



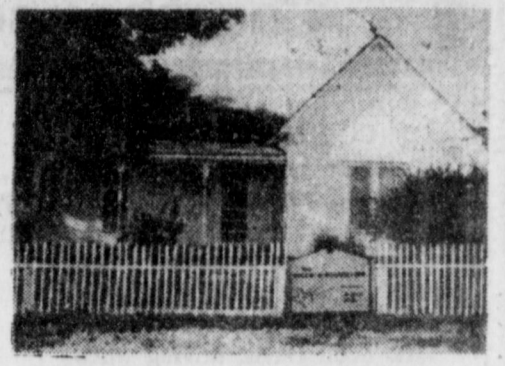
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## Down Home

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Have you ever wondered who took "Christ" out of Christmas? We tend to get wrapped up, literally, with the gift-giving segment of the season. Don't you feel that we miss the basic idea that Christ was the first and best Christmas gift, yet He is overshadowed by commercialism. This is just a little reminder to keep in mind what Christmas is really all about -- the birth of our Savior! We should celebrate His birth every day. You might want to do something spiritual this last year of the millennium in honor of our King -- attend a candlelight ceremony or other worship service in His honor. I wanted to give my children something meaningful this year, besides just material gifts. I composed a poem to relate my love for them. Maybe one day they will realize its true depth.

The following story was given to me by Bob Wallace and my daughter, Blandye Crawford. Both felt it was something I would publish in this column. It is a beautiful story of love for a son. When faced with the choice of material items or love, remember love is always the most precious gift! Vanda Anderson-Creech

### A Father's Will

Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they traveled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet, and many others adorned the walls of their family estate. The widowed elderly man looked on with satisfaction as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed their nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, the elderly man received a telegram that his beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic. Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Christmas holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season - a season that he and his son had so looked forward to in the past - would visit his house no longer. On Christmas morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man. As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home. He opened the door and was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand.

The soldier introduced himself to the old man by saying, "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you." As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his - and his father's - love of fine art work. "I'm also an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man began to unwrap the package, paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man's son. Though the world would never consider it a work of genius, the painting featured See DOWN HOME page 5

## Historic Millennium Candlelight Service at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church lovingly invites everyone who wishes to celebrate Christ's holy birth to their candlelight service on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. A service filled with beautiful Christmas carols, candlelight, prayer and Holy Communion serve to praise God for the birth of his son, Jesus.

The Holy Communion is open to everyone, regardless of your denomination. We invite all Christians to partake in this symbolic sacrament of bread and wine.

After communion is taken, the lights are lowered as candlelight starts as a flicker with each person passing the brilliance of his flame on to light the next. The light of each candle signifies the love of Christ being passed to each one by lighting each candle. A feeling that God is truly holding each one is felt as the flicker turns into flame and the entire sanctuary is illuminated with a warm feeling of love.

The light of love should not only shine at this service - but you should feel so inspired to spread God's love into the world when you walk out that night. This world is in desperate need of sharing the word, love and light of Christ.

As we approach the New Year, let us remember the last Christmas Eve we spend in this millennium as one that really touched our hearts. Please join us for this celebration Friday night at 6:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Vicki Dillard

## Valor Telecommunications, LLC new official name will serve over 520,000 customer lines

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 15, 1999 -- dba Communications, LLC announced today that the company's new name will be Valor Telecommunications, LLC.

Pending regulatory approvals, Valor Telecommunications will serve over 520,000 customer access lines in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas as a result of purchase agreements the company reached with GTE this fall, including the local telephone exchanges in Clyde and Baird.

**About Valor Telecommunications, LLC**  
Valor Telecommunications, a closely-held new entrant in the telecommunications industry, was formed in September 1999 to acquire local access lines being sold by GTE. Valor Telecommunications, which will be led by telecommunications industry veteran Anne K. Bingaman, is currently based in Washington, D.C. but has announced its intention to locate the company headquarters in Dallas, Texas. Valor Telecommunications was formed by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (WCAS), a leading private equity investor in telecommunications with over \$8 billion in capital, in partnership with a group of prominent Hispanic investors whose roots are in the Southwest. In addition to WCAS, Vestar Capital Partners and Citicorp Venture Capital are significant investors in Valor Telecommunications. The Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR) also played a role in the formation of Valor Telecommunications when it worked to bring together GTE and a group of Hispanic investors to bid on the local access lines in New Mexico and Texas.

## House burns at Cross Cut -- Appeals to community residents for assistance is needed

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH  
Editor

Early last Wednesday morning, December 15, the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. D.V. Goode in the Cross Cut Community burned. The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and Brownwood firefighters responded. The fire was supposedly started from a wall heater in the bathroom.

Charlotte Story, who rented the house from the Goodes, was at home when the fire occurred but lost everything in the flames except food in her freezer, canned goods and some other food items inside a kitchen cabinet. All they retrieved were a few blankets and the clothes on their back. Her personal belongings were not insured. She stated that she had saved the funds to purchase insurance and had planned to obtain it the Friday following the fire. She was thankful for their lives.

She was living there with her daughter, Keirsten age 7. All their household furnishings and clothing were destroyed. Charlotte remarked, "God will take care of me. He is always by my side." This a true testimony of faith. Charlotte noted that everyone had been very considerate following the incident.

A love fund has been established at Citizens State Bank to assist the Story family. You may check with the bank for clothes and shoe sizes, etc. Your generous contributions would be greatly appreciated by the Story family.

A community shower to help replenish the Story family's basic household needs will be held following the Christmas holidays. Watch the newspaper for a specific date and details.

If you have furniture, etc. that you would like to contribute to the family, please call Charlotte at (254) 725-7193. This is the season for giving and this family is in need of your thoughtfulness!

## WTU Announces New Low Income Energy Assistance Program

West Texas Utilities Company has joined with community service agencies across its service territory to offer a new low-income energy assistance program. Called Neighbor to Neighbor, the program provides a fund that helps WTU customers pay their home energy bills in emergency situations.

Funds for the year-round program are provided by an initial contribution from WTU's stockholders with continued funding by customer contributions and a company-matching program. Thirteen community action agencies in West Texas administer the program.

"We are indebted to these agencies for their enthusiastic support," said Paul Brower, WTU's general manager and president. "Without them, this program wouldn't be possible." The various agencies, following criteria established by WTU and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), determine the eligibility of participants and implement the program in their respective areas. No program funds are used to administer the program, so 100 percent of each contribution directly benefits those in need.

A special feature of the program allows customers to participate in the program through regular or one-time contributions. "Everyone can be a neighbor by extending a

helping hand to someone in need," said WTU's Brower. Customers who want to help can obtain a brochure and pledge card at a WTU Business Office, or simply call 1-888-216-3523 (English) or 1-888-216-3505 (Spanish). The donation you indicate will appear on your next electric bill. All contributions to the program are fully tax-deductible.

While the company is committed to supporting this program, Brower noted that WTU expects the West Texas tradition of neighbors helping their neighbors will make it an even bigger success. Summer temperatures in West Texas regularly exceed 100 degrees, and that can be life threatening if individuals don't have adequate cooling. Winters can be equally challenging for people without adequate heat. Financial hardships and unexpected emergencies can compound the situation for those people already in need.

Applicants to the program must meet the following requirements:

- Be a WTU customer
- Be responsible for paying the energy expense in question
- Have a genuine financial need at the time of application

For more information call 1-888-216-3523 or contact a WTU area business office or Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. in Coleman (915) 625-4167. The CTO agency serves Callahan County.

## Angel Tree Deemed Huge Success Locally

The Angel Tree sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce was declared a great success. Guardians for every angel (child) on the list were provided. Ninety plus children will have a brighter Christmas thanks to the generosity of others.

Gifts for every child have been

purchased with love and all involved in the project are sure to be blessed.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who made this possible. Your kindness will be remembered many times.

Once again, Cross Plains has proved to be a "Caring Community."

The Cross Plains Review  
Will Close At 12:00 Noon  
Friday, December 24  
We wish you a Merry Christmas!



BEST DECORATED HOME -- Joe Howser, President of Project Pride, is shown presenting a plaque to Nancy McGough designating the McGough home the best decorated for the 1999 Holiday Season.



BEST DECORATED BUSINESS -- Judy Porter, owner of Judy's Hair Place, is shown accepting a certificate from Joe Howser, a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, naming her business best decorated for the holidays.

## Decorating Contest Winners Announced for the Christmas Season

Project Pride and the Chamber of Commerce would like to express their appreciation to all who did such a beautiful job decorating homes and businesses for the holidays.

Out-of-town contest judges were very complimentary of Cross Plains and stated that it was hard to choose the most outstanding homes or businesses. Criteria used in making these decisions included: keeping the theme of Christmas and time and effort involved.

The home of Floyd and Nancy McGough, 317 N. Avenue B was

selected first place home. The Floyd Baker home, 224 South Avenue D was named second and the home of Arvil and Betty Gartman, 309 West 11th Street third.

Judy's Hair Place received first place honor for businesses. Cactus Flower Antique and Resale Shop captured second place and Coyote Flat General Store third.

It would certainly be worth your time and effort to drive around the city and enjoy the many lighted decorations.

