleep. See you soon Santa and Merry Christmas to you and your elves!

Thank you,
Bubba
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Austin and I am 5 years old. I think I have been a good boy. I want a PS2 and a Spiderman game, and clothes.

I love you very much.
Austin Lee Chastain
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like a Dora jeep.

Love,
Mallory McCreedy
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like a Robot Reptile, a remote control truck, a Lightening McQueen are, a remote control airplane, a CD player, a batmobile car, and a race track. Please remember my brother Isaiah and my cousins Hannah and Cheyenne; they have been good this year also. I will leave you milk and cookies by my stocking.

Thank you,
Samuel Guerrero
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I would like a Butterscotch pony, a drum set, and a keyboard for Christmas. Can you bring my little sister a red tricycle too.

Love,
Jacy Bien
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

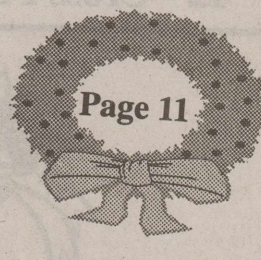
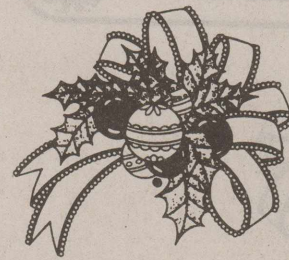
Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old. I am a good boy, my Nana said.

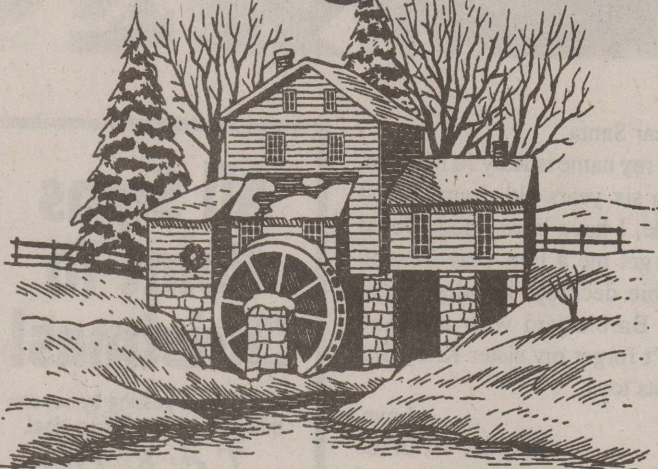
Please bring me a fire skate board, a gun, some cars and trucks, and a 4-wheeler.

I'll put cookies and milk by the tree for you.

Love,
Keegan Tillery



Merry Christmas



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

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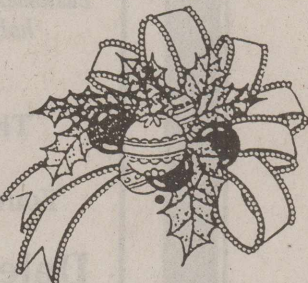
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Thank You!



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Happy Holidays

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

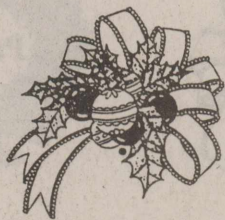
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To: Our Customers
From: All Of Us
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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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

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Holiday Greetings

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Customers.
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 Rusty, Debbie, Matt, Krisi, Ryan and Cody

Dear Santa,
 I want a teaching easel with lots of chalk and markers. I need clothes and shoes to.

Love,
 Kelsi Tennison
 Mrs. Hunter's 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like a cd for my cd player and an outfit for my build-a-bear and a new game for my V-Tech. My brother would like jeans and log sleeve shirts and a train set. And do not forget my Mommy and Daddy, please.

I will leave cookie and coke for you and your reindeer.

Love,
 Brittany Crouch

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like the Cheetah Girls 2 DVD, and any Cheetah stuff you have. Also a big erasier for school. Please bring me some new boots and house shoes. Also I would like new clothes. Please bring my Grandma a word search book, also please bring me baby alive. And bring Grandpaw house shoes. What I really want is for Sarah to come back to Cross Plains, Texas That is all I want.

Your friend,
 Shylar Tillery
 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want a Ring Watch, Power Ranger training kit, a wrist watch, a compus, Spy gear alarm kit, a spy gear video car, a club house, a lock to the club house, a motorized four wheeler, a Hyper scan video game, a Nintendo, A X-box 360, a big stereo like Jr's, shell shocker, a cell phone, a fake 10,000 dollar bill, and Air blade, a zoom box.

