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> Praise and Worship was led by Billy Bob White, Ronnie and

Vice President/Controller and for us to get close to home. We CFO of First National Bank in both grew up in Springtown and we have lots of family in this Steve Mack, President and CEO area.'

of the Texas Heritage Bank, said, "Texas Heritage Bank is known "David brings great skills to our for being involved in the commu-

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

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 Lunceford, 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.

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 personalized for our was 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 prayerspending time with Him in honest communication.

6. We come to Him because of His covenant with us. God's See Down Home Page 12

bank. He is a fine Christian young nity and I will continue that tradiman with solid values and we are tion," said Estes. "I firmly confident that he will be a great believe the Bank plays a vital asset to the entire community." 'role in our local economy so it's A native of Springtown, Estes critical that we work hard and are graduated from the University of good community citizens. I'm North Texas with a B.S. in Ac- looking forward to working with counting. His financial experi- our customers." ence previous to First National There will be an open house at

Bank in Quitman includes serv- the bank on Tuesday, December ing as senior accountant at Doll, 23, to introduce Estes and his Karahal & Company, P.C. and family to the community. Grant Thornton CPAs, both in Texas Heritage Bank changed

its name from Citizens State Dallas. Estes and his wife, Mindy, have Bank in 2001 and has been in three children, Thomas, age 14; continuous operation since 1931. Jacob, age 12; and Taryn, age 6.

Local Funeral Home Director Honored as Manager of the Year

Joshua, moved to Cross Plains

Dee is also employed at the

local funeral home, while his

daughter, Scarlett, is employed

from Mineral Wells.

in Rising Star.

Robert (Bob) Harrell, director/ funeral director/manager since manager of the Higginbotham March 1, 1982. He and his wife, Funeral Home of Cross Plains, Dee, and children, Scarlett and 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 by Higginbotham Funeral Home merited this elite honor.

Bob has served as the local

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

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!!!!

Cross Plains business honored as 2003 Employer of the Year

2003: One of the goals of the them develop marketable skills, 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

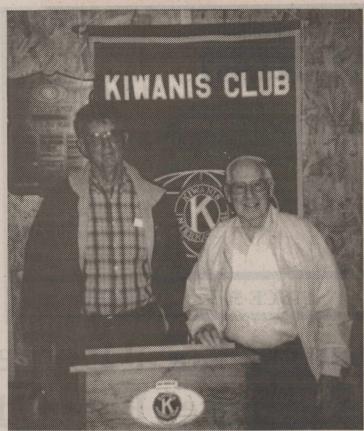
ABILENE-December 11, barriers to employment, helping West Central Texas Workforce and providing them with potential career opportunities.

The efforts of these businesses has been crucial in finding sustained employment for individuals formerly on public assistance, as well as addressing the ongoing 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.



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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS-Wayne Dugger, a retired member of the Upper Pine Fire and Rescue Team of Bayfield, CO., showed a video on the Missionary Ridge Fire that happened in 2002. He explained how this particular fire destroyed over 77,000 acres. Mr. Dugger was the guest speaker of John Kilgore at the Kiwanis meeting held last Tuesday. The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 12 noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is invited and new members are encouraged.



Texas Tech University

SOUTHWEST COLLECTION

H.L. "Buck" Brown H.L. "Buck" Brown, 63, of Pioneer, passed away Tuesday, December 9, 2003 in Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 12, 2003, at the Pioneer Cemetery with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of the Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Buck was born February 4, 1940 in Pioneer, Texas to Homer Lester Brown and Lucille (McGowen) Brown. He lived in

Marjorie Leola West

away Thursday, December 11, 2003, in the Rising Star Nursing Home. Services were held at 3:30 County.

Maggie Steel. She attended Star. school in Victoria and Burnt Branch, west of Cross Plains and her parents, son-in-law, Kenneth graduated from Cross Plains Brown, and husband, Marion

Marjorie married Marion E. West, near the Romney community in Eastland County, Texas. They resided in their home 2 miles south of Rising Star, for 63 years, where they raised their three children, Wanda, Oliver and Juanita.

Marjorie worked as a telephone operator for the Kizer Telephone Brown of Carrollton; Amy and Company from 1952 until it sold Shannon Dudley of Rising Star; to Continental Telephone where Olivia West of Albuquerque, she continued to work until she New Mexico; Justin Hollis and retired when the Rising Star Christina Hollis of Clyde; and a

Vernon Earl Dillard, Sr. Vernon Earl "Sonny" Dillard, Sr., 72, of Livingston, was found dead Monday, December 1, 2003, at his home. Graveside Vernon E. Dillard and wife of dismiss to minor in possession services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, 2003, at Dillard and wife of Livingston; a sister, Linda Jean Dillard Ring Houston National Cemetery in and husband, Henry, of Cross Houston, Texas with Henry Ring, Plains; two brothers, R.B. "Cotton" Dillard of Lake Sonny was born October 5, Brownwood and A. Boyd 1931 in Pioneer, Texas the son of Dillard, Jr. and wife of Abilene; Andrew Boyd Dillard, Sr. and ex-wife, Joy Brown, of Naomi Pauline Rutherford Pflugerville; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the He served in the U.S. Army way; many nieces, nephews, during World War II, attaining cousins, aunts, uncles and Preceded in death by his parents, friends. two sisters, Margaret Louise

Pioneer all his life and was a member of the Church of Christ. He will be dearly missed by all his friends and family.

Survivors include two sons, Ricky Brown and wife, Alisa, of Mansfield; Regie Brown and wife, Michelle, of the Bahamas; his mother Lucille Cooper and husband, Freddie, of Rising Star; brother Jimmy Brown and wife, Valeta, of Cross Cut; sister Glenda Barr and husband, Regie, of Pioneer.

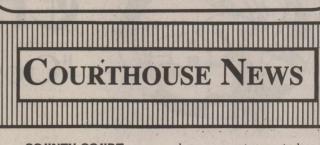
He was preceded in death by his father, Homer Brown.

Marjorie and Marion help orga-Marjorie Leola West, 88, passed nize the Rising Star Senior Citizen Center, where she was president and wrote the weekly news column for many years. She was p.m. Saturday, December 13, at very active in the Senior Citizens' the Higginbotham Chapel in rhythm band in Rising Star and Rising Star. Burial was in the the Cisco Senior Citizens' Center. Blake Cemetery in Brown Marjorie was presented with the "Outstanding Senior Citizen Marjorie was born near the Award". She was a member of Williams community in northern the Union Grove Baptist Church Brown County, Texas, Septem- until it disbanded and then the ber 2, 1914, to George and Bible Baptist Church in Rising

> She was preceded in death by West.

