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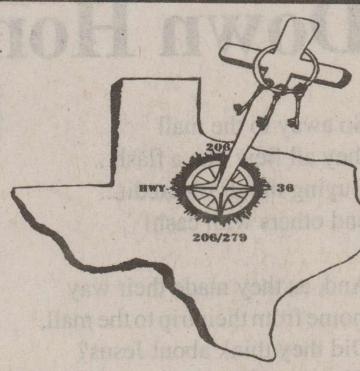
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DOWN HOME

Services held for Zora Mae Bryant Saturday, Dec. 17th

Zora Mae Bryant, age 91, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2005 in Brownwood. A celebration of her life was held at the First United Methodist Church Saturday, December 17, 2005 with the Rev. Jim Senkel and Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating.

Her friends and family sang her favorite hymns and Rhonda Swift, Mandy Sowell and Matt Sowell beautifully sang "In the Garden." Pianist was Connie Swift. Throughout the service and visitation time everyone enjoyed the many Zorie stories shared.

She was one eight children born to Bufford Wesley and Mattie Mae (Acker) Webb in Pioneer on November 13, 1914. On Christmas day 1932 Zora Mae married Thomas Edwin Baum Jr. in Cross Plains. They had three children. Ed passed away in 1971. She married Elliott Bryant of Cross Plains in Brownwood on April 26, 1975. She was a homemaker and a life long member of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

Zora Mae enjoyed bridge and dancing. She was a avid Dallas Cowboy and Tiger Woods fan. She cherished her family and friends, Cross Plains and her church. The things she had done in her life were ordinary activities, but out of those she brought extraordinary lessons of humor, wisdom and love.

She is survived by her son, Jack Webb Baum, and wife Barbara of Austin; her daughter, Terry Baum Rogers, and husband Dyke of Dalhart; five grandchildren, Jeb Baum and



ZORA MAE BRYANT

wife Kelye of Keller, Kevin Baum and wife Kathy of Princeton Junction, New Jersey, Carrie Baum Hendrix and husband Ed of Victoria, and Elizabeth Cowan and Chris Cowan, both of Denver, Colorado; four great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Gracie Baum and Abby and Maggie Mae Hendrix; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Edwin Baum, and their son, Tommy Baum; her second husband, Elliott Bryant; two sisters and five brothers.

Special recognition was given to her best friend, Lois Garrett, and her two loving caregivers, Renee Denny and Elva Sanchez.

Pallbearers were Joe McWilliams, John Fred McWilliams, Keith Watkins, Dick Grider, Scott Odom and Cliff Kirkham.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Cross Plains E.M.S., the Cross Plains Public Library, the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains or your favorite charity.

Cottonwood Baptist time change for Christmas Service

Cottonwood Baptist Church will meet for Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m. (rather than the usual 11:00) this Christmas Sunday.

Christmas is a special day for worship and for family—meeting

at 10:00 will give plenty of time to open presents early at home and to get away from the service with plenty of time for lunch. We would love for you to join us for a special Christmas Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.



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SOLID CEDAR COFFEE TABLE DONATED BY CONWAY'S BITTER CREEK RANCH

Cross Plains Public Library Cedar Coffee Table drawing to be held soon

Time's running out to get your tickets for the drawing of the Solid Cedar Coffee Table built by Ron Conway and donated to the Cross Plains Public Library. Tickets are just \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00, and the drawing will be held at Texas Heritage Bank's Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 22. You can see this gorgeous table at the bank

and buy your tickets there, or you can buy tickets at Higginbotham's, Lawrence Farm & Ranch, Mexico City Cafe, Conway's Bitter Creek Ranch, Jean's Feed Barn, or the Library. You don't have to be at the drawing to win — we'll call the winner just as soon as we know who it is.

handmade coffee table in your living or family room? Especially knowing that every dollar spent on tickets goes to help defray the operating expenses of your Cross Plains Public Library. The Friends of the Library would like to once again thank all of you who have donated financially and/or given of your time during 2005.

Wouldn't you love to have this

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins



GOODWILL AT CHRISTMAS—CPHS Ag Students and Teacher deliver fruit to those in need.

Local Ag Students Deliver Fruit to Homeless Shelter in Ft. Worth Just in Time for Christmas!!!!!!

The Cross Plains High School Ag Department made their second annual trip to deliver fruit to the Homeless Shelter in Fort Worth on December 12. Roy Richey, ag teacher, along with students, Kyle Cunningham, Bryce Bowden, Josh Radle, and Cody Hyles, took 90 cases of apples and oranges to be distributed to many people in need.

These young men took a very "eye opening" tour of the only night time facility in Fort Worth, Presbyterian Night Shelter. This facility also houses homeless women and children. This shelter serves 700 hot meals each night.

The Mission and the Shelter are very grateful to Mr. Richey and his ag students for the effort they put forth to make a difference in these peoples lives.



SPREADING CHEER—Ag Students talk with a little boy living at the Homeless Shelter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Deborah Griswold faxed this new version of the "T'was the Night Before Christmas" that has such a profound meaning. It is my opinion that we have strayed from the true reason for the season.

You are probably aware that many large department stores have taken the name "Christ" out of their holiday messages this year. How much more will we allow? Calls and e-mails to ask for changes will right this wrong. There are 97 percent Christians in the U.S., so we CAN make a difference.

There is a home in Cross Plains (I don't know who lives there) who has the best message written on their windows. It says, "Happy Birthday Jesus Christ." Now that's the right spirit as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of all. Merry Christmas! Vanda Anderson

"T'was the Night Before Christmas"

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the town

Not a sign of Baby Jesus was anywhere to be found.

The people were all busy with Christmas time chores Like decorating and baking, and shopping in stores.

No one sang "Away in a manger no crib for a bed". Instead, they sang of Santa dressed-up in bright red.

Mama watched Martha Stewart Papa drank beer from a tap, As hour upon hour the presents they'd wrap.

When what from the T.V. did they suddenly hear? 'Cept an ad...which told of a big sale at Sears.

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Down Home

So away to the mall
they all flew like a flash...
Buying things on credit...
and others with cash!

And, as they made their way
home from their trip to the mall,
Did they think about Jesus?
Oh no,...not at all.

Their lives were so busy
with their Christmas time things
No time to remember
Christ Jesus, the King.

They would dash away, dash
away, and visit them all.

And up on the roof,
there arose such a clatter
As grandpa hung icicle lights
up on his brand new step ladder.

He hung the lights that would
flash.

He hung lights that would twirl.
Yet, he never once prayed to
Jesus...Light of the World.

Christ's eyes...how they
twinkle!
Christ's Spirit... how merry!
Christ's love... how enormous!
All our burdens...He'll carry!

So instead of being busy,
overworked and uptight
Let's put Christ back in
Christmas and enjoy
some good nights!

There were presents to wrap
and cookies to bake.
How could they stop and
remember
who died for their sake?

To pray to the Savior...
they had no time to stop.
Because they needed more time
to "Shop til they dropped!"

From the big stores downtown
to the stores at the mall

Merry Christmas, my friends!

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES



Bulah "Boots" Marie Ferguson

Bulah "Boots" Marie Ferguson, age 86, passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2005 in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Bulah was born January 23, 1919 to Alva and Julia Viola (Martin) Howard in Grapevine, Texas. She had worked as a cashier in retail sales. Mrs. Ferguson was a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters, Kitty Propest and husband, Steve, of Cross Plains, and Peggy Stallings and husband, Jack, of Fort Worth; a son, Edward Miller and wife, Kathy, of Tom Ball; four grandchildren, Kathy Bobb of CO, Tracy Bee French of Cross Plains, Kimberley Carter of Cross Plains and Keli Stallings of Fort Worth; seven great-grandchildren, Daniel Cooper of Meridan, Chantry, Logan and Trevor Bobb, all of CO, Chasity Goains, Tiffany Phillips and Jason Goains, all of Cross Plains; three great-great-grandchildren, Destinee Cooper of Meridan, Katie Marie Goains and Jason Ryan Lee Phillips, all of Cross Plains.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #4
Larry Tennison

Political advertisement paid by Larry Tennison for Commissioner Precinct #4, Betsy Tennison, Treasurer, 4266 CR 243, Clyde, Texas 79510.