Sencerly your friend,
 Charles Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,
 Me and my siter has been very good this year the things I want are a sled, jeans, boots with spurs on them, surts, and toy truck, and toy horses. But most of all Santa Claus is my whole family together, and my sister wants a doll house, a play horse, and coths, and lots of toys. Well that's all and my name is Michael and my sisters name is Kaitlyn.

Thank you,
 Michael Foster

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a new comforter for my bed, sparkely ear-rings, and any U.T. Stuff you can find. I would really like a i pod that you can change the color on.

Your friend,
 Jurnee Thomas
 P.S. There will be lots of cookies at my house for you.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Angel Nikole Floyd. I am 9 years old and have been very good this year. I would like PS3, 22 pistol, Scooby Doo video game. Thank you for your cooperation.

Love,
 Angel

Dear Santa,
 I don't want too much for Christmas, I just want new earrings, lots of candy and whatever you can get that is Hannah Montana!

Your friend,
 Blake
 P.S. Good thing you like Sugar cookies.

Dear Santa,
 Hi my name is Katy Jo Morgan. I am six years old. I am in first grade. I have been good. Could you get me a Lets Play School, Barbie decktop, laundry center and Barbie jam with me. And don't forget my sister Kiley She wants toys.

Love,
 Katy Jo, 1st Grade
 P.S. I well leave cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
 How is the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a electric guitar, skates, and my little pony house. Please don't forget my sisters. I would also like a jewelry box with earrings.

Love,
 Nakadah Shonee Walker

Dear Santa,
 I want a Lightning McQueen and i want a ben 10 toy and dinosaurs, two captain jack and a big transformer. Have i been good? Yes or No.

Love,
 Wesley Alexander



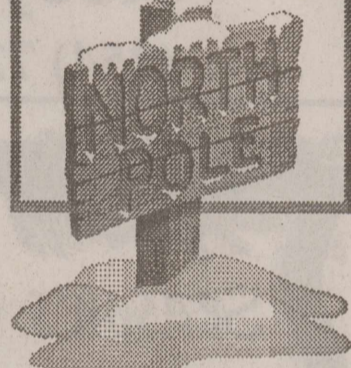
All Signs Point To Christmas!

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

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Randy Baker & Family
 Tony Wyatt & Family



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 And in spite of the cold and frost and snow,
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 Merry Christmas and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

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Thanks for your friendship and loyal support

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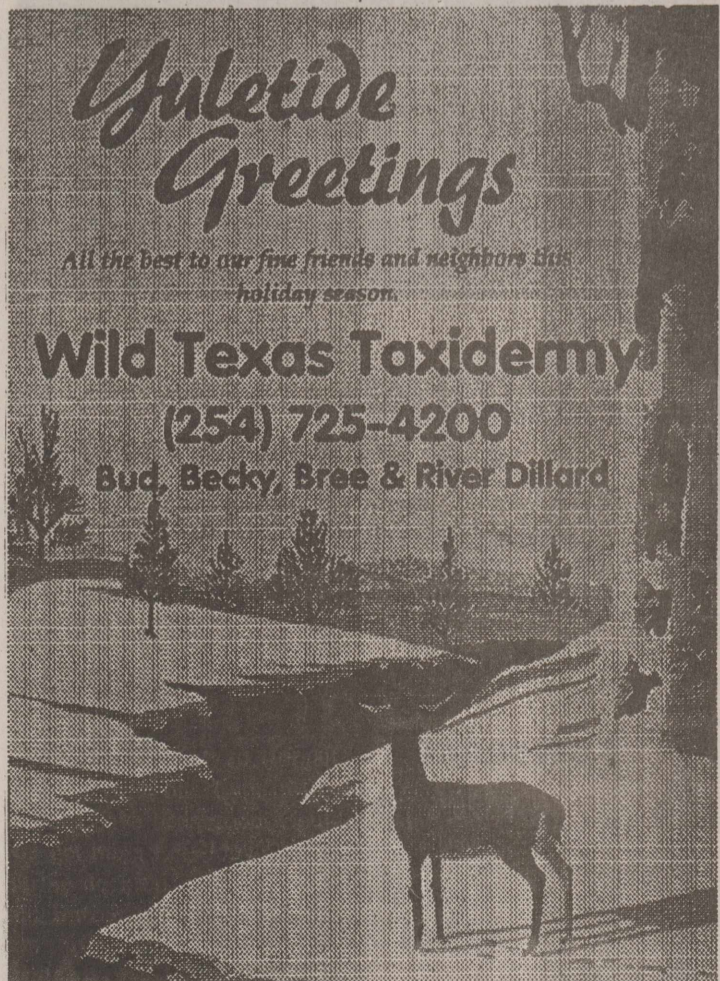
Yuletide Greetings

