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Santa Claus Comes to Town

Friday, December 7th

NUMBER 38

DOWN

Editor's Note: The following story is so GOOD! I don't know about you, but in the past I took everything, anybody said to me PERSONAL. I could never understand what I had done to upset them, but I was SURE it was something dreadful! If you can grasp this concept, you will have a more PEACEFUL life. It is really about FORGIVENESS. Vanda Anderson

"Garbage Truck"

By Author Unknown

How often do you let other people's nonsense change your mood? Do you let a bad drive, rude waiter, curt boss, or an insensitive employee ruin your day? Unless you're the Terminator, for an instant you're probably set back on your heels. However, the mark of a successful person is how quickly they can get back their focus on what's important.

Sixteen years ago I learned this lesson. I learned it in the back of a New York City taxi cab. Here's what happened.

I hopped in a taxi, and we took off for Grand Central Station. We were driving in the right lane when, all of sudden, a black car jumped out of parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car's back end by just inches!

The driver of the other car, the guy who almost caused the big accident, whipped his head around and he started yelling bad words at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was friendly. So, I said, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

And this is when my taxi driver told me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. When someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. You just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. You'll be happy you did.

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Gosnell, 64, has resided in the Road 416 in Cross Plains.

year the Teen Leadership Class 6819, school 725-6123. Also Dollar General has a box in the A reasonable price to spend on front of their store for donations the gift is \$20-\$25. If you wish to to the Santa at the Bank tree. give money, we will buy the gift Thank you much all so for for you. Some gift ideas include: helping the children of our cosmetics, hair accessories, community.

C.P. Teen Leadership **Toy Drive in Progress**

Santa at the Bank 2007

this Christmas. There will be a video games, sports related items, Christmas tree in the bank with jewelry, backpacks, or stuffed

gifts to the bank by Friday, community this year.

December 14th. They will be

will be collecting toys.

Come enjoy the season of perfume, sweater, hats, gloves giving with "Santa at the Bank" and purses for older girls, and

Leadership Class have a All toys donated will be given successful TOY DRIVE by to Cross Plains children in need. bringing a new unwrapped toy to You could be one of those who the Cross Plains High School light up a child's face.

Help the 7th Grade Teen Office by Friday, December 14th.

ornaments telling the gender and animals, while the younger boys Catch the Christmas Spirit! ages of children throughout the might like legos, trucks, cars, Cross Plains area. You may stop action figures, etc. Christmas is a by the bank and choose an time for giving and kindness so ornament with a child's please help us make Christmas The Kiwanis Club of Cross information. Please return your brighter for the children of our Plains' annual Christmas Program is this Friday, If you know of any children in December 7 at the Senior wrapped and delivered by the Key need please call Pat Stephens with Citizens' Center, beginning with Club the next week. Also, this your information, home 254-725a Stew Supper Fund-Raiser at

> The Kiwanis Club's Stew Supper is one of the club's annual fund-raisers each year to help with programs of the area, especially the children. The club really needs your help in order to have enough to meet all the worthy requests and needs there

> The stew supper begins at 5 p.m. -\$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under (very young children who eat from their parents' bowl are free.) Those who eat will receive one ticket each for the drawings for the turkeys and cash.

SANTA will be arriving out

him. (Additional photographs their meal! may be purchased for \$1 each.) In addition to the free photogra- Senior Citizens encourage everyphy, each child will receive a sack one to attend, participate and enof candy and one (1) number for joy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. the drawings at the end of the There is no general registration program.

(12) frozen turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 each. Drawings will begin immediately after the You must remain and be present children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa.

The Senior Citizens of Cross Plains will also have a Dessert Remember, this Friday night, Fund-Raiser in conjunction with December 7, beginning at 5 p.m.

front at the Senior Citizens' the Kiwanis Christmas Center on the fire truck at 6 p.m. Program and Stew Supper. and he will want to see all the There will be cakes, pies and children of Cross Plains and the other desserts available to buy by surrounding areas as he arrives. the piece or by the entire pie, cake, Every child will be able to visit etc. Those participating in the with Santa, inside, and have a Kiwanis Stew Supper may want personal free picture taken with to buy dessert to go along with

The Kiwanis Club and the this year for the drawings so the The drawing will be for twelve only recipients of tickets will be the children who visit Santa and those who attend the stew supper. during the drawing in order to be eligible for the prizes. Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit.



delivered to the annual Rehab Banquet scheduled for December 5, 2007. It is named, "Texas in RED Work." The reason behind this is because the embroidery work is all RED and the items pictured are all about Texas. (Photo courtesy of Sue Bennett)

Cross Plains County Constable position is contested

Party Chairman Jon Hardwick reported five candidates filed during the first day of candidate He has lived in the state 52 years filing in the March 4, 2008 Democratic Primary Election.

Candidate filing began Monday, December 3rd and will continue through January 2, 2008. Candidate applications are available at the home office of Jon Hardwick located at 609 Cherry

Hardwick reported one county office, the County Constable Precinct #4 position in Cross Plains is being contested by incumbent William "Bill" Young and Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell. Both Young and Gosnell filed for the constable position on Monday.