Reggie Pillans
Political advertisement paid by Suzi Pillans, Treasurer, 8567 CR 419, Cisco, Texas 76437.
All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

For Callahan County Judge
Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 532 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.

For Callahan County Clerk
Donna Bell

Political advertisement paid by Donna Bell, PR 2484 Lot 420, Baird, Texas 79504.
All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Don Duncan

Don Duncan, age 75, of Coleman and former Abilene resident, died Friday, December 16, 2005 at his residence. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jeff Miller officiating. Burial was in the Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Don was born August 23, 1930 in Coleman, Texas, the son of Ralph and Daisy Duncan. He grew up in Coleman and graduated from Coleman High School in 1947. He graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Don lived in California before moving to Abilene where he lived for a number of years. While in Abilene he owned and operated a public relations firm and was a graphic designer. He was a member of First Christian Church and the Kiwanis Club in Abilene. After moving to Coleman, he was a member of the United Christian and Presbyterian Church where he was the choir director. For the past several years he was the organist at the First United Methodist Church in Coleman. He had also worked at Dillard's in Abilene in the Men's Department.

Survivors include one cousin, Betty Garrett of Coleman; special friends, Marylea Henderson of Waco, Pat Henderson Fritz of Houston, Merl McClellan, Virginia Taylor, Margie Duncan, all of Coleman, Betty and Bob Thrasher of Temple, M'Lane Ellis and children of Cross Plains. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church Choir Fund, P.O. Box 852, Coleman, Texas 76834.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 11, 2005 through December 17, 2005 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—86
Complaints—88
DWI—1

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

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Mark D. Rainey, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
James T. Daugherty, theft by check.
Vanessa Copeland, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Danny E. Alexander, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, defendant sentenced to prison on other case.
Sulema Solis, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.
Jimmy Pickett, motion to revoke probation granted.
End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: Matthew Moreno.
End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor adjudication: Santos Apolinar.
Scott Rentz, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Samuel W. Drummond of

Abilene and Clovia R. Rice of Winters.
Lance H. Cockerell of Clyde and Ashley R. Knight of Merkel.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Information and Complaints
Blas Aquero, DWI.
Martin Cerda, Jr., prohibited substances in correctional facilities - 3rd degree.

Criminal Minutes

Kevin Dewayne Oliver, judgment revoking probation granted.

Civil Filings

Clara Pauline Bentley and Thomas William Bentley, divorce.
Edward Lee Morris, Jr. and Michelle Leann Morris, divorce.
Ashlee Diane Matthews and George Ray Matthews, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Steven D. Rhymes and Linda Marie Rhymes, divorce granted.

Cross Timbers Seminary

Cross Timbers Seminary Extension is offering the following course January 12 through May, 4, 2006:

New Testament Survey, Part 1
(The Background, Gospels, and Acts).

This will be a survey of the historical/cultural background along with the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus.

It will also cover the process by which the gospels were written

and explore the similarities among the synoptic gospels and the uniqueness of the Gospel of John. It covers the authorship, purpose and content of the book of Acts.

We will be meeting for 17 weeks each Thursday night for 1 1/2 hours. If you are interested in taking this course contact Baylis Pope at (254) 725-7749 by January 5th.

There Is NO Charge For Obituaries In The Cross Plains Review

At this time I would like to convey to the Voters of Precinct 4, Callahan County that I will not seek election to the office of County Commissioner Precinct 4 in the upcoming Primary.

Political Ad Paid by Doris Grider, County Commissioner
P.O. Box 668, Cross Plains, Texas 76443

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLES AND CAROLS SERVICE

First United Methodist Church
Invites You to join us on
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For a special service of
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First Baptist Church

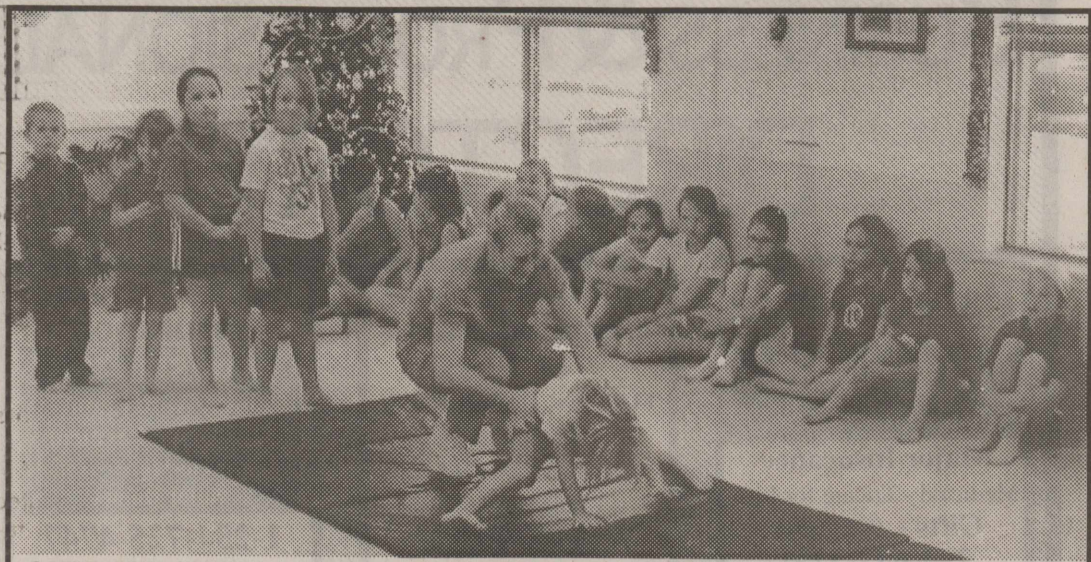
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11 am & 6 pm Worship

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

By Linda Merritt



OVER AND OVER AGAIN— The Twist & Shout Tumblers and their Director, Mindy Estes.

We would like to share a picture of the Twist & Shout Tumblers and their director, Mindy Estes, in action while here at the Center. It was a privilege to have had them here performing for us. They are a very talented group of girls and boys and we encourage them to keep up the good work.

Family members are welcome to come share the Christmas noon meal with their loved one. Please let Angie Williams know you wish to come so preparations can be made. The traditional

Christmas meal will be served along with the pecan pies that the residents made.

Our appreciation to the First Baptist Church Rising Star for the delicious Christmas meals they brought, to the Charles Dickens Christmas Carolers for coming, to Amber Thomas Children Ministry First Baptist Church Abilene, Texas for the cute decorations, to the First United Methodist Church Carolers and Pastor Jim Senkel for the wonderful program they presented at the resident's

Christmas party, to the Rising Star 4H group for the cute cards and to the family of Zora Mae Bryant for the flowers.

During the Holiday Season our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit we say THANK YOU and Best Wishes for the Holiday, to our Dear residents, wonderful families, fantastic volunteers and supportive businesses in Cross Plains and Rising Star.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

The Christmas party at Cottonwood went very well last Thursday evening, and I hope the Christmas carol singing went well, also. I started the evening off at Cottonwood but had a conflict. I needed to be with my church in Cross Plains for their Christmas caroling.

And that brings up the Christmas spirit which is the subject of this column. Where were you 35 years ago? I know some of you weren't born that far back. But you can think back and remember the first Christmas you can remember, can't you? What was that Christmas season like for you? Were you disappointed that Santa Claus was really your dad and mom? Or do you remember it was really a great blessing and that all those Christmas toys came from them because they loved you? That is the real spirit of Christmas, love, joy, hope and peace.