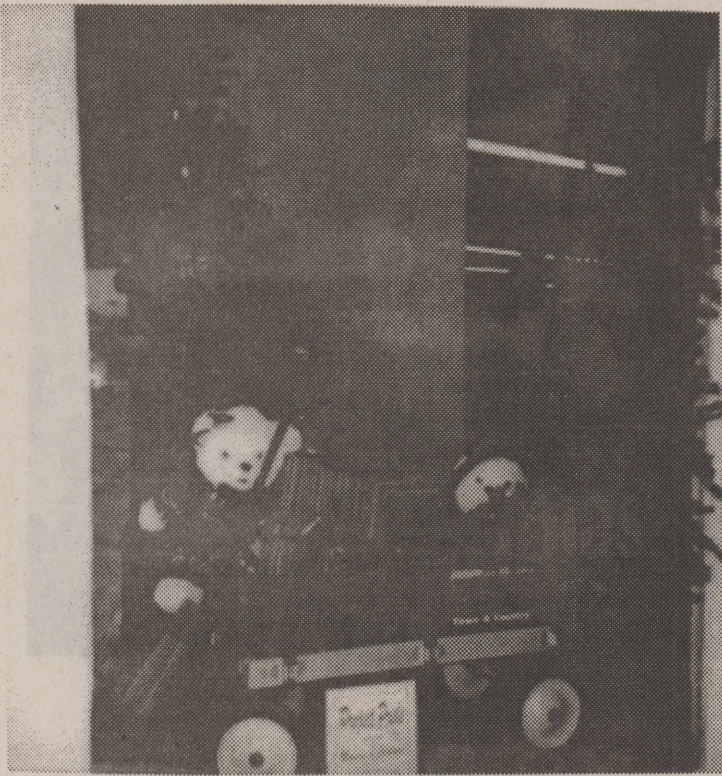
All the best to our fine friends and neighbors this holiday season.

Wild Texas Taxidermy

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Bud, Becky, Bree & River Dillard





Dear Santa,
It's me again. I have been very good this year. I would like a robot reptile, an Xbox 360, a longhorn, a CD player, a Lightning McQueen toy car, and the DVD movies Homeward Bound 2 and 3.

Thank you,
Isaiah Guerrero
Age 7

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like for all the children in the world to get what they want for Christmas. I would also like a Wiener dog puppy, the book Paper Fashions, and Littlest Pet Shop book. I also hope everyone in the North Pole including you and the reindeer and the elves have a very Merry Christmas.
P.S. Write me back.

Love,
Hannah Nicole Cowan

Dear Santa Clause,
For Christmas I want a ring watch, and Black belts, a Wrist watch, a poket watch, a compus, a spy gear alarm kit, a spy gear video car, a club house , a lock to the club house, a motorized dirt bike, a hyper scan video game, a nintendo, an X-box 360, a big stero like Jr's, shell shocker, a cell phone, a fake 10,000 doller bill, and air hogs storm launcher.

Sencereely yours
Chance Thompson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want for Christmas 2 dirt bikes for my dad and me and I want a few toys.

Bye your friend,
Larry

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like these things, a bike, labtop of my own clothes, books, shoes, and most of all a very good Christmas.

Your Friend,
Kelli Sue Bennett

Dear Santa,
I've been good for Christmas. I would like a gameboy D.S., a electric scooter, and the Legend of Spyro a New Beginning.

Your friend,
Seth
P.S. There is cookies and milk and I love you. OXOX

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a pair of cowgirl boots and some cowgirl shirts. I want a few toys like a fairy Dora and clothes for my Barbys and some horse posters. This is the important thing, Have a very Merry Christmas! And remember my sisters and brothers list. There will be some cookies waiting for you by the Christmas tree.

