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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 41



Merry Christmas



Funeral Services Held for Elvan Goode, Sr. Monday, December 21

Elvan Levi Goode, Sr., age 69, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, December 18, 2009 at his home with family at his side. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 21, 2009 at the Church of Christ of Cross Plains with Bob Pipes officiating.

He was born in Wyoming County, W.V. on September 24, 1940 to Walter Edgar and Mary Ethel (Lusk) Goode. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1964. After leaving the service he worked for the USDA as an inspector. While grading peanuts he met and married Patsy Ingram and they had two children, they later divorced.

He purchased the land that he has lived on for the past 40 year, worked as the foreman and later manager for the Pioneer Co-Op. Then he was employed by Callahan County, operating the maintainer, meanwhile working his land and wrangling his cows and working in his shop. He later married Barbara Cook, in 1985 they divorced in 2003.

Elvan always enjoyed a good

joke, teasing folks, and telling the ladies to fix their hair; he was always there to help a neighbor or friend with the plowing, working on a tractor, or lending his shop to change out a motor. He came from a family who knew the value of an honest day's work, having been taught by his father back in West Virginia. The pride of his life was his children, grandchildren and the land.

Survivors include his son, Elvan L. Goode, Jr. and wife Mariah of Cross Plains; daughter, Michelle Liske of Abilene; two brothers, Darrel Goode and wife Deleene and Beauford Goode, both of Florida; a sister, Dorothy Lee also of Florida; grandchildren, Lauren, Katharine, Grace and Creed Goode, Trey, Maliyah and Jackson Liske; and companion Barbara Cook.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, James; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie.

Pallbearers were Charles Chesshir, Freddy Childers, Franklin Cox, Benny Free, Lonnie Switzer and Ossie Draper.

Help Light the Tree of Faith, Love & Hope for Local Cancer Patients

Help Light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" in honor of or in memory of local Cross Plains area cancer patients.

The tree, a 10 ft. Afghanistan Pine, donated by Childress Farm, has been planted in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library and is lighted with multi-colored bulbs in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are \$2.00 donation each and are accompanied by a ribbon signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend. The bulbs and ribbons will be added to the tree for you. All you need to do is purchase the bulb at Texas Heritage Bank (or by mail) and give the names for the "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" ribbon that will go on the tree.

To purchase a bulb by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to:
Melissa Richards
P.O. Box 524
Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Make your checks payable to **Community Cancer Fund.**

In Honor of

In Memory of

Use an additional sheet of paper to list more names for the tree. For questions or more information, contact Melissa Richards at 254-725-6651.

Proceeds from the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" go to help cancer patients in the Cross Plains area. Primarily, the fund helps with transportation costs—gas, food and lodging—when local patients travel the distance to and from the hospital for treatments. Your donations help your friends and neighbors.

Help light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"—and the entire park. Make this a great Christmas Memorial to those who have gone on before and to those who are fighting the battle with cancer.

FUMC Christmas Eve Candlelight

In celebration and thanksgiving for the ultimate gift of the season—Christ, the public is cordially invited to join the First United Methodist Church family for our Christmas Eve candlelight service Thursday at 6:00 p.m. This traditional Service of Lessons and Carols will include scripture readings that tell the Christmas story intermingled with Christmas music. You will get a chance to sing favorite Christmas carols and hear hand bells, chimes, choral music and soloists.

The original Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was composed in 1880 by E.W. Benson, who was the Anglican Bishop of Truro, England. The Festival was used in some churches throughout England, but was made popular by King's College in 1918. The college has continued the service annually for over 90 years. They even held this wonderful service of worship during World War II as a way to keep hope alive for those on the home front and to serve as a morale booster for those fighting at home and abroad.

Stories and legends abound of Allied Soldiers in World War I and World War II celebrating Christmas, in trenches and bombed out of churches, with their own Service of Lessons and Carols. One such story from World War I tells of German and Allied Troops fighting in the trenches of France. These soldiers called an unofficial cease fire for Christmas Day and joined each other in a bombed out church in a nearby village. Led by a British Chaplain using the Festival of Lessons and Carols, the story of Christ's birth was once again shared in French, English, and German. In the midst of the hate and chaos, the peace of Christ reigned for a few days until the cease fire ended and the fighting once again resumed.

It is the wish of the First United Methodist Church Family that you find the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ this Christmas as we all celebrate the arrival of the Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Democratic Party filing deadline is Jan. 4th

Heather Guthrie files for Democratic Party Chair post

Two candidates have now filed for re-election in the March 2, 2010 Democratic Primary Election, according to Democratic County Chairwoman Heather Guthrie.

Guthrie reported today (Monday, December 21st) that she has filed for re-election as the Democratic Party Chairwoman. Guthrie, 47, resides at 641 West 5th in Baird. She has lived in the state 44 years and in Callahan County 40 years.

Guthrie reported the only other Democratic Primary candidate to file is Baird Justice of the Peace Steve Odom. He filed for re-election to his JP office on Wednesday, December 2nd. Odom, 60, is the incumbent Baird Justice of the Peace.

The local positions up for election in the Democratic Primary Election include: County Judge,

2009 District 12-A All District Football Selections Announced

State football playoffs ended Saturday for District 12-A and the following All District selections have been announced:

Most Valuable Player
Elijah Hudson #4 Sr. Albany
Offensive Player of the Year
Jason Brothers #31 Sr. Albany
Defensive Player of the Year
Yahsh Hawkins #78 Sr. Albany
Newcomer of the Year
Riley Ripley #8 Soph. Winters
Coaching Staff of the Year
Albany

Offense - First Team
Quarterback
Dakota Rawls #2 Jr. Bronte
Running Back
Aaron Faith #25 Jr. Albany
Louie Martinez #12 Sr. Bronte
Allan Wheeler #34 Jr. Cross Plains

Utility Back
Haden Bergman #12 Soph. Winters
Ernesto Casillas #5 Sr. Bronte
Tight End
Zed Hawkins #40 Sr. Albany

Wide Receiver
Kerwin Rawls #10 Jr. Bronte
Jeremy Corbin #22 Jr. Albany
Braden Mikeska #11 Sr. Winters
Cody Hunter #21 Jr. Baird
Offensive Line
Yahsh Hawkins #78 Sr. Albany
Wade Montgomery #50 Sr. Albany
Jordan Rodriguez #74 Sr. Albany
Justin Trevino #62 Jr. Winters
Johnathan Hargraves #77 Jr. Albany
Trent DeRonde #66 Sr. Bronte
Beau Grigg #50 Soph. Bronte

Offense Second Team
Quarterback
Leif Johnston #3 Jr. Albany
Running Back
Rob Rosson #9 Sr. Bronte
Christian Sandoval #21 Soph. Winters
Hayden Ray #25 Fresh. Miles

Utility Back
Patrick Border #25 Jr. Cross Plains

Tight End
Marcus Nabors #12 Sr. Albany
Jacinto Hernandez #5 Sr. Winters

Wide Receiver
AJ Tamez #7 Sr. Winters
Reese Allen #17 Sr. Cross Plains
Johnathon Diaz #3 Sr. Baird
Mitchell Lee #88 Jr. Albany

Offensive Line
Jonathan Kraatz #68 Jr. Miles
Caleb Gentry #75 Jr. Miles
Aaron Allen #70 Soph. Baird
David Holson #65 Sr. Albany
Crawford James #55 Sr. Bronte
Arlis McMullen #68 Jr. Bronte
Estban Naua #55 Jr. Winters

Offensive Line Honorable Mention
Nick Adams #64 Sr. Cross Plains
Garrett Moenning #72 Soph. Cross Plains

Defense First Team
Defensive Back
Aaron Faith #25 Jr. Albany
Jeremy Corbin #22 Jr. Albany
Kerwin Rawls #10 Jr. Bronte
Dakota Rawls #12 Jr. Bronte
Coltyn Pritchard #10 Sr. Winters
Linebacker
Arlis McMullen #68 Jr. Bronte
Francisco Salazar #21 Sr. Albany
Jason Brothers #31 Sr. Albany
Crawford James #55 Sr. Bronte
Jonathan Kraatz #68 Jr. Miles
Angel Barron #20 Jr. Winters

Defensive Line
Jerrad Eisenbach #58 Sr. Cross Plains
Zed Hawkins #40 Sr. Albany
Trent DeRonde #66 Sr. Bronte
C.J. Johnson #74 Jr. Winters
Defense End
David Holson #65 Sr. Albany
Jonathan Hargrave #77 Jr.

Albany
Ernesto Cassilas #5 Sr. Bronte
Kody Perry #50 Jr. Winters
Utility
Hayden Bergman #12 Sr. Winters

Specialty
Punter - Dakota Rawls #2 Jr. Bronte
Kicker - Zed Hawkins #40 Sr. Albany

Second Team Defense

Defense Back
Adolfo Portillo #88 Jr. Baird
Marcus Nabors #12 Sr. Albany
Will Russell #12 Jr. Baird
Cody Ford #21 Jr. Cross Plains

Linebacker
Blake Hutchins #3 Fresh. Cross Plains
Jason Laird #33 Sr. Winters
Armando Salazar #11 Jr. Albany

Creed Corlson #3 Soph. Bronte
Cody Smith #44 Jr. Baird

Defense Line
Caleb Gentry #75 Jr. Miles
Dakota Sullivan #66 Jr. Albany
Britton Munns #60 Sr. Albany
Beau Grigg #50 Soph. Bronte

Defense End
Louie Martinez #12 Sr. Bronte
Cody Self #5 Soph. Cross Plains

Ryder Goosen #72 Jr. Baird
Utility
Thomas Haile #33 Jr. Cross Plains

Specialty
Punter - Jason Brothers #31 Sr. Albany
Kicker Ernesto Casillas #5 Sr. Bronte

Defensive Line Honorable Mention

Ryder Foster #77 Soph. Cross Plains
Austin Thomas #78 Soph. Cross Plains

Submitted by
Coach Kevin Bryant

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Will be Closed
Friday, December 25th
for Christmas

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Evening Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church

112 W. Travis in Putnam

Pastor: Sam Stone

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Every Sunday at 10:30 am

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Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor:
Billy Smith
254-725-6268

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

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Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: Len Smith

"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you"
JOHN 13:15

As an example to us, Christ gave his all for us. How much are we giving?

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.

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OBITUARIES



ELVA NELL DUPRIEST

RANKIN: Elva Nell Dupriest, 73 of Rankin, passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Rankin Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 AM on Monday, December 21, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Rankin with Reverend Randy Bush officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 PM at the Atwell Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Mrs. Dupriest was born on November 20, 1936 in Atwell, Callahan County, Texas. She married Garland Dupriest on May 30, 1956 in Atwell. She retired from the Rankin Independent School District after 27 years of service. She had lived in Rankin since 1967; and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marcus and Valeria Pillians Rouse; her son, Michael Dale Dupriest; as well as four sisters, Lanette Rouse, Loreta Wynn, Eddie Faye Dillard, and Doris Goble.