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Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally Meeting at Mangum Baptist Church January 6, 2000

On January 6, 2000, the Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association will have a rally at the Mangum Baptist Church located south of Eastland. The Executive Board and WMU meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:00. The evening program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Special guests will be Larry and Freida Sinclair of Fairfield. Larry and Freida Sinclair use their talents in singing, chalk art, ventriloquism and preaching to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Larry and Freida love working with families and they have titled their ministry "Family Revival".

Mangum pastor, Chad Gosnell, invites you to bring your family to this exciting and uplifting meeting.

For more information about this meeting or Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association, contact Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.



## Courthouse News

### COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Kristofer Caine Whitehead, fail to report accident & no liability insurance.

Dale Scott Davis, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Crissy Roberson, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 12 month probation, \$200 fine, \$219.25 court costs, \$270.25 restitution.

Kelli Foster, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$191.25 court costs, \$263.45 restitution.

Tony Harbuck, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$229.25 court costs.

Tony Harbuck, order requesting transfer from Callahan Co. to Brazos Co. approved.

Roosevelt Portee, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$214.25 court costs.

Roosevelt Portee, order requesting transfer from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. approved.

### Marriage Licenses

James Hardy Lakey of Albany and Tiffney Gayle Gattis of Abilene.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Connie L. Puschel and Fred Wayne Williams, divorce.

Vanderbuilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc. vs. Chester Chapman and Nancy Chapman, default on note.

### Civil Minutes

Jesse Arthur Nash and Susan Ruth Nash, divorce granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Rueben James Evans, probation revoked.

## A safe holiday tops Santas Christmas list

ABILENE—Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, said. "But, we anticipate that the problem could even be worse this year due to turn of the century New Year's parties. People who normally don't drink and drive during the holiday season may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driving. There are 30 holiday-themed billboards being posted on interstate highways in major Texas cities and throughout Texas. Of these, one is located in Abilene at South 1st and Mockingbird. In addition to billboards, don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will air in 17 cities across Texas in December. The cities include Abilene which has three radio stations involved. They are KEAN-FM, KHXS-FM and KCDD-FM.

Also, thousands of convenience stores, liquor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message are also being provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director, said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, Bryant added, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between December 24 and 26 and between December 31 and January 2.

## Obituary

### Etta Pauline Williams

Etta Pauline Williams, 87, of Rising Star, died Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at Admiral Cemetery with Bill Campbell officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Williams was born April 11, 1912 in Dallas. She was a professional seamstress and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Curtis Chambers of the Williams Community; one brother, Glen Brunson of Winnsboro; one sister Irene Price of Fort Worth; three grandchildren, Wayne Chambers of Bangs; Cody Chambers of Coleman and David Chambers of the Williams Community and numerous nieces and nephews.

## "Agricultural Weather Open House" Jan. 14

Your National Weather Service Office in San Angelo is hosting an "Agricultural Weather Open House" on Friday, January 14 and Saturday, January 15 at the National Weather Service office at Mathis Field in San Angelo. Persons associated with any aspect of farming and ranching are especially invited to attend. Hours of the open house will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is an opportunity for those in farming and ranching to see the latest in weather technology, ask questions about National Weather Service operations, talk to the staff of meteorologists, and make comments and suggestions on improving weather services.

**Don't Know What To Get That Someone Special For Christmas?**  
How about giving them a wealth of information, knowledge, etc. through the Internet.  
Call Vanda or Deborah  
(254) 725-6111

**Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627**

**Stated Meeting  
1st Thursday 7:30 p.m.  
Sec. (254) 725-7530**

**CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

Donations: Billie Ruth Loving, Eula Rhodes, Ross H. Hemphill and Weldon and Lola Chaffin

**In Memory Of:**  
Ray and Gloria Curry in memory of her mother, "Melody" Strickland

**In Honor Of:**  
Jack and Kathryn Tunnell in honor of Mary and Cecil Barton and Fred J. Tunnell, Judy Luter in honor of Anita Luter, Fred J. Tunnell in honor of Mary and Cecil Barton and Jack and Kathryn Tunnell, Franzel and Becky Odom in honor of Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin.

**New Book Donated**  
A new book for children, *Ginger Bread Baby* was given by Sue Bennett

**Statistics**  
**Books:**  
Cross Plains - 68  
Abilene - 6  
Interlibrary Loan - 2  
TOTAL 76

The library will be closed from December 24 - January 3. Check out books now for the holidays. The folks at the library wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	Aug. 1999	Sept. 1999
Total Oil Production	22,238	21,222
Total Gas Production	108,860	103,547

## County oil and gas production total lower

Oil and gas production figures for September 1999 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production were both lower compared to August 1999 totals.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of September 1999 was 103,547 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of September was 21,222 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during August 1999 was 22,238 barrels of oil. Total gas production in August was 108,860 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months for Callahan County include: September 1998 with 30,904 barrels of oil, October with 30,116 barrels, November with 28,387 barrels of oil, December 1998 with 27,019 barrels, January 1999 with 26,349 barrels, February with 24,211 barrels, March with 23,948 barrels, April

with 24,787 barrels of oil, May with 23,023 barrels of crude, June with 23,322 barrels of oil and July with 23,231 barrels of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for September 1999 include: Brown, 147,580 MCF of gas and 8,040 barrels of oil; Coleman, 177,655 MCF of gas and 29,850 barrels of oil; Eastland, 422,906 MCF of gas and 24,019 barrels of oil; Jones, 61,465 MCF of gas and 57,860 barrels of oil; Runnels, 135,324 MCF of gas and 46,726 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 361,204 MCF of gas and 78,289 barrels of oil; Stephens, 1,026,231 MCF of natural gas and 262,689 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 36,651 MCF of gas and 48,877 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing county in September was Gaines with 2,782,604 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in September was Webb with 24,580,760 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in September came from 143,843 oil and 52,660 gas wells.

## Social Security Rep. Schedule

A representative of the Social Security Administration in Abilene will be in Eastland at the Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd floor in the Eastland County Courthouse at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, January 25, February 22 and March 21 for your convenience.

You may call Social Security toll-free any weekday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

## Donations to Cross Cut Cemetery Told

Marjorie Pena recently contributed \$50 to the Cross Cut Cemetery in memory of Louise Newton.

All donations are appreciated by the Cross Cut Cemetery Association. You may send contributions to O.B. Byrd.

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## Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 26, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## Selected Scriptures

*I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the very end. Psalm 119:112*

*...Let us watch and be sober.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:6b*

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10TH & MAIN CROSS PLAINS (254) 725-7629  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Wayne Lenz - Pastor 725-4577 - Jason Kempf - Youth & Music Minister

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1-800-252-3629

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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time ..... 7:00 p.m.

Joe Coppinger, Pastor (254) 725-7730 Church (254) 725-6266  
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## Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

### For Callahan Attorney Allen Wright

Pol. Adv. by Allen Wright County Attorney Campaign Fund, 6000 County Road 203, Clyde, Texas 79510

### Shane Deel

Pol. Adv. by Shane Deel, 526 Swenson Road, Clyde, Texas 79510

All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

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### COLEMAN LIVESTOCK AUCTION COMMISSION CO., INC.

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### Worship With Us Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24  
6:00 P.M.

A Service for the Whole Family  
Carols, Candlelight & Communion

First United Methodist Church

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## "My Way Is The Only Way"

--Signed God

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Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Dr. Richard Chaffin, Pastor

Sunday Sermon

"Jesus! The Only Savior"



**Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News**

By: Linda Merritt



We had a good turnout of family and friends at our Open House Christmas Party. The residents really enjoyed themselves. Everyone had a good time of visiting and opening gifts. We appreciate everyone for coming and joining in with us to help give our residents a good Christmas.

Sheri Kitchens was the winner for the decorated door prize. Stormie Jones, administrator, presented her with a twenty dollar gift certificate to Jean's Feed Barn. Congratulations Sheri. Appreciation to Charlou Cowan and Minnie Cunningham for being our judges.

Nandell Stiles was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Our appreciation to the Collier family for the flowers, to Beth Meador for the cute tree ornaments, to Bonnie Rogers for the delicious cookies, to the 4th grade school kids for the candy and singing carols, to Betty Baxter for the cookies, to Beverly Brown for the flower arrangement, to Ann Belz for the box of candy, to Dannes Turner for the crackers and dip, to the First Baptist Church for the candy bags and Kleenex, to the Trades Commission for the cookies, to the Methodist Church for the Kleenex, socks and lotion and to the Ferguson family for the fruit, chocolate cake and cookies, to the Garden Club for the Christmas tree and for the wonderful refreshments, to Pioneer Baptist Church for doing the Christmas program, to Ray Dodd for being a good Santa - to each and everyone who had a part in making

this Christmas a happy one for our residents. God bless you.

Denise Duffy, Shelley Taylor, Rex Taylor and Beth Meador visited with Nandell Stiles.

Ector, Peggy, Katrina, Ector, Jr. and Elizabeth Rose Mireles visited with Pauline Regian and Ralph Lee.

Alan, Beth and Ashlyn Hilburn from Cedar Hill visited Jo Boatright. Lurene, Byron and Brenton McNutt, Michelle Rudloff from Mansfield, Avi and Sharene Deshmukh from Stephenville visited with Louise Richardson.

First Baptist Church Youth Group was here visiting everyone.

Activities during the week were:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Ruby Harrell, Alpha Wilson (2), Falba Shofner and Minnie Swann. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class, sing-a-long with Bob Wallace, and Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Bingo winners were Louise Richardson, Alpha Wilson (2), Falba Shofner, Nandell Stiles (2), Victor Long and Ruby Harrell (2) and Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Manicures, ball toss and Skip-Bo games.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace, sit-down-basketball and domino games.

