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Cross Plains City Wide Food Drive

December 22nd from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. **Proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains** Food Pantry.

Please put a Nonperishable (canned) food item on your porch.

This project is organized by Ben Schaefer as part of his project to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Cross Plains Local Cub Scouts will be assisting in the project.

Atwell Historical Marker Memorial Bricks being Sold

The Atwell Cemetery Association is currently selling your check payable to the Atwell engraved bricks to be installed in the Atwell Historical Marker 14, 2009. Mail this to Barbara Memorial Plaza. The bricks are Black, 12001 CR 467, Cisco, TX 4" X 8" and the cost is \$65.00 76437. Blank forms are available each. Each brick may contain 4 at the Cross Plains Review. lines of copy; 18 characters per line. All engraving will be in Reggie Pillans 254-725-4168 or CAPS.

You must return the form and Cemetery Association by January

For further information call Barbara Black 254-725-6339.

Christmas Dinner Served at Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center Friday

The Cross Plains Senior Please call 254-725-6521 if you Citizens' Center will be having plan to attend. their Christmas Dinner Friday, December 19th. They will be at the Senior Center invite you to serving ham, dressing with gravy, join them at noon Friday for great sweet potatoes, English peas, food and fellowship during this cranberry, fruit salad and a roll. special holiday season.

Kathy Anderson and everyone

Open House Set for December 18th at Texas Heritage Bank

Texas Heritage Bank invites everyone to join them in served. Come and enjoy the celebrating the Christmas Season fellowship and refreshments at their Open House on compliments of the local banking Thursday, December 18th from establishment. 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Cookies and punch will be

Have a Merry Christmas!!!!!

Funeral Services Held for John D. Montgomery Saturday, December 13th

John D. Montgomery, age 83, where he was a director from of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2008. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

John D. was born to Olen and Elvis (Barr) Montgomery on December 1, 1925, on a farm west of Cross Plains. The family moved to the Burnt Branch Community where he went to school through the 6th grade, when the Burnt Branch Community consolidated with Cross Plains, where he finished school and graduated in 1942. He played football, ran track and was active in the FFA program.

Callahan County Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1998. Mr. Montgomery helped with the organization of the Callahan Fund, P.O. Box 130, Cross Plains, County Central Appraisal District TX 76443.

1980 to 1991. He also served 9 years on the Cross Plains School Board. John D. was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross

He is survived by two sons, Dr. Mike D. Montgomery and wife Aimee of Abilene, and Randy Montgomery and wife Sharlotte of Cross Plains; a daughter, Cindy, McCaghren and husband Johnny of San Benito, Texas; two sisters, Lerlene Fortune of Cross Plains and Verma Lee McCowen of Hawley; a special friend and loving companion for years, Priscilla Latimer Perry of Cross Plains; eight grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his He received an award for parents and one grandson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains Building

Bill Dillard Christmas Bike Giveaway

There is nothing more special to a child than waking up Christmas morning with a brand new bike under the tree! We realize that in this uncertain economic time that we all face, buying a new bike may be hard

If you are not able to grant your child's wish of a new bike-we would like to help out. Send a letter of why your child deserves a new bike, their age and if a boy

We will select four (4) boys and four (4) girls, one from each age group-3 and under, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years old.

This will be 8 new bikes total. Send your letters in by December 20th with a story about your child, name, address and phone number. If your letter is selected you will be contacted a few days before Christmas to pick up your bike.

This is done in honor and loving memory of a wonderful man, Bill Dillard, who left us 11 years ago. He loved this town and its people.

Send your letters to; Dean Dillard P.O. Box 718 Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Vicki Dillard

Library Trivia Contest Winner Told

Did you enjoy our Trivia Contest? Congratulations to our winner, Kathy Anderson. She will receive dinner for two at Mexico

A special thanks to Mexico City Cafe for their donation. And thanks to all those who participated in the contest!

Curious to know the answers? Come to the library and find out! Questions and answers are from Why Do We Say It? The Stories Behind the Words, Expressions, and Cliches We Use published by Castle Books and available now at the local library.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

Bears Watchin' in Cross Plains **CLOSING**

It is with regret that Chris and Jerry Biggerstaff announce the closing of Bears Watchin' in Cross Plains. The economy did not cooperate with us and we are forced to close the doors of our quilt shop and variety store.

For those of you who might have need of sewing supplies, please feel free to call us at 254-725-6216. We will be happy to help with your needs, if possible. You can also order your supplies at www.bearswatchin.com.

Many thanks to our customers and friends for their support.

Submitted by Chris and Jerry Biggerstaff

1st Annual Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Chili Feed

Fire Department is holding their firefighters. This will enable the Huddleston at 325-669-5647. 1st Annual Chili Feed on department to protect and serve Saturday, December 20, from the residents and guests of Calla- Bake Sale. 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., or han County and surrounding until the chili is gone.

This fund-raiser is to help the needed equipment, pay for fuel appreciated. For additional Department.

counties.

Fire Department purchase much Your support will be greatly Cross Plains Volunteer Fire

The Cross Plains Volunteer and to assist in the training for the information please contact J.D.

Donations are needed for the

There is no set cost for the meal, however donations are They need your help!!!! being accepted to support the

Presbyterian Church Hosts an "Evening in December"

Presbyterian Church located at 202 North Avenue D in Cross Plains where they will be hosting "An Evening in December", Sunday, the 21st beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"An Evening in December" is a collection of Christmas carols arranged by Tom Fettke which incorporates the familiar melodies of old as well as fresh and exciting new songs. Music will be performed by the local presentation intended to create an of this Christmas Season.

Amanda Sowell, Connie Swift, stimulate the mind and soul. Matthew Sowell and Rhonda Hopefully, it will bring all into a Swift. Supporting vocals will be deeper communion with our great provided by their Friends, God, as we give thanks for His including Jane Besselaar, Marie perfect Gift to us-JESUS. Besselaar, Eva Fleming, Betty Swift. Narration will be provided refreshments. by John Swift and Charlene

be underscored by a multimedia

Come one, come all! To the quartet 4His Glory, also known as atmosphere of worship that will

The evening will conclude with Lewis, Barbara Sowell and John a time of fellowship and

Don't miss what is sure to be an evening filled with music The musical performance will that inspires both worshipful reflection and joyous celebration

Christmas at the Cross Plains Methodist Church is Open to All

Directed by Erin Stone and entitled The Christmas Light, the cantata from Benjamin Harlan is

of the dark to the joyous

the Methodist Church will present ised birth in the manger. The cli-worship service. "All is Well."

a blend of classic carols and rich invites the community to join us bell choir. Rev. Wallace Bennett new songs celebrating the for this Sunday morning worship will lead the service of Holy Incarnation of our Lord and experience. A very special and Communion. In the Methodist Beginning with "Let All folks who do not have a regular believers, regardless of church Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," the church home. All are also invited affiliation. All are welcome at the

The Unfolding Glory Choir at celebration of light at the prom- goofy gift exchange following the

a special Christmas Cantata on max contains a glorious affirma- The traditional Christmas Eve Sunday, December 21, during the tion for this time of uncertainty candlelight service is scheduled 10:45 a.m. morning service. throughout our troubled for 6:00 Wednesday evening. An world...when God is in control, addition to the service this year will be the first presentation by The United Methodist family the recently organized adult hand warm invitation is extended to Church, communion is open to all music takes us from the emptiness to stay for a fellowship dinner and Lord's Table. Won't you join us?

City Council Hires **Cook for Senior Center**

By Kim Lambert Special Writer

A regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council was called to

order the evening of December 9. This months meeting was a slim one with the hiring of a cook for the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center being the only major item

on the agenda.

After returning from executive session Bob Kirkham moved to hire Mary Jones as the cook for the Senior Citizens' Center at \$8.00 per hour with a six month probation period. Peg Terrell seconded and the motion carried. The council then passed a

motion to pay Don Gosnell 100 comp hours, Stuart Sowell 200 comp hours and Doug Dugger 100 comp hours. By general consent the council

approved the previous minutes, the police report and the judge's report as presented before moving to pay the cities bills. Members of the Council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Bob Kirkham, Peg Terrell, Jerry

Cassle, and Audrey Purvis.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell and Don Gosnell. Members of the public were Kim Lambert with The Cross Plains Review.

The Cross Plains Review will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on December 24th & 25th.



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Bible Study...10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Bertha Mae Bleeker

December 10, 2008.

Born in Cross Plains, Texas on July 23, 1917, she was the daughter of Arthur and Janie (Woody) Younglove. Bertha attended school in Cross Plains and was reared in Potosi. She married Cecil Bleeker in 1935 in Abilene. She was a homemaker, an avid gardener, and a Bingo and domino player. She was a member of Highland Church of Christ.

Mrs. Bleeker was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil; son, Melvin; daughter, Barbara Levy; granddaughter Chasity Hope Bleeker; and great-grandson, Nicholas Grady.

She was survived by sons and spouses, A.J. Bleeker and Martha

Bertha Mae Bleeker, 91, of Grants Pass, Oregon, Wayne Abilene, passed away on Bleeker and Rachel of Abilene, Kenneth Bleeker and Kathy of Copeland, Delbert Bleeker and friend, Shirley of Abilene and Gerald Bleeker and Doreen of Manchester, New Hampshire; daughters and spouses, Melba Payne and Ronald of Merkel, Carol Bylander and Gary of Abilene, Linda Tooley and Kevin of Austin, and Alice Chancelor of Valley Mills; as well as 26 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 14, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith with Pastor Sandra Gardner officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park Monday, December 15, on Monday at 10

Tips to prevent home burglaries

just out of the house shopping, there are many good prospects and distracted," said Ray other mail. Palermo, director of public relaare not thinking about what they leave behind." He offered a few precautions to help prevent to thieves during this time of

• Examine the exterior of your house. Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed. Check to see if there is any "wiggle room" that could give a thief enough space to jimmy it open. Walk around your whole property to ensure there is nothing that can be used to climb to upper floors. Look in blinds are positioned to screen you are away from home. the interior view, but not closed completely. You may want to den outside your house.

away. A burglar watching your house is capable of taking what he wants in a few carefully planned moments.

