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## Merry Christmas Santa Letters Inside



### "Elf on the Shelf" Hides out at Cross Plains Public Library

Ready for some holiday fun? Cross Plains Public Library has lots of books and ideas to entertain the kids during that Christmas break! By the day after Christmas, the toys are broken and the kids are bored, so why not bring them to the library to find our "Elf on the Shelf" and participate in our two-part contest?

First, our girl "Elf on the Shelf" needs a name, so we've come up with 26 possible names to choose from. Our books from the Libri Foundation and donor Terry Meany, plus STEM books from Bill Strawbridge and Meg

Wallhagen are being featured. Stop in and check out a book from this new collection and you'll receive a chance to name our elf. On January 5, 2015, the name with the most votes will be the winner.

Second, our girl "Elf on the Shelf" is hidden somewhere in the library and when found, the discoverer will receive a candy bar from the library director. Our elf will then be hidden again for the next discoverer, repeating until January 5th - which gives you numerous chances to get candy bars!

### Christmas Eve Service at Methodist Church

By Christmas Eve, the details have all been nailed down for family gatherings on Christmas Day and it's time to slow down and ponder the reality of that first Christmas so long ago. As the Christian world prepares to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Methodist Church warmly invites the community to its traditional candlelight service.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the congregation will share in the anticipation of God's greatest gift to mankind - His Son, Jesus Christ.

Following the story of Christ's

holy birth through scripture readings and music, everybody will be invited to share the Lord's Table where Communion will be offered to all who believe in this miracle. We welcome Jesus into our hearts as a reminder of God's love for us and share that gift with others as a token of our love for God.

The community is invited to share in this special time of worship in the Sanctuary made beautiful by poinsettias donated by members of the church. What a meaningful way to move into the real meaning of Christmas.

## Decorating Contest

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce House & Business Decorating Contest December 20th

All homes and business within Cross Plains City Limits are welcome to participate. Pick up an entry form at the Chamber office. All entries must be received by

not later than 2:00 P.M.. Friday December 19th. Judging will take place Saturday, December 20th. There will be a 1st and 2nd place business, and a 1st and 2nd place home. Prizes will be given for the winners. For any question contact Myleah at the Chamber office, 254-725-7251.

### Cross Plains Band Concert

Cross Plains ISD will have its annual Christmas program on Thursday, December 18th. The program will be hosted in the auditorium. The Program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Elementary through high school students will be performing. Please come support our students as they spread Christmas cheer and share what they have learned this semester in their music programs.

Mr. Sowell and our administration invite everyone from the community and beyond to attend. If you are a parent please note your child is required to attend. Have a great holiday season and see you at the Christmas Concert.



JH Girls win or lose always come together

More Basketball pictures inside

### Writing Contest

The Cross Plains Public Library is looking for entries for our annual writing contest which is open to all students attending or eligible to attend the Cross Plains Schools. Poetry, essay and short story are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K through 12. Home-schooled students may come by the library to pick up a set of guidelines and an entry form. CPISD students should ask their teachers about entering through the school, or they may enter at the library. Only one entry per student will be accepted.

Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than Wednesday January 21, 2015. Entries will be "blind judged," and ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries in each grade. Plaques will be awarded to the top three overall winners from all grades. The three overall winning papers will be submitted to the Cross Plains Review for publication. For more information call the library at 725-7722.



Varsity Boys Phonix Sanders, Holden Senclair, James Briggs, Korbin Mclean, Rylan Laminack

### Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

A man called me at the Sheriff's Office early one morning and said that his welder and trailer had been stolen. It was a Miller Bobcat Welder with all the accessories. He estimated the total value to be around \$7,000.00. It was parked at his residence in a good, safe neighborhood. The neighbors in this neighborhood watch out for each other with sort of a volunteer neighborhood watch agreement.

We were very busy that morning and I was headed to another call in the other end of the county. I asked him to come in as soon as he could and before noon if at all possible. I told him how to get to the Sheriff's Office where Melba Miller was working. He arrived at Melba's office about mid-morning and Melba, who is a retired school teacher, has a Master's degree, 36 years of school teaching experience, was happy to take the report. Melba also grew up on a farm and has a good working knowledge of all types of farm equipment and machinery including welders. She has assisted her husband David with many welding projects.

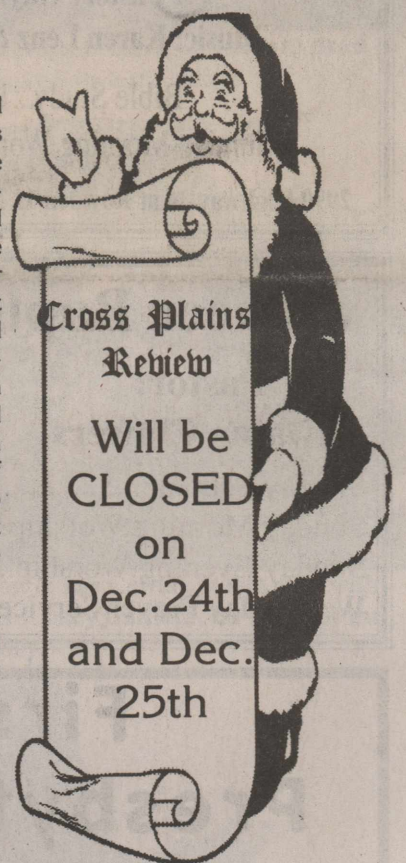
While writing the report, she asked him to describe the welder and trailer and each piece of equipment with it in detail. Melba had him return to his house and get the owner's manual for the welder. A copy of the welder's owner's manual was placed into the report folder. When she finished compiling all of this information it was reported to the Abilene Police Department so they could be on the lookout for

it. That afternoon, I was notified by the Callahan County Sheriff's Office dispatch that a detective from the Abilene Police Department wanted me to call him. I called him and he said that he had recovered a stolen trailer and welder that were stolen last night in Callahan County. I had Melba's report and from the report I gave him the description of the welder and trailer and tools with it. It fit the description perfectly. I called the owner of the trailer and he and I drove to the Abilene Police Department and picked up the trailer and the owner took possession of it.