Survivors include her husband, Garland Dupriest of Rankin; her son, Gary Dupriest and his wife Christy of Midland; four grandchildren, Ryan Dupriest, and Tyler Dupriest both of Lubbock, Austin Dupriest of Rankin, and Kayla Dupriest of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Rankin-P.O. Box 485-Rankin, Texas 79778; or to the Atwell Cemetery Association-P.O. Box 669-Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

An online guest book is available to send condolences to the family at www.shaffer-nichols.com

Phyllis Wood Tucker

Phyllis Wood Tucker, age 85, of Cross Plains passed away on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 in Abilene. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Ross Cemetery in Baird with Ronnie B. White officiating.

She was born on June 1, 1924 in Westbrook, Texas to J.E. Wood and Helen Greene Wood. She married Nash Tucker on March 28, 1943 in Odessa, Texas, who preceded her in death on March 12, 2000.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Maddox and husband Danny of Abilene; a sister, Esther Kerr of Cross Plains; brother, W.E. Wood of Venita, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Melanie Besecker and husband Tom, Chris Maddox, Derron Duffy, Landon Hill and wife Teneal, and Barry Brasher of Austin; three great-grandchildren, Danielle, Hallie and Cassidy Besecker.

She was preceded in death by her beautiful daughter, Sharyn Hill, her parents, husband, Nash Tucker, and a brother, Jack Wood.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Austin

Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative, P.O. Bos 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0536.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Bos 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-0124.

Washington

Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000 or call 202-456-1111. www.whitehouse.com

Randy Neugebauer, Congressman, 19th Texas District, 429 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 325-675-9779 or 325-675-5038 for Fax. For email access, go to <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer> and click on the appropriate link.

John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax 202/228-2856. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>

Kay Bailey Hutchison, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-5922. Fax 202/224-0776. For email go to <http://Hutchison.Senate.gov>

PUBLIC FAX
(254) 725-7225

Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Baird

needs the following positions:

Dietary-need experienced cooks: multiple shifts available
LVNs-Medication nurses and charge nurse shifts available: Apply to Donna Moore, RN, Director of Nursing
CNAs-Shower aide and 6-2 shift available. Apply to Karla Davis, Asst. Director of Nurses

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM

Music- Connie Swift

& Betty Lewis

Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift

Amanda Sowell

Matt Sowell

Pastor Kathy Monroe

208 N. Ave. D

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT- HOUSE

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christian D. Weber, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice and order releasing cash bond granted.

Manuel Delgado, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 60 days in jail \$500 fine, \$356 court costs.

Kenneth D. Robinson, order releasing cash bond granted.

Steven Ramos, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Mayela Montano, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Keith Wayne Watts, order amending conditions of probation granted and order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Mary L. Sheppard, motion to dismiss to harassment granted in the interest of justice.

Gregory Garin Brown, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Robert D. Gilbert, plea of guilty to DWI - class B, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$410 court costs and order amending conditions of probation granted.

James M. McIntosh, Jr., plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$310 court costs

Annmarie J. Bondurant, plea of guilty to DWI - class B, 3 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$385 court costs.

Lanado Maldonado, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Cody James Hurley, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Charles N. Tarrant, plea of guilty to DWI - class B, 15 months probation, \$600 fine, \$410 court costs.

Jessica A. Kitchens, motion to dismiss to theft granted for plea to another case.

Sean C. Williams, plea of guilty to DWI - class B, 1 year

probation, \$600 fine, \$410 court costs and order releasing cash bond granted.

Jason Chris Sanders, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Ronald R. Lynch, evading arrest.

Michael E. Blue, DWI.

Criminal Minutes

Joseph Brett Mobley, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Larry Floyd, plea of guilty to indecency with a child, 7 years in prison, \$268 court costs.

Aaron F. Saenz, plea of guilty to attempted money laundering, 90 days in jail, \$271 court costs.

Ronald R. Lynch, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 6 months in prison, \$268 court costs.

Civil Filings

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Sheree D. Gray, breach of contract.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. William J. Ayer, breach of contract.

Capital Farm Credit PCA vs. Stacy Montgomery and Brenda L. Montgomery, default on note.

Civil Minutes

Kathy Joan Lawrence, individually and as administratrix of the estate of James Carlyle Lawrence II, deceased, James Carlyle Lawrence, and Mary Jane Rapliza vs. E. Ray West III, temporary administrator of the estate of Phillip Spencer Kitchen, deceased, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Ronald Charles Broadus and Marie Broadus, divorce granted.

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9:30 am

Sunday

Morning Worship

10:45 am

Sunday

Evening Worship

6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

WALLACE BENNETT

HEADS UP

This is the last issue of the *Cross Plains Review* in which my Cottonwood Column will be printed. Yep! I'm saying "30" with this column.

Why? One or two of you might ask. It's because I'm not ever going to get any younger, no matter how hard I try, and I have other obligations and writings to do, so, this is it.

Cottonwood IS my Home, folks! Please don't ever forget that and thanks to Buster Woody for putting that thought so eloquently into poetry.

The phrase has been adopted as the title of the Cottonwood Cookbook and has been the

motto, I suppose, for everyone who ever grew up or lived in Cottonwood.

This is a community of volunteers, no matter what the task to be done, someone always steps up in Cottonwood to say, "I'll do that."

And someone will say that in relation to writing this column. I will leave it up to the Cottonwood Historical Association Board of directors to "figger" that out.

Cottonwood is a very special place in my memory and I wish I had the whole paper to express the happiness I have felt by always saying, "My name is Wallace Bennett from Cottonwood, Texas."

That is how I have always introduced myself ever since I was a freshman at Texas A&M and had to walk in the gutter of the streets as I walked back and forth from my dorm to class.

It is my idea of a "village" and a place to be "from" as I have traveled the world. We are not leaving, but as for me, I am changing jobs. As they say in Hawaii, "Mele Kaleki Maki. Ha Oli Maki Miki Ho," or something like that. So, drop by, let us chat in person. I don't E-mail well, and the coffee pot is always on.

Carol and I wish all of you a very merry and joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!

LIBRARY NOTES

December 14-18-2009

Patrons:	115
Programs:	18
LAP	6
Lapsit	2
Other	
Books Checked Out:	93
Copies:	94
Reference:	5
Internet Users:	70

Memorials:

Charles Rodenberger
In Memory of Jean Draper

Rusty and Shelly Burke

In Memory of Alton and Joan McCowen and In Memory of Lou Rodenberger

Harold and Mary White

In Memory of Noah Johnson

Donations:

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Callahan County

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Arlene Stephenson
Ginny Hoskins
Michelle Kaiser
Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension January 2010

If you have an interest in joining our study of the book of Nehemiah OT 133 in the spring 2010 (January-May) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone, 254-725-7749.

Classes will begin the last week of January. We will need to know your plans to purchase the Study Guide and the *New American Commentary: Nehemiah, vol. 10*, the first week of January. The course will cost \$102.

Our most recent classes were held in Breckenridge and De Leon. If you are not near either place, but would like to see about taking the course, give me a call.

Submitted by
Baylis Pope

Alcoholics Anonymous Changes Meeting Place

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is no longer meeting at the Church of Christ Activity Center. They are meeting at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information contact Wanda at 254-725-7499 or Diana 254-725-4670.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 28th- Movie Day @ 10:00 am: Cokes & Popcorn.
Tuesday, 29th- Exercise Class @ 11:00 am. Computer Class 10:00 am.

Wednesday, 30th-Brownie Sundae
Thursday, 31st-11:00 am Exercise Class, New Year's Eve party 11:59 am!!!

Friday, 1st-Center Closed, no meal served, Happy New Year

Senior Center Needs

A few items the Center could really benefit from...
ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DEC. 28-JAN. 1

MONDAY-German Sausage, Mac and Cheese, Peas, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
TUESDAY-Taco Soup, Cornbread, Fruit, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread & Dessert Tea/Coffee/Milk
THURSDAY-Chicken Sandwich, Black Eyed Peas, Fruit, Dessert Tea/Coffee/Milk
FRIDAY-Center Closed, No Meal Served. Happy New Year.

Dominoes 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

The Pioneer Browns

On a recent warm, sunny fall day the Pioneer Browns had a gathering under the oak trees at the old Brown farm, one mile south of the Pioneer Cemetery, that was attended by more than 70 family and friends from around the country.

Jeff put on a Texas size BBQ lunch for everyone and Joe's 76th birthday was also honored. Everyone had a good time and the weather was perfect for the outdoor gathering. The most popular comment heard around the family now is "when are we going to do it again?"

Grandfather Jim B. Brown first came to the Pioneer area in 1900 and after making a trade for the present day farm in 1905, he moved his wife, Fanny, and their two children Jesse and Grace, there shortly after. Five other children were born, Bart, Homer, Gertrude, Ruby and Fred.

Granpa told me that he moved to Pioneer from where he had been farming near Rices crossing on the Little River in Milam County because they had been flooded so many times. When you see the high ground at Pioneer where he bought the farm, you can understand why he chose it.

The farm is still owned and controlled by the Brown family. The oldest son, Jesse (Jess) married Agnes Richards and they had seven children, Earlene,

Rudolph, Harold, Lester, Joe, Betty, Mary and Kathryn. Grace, the oldest daughter, never married and stayed at home to help Papa raise the family as their mother had died.

Bart married Velma Parker and they had two children, Parker and J.T. Homer married Lucille McGowen and they had three children, Buck, Glenda and Jimmy. Gertrude married C.B. Hester and they had three children, Bulah Lee, Mildred and Bill. Ruby married Mr. Mack Gray and had two children, Jackie and Wanda Faye. The youngest child, Fred, was a rambler.

These Brown Family's ancestors were part of what was known as the old 300. Family's coming to Texas in the early 1820's when James Monroe was President and there were 23 states in the union. The came with Stephen F. Austin, known as the Father of Texas. If you do not know about this bit of Texas history, you should read up about it. I remember learning about this immigration (GTT—Gone to Texas) at my old school in Pioneer where today a 60 foot Cottonwood tree grows where my old classroom used to be.

Submitted by
Joe W. Brown
(Genealogy research by Corrine Thomas)

What Is Christmas?

By Geneva (Wilcoxon) Nelson
Cross Plains

My grandson asked me,
"Memo, what is Christmas?"
I said, "Most people do not know."
We all, pretty much have forgotten,
the manger, for the snow.