**Sunday:** First United Methodist Church

Everyone here at Colonial Oaks is wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas. May you have the gladness of Christmas which is Hope, the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace; the heart of Christmas which is Love.

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**BREAKTHRU**

By Bob Pipes, preacher  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
433 N. Main At 12th  
(254) 725-6117

"When Jesus came." Have you ever noticed in Scripture the difference that was made at times when it is mentioned? I'm not talking about when He came at birth, as grand and important, and as great a difference that made. Look with me at some other times.

"When Jesus came into Peter's house, He saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on Him (Matthew 8:14-15). Did Jesus' coming make a difference to Peter's mother-in-law? So much so that she responded by arising to serve. Do you suppose she ever forgot His coming? No way!

"When Jesus entered the ruler's house...He said to them, 'make room, for the girl is not dead, but is sleeping.' ...After the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl rose." At first the people "laughed at Him" but after He raised the girl from the dead, "the report went out into all that land." Did Jesus' coming make any difference? Silly question! (Matthew 9:23-26)

Ask Zacchaeus what difference it made "when Jesus came," Luke 19:1-10. Jesus didn't even have to perform a miracle to make a difference - but because of His coming, salvation came to Zacchaeus' house that day!

Read all of the gospel accounts and note the difference it always made "when Jesus came." That phrase doesn't have to be there - any more than a miracle had to happen - but "when Jesus came," what a difference it always made!

And what a difference it makes today. This world has never been the same since Jesus came. One's life is never the same once Jesus enters in - never the same once one is in Christ, II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:27. Listen. Is that a knocking at the door? "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

**Quips, Clips & Comments**

By: Kay Mosley

**"CHRISTMAS"**

Memories of Christmases past; how sweet the recollections!!! Most of my childhood Christmas Memories are from early 1940's thru at least the mid-fifties and perhaps a year or two beyond.

Someone, usually one of our uncles would either bring, or take us to the country to cut down a Christmas tree. We would "HELP" mama decorate the tree one night after she got home from work. Mama had some colored glass Christmas balls and we'd hang some of those on there, usually blue, red or green ones. Daddy made us a small string of lights to go on the trees. He was a radio repairman and was used to working some with electricity. The colored light bulbs were not all the same size but we thought them the most beautiful and magical of all the strings of Christmas lights in the world. Mama had a large round roll of cotton which she would wrap around the lower trunk of the tree, allowing the cotton to spread out about 6 or 8 inches onto the floor. This we would then sprinkle with artificial snow flakes so it would glitter. This period of time being partly during WWII, the snow was made out of some sort of white stuff which really looked like Lux laundry soap flakes, which was a popular washday soap in those days.

The final thing to be hung on the tree was the icicles which in those days looked like thin strips of white cellophane, being as America was first in the midst of WWII and then later during the period of reconstruction following the war. During that time, we somehow acquired, (I suppose mama bought it) a large blue star to top the tree. Before that we didn't have a topper. We used that one for absolutely aeons however.

Houses or more likely just a room or two of a home was usually all that was heated. Sometimes by a wood stove, sometimes by a kerosene stove and lots of times by gas space heaters.

Believe you me; it was usually so cold in the house on Christmas morning that children gratefully stayed in their beds under all those quilts until some brave grown-up (adult) arose and lit the fires.

Then everyone ran for the Christmas tree and the stockings to collect their share of the apples, oranges, nuts and peppermint candy sticks and to see what toys Old Santy Klaus had brought. Some folks did stockings, we did not.

You know that was also before Rudolph's time. He hadn't yet been born. MERRY CHRISTMAS 1999!!!

**Beta Sigma Phi holds Christmas Party**

Sarah Brashear's brightly decorated home was the site of the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi annual Christmas party. On December 13, the chapter members enjoyed a varied and delicious covered dish dinner before the opening of those wonderful "secret sister gifts". Possibly the highlight of each Christmas party, which has become a tradition with this chapter, is the Chinese Christmas gift exchange. After many long minutes, or hours, in which certain members bargained and pleaded with other members in order to latch on to the special gift they wanted, the "game" ended with everyone clutching tightly to the gift they most desired.

Members present were Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Wanda Merryman, Nora Odom, Mary Graves, Carol Rogers, Sharon Parr, Mary Ann Chaffin, Cathy Wood, Melanie Long, Lavonne Childress, Jacque Childress, Joyce McCoy, Elizabeth Hunsaker, Joyce McCoy, Bobbie Johnston, Pam Cummings

and Melissa Wooten.

While laughter, companionship and fun is a great component of the group's bonding, it is by no means the central purpose for its existence. The sorority believes in being an active participant in the betterment of our community and a service to the people of Cross Plains. It was unanimously agreed that our chapter would provide three Christmas gift baskets and a significant cash gift for needy families at this holiday season.

The traditional recitation of Beta Sigma Phi's Closing Ritual ended a wonderful evening. The ladies of the sorority left for their homes - happy in the knowledge they had been with special friends and that most of all - they had shared with others from the proceeds of fund-raising projects from the year past. Thanks to everyone who participated with us for the betterment of our community!

Happy Holidays to all!  
Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

**CP Cemetery Assoc. Donations Noted**

Month of September 1999  
DONATIONS & EARNINGS:  
M/M J.H. Balkum \$100; Leota & Wayne Houser \$25; CD Earning 8190 \$231.82; CD Earning 7719 \$821.97; Earning added to acct. \$21.28 TOTAL \$1,075.07

GRAVE OPENING PERMITS:  
Don Gosnell 2 plots \$150; 1 GOP Maxey Evans \$75 TOTAL \$225

Month of October 1999  
DONATIONS & EARNINGS:  
Scott & Sherry Odom \$25; Eva Byrd \$60; 1 small book \$15; I/M Shawn Odom & Morris Odom by Dorothy Odom \$50; Horach Crutchfield \$20;

Earnings added to acct. \$22.25  
TOTAL: \$192.25

Month of November 1999  
DONATIONS & EARNINGS:  
Eva Byrd \$30; Tom & Juanice Adams \$50; I/M Sterling Odom by Nancy Palmer \$25; 1 book Sandra Jones \$25; Garland Dawson \$10; I/M Sterling Odom by M/M Ralph Trevey \$25; I/M Sterling Odom by Joyce Odom \$25; Earnings added to acct. \$21.27 TOTAL: \$211.27

GRAVE OPENING PERMITS:  
GOP Estalce Potter \$75; Davis Morris Funeral Home \$75 TOTAL: \$150

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**Ma & Pa**

By James Nichols

On a cold December evening, as the yellowish light of a coal oil lamp cast long shadows over the snow, as one enters through the doorway they are greeted by the smell of fresh cut cedar and dinner laid out over a long table.

There's turkey with a golden brown skin, corn bread dressing by the bowls full, candied sweet potatoes with white streaks of

marshmallows through them, pickled beets, English pea salad, deviled eggs, mash potatoes with cow butter melting on top, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, dinner rolls by the plate fulls, fruit salad, pumpkin, pecan and apple pies.

Yes, it's Christmas dinner at Ma and Pa's.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor,

My wife and I recently moved to the Cross Plains area. We moved from near San Angelo because we wanted to leave all the catus back there! We loved the land around here and the price was reasonable. But we found another treasure in Cross Plains - the people

My wife and I have not been in one place in town that we were not welcomed and greeted like long lost family. Everyone has been very helpful and informative. We would like to thank just a few of so many wonderful people we've met.

Thanks to Melissa, Larry, Charlic and all the crew at WTU for getting us power so quickly. And the very pleasant gentleman, I think the manager of the grocery store for giving us directions to everything in town our first day here. To all the great people at Higginbotham's for finding all the things we needed

even if we didn't know what we needed. And the great young ladies at Subway for being so pleasant when we came in hungry and dirty form doing fence. And the great people at Citizen's State Bank for cashing a check for us from a San Angelo bank. And the young ladies at Ranch Supply store who treated us great.

It was really a pleasure to meet people who said, "Oh, you live across the road from Larry's", or "You have the place down the road from Ricky's". Hopefully someday, they can tell another newcomer, "Oh, you live down the road from Tony and Lynda's place".

Thanks to all the fine people of Cross Plains. You are all a true treasure. Even the man from GTE who told us we wouldn't get phone service for three months told us he wished he lived in Cross Plains.

Tony and Lynda Garza

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FRIDAY - NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

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# B-Ball Time

## Varsity Lady Buff Basketball Action Reported

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

## Holiday B-Ball Tournament and J.V. Update

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

Beginning on Monday, December 27 and continuing through Tuesday the 28th, Cross Plains will be hosting our Holiday Basketball Tournament for varsity competition. First round and second round action will be played on Monday using both gyms. All third round games will be played on Tuesday in the new gym. The Lady Buffs first game will be at 12 p.m. and the Buffaloes at 1:30 p.m. Other schools participating will be Panther Creek, Blanket, May, Priddy, Jonesboro, Santa Anna, Lingleville girls only and Peaster JV Boys only. Cross Plains ISD would like to invite everyone to come out and watch some good basketball during the holidays.

In late JV girls action on Friday the 17th we were defeated by a strong Huckabay squad by a score of 38 to 14. Huckabay was very physical and we did not adjust to that style of play like we need too. Scoring the points were Jennifer Hartman 8, Judith Hartman 4 and Mauricio 2. The JV girls record entering the holidays is 0-4.