 When you are away from the tended period, be sure to make www.response.com/safety.

Meriden CT-Everyone looks it look lived-in. Put timers on a forward to this time of year - few lights at varied times; put a including burglars. With many timer on a radio set to a talkpeople away, visiting friends, or radio station; install a dusk/dawn outside light or motion detector; ask a neighbor to pick up your for break-ins. Experts agree that mail and any circulars that might it is a very vulnerable time for pile up on your doorstep; and homeowners. "People are busy stop delivery of newspapers or

• In many instances installing tions for Response Insurance. a home alarm system will give "As they race out the door, they you protection, a sense of calm and even a discount on your homeowner's insurance.

• Inventory your major poshomeowners from falling victim sessions. An easy way is to place valuables out on tables and videotape your house, room-toroom of all furniture, paintings and other possessions. Place the list, any photos/video you took, and perhaps the valuables themselves, in a safe, separate loca-

• Tell a trusted neighbor on your block that you will be away. Activity or noise that might otherwise seem normal to them your windows to make sure would be alarming if they knew

• Be sure your homeowner's insurance coverage reflects any move any computers and TVs improvements or purchases that away from prying eyes. Never have increased the value of your leave an "emergency key" hid- home or its contents since you • Always leave your home in a The only thing worse than losing secure state, regardless of the your possessions is not being amount of time you expect to be sufficiently covered to recoup your losses.

Additional information on this and other car and homeowner topics is available at the Response Insurance Safety Inforhouse, particularly for an ex- mation Center website:

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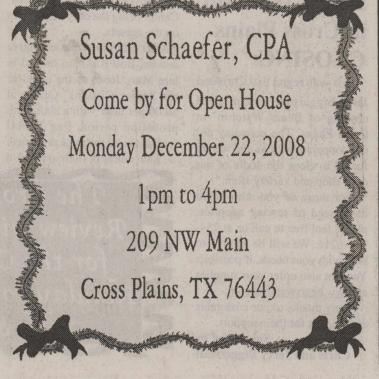
Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 7, 2008 through December 13, 2008 in-

Cases Investigated Warnings—102 Complaints-71 DWI-1

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Clay B. Acton, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Siromie L. Johnson, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted, sentenced to prison on other Gary P. Martin, order

discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Curtis A. Grant, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, sentenced to prison on other

Marriage Licenses

Douglas L. Pasley and Hailey K. Biggs, both of Cross Plains. Danny E. Reeves and Jessie E. Anheier, both of Clyde. Gilbert Hunt and Patsy Holland, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jolie LaRae Tibbit and Jonathon Anthony Tibbit,

Civil Minutes

Leanne Edgar and Matted Stubbs, divorce granted. Gail Boyd Winter, Jr. and Miryam Constance Winter, 9

order granting nonsuit. Marion Perkins and Candyce Perkins vs. Jimmy Dean Morris, order of dismissal

Dana Lynn Caldwell and 9 Richard Michael Caldwell, divorce granted.

Lonny Earl Broadus and Pamela Susan Broadus, divorce granted.

The State of Texas vs. 11 \$2971.21 U.S. currency,0 default judgment granted. Mary Walker vs. Johns

Chesser, order of dismissaly

Callahan SWCD now taking Windbreak Tree orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual windbreak Tree Program.

Each year, the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Idalou,

This year's selection of available trees include: Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar and Italian Stone Pine. All hardwood and live oaks are sold out. These evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$15.00 or \$75.00 for a box of 30 per

Tree orders will be taken until January 29, 2009 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on February 16, 2009. All orders are prepaid with a check or mone order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings, contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District, Texas at 325-854-1349 extension 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th, Suite B.

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Sunday **Morning Worship** 10:45 am

Sunday **Evening Worship** 6:30 pm

Wednesday

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First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM Music-Connie Swift & Betty Lewis Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift Amanda Sowell Matt Sowell Pastor Kathy Monroe 208 N. Ave. D 23-tfn

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Looking for a Christmas gift? I Honorable Mentions list, follow- in Cottonwood and spent most of Cottonwood" cookbook and an insert. I have Monthly. Hats off, Staghorn. been looking through the recipes and get distracted by looking except for the next week's histories of the families printed you. What are you planning for Jets to win the game. there and in the insert. And what's the holidays and between Christbetter, I see Carol looking through mas and New Year's Day? Maybe the recipes and that whets my I am just getting old in m old age, appetite and causes me to expect but I'm really getting in the knew both Brad and Jimmy. They great things for the holiday Christmas mood. Our tree is not feasted on pasole, potato soup and

Cottonwood Cookbook are going also. planning another edition (insert) lished a favorite recipe of their the most important thing. own or of the families, please send them to Beverly Brown, and his best childhood friend, living in the Cottonwood, along with an historical statement. Jimmy of Bryan, Texas, visited in concerning personal or local The cut-off date is January 10, the home of Wallace and Carol business. Telephone number is 2009

own Cross Plains' restaurants, Frenchy Bennett and Maisie of Please remember I can't print it The Staghorn, is among the Kurten, Texas. Frenchy grew up if I don't know about it.)

suggest you get an extra "I ing the Top 40 small country his career as an Air Force pilot. cafes in the magazine Texas

to catch more people who did not high on the spirit of the Christ- and wife, Kacy. have an opportunity to get pub- mas season this year, and that is

It was a great celebration with, the Christmas spirit in the I don't have a lot on my plate background, the group watched football as the Dallas Cowboys at the photos and reading the column. I would like to hear from barely squeaked by the New York

Bryan and Debi Bennett hosted the family get-together at their home with plenty of guests that very big because Carol and I are cornbread. The group included If you don't have a cookbook thinking about going down to John F. Bennett, Bryan and Debi you can still get one at the bank Alpine to see Jeffery Bennett (our and their children, Emma, Kelli, in Cross Plains and a couple other son) and his wife Mary. We will and Dayna, along with her places. The publishers of the try to talk some more sons into daughter Karsyn Lynn. Others included Robert Bennett, Phillip Whatever, we plan to be really Bennett and his son Mike Bennett

(Please call Wallace Bennett for personal or local new items Brad Bennett, of Bend, Oregon, about Cottonwood or people Bennett this weekend. Brad is the 254-725-747, e-mail address It is interesting to note that our son of my oldest brother, the late www.csb555@dishmail.net.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 22-26 MONDAY- BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Vanilla Pudding, Bread

TUESDAY- Chili w/ Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Cookie,

WEDNESDAY- Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Mixed Fruit, Peanut Butter Cookie, Crackers THURSDAY- Closed for

Holidays FRIDAY- Closed for Holidays



Seminary Course

This 2009 spring semester we will be studying OT 0206 Genesis, which is a 2 hour course using the New American Commentary for Genesis by Kenneth Matthews. We will be meeting in Breckenridge Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. and De Leon Tuesday evenings 7:00

This is a study of the beginning of life, sin, judgement, and redemption, revealing a God who speaks to us and invites us to walk with Him. It will be a study over the first eleven chapters of the Holy Bible.

If you have an interest in joining our study in the spring (January 20th - May 21st) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone 254-725-7749.

Baylis Pope

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Thoughts To Ponder

corner and many people are anxious to choose just the right gift We all want to give something special and we want it to cause give the very best gift of all!

As I considered this, I remembered a story, Christmas Day In the Morning, which was written many years ago by Pearl S. Buck. The story was about a him early each morning at 4:00 A.M. It was milking time and he help milk the cows.

One day the boy overheard his father telling his mother how much he hated to awaken his son so early but he was unable to do all the chores alone. him although he had never verbalized that fact to the boy. That cause he realized how much his to get things started. father loved him.

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and the boy had gotten his father a small gift at the store like Christmas is just around the he always did but this year he just wished he could do more. He thought and thought about for those that they love. Many someway he could show his fapeople agonize over what to give. ther how much he loved him bond of love between them. when an idea came to him. He decided that on Christmas Eve the eyes of those that we love to he would do all of the milking by light up with joy. We want to himself as a surprise gift to his 3:00 A.M. and he crept down the stairs and out to the barn. teenaged boy whose father woke but he found a new energy and needed his son to come and cows by himself until all of the best gift of all! empty milk cans were filled.

Afterward, he quietly made his way back into the house with just barely enough time to get back under the covers before he knew his father would come in Through hearing this conversa- to wake him at 4:00 A.M. As tion, the boy came to under- usual, his father came to the stand how much his father loved door and sadly announced that even though it was Christmas that it was time to get up and do morning the boy did his work the milking. His father went on with unusual enthusiasm be- out to the barn ahead of his son

Of course, when his father got sweet enough.

his son had done all of the chores by himself and he was overcome with joy at the great gift his son had given him. For the first time, his father was able to enjoy watching all of his Children come downstairs on Christmas morning. On other Christmas mornings, he had not made it back from the barn before the children awakened. It was a special gift that both father and son remembered all of their lives and I don't imagine either of them ever questioned the unspoken

The account of the boy and his father tells us that the very best gift of all isn't something that is bought in a store. Like the boy in father. True to his commitment, the story, it takes an overpowerhe managed to get himself up at ing desire to let others know that you love and care for them. That kind of overpowering de-The boy had never done all of sire comes from the heart and the milking by himself before was demonstrated to us on the very first Christmas. It came excitement in the task before straight from the heart of God him. He fed and milked all the when He gave the world the very

> And the angel said unto them, fear not, for, behold. I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

By Pamela Perry Blaine

Dr. Pepper Punch

Pour a 2 liter bottle of Dr. Pepper into a pan. Add some cinnamon sticks. Put in Red Hots to flavor. Heat and taste until

Christmas time was coming to the barn, he soon found that Serve hot.