We use to see more of the nativity,
soldiers have fought many wars,
so we could go and see.
Some try to take Christ out of Christmas,
the way we greet each other,
the way that we believe.

Others push shopping as tradition,
send out books with toys and stuff,
That gets most folks wishin'.

But Christians, true Christians,
have always known, and they are right,
Jesus Christ our Savior
brought about Christmas night.

Christ is not just in Christmas
He Is Christmas!!!!

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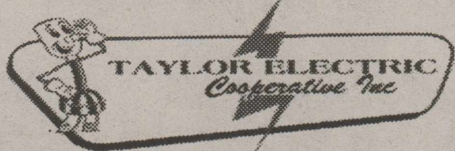


NEW COTTONWOOD FIRE TRUCK—Fire Chief Joe Terstegge is shown with the new piece of equipment.

Cottonwood Fire Control Sets Date for Annual Meeting.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. Members of the Cottonwood Community are encouraged to attend and hear about the

upcoming projects for the Fire Control Group. Officers for 2010 will also be elected at the meeting.



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By Charles Chesshir
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Life on planet earth is a fascinating study even for the casual observer. From the tiniest microscopic organisms to the sophisticated human brain, we find a unique combination of events and basic necessities coming together in an incredible set of circumstances for life to be possible. The planet traveling in orbit and spinning at just the right speed with just the right mixture of elements, (oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc.) to create an environment that could sustain life indicates the design of a Master Planner preparing a place that would sustain life. Then for a blueprint of life that not only reproduces itself, but has programmed functions allowing it to interact with other life with emotional and intellectual information sharing capabilities, is enough to baffle all human understanding.

This brings us all together sharing the benefits of a Supreme Designer who has revealed Himself in Scripture as Love, Provider, and Redeemer. Don't allow your view of the world and God's purpose for life, to be cheapened by Satan inspired philosophies which claim life is just a fluke of nature and there is no accountability to the Designer of earth and life.

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

Our Appreciation to Everyone for the Success of the Recent Bake Sale

We would like to thank all of our friends, family, and everyone. We had a bake sale Saturday, December 19th and we were blessed with it. We appreciate everyone who helped out. We would also like to thank Cheryl Goble and Village Market for allowing us to set up there. 40-1p

Thanks
Cottonwood Volunteer
Fire Control Unit

Pioneer Cemetery Report Addition

The recent Pioneer Cemetery report inadvertently omitted the donation by Richard and Linda Wilson of \$200 for the Gate Fund. All contributions are greatly appreciated for the upkeep and improvement of our cemetery.

Submitted by
Wanda Nelson

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School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Held First Meeting of the Year

The first meeting of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for the Cross Plains I.S.D. was held Monday, December 14th at the high school library.

What is SHAC? In May 2001, the legislature passed Senate Bill 19. It required each school district to implement a Coordinated School Health program and to establish a SHAC to make recommendation regarding that program.

The SHAC must consist of at least 50 percent parents of current students. School personnel, community members, clergy, business owners and local newspaper/media representative are encourage to be part of the council.

The Council serves in an advisory capacity and does not have any legal responsibilities within the school system. The SHAC members must be approved by the school board.

Members present were Cindy Payne, Donnie Dillard, Gerald Brown, Kim Crockett and Vanda Anderson. Jo Jo Morgan and Davy Crockett are also members who were unable to attend.

The session began with introductions. Cindy Payne is a LVN at the ResourceCare, member of the Barbarian Festival committee, Cancer Walk Committee, Housing Authority Board of Director and Area Veterans Memorial

Committee. Donnie Dillard is a LVN employed by Girling Home Health, member of Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board, and has served on the Cross Plains E.M.S. for the past 27 years.

Gerald Brown is self-employed and also works with Rickey Carouth and the Housing Authority, serves as an EMT for the Cross Plains E.M.S. and is a local volunteer firefighter.

Barbara Barnett is the manager of the Cross Plains I.S.D. Cafeteria. She has served in this capacity for 14 years.

Kim Crockett is a parent, has served on the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board and will be the Committee Chairman for SHAC.

Jo Jo Morgan is the physical education instructor at the Cross Plains Elementary and also a parent.

Davy Crockett is a parent and is employed as a firefighter for the Abilene Fire Department.

Vanda Anderson is the editor of the *Cross Plains Review* and also has two grandchildren who attend Cross Plains I.S.D.

It was decided to appoint Vanda as the secretary since she would also be reporting the meetings to the local newspaper.

There has been a SHAC organized for years but has not been active. One of the goals is to make the group more visible and active within the school and

community.

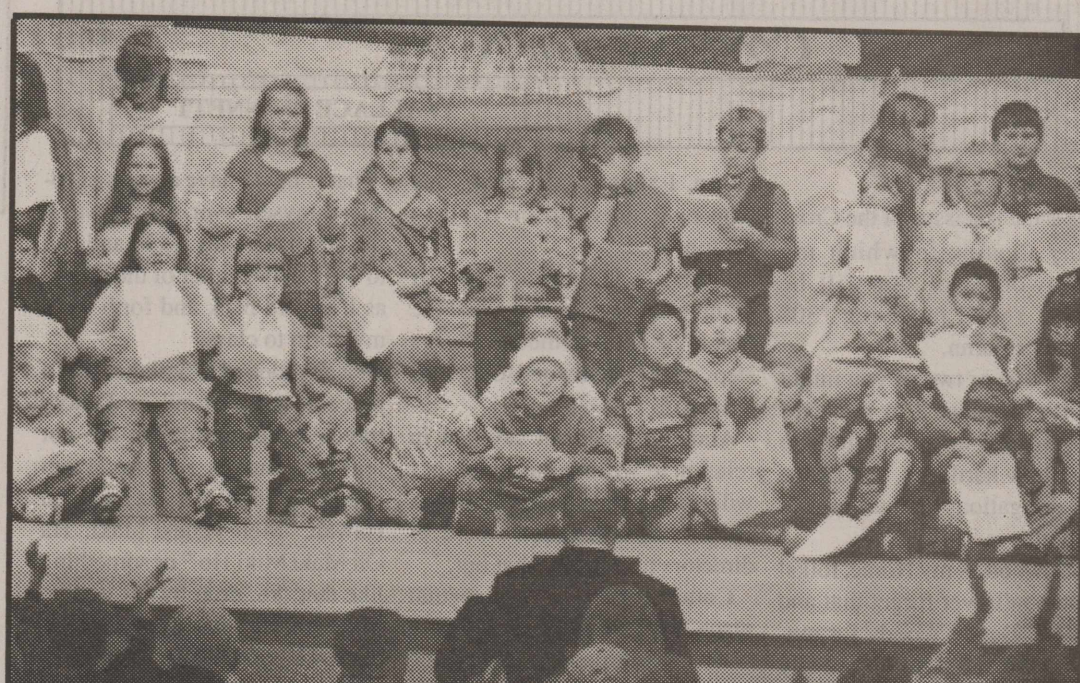
SHAC is required to meet 4 times per fiscal year from July to July and must have a minimum of five members. The co-chair must be a parent. The group would recommend indicators for evaluating effectiveness of Coordinated School Health Programs. A report of the details throughout the years will be presented to the School Board in May.

The school health program is mandated through CATCH/STEP and is coordinated with nutrition and physical education. Jo Jo Morgan will explain the details at the next meeting.

Currently there are some challenges concerning the Kindergarten classes in that they need to produce more structure for each child. Included in this area is improvement plans for the entire campus.

The Committee will be able to head some of the activities such as the Cancer Walk, Cap Day, etc. The Committee will be familiarizing with mandates of the school this first year. Plans for a big project over the next year or so to promote good health is an objective. This might involve local flu and immunization clinics or Meek Blood Bank drives.

Submitted by
Vanda Anderson



CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PERFORMED—the annual Christmas Band Concert, under the direction of Matt Sowell, was very entertaining. (Photos courtesy of BuffTuff.com)



THE BRASS BAND—High school band students performed while the high school band set up on stage.

Christmas Holidays

Wednesday, December 16, 2009-Monday, December 21, 2009
School will dismiss at 2:50 p.m. Buses will run at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

School will dismiss at 12:31 p.m. Buses will run at 12:40 p.m.

Christmas Holidays

December 23, 2009 through January 5, 2010

Monday, January 4, 2010

Teacher Staff Development

School will resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2010
at regular time.

Friday, January 15, 2010

Stock Show—Student Holiday
Teacher Staff Development

School will resume on Monday, January 18, 2010
at regular time.

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Varsity Boys Basketball Results

Last week was a tough week for the Buffaloes. After a successful holiday tournament, the team had to face 2 good teams the following week.

The first game was against the Dublin Lions. The Buffaloes had their hands full, going up against a good backcourt and a strong frontcourt, including a 6'6" post.

The Lions shot the ball extremely well (63%) and out-rebounded the Buffaloes 31-19. Cross Plains only shot 42% from the field and turned the ball over 28 times. You can't win games when you get beat in every category of the game...Dublin 72 Cross Plains 40. This was the most points given up by the Buffaloes this season.

Friday, the team traveled to De Leon for the second matchup this year with the Bearcats. The first time these two teams played was at the Rising Star tournament with the score favoring De Leon 54-33. This time the Buffaloes were ready and had improved since the last meeting.

The team played hard but came up short at the end. The 3rd quarter really hurt us, we had several defensive breakdowns in a row that were not characteristic of the team and it gave the Bearcats the momentum they needed to pull off the victory. Final score of the game: De Leon 60 Cross Plains 63.

The Buffaloes next games will be in the Breckenridge Tournament December 28-30. They will play Vernon (12/28) at 10:45 a.m. and Breckenridge (12/28) at 4:00 p.m. The next day they will play Albany (12/29) at 12:30 p.m. and Santa (12/29) at 5:45 p.m. Depending on the Buffaloes record the first two days will determine when and if they will play again on Wednesday (12/30).

Come out and support your Buffaloes. Team stats can be found online at www.stasandgo.com.

Submitted by
Coach Ryan Edmonds

Callahan Co. 4-H kicks off Photography Project

Our first Photography meeting of the year is scheduled for January 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the Callahan County Courthouse. This meeting will be our orientation and kickoff meeting.

We will be discussing the rules and guidelines for our County, District and State entries.

Please bring your Holiday still life photos with you to the January 12th meeting.

Mark your calendar for January 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

Submitted by:
Hoss Sasin, CEA-Ag



A LITTLE EXTRA EXCITEMENT—Several couples danced to the catchy Christmas tune.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show to be held January 14th-16th

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 14th - Saturday, January 16th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 14th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Cami Robinson as Secretary.

