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Visiting Santa Claus — Jim Bob Cozart and his grandsons, Remington (left) and Colton enjoyed telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas.



Kaleidoscope — Local shop remained open for the festivities Friday evening with drawings by Quida Bien for free items at the store located on Main Street.

"Christmas in Cross Plains" and "Santa Comes to Town" Stirred the Spirit of the Season

By Vanda Anderson-Draper
Editor

Last Friday evening was the perfect night for "Santa to Come to Town", sponsored by the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, and "Christmas in Cross Plains" hosted by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce. The air was crisp with a mist falling and Christmas music filled the air of the downtown streets.

The Kiwanis Stew Supper started the festivities off with everyone enjoying a tasty bowl of hot stew and cornbread. The Senior Citizens Center sold desserts to top off the meal and they were delicious.

Matt Sowell, band director for the high school band, and several of his students formed a small brass band and performed

Christmas carols.

Of course, Santa's arrival on the local fire truck was a highlight for the children. The line was long as they eagerly awaited their turn to tell him their wishes and receive a bag of candy.

The children enjoyed making Christmas ornaments at the Cross Plains Public Library as they decorated a tree in the Children's Discovery Center.

Salamander's showed off their new location and various merchandise. A tour of the facility was impressive and the former Custom Tile building will serve Mandi's business well.

Walking down the street, Kaleidoscope was open and displaying a large variety of bling, crosses, travel bags, toys and more! They were holding drawings for a door prizes. You

are sure to find that "just right" Christmas gift here.

Bagley Insurance was playing Christmas music and Ron and Lexie were serving hot wassail.

The windows at Higginbotham's were decorated beautifully and sparkling in the evening light. The store was open to customers and members of the First United Methodist Church were handing out hot chocolate to everyone.

When all the children had visited with Santa, the Kiwanis held a drawing for turkeys and \$25.00 gift certificates. There were lots of happy winners.

Hats off to the Kiwanis and the Chamber of Commerce for their dedication to providing the fun-filled event. It allowed lots of folks to fellowship at this "special" time of year.

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Salamander's Moves Locations

Salamander's Apparel has moved to their new home at 117 North Main Street here in Cross Plains (formerly Custom Tile and next to Texas Heritage Bank).

The first day of business in the new building was Monday, November 28th. We also have a new office contact number for your convenience (254-270-4395). The fax number is 254-270-0285. Business hours will continue to be Monday-Friday 12 p.m. - 6:00

p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and closed Sunday.

We offer Wise X-press Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services Monday through Friday. Drop off by 1:30 p.m., for next day delivery.

Salamander's offers screen printing and embroidery to meet your every need. Come in and see our wide selection of apparel, caps and more. We personalize shirts, caps, jackets, sweaters, hoodies and much more.

Come by and get a unique Christmas gift for your spouse or loved one. Currently there are six festive Christmas t-shirt designs for the holiday season.

Salamander's is looking forward to many more years of serving Cross Plains and the surrounding area. Drop in for a visit and see what we have to offer.

Submitted by
Mandi Sowell

Open House at Hardwick's Farmers Market Saturday, December 10th

Hardwick's Farmers Market will be hosting an Open House Saturday, December 10th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. celebrating the Christmas season. Mike and Janna Hardwick, owners of the local business, invite you to come by and visit and check out all their merchandise.

The business features Texas Rustic Furniture and outdoor living items (furniture, decorative items, plants, etc.). The famous Tyler candles, available in several sizes, make great Christmas gifts. In their market section, they have pecans and nuts, and various produce—

something for everyone!

Hardwick's Farmers Market encourages you to sign up for drawings for give aways.

Be sure to drop by and take a tour of the business located at 100 S.W. 6th Street (corner of Highway 36 and Hwy 206). They will make you feel right at home!

"Food for Fines" Collects 121 Pounds of Food for Local Pantry

It's that time of year again when everyone gets in the holiday spirit and we all are busy buying gifts for family and friends. Why not remember strangers who are less fortunate than you this year?

The Cross Plains Food Pantry is here all year long helping our neighbors feed their families. The winter months are especially hard for some or our folks and the pantry is always in need of items.

Why not help them AND help the Cross Plains Public Library by bringing non-perishable food to

the library during the holidays?

Do you have an overdue book fine at the Cross Plains Public Library? Pay your fine, earn \$\$ for the library and help out those in need in your community all at the same time by paying your fine in canned goods.

Each item of non-perishable food brought to the library is good for \$1 toward your fine. Thanks to the Trull Foundation, the library will be reimbursed with dollars for the amount of each fine collected with food.

The pantry is in need of canned goods and staples, but all items are accepted. Of course, if you don't have any fines, you can still bring your non-perishable items to the library and help this worthy cause.

In November we collected 121.5 pounds of food, representing \$91.15 in fines. December's featured items needed at the pantry are green beans and peas.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

James L. Wages Presents "Sincerely Elvis" To Benefit Diabetes Association

James L. Wages will be presenting "Sincerely Elvis" on December 9th, sponsored by the Lake Brownwood Lions Club.

Wages is a well-known Elvis impersonator in this area and has a great following.

There will be a barbecue sandwich meal from 6 to 7 p.m. and the show is from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for children.

The Lake Brownwood Lions Club invites you to come out and enjoy the event that will benefit the Diabetes Association. They are located at 6751 North Highway 279. For additional information, contact Jean 325-213-0344.

Annual Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball set for December 9th

The Oplin Community Center will host THE GRAND OPLIN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL on December 9, 2011. TEXAS CRUDE will be joining us to help get you in the mood for the Christmas Holidays. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$8.00 per person. Snacks will be provided but you are also welcome to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Our Christmas Ball will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to wear dressy-dress (think red) or country casual (think red some more).

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin's Annual Christmas Ball for an evening of good music, good friends and a good time. We wish you all a very, Merry Christmas and the safest of holidays.

Candlelight Service at Rowden Baptist Church

Rowden Baptist Church, located twelve miles west of Cross Plains on Highway 36 at Rowden, will be hosting a Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The congregation invites everyone to attend this celebration of the birth of Our Lord

Jesus Christ.

The Church will host "The Lord's Supper", following the Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary.

Refreshments of finger foods, chips, dips, etc. will be served, immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

Benefit Musical Friday Night in Rising Star

The historical Old Market Building located in Rising Star has been restored and a Benefit Musical is scheduled for Friday, December 9th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Class of 1957 band will be performing first and an opportunity will be provided for those who would like to dance afterwards.

Admission is \$5.00 per person and students are free. The proceeds will be applied to the cost of replacing the roof, new windows, preparing a kitchen

area, restrooms, etc. Even the old "Star" on top has been restored and will be lit Friday evening!

Star Pride will be furnishing refreshments and everyone is encouraged to come out and see the Old Market Building back in use at 202 South Main (South Hwy 183) in Rising Star just south of the red light on the right.

Jo Sledge has been the driving force for the project and she would love to see the historical building filled with people once again!

Don't forget Friday night!!!!!!

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS!

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 14th. The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 22nd issue.

Mail To: Santa Claus c/o Cross Plains Review P.O. Box 519 Cross Plains, TX 76443

Texas Heritage Bank

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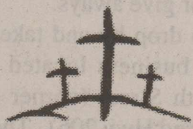
COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

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Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm

Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 Cell 325-220-1717
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Obituary

Donald Mac (Don) Thornton

Donald Mac (Don) Thornton, age 73, of Cross Plains passed away on December 2, 2011 in the Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene, after a longtime battle with the after effects of Leukemia. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2011, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Rick Austin officiating; burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery.