Your friend,
Inez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I want to have a Laptop. A trampoline sounds good to practice my backhandspring. Some American Girl clothes and a American Girl.

Thanks for listening.
Love,
Megan Hagler

Dear Santa,
I would like a guitar to play music, Barbie 4 story Dream House for my Barbie dolls, a Pop Star mat to dance on, a Xbox to play fun games on. I want clothes , dress, shirt, pant's, shoes to where to school.

P.S. Cookies and milk and my Christmas list is there XO XO XO
Love,
Autumn Nole Kelly

Dear Santa,
Santa, I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a T.V, coloring kit, a C.D. player, and some Junie B. Jones books. Thank you for bringing me presents.

Your Best Friend,
Rebekah Crockett

Dear Santa,
I have not been very good so I just want something little, this is what I want.

Books and drawing paper because I have not been very good. I have been very mean and bossy. I just want books so I can read, and drawing paper so I can draw.

I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Your Friend,
Teagan Fortune

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like new clothes for school, books for home, CD player with CD, and toy horse for home.

Love,
Shelby McWilliams

Dear Santa,
I would like a skate board, some cars, some games and maby a four wheeler. I like new clothes too.

I try to be good.
I Love You,
Jevon Tillery
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like an x-box 360, the games...Tony Hawk "Down hill and pimp my ride."

Please try I know you are busy.
Thank you,
J.C. McDonald

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of fat baby boots, clothes, PSP with games, movies, real money and don't forget to bring my dad, mom, Brittany, Jae Lynn and Ky something. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Alex Stout

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Shetland for Christmas—a real one please! I want a bicycle, too.

I'll be a really good boy.
Your friend,
Ketch Miles Thomas
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K



The photos included with the Santa letters feature the show room windows at Higginbotham's sponsored by Project Pride for the Christmas Season. They are especially beautiful at night, and have been admired by many area residents passing through Cross Plains.



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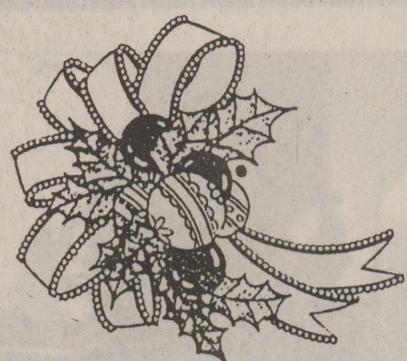
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Dear Santa,
I have been an extra good girl most of the time. Could you bring me some toys for Christmas?
I want a Little Mermaid Dolly, a Princess Dolly, a Pink Pony and a doll house.

I Love You,
Reagan Nichols
3 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Harmony and Christmas time is my favorite. I have been an extremely good girl this year. I would like a Radio Flyer tricycle, a little people nativity and lots of cute clothes. I will leave you milk and cookies beside the Christmas tree.

Love,
Harmony Goble

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan and my mom tells me everyday "good boy" so I must have been a good boy this year.

I love cars and animals, so bring as many as you can little and big. I would also like a train set, automatic car and a v-tech learning system.

I'll leave milk and cookies on the table for you. I love you Santa.

Love,
Logan Ballard

Dear Santa,
I want a Butterscotch horse that lets you brush it, a clock that will wake me up in the morning, a real horse, toy horses with a toy fence that has a gate, and my very own hair-do set. I hope that your reindeer is ok and you have a sage trip Santa.

Love,
Daeleigh Evans

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that drinks a bottle and goes back to sleep. I hope you stay warm in your sleigh. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love
Madilynn

Dear Santa,
You've probably noticed that I've been growing and I'll be running around before too long. I want to be just like my Daddy so please bring me a baseball, bat, and glove and some tennis shoes so I can run super fast. You can also throw in a football and basketball so I'll be a well-rounded athlete. And I know that my legs aren't quite long enough, but I'd also like a bike and I promise to be safer on it than my daddy was. I can't wait for my first Christmas!

Your Buddy,
Stryker Dillard

P.S. My Mommy would really like a pony!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a choo-choo train and a tractor. Also, please bring me a Dora Doll with a pink back pack.

I also want a Clifford dog and a black jump rope, and a toy truck.

Love,
Reagan Kirby

Dear Santa,
I am 1 1/2 and am good most of the time. I am hoping you will bring me a red tricycle and a big girl stick horse. I like candy, too.