Superintendents for this years show are:

Beef Cattle: Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee

Market & Breeding Swine: Doug Johnston and Tom Windham

Poultry & Rabbits: Betsy Robbins and Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats: Bill Dean, Steven Mitchell and Angela Mitchell

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14th with Paul Booth doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 14th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15th.

with the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show. Cody Peterson will be judging the Market Lambs, and Dale Caddell will be judging the Goat Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 15th, Pete McDougal, will start judging the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show.

On the afternoon of the 15th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Roy Shackelford, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 16th with the heifer show. Roy Shackelford will also judge the steer show immediately following the heifer show.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Submitted by:
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ACT Newsletter Offers Free

Tips and Help for Parents

Iowa City, IA—The December edition of the ACT Parent Newsletter www.act.org/path/parent is now available online. Do you know why January 1st is an important date for college-bound students? Find out why by reading FAFSA Fast Facts.

Did you know that the ACT test is curriculum-based? All ACT test questions are directly related to the skills and knowledge students are taught in high school. Parents will learn more about the ACT and how it helps students succeed in both college and career.

The December edition also offers suggestions on how teens can stay sharp during the holiday break, provides information about non-Saturday testing, and explains the importance of blogs and podcasts for other students.

Parents may read ACT Parent online at www.act.org/path/parent/news/index.html. To subscribe for monthly issues, visit www.act.org/path/parent/news/subscribe.html.

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4-H Vet Science Project starts New Year January 21, 2010

We are beginning a new year in the 4-H Vet Science project with the help of Dr. Monty Ancinec, Dr. Rob Harle and the Callahan County Vet Clinic. Our 1st Vet Science meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00p.m. The meeting will take place at the Callahan County Vet Clinic.

The 4-H vet science project is to teach 4-H members about animal health and behavior,

and how modern veterinary practices increase animals' health, comfort, recreation and livestock values.

If you have already signed up for 4-H be sure to mark this on your calendars. If you haven't signed up yet, contact the County Extension office at (325) 854-5835 and become a member today.

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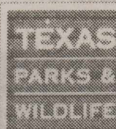
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2009	\$9,000	0.26%	6.26%	0.99%	0.78%
2008	\$9,000	0.10%	6.10%	0.92%	0.65%
2007	\$9,000	0.29%	7.70%	1.30%	1.13%
2006	\$9,000	0.40%	7.64%	1.51%	1.37%
2005	\$9,000	0.58%	8.02%	1.74%	1.63%

TWC Sets Employer Unemployment Insurance Tax Rates for 2010

AUSTIN - The minimum Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax rate paid by Texas employers in Calendar Year (CY) 2010 will be 0.72 percent, up from 0.26 percent in CY 2009, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today. The rate increase is due to a higher UI benefit outlay in the past year. The taxes replenish the Texas Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund which provides unemployment insurance for Texas workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

The minimum tax rate of 0.72 percent is paid by nearly 255,000 employers, or 67 percent of all experience-rated employers. An employer paying the minimum tax will pay \$64.80 in tax per employee in CY 2010 compared with \$23.40 in tax per employee in CY 2009.

Texas employer UI taxes at the minimum rate remain lower than many other states. Illinois employers at its minimum tax rate pay \$81 per employee; Florida employers at its minimum tax rate pay \$100 per employee; and Arkansas employers at its minimum tax rate pay \$120 per employee. The maximum UI tax rate,

paid by 3.3 percent of Texas experience-rated employers, is 8.60 percent, up from 6.26 percent in CY 2009. The average tax rate of 1.83 percent for CY 2010 is up from 0.99 percent in CY 2009, while the average experience tax rate of 1.74 percent for CY 2010 is up from 0.78 percent in CY 2009.

The components of the CY 2010 tax rate are:

The **general tax rate** - based on claims against an employer's account. If TWC has paid benefits to former employees who were laid off or separated through no fault of their own in the past three years, then those employers will pay a general tax.

The **replenishment tax rate** - charged to all employers to cover unemployment claims not charged to a specific employer. This tax tends to rise following economic slowdowns when claims increase and businesses close.

The **deficit tax rate** - applies only to those employers who were experience rated in the previous year. TWC took action to reduce the deficit tax by 50 percent for CY 2010.

The **employment training assessment** - charged to all

employers who are eligible for a computed tax rate to finance the Skills Development Fund and the Texas Enterprise Fund. The employment training assessment calculation is a separate line item on the Employer's Quarterly Tax Report.

2010 UI Tax Rates

TWC is dedicated to finding ways to lower the financial impact of unemployment on Texas employers. TWC and its 28 local workforce boards are committed to assisting UI claimants return to work as soon as possible.

To increase UI fraud detection and prevention, TWC has increased work-search verifications, and improved automated processes and database cross matches with other agencies. TWC pledges its continued efforts in helping to keep taxes as low as possible and minimizing the effects on Texas employers.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE—Mark Horton, right, and Miguel Santos, center, were presented Certificates of Service by Lauren Garduno during a supervisors meeting in Abilene. Horton and Santos, both maintenance techs in the Callahan County maintenance section, have worked for the Texas Department of Transportation five years and 25 years respectively. They were presented framed certificates and service pins to represent their years with TxDOT. Horton and Santos also received gifts of their choice. Garduno, Abilene District Engineer, presented the awards. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Staying healthy worth a few extra seconds of hand washing

The flu season is here, and there's no better time to protect yourself and your family.

The most common types of flu viruses this year are seasonal and the H1N1 flu virus, said Brenda Matzke, Ph.D., R.N., assistant professor in the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing. These viruses are spread by droplets from sneezes and coughs of an infected person. The droplets travel through the air and land on nearby objects. Touching the infected objects gets the virus on your hands and fingers,

and it enters your body when you touch your nose, mouth or eyes.

The best way to protect yourself from the flu is wash your hands frequently, Dr. Matzke said. Begin by thoroughly wetting both hands with water and soap. Scrub your hands for 15 to 20 seconds by rubbing your palms together, between your fingers, and around and under your nails. Rinse your hands thoroughly, and dry them with a disposable towel. Use the towel to turn off the water.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to avoid the flu, wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rubs frequently; cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; and stay at least six feet from anyone with flu symptoms.

"It is important to take the time to wash your hands often so that you can stay healthy this flu season," Dr. Matzke said. "Good hand washing is our first line of defense in flu prevention."

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Masonic Lodge Master, Roger Corn, Ruth Fisher and Harold Hass. The Baird Masonic Lodge #522 will be celebrating its 130th year as a chartered Masonic Lodge next year. It is the oldest organization in Callahan County. The Baird Masonic Lodge #522 meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Lodge located at 237 Market Street in Baird.

USDA Rural Development seeking applications for single family housing loans

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, December 10, 2009 - USDA Rural Development has announced their allocation for direct single family loans for Fiscal Year 2010. Due to an increased level of funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, USDA Rural Development in Texas has more than \$130 million in direct funding available to help families achieve the dream of home ownership.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director.

USDA Rural Development's direct program provides low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help eligible families living in rural communities and rural areas to purchase their own homes. The Direct Rural Housing Program is geared toward low to very low-income

families. No down payment is required for the program and closing costs may be included in the loan. Under this program an applicant may be eligible for payment assistance, which would subsidize the interest portion of the house payment down to as low as 1%, lowering the overall monthly payment amount. In many cases, the total monthly house payment, including taxes and insurance, may actually be less than a family is paying for rent.

Homes must be located in a community of 10,000 persons or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Never assume an area is not eligible.

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Grand Ole Oplin Announces New Year's Eve Dance

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their annual New Year's Eve dance on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st. Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorite country songs beginning at 8:00 p.m. and ending somewhere around midnight. Black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served during the band's break and everyone is invited to bring a

snack to be shared by all. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$8.00 per person.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersections of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926. Smoking and alcohol is not permitted at any Oplin Community Center function.

Please go to www.grandoleoplin.com for further information.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and help us bring in the New Year with good music, good friends and a real good time. The Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by: Pam Runfield

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Combs announces federal stimulus appliance rebate program

(AUSTIN) Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today announced the state will use approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds for a mail-in rebate program for consumers who purchase certain energy efficient household appliances.

The U.S. Department of Energy approved the rebates for consumers who buy eligible Energy Star appliances and replace the same type of old appliance that's functional. The Texas program will also offer an incentive to recycle old appliances.

Flat rebates will be given on Energy Star certified refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, central air conditioners, heat pumps, water heaters, clothes washers and dishwashers, Combs said. "An additional \$75 recycling rebate will go to consumers who buy an eligible appliance and recycle the same type of functional old appliance."

THE REBATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Appliance	Rebate	With \$75 Recycling Rebate
Refrigerator	\$240	\$315
Freezer	\$180	\$255
Room Air Conditioner	\$45	\$120
Clothes Washer	\$150 or \$180*	\$225 or \$255
Dishwasher	\$110 or \$140*	\$185 or \$215
Central Air Conditioner	\$600, \$800 or \$1,000*	\$675, \$875 or \$1,075
Heat Pump	\$1,200 - \$1,600*	\$1,275 - \$1,675
Water Heater	\$255 - \$640*	\$330 - \$715

* depending on appliance type and energy efficiency of model purchased

Central Texas Opportunities uses American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to help local residents achieve job training

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., a local non-profit organization, has received funding to help residents of Brownwood, Callahan, Comanche, Coleman, Eastland, McCulloch, and Runnels achieve the dream of career training in Medical Billing, On-line Pharmacy Technician, Cer-

tified Nurse's Aide, Phlebotomy, and Wind On-line Program. These funds come as a result of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

To help local families achieve self sufficiency through career training program Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. has worked

with Texas State Technical College and Ranger College to provide career training classes at no cost to participants.

Anyone interested in a career in any of these fields contact Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at (325) 625-4167 extension 239 for additional information.

Nominations sought for Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominations for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame are now being accepted for the 2010 class.

Nominations should be sent to Bill Hart by e-mail (hartbf@msn.com), fax (325-854-2812) or by mail (640 Arch St., Baird, TX 79504). No phone calls please.

To be eligible for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame, the athlete must have graduated from a high school in one of the 19 counties around Abilene (Brownwood,

Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Fisher, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton) and been out of high school for 10 years (1999). Coaches must have quit coaching in the Big Country for at least five years.

There are also categories for media and officials, but they are not inducted every year. Send all high school statistics

and honors that your nominee earned. The more information sent the better chances he or she has.

Names of athletes who have been nominated before are still on the list of names to be considered. That list now includes more than 100 names.

The ninth annual Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will be held May 10 at the Abilene Civic Center.