Survivors include her daughters, Wanda Brown of Carrollton and Juanita Hollis and husband, Steve, of Clyde; a son, Oliver West and daughter-in-law, Belinda, of Rising Star; her sister and nephew, Lucille Stillwell and Weldon Stillwell of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Kurt and Marian great-grandson, Ryan West Dudley of Rising Star.

Dillard and Mary Ellen Dillard; his second wife, Rosie Dillard; and his third wife, Kathy Dillard. Survivors include two sons, Rosenberg and Arthur Dale granted, plea to other charges.



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COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

John Walter Bryant, driving while license invalid (DWLI). Jereomy Christopher Sarotos, failed to identify.

Lonnie Ray Lampkin, DWLI. James Purcell, interfering with emergency phone call. Wallace Smedley, deadly conduct.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Rodney Douglas, plea of guilty to tampering with a government record, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Rodney Douglas, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Rocky D. Morrow, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI) - 1st, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs

Ricardo Salinas, plea of guilty to DWLI, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$243 court costs. Ricardo Salinas, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Ector Co. granted.

Phillip G. Skaggs, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Phillip G. Skaggs, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Palmer Co. granted.

Michael St. John, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended (DWLS), 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$243 court costs.

Michael St. John, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Midland Co. granted.

William Grider, III, plea of guilty to possession of fictitious driver's license, \$250 fine, \$243 court costs.

William Grider, Ill, plea of guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, \$250 fine, \$243 court costs.

William Grider, III, motion to

draw as surety granted. Danny Alexander, order form motion to withdraw as attorney of record granted.

Marriage Licenses

Alfredo Mendez, Jr. and Molly June Lawrence, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Ladonna Breneman and David Breneman, divorce. Kevin Dale Castleberry and

Shelly Rene McLaughlin, divorce

Ex Parte, Robert Dewey Hazelwood, Sr., petition for writed of habeas corpus in trial court. Maria Ysabel Frasier and Jerrod Dee Frasier, divorce. Russell Wayne Parks, individually and Metroplex Waste, Inc., vs. Kelley Lea Adams, et al damages.

Civil Minutes

J P Morgan Chase Bank fkan Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. vs. Samantha I. Bakerad and Russell Baker, default judgment granted, defendants are indebted to plaintiff for sum of \$29,603.38.

Skytex Rig, Inc. vs John O'Connell, individually and doing business as O'Connell Well Drilling, judgment granted, plaintiff to recover \$19,687.55 from defendant.

Misty Nichole Vaughan and Charles Calvin Zara, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

William P. Hobbs, plea of guilty abia to evading arrest, 4 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$236 court costs. Darlene K. McCoy, plea of Offe guilty to possession of anhyus? drous ammonia in an unapproved container, 2 years .**

in prison, \$221 court costs.

Mark S. Haley, plea of guilty to

Donald Gene Pittman Donald Gene Pittman, 77, of Thrifty, passed away Monday, December 8, 2003, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 11, in the Blake Cemetery with the Rev. Dwayne Clowers officiating.

Donald was born August 29, 1926, in Cooper, Oklahoma, the and Ronnie Pittman of Gorman; son of the late I.W. and Zora Collins Pittman. He married Shirley Ann Boudreaux in Hobbs, New Mexico on August 28, 1950. He retired from Chevron Oil Company as an area pipeline foreman. He served in the U.S. Army and had lived in step-mother, Odell Pittman. Thrifty for the past 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Ann Pittman of Thrifty; a son, Matthew Scott Pittman of Thrifty; two daughters, Cindy Moore and husband, Brad of Abilene, and Kathy Stover and husband, Fred, of Houston; three brothers, Dean Pittman and wife, Pat and Darwin Pittman and wife, Connie, all of Lake Brownwood, two sisters, Deloras Stover and husband, Donald, of Cross Plains and Sara Ann Barnett and husband, Jackie of Lake Brownwood; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his

Filing deadline for **Democrat ballot January 2**

Callahan County Democratic Tommy Holland. Chairman, Jon E. Hardwick rethe ballot in the Democratic Primary Election in March 9, 2004. So far, four incumbent Democrats have filed for the upcoming election. They include incumbent Sheriff Eddie Curtis, turned in at the same address. incumbent tax assessor/collector Tammy Walker, Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks and Precinct #3 Commissioner number (315) 854-1336.

Candidate filing is now underports the filing deadline is Fri- way through the last day of filing day, January 2 for a place on on January 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Application forms may be picked up at 227 Market Street in Baird, Texas. Completed notarized applications, accompanied by the filing fee, may be If you need more information concerning filing, please call (325) 854-1256, or residence

(254) 725-7225

Adrian Andrade, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Knox Co. granted.

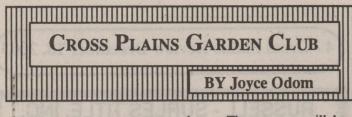
William Wyatt, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. aranted.

Richard Cardenas, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Terry Barr, motion to with-

possession of a controlled substance, 10 year probation, \$100 fine, \$291 court costs. MAG End of term order discharging defendants from probation (no 👔 deferred adjudication); Adam J. Cobb, Cesario Juarez. End of term order discharging Ric defendants under deferred adjudication; Virgil Lee Strickland, Jr.





The Cross Plains Garden Club met December 11 at 1 p.m. at the Staghorn Cafe', where they enjoyed a delicious meal.

Julene Frank, chairman for the District VIII Fall Convention held at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church on November 7, reported on the great success from the responses she had received.

programing of our club for the rest of the club year. It was voted that each member was to be responsible for the program or arrange for someone to do it for the club.

The following was agreed upon: The January 9, 2004 meeting is to be hosted by Mary Ella Weaver at weekend in March (the 27th). The her home. Door prize conducted following were named for duties: by Wanda Martin.

The February 13th meeting to be hosted by Wanda Martin at her home. Mary Ella Weaver will be responsible for the door prize.

The March 12th meeting will be hosted by Julene Franke at the Multi-Purpose Center and will

be a workshop on table arrangements. Eva Fleming will freshments.