Letter to the Editor

Citizens of Cross Plains

You have a lot to be proud of! We traveled thru your town on the way to Ft. Worth and to my drive to Weatherford. horror, while unloading, I discovered my purse was left at the fruit stand in Cross Plains.

the week before, including for our country. drivers license, credit cards, check

The police department was very helpful and called back to give me the name and number of the of small town America. person who found my bag-

Jackie Mackey.

She worked until 7:00 p.m., but to put my mind at ease, she would

Could this be true??!!

At 9:00 p.m., standing in the Wal-Mart parking lot, holding a This was a terrible blow, as my baby, was the kind of young purse had been stolen from my car person who should give us hope

My heartfelt thanks to your book, cash, keys and medicine. police department, Jackie, her All now replaced with great cousin who drove with her, her parents and the town of Cross

Merry Christmas to the people

Sony Roethemeyer Odessa, Texas

The Cross Plains Garden Club and tickets to the Cottonwood

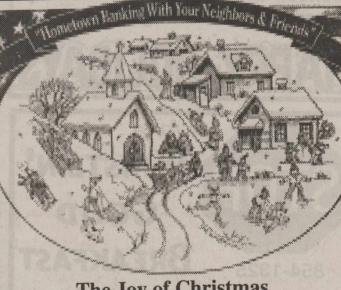
Feed Barn. Eva Fleming, president, Julene gave a financial report

but had to leave. Discussion from the November namely: The Pool & Surf Shop on flowering pot plant. North Main Street in Cross Plains

met for their regular monthly Fire Truck endeavor. Also a meeting on December 12 at Jean's memorial to Julene's brother, Harold Gary.

conducted the meeting. First in and discussion about where we order was a delicious lunch would meet for the January enjoyed by members Julene meeting. It was decided that each Franke, Barbara Powell and Joyce member would bring a can of Odom. Sandy Lusk was present food to be given to the local Food Pantry.

The door prize was conducted meeting was reviewed and more by Sandy Lusk and was won by contributions were added, Julene. It was a beautiful



The Joy of Christmas

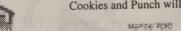
As we enjoy the Christmas Season, we're reminded of the miraculous birth of Christ, in Bethlehem 2,000 year ago.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. ~ Matthew 1:21

We invite you to join us for our

Open House at Texas Heritage Bank

Thursday, December 18th from 9am - 3pm





Cookies and Punch will be served.

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· 2 · 2 Chicken Fried Steak Dinners- Staghorn 5 - 5 Subway Sandwiches- Subway- in Cross

· 3 - 1 Large & Small Leg Mag Stylus Flashlights-Big Country Supply - Abilene

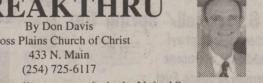
• 1 - \$100.00 Gift Certificate- Wal-Mart

Checkout our website at cottonwoodtexas.com and updated catalog at Ray's Barbershop, The Movie Store, Lawrence Feed Store and Texas Heritage Bank.

The drawing is to raise money for a new building to house our tanker/fire truck.

By Don Davis

Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main



"When it comes literary pursuits in the United States, most people agree on at least on thing- the most popular book is the Bible, according to a new survey.

It came in a Harris Poll of 2,513 adults, but the second choice in the survey was not as clear-cut. "While the Bible is number one among each other the different demographic groups, there is a large difference in the number two favorite book, " Harris said in a statement announcing the results.

Since records have been kept, the Bible has been the number

one best seller each year.

Speaking of the Bible Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass way, but my words will never pass away." Matthew 24:35.

Two more things. If you are wondering about a gift for a friend or family member, try a Bible. If you would like a schedule to read your Bible each day of the year 2009, give me a call (325-428-

I would like to encourage you to attend Bible class and worship with us this week. My lesson will be "The Greatest Gift of All."

Sunday Morning Bible Class..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship....6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

(42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m. **Extension**

Submitted by

Book Donations: Cody Hounshell **Volunteers:** Suzy Stiver-Nash Arlene Stephenson Wilma Lawrence Michelle Kaiser Sue Bennett **Beverly Ross**

Lavonne Childress

Bobbye Hinkle

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The Wagon Roadside Cafe

501 SE 5th Street, Cross Plains (Across the Hwy. from Bi-Rite Auto) Daily Breakfast Special:

2 Breakfast Burritos & Coffee \$3.75 **Daily Lunch Special:** 1/4 lb. Burger, Chips & Tea \$3.25

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Cross Plains Junior High Girls Basketball Update

The Cross Plains Junior High Girls closed out the 1st half of their season last Monday night Blizzards.

In the 1st game the Purple Team played a good half leading 10-5. In the 2nd half the shots didn't fall, as sometimes that happens in basketball. The girls played hard and battled the whole game but they were outscored 19 to 4 and lost the game 24-14.

Nicole - 6.

In the Gold Team game, the winner was not decided until late in the 4th quarter. In the 1st half Cross Plains was in the lead 8-7. In the 3rd quarter the girls could not buy a bucket, but did play

good defense and held Winter to 4 points to lead 12-9.

In the 4th quarter Winters when they hosted the Winter fought to tie the game 17-17. Cross Plains scored 2 points to win the game 19-17.

> Playing and scoring were Megan - 3 points; Cheyenne - 6; Katharine; Maci - 4; Shahala - 2;

The girls do not play again until the 5th of January, when they play Roscoe. This will be the Playing and scoring were first time Cross Plains has played Christa - 2 points; Texas - 4; Roscoe, so we don't know Victoria; Lindsey - 2; Shelby; and anything about their junior high teams. On January 8th and 11th, the girls are in the Lingleville Tournament.

See you at the games on the 5th

Submitted by Coach Mitchell Atchley

College-Bound Students Should Register for ACT Exam by January 6, 2009

Semester Exam Schedule

p.m.

p.m.

· Christmas Holidays - December 22,

· School will resume on Monday,

2008 through January 2, 2009.

January 5, 2009 at regular time.

achievement test will be be found at www.actstudent.org/ administered on February 7, 2009. Students who wish to take by all four-year colleges and the college admission and universities across the United placement exam must register by January 6, 2009. There is a late registration deadline of January 7-16, 2009 with an extra fee for tests in English, mathematics, late registration. Students register online at www.actstudent.org, registration forms can be picked up at high school counseling

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT and \$46 for the ACT plus Writing. Students should determine whether colleges and universities they are considering require the optional

Wednesday, December

Thursday, December

Friday, December

17th

18th

19th

Iowa City, LA—The next ACT that require the writing test can writing. ACT scores are accepted

> The ACT, a curriculum-based achievement exam, consists of reading and science, and takes about three hours. The ACT Plus Writing requires an additional 30 minutes to complete. Unlike other tests, students are not penalized for guessing and answering all the questions on each section. In fact, it is beneficial to students to answer all questions.

The ACT website, www.actstudent.org, has helpful information, free sample tests and writing score. A list of schools inexpensive test prep material.

School will dismiss

at 2:25 p.m. Buses

will run at 2:30

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will run at 2:30

School will dismiss

at 12:00 p.m.

Buses will run at

12:10 p.m.

PTO Officers Thank Everyone for Participating in the Recent Fund-raiser

The officers of the PTO would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's fundraiser; both those who sold and those who purchased items. There were many obstacles that had to be overcome, and we greatly appreciate the patience and under-

There was another difficult during the pick-up, and again, we thank you for your understanding. The letters that were to be sent home with those who received "replacement" items were not included in the shipment as they should have been. We are sending these letters home with the students, but wanted to address the issue publicly, as well.

following items, you will receive dough as replacement:

Pie (any flavor) Funnel Cake Mozzarella Sticks

Quesadillas Potato Skins.

If you ordered Cheese Sticks, you will receive a box of Poppers. Everyone who receives a replacement item is entitled to a refund, if desired. Requesting a refund standing we received from all of WILL NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THE PTO PROFIT!

In order to receive your refund, please call QSP/Reader's Digest at 1-866-781-8399. You will be asked the name of the organization (Cross Plains PTO), the item you ordered, and the quantity you ordered. QSP/Reader's Digest will send you a check for the full amount that you paid.

Again, we express our most sincere apology for the inconve-If you ordered any of the nience of this year's fund-raiser, and greatest THANKS for the a box of chocolate chunk cookie kindness and patience you have shown. Despite all of the setbacks, the money raised WILL benefit the school and the students, which is our central

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on December 18, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p.in. in the high school library. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as

Open Meeting for Business 1. Open Forum

- 2. Read and approve minutes
- from previous meeting. 3. Audit Report for CPISD for 2007-2008 School Year
- 4. Discuss and take action on repairing Ag Building roof A. Power point presentation
- by Marc Morgan 5. School Board President to discuss school board training hours for all board members
- 6. High School Principal Report A. Calendar of upcoming

- B. Report on student activities and academics
- 7. Elementary Principal A. UIL Results
- B. Highly Qualified Teachers and Paraprofessionals
- 8. Executive Session A. State of District Report by Superintendent (part of the superintendent's evaluation)
- B. Discuss Superintendent's Contract
- C. Discuss Agreement with Interim Superintendent Candidate
- 9. Action on Executive Session Items
- 10. Review Financial Report and Pay Bills
- 11. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 12, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

Addendum to School Board Meeting

1. Executive Session Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of high school principal; or hear a complaint or charge against the high school principal (Tex. Gov't Code

551.074) 2. Take Action on Executive Session (if any).

The notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

Want a Professional Makeover and Photography Session????

Would you like the opportunity to participate. to have a professional makeover

all this for only \$9.95?????

If so then the Cross Plains FCCLA has the answer for you. We are hosting GLAMOUR MAGIC as a fund-raiser. By purchasing a \$9.95 session coupon

wardrobe. will capture their work on film during your photography session. You will receive a free 8X10 of a taken. The pictures will be taken extension 365. January 2-5, in the new gym at Cross Plains High School. Session tickets must be will help us pay for our trips to

purchased by December 16th.

You may purchase your tickets and photography session? Would from any of the following FCCLA you like it to be in Cross Plains? members: Jayten Ames, Sheena Would you like a free 8X10 of Apple, Patrick Border, Beau the photograph? Would you like Brown, Amanda Carpenter, Cheyenne Cowan, Samantha Dickson, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Lauren Loyless, Justin Pope, William Pope, Steven Reynolds, Bobby Simpkins, Dillon Whiteley, Joe Wyatt, the Cross Plains FCCLA will earn Britney Adams, Shasta Bacon, \$5 and you will get your hair and Doug Bowden, Stanley Farris, makeup done by professionals, a Dania Gonzalez, Brooke Haile, Professional Fashion Consultant Nathan Koettel, Cayson Martinez, Shaun Munian, Tawni Nichols, Cierra Odom, Acaila A professional photographer Radle, Mandy Rose, Rene Salazar of from their adviser Mrs. Jennifer Wootton.

Please contact their adviser at pose with the opportunity to pur- iwootton@cplains.esc14.net or chase copies of the other poses call her at school 254-725-6121

Thank you for supporting the Cross Plains FCCLA, these funds competition. We hope to advance A representative from Glamour and place at Nationals again this Magic will call you after Christ- year. Be sure to purchase your mas to set up your appointment. session at only \$9.95—they will You must be over five years of age make the perfect stocking stuffer!

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ARKS 8

VILDLIFE

Cross Plains I.S.D. Annual **Christmas Concert a Success**

The Cross Plains I.S.D. annual On the House Top". Christmas Concert was a great success! I would first like to thank wonderful job. the "Jungle Christmas" theme.

the tune of "Jingle Bells", Jolly "Sleigh Ride" Jungle Christmas to "Have a Days of Christmas with jungle animals as the gifts on each day.

The 4th Grader performed on their recorders. Their selections couldn't do it without you. were "Jingle Bells", "Upon the House Top", "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas".

The Fifth Graders performed "Jingle Bells", "Jolly Old St. Nick", "My Dreydol", and "Up Both 4th and 5th Grades did a

the PTO for the animal masks Finally the 6th grade along with they made and donated so that high school presented "First every child could have one for Christmas March", "The Nutcracker", "The Chipmunk The primary and elementary Song", "Dance of the Sugar Plum schools started off the concert Fairy", "Christmas Cannon", with "Jungle Christmas Eve" to "The Runaway Sleigh" and

Thanks again to all the parents Holly Jolly Christmas: and 12 and children for making this year's concert a success.

Thanks to Kathy and Vickie for all your help and support. I

Also, my appreciation to all the primary and elementary teachers for allowing the children to practice during your class time.

Submitted by Matt Sowell, **Band Director**

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!



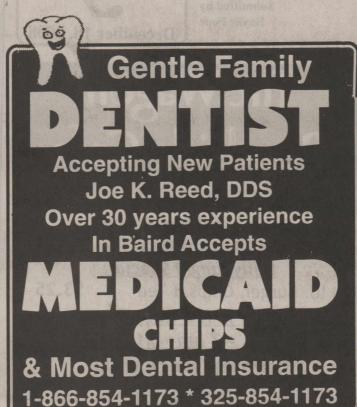
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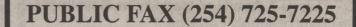
will be closed Thursday, December 25th Friday, December 26th & Saturday, December 27th

Fax All School Related Articles to the Cross Plains Review 254-725-7225

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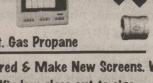
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WE WILL BE CLOSED SAT., DEC. 13TH! We will close at NOON on Wed. Dec. 24th and be closed Thurs.- Fri.-Sat.- and Sunday for Christmas! We will close at NOON on Wed., December 31st and be closed Thurs., January 1, 2009! We will be open Jan., 2nd and 3rd. Fri. and Sat. and be open

thereafter on our regularly scheduled days! Wishing you a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

HAPPY

DECEMBER 20 Candence Nadine Nickerson Shaela Fulcher Robert Ray Simons Don Penn William Reynolds Bonnie Sheppard Rocky Champion Ted Don Archer Peggy Lee Mireles Hannah Chambers

Patricia (Meador) Hopkins

Betty (Hicks) Gary

DECEMBER 21 Rylan Mills Allen Woody Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr. Jimmy Crawford Carsyn Walker Eddie Hedrick Beth Meador Tommy Phillips, Jr. Riley Allen

Peggy Brock

DECEMBER 22 James (Bim) Goble Cody Ford Cody Joe Sliger James Illingworth Peter Perry Mrs. B. Crow Gary D. Gilland Jerry Walker Thurman Furry Lindsey Meiron

DECEMBER 23 Bo Barr Douglas Dallas Kenneth Sowell Jason Beauchamp **Bobby Sipes** Roselyn Holmans Mrs. Kenneth Thate Janet Rister Weston Jones Cliff Waddell III Barbara (Purvis) Batton Lauretta Johnson Tommie Neff Star (Dodds) Burleson Mrs. Bertha Hoyt Lawana Freeman

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Ida Witney Brian Haun Vanessa (Taff) Mathison Sheila McWherson Laura Johnson Danielle Marion Don Baskin

DECEMBER 24 Brandy Hutton Jim Bassett Judy Steele Tonya (Steele) Berge Courtney Taylor Dena Jo Nickerson Justin Richey Mike Moore

Christy (Dewbre) Fox Patricia Webb Getrude McIntoch Carol (Foster) Bectold Ethel Eastham Mrs. Emma Morgan Jim Alexander Laci J. Koenig Christy Driskill Rita Falkner Theresa Adams

Frankie McGough

Merry Christmasl **DECEMBER 25**

James Conor Sweetman

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

> **DECEMBER 26** Lindsey Ames Jay Ringhoffer Bill Slate Tom Robinson Loy Thompson Lisa Gardner **Brandon Jones**

Avoid Holiday Stress by Planning Ahead

The holidays are upon us. Here are some tips from your local community bank regarding your safety, financial soundness and sanity during this joyous - but frequently stressful - time of the year.

Before hitting the malls or shopping online, prepare a list of the people on your gift list, how much money you are willing to spend, list of the gifts you want to purchase and stick with it.

While you are more likely to stay within your budget if you pay with cash, it may be safer to pay by check, credit or debit card instead of carrying a large sum of cash with you. In any event, keep track of your expenditures to avoid "the gift that keeps on giving" - large credit card balances.

Shopping online allows you to save gas and avoid the mad rush of crowds at the mall. Be sure you purchase from a trusted web site and print out a copy of your receipt with the contact information should you have any questions or if the item needs to be returned or exchanged.

These "offers" generally require that you pay finance initial purchase unless you pay in full before the end of the "no payments" period.

If you're making a large item purchase and the seller encourages you to buy the extended warranty, be very cautious. In most cases, extended warranties are a significant source of profit for the seller, and are rarely utilized. Take time to research the product and buy products with proven records of reliability.

When shopping for the "hardto-buy-for" teen or family member, gift cards have become quite popular. While these cards are easily available, make sure you understand the terms. Some cards have an expiration date or deduct a percentage from the value of the card if it is not used within a certain time period. Keep the card's account number and a

If a store offers "no interest, customer service number in a no payments for x months," be safe place in case the card is sure you can pay for the lost or is stolen. It might be purchase prior to that date. safer to purchase gift cards from stores who keep them behind the counter rather than charges from the date of the purchasing them at a kiosk. Scammers sometimes hang around the kiosk, memorize the gift card numbers, weit until the card is purchased and call to confirm the amount on the card. Then they go online and spend the funds from the

gift card. In addition to shopping wisely, be sure you take personal safety precautions during the holiday season. Sadly, criminals find ample opportunities to "apply their trade", and some simple steps can help you avoid being a

Be sure to put your purchases holidays special.

in the trunk and out-of-sight of would-be thieves.

When shopping, be sure to park your car in a well-lit and well-trafficked area.

For safety, try to shop with a family member or friend. If you shop alone and have lots of merchandise or cash, ask to be escorted to your car.

Lock your doors as soon as you get in the car and be sure your windows are rolled up.

When walking to your car, have your keys in hand. Crooks look for those who appear distracted or talking on their cell phone. Keep your finger on the alarm button of your electronic door opener in case there is an emergency.