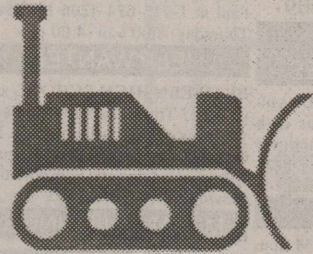
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Dear Santa,
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Sincerely,
Lupita
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I would love to have a black and yellow bicycle with a helmet. I would also like a new truck with a trailer, some farm animals and a football.
One last request, my daddy has been at Mexico deer hunting, will you please go by and pick him up before you come to my house?
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I think that's it, Santa!
Thank you Santa,
Logan McDaniel
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Hailey and I have been a pretty good girls this year. This year I would like a Barbie house, a Dora Links doll, and a cupcake maker.
Also my sister, Alexis, has been good, so remember her please.
I will leave you some cookies and hot coco.
Love,
Hailey Mauricio
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I love you Santa. You are a great Santa. I love your reindeer. I will give you some milk and cookies.
I really do like your toys. This year, I want a Leapster II with a fairy game.
I want to sit in your lap and give you a hug. I have tried to be good this year.
I love your sleigh when your sleigh is flying.
Thank you Santa,
Abbigale
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Mackenzie Bell and I am five years old.
I have been a good girl this year, even though I have had my moments.
I would like some new Barbies, along with a new Barbie car and anew Barbie house. I would like for you to bring my baby brother, Samuel, some toys and also could you bring something for my puppy, Kassie.
I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Mackenzie Bell
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Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year and I would like a video game and a Spider Man game, too.
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Dear Santa,
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Thank you Santa,
Gus Nickerson
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and I would like a Barbie house and some new Barbies.
I will leave you cookies and milk.
Thank you Santa,
Teresta Barnett
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Holly Pocket, \$3,000, birthday candles, a fake birthday cake, fake cookies, a big plate, a fake Christmas tree, a fake table, fake telephone, dress up clothes, a crown, high heels and a big bag.
Thank you,
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Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a real live pony that's large.
I love you,
Natalie Edmonds
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison Foster and I am in the 1st grade. I'm learning all kinds of new things at school and I really like school. I have been a good girl this year.
For Christmas, I would like a Barbie Guitar, Karaoke Machine, some new Wii games, some new Barbies, a Fur Real Cat, a Zhu Zhu hamster and a slide for it, some pretty fingernail polish and some clothes.
I love you Santa and will leave you lots of cookies and fresh milk!
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Holiday Greetings

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Wishing you a festive season filled with good friends, good times, and glad tidings. Thanks for making it all worthwhile!

Callahan County

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Shane Deel--County Attorney	Bryan Farmer--Precinct #2 Commissioner

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and only made my baby brother cry a few times.
I would like a Fur Real Kitty cat, a little mermaid doll that lights up, and some new fancy church dresses and shoes.
Oh! And if it's not too much to ask, my baby brother, Noah, wants cows and ketchup for Christmas and a bouncy horse.
Love Makayla Key

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. Will you please bring me Barbies, play-doe, ice cream cone kit, Barbie's play house, big dress up clothes, some games, new boots and some new clothes.
Have a safe trip here and back!
Thank you Santa,
Julie Ann Jordan
Pre-K



Dear Santa:
My name is Sarah Sanchez. I want you to bring me a Dora toy and a Dora the Explorer Game. And last a Barbie computer with nails.
Thank you Santa,
Sarah Sanchez
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a Thumbelina doll. I hope we have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Callie
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Jr. Sanchez. I want you to bring me a Mario game, a car game, a Nintendo DS and another 4-wheeler.
Thank you Santa,
Jr. Sanchez
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like that Pope the Pig Game. Also a Moxie Girlz Magic Hair Doll, makeup, cowgirl hat, gator golf and a hamper.
I will leave milk and Oreo's for you.
Love,
Kashlyn
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a V-Smile game, anew puppy, Fishing pole, new TV, a new DVD player, paint, hat, clothes, new shoes, snowman toy and some toys for my baby brother, Blake, and Mommy and Daddy, too.
Thank you Santa,
McKenzie Snell
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph doing? Santa, I have been a good girl this year. So would you bring me a big yellow construction set with a construction hat? A special Barbie of any kind and anything else you can think of.
Also, my brother, Rowdy, has been kinda good. So could you please bring him a toy, too, and could you also please bring my cousin Quentin a construction set so we can play together.
Love,
Jolena Spelbring
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a baseball, a Dora Doll, makeup, a doll house, a baby doll, a puppy, and a Doll's Best Friend boots.
Thank you. There will be cookies and a glass of milk for you. Please be careful.
Love,
Misti Oakley
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Barbie House with a Barbie Doll, a Easy Bake Oven and clothes. My own perfume and jewelry, please.
Thank you Santa!
Haylee Nickerson
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacelyn Smoot and I am 5 years old.
I would like some clothes and shoes, Barbie doll house with an elevator and some Barbies and that's all.
Love,
Jacelyn Smoot
Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want transformers for Christmas. I like Optimus Prime.
Thank you,
Braxton Brown
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Trampas and I am 6 years old. This year I would like a bucking bull with shoots and cowboys, also anything John Deer, new boots and cowboy hat.
Love,
Your favorite Mackey twin,
Trampas Mackey
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle, bike, cowboy stuff, horse, cars, money, candy, house shoes, phone with minutes, Nike shoes, big trucks and a scooter.
Love,
Christin
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler and I will be 2 in January. For Christmas I would really like a new pair of square-toed boots, anew belt and lots of toys.
Tyler Mackey

Dear Santa,
I would like a zebra striped purse and some toys. I have been a pretty good girl this year and I hope you can come see me.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Kiley Morgan
Kindergarten

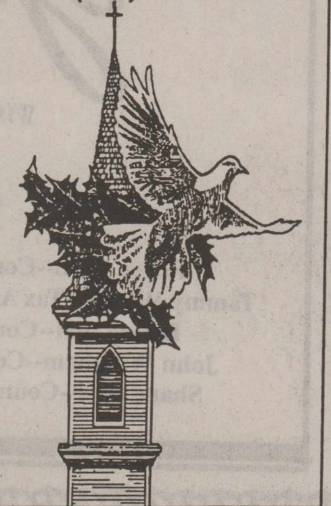
Dear Santa,
I would like a bar, ballet shoes, and a ballet suit.
Love,
Addie Webb
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a race car, a Chihuahua puppy and a new belt. I also want some new Under Armor football shoes and anything that is UnderArmor.
Love,
Lastyn Winfrey
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. I would like to have a camouflage 4-wheeler and a brown toy car. Zac wants a rattle, Isaiah wants a horse and Josh wants a deer. I would also like to have a new deer rifle.
I will leave milk and cookies for you and some carrots and hay for your reindeer.
Thank you,
Adrien Canales
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want t doll house for Christmas, a puppy, a horse, a bee suit to help my daddy with his bees, and a canopy bed.
Santa thank you for coming to bring me presents.
Love,
Kaitlyn Foster
Kindergarten

*Share
The Faith*
May you and your loved ones find inspiration as we celebrate the blessings of this wondrous season.
**Higginbotham
Funeral Home**
Bob & Dee Harrell
(254) 725-6153



Dear Santa,
I want Rudolf to spend the night. I want a big truck. I would like new boots.
Love,
Spade Koenig
Kindergarten



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Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like Bumble Bee helmet and blaster, some UnderArmor, Transformers, Revenge of the Fallen and Bakugan balls and cards.
Thank you and be careful.
Love,
Drake Bryant
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph's nose shiny? I love Rudolph and I love Christmas.
Can you bring me glass baby doll that's special.
Is Rudolph still the leader? I will "tell" my Dad if I can leave cookies out for you—a Santa like you and a Christmas tree cookie with a glass of milk.
Love,
Makayla Massey
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May you and your loved ones enjoy all the splendor of this very special time of year. It's been a pleasure serving you.

**Cross Plains
Parts Plus**

125 North Main (254) 725-4471

*Blessings
of the Season*

As we recall the Christmas miracle, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His many splendid creations, large and small.

We really feel fortunate for the blessing of your patronage.

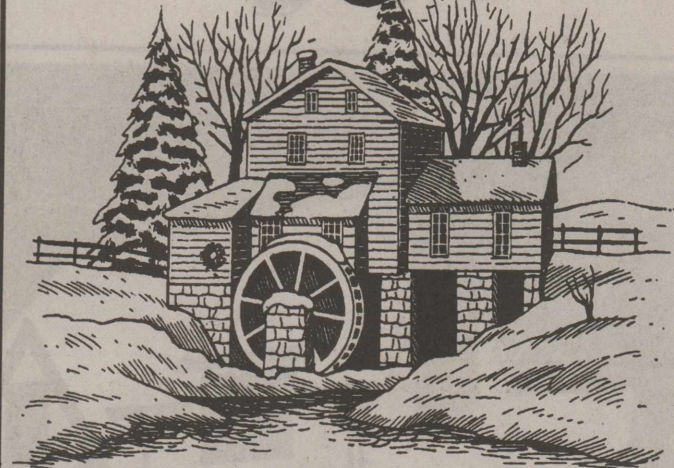
Wild Texas Taxidery

(254) 725-4200



**Bud, Becky,
Bree &
River
Dillard**

Merry Christmas



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

**Cross Plains
Recycling**

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**He Knows
You've
Been
Good...
especially to us!**



**Dale Mitchell
Building**

254-725-6682

We greatly appreciate the good business that has come our way. Thanks also for trading in your hometown.

We pray that everyone will have good health and prosperity in the new year.
Dale and Myrna

With Our Gratitude



To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your kind patronage.

J & L Sales

Corner of Highway 36 & 206
Cross Plains, TX
(254) 725-6531



*Merry Christmas
from
Coleman County
Electric Cooperative*

Our offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, so our employees may enjoy the Christmas holiday with thier families. We will also be closed January 1, 2010. Cooperative staff will be on call to respond to outages.

We wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas season.

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!

Jean's Feed Barn

Whit and Jean Wilson and the Crew
(254) 725-6881

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, scooter, phone, cars, house shoes, clothes, candy a baby Christmas tree for my room, a new big warm jacket, new shoes, toys and a remote control car.

Love,
Dalton Ortez
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a truck, jeep, backhoe, bulldozer, Lego fire set, Lego airplane set, Lego book, a shelf to put my toys on, Lego cars, Lego city, a toy firetruck you can push, a toy robot. That's all.

Love,
Gus Culwell
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring something for my brother, he's two. I don't know what he wants.

Please bring me a boy baby doll.
I love you,
Dakota Kelly
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner and I am 6 years old. This year for Christmas I would like some new fish, new camo caps and letter magnets to practice my spelling.

