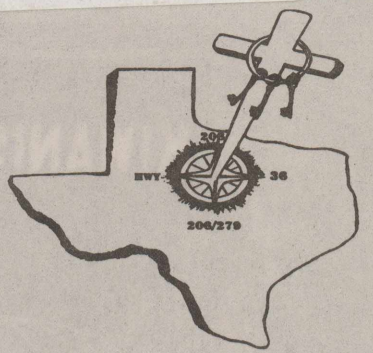


# Cross Plains Review

## "Cross Plains' Oldest Business Institution"

### "A Caring Community"

THURSDAY, December 18, 2003



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"What a Powerful Teacher!"

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Duane Sheriff remarked that it was "a God Thing" that led him to First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Ronnie White, pastor at First Baptist, heard Sheriff preach and asked him to lead the recent revival.

Pastor Duane, being booked five years in advance, first declined the invitation. However, that night he awoke every hour on the hour with an overwhelming knowledge that he must hold the revival.

He took four personal days, previously dedicated to hunting and his daughter's birthday, to teach the Word of God here. And what a wonderful teacher/preacher he is!

The Senior Pastor of Victory Life Church in Durant, Oklahoma, he desires for all men to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and be transformed into His image. Zoe Life Outreach was birthed in his heart in 1984, and this ministry is unique in that FREE tapes are available for everyone.

Praise and Worship was led by Billy Bob White, Ronnie and Charla White's son. It was inspiring and prepared you to receive the beautiful message.

Pastor Sheriff is so anointed that when he opened his mouth, it was as though Jesus spoke. In a personal conversation with him, he stated that he was excited about delivering a message that was personalized for our community.

Everyone anxiously awaited his every word, as he explained that if we wait on the LORD, He will renew our strength. Waiting meant yielding to Him. He noted that we get weary when we try to do it in our strength. Yield means to renew, exchange what I'm not, for Who He is. He remarked that God doesn't call us to try—He calls us to trust him!

He explained how Moses saw the burning bush. It was burning, yet not burnt up or consumed, because it wasn't the bush producing the fire within it, it was God's effort and fire! God's fire doesn't consume itself. It is supernatural. It is the same with us, as we try to produce in our own strength. We will burn out without His power!

I experienced a personal breakthrough when he spoke about his exhaustion after attempting to live a "perfect life" for years, before realizing that it was impossible. We all beat ourselves up for past failures, but God forgives and we must press forward.

He talked rapidly as he offered the following six ways to come to Jesus:

1. We meet the Lord in the Scriptures.
2. We come to Him in our human weakness.
3. We must humble ourselves.
4. We must come to Him in praise and thankfulness.
5. Come to Him in prayer—spending time with Him in honest communication.
6. We come to Him because of His covenant with us. God's

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DAVID ESTES

## Texas Heritage Bank Welcomes David Estes

Texas Heritage Bank has named David A. Estes. Estes comes to Cross Plains after serving as Vice President/Controller and CPO of First National Bank in Quitman.

Steve Mack, President and CEO of the Texas Heritage Bank, said, "David brings great skills to our bank. He is a fine Christian young man with solid values and we are confident that he will be a great asset to the entire community."

A native of Springtown, Estes graduated from the University of North Texas with a B.S. in Accounting. His financial experience previous to First National Bank in Quitman includes serving as senior accountant at Doll, Karahal & Company, P.C. and Grant Thornton CPAs, both in Dallas.

Estes and his wife, Mindy, have three children, Thomas, age 14; Jacob, age 12; and Taryn, age 6.

"My entire family is excited about becoming a part of the Cross Plains community," said Estes. "This is a great opportunity for us to get close to home. We both grew up in Springtown and we have lots of family in this area."

"Texas Heritage Bank is known for being involved in the community and I will continue that tradition," said Estes. "I firmly believe the Bank plays a vital role in our local economy so it's critical that we work hard and are good community citizens. I'm looking forward to working with our customers."

There will be an open house at the bank on Tuesday, December 23, to introduce Estes and his family to the community.

Texas Heritage Bank changed its name from Citizens State Bank in 2001 and has been in continuous operation since 1931.

## Local Funeral Home Director Honored as Manager of the Year

Robert (Bob) Harrell, director/manager of the Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains, was awarded Manager of the Year at the annual Christmas party for Funeral Homes of Texas, Inc. Monday, December 1, in Stephenville. Mr. Harrell's dedication, loyalty and skills merited this elite honor.

Bob has served as the local

funeral director/manager since March 1, 1982. He and his wife, Dee, and children, Scarlett and Joshua, moved to Cross Plains from Mineral Wells.

Dee is also employed at the local funeral home, while his daughter, Scarlett, is employed by Higginbotham Funeral Home in Rising Star.

- Early out Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.
- Early out Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m.
- Early out Friday, December 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.
- Teacher Workday - Saturday, December 20, 2003
- Christmas Holidays December 22, 2003 Thru January 2, 2004.
- Student Holiday Monday, January 5, 2004
- Staff Development Monday, January 5, 2004
- Classes will Resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 At Regular Time

## Fire Consumes Local Home Community Shower Planned

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. responded to a house fire at approximately 2:00 a.m. Saturday, December 13, at 625 Liveoak (the white frame house south of Sylvia's Hair Shack). When the firemen arrived the structure had already burned to the ground. Fire fighters remained until daylight to contain the fire. The northwest winds caused concern that grass to the south might catch fire and spread to other property.