Young, 72, has resided in the state 72 years and in Callahan County 20 years. Young lists an address at P.O. Box 428 in Cross Page 6-7

> state all his life and in Callahan missioner Precinct #3 (Baird). County 35 years. Gosnell lists an address of 12650 County

Callahan County Democratic filed Monday for re-election to the sheriff's position. Curtis, 56, resides at 541 Chestnut in Baird.

and in Callahan County 52 years. Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy T. Walker announced for re-election to the tax assessor/collector post. Walker, 46, has resided in the state 35 years and in Callahan County 35 years. She resides at

532 E. Third in Baird. Also filing for re-election to the Callahan County Commissioner in Precinct #3 (Baird) is Tom F. Windham. Windham, who was appointed by the Callahan County Commissioners to fill the post vacated by Tommy Holland after Holland's death. Windham, 56, has resided in the state and in Callahan County all his life. Windham resides at 1871 U.S. Highway 283 North in Baird.

The offices of County Sheriff, Tax Assessor/Collector, Com-Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), Justice of the Peace in Cross Plains and County Con-Incumbent Sheriff Eddie Curtis stable Precinct #4 (Cross Plains).

Immunization Clinics in Callahan County **Announce**

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

Schedules

Monday, December 10th **Baird Cafetorium** 400 West 7th 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Cross Plains Housing Authority 233 North Main 10 a.m. - 12 noon and

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Please bring your child's immunization records.

For more information call 325-754-4945.

Burn Ban Reinstated by Callahan County Judge December 4th

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has reinstated the Burn Ban for Callahan County effective December 4, 2007. The ordinance prohibiting burning in Callahan County follows:

Callahan County, Texas Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT OR-DERED, that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County,

(1) Action prohibited.

A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/ or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly or intentionally engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement. A. A violation of this order is

a Class C Misdemeanor.

B. This order may be enforced by any duly commis-, sioned peace officer in Callahan County.

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(*) (4) Welding will be permitted if the proper precautions are being taken.

These restrictions were put in place for the protection of the citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood. WELDING WILL BE PER-

MITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN 1. The individual welding must

have a spotter.

2. Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.

3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.

4. Must have water sprayer available for use. 5. Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as

necessary.) These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency,

put it off until another date. We are in a severe drought situation, violators will be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face pos-

sible felony charges. (4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or, harvesting of agriculture

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance, the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

ORDERED by the Callahan County Judge on the 4th day of December, 2007, and executed on the same date.

> (s) Roger Corn Callahan County Judge (*) Notes new provision to order

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Walter Pope

Sunday Morning Bible Study ... 10:00 AM Morning Worship.....11:00 AM Evening Worhsip.....6:00 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study...7:00 PM

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| Evening Service | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time | 7:00 PM |
| Matt McCower Poster (254) 72 | = 4500 |

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599 Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church

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Pastor: Sam Stone

....10:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship..... Wednesday Worship.....

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Pastor: **Rufus Wilson** 254-725-7574

Sunday School....10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday10:00 am Thursday7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) *725-7418*

Rowden Baptist Church

Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz

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

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

B.B. "Sam" Townson

Burial was in the Sabanno dies and visiting with friends. Cemetery in Eastland County.

preceded him in death on August 8 great-grandchildren. 25, 2001. He married Louise Lott

B.B. "Sam" Townson, age 80, on December 19, 2002 in of Cross Plains, passed away Ruidoso, NM. He served in the Wednesday, November 28, 2007, U.S. Army and was a member of in Early. Funeral services were First Baptist. He retired from held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, American Airlines as ramp super-December 1, 2007, at First visor. "Sam", as he was known, Baptist Church in Cross Plains enjoyed playing dominoes with Ronnie B. White officiating. with the husbands of quilting la-

Survivors include his wife, He was born June 17, 1927 in Louise Townson of Cross Plains; Leroy, Texas to Gervaise and a daughter, Barbara Dill and Gladys (Casey) Townson. He husband Ricky of Mansfield; married Jenny Taylor on March a son, Ronny Townson of 1, 1947 in Waco, Texas; she Arlington; six grandchildren and

************ **Stacye Ann Leverich**

Stacye Ann Leverich, 70, died collected saltshakers and clowns. were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, daughter, Ramona Angelia. November 30, 2007 at Merkel Starbuck Funeral Home.

She worked with Hendrick House nephews. Calls as an in-home caregiver.

Irma "Gege" Jones

Rising Star in charge.

Irma was born February 3, 1921 in Pioneer, Texas to Ben and Emily Ann Harris-Tune. She married Hubert Mearlyn "Rabbit" Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years; her First Baptist Church of Rising and Athelyn Henry.