History Revisited

Thirty-five years ago Cottonwood citizens were prominent in the news. Hazel Respass, editor of this column in the *Cross Plains Review*, reported on a Christmas party success such as our own.

The Ladies Quilting Club held their Christmas party last Thursday night and a good time

was had by all," she reported. They played their own version of a "Chinese Christmas Party." Each lady brought a gift and when Mrs. J.A. Howard started reading a Christmas story each lady began passing her present to the lady on her right. This action continued until the story ended. At that point, each lady opened the present in her hand.

"It sounded like bunch of children opening their Christmas Stockings," wrote Miss Respass. "Everyone had a great time," she summed up the evening's party. And, Cottonwood citizen, Albert Lovell, Callahan County Tax-Assessor/Collector, placed an ad in the *Cross Plains Review* to remind citizens that taxes are due on January 1, 1971 and on State Taxes there was a discount if paid by December 31, 1970.

Miss Mary Weaver, a public school teacher in Corpus Christi, was visiting her home in Cottonwood for a few days.

The *Cross Plains Review* of that date also reports the obituary of Mrs. Rebecca Ramey, "Ex-Cottonwood Lady is Buried at Abilene," read the story headlines.

The story reports that Rebecca Ramey was 80 years old and died in Abilene of a short illness. Her

husband was buried three years earlier, and the story lists four sons and seven daughters. Among them, and well known in the Cottonwood community, include Grady Ramey who married Dorothy Thompson, Dorothy Ramey who married Gloster Thompson, twins Edgar and Edwin Ramey, and Ruth Ramey. Each of them went to school in Cottonwood.

Oops Goofed Again!

Anthony Castleberry, misnomered as Anthony McGough in last week's paper, should have read Anthony Castleberry is safe at home; he returned safely from Iraq with the 56th Combat Brigade on December 10, 2005. However, another grandson of Margaret McGough's, Cody McGough, recently arrived in Baghdad. So, keep him in mind and in your prayers. Please excuse my goof! And as we used to say in Hawaii, "Mele kalemeka, haole, maki, hiki, ho! And as we still say in Texas, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 for news or personal items for this column. E-mail is csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail address is 11083 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Whooo-eee, I get to take a field trip!! Out from behind the books and even out the front door—all the way down the street to the bank. I really hope to see you down there, too. On Thursday afternoon at 3:00, we are going to draw for the lucky winner on the cedar coffee table donated by Ron and Sherrian Conway.

If you really hustle, you still have time to purchase some tickets. Call me at 725-7722 to find the closest outlet for ticket sales!!

CU-BW

Statistics

December 12-16, 2005

Books: 46
Internet Users: 28
Memorials:
Scott and Jacque Childress -
In Memory of Jack Scott
Roger and Joyce Klingberg -
In Memory of Zora Mae
Bryant
Donations:
Jon and Bonnie Rogers
Sandra Ingram
Jackie W. Smith
Donations - Books:
Jaime Bell
Carol Walt
Susan Saunders

Library Activity

Patrons: 110
Lap 12
Lapsit 4
Other 94
Programs: 59
Copies: 62
Reference: 0
Books Check In/Out: 16
Calls In: 4
Internet Users: 28

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Do you per chance have some words for us today, Apple Annie?

"Much...Love!!!!???????"

LOVE, now there's a word which, if anything, has been greatly misdefined, clearly manipulated, over worked, mishandled, misguided, misdirected, and in the 20th and 21st centuries, grossly misconstrued and used out of context. It has been generally worn thread bare, almost to the point of extinction!

Originally love meant caring for someone, parental love, brotherly love or love for your friend, etc.

There are also many ways of expressing love, sadly in the last 5 or 6 decades, it seemed to lose its primary meaning and instead came to mean a sexual relationship.

Today, my column is totally about LOVE that is purely and implicitly the love between parents and children and love between siblings; the love of a friend for another, friendly love, neighborly love, and Christian love, etc.

Many folks love their pets. Singles and or married, without children, express their never ending love for their pets.

I was placing an Avon order when my youngest daughter was about 8 and some iron-on transfer patterns came with some little girls products. I thought they would be cute on the front of her new t-shirts, as they were rolly polly little toddler type girls playing amid flowers. When the order arrived, I promised myself I would transfer the "dainty" little girl pattern on Allison's t-shirts.

With a full-time job and four children time was scarce.

After working all week, I was sitting in my comfortable lounge chair on Saturday morning, when Allison came in with little face just beaming. "Mama, look what I did," she said gleefully. "And it was so easy! I made something for Dad. Do you think he will like them?"

She brought her hands from behind her back and showed me her masterpiece. She loved her dad very much and wanted to show her love by doing something for him. She held up three pair of Marvin's white under shorts, and across the back of each pair she had ironed the little girl pattern transfers.

After supper she gave her dad her big surprise. At first he was virtually speechless. In a few moments he got his wind back and told her thank you and gave her a big hug. He spent some time complementing her on what a great job she did. That was a little over 20 years ago and he still has one pair as a keep sake.

Many other instances stand out in my thoughts. Love was present when Rex baby-sit his sisters for free while I worked to help support the family. Love was present when my son Mark worked for the first time in the oil fields, then spent his first pay check to buy a new bicycle for Christmas for his younger sisters, Melody and Allison. Love was there when Melody hired an entertainer for the party honoring her dad on his 50th birthday.

To me, that is the TRUE meaning of the powerful word LOVE.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 26 - 30

MONDAY-CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

TUESDAY- Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Corn, Cauliflower, Cookie, Bread

WEDNESDAY-Pinto Beans w/ Ham, Tomatoes & Okra, Hominy, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread

THURSDAY-Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Lemon Cake, Bread

FRIDAY-Chili w/Beans, Tossed Salad, Apricots, Butterscotch Pudding, Craclers

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Domino Night (42 & 84)
Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Toys For Kids!

Friday

December 23, 2005

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

At the

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

2000 North Main Cross Plains, Texas

This event has grown so large we are moving it from Conway's Bitter Creek Ranch to the church to accommodate all of the children and toys.

Refreshments will be served.

See you there and have a

Safe and Merry Christmas

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BREAKTHRU

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



When was Jesus born? The question is answered most accurately by Paul (inspired by God) in his letter to the Christians at Galatia: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law..." (Gal. 4:4).

"In the fullness of time..." In other words, "at God's own timing." The intriguing statement combines prophetic fulfillment with historical circumstances to explain why Jesus was born when He was. In God's providence, Jesus was born during the "Pax Romana" or "Roman Peace" which made possible the advancement of His mission. There was peace at home and abroad, a common culture, a common language, protection by Roman law, a vast network of roads, and a relatively stable economy. All this was timed by God to come together "in the fullness of time."

While there is information given in the Scriptures and retained in secular history to help us establish the general time when Jesus was born — perhaps even the year — we know not the actual month and day. But more important then the date is the purpose: "...to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Gal. 4:5). Someone stated it well: "In our admiration of the cradle, let us not forget the cross." 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" (John 3:16).

We encourage you to share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

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.
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To the Voters of Callahan County Precinct 4

I am seeking the office of County Commissioner Precinct 4 and I would appreciate your support.