He was born May 24, 1938 to Phillip Morgan Thornton and wife Juanita (McNabb) Thornton in Abilene, Texas. He married Frances Claudia Wilson, from the Cross Plains-Cottonwood Community, on April 12, 1958 in the Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Frances of Cross Plains; daughter, Gayla Lynn Thornton Trojcek and husband Bo of Potosi; son, Steve Leslie Thornton and wife Trenia of Abilene; grandchildren Kelly Russell, Wade Trojcek, Tanya Brandon, Jerry Don Thornton, Dakota Thornton, Jacob Thornton, Reno Thornton, Andrew Parker and Coletan McQuade; great-grandchildren Shelby Russell, Halli Russell, Hunter Thornton, Haize Thornton, Brylee Moore, Kaden Thomas, Ryland Trojcek and Bode Trojcek.

The family would like to extend a very special thanks to Dr. Tony Melnyk and his staff of the Texas Cancer Center of Abilene and longtime family physician Dr. Raul Calvo and wife Susie of Baird; also the wonderful business staff, nurses and aides of Coronado Nursing Home, Unit 1. Our thanks also to the Hendrick Hospice of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ray Thornton and a sister, Nancy Felton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ben Richey Boys Ranch, Abilene; Cross Plains Public Library; Cottonwood Historical Society; or the donor's favorite charity.



DUANE SHERIFF COMING TO EASTLAND COUNTY

Duane Sheriff is the senior pastor of Victory Life Church in Durant, Oklahoma. He is gifted with an anointing and ability to communicate the simplicity of the Gospel. He believes a personal and intimate relationship with the Lord is essential for every believer. His desire is to see the body of Christ walk together in unity.

It becomes evident as Pastor Duane opens his heart that God has bestowed on him an abundance of divine revelation, which pours forth as he shares and ministers the Word. His personal presentation of the Gospel resurrects hope and ignites faith in the hearts of God's people.

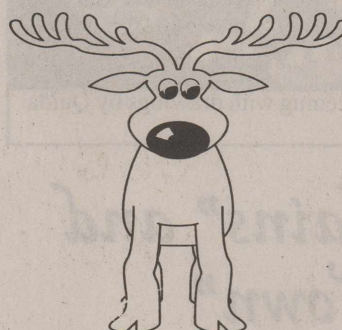
Pastor Duane began a free teaching tape/CD ministry in 1984. His insatiable desire was to make the Word of God available to everyone, regardless of financial circumstances, and that dream burned in his heart. Many times, it seemed, the people who needed the teachings the most were the least able to afford them. The fruit of this dream has resulted in the distribution of well over ten million free tapes and CDs.

The main priority of Pastor Duane and his wife Sue is the home. Their emphasis on and

Remember Santa At The Bank



Enjoy the Season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information, then return your gifts to the bank by Wednesday, December 14, 2011. The gifts will be picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable amount to spend on the gift is \$25-30. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls and video games, sports related items, sweaters, and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might enjoy legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need, please call Pat Stephens with your information. (Home 725-6819 or School 725-6123). Also, Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you so much to all for helping the children of our community.



commitment to the family have resulted in the strength and growth of Duane Sheriff Ministries and Victory Life Church based in Durant, OK. Victory Life is one church in multiple locations, as well as an online virtual church, at www.dsheriff.org.

River of Life Church is hosting this exciting conference beginning Sunday morning, December 11th, at 10:00am and continuing Sunday - Wednesday, December 11th - 14th, at 7:00pm nightly.

Pastoral/Leadership Training is Monday and Tuesday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.

On Wednesday night, ROL's Element Youth will host Jacob Sheriff at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:00pm. Element Youth is for all students, grades 6-12.

River of Life Church is located at 1247 East Main, Eastland, TX, 254-629-1015, www.riveroflife

Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Callan Jeffrey Connally, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Efrain Franco, affidavit of surety to surrender and issuance of warrant granted.

Jodi D. Walton, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Tandy Marie Morrow, request for extension of probation granted.

Garrett R. Belshe, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Joe Marion Stoker of Cross Plains and Hillary Beth Giles of Arlington.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

David J. Guerrero, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Billie Jo Parker, plea of guilty to forgery, 4 year probation, \$500 fine, \$334 court costs, \$587.83 restitution.

Keith Haskell Christensen, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Cirilo Rodriguez, plea of guilty to theft, 9 months in jail,

Baird First Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The community is invited to the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at First Presbyterian Church of Baird, 104 E. 4th Street. The service begins at 6:00 pm and is very casual.

The evening will include special music, "Words from Mary" and the beautiful Christmas story read by members of the church family. Dr. Mark Waters will lead the service.

Since 1975 First Presbyterian Church of Baird has held the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Church members invite friends and family to join them in the special evening of celebration.

\$334 court costs.

Bryan B. Taylor, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Michael Cowley, judgment revoking probation granted.

Michael W. Brown, motion to dismiss to unlawful possession of a firearm by felon granted for plea to other case.

Marcus A. Johnson, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$344 court costs.

James Cordell Maddie, Jr., end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Civil Filings

Jamie K. Gray and Christopher B. Gray, divorce.

Heather Lynn McKinney and Billy Jack McKinney, divorce.

Michael Leslie Monsey and Breanna Marquis Monsey, divorce.

Civil Minutes

State of Texas vs. 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, default judgment granted.

Wayne Boyd vs. Texas Workforce Commission and Winn Dixie Stores, Inc., order granting plaintiff's motion for non-suit.

Jarrah Paige and Brenton Calvin McNutt, divorce granted.

Debra Andrews and Jerry Andrews, divorce granted.

Thank You God for your Generous Rain to Heal our Land

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday

Sunday

Morning Worship

Evening Worship

10:45 am

6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443
www.firstbaptistcp.com

Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Folks of All Ages Attended — Mozelle Richardson (from left), Baby Kayden and Hazel Bigbee.



Great Fellowship at Cottonwood Fire Control Group Appreciation Dinner — John Bennett (from left), Fred St. Peter and Harold Strahan are pictured. Photos courtesy of Teri Brown.

We woke up Monday morning to a winter wonderland scene with all the snow covered the ground here in Cottonwood. The roads are slick and froze again overnight. Some folks have gotten stuck on the roads.

We want to express sympathy to Frances Thornton and the family in the loss of Don Thornton. They're in our hearts and prayers. Don passed away on Friday, December 2nd. The services were held in Cross Plains on Monday and he was buried in Clyde that afternoon.

Everyone had a great time at the Fire Control Appreciation Dinner held Thursday night. There

was lots of food. We greatly appreciate all our friends, neighbors and supporters who came out and had dinner with us. It was nice to meet new neighbors. A special thanks to the volunteers who furnished the food for the dinner.

Arnie and Diane Smith, Shelia and Adrian Allen, and Bob and Marsha Ossowski, all Cottonwood folks, served up a great bowl of stew at the Kiwanis Christmas event last Friday night.

There was a good crowd at the musical Friday. Bryan Bennett's chili was a hit! Folks enjoyed the music and the special Christmas music. Unfortunately, the power

went out in Cottonwood and ended the musical a little early.

Saturday, December 17th, is the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's Holiday Bake Sale. They'll be in front of Lowe's/Super S Foods starting at 9 a.m. with all kinds of baked goodies.

If you'd like to bake something for the sale, you can bring it to the bake sale that morning, or give me a call at 254-725-7369 and we can have someone pick it up from you Friday.

The holidays are coming. If you have family come in for the holidays, let me know and we'll mention them in the column. Call 254-725-7369 with your news.

Freedom Radio

Freedom Radio, a world-wide Internet radio station, has been broadcasting from Cross Plains, Texas for the past two years. The station has reached listeners on four continents and more than ten states.

Freedom Radio has used volunteer DJ's from Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, Colorado, Dallas and Detroit, as well as from the United Kingdom. All that is needed to receive the broadcast is a computer, speakers and an Internet connection. A high speed connection is recommended.

This year Freedom Radio is looking to expand its local listening base and upgrade to handle more listeners. Ready-to-read advertising spots of up to 15 seconds will be free to local businesses., and the last part of December will feature not only some rarely-heard Christmas tunes, but also mixed in will be the familiar mix of great country, rock, pop and big band from the 1940's to the present.