Most importantly, enjoy the season. After all, it is family and friends who make the

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2008 Ford Escape, XLT, V6, Loaded 24,000 miles Factory Warranty, Below book at \$12,900.00

2007 Chev. c1500 Ext Cab. V6. Automatic Trans 21,000 miles, Factory Warranty, Reduced to \$10,900.00

2008 E-350 12 Passenger Van, XLT Trim, Fully Loaded, 20,000 Miles, Factory Warranty \$12,900.00 2006 Jeep Liberty, V6, Loaded, only 27,000 miles Factory Warranty, "Just In" \$9,900.00

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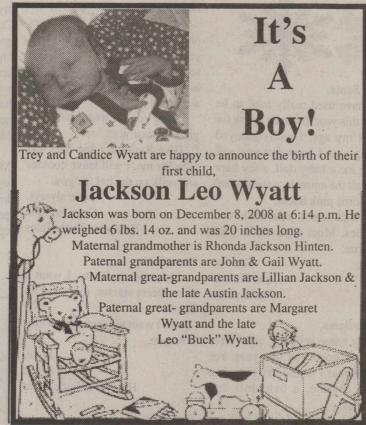
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2007 F150 ,Reg. Cab, 6 cy., Automatic, Xl Trim, 22,000 miles, Factory Warranty, 1 owner, \$10,500.00

2008 Dodge d1500 ,Reg. Cab, 6 cy. 5 speed, 22,000 Miles, Factory Warranty, 1 Owner \$9,950.00

2007 Ford F150 ,Reg. Cab, 6 cy. 5 speed, 27,000 Miles, Factory Warranty, Reduced to \$8,950.00 2007 d1500 ,Reg. Cab, 6 speed, 11,000 Miles, Factory Warranty, 1 Owner, Reduced to \$8,950.00

2005 Conrad Hilton Ave. Cisco, Texas 254-442-9900 254-653-7367







Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would Please bring me a new cowboy like a remote control dinosaur and hat and a scope gun for Christmas. a cowboy hat. My mommy is I will leave milk and cookies for going to make cookies for you to you and a carrot for the reindeer. have on Christmas Eve. Please Don't forget my little brotherbring my big brother presents too! he wants a cowboy hat like me! Love,

Haiden

Dear Santa,

and some pink boots. cookies. Mom says that's your

Thanks,

Jolie Hutton

I have tried really hard to be

good this year. It can be tough for

a girl my age. I really enjoyed

seeing you. I hope that you will

bring me a baby doll, a toy barn

with all the animals, a stickhorse,

I will leave you milk and

old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like to have a truck and trailer with a horse, monster truck movies, and a trampoline.

Give Rudolph a big Kiss and Hug for me. I will leave cookies and milk on the bar for you.

Love always, Gage Fortune Heather's Tattle Tales

John Deere tractor, tools and an

And, I want to see my sisters for My name is Grace, and I have a minute.

Heather's Tattle Tales

been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a baby Heather's Tattle Tales stroller, makeup and a baby.

Dear Santa, My name is Gage, I am 3 years

Thank you for everything you gave me last year.

My name is Dusty. I want a

Love, **Dusty Wyatt**

My name is Teresta and I have Thank you.



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Dear Santa.

My name is Tyler and I am 11 months old. For my 1st Christmas I would like a Fisher Price Laugh & Learn. I would also like some toys that can help me with walking. Since I am learning to walk, how about some Nike Shox for my little feet.

Tyler Mackey

Dear Santa,

Our names are Trampas and Tanner and we are 5 years old. We would like a play gun set and farm animals with a barn. Also we want real BB guns and some big boy spurs so we can be cowboys.

I hope you eat more than one bite of our cookies this year.

We love you, Trampas and Tanner Mackey

Dear Santa.

How are all of the elves? I was wondering if you could stop by my house on your way through Cross Plains. I have been a really good boy this year. I would like a big yellow Hummer so my big brother can take me for a ride. I was also wondering if I could have my own trucks and trailers because my brother really doesn't like it when I play with his.

I also like to watch Mickey Mouse and I would love it if you would bring me that movie. If you bring me what is on my list I promise I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Ryder Reed 1 1/2 years old

Dear Santa Claus,

Have you been good? I've been good. Can you swim at the North Pole? I like to swim. I think I would like the North Pole.

Would you please bring me a guitar and Chapstick? I will be at Auntie M's house.

Love, Abbigale Shepard Age 3



For Christmas...

thanks!" We really appreciate your being so nice to us.

Cross Plains P.T.O.

Jamie Wootton-President Kerri Shepard-Vice President



Christmas and many

been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a pink Barbie, a babydoll and clothes. I will leave cookies and milk out Dear Santa, for you. I Love You,

Dear Santa,

Grace West

Dear Santa, I would really like to have a puppy for Christmas. I have been very good this year. Also, could you please bring my brother Colton a guitar and my sister

Shayna a Playstation 2 game.

They've been good too. If you can't fit down the chimney, we will leave the front door unlocked. Thank you Santa.

> Love you, Amanda Roberts Heather's Tattle Tales



It's no secret that you've been good ... especially to us.

Merry Christmas! **Heather's Tattle Tales** 325-665-5288



We know our hearts are with all the great people we've had the privilege to work with this past year. We feel proud to serve and be a part of this wonderful community. Merry Christmas and many thanks!

Jones Real Estate

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348 South Main Cross Plains, TX

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Shane Deel--County Attorney

Callahan County

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

Dear Santa.

How are all of the reindeer? I Cross Plains. I have been a really ting to be such a big girl. good boy this year.

list I promise I will leave you too. some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa, My name is Ava Grace and I am

was wondering if you could stop 2 years old. I have been a very by my house on your way through sweet girl this year and am get-

For Christmas, I would like a I would like big yellow baby doll. I would really like the Hummer to ride on, some new Rose Petal Cottage and all of the Diego toys, trailers, and some stuff that goes in it. That would more farm animals. I would also be a baby bed, a stove, a sink, a like some Sponge Bob movies. washing machine and some food. If you bring me what is on my I think I might want a Dora toy,

Please remember by big brother Love, and big sister. They are such big Ryan Reed helpers for mommy and daddy. 3 years old We will leave you some milk and cookies.

> Love. Ava Grace Hagler

Dear Santa,

My name is Emma. I have tried very hard this year to be a good girl. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Dream House with furniture. I would like a Bratz scooter, some new Barbies, a drum, a guitar, a piano and a Barbie head that has fingernails. Please send me a new black jacket like my mommy's. I would like some new PJs and some Polly, Pony, Bratz and Barbie movies. I would also like to have a big Nutcracker for our collection and some art supplies.

I will leave you some milk and cookies at my house.

> Emma Hagler 4 years old

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? My name is Drew and I have been good this

For Christmas this year, I would like a Play Station 2 with Guitar Hero. I would also like some new golf clubs, some Bionicles, the Transformers Movie and a Texas Tech Nutcracker. Please the video game, Madden 09, in my stocking.

I hope you have a Merry, Merry Christmas!

> Love, 7 years old

Dear Santa,

I think I've been pretty good this year. Mommy says I don't act bad. I'm just very active and that I can find things you never even could call my Momma or Dada, knew you lost.

Anyway, I've outgrown my toys from last year, so I figured as long as you were out, you could bring me a few thing I've been wanting. I'd like the dancing Brobee doll and anything with Yo gabbagabba on it. I'd also like a drum set and guitar. My mommy said that would be okay if daddy would clean out the back room for

And of course, baseball and football stuff would be great. Maybe you could bring me a UT football helmet and uniform and really just anything with UT on it. Go Longhorns! And also maybe you should throw in some clothes and shoes to make mommy happy.

I'll try to talk mommy into making some cookies and I'll tell daddy not to eat them all. See you Christmas Eve.

Love, Stryker Dillard Age 2 years P.S. Maybe you could throw in a baby brother for me to play with.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. I would like a new Baby Doll, a new pair of shoes. I would like a new coloring book and I need some markers to go with the book.

Santa, don't forget my sister Misty. Bring her something good to. I love Mom and Dad.

Love you, Hanna Simons P.S. Santa let it snow on Christmas.

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Ray's **Barber Shop** (254) 725-7530 Dear Santa,

things for Christmas?

- 1. Tri-cycle
- 2. My Little Pony
- 3. Toy for Jared 4. Toy for Dylan
- 5. A present.

I also want to ask you to please how. bring peace and joy around the world. And my very last wish is pacifier. for you to please bring presents I could use some new things for

erywhere so happy every year!!!! for you.

Dear Santa,

My name is Tristin Snow. No really...it is Snow. Momma and P.O.E. I'm not through with my Dada call me their little Snow letter. Angel, but I guess you already knew that. Momma told me you know everything, like where I live so you can bring me presents Dear Santa, Christmas Eve. Well, I just turned one last month, so I'm just 4-wheeler, a fire truck, football learning about this present thing. jersey and tractor (John Deere). My birthday was a lot of fun, so I can't wait to see what Christmas presents are like, because I was too young last year to remember. Since I'm so new at this, I'll just

Drew Hagler tell you some things I like to do and maybe you could bring me what I like to help Momma in the kitchen, play with by babies, dance, oh and I love my Dada's

If you have any questions you they are always lots of help for me. One more thing...I have three Sissies and a Bubba, so I hope you bring them what they want too.

> Tristin Snow Weatherford, TX

Dear Santa,

Do you really ride in a sleigh? How does it fly? I think it would be fun to ride in a sleigh. I would like you to bring me to the North

Will you please bring me a radio? I will be at Auntie M's house this year.

> Love, Madilynn Shepard Age 5

Dear Santa,

I have been a real good boy this year. Please bring me a guitar, some skates, a piano, and a computer. Thank you!