The April 9th meeting will be hosted by Wanda Hammel at her

home. The program will be a workshop on horticulture. Betty Beggs will be responsible for the door prize.

The May 14th meeting will be hosted by Joyce Odom for the final club year program. Wanda Hammel will conduct the door prize. All members are to furnish refreshments.

An invitation to Herman Discussion followed about the Weaver is extended for him to do recitations on a horticultural theme to highlight our club year. The membership is so few, that a standard flower show cannot be conducted, but we will stage a show that will be judged by "Peoples' Choice".

> Trades Day was set for the last Advertising - Mary Ella Weaver Treasurer-Julene Franke Set Up - Eva Fleming

Horticulture/Plant Raffle for Fund-raiser - Wanda Hammel. Each member brought three

Food Pantry. Members present were Wanda Martin, Mary Ella Weaver, Eva be responsible for the door prize. Fleming, Wanda Hammel, Julene All members will furnish the re- Franke, Betty Beggs and Joyce Odom.

December 17-18 - 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 19 - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 20 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(Free Hot Drinks/Cookies

December 21 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information call

possession of drug parapher

Jerry or Chris Biggerstaff at (254)

on Saturday)

725-4189.

Meeting adjourned.

OTTON WOOD N E **By WALLACE BENNETT**

Fire! Fire! Fire!—A dreaded call on any day and in any situation, and it happened in Cottonwood, today, Monday, December 15, just as I began to write this column. And thanks to the quick response of community volunteers, a real tragedy was averted; several homes and the **Cottonwood Community Center** are still standing that surely would have been consumed by flames.

The fire started on Zeke Blackstock's place. He said he was mowing his grass this morning when the grass caught fire. He quickly called Faye Gilliam, the Volunteer Fire Control dispatcher. She called Tom Bennett who lived closest to the fire station and 911 to set off the official fire beepers. Tom headed to the station to get a pumper truck. Bob Childress and other volunteers arrived to man the other Cottonwood Fire Truck.

Fortunately, a bucket-brigade (garden-hose variety) had alfood items for the Cross Plains ready sprung into action around the Blackstock home and began dowsing lingering fires that threatened to burst out again from the stiff winds.

> At the same time, as the fire raced through the grass toward the Community Center, another bare-hands crew formed there and began spraying water and beating flames back from the foundation of that structure. It was saved.

Meanwhile, to the north of the Community Center the fire had already reached the creek and began to march eastward toward CR 429. Another garden-hose team began to spray water along the north bank of the creek in defense of the Hughes and Weaver places. By that time fire trucks and vol-

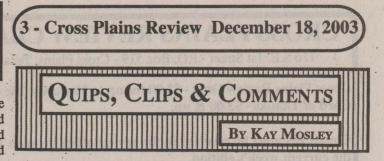
unteers arrived from Cross Plains and they were able to make a major impact in stopping the fire in its tracks.

I am going to name some names and it is going to be an open ended list because I know that I could not get all of the names down right. But others will be added to this list of remarkable volunteers if someone will notify me.

Thanks to Judy Luter, Fred St. Peter, Laura (last name unknown), Sharon Parr, Jacque Zany, funny things seem to occur Childress, Scott Childress, Fay in pods, groupings or even in and Don Gilliam, Bob Childress, clumps of threes. From there the Randy Callaway, Tom Bennett, a troubles or problems can grow or host of Cross Plains volunteers escalate; to be just one thing after who manned two fire trucks, another, which then can jump Charlie Grider, our County even higher. Commissioner who arrived with a tanker truck to refill the pumper contain phrases, sort of like or

trucks, and others. It was a hard fought battle, hand-to-hand combat, and fought on a very windy day, which the volunteers won.

about any news or personal items for this column at (254) 725-7474. Remember: "No news is not really good news.")



Note: I have at various times better opinion of who you are. read that laughter relieves stress, and I agree it does. It seems to clear the air and get your mind on a different and separate subject. I think just about everyone is buzzing around getting prepared for the Christmas holiday, as well as New Years. Have a good Christmas. Don't forget to leave out some snacks for Santa and the reindeer. I think Rudolph prefers finger food.

"Laughter in the After-Noon"

Very often, life strikes us as funny, not just strange or peculiarbut funny-Ha! Kind of funny!

In the Bible there are verses that similar to: by their works, ye shall know them. Generally speaking, that is true. Also true and from the Bible this saying: You are soon known by the company you keep. (Please call Wallace Bennett Which means for the children's information, if folks see you daily running around with people who steal or kill or cause trouble, they are going to think that you do those things also. On the other hand, when they see you going to church, washing your father's car and help Aunt Suezzie-Que across the street, they will have a

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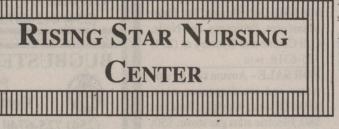
Friends,

That goes also with others with whom associate.

I though have found, if you live in West Texas in a community like those in Callahan County, you are also identified somewhat by those local people to whom you are related, as there are recognizable family features. With all that going for you, and your good deeds, your friends and associates, as well as your relatives, who needs to show identification! I have found in a community where others care, you still can look at someone's facial features and lots of times, identify the family from which they came. Unlike the cities, here there is virtually no reason to show drivers license, credit card, etc. for identification. I must admit, and it can't be helped, that I really do like it like that -lots of really nice people, friends and neighbors all living and working and getting together.

Maybe these are some of the reasons so many of us come back here to spend our senior years. We COME HOME!

Home to a peaceful, pleasant life with a relaxed life-style, friends, neighbors and family. A hometown where you are free to think for yourself, to express your own view, a chance to help make changes when warranted and best of all, if you wish, the right to laughter in the afternoon. The funny ha ha kind!



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marjorie West. Mrs. West passed away Thursday, December 11, 2003. Marjorie was active in our Activity Program. She loved art, painting and Bingo.

Mrs. West had been an artist. She had several lovely oil paintings in her room her at the Center.

large collection. She was very proud of her family and spoke of them often. We will miss Marjorie and everyone here feels the loss.

Please keep Sally Harris in your prayers as she is having some health problems. Remember our resident Christmas party is December 23 at 6:30 p.m.