Special shows include Pattycake Mom's Gospel Hour Show on Sunday mornings and Big Bob's syndicated Memory Lane show on Saturday mornings. To listen to the station, go to <http://www.freedomradio1.net>

The room player should let you hear what's playing, and there is a chat room on the same page if you want to meet other listeners or make song requests.

For more information, call Tom or Angela McDaniel at 725-6702.

Library Notes

New Hours for the Library

Monday 1- 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1-5 p.m.
Thursday 1-5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY
Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2011

Patrons: 114
Books Checked Out: 189
Programs: 8
LAP 2
Lapsit 6
Copies: 86
Internet Users: 50
Reference: 12
Interlibrary Loan: 2

Memorials:

Vonnie Rutherford
In Memory of William (Don) Brown

Cross Plains High Class of 1954
In Memory of Ola Owdia Queen

Donations:

Callahan County

Books and Miscellaneous

Donations:

Jim Isbell
Curt and Ginny Hoskins
Aaron Evans
Sue Bennett

Volunteers:

Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Gene Dillard
Wilma Lawrence
Azalee Womack

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.



YOU Could BE The Business of the Month

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is wanting to recognize your business. Starting January 2012 we will select a local business of the month! You will display a plaque in your business for that month and the chamber will advertise and promote your business.

We need a history of your business, how many employees, how long you have been in business, products you sell, etc. If you would mail this info to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 233, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or get it ready and we will pick it up. We will only implement this program to the local businesses who respond.

You DO have to be a member of the chamber to receive this honor. This was an oversight of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce in the last publication. You must be a member of the chamber to qualify. Please respond ASAP, as January is just around the corner and we would like to be ready.

Thank you for your attention to this. The chamber appreciates your support. For any questions contact the Cross Plains Chamber at 254-725-7251 or email crossplainschamber@yahoo.com. Our physical location is 225 SW 5th Street (Hwy 36).

Submitted by
Myleah McNutt
Administrative Assistant
Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 12th— Spanish classes 6:00pm
Tuesday, 13th— 10:00am Games
Wednesday, 14th—Blood Pressure Checks by Girling
Thursday, 15th— 10:00am Games
Friday, 16th— Help For Veterans: Call for Information & Appt.

Senior Center is collecting the following during the month of December:

Shampoo	Individually Wrapped Candy
Body Wash	Travel Size/Hotel samples Toiletries
Conditioner	Individual Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate
Loofas	Sugar Free Candy
Notepads	Lotion
Pens	Tootpaste/Toothbrush
Gloves	Pet Food
Scarves	

If you, your business or local organization would like to collect these items, please drop off at the Senior Citizens Center or Call Amber Thomas at 254-725-6521 or 325-201-3342

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

Holiday Schedule

Listed below are the holidays the Center will be closed. NO MEALS OR ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE!

DECEMBER 23, 2011	MAY 28, 2012
DECEMBER 26, 2011	JULY 4, 2012
JANUARY 2, 2012	SEPTEMBER 3, 2012
APRIL 6, 2012	

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 12—DECEMBER 16

MONDAY- Smothered Chicken, Rice, Peas, Bread/Dessert and Drink
TUESDAY- Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Corn, Dessert and Drink
WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Joes, Pork-n-Beans, Onions, Pickles, Dessert and Drink
THURSDAY- Sweet-n-Sour Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread/ Dessert and Drink
FRIDAY- Beef Stew, Turnip Greens, Bread/Dessert and Drink

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

ADOPT A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS

Would you or your business like to adopt a Senior for Christmas? There are approximately 100 Seniors that either get a home delivered meal or come to The Cross Plains Senior Center to eat lunch each day. For many, this is the only meal they receive and/or the only human connection they have each day. The Senior Citizens Center would like to make the holidays a little more special for those Seniors with your help.

Last year, we started a Christmas for Seniors program for all home delivered clients but many clients that come to the center have unmet needs also. A letter went home with all home delivered clients and they were to list their needs and

wants. Most all wrote they would like items like cat/dog food, shoes or socks. Only one big item was requested and it was a heater which a family was able to bless them with. My point to this is their wants and needs are small but they get very lonely this time of year. If they know that SOMEONE cares for them it can really help their spirits.

In addition to the Wish List items, we would GREATLY APPRECIATE gifts of fruit, food items that can be easily opened by our participants, gift cards to local eateries, toiletries and etc.. Many do NOT ask for a thing because they felt others needed it worse. I would like to be able to prepare for those a gift basket.

If you are willing to help, please contact the center at 254-725-6521.

Your donation of items can be delivered to the person you wish to adopt or you may bring them to The Center and we can deliver it for you.

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

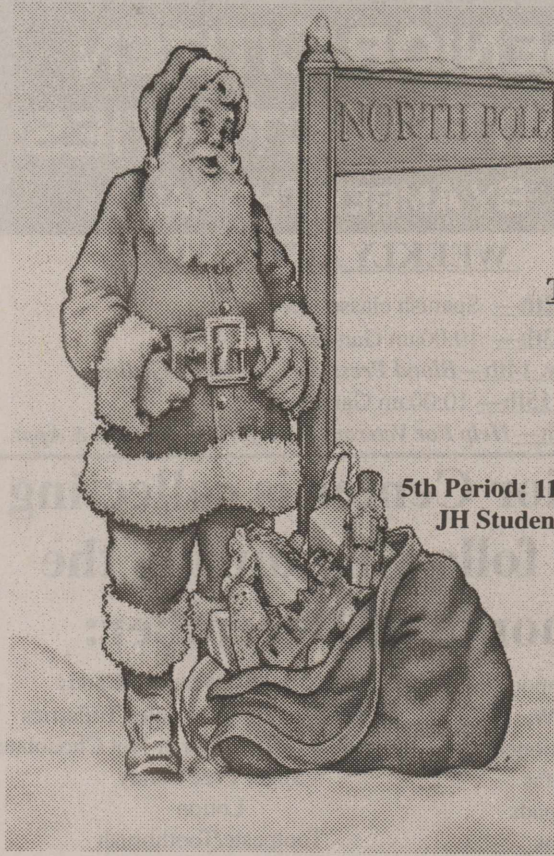
Open House

The Kirkham's would be blessed by your presence at the

Christmas Open House

20235 FM 2707
Friday, December 9, 2011
6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Come and join us!!!
Food, Fellowship and warm Christmas Blessings!!!



Final Exam Schedule 1st Semester

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Class Periods 1,3,5,7 will test

Thursday, December 15, 2011
Class Periods 2,4,6,8 will test

Testing Times

1st & 2nd Period: 8:00 - 9:30
3rd & 4th Period: 9:40 - 11:20
5th Period: 11:25 - 12:25=Use both Tues. & Thurs. for testing
JH Students remain with 4th Period teacher until their scheduled lunch time
5th & 6th Period: 12:55 - 2:15
7th & 8th Period: 2:17 - 3:37

Lunches

JH Lunch 11:50 - 12:20
HS Lunch 12:25 - 12:55

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 12 — DECEMBER 16

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
TUESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice and Milk
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

MONDAY - Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Apple and Milk
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches and Milk
WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad (chili beans, corn chips, salad, rice & cheese), Pineapple Tidbits and Milk
THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/Meat sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Mixed Fruit and Milk
FRIDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Ice Cream and Milk



HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

THC accepting applications for diversity internship

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) seeks to increase the diversity of professionals working in historic preservation by offering a \$5,000 stipend provided by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission for an eight-week internship with the THC. Applicants should be U.S. citizens of African, Hispanic/Latino, Asian or Native American/Hawaiian/Alaskan heritage and should be Texas residents attending an accredited four-year college or university as a

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Immunization Clinics Announced in Callahan County

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan County. Flu vaccine will be available.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 12th
Cross Plains Housing Authority
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Wednesday, December 14th
Clyde First Baptist Church
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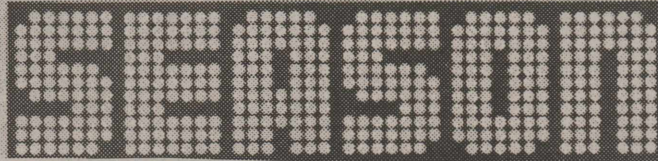