> Love, Keegan Tillery Mrs. Phillip's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Lightning McQueen fishing pole, a toy gun, a Lightning McQueen race track, a deer rack to make "deers" come, and a deer head.

Have a Happy Christmas!

Love, Austin Rankin Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

How do you make the toys? How cold is it in the North Pole? What kind of clothes do the elves wear?

Would you please bring me a pink and purple castle and I want a princess blanket and Hanna Montanna earrings.

Please bring my sister a Dora Explorer t-shirt.

Love; Morgan Buchanan



Dear Santa,

I know you only bring presents I've been good this year. Please to children that have been good. bring me a computer and a I've been really, really good this bookshelf for books that I can year, so can you bring me these read. Bring me a real coon trap.

For sure, I could use a new dresser and four-wheeler, a big gas four-wheeler.

I want a new camera because I work on my Mom's. She can't fix it and my Daddy doesn't know

Please bring my brother a new

to kids who aren't as lucky as me. school, like glitter. I know how Love, to use it by myself, that's for sure.

P.S. Thanks for making kids ev- P.S. Sometimes I leave cookies

P.S.E.O. I'm fixing to turn six.

Love, Garrett Hutton Kindergarten

This year I would like to have a Lastyn Winfrey

Pre-K





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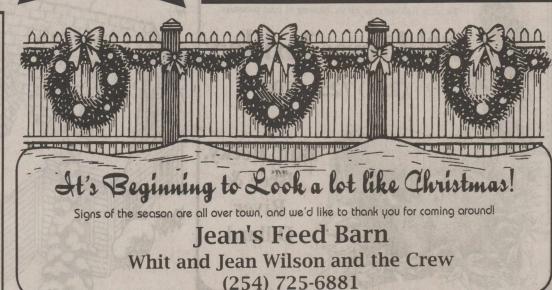
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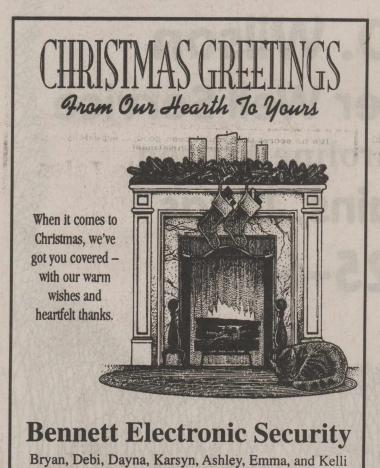


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I want a pink bicycle, a waterbaby that swims in the water, and a Barbie.

Please bring a grown-up book for my Daddy. Bring my Momma a picture frame.

> Lanye Ellis Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me a babydoll that talks, a Barbie Doll that sings. Her name is Gabriella.

I will leave cookies and milk out for you.

> Love. Alexis English Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a truck, a puppy and a

Quentin Floyd Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a blowup castle, a princess Barbie doll that is named Fiona, a tea set that goes with the Barbie doll, a toy coach and a toy prince for the princess. I also want a stuffed elephant that I can cuddle up with and sleep with.

You can go to the door to get in. I don't peek. I just know that you come out the door.

> Chloe Potter Kindergarten

I want a Barbie that has wings, a guitar because I never "have" had a guitar, a little fake reindeer because I love to play with them, and a new bicycle.

Thank you Santa.

Jasmine Alexander Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,

I want a Hanna Montana mat, a microphone, an American Babydoll, a doll that you can braid its hair, a playhouse and a Mulan princess dress.

I will leave cookies on the table

Please bring my sister a babydoll. She might want one.

> Hannah King Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Hanna Montana makeup tea set, a Nintendo DS (a pink one), MP3, a pink Barbie bike, a purple motorcycle that you

Please bring my sister, Ashlyn, a new Nintendo just like mine.

I Love You, Reagan Kirby Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

down, a music dog, a camera to baseball glove. take picutures of anyting I want, I would also like to see your a turtle sandbox, a Star Wars reindeer fly! video game, and a Deerhorn to

hang hats on. I'm going to make cookies for you and I have a toy for Rudolph.

Cody McWilliams Kindergarten

Dear Santa

I want a football helmet, a real miniature bulldog, a Buffalo jersey, football shoes and a motorcycle that you ride.

I will leave cookies for you at Mimi's house. She makes good cookies. She can even make a Gingerbread man.

Love, Roby Odom Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

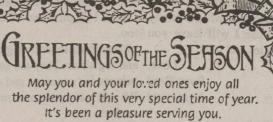
I have been good. Please bring I want a Deerhorn knife, a fire me a motocycle drit bike. a truck, a Snow Mountain to go baseball, a baseball bat, and a

Christian Ortez Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

How are your reindeer? How many toys have you made?

This year I've been wanting a big chemistry set with 75 experiments.

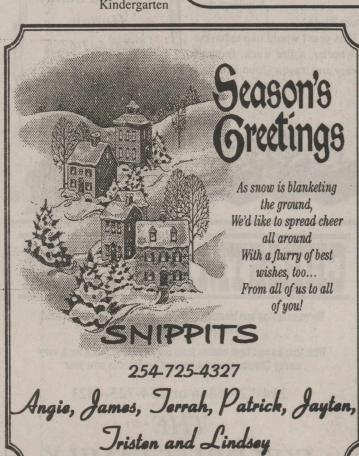
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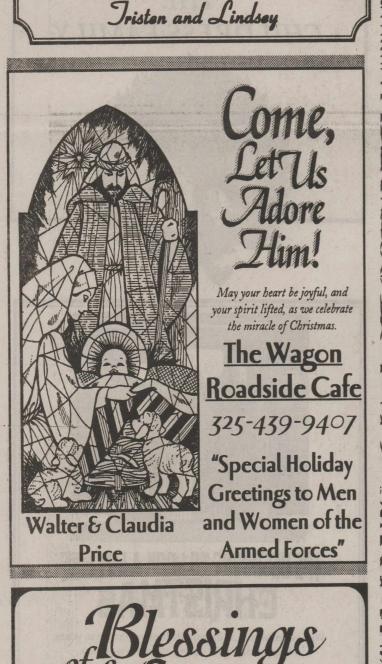


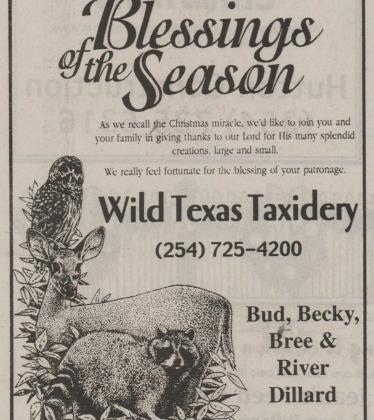
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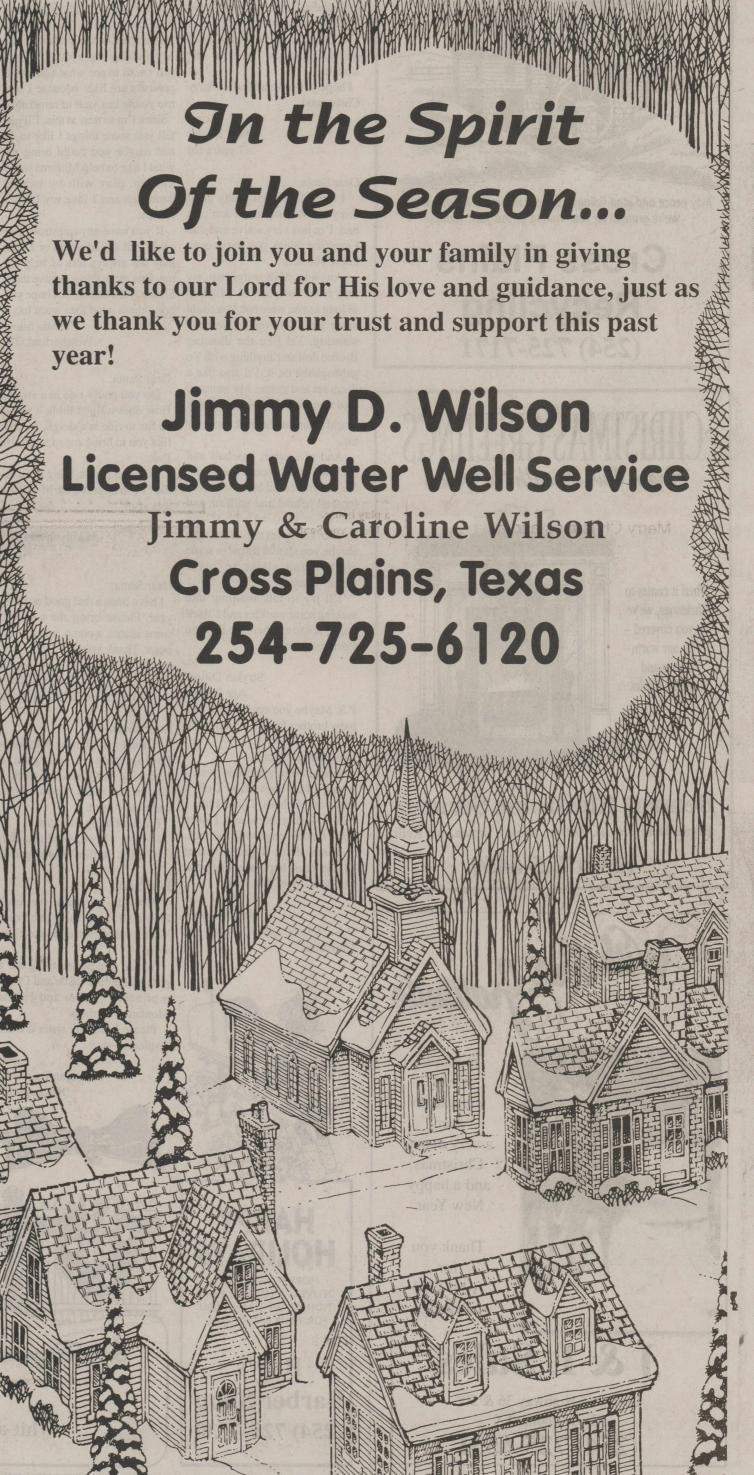
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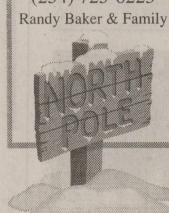


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Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brown and I am 3 years old. I will be 4 in January.