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 in She was preceded in death by a local nursing center. Services her husband, Richard and a

Survivors include two sons, First Baptist Church with Richard Stephen Leverich and Reverend Jimmy Griffith wife, Teresa, James Bryon officiating. Burial was in Rose Leverich; her parents, Jake and Hill Cemetery, directed by Stacye Martin all of Merkel; a sister, Debby Brown of Abilene; Stacye was born August 23, a brother, Tim Martin and 1937 in Merkel to Jake and Stacye wife Sue of Tuscola; two Huddleston Martin. She married grandchildren, Richard Stephen Donald Richard Leverich Jr. on Leverich Jr. of Irving and April 1, 1953 in Mexico. He Angelia K. Ames and husband preceded her in death August 6, James of Cross Plains; five 1980. Stacye was a Baptist. She great-grandchildren, Terrah, attended Merkel High School and Patrick, Tristen, Jayten and was a twirler and drum major. Lindsey; and several nieces and

Memorial may be made to Stacye loved music, cooking Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 and taking care of her family. She Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605. ************

Irma "Gege" Jones, 86, of and son-in-law, Sherry and Covie Rising Star, passed away on Weaver of Sachse, TX; four Sunday, December 2, 2007 at a grandchildren, Todd Weaver and local Abilene health care center. his wife, Ann of Frisco, David Funeral services were held at 2:00 Weaver and his wife, Heather of p.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2007 Allen, John Jones and his wife, at Rising Star First Baptist Church Tricia of Mineral Wells, Caryl with Terry Simmons officiating. Jones Lawrence and her husband, Burial followed in the Rising Star Howard of Rising Star; special Cemetery in Rising Star with niece, Betty Jones Clay and Higginbotham Funeral Home of her husband Greg of Rising Star; 10 great-grandsons; 7 greatgranddaughters; and 1 great-

great-granddaughter. The family expresses their gratitude for the love and care Jones on June 24, 1938 in Cisco. shown by the staffs of Royal She was a member of the First Estates, Mesa Springs, and Hospice of the Big Country.

Memorials may be made to parents; her siblings, Edgar Tune Star, P.O. Box 489, Rising Star, Texas 76471; Hospice of the Big Survivors include her son and Country, 4601 Hartford St., daughter-in-law, Gary and Lynn Abilene, Texas 79605; or the Jones of Abilene; her daughter donor's favorite charity.

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE **First United Methodist Church**

and the First United Presbyterian Church (200 Ave D & 2nd Street)

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jamie L. Berkley, theft by

Raymond G. Guerrero, theft by check. Dennis W. Sims, driving while

intoxicated (DWI). Debra A. Seals, DWI. Jack D. Moreland, DWI. Francisco S. Soriano, DWI. Joshua Lee Welch, DWI. Jessica N. Archa, theft by check, 2 counts.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Anthony Donnell Dean, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$350 fine, \$298 court costs.

Odis Evans, motion to dismiss to indecent exposure granted. Cody Bunch, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 45 days in jail, \$456 court costs.

Victor K. Bowen, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 10 days in jail, \$406 court costs. Jody D. Harris, motion to

dismiss to theft granted for plea to other case. Jody D. Harris, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate

granted. Karla Mackenzie, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 15 days in jail, \$356 court costs.

Shawn P. Spinks, motion to dismiss to theft granted for time

Gary Foote, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Jason B. Wheeler of Clyde and Lee A. Scott of Rocksprings.

Ronald A. Freiman and Linda S. Freiman, both of Baird.

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Cory Lee Switzer, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Ronald L. Johnson, plea of ⁸ guilty to DWI, 18 months probation, \$750 fine, \$354 S court costs.

Daniel Moreno, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 5 year probation, \$500 fine, \$299 court costs, \$9584.83 restitution.

Nancy G. Nelson, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted in the interest of justice.

Henry R. Klassen, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication.

Kathy A. Blanton, plea of guilty to possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, 10 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$304 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Civil Minutes

Donna Lea Hill and John Jeffery Hill, divorce granted. John Cecil Wheeler and Connie Lee Wheeler, divorce granted.

Dedra Johnson and Ronald L. Johnson, divorce granted.

The CIT Group/Sales Financing Inc. vs. Kaci A. Echols, judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$46,107.19 from defendant. Raymond Keith New and Kathy Lynn Jones-New,

divorce granted. Mary Molina and John Molina, order on motion for judgment

nunc pro tunc granted. Betty Rene Hawk and John Luther Hawk, order granting motion for non-suit granted.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to The Cross Plains Review, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

First Baptist Church

together for christmas



Special Community Presentation

Sat., December 15th 7 pm

Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study 11 am & 6 pm Worship **Tuesday Nights**

"Behind the Curtain" 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Youth Bible Study

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

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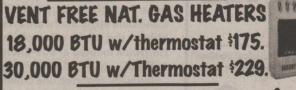
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Getting Down To Business For Christmas

Cottonwood Baptist Church **Holiday Dinner This Sunday** The Cottonwood Baptist Church fellowship.

fun and fellowship. Bring finger any information.

foods, and enjoy getting into the Christmas spirit.