Love,
Tanner
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a toy shot gun, a set of guns with the belt, also a Diego Rescue set, also some video games and some movies.

Thank you,
Quentin Floyd
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a jack-in-the box, an easy bake oven, a new doll house and that is all.
I have been very good this year. Oh yeah, I would also like a piano.

Thank you,
Autumn Nickerson
5 years old
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo train, a Lego toy, a unicorn toy, a Santa toy, a kingdom with knights, a toy folder to play with, a Santa book, toy computer, toy duck and toy horse.

Love,
Gabriel San Martin-Todd
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good girl this year.
I want a moxie girl Barbie, a pair of roller skates, and a pair of boots.

Thank you for all the presents you make for us. I love you.
Love,
Brooklyn Duncan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a My Little Pony Minty Christmas book, a Puff the Magic Dragon book, and a Grinch doll that does not sing.

Hayley Hughes

Santa,
I want a monster truck and a toy Rudolph.

Thank you,
Garrett
1st Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Batman game for Game Boy, a fire scooter, a baby puppy and a Mario Game for my Play Station.

Ethan

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year! Will you please bring me Lego Star Wars, a Wii, some Star War games, Darth Vader with his helmet comes off, Lego Space Police, Bakugan 7-in-1 Maxus Dragonoid, and Lego Power Miners.
Thanks and be careful on the way here and back home.

Johnathan Wheeler

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STOCK UP ON CHEER!
Hope your holiday is filled with delights.
Merry Christmas!


Fortune Construction
(254) 725-4569 (254) 725-7307
The Families of Steve and Trey Fortune

Over The River And Through The Woods...
We'd go the distance to say, "Merry Christmas and many thanks!"



Turner Landscape & Waterwell Service
(254) 725-7755 home (325) 669-5553 mobile

May the Lord watch over you this Christmas
And may His love and His light guide you throughout the holiday season and beyond.
Merry Christmas!



Connie's Cuts and Curls
Connie Kirkham,
Whitney Odom and Donna Ames
(254) 725-6318

We Wish You A



Merry Christmas Park Car Wash
Says Thank You to all our customers for their patronage.

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph have a shiny nose? Do the reindeer fly real high? When's next Christmas?

On Christmas I went to ride in your sleigh. Can you bring me a girl puppy, some pet sops, and let us have happy Christmas this year.

We're going to make cookies and milk for you. Enjoy your cookies and milk.

Love,
Alaina Potter
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope everything is good in the North Pole.

I really want a BB gun, X box 360, V-motion and Play Station 3.

Love,
Ashton Powell

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. My name is Hanna Simons.

I would like some new movies and some new pants and shirts. I would like for my sister, Misty, to have some new games and something good.

I love Mother and Daddy. Santa take care of my mother.

Thanks,
Hanna Simons
7 years old

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ring, bracelet, necklace and a jewelry box to put them in.

Love,
Kaylen McAdams Smith
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a music player, makeup, vampire teeth, doll, \$1,000, a new house and a new vacuum for Mom.

Love,
Rebecca Willis
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a farm with everything in it, a Barbie, a kite, a fake gun, a Baby Alive and a horse.

Love,
Katie Goains
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some boots.

Love,
Chris Ely
Mrs. Phillips' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year.

For Christmas I would like a pink scooter, a talking Kitty and a My Secret Diary. I would also like some games for my Nintendo DS.

My brother, Aiden, has also been really good this year, too. Please bring him a train set, some trucks and a drum set.

We will leave some milk and cookies for you.
Tell the reindeer and Mrs. Claus we said Hi! Thank you.

Love,
Kinlee Mathews
1st Grade - 6 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like a green bicycle with butterflies on it and please bring my brother some building blocks.

Thank you,
Lanye

Dear Santa,
I want that little pony thing and that pink makeup thing, and the stuff that I have on my Christmas list at dad's.

Reagan Kirby
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a fish and to have a great Christmas.
I will leave you a snack.

Love,
Caley Box

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie doll house, a chixos fashion runway, Barbie bed and TV and a Barbie.

Do you really have elves?
I also want a new Bible.

Love,
Morgan Buchanan
1st Grade

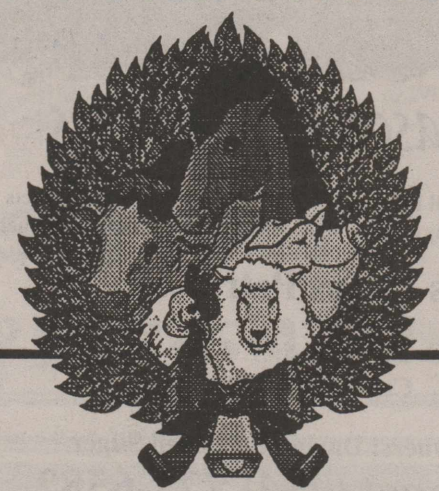
CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

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.

254-725-6866 or 254-725-4321

THE CHILDRESS FAMILY



*Wishing you tidings of comfort and joy this holiday season.
Thank you for blessing us with your visits.*

Carouth's Construction
(254) 725-7515

Rickey, Netha, Renetha, Kadie Brent, Crystal, Logan, Jaci & A.J.



*Through these doors pass the finest people in the world.
Our customers! Our friends!*


At this holiday season there is no more appropriate time for us to say Thank You and to express happiness to you and yours throughout the coming year.
All The Folks At

Cross Plains Grain & Peanut

Enjoy the Beauty of the Season

*May you revel in the splendor of the season and marvel at the miracle of all living things large and small.
With appreciation and warm holiday wishes from all of us.*

Tim's Floral and Gifts
(254) 725-6220



Tim Dillard

CHRISTMAS

HOPE IT'S UPLIFTING



We know it gives us a lift to serve you.

Many thanks for your loyal support.

Danny's Tire & Auto Repair

Danny and Sherry Johnson

254-725-7777

Dear Santa,
I think I'm a good boy. Will you please bring me a new video game and remote control t-rex for Christmas. Also, a transformer, Octomus Prime.

Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
I am excited for you to come to my house.

Would you please bring me Lego Batman, Lego Indiana Jones the New Chapter. Draw to Life and some other new games for my PS 2.

I would also like Lego City and Lego Sons and some more DS games.

My baby brother has been good, too, so please bring him some presents.

We will have some cookies in the kitchen.

Love,
Gavin Walters



Dear Santa,
I have been wanting a Play Station 2 and games for a long time. Some army toys and cars would be nice, too.

I need a new cowboy belt buckle and new boots.

The cookies will be under the little Christmas tree in my room this year. Don't forget to bring candy and other goodies.

Love,
Kyler King
Mrs. Webb 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

My brother and I would like to have a Play Station 2 and some games. I really need a new cow trailer and maybe a pickup for my toy cows and horses.

I am outgrowing my cowboy boots, so please bring some new ones.

Have a safe trip from the North Pole. I bet it has really cold up there this year!

Love,
Keegan King
Mrs. Webb 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl this year. I would like a pair of red and pink fuzzy boots and coat to match and an outfit.

And can you please help my mommy so she won't be sad at Christmas time. She loves my sister, daddy and Papa Johnson.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Sara Sasser

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I want a Wii and a Nintendo DS camera. I also want a screecher dinosaur and X Box 360 and 24 Christmas Cards and also can i have some games for my Nintendo DS camera. Do not bring me girl games. Bring me Toy Story for my Wii game and Scooby Doo for my Nintendo DS camera. That is all.

Love,
Corey Sean Proctor

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Dear Santa,
My name is Baylee Jo Savell I am 9 years old. I have been pretty good this year!

I would like to have a FurFriend Puppy, a Snow Leopard, a big Bratz doll, new high heels and a real puppy to play with. And a bed for my new puppy.

And that's about it. Thank you. Have a safe trip! I will be waiting for you and leave you cookies and milk.

Baylee Jo Savell

Dear Santa,

Have you had a good year? I hope all of the reindeer are ready for the busy day and night and morning.

Well I sure have and an awesome year! We had our first snow in Cross Plains TX the other day.

This year I would like a couple DS games, a mini clip on I-Pod, and 4 rabbits.

Remember the poor as you remember me.

#1 Friend
Ashlyn M.

P.S. I will leave water for you.

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I sure hope your reindeer are fine on Christmas. Well, I've tired to be a good boy this year. I hope you think I was. I want you to know what I am asking for this Christmas I would like a x-box 360, a Wii, and a Nintendo DS with a shooting game too. I hope you don't miss any one else. I hope you have a safe tripp too.

Your great Boy,
Ky Stout

P.S. I will lave you cookies on the fire place.

Dear Santa Claus

I hope youve been having a good day I have. How is Rudolph? I bet he is just fine. This year I would like Cabelas outdoor adventures, g-force, x-box 360. And a X-box 360. Please remember the kids that dont have as much as I

Your friend,
Paxton

P.S. have a good Christmas

Dear Santa,

How are things? I hope you bring my brother something good. I already made the rest of my family a present. For Christmas this year I want a bike.

Your friend,
Ashley Anderson

Dear Santa,

Hey, big guy! How have you been doing? Christmas is my favite time of the year. How are the reindeer been doing this year? I tried to be a good by this year.

Anyway I am going to tell you one thing I want for Christmas this and that is a PS-3.

Your Friend,
Wayne Snell

Dear Santa,

How have you been doing Santa? Are the reindeer ready to take off on Christmas Eve?

Santa I think I have been good enough for a camo youth bow and if I am very good can I have a 3d whitetail target to practice on? I hope you think that I am good too!

Love,
Trent Potter

P.S. You Rock!!!

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I sure hop all the reindeer are ready to go. Well I've been a good good this year and I hope you think I have. I promise I will leave some cookies and milk for you and the elfs. I really want a Nintendo DSI, a Wii, and a balloon that Merry Christmas Mom!" I hope you remember the people that don't have as much.

Love,
Ashley C.

P.S. Have a safe tripp.

Dear Santa,

How has your reindeer been this year? Are your reindeer ready

Well, I've tried to be a good girl for you this year. I really would like an I-pod shuffle, computer, and a DS game for Christmas this year. Please remember all the boys and girls that do not have any toys like me.

Love,
Madison Duncan

P.S. Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph doing? How's your year doing? I bet you are ready for Christmas eve night. I bet Dancer, Prancer, Cupid, and all the rest are excited.

Well, I am pretty sure I've been a good girl. Well, three things I want are a computer, my own horse, and a lion head rabbit.

The good girl,
Jacy

P.S. Rudolph will be refreshed with water at my house!

Dear Santa
are you having a good year? Does Rudolph still have a red nose. I tried to be a good boy this year. For Christmas I want a PSP, laptop and g fores on DS.