Love,
Abbigale

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew and I am 5 years old. This year for Christmas I would like a Hot Wheels Radar Gun, a Leapster video game with games to go with it, the Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest DVD, some Moonsand, and the Nickelodeon Scene It game. For my new baby sister, Ava, please bring her some new clothes and a baby doll. We will have milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love,
Drew Hagler, 5 yrs old
Ava Hagler, 4 months old

Dear Santa,
My name is Emma and I am 2 years old. I have been a very sweet girl this year. For Christmas I would like a kitchen, a new baby doll, a Fairy Dora the Explorer, some Moonsand, a Hannah Montana CD, and The Little Mermaid DVD. My big brother, little sister, and I will have milk and cookies waiting for you.

Love,
Emma Hagler, 2 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
Hope all is well at the North Pole. I have tried really hard to be a good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like a Mega T-Rex Dinosaur and Diego's Talking Rescue Center. Please also bring my baby brother a duck that says quack-quack because he has been good, too.

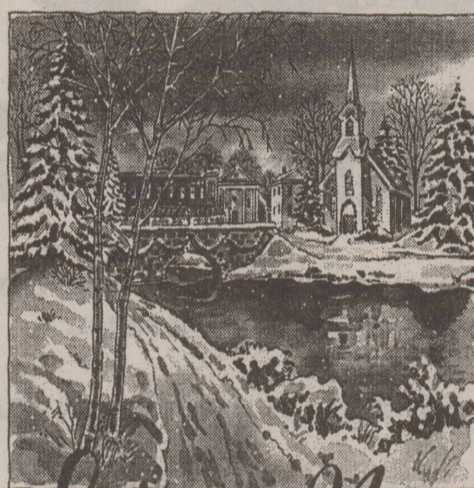
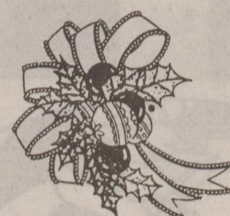
Hunter-Rudloff, 3 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
First off I would like to thank you so much for the gifts you gave me last year. You gave me everything I asked for. This year for Christmas I would like a barn with lots of farm animals, a swing set, a basketball goal, movies, books, puzzles, a play tool set, and some new clothes. Please don't forget my mom, dad, granny and papa Marwitz, Meemaw and papa Reed, aunts, uncles, and cousins. They have also all been very good.

Thanks again,
Ryan Tyler Reed
23 months old

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. My parents say that's because I just haven't learned how to be bad yet. Please bring me a duck stuffed animal and a beanbag chair for me to sit on. Don't forget about my big brother who wants a dinosaur for Christmas.

Haiden Rudloff
1 year old



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"Main Street Pool and Surf Shop" Meets with Cross Plains EDC

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

The Cross Plains Economic Development Cooperation, Inc. (EDC) met at City Hall on December 12th in a public meeting to discuss the possibility

of Greg and Ellen Steinle receiving a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to build and operate the "Main Street Pool and Surf Shop". This new enterprise seeks to serve the Cross Plains

community by providing a safe and fun place for young adults and others to gather. The EDC agreed to go ahead with the project, pending City Council approval.

New Venture Approved by Cross Plains City Council at Last Meeting

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

At the December 12th City Council Meeting, "Main Street Pool House and Surf Shop" gets Green Light, City Memorial Service is Planned, Residents Complain about BFI and a Texas Housing Grant of \$286,000 is Approved!

*Dannes Turner, President of the EDC and Vice-president of Texas Heritage Bank met with the City Council to present Greg and Ellen Steinle's proposal for the "Main Street Pool and Surf Shop", a new project that aspires to benefit the community by offering a fun venue for young people to frequent.

Turner requested that they be granted \$5,000 from the Economic Development Cooperation to purchase Lots 9 and 10 in Block 30 of the Central Addition. These lots are north of the Senior Citizens Center in the next block.

Included in the proposal was the understanding that if the Steinles were not able to complete the project within two years, the property, all construction and improvements would revert back to the EDC. It was further added that if good progress was being made, but not 100% finished in those two years, the EDC would consider an extension for completion.

The Council approved the proposal. The Steinles, who oversee the youth group at Cottonwood Baptist Church, have already received their 501(C)3 non-profit status from the IRS, and hope to be able to break ground by the first of the year.

*City Secretary, Debbie Gosnell, reported that several citizens have asked if the City, in remembrance of the fire last year, will hold a memorial service. She asked the Council for permission to plan a service for Wednesday, December 27th.