The house was owned by Pascual and Shauna Guerrero of

Cross Plains. Mike and Ruby Roberts and their three small daughters, Christina (1st grade), Valerie (Kindergarten) and Evita (2 years old) were renting the house but were not at home when the fire occurred. The Roberts family lost all their personal belongings, that were not insured. They are currently residing with the Guerrero family.

A Love Fund has been established at the Texas Heritage Bank for the Robert family. If you would like to share your blessings with them at this

difficult time, please go by or mail contributions to the local bank.

A Community Shower is in the planning stage for after Christmas. Details will be announced at a later date. However, if you would like to help at this time, you may take clothing, etc. by the Cross Plains Review or to the Guerrero home at 325 N.E. 7th, Cross Plains (the Minnie Cunningham house). The children's clothing sizes are 9, 6X and 3T. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by this young couple.

## First United Methodist Church to Hold Christmas Eve Cantata and Candlelight Service

This year the First United Methodist Church's Christmas Cantata will be held in conjunction with the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The cantata this year is "The Christmas Light" by Benjamin Harlan. It features well-known melodies sung with new and meaningful words and familiar old hymns set to powerful new music. Members of the choir will offer both traditional and intinction styles of Communion. The service will conclude with the congregational passing of the lights—symbolically carrying Christ, the true light, out into the world.

The First United Methodist Church family invites everyone to join them for a special evening of worship through music, communion and candle lighting.

## Senior Citizens' Center Hosting Christmas Dinner and Bake Sale Friday, Dec. 19th

### \*\*\*\*\* Game Night Set for December 23

The annual Christmas Dinner at Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center has been rescheduled for this Friday, December 19, at the downtown facility. Ham and all the trimmings will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Reservations are not necessary.

The Senior Citizens will also be holding a BAKE SALE on Friday, December 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. So be sure and pick up a delicious cake, pie, etc. while you are there. This is an important fund-raiser for the Senior Center so remember to help them out.

You are reminded that GAME NIGHT is Tuesday, December 23, beginning at 5 p.m. If you enjoy playing 42, this is the place for you. You don't have to be a senior citizen to participate either! If you would like to play any other game you may do so, or bring your own games. Just come and join the fun!!!!



**BARR FABRICATION EMPLOYEES BOOST SANTA AT THE BANK PROJECT**—The employees of Barr Fabrication, a local thriving business, donated the funds dedicated to their Christmas party to buy Christmas gifts for 20 children's names on the tree at Texas Heritage Bank. What a wonderful unselfish idea! Pictured are Sandra Barr (standing, from left), Joe Zunega, John Fred McWilliams, Brent Mackey, Fred Hernandez, Les Luceford, David Creek, and Shane Lambert; Vaughn Ivie (kneeling, from left) and Scott Morgan; and not pictured Bo Barr, Tanssa Garza, Brenda James, Chance Barr, Gerald Williams, David McBride, and Todd Mosman.

## Cross Plains business honored as 2003 Employer of the Year

ABILENE—December 11, 2003: One of the goals of the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is to build partnerships with regional businesses and to recognize the contributions of business and industry in addressing workforce needs. To that end, the Workforce Board will honor two regional businesses as Employers of the Year for 2003. Barr Fabrication of Cross Plains and Hendrick Family Health Clinic were honored on Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. in the Taylor Room of the Workforce Center, 400 Oak Street in Abilene, during the regularly-scheduled meeting of the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Ron Lehman from Austin, TWC Commissioner representing employers' was in attendance to make the presentation.

Barr Fabrication is being honored for outstanding service to the regional workforce and to the West Central Texas Workforce System. They currently employ fifteen people and have utilized the Workforce Center for hiring assistance and for funding to upgrade skills of current employees and to train four new employees in high-skill, high-wage welding positions. They have been instrumental in the creation of a consortium of other small businesses to secure a major contract which will positively impact the region's economy.

Hendrick Family Health Clinic is being honored for outstanding service to our future workforce. They have partnered with Just People, Inc. to host a total of six at-risk students as interns to train them in the healthcare field with the goal of assisting them in overcoming

barriers to employment, helping them develop marketable skills, and providing them with potential career opportunities.

The efforts of these businesses has been crucial in finding sustained employment for individuals formerly on public assistance, as well as addressing the on-going training needs of current and future workers.

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region. In this capacity, "we are proud to recognize Barr Fabrication and Hendrick Family Health Clinic for their efforts in helping us to ensure a quality workforce for business and industry in West Central Texas," states Ken Becker, Workforce Board Chair.

**Texas Heritage Bank**  
"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

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## DELIVERING OUR BEST AT CHRISTMAS

The ringing we hear, could be Santa's sleigh  
Bringing our thanks and warm wishes your way

Along with our hopes for peace on earth  
And a season that's filled with joy and mirth.  
So wherever you're headed and whatever you do  
May our glad tidings travel with you!

**The Cross Plains Review**  
**Don Tabor-Vanda Anderson-Amber Kleiber**  
**Community & Student Review Reporters**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be good so whatever gifts you can bring for me would be just fine. Here are just a few of the things that I would like, a trampoline, a poodle, an umbrella chair, some makeup and a purse for the makeup.