Your Friend
Noah

Dear Santa,
I hope you haven't been sick. I sure hope Rudolph is not sick. Well, I have been very good I have really wanted a laptop for Christmas this year. Have a safe trip to Cross Plains

Your Friend,
Zackary

Dear Santa,
The year is nearly over I've been trying to be good.

How have you been for the last few Christmases. Has rudolph been you nightlight? I was going to ask you, can I have these three presents, a nintendo DS i, a plazma T.V., and for my family and yours to have a good Cristmas.

From you # 1 fan
Hannah Crockett

P.S. I'll always be waiting for you Santa.

THANKS A BUNCH!

All of us here are hoping that your holiday season really stacks up.

Pancake's Home Stitchin'
Randy & Phyllis
254-725-4395

Just Released
OUR BEST WISHES

Hope your holiday's a hit from beginning to end!

The Movie Store & Tanning Salon
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Skeet and Wanda Walker

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.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Customers

Reed Construction
254-725-7363
Rusty, Debbie,
Matt, Krisi, Ryan, Ryder,
Cody, Shana
and Kutter

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Wherever you may wander,
Wherever you may roam ...
When it comes to celebrating Christmas,
There's just no place like home!

Friends like you are always welcome. Thank you for visiting us this past year.

Comanche Electric Cooperative Association

(325) 356-2533

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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Why did you name Cupid cupid? This Christmas I want a Nintendo DS. Have a Merry Christmas!

Lots of Joy,
Jackilann Shepard

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? can I have a spark shooter, G force game, and a motor bike. Hope you and the reindeer can git hear to Cross Planns. Help the other boys and girls git presents.

Love,
Jeron

P.S. Hope you love the cookies!

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I hope the reindeer have been good too. I want a PS3, a laptop, and two baby goats. Mack sur the kids that don't have no parents get presents!

Love,
Tripp

P.S.I love Christmas

Dear Santa,

How are the elfs. I want a Talking Toy Dog for Christmas this year. Have a great day and a Happy New Year!

P.S. Take care of your raindeers.

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Is it really snowy there? I have tried to be a good girl this year, and I hope your reindeer are okay and have been good too. I hope you have a good Christmas this year. For Christmas I want a nintendo DSI, I-pod, and a laptop. Please don't forget all the boys and girls out there that don't get presents.

Love,
Hanna F.
P.S. I will leave you a cup of milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

I've been wondering how you have been? Make sure Rudolph's nose is glowing for the big night.

This year I have been good (well trying to), I really hope that you think I have.

Ok, this year I would like a pink video camera, a blue electric guitar, and a purple laptop. Make sure you don't forget the kids that don't have a home.

Love,
Kenzie Kleiber
P.S. Have a safe trip and a happy Christmas. You Rock!

Dear Santa,

How are the raindeer this year. I hope I can see them fly. I might make brownies instead of cookies for you this year.

Can you get me a P.S.P. and a spark scooder. Also, make a vido cammera & tapes.

Love,
Kayden
P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Mine is good so how are the reindeer? I hope good. I want an Xbox 360, I pod, I touch for christmas.

Thanks Santa
Samuel Guerrero
P.S.Merry Christmas to you.

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? For Christmas I will make you raindeer cookies I will make you Santa cookies for christmas. I want a remote control car, xbox 360, and a PSP.

Your Friend
Sterling

Dear Santa,

Do you like cholate chip cookies? Does Rudolph like them to? For Christmas I want a laptop, guitar, and a i-pod. Are the reindeers ok? If they are I have a treat for you and yor deers.

Love,
Jade
P.S. you are cool.

Dear Santa,

How was your summer vacation? I hope your raindeer are good. Thank you so much for coming to my house every year. I have tried so hard to be a good little girl this year. I would like a nintendo Ds.I. and a forwheeler. I would also like Hannah Montana tickets to her concert.

Your little raindeer,
Mallory
P.S. Make sure you give all the little kids presents.

Dear Santa,
Did Mrs Claus tell yu to go on a diet so I wodd lik a pop.

Your frienad
Mekhi

Dear Santa,

I would like some books and some cards. I want a fire truck like my daddy drives.

Santa I have a sister and she wants a new doll and a new car like my mother's so I can be a big girl.

I love Mother and Daddy.
My name is Katelyn Gregory. I am 3 years old and my sister is 6 months old, her name is Haylee Gregory. We have been good this year.

Love,
Katelyn and
Haylee Gregory

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Love,
Tripp

P.S. Merry Christmas

Love,
Kayden

Love,
Jade

In the Spirit Of the Season...

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year!

Jimmy D. Wilson
Licensed Water Well Service
Jimmy & Caroline Wilson
Cross Plains, Texas
254-725-6120



Season's Greetings

As snow is blanketing the ground, We'd like to spread cheer all around With a flurry of best wishes, too... From all of us to all of you!

SNIPPITS
254-725-4327



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

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

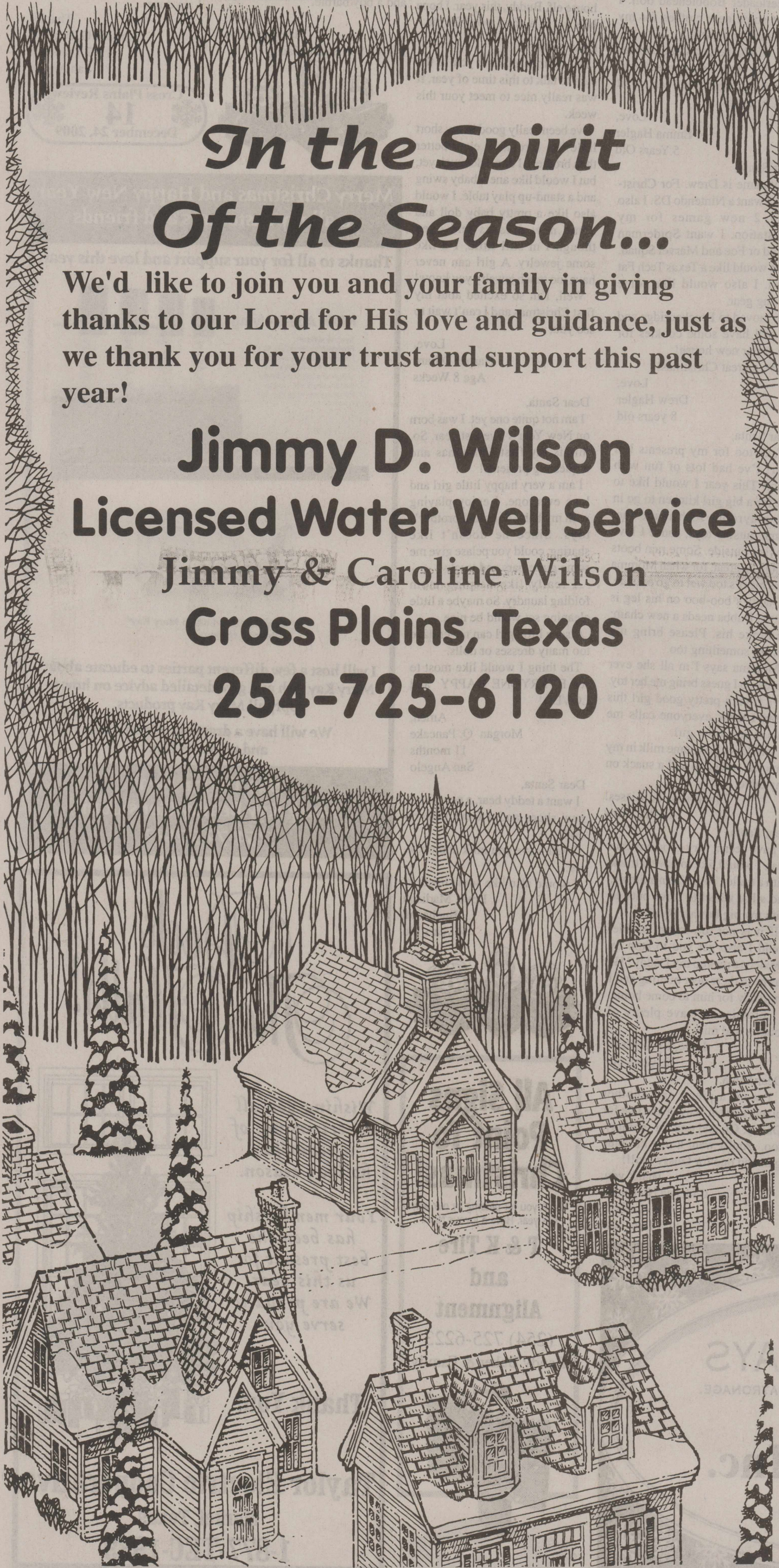
Hutton Construction
(254) 725-6316



Happy Holidays

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

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



Dear Santa,
My name is Keylee and I live in Cross Plains with my Mom, Dad and my sisters.
I want a scooter and a princess dress. I have been a good girl this year. Please remember my sisters.
Your friend,
Keylee

Dear Santa,
I would like some Handy Manny tools and some toy cars please. I also need some new rubber boots.
Thank you,
Barrett Nickerson
2 Years Old

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava and I'm 3 years old. I would like an American Girl Bitty Baby doll and bear. I would also like a new baby stroller with baby clothes and baby bottles. I would like a Dancing Dora doll and some new clothes.
I will leave you some sprinkle cookies and milk. If you have extra room, I would also like to add a Nintendo DS and a new movie.
Love,
Ava Hagler
3 Years Old

Dear Santa,
I'm glad I got to see you this past Sunday. I was so excited to go to the North Pole and see you!
I've tried very hard to be good this year, just keep in mind that I'm all boy.
This Christmas I'd like a real four wheeler that I can ride with my daddy and Uncle Joe. Mom finally caved, as long as you'll bring a helmet with it. I'd also like a video game player, a train set and of course UT stuff.
Also would you please save something special for my Aunt Collin? She won't be here this year because she's a soldier in Iraq. I think she likes jewelry like mommy and maybe a four wheeler and some G.I. Joe's, too. Can't wait to see you.
Love,
Stryker Dillard
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a lego set with 1,000 pieces. I would also like some shaped Bakugans and a Bakugan game for my Nintendo DS. I will leave milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the two front teeth I got just in time for Christmas. Me and Mama sang "All I Want for Christmas..." Now that I have my teeth all I really want for Christmas is to learn how to work my legs so I can crawl around and make Mama and Daddy chase me around.
I Love You Santa,
Tristan Watson
8 Months