Christmas in **Cross Cut 2003**

Do your last minute Christmas shopping at Christmas in Cross Cut 2003 featuring Western Crafts and Collectibles at the "Little Red Barn" on the east side of Highway 279 at Cross Cut. You are sure to find "just the right" Christmas gift for that special person on your list.

Sale hours include based of villup

DECEMBER 22 - 26

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By Bob Pipes **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117



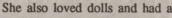
I shared a sermon this past Sunday night entitled "Seven 'Greatests'," from John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

First and most Greatest, the Greatest Person - God! Then, the Greatest Principle, Love; the Greatest Recipient, the world; the Greatest Act, Gave; the Greatest Gift, His Only Begotten Son; the Greatest Tragedy, Perish; and the Greatest **Blessing**, Everlasting Life.

Sadly, just as with Jews who did not receive Christ when He came, John 1:11, many of all nationalities today do not receive Him, not by in large. But as then, so now: "...as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name: who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:11-12). Have you been born of the water and the Spirit, John 3:5?

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about vou!

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



Help is On the Back of **Your Driver's License**

Have you ever read the back of your Texas driver's license. Well, there is something you need to know, but has received very little publicity.

Your Texas driver's license has a phone number on the back, just above the bar code (in very small print) that provides Texas **Roadside Assistance:** 1-800-525-5555. This telephone number can be called for emergency assistance on the highway

or wherever you happen to have trouble while in your car. A service truck will be sent to you and this service is state

operated and paid for with your tax dollars. So, if you are ever stranded, remember to call the number on the back of your driver's license

for assistance. A state trooper will be dispatched to make sure all is well. This is good news to pass on to

every Texas licensed driver!!!!

Cross Plains, TX

Open House for Sassy Lady

(Jewelry, Makeup, Purses, Scarves, Soaps)

Friday, December 19, 2003 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. 18288 CR 421

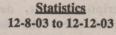
Wanda Merryman (254) 725-6476



\$6.50 Ham, candied yams, Waldorph salad, green beans, hot rolls, lemon cake & Tea or Coffee PATEO **Corner East 4th & Pine St.**

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one that will work well with the new LAPSIT program is Parenting. Check it out. For anyone interested in something that will fit into your diet, try Light and Tasty. Maybe something new for Christmas? And two oldies that or available now are Country Homes and Family Circle. You can't miss. Come visit the magazine section. You'll find something for almost anyone. Check It Out! We'll look for you.