I Believe In You,  
Brenna Kleiber  
6 years old, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want a pogo stick. I also want books. I actually don't have an umbrella and my MeMe doesn't want to buy me one. I actually don't have a radio either.

Love,  
Cory Yates  
4 years old

### Share The Faith

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

### Higginbotham Funeral Home

Bob & Dee Harrell  
(254) 725-6153




### Happy Holidays

Here's hoping your Christmas really stacks up!

### Amelia's House of Beauty

(254) 725-7247

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

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Daniel Higgins. I am 9 years old and I am in the 3rd Grade. I have been pretty good this year. I am writing you this letter to let you know, what I would like for Christmas. I would like an X Box, an X Box game called 007, another game called 007 the Night Spole, and a pair of Dallas Cowboy shoes. Thank you Santa, I hope I get these presents. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P.S.  
I will leave you some milk and cookies on the Dining Room table.

Love You,  
Daniel Higgins

Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of things for Christmas, but I do not want you and your elfs to make too much stuff. So, I would like a little North Pole doll house, and a lot of lollypops. I also want a Buttercup doll, and a lot of snow so I can make a snow man. I would like some comic books and my own diary, an umbrella an 8 foot toy Christmas tree and a big 6 foot piggy bank. I will leave you some cookies.

Merry Christmas,  
Lindsey Ames  
Age 7

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas is a my own movie like Mike and Ligly Blond, Playstation 2 with games like Tak, Mario, my own phone, slush maker, TV, DVD, and VHS, own play Jeep, play dough table.

Love,  
Chelsea Branch  
Mrs. Odom's 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want a X Box with all the games, and Yo-Ge-Yo cards, some tools for Dad and a chainsaw for Dad. Mommy wants perfume and a necklace with earrings and new Pokeman cards.

Love,  
Josh Branch

Dear Santa,  
What are you doing? I'm good. Santa, how are you? My name is Logan and I am 4 years old.

I want a Batman suit, Batman motorcycle that I can ride to other peoples houses, and a Spiderman watch that opens the Spiderman head so you can tell what time it is, and then you have to close the head.

Please bring Kali a Barbie style makeup, Krista a Barbie bracelet, Daddy a cowboy hat, Mom a new shirt, PaPa a new pair of Sunday Boots, Grandma Carey and Grandpa Phillips an I don't know what.

Please bring Isaiah a Power Ranger and Spiderman suit, and bring Hannah a blue Barbie watch.

Santa, I'm going to leave cookies for the reindeer. Do you mind?

Love,  
Logan Phillips  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Anthony and I would like some Blue's Clues toys and a big truck for Christmas. I would also like a fish.

I Love You,  
Anthony Bomar, age 2



## A PICTURE PERFECT SEASON

### Merry Christmas

### THE VINE

"Helping You Frame Your Holiday Memories"

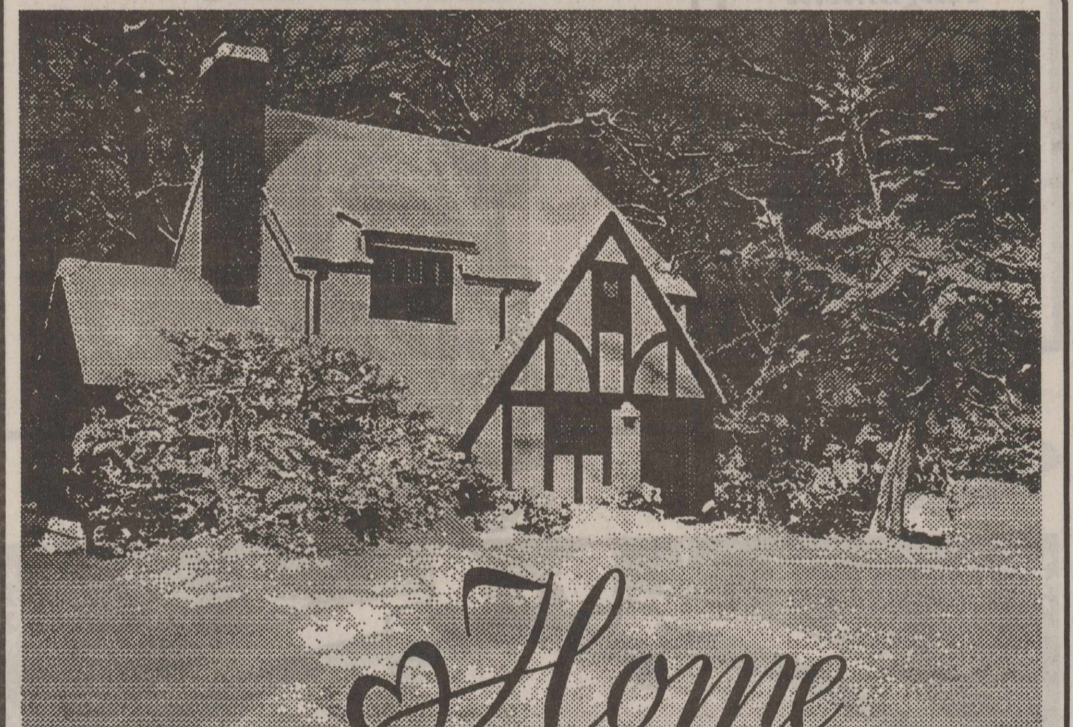
Tom and Mary Dunn (254) 725-7136



**It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!**

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

**Coleman County Telecommunications, Ltd.**  
Santa Anna, Texas  
(325) 643-1946 or 1-800-439-1723



## Home Is Where the Heart Is

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**  
Rolan Jones, Broker  
(254) 725-6163  
348 South Main  
Cross Plains, TX  
webpage: www.crossplains.com