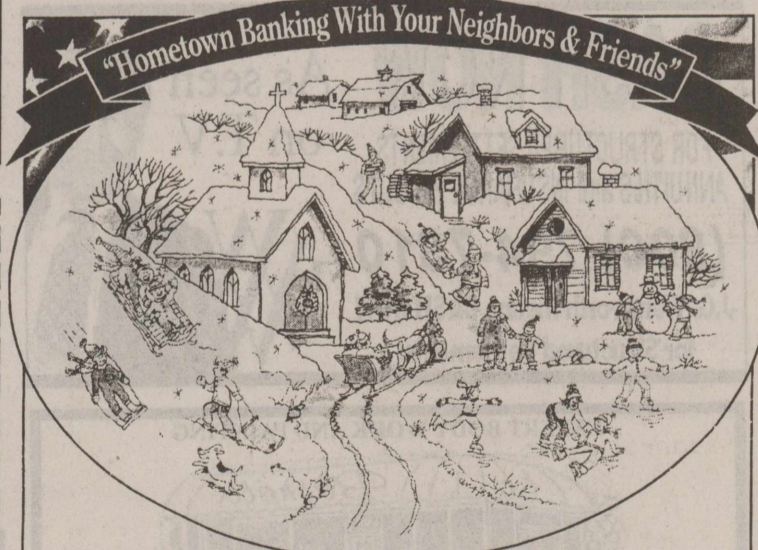
As a lifelong resident and an independent business man in Cross Plains for 30+ years, I understand the challenges with budget spending. I believe that by making conservative and responsible decisions we can always be better stewards of taxpayers' dollars.

If elected, I commit to be honest, hard working, conservative, and to make decisions with integrity and thoughtfulness. I am asking for your vote in the Republican Primary March 7, 2006.

Cliff Kirkham

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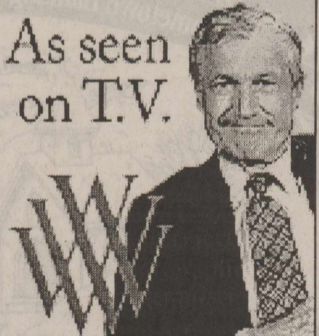
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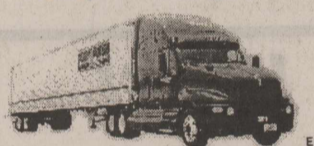
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May our glad tidings travel with you!*

The Cross Plains Review
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Dear Santa,
I'm 3 years old. I'm a good boy. My Nana thinks I'm not sometimes.
I would like a big truck, football and basketball and goal for Christmas.
My mom wants clothes. Bring Shyler and Jevon some toys. Thanks for remembering us.
Love,
Keegan Tillery

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year, so I know that my name is on your list. Please bring me an airplane, piano and fireman stuff for Christmas. Don't forget to bring something for my new baby brother too.
Love,
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a security blanket, cowboy boots and some blocks for my very first Christmas. My big brother has been really good to me and deserves some good toys, too.
Love,
Haideen Rudloff

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cowboy hat, belt, big rope, boots and guns. My brother and I want to play Cowboys.
Have a safe trip flying with your reindeer. I want to hug one of your reindeer.
Love you,
Keegan Lane King, Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Drew Hagler and I am 4 years old. I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a Batman Cave playset, a Bat mobile, a Bat jet, and the Joker. I would also like a race car track, a new golf bag, the Pacifier DVD, some new coloring books, lots of candy, and some hair gel.
My baby sister, Emma, would like a Princess Vanity Set, a Cabbage Patch babydoll, and some play makeup. She has also been a good girl this year.
We will be spending Christmas at our new house in Brownwood this year, so please bring all of my toys there. We will have cookies waiting for you.
I love you,
Drew Goodwin Hagler

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I was wondering if you would please bring me a John Deer four wheeler and some new blocks to build with.
Also, please bring my daddy and I some new hunting gear so we can go hunting at my papa's farm. Please remember to bring my mommy a bunch of new clothes. Don't forget my Granny. Papa, Nana, Pa, Uncles, Aunts and my cousins Brenna and Brayden.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love,
Ryan Reed
11 months

All We Want For Christmas...


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

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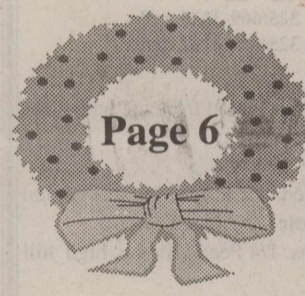
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Dear Santa,
My name is Lexie. I'm 3 years old. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas this year I would like, a baby My Little Pony, a trampoline, a Cabbage Patch doll, and some clothes. I will leave some milk and cookies for you and some sweet feed for your reindeers. And please bring something for my big brother. He is 7 years old.
Love,
Lexie Thompson
3 years old





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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Bratz camera and a heart pillow. I also want a necklace and a pretty dress.

Thank you Santa,
Taylin Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a Bratz Doll, a stuffed Buffalo and a stuffed Bunny Rabbit.

Love,
Ashley Cochran, Age 5
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa. I tried my very best to be a good girl this year. My mom said that if I ask real nice that you might bring me a My Little Pony Castle, some board games that I can play with my sister and also a movie that we can watch.

P.S. - Don't forget my best friend, Taylin!

Hugs and Kisses,
Kenzie Kleiber
Age 4
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well and you are giving people what they want. I hope you are being nice to all the children. I wish that I had new Power Ranger Cars and a shield and a magic door for the Power Rangers to go through. I would also like Batman and the Bat mobile that changes into a play city, a fishing pole and a pet lizard for my room.

Good bye Santa, I love you
Paxton Byrd
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa Claus,
This letter is to remind you I want to be a "real" Cowboy. Please bring me a hat, rope, boots, belt and guns. I've already seen you twice, so you should remember me.

Have a good trip from the North Pole. Is that really where you live?

I love you,
Kyler Paul King, Age 4
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I'm Hannah and I am 4 years old. Please bring me Barbies and some makeup. Santa are you really real? Hope so!

P.S.-My dad is Davy Crockett. Everyone says he is famous!

Love,
Hannah Crockett
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

SADDLE UP
to a great season!



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

Merry Christmas to all!

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Noah and Bobbie

Dear Santa,
I want a Megasord and Ninja Turtle toys. You can bring my brother a toy if you want. My sisters too.

Thank you Santa,
Jyles Wootton
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Hanna. I am 4 years old. I think I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas this year I would like to have Pegasus Barbie and Horse, Cabbage Patch Kid, Magic Pegasus Barbie Movie, and a Bratz Doll.

Thank you for all the presents last year. I'll leave the cookies and milk on the bar for you. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Hanna Fortune
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a remote control motorcycle, John Deere tractor, race cars, karaoke machine, puppy and Scooby Doo in Mexico movie. I will leave cookies and milk by my tree.

Thanks,
Sterling Switzer
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like to have a V-Smile, a Star Station, a Singing Belle Doll, a new purse, pajamas and clothes. I will leave some cookies and some fresh milk from my Pawpaw's milk tank for you and some carrots for your Reindeer.

Love,
Madison Foster, Age 4
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Bubba. I am in Pre-K in Mrs. Apple's class. I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas and to let you know that I have been good this year.

I would like for you to bring me a truck a red motorcycle, a plane, and the Red Power Ranger.

If it is not to much trouble could you please bring my sisters presents too. I think they have been good this year. Thank you Santa. There will be plenty of milk and cookies waiting for you on our kitchen table. My mom will probably buy them because she has trouble baking. I Love You Santa.

Love,
Bubba
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin. I'm 4 1/2 years old. I want a Play Station 2, new games. I want you to come over and see me.

Love,
Austin Chastain
Mrs. Apple's Pre-K

With You In Mind At
Christmastime

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

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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & TO ALL MANY THANKS!

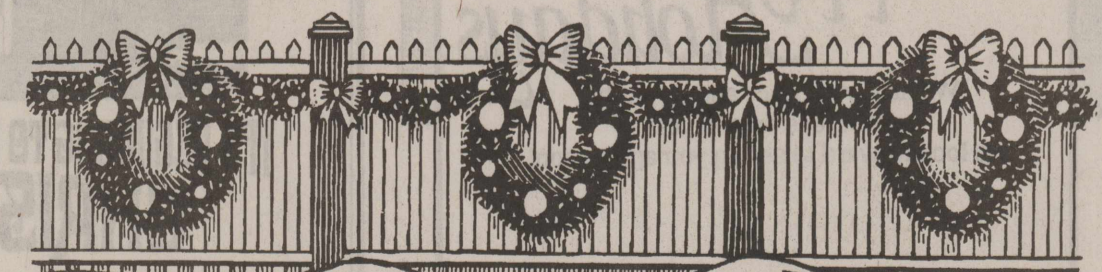
Just in the nick of time, we'd like to deliver our message of warmth and gratitude to our many good customers and friends. We really appreciate you dropping by this past year.