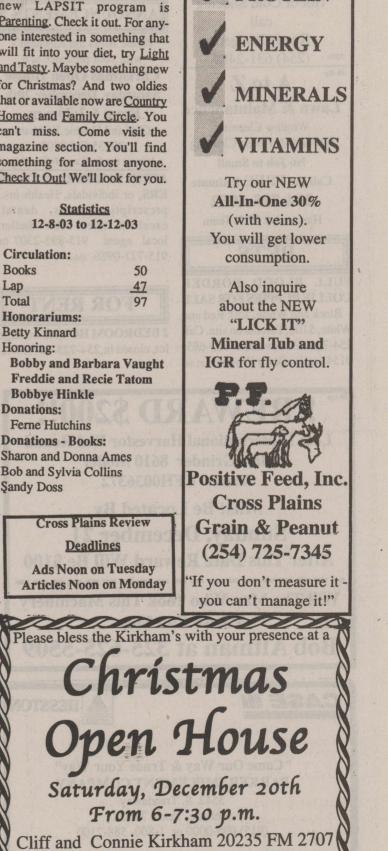
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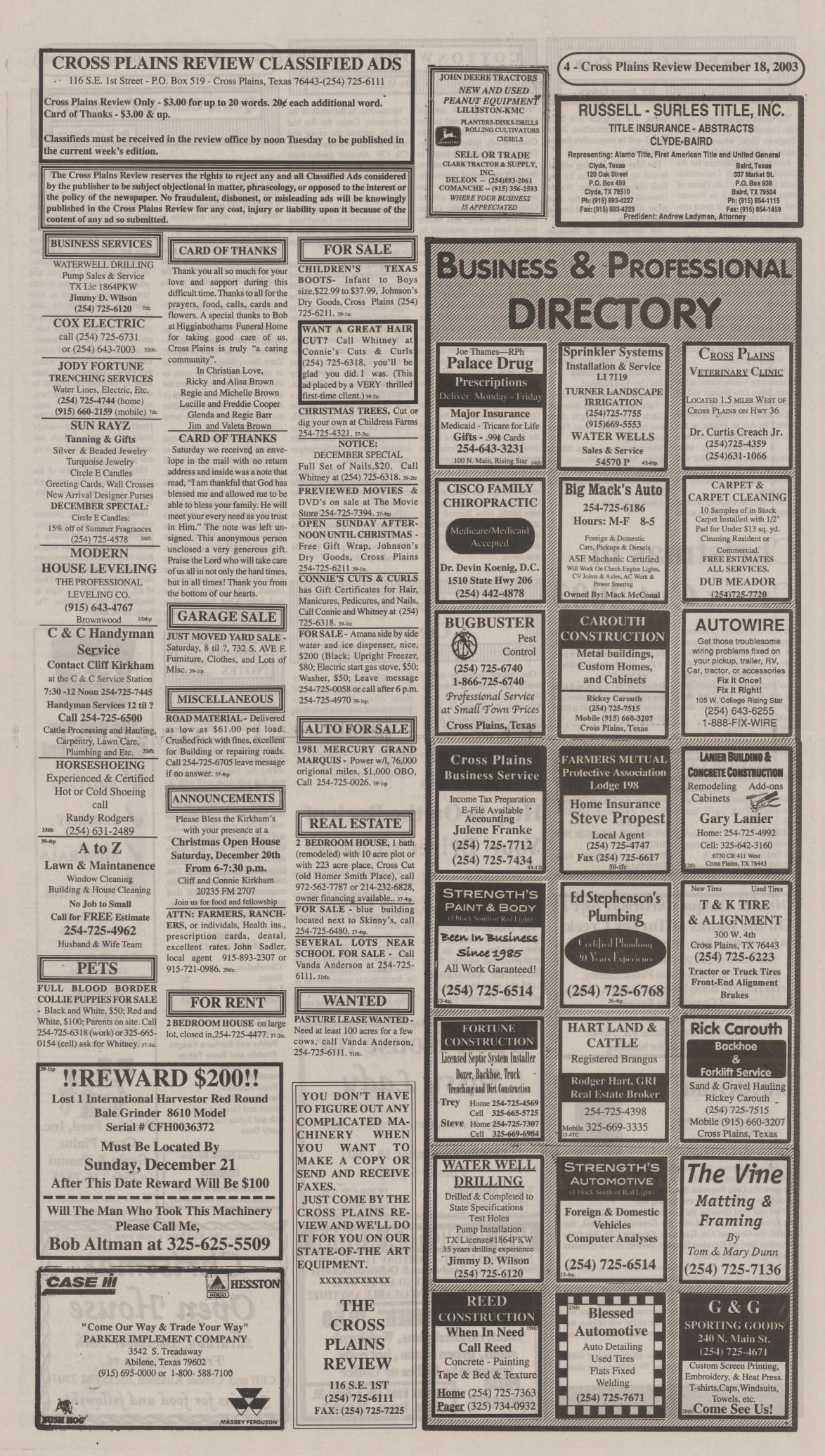
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JONES REAL ESTATE 5 - Cross Plains Review December 18, 2003 (254) 725-6163 **Rolan Jones, Broker** Email: rlestate@crossplains.com - Webpage: www.crossplains.com **ACREAGE WITH HOME** *4.89/A with 1,880 sq. ft. 3 bd/1 3/4 Bath, nice, close to town, large storage bld. city water and waterwell. \$65,000. Cross Plains. Liveoak *20/A with 2/1.5 Log Hope RICONTAR A Car Large Trees, on pavement. Park like setting. Close to Cross Plains. REDUCED \$118,000 *66/A. NW of May, Brown Conner Bir 1,220 co. ftr Hang 676 sq. ft. screened porch, 1,800 sq. ft. 3 bay barn, 3 large tanks, excellent hunting and fishing. \$150,000. *80/A with 3/2 home with Central H/A, lots of Cedar and Oak trees, good hunting. LAND & REAL ESTATE 17 miles Northwest of Cross Plains. \$132,000 NEW LISTING--106/A, older 2 bd/1 bath farm home, pole hay barn, cross fenced. Approx 60/A. (254) 725-7119 Office (325) 625-4181 Ccoastal Bermuda, and 46/A brush, good hunting, water well, on payement, Callahan Co.\$115,000. 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Mobile home located on back of property. \$575,000 520 Lakeview Dr. - Nice, large 4BR-2B, CH/A, waterfront lot, nice boat dock. 2BR/1B Cross Plains home, nice cabinets, garage apt, RV storage, 4 lots, attractive yard 2.5 Ac. - 3BR-2B, fire place, covered deck, pretty yard, good location, 1 tank **RESIDENTIAL:** NEW LISTING -- 4bd/3.5 bath, Brick 3,083 sp. ft., Formal dining room, fireplace, CH/A, landscaped, on 3/A, 2 car garage, Nearly new and extremely nice, Cross Plains. \$205,000. 5 Ac. - 3BR-1B, large oaks, pine trees, good fences, 2 wells, hwy frontage. *3bd/2b, 80 X 14 mobile home on 2 lots in Gross Plains, 2 car carport, CHA, Privacy fence, lots of trees, \$15,000 6+/- Ac. & Home - 3BR-2B, very nice well built 2 story home in quiet community 6.87 Ac. & Home - 2BR-2B, Mobile home (14x70), 2 water wells, place for 2nd mobile home Nice older 3/1 home in Rising Star, pretty lot, large trees, garage, \$40,000. 10 Ac. - Highway frontage, water well, electricity, good home site, mostly open 17.124 Ac. - nice 1/1 week-end cabin, live oak & mesquite, 1 tank. 42.69 Ac. - Very pretty home site,live oaks, 1 tank, paved road, deer, turkey and dove 4bd/2b home in Rising Star. Metal roof, large trees, big lot. \$38,000 *4bd/2b in country of processes water of processes and large trees, fenced, landscaped, nice. \$60,000 50+/- Ac. - Pretty building site with coastal & large oaks, good water well 66.5 Ac. - 2BR/2B, nice kitchen, guest house, 3 stocked tanks, very good hunting 168 Ac. - North of Eastland, rolling hills with great deer hunting, pecan, live oak, & post oak *3bd/1 1/2b in Cross Plains. 1360 DERn CCNapRtAu Tuildings. \$15,000. *3/2. 2,400 sq. ft., frame house in Cross Plains. Water wells. Lots of trees. \$50,000. LAND WITH HOME * large residential lot in the Tom Bryant addition to Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location. 12.44 Ac. 3BR-1B, large oaks, pecan & fruit right pers, garden area. 20 Ac. & Home - 2 BR-1B, 2019 papt., barn, oaks, quiet country living. 40 Ac. w/ 4BR-3B Brick home 2.565 sq. fi-Beautiful covered patio-mesquite-oak-deer and dove hunting * Fixer upper, 2bd/2 bath, frame, good landscaping, on paved street in Cross Plains, \$15,000 LAKE FRONT PROPERTY *Lot at Lake Granbury \$4,000. 43.95 AC. Beautiful hills, lots of oak & cedar cover, good deer & turkey population 63+/- Ac. - 2BR-1B older home, seasonal creek, deer, turkey, and dove hunting BUSINESS: *Established thriving recognized, working business. Well known candy, pie and cake business for sale in Cross Plains. Includes everything for making candy, inventory and secret recipes. Internet sales, web page, wholesale and walk in customers. Located next door to Subway, 1/2 block from 3 Hwy Intersections. 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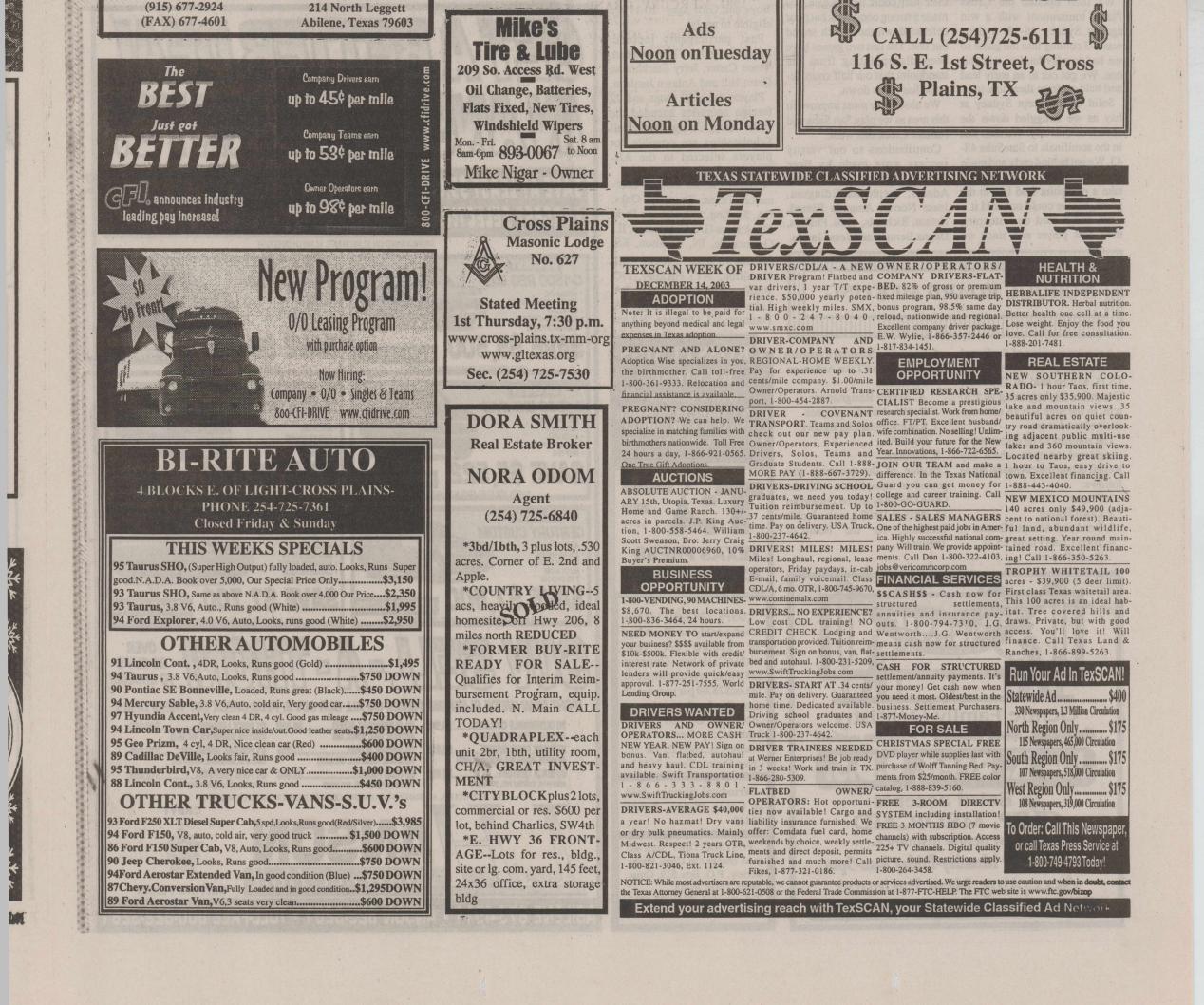
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Varsity Boys Play in Rising Star Tourney