## Holiday Greetings

From All Of Us

### Callahan County

Roger Corn--County Judge  
Tammy Walker--Tax Assessor-Collector  
Jeannie Bohannon--County Clerk

Eddie Curtis--County Sherriff  
Sharon Owens--42nd District Clerk  
Allen Wright--County Attorney

Dianne Alexander--County Treasurer  
Rolan Jones--Justice of the Peace  
Charlie Grider--Commissioner

Dear Santa,  
I also want a poodle and a mouse. I also want a balloon.  
Love,  
Ethan Horan  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
Dear Christmas, Dear Snow,  
Dear ice ball, please bring me presents.  
Love,  
Joseph Revoir  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Angel. I am a good girl. I am a good student. I want a bear, new doll house, new bunk bed, and some new toys.  
Love,  
Angel  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zachery Thompson. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas this year I would like a Mounted Police Rescue hero named Captain Clydest and Dale and also a Playstation 2. Santa I have a little sister. Her name is Lexie. She has been good this year too. Can you please bring her a baby doll and some girl things. Thank you very much. There will be some milk and cookies for you.  
Merry Christmas,  
Zachery Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I want a hawk hand and a scooter.  
Love,  
Jody Flemming  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl, except for all the biting I've been doing here lately, but I'm working on that! So would you please bring me an umbrella chair, a Scooby Doo movie, some cards, and a trampoline. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me.  
Waiting For You,  
Kenzie Kleiber  
2 1/2 years old

Santa,  
I want a sword, a really big sword. I want a belt for my guns and some black and white guns. My dad wants a sword too, bigger than mine.  
Love,  
Dobbs McWilliams  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want the easy cooking oven. I also need an umbrella cause I broke my umbrella. I want some more Barbie clothes too, and I want a Barbie book.  
Love,  
Alexis Mauricio  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have frog clothes. I would also like a calendar for my room. I also want a clock for my room cause I don't have a clock.  
Love,  
Alexus Johnson  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barney dancing deal. I want a Bob the Builder too.  
Love,  
Stetson Bomar  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
How are you? My name is Drew Hagler and I have been a good boy this year. This year I would like a Wiggles Big Red Car, a Wiggles sleeping bag, a guitar, and a Power Wheels John Deere Gator. Please make sure to leave my presents at my Papaw's and Nanaw's house in Cross Plains. I will be there for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Drew Hagler, 2 1/2 years old

Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good this year. This year I would like an electric scooter, a go-cart, a mini bike, and a remote control monster truck.  
Would you also please bring my sister something too.  
I will be looking forward to you coming.  
Austin Walker  
1st Grade

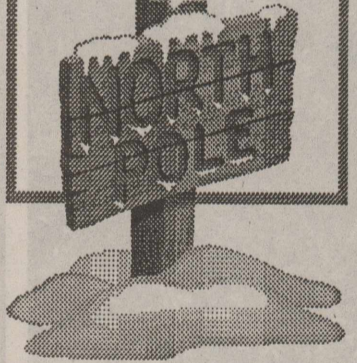
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and doll clothes.  
Love,  
Caitlyn Bland  
4 years old

Wishing You A Glowing Season  
Thanks for providing a bright spot in our year!  
Autowire  
J.D. and Sandy Hutton  
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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
HOPE YOUR SEASON DELIVERS A LOAD OF GLAD TIDINGS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE.  
**Ray's Barber Shop**  
(254) 725-7530

**All Signs Point To Christmas!**  
Thank you for passing by our way this year. Have a joyous Noel.  
**T & K Tire and Alignment**  
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Randy Baker & Family  
Tony Wyatt & Family



Dear Santa,  
I want a Pirate Ship.  
Love,  
Darrin Ames

*Enjoy the Magic*  
No matter what your age, Christmas is a time that makes us all feel young at heart, and our hearts are gladdened by warm thoughts of good friends like you.  
Happy Holidays!  
**Jimmy D. Wilson Drilling**  
(254) 725-6120  
Jimmy & Carolyn Wilson

*Peace on Earth*  
Your goodwill has meant so much to us these past months. Thanks for being such wonderful friends and customers!  
**THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS EMPLOYEES**

**SPORTING GOOD CHEER At Christmas**  
No matter what your game, we hope your season is filled with fun and good times. We know we're thankful for the goodwill you've shown toward us this year.  
**G & G Sporting Goods**  
Custom Screen Printing, Embroidery and Heat Transfers  
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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE.  
*Sylvia's Hair Shack*  
Sylvia Switzer, Owner  
Phone 725-6333

**Season's Greetings**  
As snow is blanketing the ground, We'd like to spread cheer all around With a flurry of best wishes, too... From all of us to all of you!  
**Russell-Surles Title, Inc**  
(325) 854-1115 --- (325) 893-4227  
Baird Clyde

*Enjoy the Beauty of the Season*  
May you revel in the splendor of the season and marvel at the miracle of all living things large and small. With appreciation and warm holiday wishes from all of us.  
**Tim's Floral and Gifts**  
(254) 725-6220  
Tim Dillard

**Season's Greetings**  
With warm regards to you and your flock this holiday season. It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you.  
From All The Folks At  
**Cross Plains Grain & Peanut**  
(254) 725-7345

**JOY HOPE LOVE DREAMS FAITH PEACE HAPPINESS**  
Who says you can't have it all?  
With best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.  
Clarence Tennison & Family  
**TNT Auto Care**  
100 SW 5th Street  
Cross Plains, Texas  
254-725-4825



Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Shirt and pink pants and I want a head band and a trampoline and a toy puppy.  
The cookies that I give you will be by the fire place.