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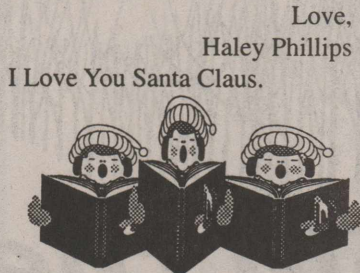
Dear Santa,
My name is Emma. I live in Breckenridge, Texas.
For Christmas, I want an American Girl Doll that looks like me. I also want a hot pink Nintendo DS. I want a hot pink stroller. I want a game or two for my DS.
I want a Breckenridge Buckaroo Cheerleader Bobblehead doll. I want some new clothes for my doll and for myself.
We will leave you some cookies and milk at my new house. I have been a good girl and I can't wait for Christmas.
Love,
Emma Hagler
5 Years Old

P.S. I've enjoyed having our house elf, Buddy, this year. I hope he's put in a good word for me.
Dear Santa,
My brother tells me you're the man to talk to this time of year. It was really nice to meet your this week.
I've been really good in my short little life (probably even better than brother). I don't do much yet, but I would like anew baby swing and a stand-up play table. I would also like a pretty baby doll and some new dresses and even though I'm still little, I'd like some jewelry. A girl can never have too much jewelry you know!
Well, I'm so excited about my first Christmas and I can't wait to see you,
Love,
Harper Dillard
Age 8 Weeks

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like a race car and a transformer. My favorite super hero is Batman, so I would also like a costume so I can look just like him. I will leave you some cookies and a glass of milk for you when you stop by my house.
Love,
Haiden

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a big doll house, Barbie furniture and a boy barbie.
Love,
Haley Phillips
I Love You Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,
This year I would like an Optimus Prime transformer and only ONE!!! Mommy and Daddy said I can only get one.
Um...oh year, a bicycle, too.
I would like a choo choo train with a track and a dancing guy that moved his legs.
I want a lot of things. Like a tower, Astroboy the movie and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.
I have been good and I want toys!
I am done,
Thanks,
Hayden G. Pancake
4 1/2 Years Old
San Angelo



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We moved to Breckenridge and we will have some cookies for you at our new house!
Have a great Christmas!
Love,
Drew Hagler
8 years old

Dear Santa,
Tank-too for my presents last year! I've had lots of fun with them! This year I would like to ask for a big girl kitchen to go in my playroom Josh made me. Some outside toys, cause I love playing outside. Some rain boots would be great, for when Momma tells me it's too wet to go outside.
Daddy's boo-boo on his leg is better. Bubba needs a new chain; he broke his. Please bring my Sissies something too.
Momma says I'm all she ever needs, so I guess bring me her toy. I've been a pretty good girl this year, I think everyone calls me their sweet baby girl.
I will leave you some milk in my favorite orda cup and a snack on my table.
Tank-too and Kisses!
Tristin Snow

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like to have a truck with a trailer, some farm animals, and a hot wheel to drive outside with my big brother Ryan.
If it is not too much trouble, could I also get you to stop by Mexico to pickup my Daddy? He has been there deer hunting and I am ready for him to come home.
I promise to leave plenty of cookies and milk.
Love, Ryder Reed
2 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a piano and another piano, one for Barrett and one for Daddy. Oh and one for mommy, too. And I want a real kid blue gun and one for Gussy too!!!
Thank you,
Cadence Nickerson
Age Almost 4
My B-Day is Dec. 20th

Dear Santa,
I am not quite one yet. I was born on New Year's Eve last year. So, this is my first Christmas and requesting presents!
I am a very happy little girl and love everyone. I enjoy playing with my baby dolls and brother's toys. Since he doesn't like sharing, could you please give me some girlie cars and trucks.
I really like helping mom folding laundry. So maybe a little cleaning set would be nice.
Also, a little girl can never have too many dresses or dolls.
The thing I would like most to see EVERYONE HAPPY and LOVED!
Amen,
Morgan Q. Pancake
11 months
San Angelo

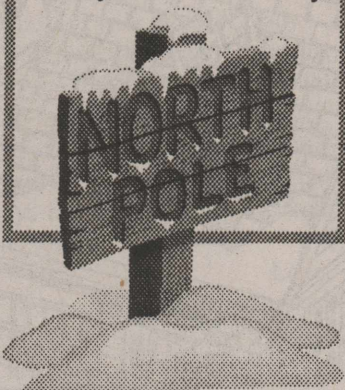
Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear, a new clock, new shoes and a Dora makeup doll.
I will leave you milk and cookies.
I would also like some lipstick.
Love, Madison Buchanan
4 years old



All Signs Point To Christmas!

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This is the premier sports, fitness, and recreation event of the year. The Abilene Ruff Riders will again be at the Sports & Fitness EXPO to meet the public and sign autographs. There will also be brand new contests and great prizes for all ages. There will be morning and afternoon contests for Youth and Open Divisions. This will feature the Kick-Off for Youth League Registrations for the entire community.

If you would like more information visit the website at <http://www.wtxsports-expo.com/#> or contact Jon Smith, 325-692-AYSA (2972).



SANTA SURPRISED THE LAP AND LAPSIT CHILDREN—last Wednesday morning at the Cross Plains Public Library. He visited with the children and gave them candy canes and bags full of goodies.

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Merry Christmas from the Cross Plains Public Library

by Carol Walt, 2008

'Twas the night before Christmas way out in Cross Plains
Where prairie fires rage and the sky never rains,
Where coyotes howl and cattle are lowing,
Through dust storms and hail storms and wind just a'blowing.
None of this can diminish our cheer.
We're geared up for Christmas time early this year.
You ask what may make us so jolly and merry
It's 'cause the whole town is quite literary.
Our townsfolk love books, and they're really quite smart,
They take Texas authors right straight to their heart,
With book signings, dinners, and public events.
They all support reading. It only makes sense.
We've a library and top-notch Librarian.
And a festival day for Conan Barbarian.

Though snow may be falling and sleet may be peltin'
We troop off downtown to greet Elmer Kelton.
We'll brave a Blue Norther and occasional showers
And go "Meet the Author," our own Carlton Stowers.
We'll invite Dromgoole. (He'll come if we feed him!)
We'll be in his column for all who may read him.
The New York Times has its "best-seller list,"
But we like our books with a West Texas twist.
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If you are a writer or just want to be,
Come out to Cross Plains and I promise you'll see.
Our boots may be muddy and caked with manure,
But we're all devoted to literature.
It may sound corny, perhaps a bit trite:
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good WRITE!"

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VOTING DELEGATES REPRESENTING THE CALLAHAN-SHACKELFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU AT THE 76TH ANNUAL TEXAS FARM BUREAU CONVENTION IN FORT WORTH WERE (LEFT) SAM AND MARY ANN SNYDER AND (RIGHT) PHIL AND CAROLYN WILLIAMS.

Farm Bureau Leaders attend Annual Convention

Four voting delegates from Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 76th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention December 5th-7th held in Fort Worth.

They were: Sam and Mary Ann Snyder of Moran and Phil and Carolyn Williams of Hamby.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved

recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Seattle, WA.

Addressing the delegates were Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo, TFB president and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director. The business session covered the final day of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

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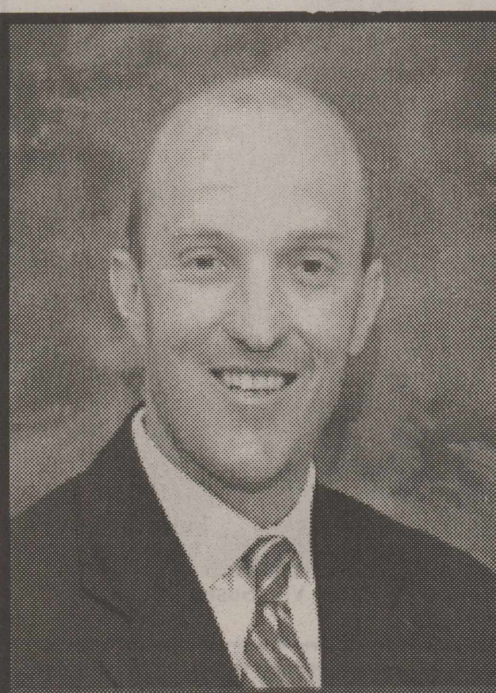
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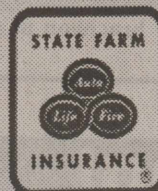
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ACCEPTING RECOGNITION AWARD FROM CITY OF C.P.—Mayor Ray Purvis (center left) presents plaque to Dr. John Humphrey. Dr. Kincheloe (far left) and Director Susan Jones (far right) look on.



SPECIAL LUNCHEON—Dr. Albert Kincheloe (from left), Dr. John Humphrey and Dr. JoAnne Paulk at the ResourceCare luncheon honoring Dr. Humphreys years of service and welcoming Dr. Paulk back to Cross Plains.



RESOURCECARE EMPLOYEES—C.J. Ratliff, (from left), Kristi Via, Susan Maxwell, Charlotte Lee and Cindy Payne.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP ENJOYED—A large crowd attended the luncheon at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

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Editor's Note: This poem was composed following the snow that fell several weeks ago, and if you didn't see it in the moonlight, you missed a wondrous sight. However, you can visualize it through the words of Priscilla's poem that is so appropriate during this season of celebrating Christ's birth. **Vanda Anderson**

Moonlight on the Snow
December 2, 2009
Priscilla Perry
Cross Plains, Texas

There's moonlight on new fallen snow,
Ice in the trees is all aglow.
Snow drifts about as soft winds blow,
Making a glistening light show.

My wonder continues to grow.
When I ask forgiveness, I know,
My sins become whiter than snow.
That is why I love Jesus so!

To me, snow is a real delight,
Especially in bright moonlight.
What a beautiful, Holy sight,
God's spirit is here this night.

There's moonlight on the snow tonight,
A big full moon shining so bright,
That it is almost like daylight.
Was Jesus born on such a night?



Christmas Tree or Nativity

By Geneva (Wilcoxon) Nelson

Christmas tree or nativity, which one do you choose?
One is relly pretty, one spreads the good news.

One will hold your treasure and presents underneath.
One will strengthen life and give you your belief.

One takes lots of money, one takes lots of strength.
One we simply pay for, One forces us to think.

Christmas tree or nativity, we blend them into ONE.
They both belong to God when it is all said and done.

It's A Boy!

Claren and Stacey Sliger are proud to announce the birth of their son,
Caleb Deacon Sliger

Caleb was born on December 15, 2009 at 12:38 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 0 oz. and was 21 inches long.

His proud paternal grandparents are David and Lenell Sliger.

His proud maternal grandparents are Victor and Karen Pena

Paternal great grandparents are Roy Sliger and Clarence and Nelda Evett

Maternal great grandparents are Lydia Pena and Kenneth and Glenda Montfort

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