I received a letter today from will be observing their Holiday Betty Kinnard of Ballinger Merry Christmas to all and to all fellowship dinner this coming asking me about an inscription Sunday after morning worship on a gravestone in the old services. December 9, 2007 is Cottonwood Cemetery that was the date. Everyone is welcome; wrong. But, she did not identify items about Cottonwood, please bring a covered dish and enjoy the the name on the gravestone. If you know Betty (Jones) Kinnard, Don't forget the Cottonwood you may be of help. Betty is a csb5@airmail.net, or snail annual Christmas Party this cousin to Jack Jones who is mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross coming Saturday, December 8, now in a nursing home in Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, 2007, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Brownwood. Please call Wallace I can't print it if I don't know Come out and enjoy a period of Bennett at 254-725-7474 with about it.)

Ouilting Club News

The Quilting Club will not quilt again until January 8, 2008. a goodnight.

(For more items or personal contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474 or e-mail at

State agency advises consumers to do homework before buying toys

Buyer be educated.

That's the idea that product safety experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) want shoppers to keep in mind.

"Know the child; know the toy," said Alice Rogers with the DSHS environmental and consumer safety section. "Put these two pieces of information together, and buyers have a better chance of giving a gift that is both enjoyed and safe.

"Reading labels for age recommendations and learning about recalled items helps consumers make better, safer choices among the thousands of items available for children whether in retail stores or resale shops," Rogers said.

A label will tell a consumer two important things: if a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe. Toys meant for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a younger child, especially those under 3.

"Be careful at home when you have children of different ages," Rogers said. "It is important to keep toys meant for older children out of the reach of younger

DSHS product safety inspectors regularly visit mega-sized retail outlets, small stores and resale shops looking for dangerous children's items and for those products that have been recalled

spectors also educate sellers about recall information. Many stores, including large resale shops, now post the recall notices for the public.

"Consumers have access to the same information when planning their shopping," Rogers said. People can look at a list of recalled items and sign up to receive recall information directly from the CPSC at their Web site

at www.cpsc.gov. One of the major concerns this year has been toys recalled because of lead hazards. Lead may be used in two ways during toy manufacturing - in the paint on the toys and in plastics. Toys that have been made in other countries and imported into the United States or antique toys and collectibles passed down through generations may expose children to lead.

Only a certified laboratory can accurately test a toy for lead. Though do-it-yourself kits are available, they do not indicate how much lead is present, and their reliability at detecting low levels of lead has not been de-

"If you suspect your child has been exposed to a toy containing lead, take the toy away and call your health care provider to see if your child needs to be tested," Rogers said.

DSHS offers these additional safety tips:

Select toys to suit the age, tx.us/hazpro/toys.shtm.

Safety Commission (CPSC). In- abilities, skills and interests of the child. Look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, noses, buttons and other

small parts. Do not buy toys with small parts or items such as marbles. small balls or balloons for children under 3.

• For children under 6, avoid building sets with small magnets. If magnets or magnetic pieces are swallowed, serious injury or death could occur.

• For children under 8, avoid electric toys with heating elements and toys with sharp edges

• If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction cups or flexible, protective tips that stay secured when used. If your children receive arrows or darts, teach them how to play with them safely. Arrows and darts are not recommended for children under 5.

 Charging batteries should be supervised by adults. Read the warnings and instructions. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to children. Some chargers to not have any way to prevent overcharg-

• Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately, before they become deadly playthings.

More information about toy safety is available on the DSHS Web site at www.dshs.state.-

Down Home—

So this was it: The "Law of the Garbage Truck." I started thinking how often do I let Garbage Trucks run right over me? And how often do I take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, on the streets? It was that day I said, "I'm not going to do that anymore." I began

to see garbage trucks. Now I see Garbage Trucks! I see the load they're carrying. I see them coming to drop it off. And like my Taxi Driver, I don't make it a personal thing; I just smile, wave, wish them well, and move

One of my favorite football players of all time, Walter Payton, did this every day on the football field. He would jump up as quickly as he hit the ground after being tackled. He never dwelled on a hit. Payton was ready to

make the next play his best. Good leaders know they have to be ready for their next meeting. Good parents know that they have to welcome their children home from school with hugs and

Leaders and parents know that they have to be fully present, and at their best for the people they care about.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let Garbage Trucks take over their day. What about you? What would happen in your life, starting today, if you let more garbage trucks pass you by?

Here's my bet. You'll be happier!

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so Love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't.

LIBRARY

November 19-30, 2007

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 10 - 14

MONDAY - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Butterscotch Pudding, Bread

TUESDAY- Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Rice, Zucchini, Gelatin w/Topping, Bread

WEDNESDAY-Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Peaches, Ranger Cookie,

THURSDAY- Sausage, Potato Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Pears, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread

FRIDAY - Baked Ham, Dressing w/Gravy, Green Bean Cass., Sweet Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Roll

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

Drawing for Deer Rifle Dec. 14th

The American Legion Post 423 has been selling tickets for a 270 Ruger deer rifle as a fund-raiser. The drawing for the lucky winner will be held Friday, December 14th, at 4:00 p.m. at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets may still be purchased at \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. Contact Audrey Purvis or Bob Kirkham, American Legion Commander.