I Love You,  
Kelbi  
1st Grade

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very good. I want a comforter and a soft pillow and high heels.

Thank You,  
Kristen Hope Bland  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,

We will be back in Texas for Christmas with Da and Mimmy, so don't forget to come by and bring my baby brother, Keegan, and me some gifts.

Keegan would like a John Deere Gator scooter and I would like a tricycle. Some new clothes would be good too.

Shine up Rudolph's nose for the long trip from the North Pole.  
Kyler and Keegan King

Dear Santa,  
I am 6 and my name is Colten. I hope your elfs make a good present for me and I want a new bike. Santa please tell your elfs to make what I want.

Thank you  
Colten Lamar Crawford  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carter Turner and I've tried my best to good this year. I would like a violin and lesson book to teach me how to play. I would also like a 4-wheeler and roller blades. We will leave you cookies and hot chocolate. Is Rudolph real? I sure hope his nose is shining. Be careful flying.

Love,  
Carter  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
My name is Logan Turner. I've tried to be good this year. I would like an Airfield clock and a Lava Lamp. I would also like a T.V. for my room with a VCR and Station 2. Please be safe, because cookies and milk will be waiting at our house!

Your admirer,  
Logan Turner

Dear Santa,  
My name is Layton Turner and if you think I've been good please bring me a show box, show tick and halter for my calf. I would also like a remote control motorcycle and a **LOUD** alarm clock. We'll leave hot cookies and hot chocolate waiting.

Love,  
Layton

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I've done my best to be good. I would like a wireless controller for my game cube, and my brother would like one too. We would also like a game cube game to go with it.

P.S.  
I almost forgot thank you for last years gifts.

Love,  
Justin

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll. I also want a fake bear. I want some more Barbies too because my grandma won't let me get the others out of the shed.

Love,  
Rylee Crawford  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Teagan; I'm 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a Leap Frog Globe, Light Up Mermaid, Princess Castle, Strawberry Shortcake house, Strawberry Shortcake Doll, an Operation head, a new Barbie, coloring books, Candyland game, Clothes and shoes. I will be sure to leave you cookies and milk sitting on the bar. I Love you very much. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love always,  
Teagan Fortune  
Grade K

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie stuff and a Barbie Jeep. I also want a Barbie coat. I want a turtle car too and a Barbie flag and a play grasshopper.

Love,  
Alex Stout  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a unicorn that lights up. I have a black cat that's real. I also have a rabbit. I also want a tick-tock.

Love,  
Jayme Tension  
5 years old

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me baby dolls. I also want a squeaky cat toy. I want a teddy bear and a ball too.

Love,  
Jasmine Carty  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ninja Turtle Car and a Power Ranger car. That's all I want to have.

Love,  
J.C. McDonald  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I would like a horse that can comb its hair I would also like a Barbie car with a Barbie and some clothes and shoes.

I love you,  
Inez Salazar

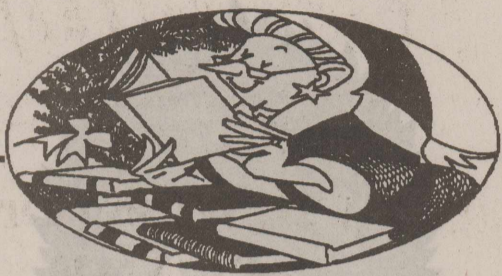
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good good girl. I want a Cinderella and a Dolly.

Love, Kristina  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy, a Play Station 2 (with games), Hulk hands, and a Spiderman Web Blaster. Please bring a flower for my mommy, Yo-ge-yo cards, toy race cars, trucks, and motorcycles, and brand new car for mom too. I also want a Cobra Car.

Love,  
Ben  
1st Grade

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### OPEN UP TO CHRISTMAS!

Wishing you and yours a truly novel holiday season.

Have you read a good book lately?

Cross Plains Public Library

### it's a Winter Wonderland

Snow is blanketing the ground,  
Spreading good cheer all around  
Because every flake's another sign  
That Christmas can't be far behind!

We appreciate your patronage and goodwill.  
Happy Holidays!

Susan J. Schaefer, CPA  
(254) 725-6747

Merry Christmas  
from

Susan, Betty and Becky

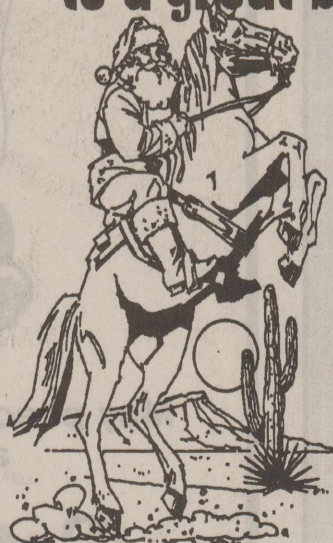


### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

With warm wishes and gratitude from our house to yours.  
We appreciate your calling on us this past year.