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It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!

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

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Dear Santa,
Hi, I would like a remote control monster truck.

Thanks,
Joseph Crockett
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a tool bench and a trampoline. I will try to be good.

I love you,
Jevon Tillery
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a doodle bear, Brat, makeup kit and angle doll.

Love,
Sydney Revoir
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like, Scooby Chia Pet, moon shoes, doodle monster, SpongeBob Toy, a cross, rabbit, motorcycle and games.

Love,
Jonathan Sullivan
Mrs. Phillips Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like the Dora Talking Kitchen. I would also like purple and gold pom-poms, and a Cinderella set. I have been very good and I help my Moma.

Love,
Kayla McClure
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a V-Tech, winter boots and Cinderella Castle. For Brian I would like a Hokey Pokey Elmo and clothes. I have cookies and milk waiting for you.

Love,
Brittany Crouch
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I want something big, and you can jump on it...Oh yeah, a trampoline, some black boots like your Santa, and a baseball cap like Daddys. Can you also bring my brother Brady some legos. Your milk and big fat cookies will be waiting.

Your good buddy,
Riley
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink jacket, and matching gloves, with a hat. A lot of makeup and some toys too. Also I would like Santa to bring my sisters some toys too.

Thanks,
Tandy
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Do you remember my name, it is Wesley. I want a remote control dinosaur and a Nitendo game cube, Incredible game. I been a very good boy.

Love,
Wesley
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer. Santa can you bring me a Buckaroo game, Bow-n-Arrow, football game, Wheelie car, and Horses.

Love,
Kayden
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a few things this year. I want clothes (cowgirl), dress up clothes, and a doll. Please don't forget my sisters.

Love,
Nakadah
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want some Spider Man shoes, for my brother Kiya and me. Also some warm weather. Thanks!

Love,
JJ
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a Black Belt Karate Master, Batman Laptop game, T-Rex Mountain, Remote control T-Rex, a telescope, a nerf Blaster, and a hot wheels race track.

Love,
Brody
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my bike you gave me last year. I have tried to be a good boy again this year. For Christmas I would like a trampoline, candy, and some little trucks and cars. I will leave milk and cookies out again for you.

Love,
Larson Walker
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Katy Jo Morgan. I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me some Nike shoes, and some clothes. I would like some toys also.

Love,
Katy
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I would like a computer, X-box games, Godzilla action figure, a football, a basketball goal, and a new backpack.

Thank you,
Samuel Guerrero
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a shotgun and remote control car. I also want a jeep like you keep outside and toy robot and some little shepherd Veggie Tale toys.

Love,
Creed
Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want bots, a cell phone, Brats doll, meckup, dog, books, sun glasss, a Christmas, a umbrella, a citin.

Signed,
Alex Stout
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of black dress boots and a black skirt.

Love,
Jayme Tennison
1st Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Babby doll that comes with a bath tub and the poty it really crys and the rest of the stuff. I want the Hello Kitty hous and the Hello Kitty doll. I want the Lisa Frank dolls and I want the Magic Pegasus Doll and the movie and the pony.

Love,
Grace Goode
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Andy and I am 6. I been good. For Christmas I wood like some farm equipment, puppy, gold fish, chaps, hedge hog, a pen for a little baby calf, a baby pig, a card board turkey target for Dad to shoot at, bird house, Academy 18 wheeler, Cabin Critters (bass), a fake duck.

Love,
Andy
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would lik some new clthes. We love you. Have I been good? Yes or No. Can you give Kersey a present. I would like a Bratz dol for Christmas will you give my brother a motorbike for Tucker and a dog.

Thank you Santa,
Hannah Brown
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I hope that you do not get sick. I want a Barbie and a My Little Pony. I want an oven. Please bring my brothers and baby sister some toys too.

Thank you Santa,
Jaton Wootton
1st Grade

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Merry Christmas



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

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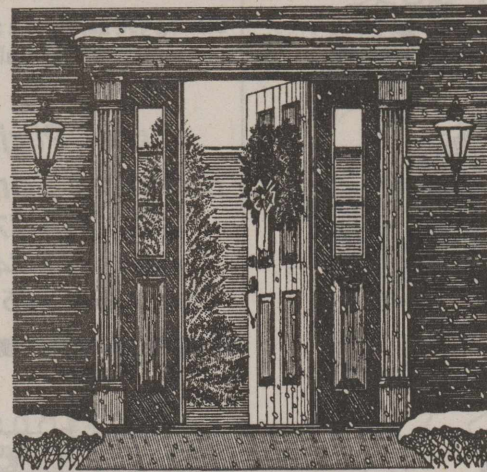
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Dennis JoAnn Thompson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cabbage Patch doll, earrings, Bratz Barbie and a canopy for my bed, and a play kitchen and some Sweat Pants and a bean bag.

Thank you Santa,
Kersey Wyatt
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas, I want a Barbie for Christmas. I want a Baby for Christmas. Santa, I hope you git finished. I hope you git finished.

Thank you Santa,
Caitlyn Bland
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I hope it will be o.k. if you bring me makeup. I would also like a cell phone, some more CD's and a Megasour for my brother, a small Herbie car for my other brother and something they both can share. I would also like some Brat doll friends for my Brat doll that I got at the dentist, an Easy Bake Oven, a Doodle Bear and a Sky Dancer.

P.S. - My mommy won't let me have Brat dolls yet so I'm counting on you!

Thank you Santa,
Mackenzie Byrd
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a gam boy four Crismis. And I want a XBox and I want a PlaStashin.

Thank you Santa,
Joey Couture
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Please give everybody in the world a present. I want a Bratz doll and a toy Rudolph.

Thank you Santa,
Piper Winfrey
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStation 2, Robodion to be with my family. To wish my puppies and you a Merry Christmas.

Thank you Santa,
Taylor Hicks
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Logan. I am six years old. I have been pretty good this year. I want a real T.V. and a real PlayStation. Also, I want a real hedgehog and a real knife.

Could you please bring my sister, Kali, a house and my other sister, Krista, a motorcycle.

Please bring Dad a school bus so he can haul everybody to the game. Bring Mom a motorcycle so she can drive it.

I will leave a Dr. Pepper and a cookie out for you.

Love,
Logan Phillips
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a laptop and a game like sister's horse game with it. Please may I have some baby dolls like those in the magazine. Please may I have some Sky Dancers. Please may I have a Little House on the Prairie book, movie, doll, and clothes. Please bring every kid in the world a toy even the ones that have been bad. Please bring my daddy some new equipment. Please bring my sister a laptop and some new CD's. And please bring my mom a breakable angel. Can you please get your elves to build houses for all of the people that don't have a house. I wish you a very nice Christmas.

Love,
Hannah Nicole Cowan
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year and I would like a computer, a puppy, a cat, a pair of boots, a Godzilla action figure, and a cell phone.

Thank you,
Isaiah Guerrero
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
What I want fro Christmas is a puzzle and a Brat doll. I also want a stuffed bear.

Thank you Santa,
Tassaney Garza
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like some video games, Kids Bop 8. I will leave cookies. I love you.

Thank you Santa,
Jonathan McDonald
1st Grade

Deer Santa,
I want to drive a jet. I want a XBox 360. I want a memory card.

Love,
Tucker Brown
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton Gilliam. I live in Cross Plains, Texas. For Christmas I am wanting a football, Nike air running shoes, Hobie pro-series skateboard, Texas jersey, carpenter pants and a multi sport leiment.

Love,
Dalton Gilliam
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Bunny. I want a bunny cage. I want a jacket. I want a bike. I want a noo football. I want a fish.