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Basketball



Cross Plains 2011-2012 Basketball Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS
11/8	5:00 p	Coleman	Home	JVG-VG
11/10-12	TBA	Coleman Tournament		JVG-VG
11/15	5:00 p	Comanche	There	JVG-VG
11/17,19	TBA	Cross Plains JH/JV Tourney		JHG-JVG
11/18	6:00 p	Roscoe	There	VG
11/21	5:00 p	Rising Star	There	JVB-VG-VB
11/22	6:30 p	Gordon	Home	VG-VB
12/1-3	TBA	Dublin Dr. Pepper Tourney		VG-VB
12/6	5:00 p	Zephyr	There	JVG-VG-VB
12/8-10	TBA	Cross Plains Tournament	There	JVG-VG
12/13	6:00 p	Santa Anna	There	VG
12/16	6:00 p	Roscoe	Home	JVG-VG
12/29	TBA			
12/30	1:00 p	Aspermont	There	JVG-VG
1/3	6:30 p	Rotan (JVG@Panther Creek)	There	JVG-VG
1/6	6:00 p	*Ranger	Home	JVG-VG
1/10	5:00 p	*Albany	There	JVG-VG-VB
1/14	5:00 p	*Eula	Home	JVG-VG-VB
1/17	5:00 p	*DeLeon	Home	JVG-VG-VB
1/17,19	TBA	Winters JV Tourney		JVG-VB
1/20	5:00 p	*Santo	There	JVG-VG-VB
1/24	5:00 p	*Ranger	There	JVG-VG-VB
1/27	5:00 p	*Albany	Home	JVG-VG-VB
1/31	5:00 p	*Eula	There	JVG-VG-VB
2/3	5:00 p	*DeLeon	There	JVG-VG-VB
2/7	5:00 p	*Santo	Home	JVG-VG-VB

Boys Coach Daniel Purvis Boys Coach Mitchell Atchley Girls Coach Jo Jo Morgan
Girls Coach Jeff Blackburn

Cross Plains Junior High Boys-Girls 2011-2012 Basketball Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAM(S)
11/7	5:00 p	Santa Anna	There	AG
11/14	5:00 p	Ranger	Home	BG-AG-AB
11/17&19	TBA	Cross Plains Tourney	Home	AG-AB
11/21	5:00 p	Albany (Two Gyms)	There	BG-AG-BB-AB
11/28	5:00 p	Eula	Home	BG-AG-AB
12/5	5:00 p	DeLeon	Home	BG-BB-AG-AB
12/12	5:00p	Santo	There	BG-BB-AG-AB
1/5,7	TBA	Gordon JH Tourney	There	AG-AB
1/9	5:00p	Ranger	There	BG-BB-AG-AB
1/16	5:00 p	Albany	Home	BG-BB-AG-AB
1/23	5:00 p	Eula	There	BG-AG-AB
1/30	5:00 p	DeLeon	There	BG-BB-AG-AB
2/6	5:00 p	Santo	Home	BG-BB-AG-AB

**THIS WAY TO
Christmas Holidays!**

Friday, December 16, 2011 — School will dismiss at 1:00 Buses will run at 1:10 pm
Christmas Holidays — December 19th through December 30th
Teachers & Staff — Monday, January 2nd will be a day for Staff Development
Students — School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd at regular time.

Thursday, January 12, 2012 — School will dismiss at 1:00 Buses will run at 1:10
Friday, January 13, 2012 — Stock Show — Student Holiday
School will resume on Monday, January 16, 2012

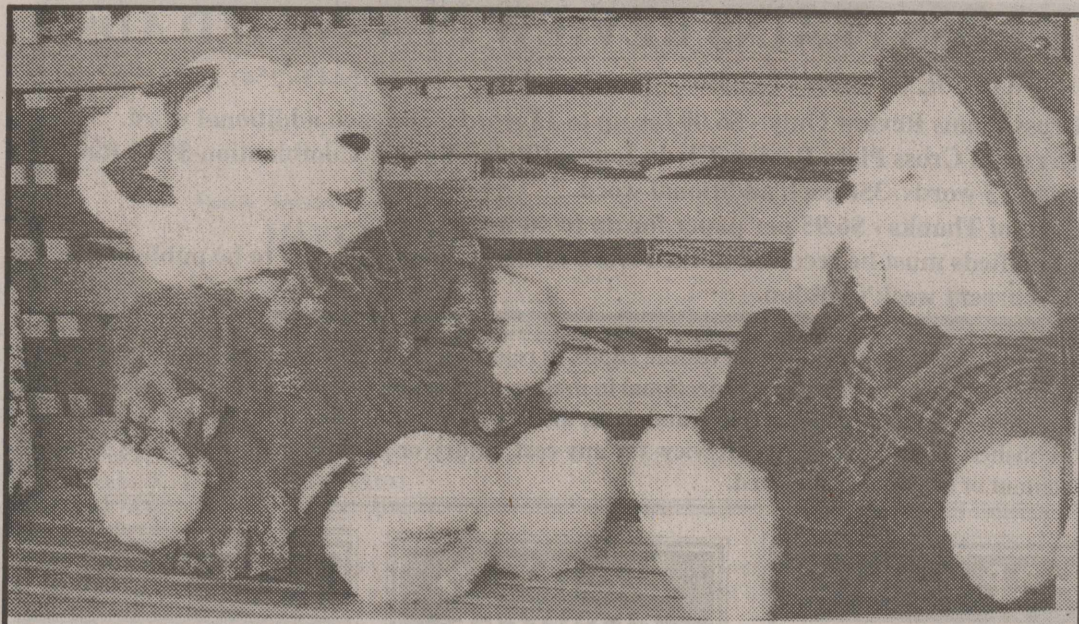
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Look at Santa, on loan to us by

Eddie Strickland, loading up his wheelbarrows with so many items from Higginbotham's shelves. Santa has already visited this house with the presents spread around under the tree. The old-fashioned red and green paper chains were made by the Home Economics classes. And the wooden ornaments were painted by one of our Project Pride members and her daughter many years ago.

Glenn Nixon at Higginbotham's created the western window especially for the Centennial, and has continued to add unique items. We're so glad the restored

wagon is still there adding to the feel of a western Christmas. Have you been in the Gift Shop recently? No need to shop out-of-town when you have this many "special" selections here. The lady in pink formal attire ran in to buy a wall hanging she had looked at earlier. The lights on the white tree reflect on the lovely dishes displayed.

Remember to get out and view the windows up close at night, as that's when the "Spirit of Christmas" really comes to life.

Submitted by
Ann Rone

Photos of Higginbotham Windows

Courtesy of Ann Rone and Arlene Stephenson



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The Mole

Moles are small cylindrical mammals adapted to a subterranean life-style. They have velvety fur and tiny or invisible ears and eyes. Their limbs are short with large paws oriented for digging.

The term mole, especially and more properly used for the true mold, those of the Talpidae family in the Soricomorpha found in most parts of North America, Asia and Europe. A mole diet primarily consists of earthworms and other small invertebrates found in the soil and also a variety of nuts.

Because their saliva contains a toxin that can paralyze an

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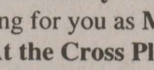
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Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball set for December 15th-17th in Anson

WHAT—Annual re-enactment of the original 1885 Ball that honored area cowboys, their ladies and families. 126 year-old family holiday celebration with traditional western music, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. Open to the public.

WHEN—8pm to 12 midnight, December 15, 16 & 17, 2011 (always the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before December 25th).

***Thursday** — Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band (\$15).

***Friday** — Muddy Creek Band and square dance exhibition (\$5).

***Saturday** — Muddy Creek Band and Texas Santa with candy for the kids (\$5).

WHERE — Historic Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, Texas 79501.