West Texas Gas, Inc.  
(254) 725-7410

### SADDLE UP to a great season!



Thanks, partners, for doing business with us this year.

Merry Christmas to all!

Johnson's Dry Goods  
(254) 725-6211  
Noah and Bobbie

## Holiday Greetings

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Customers.

REED CONSTRUCTION  
Rusty, Debbie, Matt, Krisi, and Cody

### Come, Let Us Adore Him!

May your heart be joyful, and your spirit lifted, as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

BROWNWOOD TELEVISION CABLE  
(800) 527-2576

## Deck The Halls!

Wishing you all the trimmings of a beautiful holiday season.

Your presence has been the best present for us this year. Thanks!



Taylor Electric  
Cooperative  
Markeel, Texas  
800-992-0086

## Happy Holidays

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

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

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

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 WELCOME CHRISTMAS INTO YOUR HEART  
 BY SHARING THE FAITH AND DOING YOUR PART;  
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Dear Santa,  
 My name is Cheyenne. For Christmas I want a girl hamper, and my own phone. Please don't forget my brother Dakota. He hasn't been really good but I think he needs something, too. Have a safe trip Santa.

Don't forget my cousins Anthony, Stetson, and Britt Britt.  
 I Love You,  
 Cheyenne Bomar  
 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Mikera. I am 7. I want a Barbie motorcycle, doll with stroller, and little Kelly doll. Please don't forget my sisters. Please let my Nana and Papa make it here.

Love,  
 Mikera Walker  
 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
 I want a video NOW, an electric scooter, Mighty beanz, go cart, Mario Kart Double Dash Punching Bag, Fairly Odd Parents Stuff, Pleze bring me a dog. I want the dog the most.

Love,  
 Bronc Dillard  
 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a CD player. I would like a cat and a dog. I would like some books. I would like for all soldiers to come home for Christmas.

Love,  
 Kaitlyn Koettel  
 Mrs. Hunter's 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a new drum set and a tool set and a watch.

Love,  
 Preston Armer  
 Mrs. Odom's 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Dog. I want a Cat.

Love,  
 Megan

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a new bike and guitar.

Love,  
 Landon Armer

Dear Santa,  
 I have been really good today. I want a guitar, a piano, pink jeep, a toy arrow, a toy deer. I will have cookies for you.

Love,  
 Chance Thompson

Dear Santa,  
 I love you. For Christmas may I please have a dolly, a Bratz doll, a flash light, a stuffed animal Blue's Clue's puppy, a book, and some butterfly clothes.

Love,  
 Elissa Canta

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a remote control hummer. I also want Spiderman goggles and Flippers and please bring me a new bike. Thank you.

Love,  
 Brayden

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bugs bunny car tied to a rope. With select videos while supplies last. A Superman for Jesus' birthday. I Love you Santa, Merry Christmas.

P.S.  
 Please bring a Blue's Clues House for Sparky.

Love,  
 Caden Creach  
 Grade K

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to have some markers and some dress-up clothes. Be careful!

Love,  
 Rebekah Crockett

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a good girl. I want a choochoo train and a pony.

Love,  
 Valarie

**CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM**

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

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

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**Silent Night**

*In a season so serene and still,  
 We think of peace and of goodwill;  
 And in spite of the cold and frost and snow,  
 We're warmed by thoughts of the folks we know!  
 Merry Christmas and heartfelt thanks to all of you.*

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**HO HO HO... HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

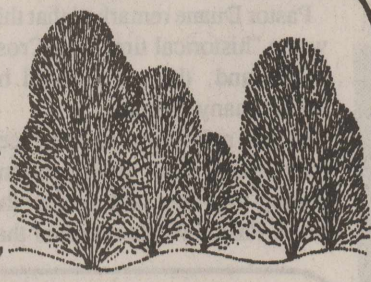
May peace, joy and contentment, fill your home and heart this holiday season.

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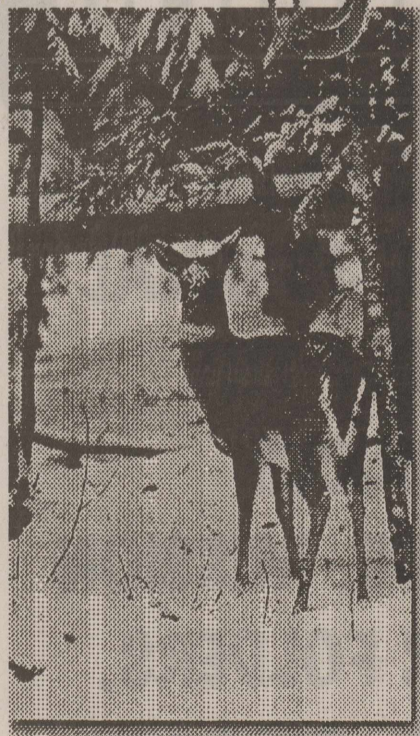
Merry Christmas

May glad tidings find you wherever you go!  
We thank you for visiting us this past year.

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Earl Cox

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To all our friends  
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Christmas  
and a happy  
New Year.

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Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus?  
Doing well I hope. I have been a  
good girl this year.  
For Christmas I would like a  
bean bag chair, a baby doll and a  
shopping cart.  
Have a safe trip and a Merry  
Christmas.