lost two in the Rising Star Tour- Bennett added 8. nament. The Buffaloes beat Stats for the Rising Star game Gustine 58-48, lost to Rising Star were as follows: Goains 12, Wil-44-73, and Evant 43-53. The Buf- liams 11, Bennett 6, M. Allen 6, faloes continue to improve on R. Allen 4, Gardner 4, and shooting and limiting turnovers. Dickson 1. M. Allen had 5 steals Despite the improvements, the while R. Allen added 3. Re-Buffaloes have only won one bounding was led by Goains with game.

States against Gustine were 4 and R. Allen 3. 4. Gardner and Goains had 9 re- added 9.

The Buffaloes won a game and bounds while M. Allen and

12 and R. All 6. Assists M. Allen

Goains 18, Williams 10, Bennett Stats for the Evant game were as 8, Gardner 8, Dickson 4, and follows: Goains 19, Williams 8, Rameriz 3. R. Allen led steals Bennett 6, Gardner 6, and with 5. Bennett and M. Allen Dickson 2. Williams had 4 steals. added 4. Assists were led by M. M. Allen had 5 assists. Goains Allen with 6 and R. Allen added had 12 rebounds while Bennett

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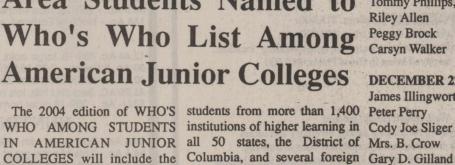
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If your student(s) would like to brary at 254-725-7722. enter, you may pickup entry guidelines at the Cross Plains

Area Students Named to Who's Who List Among **American Junior Colleges**

names of 47 students from Cisco nations. Junior College who have been campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the national directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of



for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. Ad-

mation, please contact the Li-

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

Outstanding students have been Jerry Walker selected as national outstanding honored in the annual directory Thurman Furry since it was first published in Lindsey Meiron 1966.

> Local students named this year from Cisco Junior College are DECEMBER 23 Brenton Dowdy and Michael Bo Barr Monsey from Clyde. Also on the Bobby Sipes list were George Hines, Jacob Roselyn Holmans Massey and Patricia Nall all from Douglas Dallas **Rising Star.**

Mrs. Kenneth Thate **Janet Rister** Weston Jones **Cliff Waddell III** Kenneth Sowell Jason Beauchamp Barbara (Purvis) Batton Lauretta Johnson **Tommie Neff** Star (Dodds) Burleson Mrs. Bertha Hoyt



DECEMBER 20 Robert Ray Simons Don Penn William Reynolds **Bonnie Sheppard** James Lawrence **Rocky Champion** Ted Don Archer Peggy Lee Beck (Hicks) Lockyear Patricia (Meador) Hopkins Hannah Chambers

DECEMBER 21 Alen Woody Jackie Monsey Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr. **Jimmy Crawford Eddie Hedrick Beth Meador** Tommy Phillips, Jr. **Riley Allen Peggy Brock** Carsyn Walker

DECEMBER 22 James Illingworth

James Goble

Cody Ford

Lawana Freeman

Ida Withney **Brian Haun** Vanessa (Taff) Mathison Sheila McWherson Laura Johnson Kay Dennis Mosley **Danielle Marion**