Love,
Hunter Thomas

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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*In a season so serene and still,
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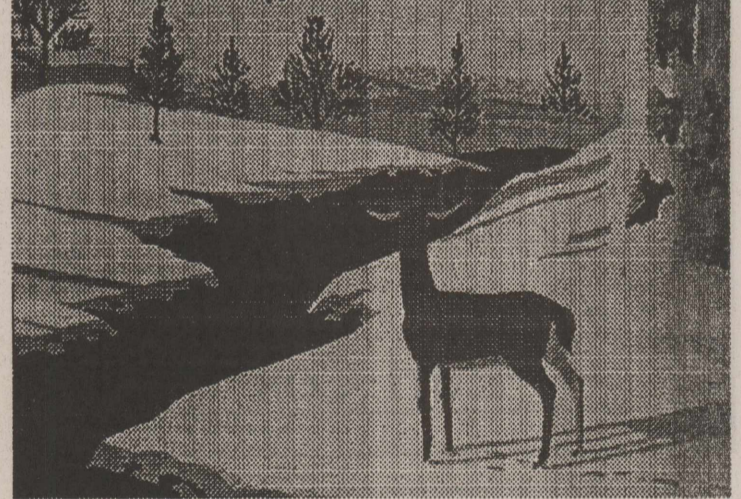
Yuletide Greetings

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

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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Luke 2: 10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

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Cross Plains, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a fly wheel and Morthanator and shell shoker and scamps my playful pup and spy gear and rescue pup and a big huge fluffy teddy bear and a Batman monster truck from Dollar General in Abilene and shot clock basketball and a new bike and baby born Bear and Scooby Doo chia pets.

Senserly Love,
Charles Thompson
2nd Grade

Dere Santa Clos,
I want a babby doll for Christmas. And I want a Barbie house for Christmas. And I want a toy car for Christmas. And I want toy clothes for Christmas. And I want a toy boy car for Christmas. And I want a dog and a Santa Clos toy for Christmas.

From,
Debra Land
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I love you and I want a toy monster trucks. Santa I love you, I love you!

From your favorite child,
Zach Gartman
2nd Grade

To Santa,
I hope you had a great year. I hope I was good, I tried. I want a puppy for Christmas. If you cant fin one I would like for me and Dillon to get a new T.V. Merry Christmas and thank you Santa.

Love,
Justin Whiteley
2nd Grade

Dear Jesus,
My assignment was a Santa letter but I thought this would be even better. So here is a small note just to say I hope you have the best Birthday. Anyway I don't really need more toys and stuff. You are the best gift God gave to us.

Keep us all safe when we go places to see family, and help people who don't have a family be happy.

Colton Bradley
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a piano, Karoke machine, and my two front teeth.
P.S. - Please send my grandma a whole set of new teeth.

Thank you,
Landon Posuk
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Teagan. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I want some new game boy games. It does not mater what kind. And I want a Cabbage Patch baby. And I want a Barbie and the Magic of Pegasus Horse. I want a Bratz cat. The pink one. That is all I want this year from you. I know I will get more presents.

I love you,
Teagan Fortune
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a flywheel and Morthanator, and shell shoker, and Scamps my playful pup, and Spy Gear, and rescue pup, and a big huge fluffy teddy bear and a Batman monster truck from Dollar General in Abilene and shot block basketball and baby born bear and Scooby Doo Chia pets.

Senserly Love,
Chance Thompson
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolff fine? I have been very good.

Would you bring me some skates for Christmas. Also could I have a fever fashion Barbie, a computer, and a CD player. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Shelby McWilliams
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a big dirt bike for my dad and that's all I want.

Love,
Larry Roberts
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie and Dora that grows hair and a Mary Kat and Ashely Barbie. That when you put her feet in water her feet will paint different colers, and a go cart that is red, white, and blue, and a babby doll, and a bear, and some pencils, and a coffe table, a stuffed rudolph and a bell and a doll that is not real.

Thanks,
Brittany Bush
2nd Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want some Madagascar toys that talk. I also want an Aloha Scooby Doo DVD. Happy Birthday Jesus. I love you. Thank you for the wonderful blessing you give us.

Love,
Caden Creach
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Boy please, and some CD's. Enjoy the milk and cookie.

Thank you,
Megan Hagler
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a dog and some clothes and a doll, and a nightlight and a good life and some books, and a school set, and a backpack, a camera, and a trampoline.

Love,
Kelli Bennett
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a great time going down chimneys. All the children like you. I want to tell you thank you for all the presents that you have given me. I would like a sword fight game that won't scare my mom. An attack of outer space toy. Also a toy haunted house. I want a Game Boy Advance with a Superman game. I would like scissors for mom, a special gun for dad, a rock star with a limo for Delany and a fancy plane for Shelby.

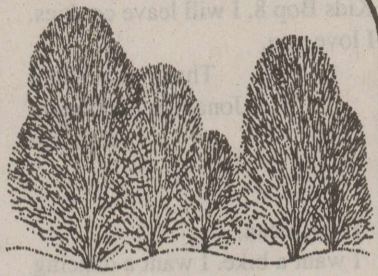
From,
Darrin Ames, Age 8
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a Lego Star Wars, PlayStation games, fly wheels, BB Gun, moon shoes, pogo stick, and a radio-controlled Bat mobile. Thank you very much!

From,
Michael Foster
2nd Grade

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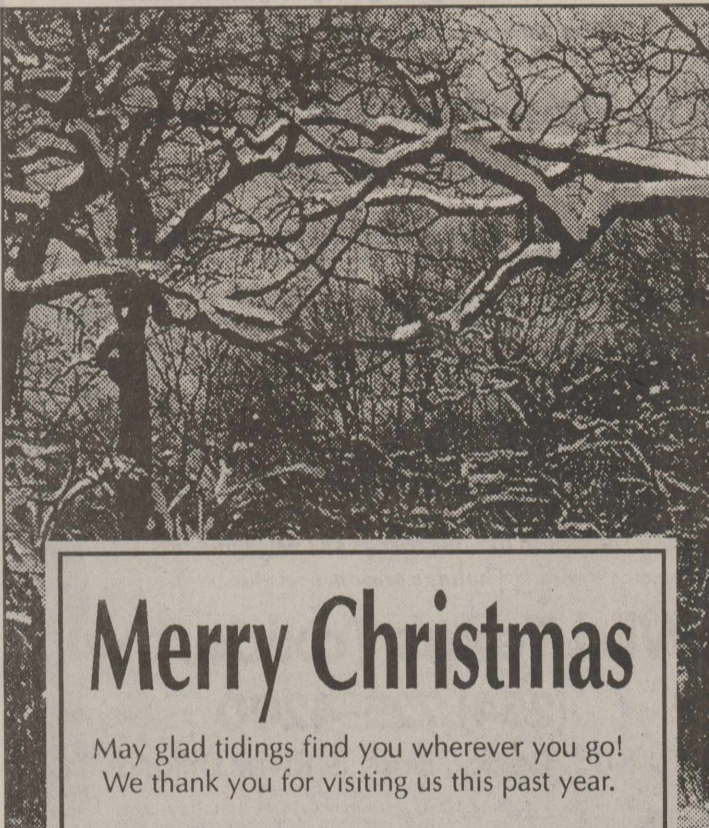
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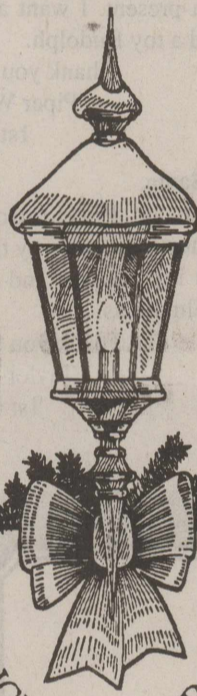
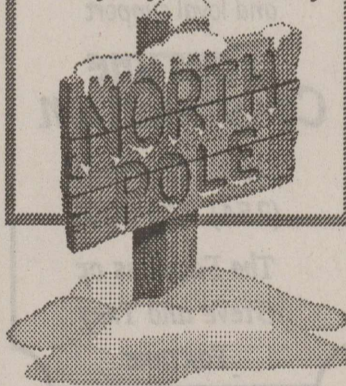
All Signs Point To Christmas!