How is Rudolph? I am good. How is Mrs. Claus? I have been a good girl and I would like these things for Christmas: a microphone, so I can sing, Barbie and Diamond Castle, guitar and piano, so I can Rock and Roll, the dog that rolls over and the swimming dog.

I am staying with Aunt Charlotte, Uncle Robert and Hailey this year and I have been good for them.

Be careful with all those reindeer. I will leave you a turkey sandwich and some Dr. Pepper and some carrots for your thing I want most is a a I phone, a Hanan Montan horse reindeer.

Have a good day Santa Claus. I Love You, Kaitlyn Brown

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Rusty, Debbie,

att, Krisi, Ryan, Ryder

Cody and Shana

I would like a MP3 player, a bratz labtop, cell phone and to have a good Christmas.

Heather



Please bring me some transformers, Optimus Prime watch with Optimus Prim DS games, A Spyro, Crash of the Titans and MP3 Player with headphones.

> Alex Porter 1st Grade

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Nintendo DS, a skateboard, a Spiderman toy and

skate shoes for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you when you come.

> Love, Logan Proctor 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a computer, a backpack with High Dear Santa, School Musical on it, and the

enjoy the milk and cookies I gave clothes for my dolls.

Love, Angel Mangrum 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Jack in 1st Grade the Box, ice skates, baby doll, bear, cupcake maker, necklace and bouncy ball. Love,

Sarah Aitchison 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I have tried real hard to be good this year. I clean my room, and help my Mom with my new baby

I would like a Wii to play video games. I want some new clothes. I also want a telescope. I need to watch for aliens and look at the stars, moon and other planets.

> Love, Kaydence Smoot 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a Easy Bake Oven, Hanna Montana guitar, new shoes, new clothes, Barbies and a play house.

I love you Santa.

Monika Essary 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like boots, Ben-ten action figure, Longhorn jersey and a MD3 player.

P.S. Don't forget my brothers.

Love, Trent Tollett 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I haven't been perfect this year, but I would like a few presents including my two front teeth. Get Dylan a NFL 200 P. Drake a game boy game of transformers game. Get mom a diamond ring. Get dad a new automatic drill. And me I want a Nintendos and a game with and cash. And new clothes.



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Dear Santa,

My name is Lexie and I am 6 years old. I have been good this

For Christmas I would like a candy plum Barbie doll, more wii games, Taylor and Chad Barbie dolls from High School Musical, and a cupcake maker.

I will have some milk and cookies for you.

> Love, Lexie Thompson 1st Grade

P.S. Please bring my older brother some Dallas Cowboy stuff.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jerrid. I want a basketball, bubble gum machine, tennis, shoes, belt, blue jeans and

Thank you Santa.

Jerrid Tennison

I would like some dolls, Ipod, with doll, some more shoes, a I hope you have a safe trip and high school musical, and some





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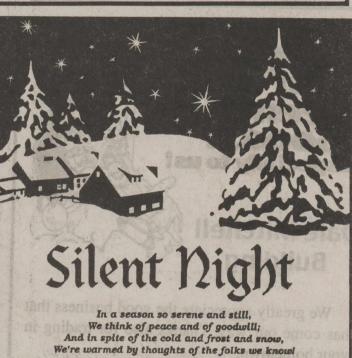
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I would like transformers, Power Rangers, a bike, cars, Superman toys, Legos, Nerf toy gun and Power Ranger movies. Caiden Buhrow

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I love my Mom and I love you

I want a bunch of toys. I want a

pink bike, a pixo and a talking

house with lips. I haven't been

bad. I've been good. And I am no

longer afraid of the Buffalo.

Dear Santa,

Pre-K

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I would like a watch, football pads, helmet (Florida State) and boots.

Drake Bryant Pre-K

Dear Santa,

My name is Mackenzie Bell and I am four years old. I have been a good girl and I would like to have lots of dolls and doll accessories.

I will leave you milk and cookies.

Mackenzie Bell

Love.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Princess Bike, Barbies, Dora Saves the Snow Princess book, princess dress, ear rings, Barbie car for Barbie, toy dog and My Little Ponies.

Callie Sutton Pre-K

Dear Santa,

Santa please bring me a Ipod and baby alive cub.

Addison Webb

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, a Barbie Jammin Jeep, a play horse, a new robe, a new Taylor Swift CD, a Diamond Castle Barbie, make-up and a camera.

I love you Santa.

Love, Reagan Nichols

P.S. I will leave you a snack and I will make sure my Daddy doesn't eat it.

This year I would like a deer hunting rifle, a bigger bike, a pet raccoon, video game, dirt bike, 4-wheeler, work boots, and a play house with a kitchen inside.

Pre-K

I live in Cottonwood. I hope you can find my house for Christmas. I want a nintendo DS, a BB gun, a Kung Fu Panda sword, a transformer Iron Man, a watch and skate shoes.

I will leave you two candy bars when you come.

Love, Corey Sean Proctor 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I would want a golfcart, a pet monkey, a skate board, \$1,000 and do not forget my dad.

> Riley Potter 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard, Xbox live, a hunting gun (sniper rifle), PSP, pocket knife, a mansion, a million dollars, a stuffed dragon, army men (the little figurines) a lot of them, Fable 3, Nerf gun, video games, Sorry sliders (board games), Trouble, Now It, a tree house that looks like a mansion,

and camo. Tyler Nichols

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a nintendo DS, Wii, iphone and a laptop. For my sister Reagan she wants

a flatscrean t.v., nintindo D.S. and some bath stuff. For my sister Braylin she needs

a stick horse, princess set and a babydoll.

For my mom, she want a nintindo DS, T.V. and a phone. For my mom's boyfriend a X-

box 360, phone, flat screan t.v.,

Dear Santa,

I love you and your elves. Please put some candy in my stocking.

Santa, I want a Nintendo DS, Madagascar II movie, a pool game some bullets for my play gun, and a Air Hog helicopter. I want a star for the top of our

You could send me some new teeth, too. I've lost a bunch of

I hope you and your elves are okay. I hope you have a lot of toys for everybody.

Cookies and milk will be waiting for you.

> Love, Kyler King 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a D.S. game cube. I want a X Box 360 and game for it, some more games for my Game Boy Advance, a four wheeler that runs on batteries and a vidio game that can go on the computer. I would like a remote controll boat with plenty of batteries and a Play Station 2 like Uncle brent.

1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I just wanted to tell you that I will be at my Aunt's house. I also wanted to let you know about a few things I forgot. They are a Barbie doll, a Christmas tree, a Hannah Montana alarm clock and the new Taylor Swift CD.

I will be sure to leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Lizzie 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a transformer, a radio with headphones and Army toys. If your elves can make a new

muffler for my 4-wheeler that would be nice, too. I need a new cowboy belt.

Santa, I need some BB's for the gun Aunt Blandye gave me. Remember all my brothers and sisters and all the other boys and

Have a safe trip from the North

I Love You, Keegan King 1st Grade

My name is Joshua. Santa I have been lots of good this year so I would like a big trampoline and a play station 2 so I can play guitar hero.

I would also like some video games and a couple of new movies that I don't have.

Momma would like me to have some books, so I guess that's ok. Josh Wilson

Dear Santa.

I, Gabbie Strength would like to wish you a Merry Christmas.

The few things I would like to get are as follows Barbie doll. Barbie house, Barbie car, Ken doll, Xboy 360, PS3, PSP, night gown, new jacket, outfit for gymnastics, cell phone, Heelys, sidewalk chalk, swing set and big club

I hope this list helps you get what I need for being a extra good girl this year!!

> Gabbie 1st Grade

I want a 2 story house, foot ball, soccer ball, baseball, a farm, a fridge for my room, a vacation, and a college foot ball video game for the computer. **Jaxon Wootton**

1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. For Christmas I would like a game or two for my V Tech.

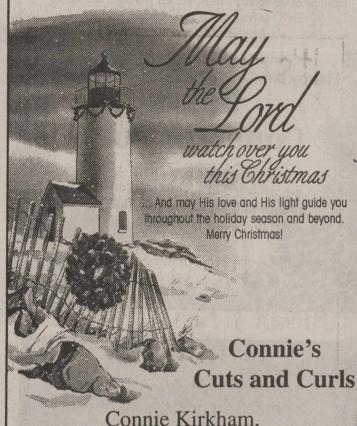
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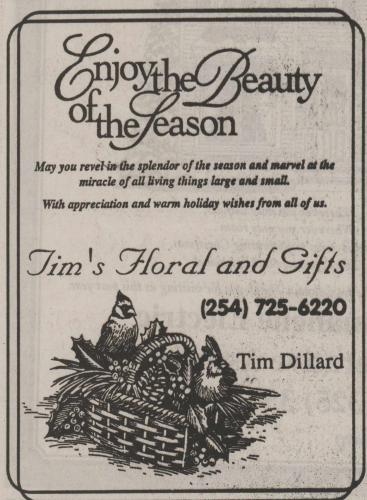
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I will have a surprise for you. and computer. **Brittany Crouch** Ashlyn Kirby

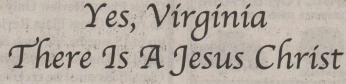
Dear Santa

This year I would like a Barbie, candy, money, cookies, a phone, apples, oranges, Bratz, candy, crayons, a diary and lipstick. Katie Goains

Dear Santa,

I would like a candy cane, cookies and toys.