Tuesday we hosted a tough Sidney squad with an 8-3 record and 1 tournament championship. The Lady Buffs defeated the Lady Eagles by a score of 57 to 39. It was our best over all performance to date against a quality team. Our good shooting and pressure defense wore them down late in the game.

Scoring the points for the Lady Buffs was Richey 15, Wilson 8, Franci 6, Turner 6, Bailey 6, Wyatt 4, Thomas 4, Marion 4, Beaty 2 and Kitchens 2.

Friday we hosted the Lady Hornets from Lometa and defeated them by a score of 69 to 25. We got off to a fast start scoring 16 in the first and 31 in the 2nd quarter. Offensively we are really starting to shoot the ball well from the outside. Our fast break opportunities are increasing because of our effort to beat the other team down the floor and get in position.

In the scoring column for the Lometa game was Turner 17, Bailey 9, Marion 9, Franci 8, Webb 7, Thomas 6, Clark 6, Richey 4, Kitchens 2, Beaty 2 and Kitchens 2. Our record at the holiday break stands at 11-3.

December 16, 1999

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

Superintendent Tension and high school principal Wilson were also in attendance.

Guests were: Gregg Williams, Linda Reed, Susan Hartman, Lydia Williams, April Wheeler and Cameron Guley.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard. Minutes were approved with corrections of November and December.

Motion by Childress and seconded by Chesshir to pay the December bills. 6-0

Cameron Guley presented the results of the 1999 audit of Cross Plains I.S.D. Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt to approve the annual audit report for the year ended August 31, 1999. 6-0

Gregg Williams raised several questions concerning refusal to tape previous meetings, not receiving a copy of the math textbook committee notes, and not having topics discussed recorded in the handwritten minutes.

Motion by Childress and seconded by Richards that no action would be taken on the math textbooks and to leave the agenda item tabled until the January meeting. 6-0

Motion by Childress and seconded by Wyatt to approve the proposed insurance premiums as presented by Greenwood Insurance -- cost

\$17,134.15. 6-0

Motion by Richards and seconded by Carey to present the use of school facilities agenda item from the previous meeting from the table for discussion. 6-0

Motion by Carey and seconded by Childress that we change the school policy on the use of discretionary leave and the length of such leave in the DEC Local policy of the TASB Policy Book. Such policy is changed upon the recommendation of the legal division of TASB. 6-0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt to approve TASB's Policy Update 62. 6-0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress to approve the textbook committee for the 1999-2000 school year. 6-0

The Academic Excellence Indicator System was presented to the school board.

Donnie declared an executive session at 9:07 and ended at 9:18.

Motion by Childress and seconded by Wyatt to open nominations to fill the vacancy on the school board. 6-0

President Donnie Dillard opened nominations to fill the unexpired term of Leon Nixon until the next election. Richards nominated Terry Nixon. Dillard relinquished the chair to Vice-President Richards and excused himself from the meeting. Richards asked for other nominations. Carey moved that nomination cease. Second by Childress. Vote 5-0. Terry Nixon was appointed by a 5-0 vote to fill the unexpired term. Richards relinquished the chair to President Dillard.

Motion by Wyatt and seconded by Carey to adjourn. 6-0

## TAAS and TEAMS Exit Level Exam Dates Announced

The Exit Level of TAAS and TEAMS will be given at Cross Plains High School to students who have not met this graduation requirement. The TAAS Writing is scheduled on February 22, 2000, the Mathematics is scheduled on February 23, 2000, and the TAAS Reading and the TEAMS English Language Arts is scheduled for

February 24, 2000. All tests will begin at 8:30 a.m. All out of school examinees that wish to take the TAAS or the TEAMS are required to have their completed registration forms received at testing headquarters no later than January 21, 2000. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 725-6121.

## January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"Texas leads the nation when it comes to improving public education. Texas stays on the leading edge of education reform and academic excellence by giving local school districts the freedom to innovate and the power to design programs to meet their communities' needs. Although the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency provide leadership and guidelines, the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the public trust lies with more than 1,000 local school districts in Texas. More than 7,000 publicly elected school board members make decisions that affect the education of almost four million young Texans," Bush said.

"These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts - at a point close to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago: staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable results in academic achievement. Board members are there to listen to parents, teachers, and residents, and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service," he said.

"The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), created in 1949, has designated January 2000 as

School Board Recognition Month to increase public awareness of the vital role these boards play. I urge all Texans young and old to recognize and honor the dedication and diligence of school board members. I also encourage local residents to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Texas Education Code to participate in the dialogue that is the foundation of local control over our schools," Bush said.

"School board members serve as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to maximize his or her potential. Trustees offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and dedication, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them as they tackle the demanding and rewarding task of educating our youth," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system and encourage us to strive to reach those goals. The results of this cooperative effort are reflected in a generation of Texas children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he said.

"Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

School Board Recognition Month kits with certificates, camera-ready art work, sample news release and proclamation, and tips for district activities were mailed to all superintendents and Texas School Public Relations Association members. For more information call Barbara Williams, TASB public information officer, at 800-580-8272, ext. 6418.

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## NOTICE TO PARENTS -- Noisy Toys Can Damage Children's Hearing

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"When selecting a toy, most parents are guided by the child's request, the color or the novelty. Parents assume that if a toy is in the store, it's okay. But, that's not so," said Dr. Lois Sutton, a clinical assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine.

Currently, only a few safety regulations address the noise levels of toys, however, Sutton provides the following guidelines:

- If a toy makes any noise, parents should try it out before they take it home. "Loud things can come in small packages, even plush toys. Test everything before you buy."
- If you have to raise your voice to be heard over the sound of the toy, if it hurts your ears or causes ringing, do not buy it.

"And remember, children don't usually play with toys the way the manufacturer intended. Sounds that may be tolerated at arms-length become dangerous when a child puts the toy to his or her ear."

Sutton notes that standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration limit the level and length of noise exposure in the workplace to 80-85 dBA in an 8-hour period for adults. The dBA is a scale that reflects the sensitivity pattern of human ears in decibels.

"OSHA recommends that hearing protection be worn in the workplace

when loudness and exposure time exceed the standards. However, there are no standards for children," Sutton said.

Parents could be surprised to find that musical toys such as electric guitars, drums and horns emit sounds as loud as 120 dBA. Toy phones can measure between 123-129 dBA, and toys that produce firearm sounds can measure 150 dBA one foot away from the noise source. According to Sutton, 85 decibels is about the loudness level of city traffic while 135 decibels is the level of a jackhammer.

"Noise exposure is cumulative," Sutton said. "Constant wear-and-tear on the fragile middle and inner ear structures can cause trauma. Over time, those noise exposures begin to add up."

"Loud may be considered cool, but we are seeing more and more high school students who suffer from hearing problems," she said. "Loud noise levels can become a habit."

Sutton urges parents to set limits. "The louder the toy, the shorter the play time."

And, limits should include pre-teens and adolescents who listen to stereo systems with headphones and boom boxes with noise levels of 105-110 decibels.

"If you can hear the music when you approach a child wearing a headset, it's too loud," she said.

Sutton encourages parents to do the entire family a favor this Christmas by shopping wisely and enjoying a "Silent Night."

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the young man's face in striking detail.

Overcome with emotion, the old man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the portrait above the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task. True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars worth of paintings. And then the old man sat in his chair and spent Christmas gazing at the gift he had been given.

During the days and weeks that followed, the man learned that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart. As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease his grief, as he realized that, although his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the priceless pieces for which museums around the world clamored. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever received.

The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation, since, with the old man's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Christmas Day, the way he had received his greatest gift. The day finally arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams could be fulfilled this day; greatness could be achieved as some could say, "I have the greatest collection."

The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum list...It was the painting of the old man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid, but the room was silent. "Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Moments passed as no one spoke. From the back of the room came, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son. Let's forget it and get on to the good ones." More voices echoed in agreement. "No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer. "Now who will take the son?"

Finally, a friend of the old man spoke. "Will you take \$10 for the painting? That's all I have." "Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence he said, "Going once, going twice...Gone!"

The gavel fell. Cheers filled the room and someone shouted, "Now we can get on with it and bid on these treasures!" The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced that the auction was over. Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Then someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean it's over? We didn't come here for a portrait of some old man's son! What about all of the other paintings? There are millions of dollars worth of art work here. We demand an explanation!"

The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son...gets it all." Just as the art collectors discovered on that day...The message is still the same...the love of the Father...A Father whose Son gave His life for others...And because of that Father's love...you don't have to pay anything...It's a free gift from God...Whoever takes the Son gets it all.

## Top Weather Stories of Century Includes 2 Killer Tornadoes in Clyde

The staff at the National Weather Service office in San Angelo has compiled a list of this century's top weather events in West Central Texas, including two Clyde killer tornadoes in 1938 and 1950.

Two lists were compiled including #1 severe thunderstorms and tornadoes and #2 floods and other significant weather events. Factors taken into consideration included the magnitude and/or uniqueness of the event, economic impact, and death toll. The events are listed in chronological order.

—May 30, 1909 Zephyr Tornado: Just after midnight this tornado cut a narrow path through the center of Zephyr in eastern Brown County. Forty-six homes, six businesses, two churches, and the high school were destroyed. Thirty-four people died in this storm and 70 others were injured. Hundreds of dead animals littered the fields and fires burned through the night in the wake of the storm.