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May you revel in the splendor of the season and marvel at the miracle of all living things large and small.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Shyler. I am in the 2nd grade. I would like a dancing Bella, bike, and a Shely puppy.
Love,
Shyler Tillery
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Zach and I am 7 years old. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas this year I would like a trampoline, a race car, boots, and tinkler toys. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you and some hay for the reindeer. Also please bring my little sister something. She is 3 years old.
Love,
Zachery Thompson, Age 7
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I wish of a puppy and a baby set with a stroller. We will get a present for you Santa.
Love,
Kaitlyn Potter
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Can I have a game cube and a pogo stick, and pixtar, and 100 dollars, and a Playstation 2.
P.S. - Cookies and milk are here!
Love,
Seth
2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want money, clothes, shoes, toys, jewelry, a doll head so I can fix her hair, a backpack like Allanta and Taryns, CD's rap, funky pillow, clothes for Buddy, Big Bratz. That is all I want for Christmas.
Thank you,
Morgan Manley
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I know you have a bunch of kids to see so I won't ask for much. Would you please just bring me a real guitar, some games, and a movie.
Love,
Brenna Kleiber
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. Have fun giving presents to children on Christmas night. Have a safe trip.
This is what I want for Christmas: I want a Care Bear, hair stuff, jewelry, the movie Ice Princess, Arts and crafts stuff, pencils, crayons, glitter pens, cell phone, soccer ball. Thank You.
From,
Allanta Wheeler
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Angel and these are the things I want for Christmas.
1. A trampoline 2. A mini motorcycle 3. A set of nails and wood 4. A stroller 5. A swing set.
From,
Angel Floyd
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I am in the 3rd grade. I would like for you to bring me some games for my X-Box (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Shrek @, and a Race Car), Play broom and mop, easy bake over, dishes for my kitchen set, and movies. There will be cookies and milk waiting for you by the tree.
I love you Santa,
JaeLynn Stout
3rd Grade

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you? This Christmas I would like Super Soaker 200, Power Laser Gun, Bruno the Bad Dog, 12 inches Combra Comander, Crash Dummies Crack Ups and a Sword. I'll leave you cookies and coca-cola.
Love,
Russell Thomas

Santa Letters From the Past 1990 and 1992

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I like your nose. My name is Mykea Shyenne Douglass and I would like for you to bring me a Roller Blade Baby and a Barbie Jeep. Also a microphone to sing Achey-Breakey Heart. Please don't forget my a new car for my mommy and Aunt Kami. Come by Grannie Telo's for milk and cookies.
I love you,
Mykea Douglass

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and am a very good boy. If you could I would like to have a Bullet-Gun and a pistol. Please bring something for my brother Cole and sister Libby.
Thank you,
Clay Koenig

Dear Santa,
I want a truck for Christmas and maybe some cars. I have been a very good boy this year.
Please remember my older brothers. They have been pretty good too. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jonathan Hopkins


Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I really like the Ninja Turtles. Please bring me some. A truck or two would be nice.
Please remember my two big sisters. They are nice most of the time.
Love,
Garrett Stephens

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!

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Happy Holidays!

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Merry Christmas
from
Susan, Betty, Becky and Donna



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!

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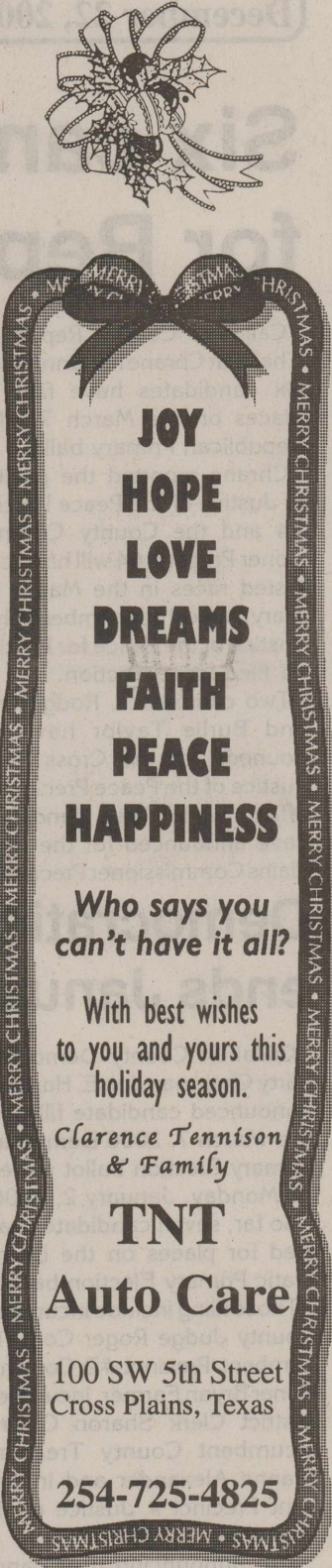
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Season's Greetings

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Remember His Birthday??!!

As you well know, we are getting closer to His birthday. Every year there is a celebration in His honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people hoping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that His birthday is getting closer and closer. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of Him. As you know, the celebration of His birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that He did for them, but in these times many do not seem to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration. Last year there was a great feast in His honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? He wasn't invited. He was the guest of honor and they

didn't remember to send Him an invitation. The party was for Him, but when that great day came, He was left outside, they closed the door in His face maybe He wanted to be with them and share their table.

Every year it gets worse. People remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and not many remember Him. This Christmas could you allow Him to enter into your life. Would you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago He came to this world to give His life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, He wants you to believe that with all your heart.

He is going to give a party. Today He is sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. If you wish to attend He will make a reservation for you and write your name in His great book.

Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation, will be left outside. Do you know how you can answer this invitation? It is by believing His word in the Bible and accepting Him into your heart.

Come, Lord Jesus.
Anonymous
There are those who are trying to make the greeting "Merry

Christmas" politically incorrect. Notice that many retailers say "Happy Holidays." This year lets make it a point to wish everyone we can a "Merry Christmas". That will be one way of celebrating the birth of Christ.

Christmas Love

This is about a mother who had gone to see her son's class perform in a Christmas program at school.

So when my son's class rose to sing "Christmas Love", Nicholas was aglow, as were all of the children. They were adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row held up large letters to spell out the title of the song, As the class would sing C is for Christmas a child would hold up the letter C. Then H is for happy" and on and on until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, Christmas Love.

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly we noticed her, a small, quiet girl in the front row, holding the letter M upside down. She was totally unaware her letter M appeared as a W. The audience snickered at this little mistake but she had no idea they were laughing at her so she proudly held her W.

When the last letter was raised a hush came over the audience and we all saw it together. "CHRIST WAS LOVE".

May God bless you with a "Merry Christmas".