Buying Live Wild Hogs HIGHER 254-725-7363 325-660-9805

Cross Plains Review

Deadlines

Ads **Noon on Tuesday**

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PIONEER NEWS

We had a great day quilting on "Vegetable Garden". It is so pretty and unique. I can't wait on Barbara's top and Lou's top. and Laverne. All of us hope everyone has a happy and safe Holiday!

James and Jean Alexander had their Richardson kids, Jim, Marla, Doss, Jack, Will and Ashley for weather cut the weekend visit

D.P. and May took a trip to the Terlingia area for the Thanks-

to Oklahoma for a few weeks. His daughter, Breana came in with him Monday evening. She is a freshman at Alvarado High School. They were out of school all week for the holidays. She and Howard rode horses some. She has horses and rides in the rodeos some. She got to go see Krista play basketball at De Leon. She went home Wednesday to go to her grandmother's in Lometa Thanksgiving Day. Blake and his girlfriend, Susan, came Wednesday night and went home Sunday. Howard took them hunting, but they didn't get to hunt as much since the weather was disagreeable. We were really glad to get the moisture. The snow was really beautiful. Allen, Janice and family were at Glenda's part of the time. Kali and Charlie came enjoyed visiting and playing games, plus eating too much! It was so good to have Blake and Breana at her house. They all missed having Glen Dale and family with them.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton had Tuesday. We finished Olena's 35 of their family members at their home for Thanksgiving dinner. What a great meal! Everyone until everyone gets to see it at our enjoyed visiting and just being next Quilt Show. We will not be together. On Friday afternoon meeting again until next year, Lavon and Ima Hutton from January 8th! We will be working Brownwood visited with Cowan

The Chesshir family met at Charles and Kathy's house for Thanksgiving this year. There 20 there. As usual, they had enough food for 40 people. (Well, we will Thanksgiving. They had Mozelle have to go there next year!) Dusty Richardson join them for the came in just before they ate. He Thanksgiving dinner. The had not come for Thanksgiving in several years. The snow was beautiful and then the rain started in the night. With the snow Thursday and Sunday and the rain giving Holiday. They also cut the Saturday, the Chesshir gauge visit short because of the weather. showed 2.3 inches. What a Glenda Phillips had part of her blessing that much moisture this family over the holidays. Howard time of year! Charlene had was in all week. His job sent him dinner again on Sunday with Charles and Kathy. She got home just before the bad wreck on Highway 36. All the relatives got to their respective homes with no problems.

> Lou and Dick Grider had several places to go during the holidays.

Jean Fore visited her relatives in New Mexico. She is back home safe and sound.

It seems all had a very good holiday. All of us stayed safe and healthy.

Rising Star had a very good basketball tournament. The Rising Star and Cross Plains girls had a "great game" (for the winner). The game stayed close all the way through with the Cross Plains girls winning 38 to 36. Whew!

Go out and support our local on Saturday evening. They had teams. These kids work very hard been down close to Houston at practicing. They do make for a Charlie's grandparents for very entertaining evening. All Thanksgiving. Glenda said they schools have junior high teams as well as the varsity teams.

Word of Wisdom: Your life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once. Lillian Dickson

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In the "Frank and Ernest" comic strip, at the entrance sign to 'Devil's Tower Park," the "park ranger" has far too much semblance of the devil to not be recognized as such. But tourist Frank tells tourist Ernie (both of them evidently rather gullible!), "Ernie, this nice ranger has offered to show us the basement gift shop."

Satan would love to show all of us his "basement gift shop"! Just as the devil was disguising himself to Frank and Ernest as a ranger, so he disguises himself to us in any way possible to keep us from knowing who is really making such "good deals and offers." Paul states that "Satan the devil" (2 Tim. 2:26) and "the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11). And Peter states that "the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour"

(1 Pet. 5:8). Not that we should become paranoid, but we must do as Peter tells us: "Be sober and vigilant"! Be able to distinguish between "lion Satan" and "The Lion of Judah" (Rev. 5:5). The Lion of Judah (Jesus) offers us things that are from above, not below...

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Cross Plains Junior **High Girls Basketball Highlights Announced**

The Junior High Girls loaded the bus and went to Albany Monday night. The Purple team played at 5:00 p.m. and in this game the score stayed close until the half. At the end of the 1st quarter, the score was tied 5 to 5.

At the half the game was 12 all. In the 3rd quarter, Albany scored 12 points to 0 for Cross Plains. The ball and passes just didn't go right for the young Lady Buffs. In the 4th quarter Albany scored 8 to Cross Plains' 2, making the final Albany 35 - Cross Plains 14.