—April 8, 1922 Rowena/Oplin Tornado: Tornado touched down northwest of Rowena and moved northeast to two miles east of Oplin. Numerous homes were damaged or destroyed. Twelve people died and 90 were injured.

—May 10, 1933 Brownwood Tornado: Tornado touched down in Brownwood and moved southeast through the communities of Jones Chapel and Delaware. Four people died and seven were injured.

—June 10, 1938 Clyde Tornado: Tornado touched down about eight miles northwest of Clyde and moved southeast toward town. When the tornado dissipated, 14 were dead, 40 were injured, and 25 homes were destroyed.

—April 28, 1950 Clyde Tornado: Tornado touched down just north of Clyde and moved northeast destroying 11 homes and damaging 10 others. Five people died and five were injured.

—March 13, 1953 Judd/O'Brien/Rochester/Knox City Tornado: Tornado touched down near Judd and moved northeast to Knox City. Many rural homes were destroyed as well as an eight block area of Knox City. Seventeen people died. Twelve of the deaths were in Haskell County. Sixty were injured.

—May 11, 1953 Lakeview Tornado: Tornado touched down 17 miles west-northwest of San Angelo and moved east-southeast into the community of Lakeview on the northern fringes of San Angelo. Thirteen people died and 159 were injured. Damage included 519 homes, 19 businesses, and 150 cars.

—May 4-5, 1967 Severe Thunderstorm Outbreak: Thunderstorms produced large hail over Concho, McCulloch, and Taylor Counties. Ninety-nine percent of the homes in Eden and 75 percent of the homes in Abilene suffered damage. Widespread damage also occurred in McCulloch County, the worst being in the community of Placid.

—April 19, 1986 Sweetwater Tornado: The tornado touched down on the west side of town around 7:15 a.m. It dissipated as it exited the northeast part of Sweetwater. One person died and 100 were injured.

—May 28, 1995 San Angelo Storm: A severe thunderstorm in San Angelo produced winds over 100 MPH, large hail, and flash flooding. Extensive damage across a large part of San Angelo totaled \$128 million.

### Floods and other significant events

—1934 Heat Wave: This heat wave is most significant because it did not end with the summer. Record high temperatures began in June and the heat did not subside until December.

—September 15-18, 1936 Concho River Flood: Three days of heavy rain over the Concho River basin resulted in significant flooding in San Angelo. Property damage totaled \$2 million (1936 dollars). Two people were killed.

—1950's Drought: The drought began in 1950 and continued through 1957. Some areas had a couple of wet years, but for the most part it was extremely dry. The heat during the summer months was just as oppressive as in 1934.

—June 28, 1954 Ozona/Crockett County Flood: Hurricane Alice came ashore south of Brownsville on June 24-25. The remnants of the hurricane moved up the Rio Grande and into the Pecos and Devil's River basins dumping up to 35 inches of rain over Howard's Creek and Johnson Draw. Sixteen people were killed as Johnson Draw swelled out of its banks and flooded Ozona.

—July 3-4, 1976 Heartland Rain: Copious amounts of rain fell over parts of the Heartland sending the San Saba and Colorado Rivers out of their banks. The Taylor Ranch in southern San Saba County recorded 17.83 inches of rain in two days.

—August 3-4, 1978 Albany Flood: Up to 32 inches of rain fell in two days across Shackelford County and parts of the Big Country. Six people died and four were injured as flood waters rushed through Albany. Flooding also occurred in Clyde during a 30 hour period Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4 with over 12 inches of rainfall. Clyde Lake, which was 13 feet below the spillway, filled beyond its spillway during the flooding.

—September 7-8, 1980 Flood: The remnants of Tropical Storm Danielle dumped heavy rains (over 15 inches in some places) across the Concho Valley, the Northern Edwards Plateau, and the north-west Hill Country. The result was widespread flooding and property damage totalling \$16 million.

—1981 Columbus Day Abilene Flood: Heavy rain fell October 11-14 over much of the Big Country. In Abilene, 10 inches of rain caused significant flooding and over \$6 million in damage. Clyde received 10 inches of rainfall in six hours on October 13, 1981. The flooding here resulted in the evacuation of several families and major damage to homes and businesses in Clyde. Flooding along the 200, 300, 400, and 500 block of North First Street and 100 block of Oak Street caused damage to numerous businesses. Clyde Lake gained over 22 feet of water during the deluge and water trickled over the emergency spillway since Clyde Lake was constructed in the 1970's.

—1983 Cold Weather Outbreak: The temperature dropped below 32 degrees on December 18 and stayed below freezing until December 26 across much of West Central Texas.

—April 25-26, 1990 Brownwood Flood: Thirteen to 18 inches of rain fell over Brown County and the Pecan Bayou sending Lake Brownwood over the spillway and putting five feet of water in the central business district in downtown Brownwood. Two people were killed in this flood.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER 24

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Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Callahan County: Cross Plains, Baird, Putnam, Clyde. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Ledwith & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0840. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Eshart with GTE at (512) 477-8966. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2089 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 28, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

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300-400	90-1.09	82-97	Slaughter Cows
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Thank God. Christmas comes for a better reason than all of mine or yours put together.

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Season's Greetings from our tribe: My Grandkids—Punkin, who is driven in life, and now driving a car; Sweet Pea, who sees art in every living thing; Peanut, of phones friends, and Smiley Riley, the three

year old fireball.

Their Mamas—Puddin' my first-born, and Precious, her little sister.

The Critters—the goats and dogs and rabbits who share our habitat. Under Critters are also listed such regulars as Lydia the Lady Mockingbird who sings "Good Morning" in a thousand languages from the same fencepost every day, and the squirrels, Perk and Peek, who taunt the dogs and run away laughing. They shared acorns with the goats this fall, and tried very hard to make a nest out of an old puppy blanket that would not shred. I'm including all the flying, burrowing, creeping and hopping things, plus a few horned toads, for these are the things that create the stories of my world.

Joining with MyKeeper to wish you a Blessed Christmas and the discovery of peace and inner joy,

++ Ginny Greene  
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## Trotti-Walker United In Marriage Sat., Dec. 11

Amberly Ann Trotti and Brock Carson Walker were married Saturday, December 11, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trotti, of Abilene are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Walker.

Tricia Arminio, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Brooke Clayton of Decatur, Amanda Holt of Los Angeles, California, Tracy Long of Austin, Stacey Moore of Irving, Ashley Surguine of Gainesville, Florida, Misty Williams of Breckenridge and Jill Wolf of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Colby Walker, brother of the groom, of Lubbock was best man. Groomsmen were Sam Arminio of Abilene, Dustin Bowden of Cross Plains, Cameron Creager of Lancaster, Mike Fecci of Carrollton, Landon Neal of Eldorado, Bill Poe of McKinney and Kevin Switzer of

Cross Plains.

Bell ringers were Taylor Chew, nephew of the groom, from Gorman and Zoie Walker, niece of the groom, from Lubbock.

Ushers were Seth Denbow and Jim Bob Giddens of Abilene, Ryan Smrkovsky of Deming, New Mexico, and David Trotti and Ryan Trotti, both of Houston. Joe Coppinger of Cross Plains officiated.

The bride attended Cooper High School and Southwestern University. She graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a degree in psychology and is employed by Health South.

The bridegroom attended Cross Plains High School and attends HSU. He is employed by Ben E. Keith.

The couple will live in Abilene after a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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Dorothy is the daughter of the late

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Santa letters are printed as is, no corrections have been made. This gives the letters a unique appearance and sound as it is written in the child's own words.

# Santa Letters



Dear Santa,  
I would like a power wheels car for Christmas.  
Thank you Santa and Merry Christmas!

Kenzie Taff

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zackery and I have been a good boy and I would like a truck and candy. I'll leave milk and cookies out for you and some hay for Rudolph.

Love,  
Zackery

Dear Santa,  
This is Whitney. I have been a good girl this year and I would like for you to bring me a baby doll and a horse. I'll leave milk and cookies out for you and some hay for Rudolph.

Love,  
Whitney

Dear Santa,  
My name is Justin. I am seven months old so my mommy is writing this for me. I have been a good boy and I would like for you to bring me some toys that I can chew on because everything I pick up I put in my mouth.

Love,  
Justin

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the Mrs.? Well, this is my first Christmas so I'm kinda new to this. But, I was told by my cousins Dakota, Cheyenne that if I'm a good boy all year you will bring me presents. So they told me to write you a letter and tell you what I would like you to bring.

I would like a new steering wheel for my walker, and a bigger bath tub so I can splash around more, and I am really not that picky anything that makes lots of noise and will drive my dad and mom crazy will work. I also collect Dale Earnhardt stuff. So, if you have some of that I would like that too. Thank you very much.

Love,  
Stetson Bomar  
age 5 1/2 months

P.S. Could you please bring all my cousins something special too?