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

DECEMBER 25

Robert Floyd Leanne Gibson Jimmy Van Story **Donald Stover** Mrs. R.L. Moon Leslie Reed **Karin Sabaitis** Wesley Webb **Brent Hutchins Blanche Thrasher** Charlotte (Brown) Lee **Roger Crawford** Joseph Jackson **Daniel Bushnell**

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DECEMBER 26 Jay Ringhofffer Mrs. Joe Bryson **Bill Slate Tom Robinson** Loy Thompson Lisa Sims **Brandon Jones**

Cross Plains Buffs Lose to May Tigers

the 9th. The Buffaloes led going led assists with 4 and R. Allen 27% from the floor on the night. led in steals with 9 and R. Allen Scoring was Goains 16, Bennett added 7. 10, Gardner 8, M. Allen 6,

The Buffaloes lost to May on Dickson 2, Rameriz 2. Dickson into the 4th, but were able to only added 3. Goains led in rebounds score 6 points in the quarter. The with 13 while Bennett and Buffaloes were only able to shoot Gardner added 6 each. R. Allen

Lady Buffs Struggle **Through Tough Week**

struggled this week. We lost to reevaluate how we are going to the second ranked team in the state, the May Tigers, 66-26.

Plains tournament with a win made a strong comeback but poor against Sydney 48-38. Sydney defense down the stretch sealed was 6-3 coming into the game so our fate. The last two games have

The Lady Buffs basketball team play them again, we need to guard her.

In the third place game, we lost Obviously, we didn't play well to Rising Star 43-40, as we came but May had a lot to do with that. out real flat and struggled against We then opened the Cross their half court trap. Again, we

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we had to play hard to win this been disappointing from the one. We got out to an early lead standpoint that our half court deand held on from there to win it. fense has let us down.

Solid defense kept Sydney at stretch offensively. We then lost Panther Creek this week. in the semifinals to San Saba 48-43. We got behind early and made success were made by Bree a decent comeback to actually Dillard, Nicole Clark, Brittany take a one point lead late in the Adams, Stephanie Edington, game, but we could not hold it.

their best player and since we Dayna Bennett and Jesse James.

We absolutely must improve in bay as we struggled down the this area as we play San Saba and

Contributions to our varsity Jesse Norris, Amanda Rivard, We had a hard time stopping Kelsee Richards, Kali Phillips,

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING A regular meeting of the Board 5. Executive Session (if needed)

of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, December 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the high school administrative board room.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Open Forum

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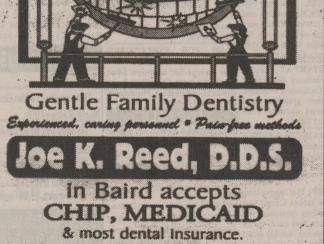
- 3. Read and Accept Minutes 4. 2003 Cross Plains I.S.D.
- A. Accept Resignations **B.** Hire New Employees 7. Review Financial Report/ **Pay Bills** 8. Adjourn. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with the

6. Discuss and Take Action on

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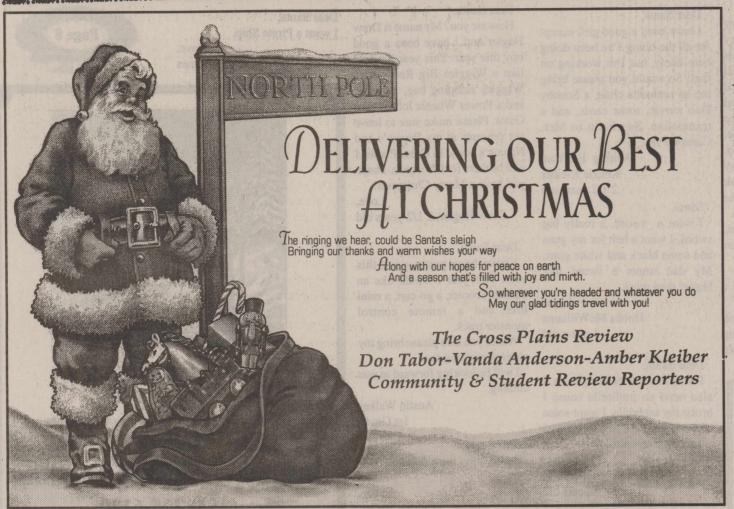
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Santa Claus letters are published in their originality-without corrections.

my own diary, an umbrella an 8

foot toy Christmas tree and a big

6 foot piggy bank. I will leave you

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Merry Christmas,

Lindsey Ames

Age 7

Dear Santa.

some cookies.

Dear Santa,

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Hi, my name is Daniel Higgins. I am 9 years old an 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 Sphole, and a pair of Dallas Cowboy shoes. Thank you Santa, I hope I get these presents. Have a Merry Christmas an a Happy New Year. P.S.

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

> Love You, **Daniel Higgins**

> > Brandon Jone

Dear Santa,

I want a lot of things for I want for Christmas is a my own movie like Mike and Ligly Christmas, but I do not want you Blond, Playstation 2 with games and your elfs to make too much like Tak, Mario, my own phone, stuff. So, I would like a little slush maker, TV, DVD, and VHS, North Pole doll house, and a lot own play Jeep, play dough table. of lollypops. I also want a Love, Buttercup doll, and a lot of snow Chelsea Branch so I can make a snow man. I Mrs. Odom's 3rd Grade would like some comic books and

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 Lawana

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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 quis) Histoszac 4 years old

Dear Santa, My name is Anthony and I

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.

Dear Santa Claus,

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



APICIUKE~PEKTEUTOLMO Merry Christmas



Dear Santa.

Claus for me.

Santa,

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.

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,

I want the easy cooking oven. I

Waiting For You,

Dobbs McWilliams

4 years old

Kenzie Kleiber

2 1/2 years old

Love,

Love,

4 years old

Dear Santa.

I also want a poodle and a mouse. I also want a balloon.

Dear Santa.

presents.

Love.

Angel

1st Grade

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, good this year. For Christmas this Ethan Horan year I would like a Mounted 4 years old Police Rescue hero named Captain Clydest and Dale and also a Playstation 2. Santa I have Dear Christmas, Dear Snow, a little sister. Her name is Lexie. Dear ice ball, please bring me She has been good this year too. Can you please bring her a baby Love, doll and some girl things. Thank Joseph Revoir you very much. There will be

My name is Zachery

Thompson. I have been pretty

Dear Santa,

4 years old some milk and cookies for you. Merry Christmas,

> Zachery Thompson Dear Santa, I want a hawk hand and a bigger than mine. scooter.