Playing and scoring for the Purple team was Maci Whitson; Katharine Good-4 points; Renee Robertson; Sammie Tollett; Hunter Moreno: Victoria Creamer; Chelsea Branch- 6 points; Tori Robertson; Kenzie points; and Charleen Avants. Taff; Shahala Trammell 2 points; and Megan Brown-2 points.

team played Albany. The game at the games.

was a strange one. The girls just couldn't get it going. In fact, the 1st quarter Cross Plains led 8 to

In the 2nd quarter neither team scored or played well. In the 2nd half the girls began to play better and pulled away in the 3rd quar-

Cross Plains scored 16 points to Albany's 2 to take a 24 to 7 lead. In the 4th quarter Cross Plains scored 5 points and Albany 6 points to make the final Cross Plains 29 - Albany 15.

Scoring and playing were: Sam Dickson-1 point; Lana Gary; Shelby Ames; Rosa Salazar; Cheyenne Cowan-4 points; Lauren Goode-20 points; Rachelle Allen; Zoie Walker-4

The girls next action is this coming Monday. The girls play In the second game, the Gold Eula starting at 5:00 p.m. See you

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO **WRITE YOUR** SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 12th. The children's letters will be

directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the

forwarded

December 21st issue. Mail To: Santa Claus c/o

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Library After **School Program** Tree Decorating

While listening to traditional Christmas carols, children will be painting and decorating a Christmas ornament for the library tree for the next monthly ASAP, or After School Adventure Program, at the Cross Plains Public Library.

There will also be a discussion about the custom and practice of decorating trees for the holiday season. In addition, the children will decorate a second ornament to take home to hang on their family tree. We hope you will be able to attend Wednesday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m.

> Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian

FIRST PLACE TROPHY WINNERS—Zoie Walker (back, from left), Emma Bennett,

Cierra Odom, Macayla Cook, Kayla Lawrence, Krista Phillips, Emily Harris, Tiffany Walker, Coach Bullock, and Jordan Bullock; Terrah Augustine (front, from left), Shera Gary, Amanda Dunaway, and Mandy Rose.

Cross Plains Varsity Girls take First Place in Rising Star Tournament

The Varsity Girls took 1st Place Saturday, December 1st to play say thank you to all the support in the Rising Star Tournament the Rising Star Lady Cats. held November 29th, 30th and December 1st.

Thursday, November 29th and pulled away with a victory 38 to 33. Friday, November 30th they played Brookesmith, winning this game with a score of 30 to 24; winning this game sent them on to the championship game on

The Championship game was very exciting and close, with The girls played Gorman on several times tied and going back and forth with the lead. The Lady Buffs again found themselves battling for the win. They never quit hustling and persevered for the 1st Place Trophy — Final Score 38 to 36.

The Lady Buffs would like to

from Cross Plains fans who attended the game this day. Cross Plains will be hosting the Cross d Plains Christmas Classic Varsity 9 Basketball Tournament on, 5 Thursday, December 6th, Friday, December 7th, and Saturday, December 8th. Come show your support for your Lady Buffs and Buffaloes!

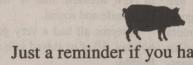
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The Cross Plains High School Class of 2009

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DECEMBER 10 - 14

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuits, MONDAY-Chili Beans, Cheese,

TUESDAY - French Toast TUESDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun,

Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Baked Fries, Pickle Spears,

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast WEDNESDAY - Beef/Veg Soup,

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, THURSDAY-Turkey & Dressing

FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls,

Have A Nice Week!! Salad, Baked Chips, Pickles

Fruit Cup

Spears, Ice Cream

Thank You, James O. and Lucille

By Joe Coppinger

when God brings blessing out of our tragedies? Actually that is His Many in the class have battled trademark. The tragedy had been cancer and heart problems, and the loss of the Koenig's home in some are presently doing so. the great Cross Plains fire. The blessing was the Class of '54 being invited to an open house at the Koenig's beautiful new home.

visiting and "catching up" while enjoying delicious goodies. Lunch included "oooh so good" lost only two of our graduating were James and Jean Alexander.

class - Joyce (Neeb) Taylor and Delma Jean (Luttrell) Brooker. Why does it often surprise us Two who left the class before graduation are also deceased.

Those present at the open house were as follows: Garmond and Lou Parrish, Tommy and Glenda Smith, Shirley (Freeman) and Jim Most came early to start Bassett, Louise (Falkner) Boyles, Dorothy (Smith) Falkner, Wilda (Queen) and Trendle Mullins, Dee and Rhoda Robbins, Katie brisket and ham with loads (Bryson) Williams, Leonard and of trimmings and wonderful Tiny Bodine, Billie Ann (Kilgore) desserts. Of course, there was Earp, Pearl (Smedley) Brown, visiting, visiting, and more D.T. Crockett, Ruby (Green) visiting and the same old Wallace, Patsy (Cumba) and retelling of the memories and Duane Beene, Edwin Franke, tales of the past probably slightly Betty Jo Montgomery, Elzie exaggerated. Many stayed the Wilson, Clarence and Leona day, being reluctant to end such a Wilson, John and Velma Bennett, privilege of being together once Carl and Ileen Smith, James O. again. We are all so thankful to Koenig, and Joe and Delma have the distinction of having Coppinger. Our special guests