INFORMATION & TICKETS — Please contact Suanne Holtman, suanneholtman@yahoo.com, (325-537-2589) or Nettie Lee (325-823-2159). See musical website at www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com

HISTORY — The first Ball was held in 1885 at Anson's Star Hotel that was later destroyed by fire. The Anson High School old gymnasium hosted the Ball for several years thereafter. Pioneer Hall was built for the Ball in Anson with construction started in 1938 and completed in 1940. The Ball has been there ever since.

The legendary Ball and historic Hall are designated as an official state historical event and site by the Texas Historical Commission to promote historic preservation and celebrate Texas history.

The Ball is memorialized by the famous Larry Chittenden poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press/ New York, 1893). The poem was put to music by Colorado cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham who sang it at the 1946 Ball.

The poem with music was first published in the John Lomax classic book "Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads" (Macmillan Company, 1910). The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s mural in the US Post Office at



MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY AND HIS RIO GRANDE BAND



MUDDY CREEK BAND

Anson and the 1936 water color painting by Maxine Walker Perini on permanent display at Abilene's Grace Museum. It is also the acknowledged genesis for the annual "Cowboy Christmas" concerts held throughout the US by America's #1 Cowboy Singer Michael Martin Murphey. Murphey and his Rio Grande Band have played the Ball for the past 18 years.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association owns as well as maintains Pioneer Hall and conducts the annual 3 day Ball. It is a non-profit Texas corporation organized in 1937, an IRS 501(3)(c) tax exempt public educational charity, and composed of non-paid members who contribute their time, service and resources. The Ball was copyrighted in

1937 and remains the exclusive property of the Association.

1885 Ball rules remain in effect today. Ladies are required to wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen are required to check in hats, guns and spurs. No drinking, fighting, cussing or spitting is allowed in the Hall.

John Compere, Baird Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association

New and improved Historic Sites reopening across Texas

AUSTIN, Texas—From the authentic adobe home of one of El Paso's early civic leaders to the mysterious earthen mounds of East Texas, many of the real places that tell the real stories of early Texas are being restored and rehabilitated through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Historic Sites Program.

The Starr Family Home in Marshall has undergone a major restoration and officially reopened on November 30th. Carpentry repairs, exterior painting true to the home's original 1871 colors, rebuilt windows, and new interior paint colors and restored furnishings all enhance the step-back-in-time experience for visitors to this historic site.

Just down the road at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site new interpretive signage enhances visitor experiences. The three earthen mounds at the site are a testament to the legacy of the Caddo tribe that once thrived there. Improvements to a nearby road established a pedestrian crossway for trail users as part of improvements to the heritage tourism destination.

Casa Navarro State Historic Site in downtown San Antonio is planning a spring reopening

event that will showcase improvements to visitor services and accessibility at the 1830s home of Jos Navarro, who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. Enhancements include extensive exterior preservation, a new visitor reception area, new-air conditioning systems, accessibility improvements, and all new exhibits to highlight the important elements of Navarro's life and contributions to Texas history.

The 1875 Magoffin Home State Historic Site in El Paso is undergoing a \$1 million-plus renovation project that includes a new roof, woodwork and adobe repairs, and restoration of period paint colors and finishes that will make this historic site a must-see destination for El Pasoans and visitors to learn more about the city's vibrant history.

The THC has accomplished much at each of the 18 historic sites transferred from Texas Parks and Wildlife to the agency in January 2008. For more information about the program, contact the THC's Historic Sites Division at 512.463.7948 or visit www.texashistoricsites.com.

2011 a banner year for Texas main street communities

AUSTIN, Texas—Total reinvestment in Main Street districts in Texas between July 2010 and June 2011 totaled nearly \$170 million, including \$73 million in private reinvestment dollars. The information is compiled by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) based on data provided by Main Street managers in participating communities across Texas. The program, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, helps communities implement the Four-Point Approach of preservation-based downtown revitalization which includes organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring.

In addition to reinvestment dollars, 1,300 jobs were created throughout Texas Main Street communities during that same time, and the number of businesses created, expanded, or relocated totaled

350. More than 700 repair and rehabilitation projects to downtown buildings in Texas Main Street communities were completed, as well as 40 projects worth a total of \$26 million in brand new downtown construction. Historic Main Street downtowns experienced the creation of 192 new housing units.

Since its inception in 1981, the Texas Main Street Program has helped generate approximately \$2.4 billion in reinvestment in Texas downtowns and urban neighborhood commercial districts, created more than 27,000 jobs, and established more than 7,000 new businesses. For more information about the Texas Main Street Program, contact the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at 512.463.6092 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

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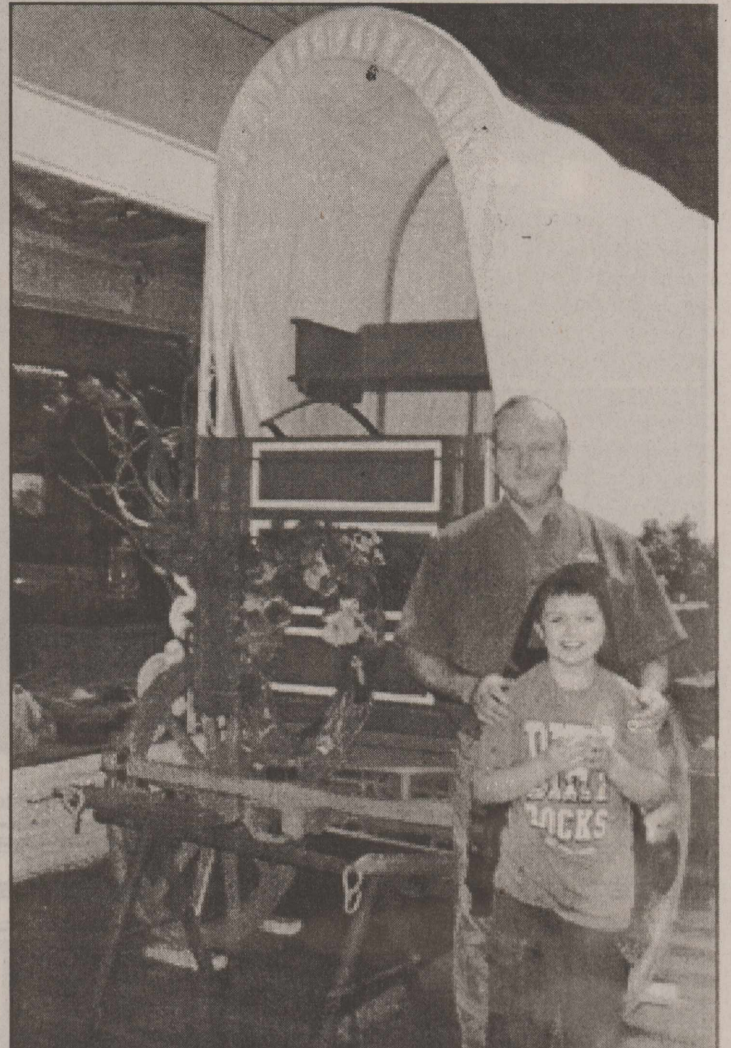


Drawing For Winners — Marsha Ossowski and David Estes help with Kiwanis Giveaways.