From the internet

Raines-Spencer to be United in Marriage Tuesday, December 22

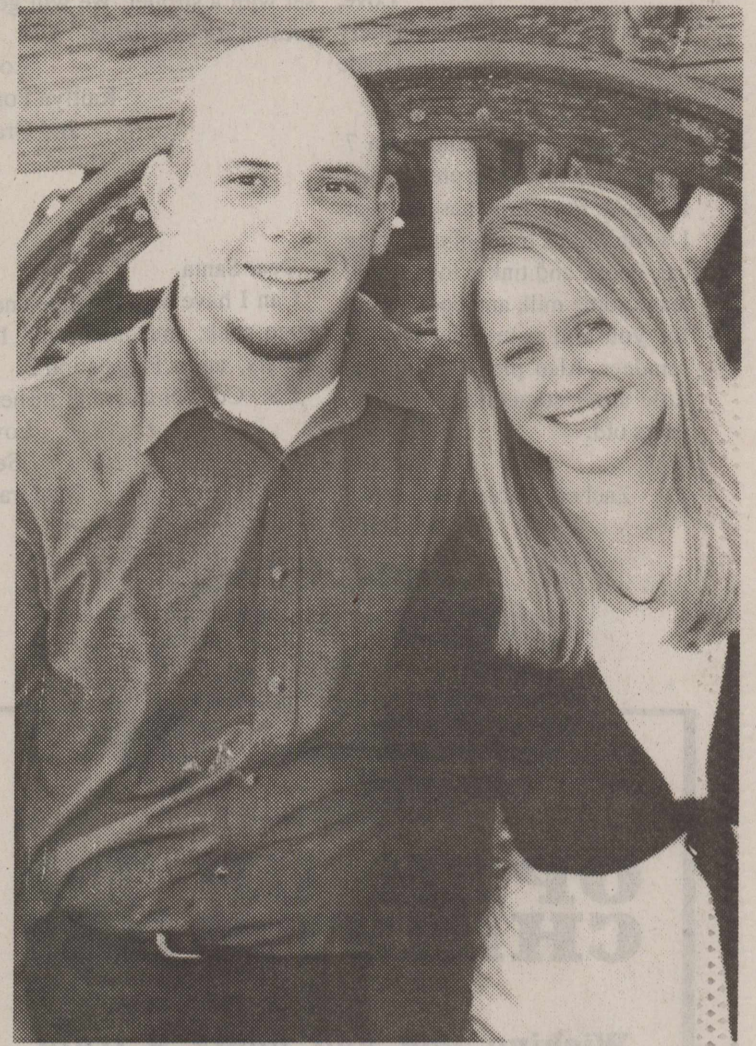
Ms. Kari Ann Raines and Mr. Dusty Brooks Spencer will be united in marriage on December 22, 2005, in Clyde, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Craig Raines of Clyde and Ms. Debbie Smith of Longview. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Jeff Spencer of Baird and Ms. Rhonda Edwards of Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Kari is a 1999 graduate of Spring Hill High School, in Longview. She was recently discharged from the Navy where she was stationed in Pearl Harbor for 3 years. Kari is attending Cisco Jr. College and is employed at Continental Airlines.

Dusty is a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is employed at Hawk Portable Buildings.

The couple will reside in Clyde.



DUSTY BROOKS SPENCER AND KARI ANN RAINES
...to Wed December 22, 2005

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December 22, 2005

School Board Minutes

December 14, 2005

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Burlie Taylor, Frankie Hyles, Scott Childress and Reggie Pillans. (Jim Cook as absent.)

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Jackie Tenrison, H.S. Principal Jimmie Cearley, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guests, Jeannie Foller, Susan Hartman, Tonja Walker, Cameron Gulley, Susan Holland, Cliffdean Hargrove, Nora Odom and Annette Nickerson.

Prayer was led by Reggie Pillans.

Motion was made Pillans and seconded by Dillard to accept financial audit as presented by Cam Gulley. For 4 Against 1 Childress/Abstained Hyles

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Taylor to appoint Don Harris as Director for Callahan County Appraisal District Board. For 6/ Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Taylor to table employment for 1/2 counselor. For 4 /Against 0 Abstained Schaefer, Pillans

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Taylor to receive reimbursement from Cross Plains Public Library for Successmaker Software. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Hyles and seconded by Taylor to purchase curtains from Hughes Garment Factory for auditorium for \$13,884.49. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Taylor to adjourn. For 6/Against 0

Bobby Lawrence
Dr. Mickey Bush
Norma Proctor
John Ross McCaghren
Hannah Brown
Patricia (Lee) Higgins

DECEMBER 28

Tami Gwen Woody
Brian Sibley
Marion Perry
Mrs. Glen Vaughn
Michael Ingram
Mrs. Billy Paul Golson
Karen Flecher
Mrs. Pauline (Lee) Regian
Sheila Bell

DECEMBER 29

Dianne (Johnson) Stahnke
Mrs. Earl Allen
Johnnie Strickland
Kenneth D. Brown
Frances Knott
Vicky (Moore) Worley
Michael Blake Foster
D.J. Roe
Jacob Strickland
Peyton Wood
Shelby Wood
Jon Tonne

DECEMBER 30

Keith Hopson
Billy Gene Spoon
Carol Bates
Eric Lovel
Mrs. Bob Dean
Christopher Hamer
Gertrude Johnson
Wanda Jennings
Milton Bates
Billy King
Joseph L. Hopkins
Nancy Sheppard
Don Edington
Randy Duncan
Sambo Fleming

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 24

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

DECEMBER 25

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

DECEMBER 26

Jay Ringhoffer
Bill Slate
Tom Robinson
Loy Thompson
Lisa Sims
Brandon Jones

DECEMBER 27

Belva Gwinn
Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Dickie Nowell

Six candidates have filed for Republican Primary

Callahan County Republican Chair Pat Chrane has announced six candidates have filed for places on the March 7, 2006 Republican Primary ballot.

Chrane reported the position of Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 and the County Commissioner Precinct #4 will have contested races in the March primary, while the incumbent Clyde Justice of the Peace for Precinct #1 filed for re-election.

Two candidates, Rodger Hart and Burlie Taylor have announced for the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 office, while three candidates have announced for the Cross Plains Commissioner Precinct #4

place. Those Republican candidates for the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains include Rodger Hart, 60, who resides at 13415 Highway 36 East in Cross Plains. He lists an occupation as a rancher/real estate agent. Hart has resided in the state 60 years, five months and in Callahan County six years, one month.

Burlie Taylor has also filed for the Cross Plains Precinct #4 JP office. Taylor, 70, lists an address at 16469 FM 880 South, Cross Plains. He has resided in the state 24 years and in the county four years, nine months. He is retired.

Republican candidate filing for

the Cross Plains Commissioner #4 Precinct include Larry Tension. Tension, 56, resides at 4266 County Road 273 in Clyde. He has resided in the state 56 years and in Callahan County six years, six months. He lists an occupation as self-employed with a trucking company.

Also filing for the Precinct #4 Commissioner is Reggie Pillans. Pillans, 57, has resided in the state 57 years and in Callahan County four years, three months. Pillans has a Cisco address at 8567 County Road 419. Pillans is retired.

The third Precinct #4 Commissioner filing on the Republican ticket is Cliff Kirkham. Kirkham, 61, resides at 20235 FM 2707 in Cross Plains. He is self-employed. Kirkham has resided in the state 61 years and in the county 60 years.

Incumbent Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Roy Lee Chapman has also filed for re-election. Chapman, 58, resides at 1714 Castle Drive in Clyde. He has resided in the state 48 years and in Callahan County 28 years. Chapman lists an occupation as Justice of the Peace. Republican Chairwoman Chrane will be accepting candidate applications now through Monday, January 2, 2006.

Interested persons may obtain information or applications by calling Jon Hardwick at (325) 854-1256. Applications will be available at his home office located at 613 Cherry Street in Baird.

Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375.00 and all other county offices is \$750.00.

Applications for county or precinct chairs are available now, and no fee is required.

Democratic Primary filing ends January 2

Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon E. Hardwick announced candidate filing for the March 7, 2006 Democratic Primary Election ballot will end on Monday, January 2, 2006.

So far, seven candidates have filed for places on the Democratic Primary Election ballot.

Those filing include incumbent County Judge Roger Com, incumbent Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, incumbent District Clerk Sharon Owens, incumbent County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and incumbent Precinct # Justice of the Peace Steve Odom.

Also announcing their candidacy were Donna Bell for County Clerk and Elvan Goode for Precinct #4 Commissioner.

Callahan County Democratic

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