Rebecca Willis



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He is the laughter that fills you, When things have gone just right.

He is the Christ in Christmas, The Spirit that fills your soul. You have heard of that first Christmas, Passed down from Saints of ole.

For Christmas I would like an Nintendo DS, Dora and Boots, Kaitlyn Foster

Pre-K

Dear Santa.

(size 4-5) and new boots.

Pre-K

Dear Santa.

baby dog, Halloween stuff to hang in my room, a momma dog to match.

Santa, I believe you are real!!! Autum Nickerson

Please bring me a bell, candy, Christmas cards, gum balls, hot wheels, toy gun and money.

Pre-K

Haylee Nickerson

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a pirate ship, car racing game and Little



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and Dora House with the slide.

Dear Santa,

My name is Bobby Bell and would like a fishing pole, a new hat, toy gun, toy cars and trucks, a ball, ABC bus, clothes

Bobby Bell

Would you please bring me a

Pre-K

Dear Santa,

It's time for Christmas again.

Billy Jones

Dear Santa,

Here are a few things I would like for you to bring me —digital camera, candy, baby pony, Barbie w/puppy, make-up, lip gloss w/ glitter, sparkles, jewelry, perfume, and toy puppy.

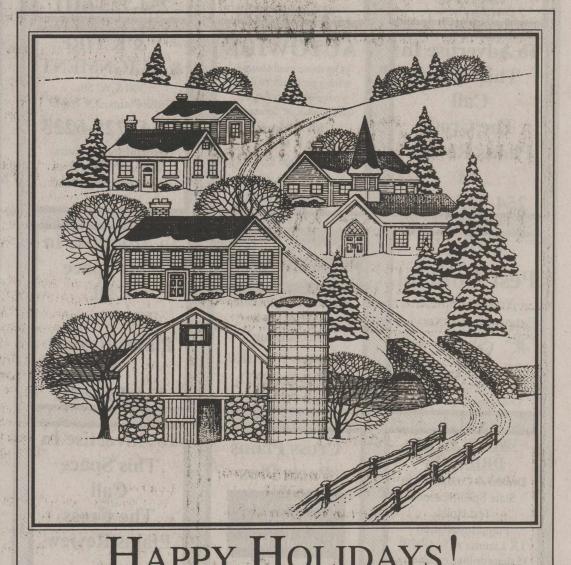
Einstein movie.

Jordan Woods Pre-K



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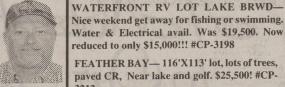
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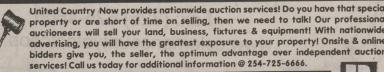
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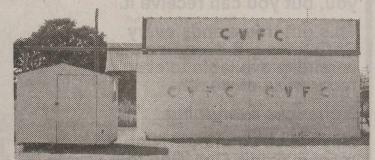
With this dry weather, people just don't realize how quickly a fire can get out of hand. Even a control burn on a calm day can become a land-devouring inferno. Volunteer Firefighters Arnie Smith and his son, Brian, both members of the Cottonwood Fire Control Group in the Cottonwood Community, Callahan County, heard a call on the scanner one Saturday afternoon last June. "There was a control burn near Belle Plaine. The wind came up and the fire got out of hand," Smith remembered. "Belle Plaine just a few minutes from here and we could get there before any of the surrounding fire departments."

"We headed down to the firehouse and got the old firetruck." Smith continued, "Brian drove and it seemed like we flew out to the fire." Good thing. The fire was out of control and the wind was spreading the flames fast. "The fire was up and over the berm. It was starting to crest," Smith remarked. "We laid out hose and started the pump, and just prayed we had enough water," speaking of the 300 gallon capacity tank on the firetruck.

Luckily, it was enough water. The two volunteer firefighters kept the flames at bay until trucks from surrounding fire departments arrived. "If we'd been 15 or 20 minutes later, the fire would have escalated and swept through the valley toward Cottonwood."

Since that day in June, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group has acquired a large military 2 1/2 ton 6x6 brush firetruck from the Texas State Forest Service. The water tanks on the truck will hold 1,000 gallons. "That's more than twice the amount of water we can carry now," Fire Chief Joe Terstegge stated. The group is making necessary repairs and modifications to the brush truck to make it roadworthy and fire-ready. "Just a few more adjustments, sandblasting and paint and it will be ready," Terstegge added. "We'll be able to go where we've never gone before," Terstegge remarked of the truck's brush fire fighting

"Having this brush firetruck here in Cottonwood is a great benefit to the community," Bob Childress, Fire Control Board Member and former Fire Chief stated. "We'll be able to protect our community and assist other area fire departments." Putnam, Baird, Cross Plains and Eula are some of the area departments that receive



CURRENT COTTONWOOD VOLUNTEER CONTROL BUILDING—This is the current Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Building and dispatchers office (at left). The building is 24 ft. long, 3 feet shorter than the recently acquired brush firefighting truck. The land to the right of the building has been volunteered for the building of an additional building to house the brush truck.

mutual firefighting aid from the rustic beverage cooler, a Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

Childress went on to say that the truck, which stands 9 feet tall, will not fit through the door of the current small Fire Control Building. Fireman Ken Farmer added that it was doubtful that the 27 ft long truck would even fit inside the old building. Required to keep the brush firetruck housed inside a building when not in use, the small fire group looked for a way to fund a new building.

"We've received a few donations to help with the repairs to the truck," Farmer stated, "but building a new firehouse will take a lot more money." Estimates received were between \$28,000 to \$30,000 for a steel constructed building. "We decided that if we put our heads together, we could come up with something," added Farmer, a local truck farmer. And come up with something they did. Farmer put up a Registered Longhorn Calf and offered it for a benefit drawing. Smith, also a cattle farmer, offered up a black Angus/Hereford Cross steer. Childress, who, with his brother Scott, owns Childress Farms, a local tree-growing company, offered up a shade tree. Other firemen offered handyman services, auto detailing, backhoe work, and other items. "I had to write really fast at that meeting," Farmer quipped, "We're a small farming community. Folks here don't have a lot of money, but everyone wanted to help out, offering what they had or what they could do." The Benefit Prize Drawing started taking

Since then, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group has gathered over 90 prizes from area residents and local businesses: a handmade quilt, cooked briskets, a rustic star, DVD player, beef processing, a saddle, a black powder rifle, a

handmade mosaic table, pillows, dinners for four, gift certificates, and a truckload of sand, to name a few of the items. "Ray Purvis, the barber in Cross Plains even offered up 10 haircuts, and Rolan Jones, a local real estate broker, gave us an afternoon of fishing at a local pond." Smith added. "Folks have really stepped up to help us out." Enough so, that the organization has created a "prize catalog" of gifts.

"For \$10, you have a chance to win anyone of 90-some items," Farmer went on to say, "and all of the prizes are valued at \$20 or more. There's really not a bad prize in the lot." Farmer added as he flipped through the prize catalog. "Some folks have bought a ticket, then took a look at the prize catalog and came back and bought a few more tickets."

Will it be enough? Farmer is hoping so."We need to make this work, this community needs this brush firetruck and the only way to keep the truck is to have a building to keep it

Tickets for the benefit prize drawing can be purchased at the Red Barn in Putnam, Lawrence's Farm & Ranch Supply, The Movie Store, Ray's Barber Shop and Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains, The Shell Station at S. 30th & Treadaway in Abilene, and The Cowboy Way at 1202 S. Treadaway in Abilene and at Clyde Farm and Ranch in Clyde, or by calling 254-725-6164 or 254-725-7281. The prize catalog can be viewed online

"Folks can call us and mail in a check and we will send the tickets and a list of items back out to them," Smith added, "or, they can come by and see us in Cross Plains. We will be in front of Village Market, the local grocery store every Saturday."

Rolling Oaks Golf NEWS

Saturday, December 6th was the date of our first winter 4 Man Scramble. The weather was gorgeous and many played in shirt sleeves. Tee time was 10:00 and the first group finished at 3:00.

The 4 Man team of Kobey & Korey Morris & Terry & Chaz Odom all of Rising Star won the scramble with a score of 58. Second place went to Ed McClelan, Cotton Minica & Steve Tieman of Brownwood and Troy Love of Early who finished with 59. The Rising Star team trailed the entire match but eagle 17 & 18 to pull ahead at the end.

Closest to the pin on 2 went to Cotton Minica and Ed McClelan took the honors on 6, 14, & 16.

On January 3, 2009 we will have a New Year's Blowout 4 Man Scramble. Tee time is set for 10:00 and the cost is \$200.00 per team with 2 carts and \$175.00 without carts. Mulligans' are \$5.00 each with a limit of two per person. Lunch will be included. Play is limited to the first 18 teams so call 254-643-4563 early to reserve your spot.

Next Saturday we will have our monthly 2 Man Scramble with tee time at 1:00 weather permitting, Scramble cost is \$14.00 and closest to the pin will be \$4.00 bringing the non-member price to \$36.00 each.

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