The Council approved the "Victory Celebration" Memorial Service. It will be held at First Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. A hamburger supper is planned along with the showing of pictures and videos. In the discussion that followed, Council members and citizens voiced their thankfulness for all of the blessings that Cross Plains received from all of the volunteers who helped restore the city.

Dannes Turner remarked that someone from out of town observed the citizen's resiliency and remarked, "I cannot believe it... I am just amazed at how far this town has come from one year ago!" She added that the citizens, city and volunteers are to be thanked for that. "Look at

how far we have come!" Turner exclaimed.

*A Housing grant approved by the City through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs was approved in the amount of \$286,000. This money will be available to persons who lost their home in the December '06 fire, and have not been able to rebuild. Applications for this assistance will be available after the first of the year.

Debbie also informed the Council that she has had numerous complaints from residents concerning BFI not stopping to pick up their trash on regular pick-up days. When the dumpsters at Food Plaza are emptied, apparently dropped trash is being left behind on the ground as well.

Debbie related that she has spoken with someone in the main office in Abilene, and they have assured her that the problem will lessen in the future. The City of Cross Plains has begun documenting each problem called in for future reference.

*Jerry Biggerstaff met with the Council a second time to report on his progress in securing an electronic digital sign to benefit the community by advertising upcoming events and promoting tourism. He requested that the City agree to administer the working and programming of the sign.

The marquee most likely will be placed on the corner of Ave. J and L at the stop light. It will be more sophisticated than the Cross Plains School sign, having more functions and capabilities. Organizations, businesses, churches, etc. will be allowed to rent the advertising space for their upcoming events. When nothing is currently being advertised, the sign will display the time and temperature, as well as welcoming people to Cross Plains.

*Mr. Biggerstaff also asked permission to use the Senior Citizens Center in June to house vendors for the Barbarian Festival. He said that he had already discussed it with Kathy Anderson, the Senior Citizen's Coordinator, and she had no objections. They approved both of Mr. Biggerstaff's requests.

(Update: Please see Mr. Biggerstaff's "Letter To The Editor" on Page 2.)
*In November there were 89 calls for service, with 6 Assaults, 5 Family Disturbances, 4 Thefts, 4 Gas Thefts, 3 Criminal Mischief calls, 3 Family Disturbances, 3 Trespassing, 3 Reckless Drivers, 2 Telephone Harassments, 2 Terroristic Threats, 2 Suspicious Vehicles, 1 Loud Music, 1 Forgery, 1 Inter-

net Theft, 1 Credit Card Fraud. Three times calls came in to assist other agencies. There were 42 Warnings and 72 Citations. Don's Comp. Time was 101.5 hours and Total Revenue was \$12,399.66.

*The "Official Minutes" for City Council Meetings are available at City Hall. If any citizen would like to know what is on the agenda for the next meeting, it will be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting on the front door of City Hall.

The Cross Plains City Council meets every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 10, 2006 through December 16, 2006 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—77
Complaints—79
Possession of Marijuana—2
DWI—2
Public Intoxication—1
Driving While License Invalid—1

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

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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—The LAP and Lapsit children's programs at the Cross Plains Public Library had their annual Christmas program on Wednesday the 13th. As usual the children enjoyed the Christmas stories, cookies, singing and seeing Santa Claus. Everyone enjoyed the event and having fun listening to the children talk to Santa about the North Pole and his reindeer. They also enjoyed extra gifts given by supporters of the library. This is an annual event that everyone looks forward to and has a great time.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Lajeana Hayes-Long (left) introduced the guest speaker, Dale Bishop (right), at the Kiwanis meeting Tuesday, December 19th. Mr. Bishop gave a very informative talk about the automobile industry. The Kiwanis meet on Tuesdays at Jean's Feed Barn, 12 Noon.

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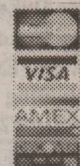


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Children Collect Love the Form of Canned Goods

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

Christmas Cans Under the Tree, Senior Discount for Basketball Games, UIL Competition Ends and a "Very Clean" Audit is reported at the Dec. 14th School Board Meeting.

*Elementary Principal Margie Sowell elaborated on the wonderful presentation of canned goods under the Christmas tree by the front door, collected by elementary school students for the Cross Plains Food Bank. Because of the time, love and unselfishness of these children and those who so generously gave, the Food Pantry of this community will be restocked this Christmas season. Hopefully, when 'mom' cooks Christmas dinner this year, she won't be missing anything important!