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zachery Thompson. I'm 16 months old. For Christmas I would like a Talking Teletubbie, books, puzzles, and some Hot Wheels. I will leave you out some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Zachery S. Thompson  
16 months old  
Cross Plains, TX

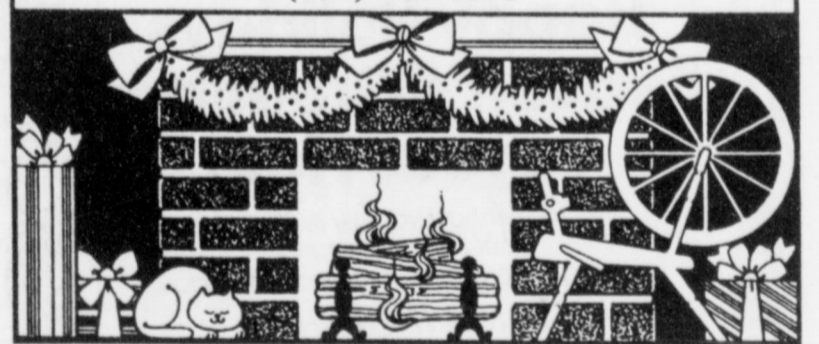
Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. My name is Cheyenne. I am three years old. I've been good this year. I would like a new baby doll and some new shoes. Please don't forget to bring my bubba some toys. He's been pretty good, too! Don't forget about Stetson and Brittany. Thank you Santa.

I Love You,  
Cheyenne Bomar  
P.S. Santa when you deliver gifts to Heaven, would you please tell my Papa that Bubba and I love him and miss him. Thank you.

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## With Wishes Warm & Bright

May your heart and your home be warmed by the spirit of Christmas this season.  
Thanks For Your Patronage  
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Cisco, Texas  
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Joe Howser

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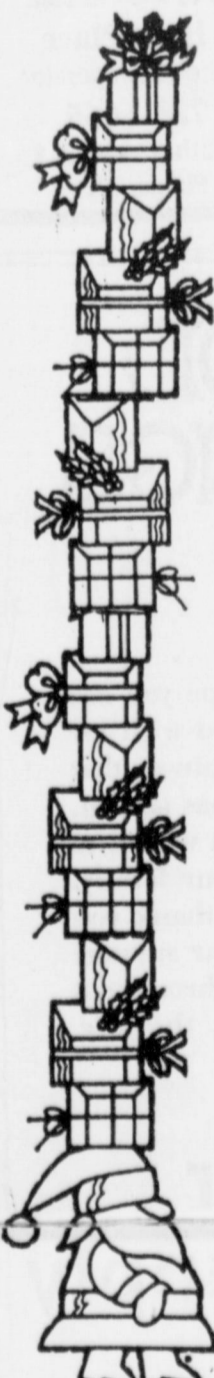
We sure do appreciate your loyal patronage.

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Rod and Neva Middleton

**Merry Christmas**

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It's A Rootin' Tootin' Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays

Have an ol' fashioned Christmas and a grand ol' time! Thanks for your support, pardners!

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Noah and Bobbie





**North Pole**

**All Signs Point To A Great Season!**

Merry Christmas to our many good friends and many thanks for your cherished patronage.

**Dairy Queen**  
of Cross Plains  
(254) 725-7605

(254) 725-7394

Hope your holiday shapes up to be beautiful in every way! Thank you for your business.

**The Movie Store**  
Sheet & Wanda Walker

Dear Santa,  
I have sort of been pretty good this year. I would like a baby doll and a new bike, a Barbie and some new clothes for her.

I would also like a big pumpkin to cut and put outside on the porch. Tell Mrs. Santa hi for me.

I Love You,  
Lindsey Ames  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Pokemon Rattata, Raticate, Spearow and Fearow. I would also like a new Arthur book and a Pikachu book, and a Spiderman and a bad guy for him to fight.

Please bring my mom a ring with shiny sparkles, and my dad some new hooks to fish.

I've been pretty good this year. I'll put you out some milk and cookies. Tell Mrs. Clause hi.

Love,  
Jayten Ames  
Age 6

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring my sister a slide that she can climb on. And I want a Barbie cash register. And I want my Daddy to get a gun. And would you bring Byron a gun and a horse, and a gun and horse for Brenton, too. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you and your reindeer. Rudolf is my favorite.

I Love You,  
Cheyenne Cowan  
Pre-K

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. This year I would like a bike, bear, Barbie doll, tea pot, tea set and a kitchen set, and kindergarten baby, Hawaii Barbie, a Barbie playhouse, Chutes and Ladders (game), Candyland (game) Hasbro Lite-Brite, Magnadoodle and my dog Molly a bed. Betty Spaghetti.

Love,  
Charleen

Dear Santa,  
Wuz up? How are you? I am fine. This year I want a laptop computer, a pair of shoes, clothes, jewelry, a bike and some socks for mom and dad and a watch for mom and some tools for dad.

Love,  
Christina

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. This year I want metal tools, Gameboy yellow, Mario golf (game), remote control truck, remote control train set and a blanket for my dog "Molly".

Love,  
Tru

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dinosaur with spikes on his back, and the movie, Inspector Gadget. Don't forget a dolly for my sister Clarice, a fire truck for Kenyon, and a baby duck for Zerina.

I Love You,  
Wayne Benton

**SEASONS' GREETINGS**

The spirit is building and we'd like to say, hope your season is made for you in every way.

Thank you for choosing us.

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Cross Plains, TX

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Here's wishing you and your family all things merry and bright this Christmas. Thanks for lighting up our season.

**Higginbotham Funeral Home**  
Bob & Dee Harrell  
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**Merry Christmas  
Happy Holidays  
Season's Greetings  
Joyous Noel**

No matter how you say it, we hope your season is grand. We truly appreciate your kind patronage.

**Russell-Surles Title, Inc.**  
(915) 854-1115  
Baird, Texas

**GOOD TIDINGS**

Hope you are surrounded with joy and happiness this Christmas season. Our best wishes to you and your family. We thank you for your support throughout the year.

**All Star Pump & Supply**

**Peace**

Hark unto the message of Christmas: Let there be peace throughout the land!

From Dub Meador & Family  
**D&B Carpet and Carpet Cleaning**  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a yo-yo and a busslightrur and a woody and the hours, simin pool, porw ranger set, toy motc introol car, a chair desk and starswar shampoo, a bed toy boat.

Britton  
My age 5 or 4

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player and a Barbie house, and a Game boy, a mittetur back back rugrat nitindo games.

The things you said for it and close and soft cuddly kelly and furdy and my favit marshin, a go cart and Barbie car and toy kitchen and skate bord shanin Barbie air plane doll genertion girl doll stoler a doll cabbage patch kids a-doption, Barbie full house Barbie real friends, Jack frost.

Brooklyn  
Age 8  
3 grade

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. Could you please bring me a beanbag, and one for my little brother too. I would like a yellow one with a smiley face on it, and my little brother wants one that looks like a football.

Thank you,  
Meagan Barnett

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a new motorcycle and a new four-wheeler and a pair of rollerskates. Please bring Thor a football game and for Aspen a baby doll. Bring momma a necklace and daddy a new football suit.

Santa, I'll have cookies and milk waiting for you!

Zed Woerner  
Kindergarten, age 6

P.S. A playstation would be nice, too.

**Christmas Blessings**

May the wonder and joy of the First Christmas always be with you!

Thank's For Your Patronage

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**Joy**

To all who are young at heart: The Merriest of Christmases!

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**Merry Christmas To All And To All A Good Night!**

Thank You For Your Unfailing Support.

From eastside to westside  
And all around the town  
May peace and happiness  
Blanket the town.

And to all our good friends  
Both far and near—  
A very good Christmas  
And a happy New Year.

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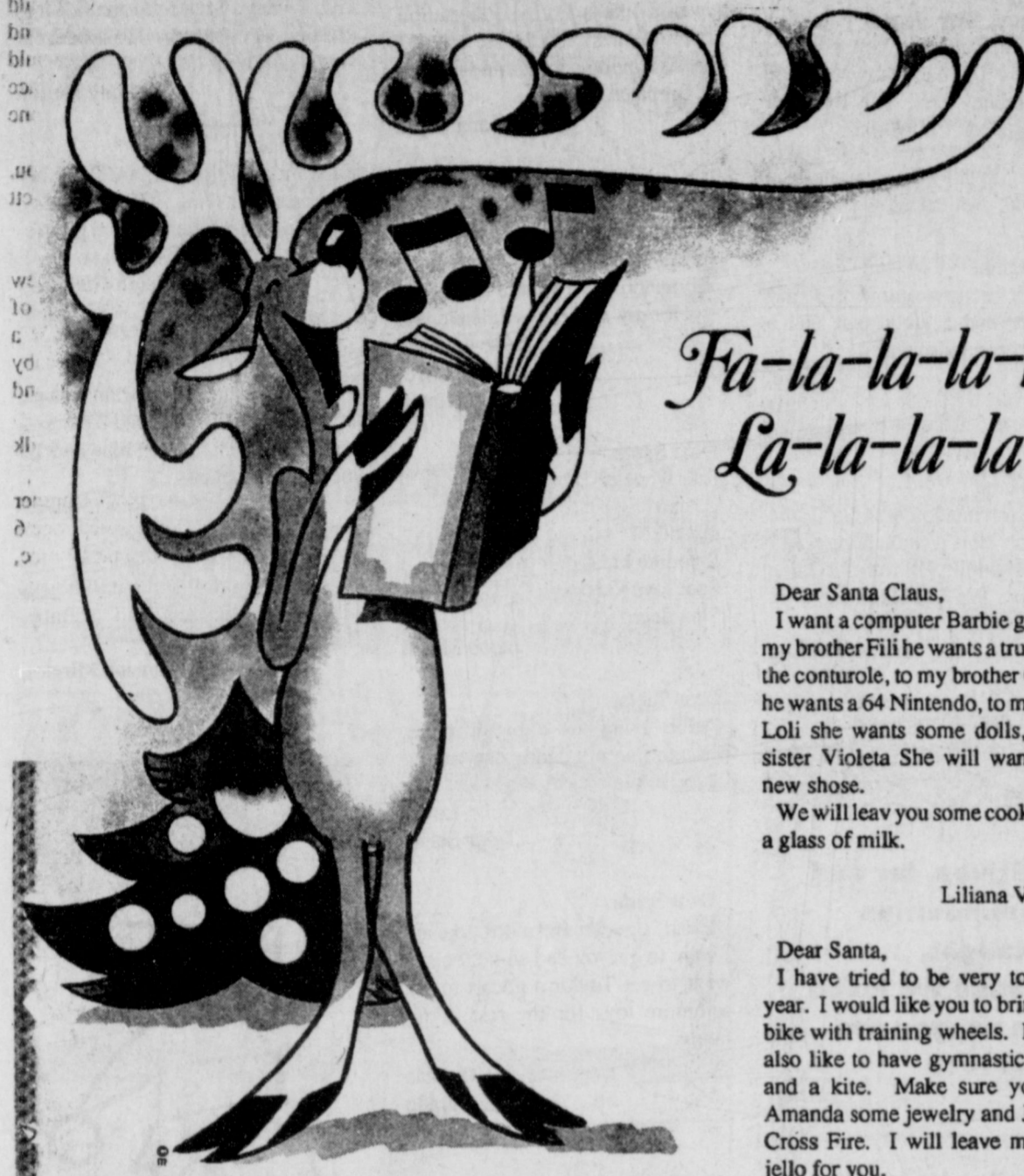