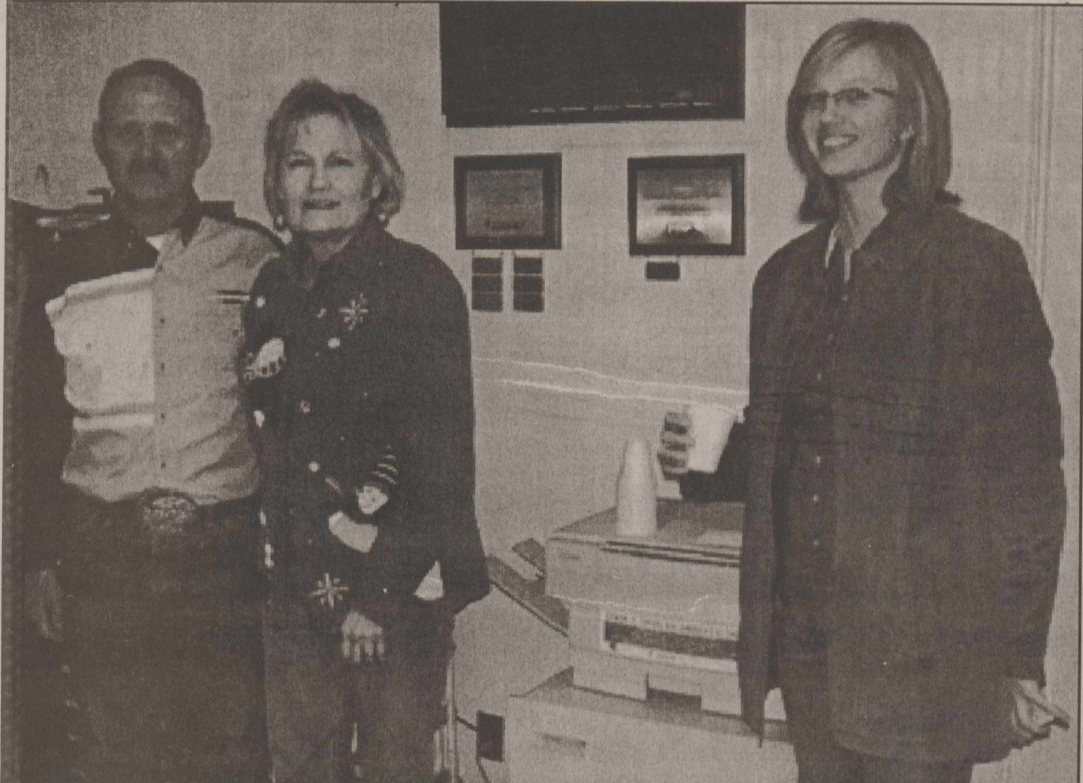


New Location Now Open — Mandi Sowell's business, Salamander's participated in "Christmas in Cross Plains."

*Photos Friday Night's Events
Courtesy of Kellie Draper and
Vanda Anderson-Draper*



Higginbotham's Opened Late — Manager, Vernon Smith and customer, Tyler King stand by the restored covered wagon.



Serving Wassail — Ron and Lexie Bagley (left) offered hot wassail to Judith Tidwell while celebrating Christmas in Cross Plains.



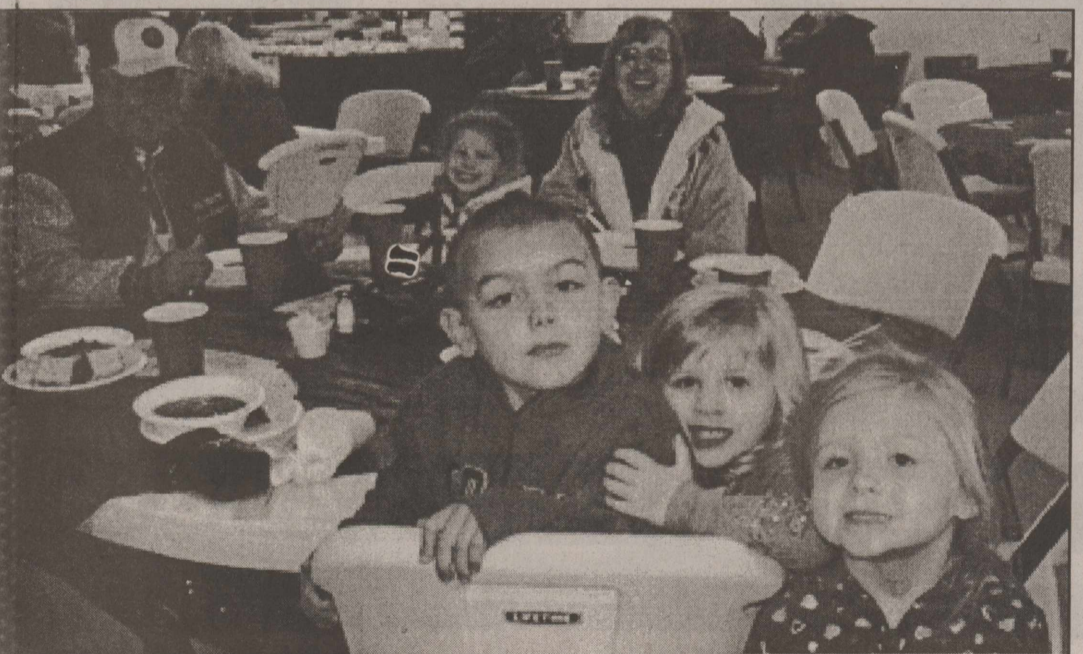
Big Crowd In Attendance — Kiwanis Stew Supper and Santa Claus Comes To Town both drew a large crowd to Celebrate a Cross Plains Christmas.



Making Christmas Tree Ornaments — Cross Plains Library entertained the children.



Table Of Winners — Turkeys and Gift Certificates seemed to end up at this lucky table of winners.



Out With The Grandchildren — Don and Vicci Draper had four little ones at the Stew Supper.



Dessert Table — Vivian Wooten (left) and Thereni McCrohan served all types of goodies.



All Smiles — Everyone enjoyed the Kiwanis Santa Claus Comes To Town Celebration.