Love,  
Kreede Orum  
1 1/2 years old  
Dublin, Texas

Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like you  
to bring me a real horse. I would  
also like a Barbie that I could put  
lipstick on and a big doll house.  
Merry Christmas from Tassaney  
Garza.

Love, Tassaney Garza  
Age 5, Pre-K

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good. I want a  
G.I. Joe and a Hot Wheels  
Raptor Race Track.

Love,  
Kiefer  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year.  
I want a guitar, a truck, a piano, a  
toy arrow, a purple dragon toy. I  
also want my brothers to come  
home. I will leave cookies.

Love,  
Charles Thompson

Dear Santa,  
Hope your holiday is full of fun  
in every way!

Love,  
Taner  
Grade K

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy. I  
want an engine shed, turntable, a  
new bridge, and a tunnel for my  
Thomas Train.

Thank you very much!  
Michael Foster  
Grade K

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ricky Higgins I am  
7 years old. I am in the First  
Grade. I have been a pretty good  
boy this year. So I am hoping you  
will bring me these few presents  
I am asking you for. I would like  
a longhorns cap, longhorns jacket,  
Power Ranger set with all the  
Power Rangers, and a gum ball  
maker. I hope you like my letter  
to you. Thank you. I hope you  
have a very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year.

P.S.  
I will leave you some milk and  
cookies on the dining room table.  
Love You,  
Ricky Higgins



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Dear Santa,

I really enjoyed my telephone  
conversation with you last year.  
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you are REAL!!!!

Please bring me a Lizzie  
McGuire video, some Mary-Kate  
and Ashley clothes, and anything  
else you think an 8-year-old girl  
would like.

Remember my baby brother,  
Breck, he is toddling around and  
he wants some new books and  
toys.

Love you always,  
Tatym Shaw  
and Breck Crawford  
Rhome, Texas

Dear Santa,

This is my very first Christmas.  
My daddy and mommy tell me  
that I have been a good boy.  
Please bring me a John Deere  
rocking tractor. Don't forget  
about my family and friends, too.

Love,  
Hunter Rudloff, 10 months

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bike,  
some new clothes, a stuffed  
reindeer, a stuffed Santa Claus, a  
CD player with headphones that  
has easy buttons for me to push  
and play, a scooter, more stuffed  
animals, and money. I hope you  
can get this letter.

Love,  
Morgan Kate Manley  
7 years old, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,

I forgot to tell you that I want a  
pogo stick and a big boat and a  
big house just like the one in my  
class. I also want a pumpkin.

Love,  
Tristan Potter-Hargrove  
5 years old

Dear Santa,

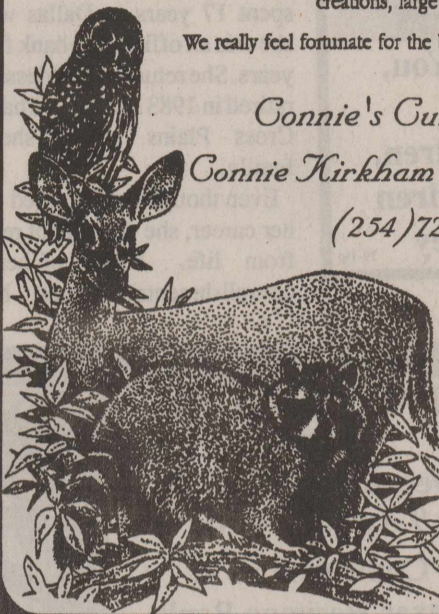
My name is Zachary. I'd love  
to have a monster truck. My little  
sister Chesea is one she like  
toddler toys. I'd also like to have  
some hot wheels.

Thank you,  
Zachary Gartman

Blessings  
of the Season

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Birthday  
Beth Meador**



**We Love You,  
Dub,  
Your Children,  
Grandchildren  
and Haley**

# Cross Plains Lady Valuable Down Home Asset to the Community

By Sandra Smith  
Special to The Abilenian

Like many small towns in West Texas, the library in Cross Plains is located on Main Street—nothing unusual about that. It's what is inside that is the best part—a remarkable lady who greets you. Her name is Esther Kerr.

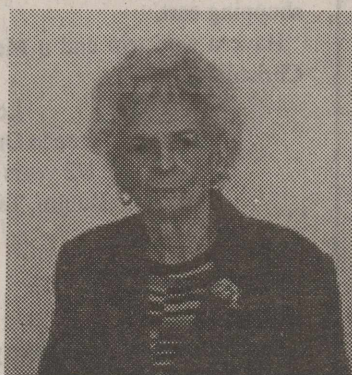
She has had a very diverse career. She worked as a county tax assessor/collector in Crane. She spent 17 years in Dallas where she was an officer in a bank for 17 years. She returned to Odessa and retired in 1983 and moved back to Cross Plains where she has family.

Even though she is retired from her career, she is not retired from life. Some of her accomplishments include being

president of the AARP Chapter in Cross Plains; currently serving as vice-chairman on the board of directors of the Central Texas Rural Transit of Coleman and she serves as the secretary/treasurer on the board of directors of Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. of Coleman.

She has been enrolled in the ACCESS-SER-Jobs, since 2000 and is assigned to the library as a library aide. Even though she had no previous experience with computers, Kerr saw this as a challenge and as an opportunity to use her extensive administrative background.