**Peace · Love · Friendship**

Wishing you and yours a world of peace this Christmas.

**THE CHILDRESS FAMILY**





*Fa-la-la-la-la  
La-la-la-la*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Rock Tumbler, potters wheel, power bead necklace and bracelet, army guns, robot, a Furby (Christmas edition), a goard game and some money. Santa I have tried being good. I will leave some cookies and milk for you and Rudolf.

Merry Christmas  
Joe V. Holland II

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a pair of Barbie roller blades or skates and a milincum princess Barbie. If you can find some I would also like some new dalmation slippers because I have outgrown my others. Thank you.  
Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Shelbie Ruth Dawn Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Hot Wheels city and a Hot Wheels car.

Luis Fernando Monreal

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a Barbie car too and some clothes for my Barbies and some clothes for me and a kin doll with my Barbies. Also a train set.

Love,  
Melissa Black

Dear Santa,  
I would really like a praying doll and a read an play Tommy please an for my family to be happy. Thank you.

Love,  
Brittany Johnson

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a my siz jeep, and a inspector Gagects movie, The King and I movie, rollerblades, a blow up chair, scrunchese, fingernail polish.

Merry Christmas,  
From Emma Bennett

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a computer Barbie game, to my brother Fili he wants a truck with the conturole, to my brother Charlie he wants a 64 Nintendo, to my sister Loli she wants some dolls, to my sister Violeta She will want some new shose.

We will leav you some cookies and a glass of milk.

Love,  
Liliana Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be very tood this year. I would like you to bring me a bike with training wheels. I would also like to have gymnastic Barbie and a kite. Make sure you give Amanda some jewelry and James a Cross Fire. I will leave milk and jello for you.

Love,  
Brienne Purcell

Dear Santa,  
I wold like a Rock Tumbler, potters wheel, Barbie, power bead bracelet, silver necklace, gold cross necklace, Find Furbie game, Barbie computer game, Cabbage Patch dolly and some money.

Mary Christmas  
Tiffany Holland

Dear Santa,  
I would like a jack-n-the box, playstation pac-man, pokemon slippers, and pokemon yahtzi. I will leave Dr. Pepper and cookies for you and carrots for the reindceer.

Love,  
Payton Porter

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll and a doll house. Please bring my sister a baby doll.

Thank You,  
Lakcney Walker

Dear Santa,  
My name is Savanna Gilbert. I want a picture of Rudoff, clothes, and shoes and book and most of all a puppy and a puppy toy. I have tried hard to be a good girl.

Savanna Gilbert

Dear Sanat,  
What I would like for Christmas is not a lot. A few things I will list below. The first thing I would like the most is to be a new bike. The second thing would be toy motorcycle, the third thing would be a stray hat like my dads. The fourth thing would be all the western clothes that you could bring. And for my family a Merry Christmas.

Toney R. Kemp

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl this year. So I would like a CD player, CD, shirt, pants, sea monkey, tic-tac-toe, shoes, glitter gloss. That is all I want I guess.

Love,  
Cristy Beauchamp

Dear Santa,  
I want a skate board and a toy box and a race track and skates. I want my family to be happy.

Cody Ford

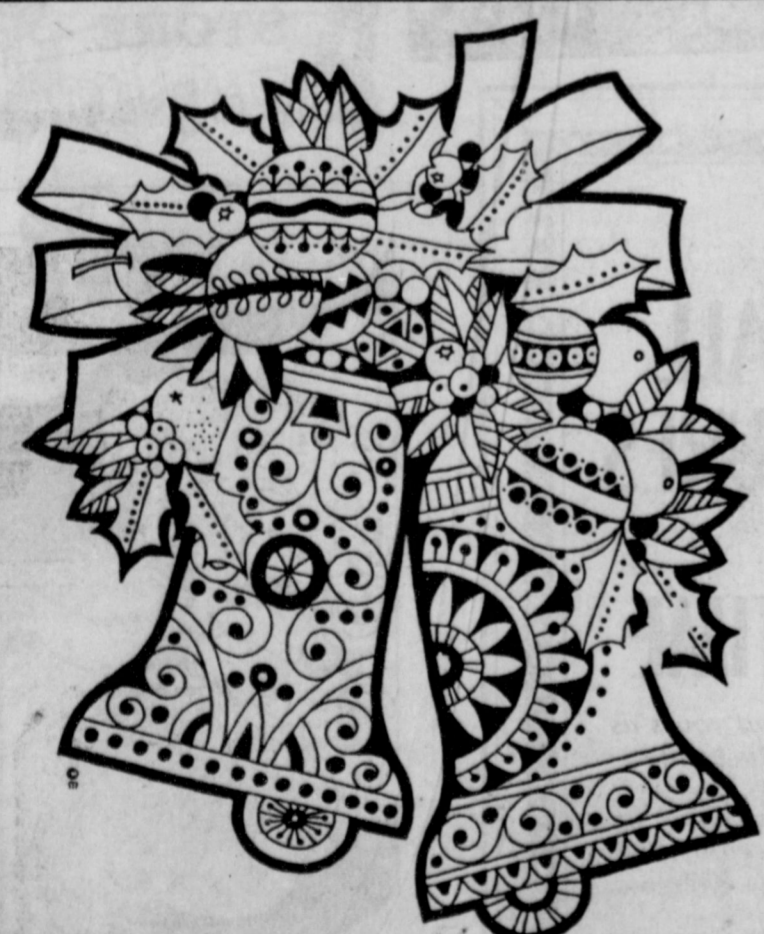
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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We're glad to be celebrating with good friends and neighbors like you. Many thanks for your valued business.

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Rickey, Netha, Renetha, Brent, Crystal & A.J.



## Hear the Bells!

Ringin in new joy for the Holiday Season.

**Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

(915) 625-2128



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 6:9

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IT'S CHRISTMASTIME DOWN ON THE FARM

Happy Holiday to all our good customers.  
It's been a pleasure serving you.

Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, Inc. E. Hwy. 36 & Ave. B Cross Plains, TX  
(254) 725-7216

## Greetings

May all the good things Christmas has in store be yours —

(254) 725-4200

**Wild Texas Taxidermy**  
Bud, Becky, Bree & River Dillard





**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

Santa and friends are heading your way! It's that time of year for happiness and good cheer! Thank You for Your Patronage.

**Dale Mitchell Building**

Dale, Myrna, and Mindy

Dear Santa,  
I want these:

1. 3 dart guns, with 20 darts
2. a Bret Farve T-shirt
3. A new shortstop glove
4. white mechanical Robot, with remote
5. Hand held computer, with CD disks
6. Game boy color
7. roller skates
8. Black mountain bike, and a black helmet with the symbol of Thor
9. A football
10. My own computer with printer

By Thor Woerner  
Cross Plains, TX  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
If you please, may I have a green game boy, Star flannel pagamas, hand held computer, roller blades size 4 or 4 1/2, baby crawl 'n walk, purple money box, The Box Car Children Book Colleciton.

Love,  
Krista Phillips  
3rd grader

Dear Santa,  
I want a new game for my computer and a sling shot and a remote control airplane.

Love,  
Chris  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and for Christmas I would like a Furby, Playstation, Barbie clothes and a Barbie doll. We will be leaving cookies and milk by the fireplace for you.

Savana Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a Jenga and a Hungary Hungary Hippo game. I also want a \$20 bill and a Nintendo 64. I want a basketball for my sister. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,  
Joel HInten

Dear Santa,  
four wheeler  
go cart  
dirt bike  
Sant like kids  
Sant love kids  
Sant deer

Jacob Marsh

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big jeep for Christmas so my daddy can have a big toy to play with.