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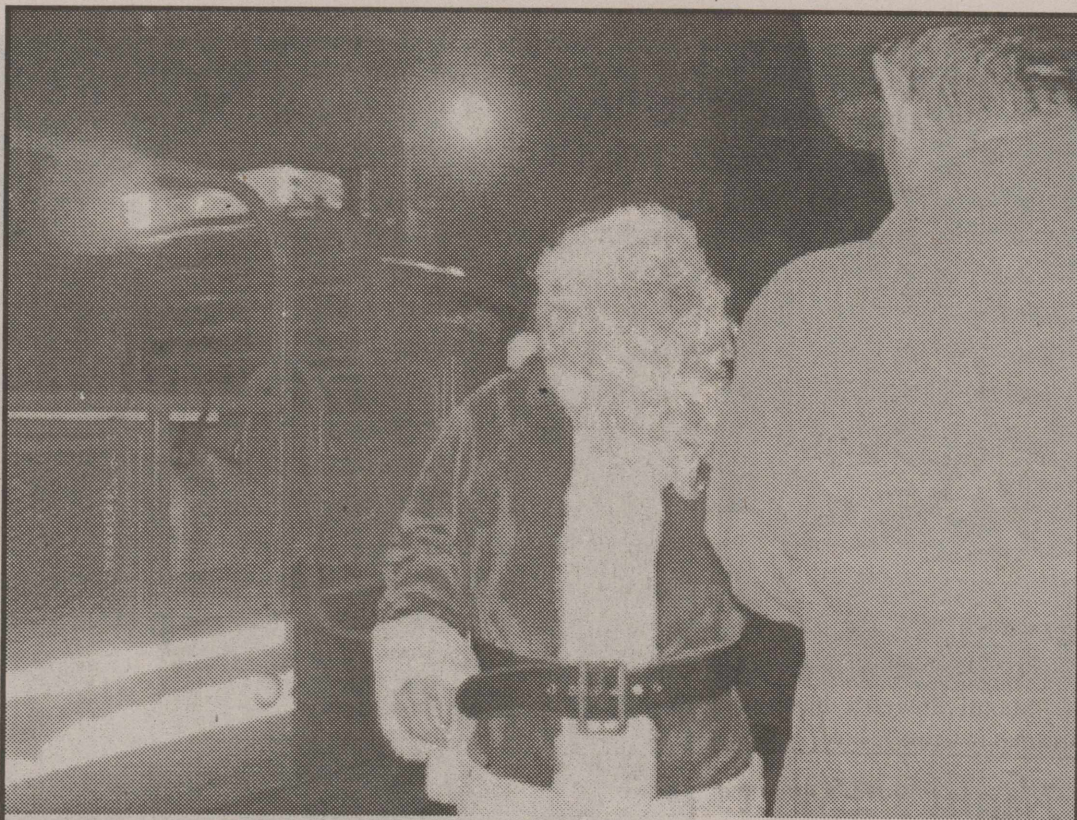
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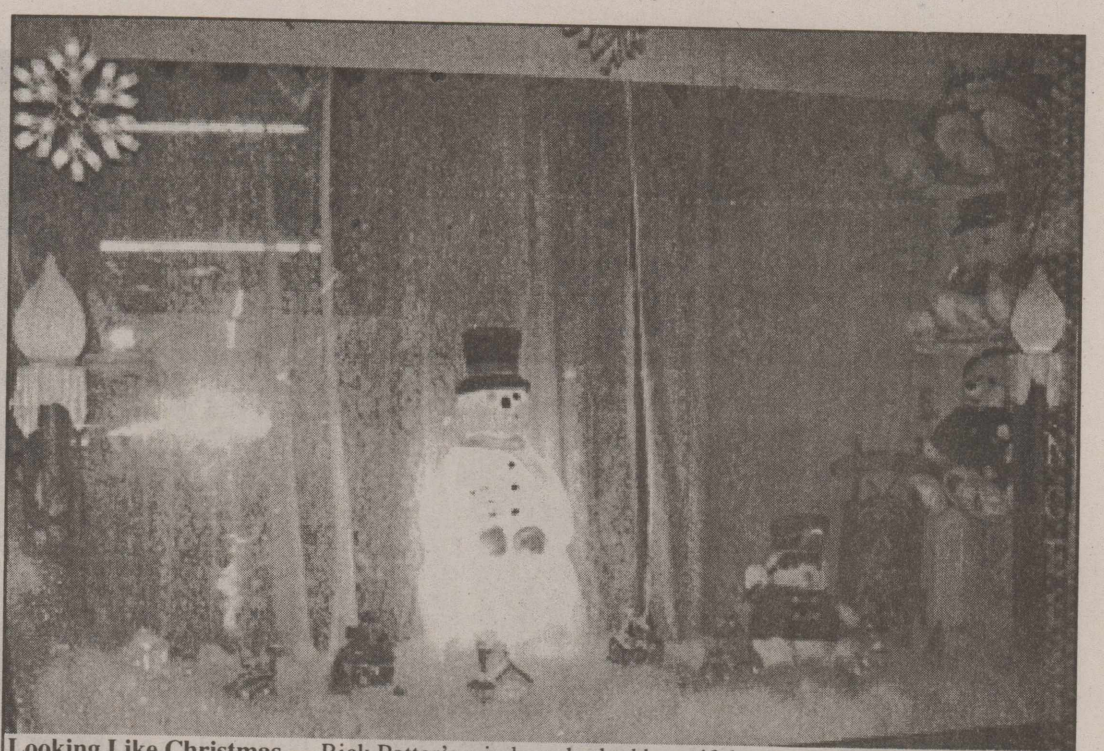
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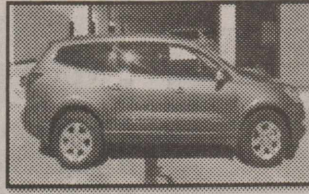
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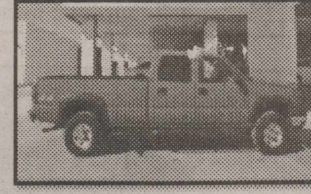
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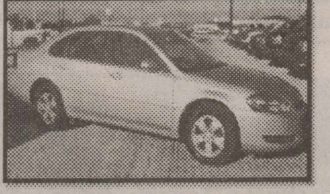
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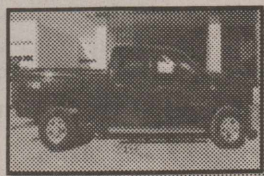


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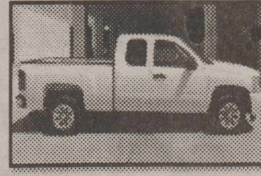
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Rising Star Nursing Center Suffers Heat/Smoke Damage Saturday

The Rising Star Nursing Home suffered fire and smoke damage late Saturday afternoon, December 3rd. An electrical event in the attic resulted in smoke and heat in the building. There was minimal damage to the building, however the electrical repairs will take some time.

Residents were moved to the First Baptist Church Activity building for the night and relocated to other facilities on Sunday.

The Rising Star Nursing Center was in touch with families of our residents and many of our staff

are working in the receiving facilities at this time. We are looking forward to being back in the Rising Star Nursing Center.

A huge thanks to the Rising Star Fire Department and Josh Constancio and his crew who took charge of the situation immediately in a most professional manner. We are very thankful to have such an outstanding group of volunteers in our city.

Another huge "thank you" to the First Baptist Church for the use of their building and facilities.

The emergency evacuation went very smoothly due to the efforts of so many church and community volunteers. There was a staff member, family or volunteer to see to the needs of almost every resident.

Special thanks to the Cross Plains E.M.S. who were so helpful in transferring some of the residents. We are so blessed to be in such a caring community and we are anxious to be back with you.

Submitted by
Dona McIntire

A Texas Town By Any Other Name

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

What's in a name? For some off-the-beaten-path communities in Texas, not a lot. For others, it is their primary marketing tool. For some, it pays homage to their earliest inhabitants. When *San Antonio Express-News* writer Roy Bragg recently took a look at some of the strangest names on the Texas map, he decided to Jot 'Em Down. And that list included Jot 'Em Down, Texas - roughly 75 miles northeast of Dallas.

Bragg found Texas town names to satisfy every appetite, like Oatmeal, Okra, Muenster, and Lollipop. He also assembled what could be a comprehensive list of baby names for expectant parents: Celina, Anna, Maud, Louise, Edna, Sarita, Alice, Donna, Mercedes, and Maybelle, or Melvin, Nolan, Seymour, and Chester.

For many of these towns, the founders put a lot of thought into their municipality's name. While its name would suggest otherwise, the early inhabitants of Nameless, Texas were thoroughly invested in the naming process. Located in northwest Travis County, just five miles northeast of Lago Vista, Nameless was settled in 1869. Residents grew cotton or produced cedar posts and rails

to make a living. By 1880, these residents were ready to make their town official and applied for a U.S. post office. The postal department rejected the names they suggested not once, but six times. Finally, in an act of frustration, the residents replied in writing, "Let the post office be nameless and be damned!" Much to their surprise, the postal department called their bluff. The post office called Nameless was established in 1880. The joke was relatively short-lived. Ten years later the post office was discontinued and mail was rerouted through Leander. Despite this setback, however, residents kept Nameless alive well into the 20th century. Though today all that remains in Nameless is a historical marker, the cemetery and an abandoned schoolhouse, this community without a name remains on state maps.

Unlike Nameless, another town profiled by Bragg was successful in securing the postmark they requested, but perhaps not the results they hoped the name would yield. In Bailey County, at the junction of State Highway 214 and Farm Road 298, sits the community of Needmore, Texas. The goal behind the naming process was simple: Promoters of the townsite

wanted to attract more settlers. But by 1940, 20 years after its founding, Needmore found itself still wanting more. With only 20 residents and two stores, the future looked bleak. Needmore peaked in 1980 with a population of 98, but by 2000 it had dropped again to 45. While Needmore remains on the map, only time will tell if the original residents' marketing ploy will ever succeed.

Looking across the state, Bragg found communities that give orders, like Grow, Draw and Tell. He found some that may have been named to keep others out, such as Weeping Mary or Looneyville. While some of the strangest names have left their mark on the Texas map, like Loco, Cut And Shoot, and Noodle, others' legacies were not as lasting. Take the town of Zulch, for example. While Zulch is long gone, you can rest assured knowing that North Zulch remains. While these towns may come and go, they enrich the lore of our state and remind us of how unique Texas is. So if you ever find yourself on US-67 west of San Angelo, pull over by that abandoned shack near the intersection of County Road 113. Take in the vastness of the landscape and give thanks, because you're standing in the former location of the town with the name that says it all: Best, Texas.