*Superintendent Jackie Tension and High School Principal Jimmie Cearley thanked everyone on behalf of the teachers and staff for the wonderful Christmas party. It was emphasized that the teachers really enjoyed it.

*In response to public inquiries from senior citizens, Mr. Tension stated that there will be a **Senior Discount of \$1.00 (one dollar) Off** for upcoming basketball games.

*In UIL results, Mrs. Sowell reported that the competition at Winters went very well, behaviorally as well as academically. There were several 1st Place teams. Mr. Cearley stated that 41 students from 7th and 8th grade participated in the Douglas MacArthur Scholastic UIL Competition at Howard Payne University this year. Cross Plains came in 5th of out 13 competitors. He added that with that behind them, students are now getting ready for upcoming finals.

*Cameron L. Gulley presented the 2005-2006 CPISD Audit Report. In the very extensive

report, he stated that it was a "very clean" audit compared to the previous year. He commented that Nutritional Costs went up in all schools, due to the overall cost of food rising. On the other hand, Instructional Costs went down, and there were more Bus Repairs in the 2004-2005 audit than in this one. He went on to say that the '05-'06 budget was in Compliance.

*The Board approved the contract for legal services with Big Country School Administration; Schwartz and Eichelbaum.

*The contract with the City of Cross Plains to lease the ball fields for \$1.00 (one dollar) a year, was also finalized and approved. It was decided that the City will provide mowing and the School will provide electricity.

*The Cross Plains Housing Initiative (Helping Hands, Helping Hearts) will be allowed to use the auditorium for their upcoming musical on March 3, 2006.

*The 2006-2007 budget was amended, with "Success Maker" costing \$11,750 and defibrillators costing \$4,000.

*No action was taken on Board members participating in training from the Texas Association of School Boards at this time, due to conflicts with other school activities.

*After adjourning to Executive Session, it was reported that the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Ed Brady. Brady was part-time counselor and curriculum coordinator.

*No one from the public attended this meeting.

*On January 11th, the Board will meet in a private meeting to go over Superintendent Tension's evaluation. Then on **Tuesday, January 22nd**, at the regular School Board Meeting, that evaluation will be discussed. The public, as well as students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Down Home—

her mother's lap and mine for comfort, she was beyond distraught.

I kept saying, "Bailey, it's OK. Jesus is going to be OK. These people are just pretending to be soldiers." She looked at me like I was crazy.

In my lap we talked through the cross and burial. "Watch, Bailey, watch for Jesus!" The tomb began to tremble and lightning flashed as the stone rolled away. A Super Bowl touchdown cheer couldn't come close to matching this little one's reaction to the resurrection.

"Jesus! He's OK! Mommy, it's Jesus!" I prayed she wasn't going to be traumatized by this event, but that she would remember it. I know I shall never forget seeing Jesus' suffering, crucifixion and resurrection through the eyes of an innocent child.

Following the pageant, the actors all assembled in the foyer to be greeted by the audience. As we passed by some of the soldiers, Bailey screamed out, "Bad soldier, don't you hurt Jesus!"

The actor who portrayed Jesus was some distance away from us surrounded by well-wishers and friends. Bailey broke away from us and ran toward Him, wrapping herself around His legs, holding on for dear life. He hugged her and said, "Jesus loves you." He patted her on the head and expected her to go away.

She wouldn't let go. She kept clinging to Him, laughing and calling His Name. She wasn't about to let go of her Jesus!

I think God in heaven stopped whatever was going on that day and made all of the angels watch Bailey. "Now look there! You see what I meant when I said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Bailey's reaction should be our reaction every day. When we think of Him, who He is, what He did for us and what He offers us... We have to say, how can we do anything less than worship Him?

"Whoever therefore shall humble himself, as this little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 18:4***

Grand Ole Oplin New Year's Eve Dance Slated for December 29th

The Grand Ole Oplin would like to remind everyone that we will not be holding a dance on Friday, December 29th, but we would like to invite everyone out to our New Year's Eve dance to be held on Sunday, December 31st. Muddy Creek will be providing our New Year's entertainment, playing all your favorite tunes. The music will

begin at 8:00 p.m. and end shortly after midnight. Black eyed peas and cornbread will be served, and everyone is invited to bring a snack to share during the band's break. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$5 per person.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center located at the intersection of

F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions.