Love,  
Tyler Baker

Dear Santa,  
I want a gocart and a dirt bike and I want to get my dad some tools. I want to get Taylor a gocart to and sommore toys for the rest of my family.

Thomas  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I am a 3rd grader. I am nine years old. I want a gocart so I can ride it to the bus, skateboard, and a model car and a dart board.

Anthony Hutton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a CD player, a CD for my comparter, a ring, CD's a dress, books a clock, a stuff animal giraffe. I Love You so much

Ashleigh Galloway  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I am nine years old. I want a game bord Mario and a bike and 2 pairs of jeans one black, lighest blue and 12 mechanical pencils.

Rene Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I want a big doll and a doll house and some Barbie's and a Baby Barbie for Asha.

Katrina Mireles



Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintado 64 and a Game Boy color. Lola wants a puppy. Lili wants a big doll. Fili wants a Game Boy color. We will leave you milk and cookies.

Charlie Vasquez

**Greetings to all of my relatives, far and near; also to friends in communities where my husband and I taught, preached and served because we loved people. If you have known us, you are included in my prayers and love. MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Mrs. Austin Carl (Mabel Falls) Halsell

Have you read a good book lately?

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Cross Plains Public Library



**BEST WISHES**

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Sylvia Switzer, Owner

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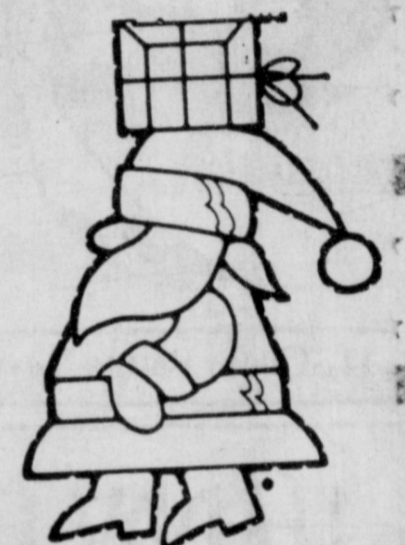
We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Our Customers and Friends, Who have made our business possible. May the Joy, Excitement, and Smiles on your faces remain all year.

**ROSE BUTANE**  
725-7410

**HOPE YOUR SEASON IS ONE OF A KIND!**

Wishing you tidings of comfort and joy at Christmastime. Thank you for being so kind to us.


Carpenter Chiropractic Clinic  
Dr. Jim, Paula and Jerrilea  
(254) 643-3101  
Rising Star



**Bright Wishes To All Our Valued Patrons**

Thank you Holiday Refreshments (915)-624-5463

**THE BURKETT STORE**



**GOD BLESS ALL LIVING CREATURES at CHRISTMASTIME**

Our best wishes are with you and yours as we celebrate the Miracle of His birth.

May your spirits be lifted by the beauty of the season, just as ours have been by the privilege of knowing good people like you.

Happy Holidays and many thanks.

**Callahan County**

Roger Corn—County Judge      Eddie Curtis—County Sheriff  
Bun Barry—Tax Assessor-Collector      Sharon Owens—42nd District Clerk  
Jeanie Bohannon—County Clerk      Allen Wright—County Attorney

Dianne Alexander—County Treasurer  
Rolan Jones—Peace Justice  
Charlie Grider—Commissioner

**Hi**



**It's Christmas! Have the merriest yet!**

**Clyde Journal**



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**Merry Christmas**

From David, Lenell, Claren, Chris, and Cody Sliger

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year  
to All Our Customers.

**Reed Construction**  
Rusty, Debbie, Matt, and Cody

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Toy Story game and a buzz lightyear toy and woody. I would like to have some new clothes and a power rangers toy. I have been good most of the time (my mom says). I will leave some cookies and milk for you. I love you Santa.

Please bring a Gameboy for my brother Cody.

Kevin Baker

Dear Santa,  
Hi How are you? Will you bring a cowboy suit for Chad? I would like a cowgirl suit with hat and boots please. Could you bring something nice for dad, mom, Shelby and Darrin. Have a safe trip.

Please bring NaNa earrings and PaPa work clothes.

Delany Ames

Dear Santa,  
I hope your well. I hope your reindeer are ready. I bin a good boy. I would like a motorcycle, 4 wheeler, not wheelies, spurs and a vest.

Don't step on my three legged dog. Thank you.

I will leave you a lot of cookies.  
I Love You,  
Chad Switzer

Dear Santa,  
I am Dillon. I hope you have a good Christmas. I was good, but I messed up a little bit. I want a Jack in the Box and a stuffed bear, any color is fine. For my little brother, he wants a play helicopter and play tractor. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Dillon Whiteley

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike with hand brakes and pokemon cards and hot wheel cars and Dinosaurs and I want Back Street boys CD.

Thank You,  
Austin Sparks

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, I want a wrestling set, Power Ranger lost galaxy, Walkie Talkie magic castle. I have been a very good boy.

Thank you,  
Hayden Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I love you Santa. I want a barbie doll that walks and pushes a baby stroller, and some doll clothes. I also want some tools for my brother Jesse.

Janiesia Hutton

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I hope everybody has a nice day. Please bring my sister, Cheyenne a doll and anything else you think she will like. Also please bring my cousins Stetson some clothes and a belt like mine and Brittany a Pooh suit. For myself I would like to have a pair of Dale Earnhardt house shoes, a Ninja suit, as you know I collect Dale Earnhardt things so any of them will be fine. Please bring something for my mama to. She is having a hard time. I hope you stay well this year. Please make sure all the kids everywhere have a nice Christmas Day with plenty to eat.

I would also like a play motorcycle that I can ride.

I Love You,  
Dakota Bomar  
age 6

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please bring me a Cinderella dress for Christmas. I've tried to be good this year. I want a trampoline too. I am in preschool this year.

Love always,  
Your little buddy,  
Shayla Cozart

Dear Santa,  
My name is Justin Simons. I am almost 8 yrs. old and I have been a pretty good boy for my age. I would like to have a brand new red bicycle, a new wagon and some McDonalds car and trucks and nascar racing cars and I will leave some cookies and milk on the table and try to be even better boy for next Christmas.

I have two older brother too.

Love You Santa,  
Justin Simons  
age 7 1/2

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kristin. I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I would like: new dress shoes, music box, doll house, few clothes, new boots, Mickey's Christmas movie.

Thanks Santa,  
Kristin Willis

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. You can check your list. So please could you bring me a Barbie doll? And my little brother wants a tractor and my cousin wants a Barbie too. Thank You Santa.

Love,  
Jennifer Lee

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could see you and your wife, this Christmas, I want, a jet ski, (a toy one) remote control, I want a truck and a trailer with it. I wish my mom could have a present.

Love,  
Nathan Creamer

Dear Santa,  
I want a Niiddo 64. Wanda wants a radio. Raynell wants a doll. Billy wants a jacket.

Kay Jones  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I'm trying to be good. I hope you will email me back. Please bring me a trampoline and shoes and clothes for Christmas. Please leave the bad kids toys too because they will start to be nice sometime. I love you. I am in 1st grade in Mrs. Hunter's class.

Love,  
Ashley Cozart

**ALL THE BEST!**

Thank You For Your Patronage

**T & K TIRE AND ALIGNMENT**

(254) 725-6223

Randy Baker & Family  
Tony Wyatt & Family

**Winter Wonderland**

May every day of this holiday be filled with joy and happiness.

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**Expressly For You...  
Our Very Best Wishes**

All aboard! Load up with cheer! Christmastime is almost here. To all our good patrons, we know it's a fact, That with your kind help we've stayed right on track. So without any further delay, We'll say "thanks for your business — Have a great holiday!"

**Comanche County Electric Cooperative**  
(915) 356-2533

A Touchstone Energy™ Partner



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

May joy, prosperity, peace and goodwill visit your home this holiday season.

**Jones Real Estate**  
Rolan & Sandra Jones

Johnnie Bland  
Jo Sledge

Dianne Hail  
Lou Parrish  
Stella Ware

**May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season**

Wherever you live, may you be visited by faith, love and good fortune in the year to come. We feel blessed to have so many good customers and friends. Thank you for visiting us.

From All The Folks At  
**Cross Plains Grain & Peanut**



# Joyous CHRISTMAS

May your holiday be filled with peace and serenity: the quiet contentment which comes from within. Our special thanks to the patrons we serve for putting their trust in us.



## The Thumb Print

Gil Tabor

Clyde, Tx (915) 893-4663



# It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Opportunity's knocking And we'd just like to say, Hope your season is perfect In every way.

May it open the door, For good tidings and cheer -- Merry Christmas to all And a joyous New Year.

**Cox Plumbing & Electric**  
(254) 725-6731  
Earl Cox



## Good Tidings

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE FILLED WITH ALL THE SEASON'S JOY  
**T-N-T Fina**

Clarence, Tammy & Rebecca Tennison



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!

**The City of Cross Plains Employees**



# Joy

We extend to each and every one of our customers our bouquet of Christmas hopes: peace and love and prosperity to one and all!

**Susan J. Schaefer, CPA**  
Merry Christmas  
From Susan, Betty and Becky



## Hope Christmas Brings Nothing But Good News!

We're happy to report that Christmas is almost here, and we'd like to deliver our best wishes for a joyous season to all our readers.

**Season's Greetings**  
**The Cross Plains Review**  
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