Love, Jody Flemming 4 years old

How are you? My name is Drew

Dear Santa

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

Alexis Mauricio clothes. Love, Caitlyn Bland 4 years old

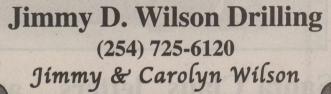
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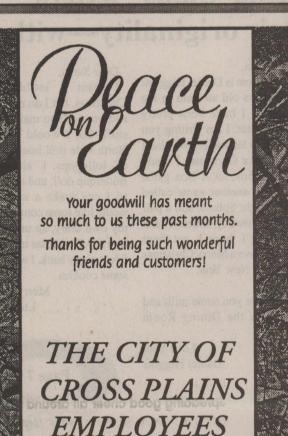
Dear Santa, I want a Pirate Ship. Love, Darrin Ames



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and our hearts are gladdened by warm thoughts of good friends like you. Happy Holidays!







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





Thank you

1st Grade

Dear Santa.

the shed.

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

My name is Teagan; I'm 5 years

old. I have been a good girl this

Clothes and shoes. I will be sure to

I want Barbie stuff and a Barbie

Jeep. I also want a Barbie coat. I

want a turtle car too and a Barbie

Carter on the bar. I Love you very much.

Dear Santa,

Love,

Rylee Crawford

4 years old

Love always,

Grade K

Love,

Alex Stout

4 years old

Teagan Fortune

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Shirt and pink

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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,

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

Kelbi

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Wishing you and yours a truly

novel holiday season.

Have you read a good book lately?

Dear Santa

We will be back in Texas for I hope your elfs make a good Christmas with Da and Mimmy, present for me and I want a new so don't forget to come by and bike. Santa please tell your elfs bring my baby brother, Keegan, to make what I want. 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

Colten Lamar Crawford

Dear Santa,

I am 6 and my name is Colten.

Dear Santa,

My name is Carter Turner and I've tried my best to good this year. For Christmas I would like to year. I would like a violin and have a Leap Frog Globe, Light Up lesson book to teach me how to Mermaid, Princess Castle, play. I would also like a 4-wheeler Strawberry Shortcake house, and roller blades. We will leave Strawberry Shortcake Doll, an

you cookies and hot chocolate. Is Operation head, a new Barbie, Rudolph real? I sure hope his nose coloring books, Candyland game, is shining. Be careful flying. Love, leave you cookies and milk sitting

1st Grade Have a Merry Christmas.

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 flag and a play grasshopper. at our house!

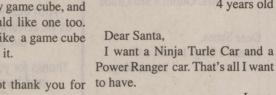
Your admirer, Logan Turner

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.

Dear Santa, I hope you have a Merry teddy bear and a ball too.

last years gifts.



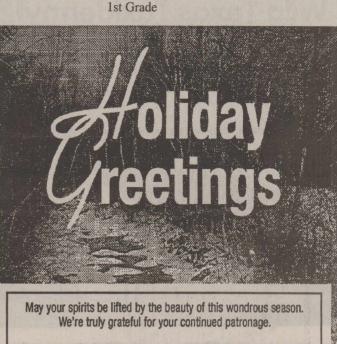
Love.

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would I would also like a Barbie car with shoes.

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

I want a game boy, a Play like a horse that can comb its hair Station 2 (with games), Hulk hands, and a Spiderman Web a Barbie and some clothes and Blaster. Please bring a flower for my mommy, Yo-ge-yo cards, I love you, toy race cars, trucks, and Inez Salazar motorcycles, and brand new car for mom too. I also want a Cobra Car.

> Love, Ben 1st Grade



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

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

Love, Dear Santa, Layton

Please bring me baby dolls. I also want a squeeky cat toy. I want a

> Love. **Jasmine Carty** 4 years old

J.C. McDonald 4 years old





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

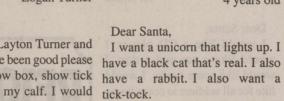
Cross Plains Public Library

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

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 to have.

Love, Justin



have a rabbit. I also want a tick-tock. Love, Jayme Tennison

5 years old



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cookies for you.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas.

House for Sparky.

P.S.



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Dear Santa.

My name is Cheyenne. For Christmas I want a girl hampster, 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 guitarant fast a maaf and not baltent Love, Landon Armer

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

I would like a remote control

hummer. I also want Spiderman

goggles and Flippers and please

bring me a new bike. Thank you.

I want a bugs bunny car tied to

a rope. With select videos while

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Love.

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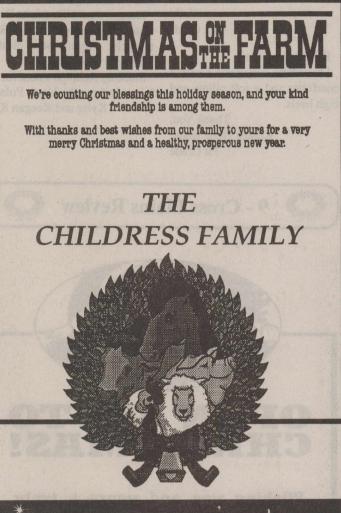
Elissa Canta

Chance Thompson

Dear Santa, I would like to have some want a guitar, a piano, pink jeep, markers and some dress-up Love,

Rebekah Crockett

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





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Thank you,



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By Sandra Smith Special to The Abilenian

Like many small towns in West Texas, the library in Cross Plains is located on Main Streetnothing 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 has 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 other assistance for the older challenge and as an opportunity population. to use her extensive administrative background.

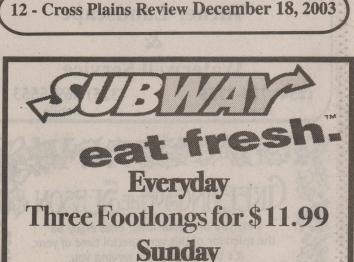
ACCESS Learning Center, ment. which took over the program in July, places people 55 and older in non-profit agencies for updating skills and helping them search for employment. It also offers free computer classes and 670-9739.

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

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Texas Farm-**Ranch-Wildlife Expo this February**

The Agribusiness Committee, Chamber of Commerce and the chaired by Randell Vinson of Abilene New Holland and Jim Service- Taylor County. 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.

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