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97 Isuzu Rodeo, 4cyl, Auto, cold air, looks, runs good (Green).....\$2,850
99 Ford Windstar, V6, Auto, cold air, 7Pass, looks, runs good (Burgandy)...\$4,950
96 Ford Windstar, 3.0 V6, recent motor overhaul, cold air, Looks, Runs good \$2,995
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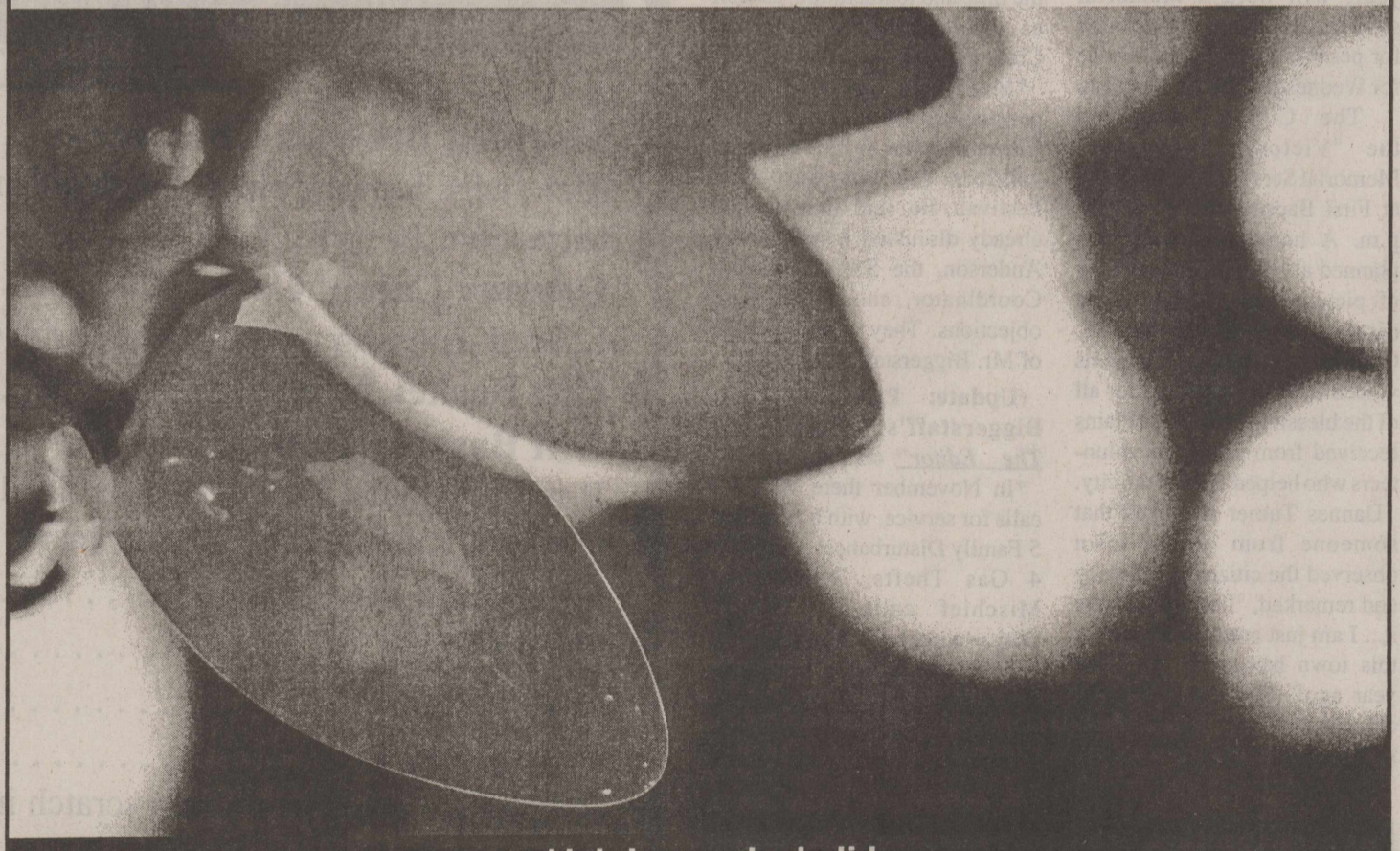
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