ACCESS Learning Center, which took over the program in July, places people 55 and older in non-profit agencies for updating skills and helping them search for employment. It also offers free computer classes and



**ESTHER KERR**

other assistance for the older population.

Esther is just one example of what a person can do after retirement.

For more information about the program, contact the office at the Workforce Center, 400 Oak Street, (325) 795-4332 or the office at 2102 Ambler (325) 670-9739.

covenant is, "I did everything, you did nothing, come to Me and accept it."

Pastor Duane remarked that this was a "historical time" for Cross Plains and that we would be seeing many changes.

It was refreshing to see faces from many area congregations gather together and praise the Lord. Pastor White reported that

this was the largest revival ever! What a blessing!

If you are interested in contacting Duane Sheriff Ministries you may write P.O. Box 427, Durant, OK 74702; phone 580-920-1791; fax 580-920-1794; order materials online at tapes@dsheriff.org; Web Site: www.dsheriff.org; E-mail: duane@dsheriff.org.

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Tuesday  
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## Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo this February

The Agribusiness Committee, chaired by Randell Vinson of Abilene New Holland and Jim Leonard of Leonard Water Services, has been planning a new, improved and expanded farm show for 2004. Building on the past success of the West Texas Farm & Ranch Show, the decision was made to expand the venue to include wildlife management programs/vendors...therefore the name change.

Now known as the Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Management Expo, the expo will continue to be a program of the Abilene

Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service- Taylor County.

The Expo will be held Tuesday, February 17, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Matt Smith, grandson of Harry Holt, retired television farm show host, will be able to answer any questions you might have about the Expo and assist you with making the necessary arrangements to participate as a vendor. You may call him at (325) 677-7241, Fax (325) 677-0622 or cell (325) 370-0475. You may e-mail him at chamber@chamber.abilene.com.

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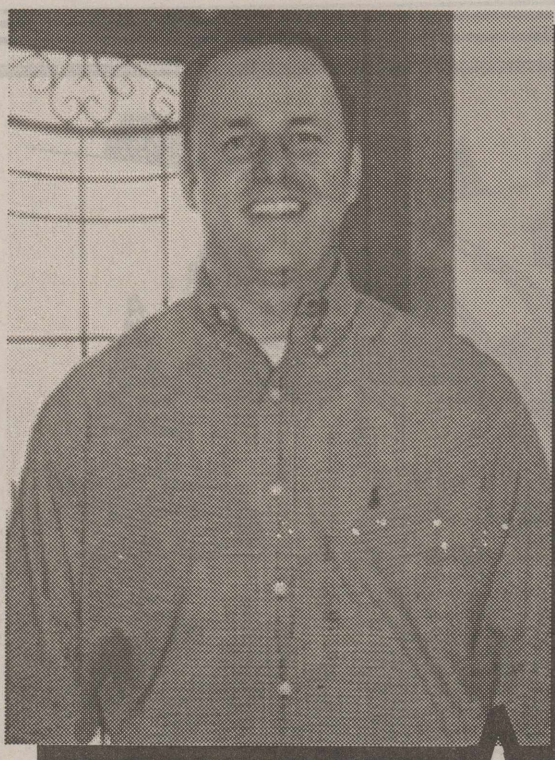
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Any 12 inch sandwich for \$3.99

All specials are good at the Cross Plains location only. There will be an additional charge for excessive vegetables or dressings, and extra meat or cheese. Special price footlongs must be the same end to end.

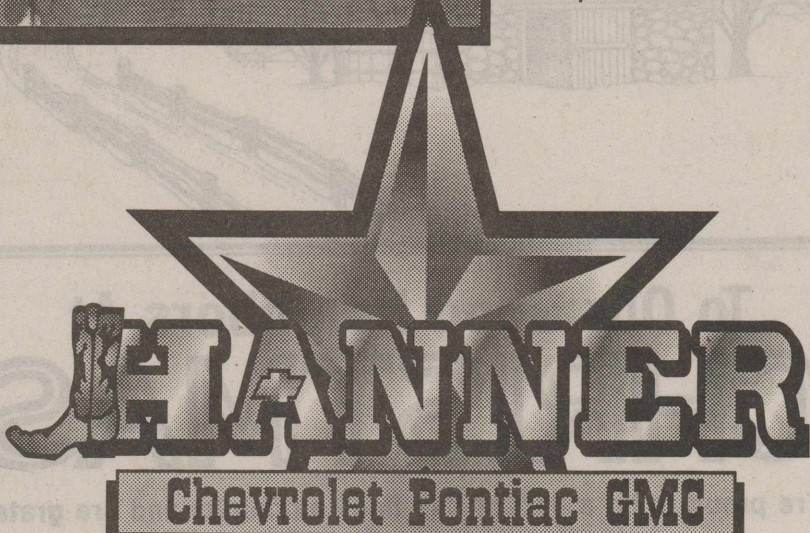
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## Welcome Kelly Corn!



Hanner Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC in Baird, Texas is pleased to announce further expansion of our Sales Department with the addition of Kelly Corn to our sales team. Kelly will serve as one of our sales managers.

Kelly is a native of Callahan County and is the son of Roger and Barbara Corn. Kelly, his wife and two children live in Baird. We're very excited to have Kelly on our winning sales team, so please stop by our Baird location, help us welcome him and discuss your transportation needs.



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