TxDOT Targets Holiday Revelers with Anti-Drunk Driving Blitz

Campaign is Supported by New Survey Results Indicating More Texas Motorists Are Adopting Alternatives to Impaired Driving

AUSTIN, TX—With the holiday season upon us, the Texas Department of Transportation is pulling out all of the stops to remind motorists not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking and to find a sober ride home or call a cab.

Throughout the month of December, convenience stores, bars and restaurants, gas stations - even movie theaters - in major Texas markets will carry TxDOT's campaign messages, urging Texans to celebrate responsibly.

Santa's reindeer will adorn bar coasters, pint glasses, bathroom mirror decals, digital signs over bathroom urinals, street posters, and gas pump nozzles. The reindeer's message will read, "Don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed or Blitzen. Call a cab or get a sober ride home."

Santa himself is getting in on the action this year, with a brand new interactive "31 Days of Holiday Cheer" calendar. Each day unlocks games, recipes, tips, and videos to make the season merry and bright, all with the reminder to keep the holidays happy and plan a sober ride. Facebook users can engage with the new content at www.facebook.com/SantaInTexas.

"The holidays can mean many things to Texans, including family dinners, office Christmas parties and New

Year's Eve festivities. As we celebrate the season, we're encouraging motorists to keep the holidays merry and to plan a sober ride home," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. "That's why, throughout the month of December, 'don't drink and drive' reminders will be popping up online as well as at locations where alcohol is served or purchased."

This year's campaign is supported by new Driver Awareness and Attitudes survey results, which indicate that fewer Texas motorists are drinking and driving. Indeed, according to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) survey conducted this summer, motorists are now more likely to designate a sober driver, call a friend or family member, stay put, or to take a taxi or public transportation than to drive while impaired.

Approximately 75 percent of the survey respondents reported they had been exposed to an impaired driving message within the past 30 days.

TxDOT, which commissioned the TTI survey in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, has good reason to celebrate these findings.

"After years of working to educate the public on the importance of planning ahead instead of driving while impaired, these survey results highlight that our public advocacy campaigns are working," added Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. "We're

thrilled that Texas motorists are retaining the message that alcohol and driving don't mix and that drunk driving will not be tolerated on our roads."

Far from resting on its laurels, however, TxDOT will be working with police departments and sheriff's offices across the Lone Star State to reduce impaired driving throughout the holiday season. Law enforcement statewide will be working overtime to find and arrest impaired drivers from now through New Year's Day.

The Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Package Store Association, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Texas Municipal Police Association are all working with TxDOT to help distribute holiday impaired driving prevention messages.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders face a fine of up to \$2,000, loss of their driver's license for up to a year, and up to 180 days in jail. Safety officials say other costs associated with an impaired driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases, and other expenses.

In 2010 there were 3,024 fatalities on Texas roads, 1,102 were the result of alcohol-related crashes. This makes alcohol a factor in 36.4 percent of the traffic fatalities in Texas.



Burn Ban lifted in Callahan County

The Countywide Burn Ban was lifted in Callahan County at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, December 6th, according to Callahan County Judge Roger Corn.

The Burn Ban was lifted after most of the county received snowfall accumulations of two inches or more.



Kiwanis Guest Speaker — Wayne Bishop (left), son of Dale and Vernell Bishop of Cross Plains, presented a history of 3M in Brownwood. He has retired after 37 years with the company. His information was of notable interest.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 26, 2011 through December 2nd, 2011 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—276
Complaints—47
DWI—1
Driving While License Invalid—2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
Fugitive Arrest-Contempt of Court—1

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

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Cottonwood Christmas Country Musical was bright and cheery

Although December 2, 2011 was a foggy and dreary night, the "Christmas Spirit" inside the Cottonwood Community Center was "cherry and bright!"

People came, placed gifts under the tree and enjoyed the warmth and great music.

Adrian Allen and Bob Robinson strung lights on the outside of the building. The "old school house" sat prettily for all who passed by to see.

The tree in the foyer was decorated beautifully! Thanks to Bob and Lavonne Childress of Childress Tree Farm for donating the tree. Sheila Allen, April Bishop, Lynn Patrick, and Norma Farmer donated their time to doing a wonderful job of decorating it. Mary Weaver, wearing her pretty red Christmas attire, registered the gifts so they will be matched to the people who need them. Thank you, Mary!

Mary also donated a Cherry Danish Strudel to sell in the concession. It was an instant hit as was Sue Bennett's Pumpkin Praline Dessert. Thanks to all the ladies of the community who donated sandwiches and desserts to

seil. Thank you, Bryan Bennett for making the delicious chili. It was a nice warm dish for a cold night. Also thanks to Lavonne Childress, Lynn Patrick, Tom Bennett, Bryan Bennett and Bob Robinson for helping in the serving line and with the cleanup.

Terry and Candy Tate from Hillsborough came, place gifts under the tree, and helped clean up after the festivities. Terry and Candy plan to retire in the Cottonwood Community. We look forward to having them as permanent residents in the future.

A special "Thank You" to Chuck Patrick, our emcee and all the musicians who came from miles around to share their talents with the audience. Your hard work of hours of entertainment is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all of you who bravely weathered the night and came to make it "bright and cheery" in Cottonwood, Texas!

The next musical will be February 3, 2012 as we are not having a musical in January. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

The Recipe Corner

Nutty Caramels Recipe

Ingredients

1 teaspoon plus 1/4 cup butter, divided
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup chopped nuts
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Melted milk chocolate

Directions

Line a 9-in. square pan with foil and grease the foil with 1 teaspoon butter; set aside. In a large heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, corn syrup, milk and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a rapid boil, stirring constantly, until a candy thermometer reads 248° (firm-ball stage). Remove from the heat; stir in nuts and vanilla. Pour into prepared pan (do not scrape saucepan). Cool completely. Using foil, lift caramels out of pan; discard foil. Cut into small squares or diamonds. Drizzle each with chocolate if desired. **Yield:** 1-1/2 pounds.

If you would like to submit a recipe for consideration you can bring it by the Journal office at 312 N. 1st - Clyde; e-mail to: clydejourn@earthlink.net; mail to: P.O. Box 979, Clyde, TX 79510 or Fax to: 325-893-2780. Please refer to Recipe Corner.



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ROWDEN— PICTURE OF THE ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, (12 MILES WEST OF CROSS PLAINS) ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011, EARLY MORNING.

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Looking for a unique Christmas gift? The second printing of Ann Beeler's book, *Footsteps of Approaching Thousands*, a history of the early days of Cross Plains, is nearly sold out. A third printing is now available at area locations.

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years into an extensive coverage of the founding of the town, the names of people who formed many of the first organizations here and mention of a great many of the businesses through the years.

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Ken Horan
Jeanie Gilland
Dustin Anthony Morales
Minnie Larkin
Joy McKenzie

DECEMBER 14

Bobbie Jo Grissom
Bobby Jack McCowen
Calvin Champion
Gene Thomas
Sherry Ann Wilson
J.T. Merry
Robert Grissom
Rosie Parker
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Micky Lapata
Troy Harris

DECEMBER 15

Tommy Ames
Shambry LeLayne Sanders
Terry Brown
Jessa Mae Reddick
Carlton Newman
Roy John Reddick
Susanna DeBusk
Linley Goble
Janice Newman
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Alton Sheppard
Donna Grider
Joni Irwin
Alyssa Nicole Brown
Andrew William Wheeler
Jonathan Chastain
Amber Thomas

DECEMBER 16

Kathy Jo Woody
Bobby Taylor
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Emory Lusk
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Wallace Bennett
Alicia (Kirkham) Cates
Kathy Reed
Shawn (Oberto) Martin
Joe Holland II
Jacob Pancake
Larry Lee

DECEMBER 17

Ike Neal
Gary Rogers
Shawn Thayer
Pearl Perry
Sheri Graham
Terri Graham
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Harold Hinkle
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