Drawing for Cash, Gift Cards

Could you use a little extra cash or gift cards this holiday season? during the last home games The sophomore class will make before Christmas on December that happen for two lucky winners 21st. One name will be drawn for on December 21st.

drawing to raise money for next the \$100.00 cash prize during year's Fall Festival and prom. A halftime of the boys' game. in the gym foyer during home to claim their prizes. Come out varsity basketball games for and support our basketball teams anyone who would like to and the sophomore class. The purchase a chance to win. lucky winner could be YOU!! Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for

Two prizes will be given away the gift cards at halftime of the The class is hosting the girls' game, and another name for registration table will be set up Winners do not have to be present

Submitted by Rhonda Hinten, Class Sponsor

HAPPY



DECEMBER 8

Johnny Glenn Clay II Judy (Gibbs) Steele Neva Joyce Dillard L.L. Morgan Mrs. Perry Jennings Elmer Casey

> **DECEMBER 9** Bill Gunn

Garrett Stephens

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Tiffany Bush

Jimmy Gilmore Joe Dean Nunn Mickie (Archer) Holmans Wayne Newton James LeMay Sheri Lyn Bassett **Dustin Meiron**

DECEMBER 11

Tommy Cavanaugh Waggoner Jill (Richardson) Betts Pee Wee Pickett Stuart Sowell

Peggy Purvis Mrs. C.B. Shelton Andrew Mark Young Kay Horan Noah Sealy Johnson Shirley (Freeman) Bassett Tammy Wolford

DECEMBER 12 Steve Franke Mrs. Vernon Falkner Reggie Pillans Michael Allen Johnson

DECEMBER 13 Stanley Rex Dickie Kathy Nigar Tony Bland **David Browning** Danny Hutton Wanetta Parson Mrs. Log Thompson Joe Everett Burkett Ken Horan Jeanie Gilland **Dustin Anthony Morales** Minnie Larkin

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Honoring those who serve, throughout the seasons

By U.S. Senator John Cornyn

acknowledge those who have it. put on a uniform and defended our country. The 25 million living American veterans include about 1.7 million Texans. All and gratitude.

sacrifices made by our men and to our enemies abroad. Each from war. member of our military is a volunteer. Each has taken an oath to defend America. Each is at- warriors recovering, at the with decency and honor.

Over the years, the American cine facility in the world. military has been the greatest liberating force in world history. the groundbreaking for a new Our veterans have also placed our nation's security and wellbeing above their own.

that can never be fully repaid. But there are steps, tangible and intangible, that our government and our society can take on cans. their behalf. I'm proud that we have served.

erans by 77 percent. For veter-tives as they visit their family ans' medical care, the increase members during recovery. has been even higher— 87 per-

injuries received in the field. Our dren, and recognizes that sacribest in the world, and our deliv- not limited to those who volun-Every November, we pause to ery of veterans care must match teer.

Shortly before Veterans' Day, Congress passed a bill that includes provisions of the Dignified Treatment of Wounded who have risked their lives for Warriors Act, which I cosponour freedom deserve our respect sored. It will greatly improve care for our troops, particularly those When the U.S. is at war, there most recently wounded. And we are constant reminders of the continue pushing for legislation as the Rio Grande Valley. Many I introduced that will improve local veterans, including retired women in the armed services, care for burn victims, and ease Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, are especially as they take the fight their transition when they return working hard to see this effort

> Earlier this year, while in San perhaps the finest military medi-

In early September, I joined Center. This latest effort is part Their sacrifice creates a debt of a trend. It's being built not via government funding, but through the generous private contributions of grateful Ameri-

are continuing to work on the cludes the Center for the Inobligation we owe to those who trepid, a world-class physical rehabilitation facility, which In the past seven years, we opened earlier this year, and a have increased funding for vet- Fisher House to help house rela-

in awarding Gold Medals of Re-In the wake of serious short- membrance at Fort Bliss to eight District Judge. For Senator comings found at Walter Reed children who have lost a father Cornyn's previous Texas Times hospital in Washington, D.C., or mother during the war on columns visit: http:// we have moved to upgrade the terror. This is a relatively new care of those recovering from award, the first honoring chil- umn.

Submitted by Fred Allen,

Worshipful Master

military medicine is already the fices in defending freedom are

The fight to make certain our veterans are remembered, and receive the care they have earned, is a continuing one. I am pleased to work with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and our state's congressional delegation to extend availability of care in fastgrowing areas of our state, such become a reality.

For many of us, Veterans Day Antonio, lagain visited wounded is a very personal reminder. My father, who helped defeat Hitler tempting to fulfill his promise Brooke Army Medical Center— and served for 31 years in the Air Force, is one of countless men and women throughout our history who have sacrificed so that we can remain free. They all community center facility, the should be remembered, on Vet-Warrior and Family Support erans Day and every day of the

> Senator Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition. he is Vice Chairman of the Sen-The Brooke complex now in- ate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas At-I was recently privileged to join torney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County www.cornyn.senate.gov/col-

Keep holiday decorating safety in mind this holiday season

after four weeks.

National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratories urge safe decorating practices

(NORTHBROOK. III.) November 20, 2007 - With more than 32 million homes decorating real Christmas trees this season, according to the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA), there is no doubt that this holiday season will bring cheer. While it's easy to get caught up in the holiday shuffle of dinners, gifts and travel, safety should be at the top of everyone's lists.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL), an independent safety testing organization, are partnering this season to remind consumers about the importance of safe holiday decorating habits.

Keeping fresh Christmas trees well-watered is not only vital to the tree's decorative longevity, but also to keeping consumers safe this holiday season. If ignited, a dry tree can become engulfed in flames in a matter of seconds, as opposed to a wellwatered tree, according to NCTA. With so many people decorating trees for the holidays, this safety detail is more important than ever.

"Because many trees have been dormant for a couple months, it's typical for them to absorb most of their water within six to eight hours after being brought into a warm home. Families should make a fresh cut to the trunk and place the tree in water as soon as possible once getting it home," said Beth Walterscheidt, a tree farmer from Texas and president of NCTA. "Trees that are kept fresh during the holiday season are extremely difficult to ignite, which is why it is critical for consumers to commit to the care of their County Department of Public Christmas tree. If the water level Safety from November 25, falls below the cut surface for more than four to six hours, the tree's ability to keep absorbing moisture is inhibited."

In addition to keeping trees watered daily, John Drengenberg, consumer affairs manager for UL, reminds consumers to dispose of them

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"If you put up your Christmas tree right after Thanksgiving, it needs to be taken down the week after Christmas,' Drengenberg said. "After New

Year's, even well-watered trees

can become a fire hazard."

On average, real and artificial Christmas trees are the first items ignited in an estimated 210 home fires annually, according to the most recent NFPA statistics. While this represents a small portion of the estimated 85 million households that display a tree, consumers need to commit to taking care of a fresh tree, and keep flame sources away from plastic trees, to reduce the risk. of their tree being involved in a

NFPA also urged caution on the use of candles.

home fire.

Christmas Day holds the record for the highest number of reported home candle fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications at the NFPA. "Consumers should keep in mind that if they're going to use candles, they need to place them away from things that can burn. It is also important to keep candles away from children and pets to avoid the risk of having them accidentally tipped over."

NFPA also reports that candles caused an estimated 15,600 home structure fires reported to local fire departments in just one year. These fires caused an estimated 150 deaths, 1,270 injuries and \$539 million in direct property damage.

Because of this high risk, UL and the NFPA urge people to practice a few safety precautions before, during and after their celebrations.

 Regularly check your tree for fresh, green needles. Trees that have dried out over several weeks burn faster than fresh, well-watered trees. Remember to keep your tree watered at all

· Always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children, and don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. • Look for the holographic UL Mark on light strings and

electrical decorations. The UL Mark means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for safety hazards.

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Indoor and outdoor use · Carefully inspect each electrical decoration - new or old - before plugging it in. Cracked sockets, frayed, bare or loose wires can cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new, UL-Listed decorations.

· Take down holiday lights after 90 days of use to prevent damage from weather conditions and neighborhood

For more tips about holiday decorating safety, candle safety and cooking safety, please visit the UL Newsroom Web site at http://www.ul.com/ newsroom or the NFPA Web site at http://www.nfpa.org. About UL

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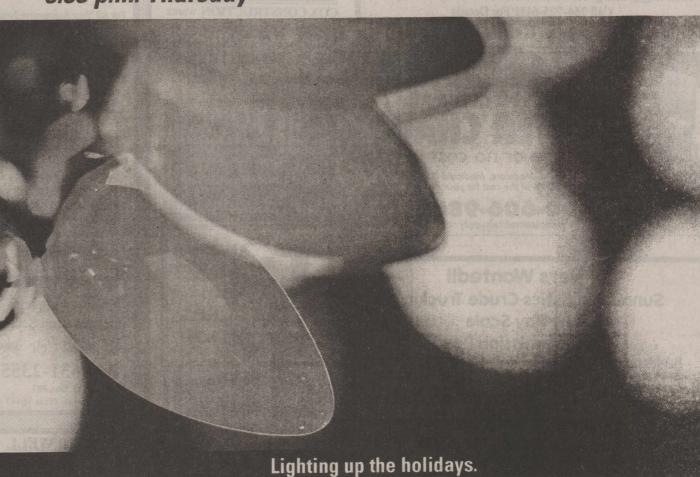
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| 97 Ac3 tanks, haygrazer, beadall, oak groves, 3 birms, recreation or cattle, secluded | 291,420 |
| 98.5 Ac Nice small ranch, great home sites, 2 excellent water wells, oaks, electricity, pecan trees_ | 216,207 |
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