The Abilene Police Department said that the thieves that had stolen the welder and trailer were planning to take it to Odessa the next day and sell it for \$1,000.00. The subjects involved in this theft are answering to charges filed against them in Taylor County by this detective. The detective will then send me his report and I will file charges against them here.

Time is essential in reporting stolen items. Melba will again use her writing skills to send a professional thank you letter to the Abilene Police Chief telling him how we appreciate the work of the detective that found the stolen welder and trailer and the letter will be placed into his permanent file.

In law enforcement work good report writing skills are essential. The Sheriff's Office's number one priority is to answer all of its calls from the public and Melba keeps track of all calls that involve the filing of a complaint.



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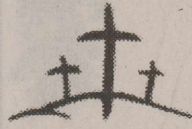
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Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor:

Music Director:

Dwaine Clowers

Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am

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

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

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

### First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM

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Pastor Kathy Monroe

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Minister: RICK AUSTIN

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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.

Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

Ladies Class - Wednesday:

10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

## Obituaries



DOROTHY F. REED

### Dorothy F. Reed

Dorothy F. Reed, 83, of Reeds Farm Store in Clyde passed away Thursday December 11, 2014 in Abilene.

A graveside service was held Monday December 15th at 10 AM at Elmwood Memorial Park with Jay Estes officiating.

Dorothy was born on February 6, 1931 in Abilene, Texas to the late Fred and Susie Parsons Varnadore. She was a graduate of Abilene High School when it was located at the Lincoln campus. Dorothy married Bobby Dwain Reed on August 18, 1947 in Brady, TX. She loved nature, gardening, flowers and feeding birds. Dorothy was a devoted mother and Nano was passionate about Babies, Puppy's and Dogs.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Bobby Reed Sr. of Abilene; sons, Bobby Reed Jr. and wife Dayna of Buffalo Gap, David Reed of Abilene; daughter Mindy Patterson and husband Jason of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; lifetime best friend, LaVern Mooty of Abilene.

Family request donations in lieu of flowers be made to Hendrick Hospice, 1682 Hickory St, Abilene, TX 79601.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.elmwood-funeral.com](http://www.elmwood-funeral.com)



**INDUSTRY SECTOR OUTREACH AWARD**—The West Texas Energy Consortium received the Industry Sector Outreach Award from the Texas Workforce Commission at the annual State Conference in Grapevine recently. Pictured- Front Row left to right include: Susan Hodges/Board Member, Mary Ross/Executive Director Workforce Solutions Board, Ronald Congleton/Commissioner Representing Labor, Hope Andrade/Commissioner Representing Employers, Andres Alcantar/Chairman Representing the Public. Pictured-Back Row left to right are: Dr. Thomas Winter/Board Member, John Beckmeyer/Board Chairman.

### West Texas Energy Consortium Receives Industry Sector Outreach Award

Abilene - Recently, the West Texas Energy Consortium (WTxEC or Consortium) received the "Industry Sector Outreach Award" from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) at the Annual State Conference in Grapevine. Honoring significant workforce efforts in targeted occupations and positive impacts made to employers, the award includes a \$30,000 endowment and recognizes the success experienced in just one short year with the Consortium's exceptional, integrated approach. "The work accomplished under this unique partnership is to be commended," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "The West Texas region's employers have benefited tremendously from a well-trained workforce, and these communities are demonstrating how successful economic development is done with an en-

trepreneurial Texas spirit."

Embracing a need for collaboration in order to meet unmatched demands experienced in wake of the rapidly growing energy sector, the West Texas Energy Consortium was officially formed in 2013 by three local workforce boards in the Permian Basin, Concho Valley, and West Central Texas areas. This was an unprecedented effort to address growing workforce needs as well as other key topics including infrastructure, emergency response, and community development. According to West Central Texas Workforce Development Board Executive Director, Mary Ross, "Forming the Consortium was a natural extension of the long-standing relationships among the local workforce boards. We've worked together on many projects over the last ten years, but this is the most significant venture yet."

In addition to tackling workforce woes such as labor pool shortages, employer training needs, and employee retention in competing sectors, the WTxEC has also launched a training cooperative to support local board efforts in response to rising demand. This includes a regional welding certificate among seven local community colleges, Regional Advisory Council, and Regional Centers of Excellence. Beyond workforce, the Consortium is also working to equip localities with the information and tools necessary for disaster preparedness and emergency response in oilfield-affected areas.

For more information on upcoming projects, meetings, and events please visit [www.wtxec.org](http://www.wtxec.org) or contact our staff at 325-795-4206 or [info@wtxec.org](mailto:info@wtxec.org).

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Sunday Worship

10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

[www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/)

### First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Sunday Evening

10:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:30 pm Acts of God Video Series

6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st- 6th

6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship

Wednesday

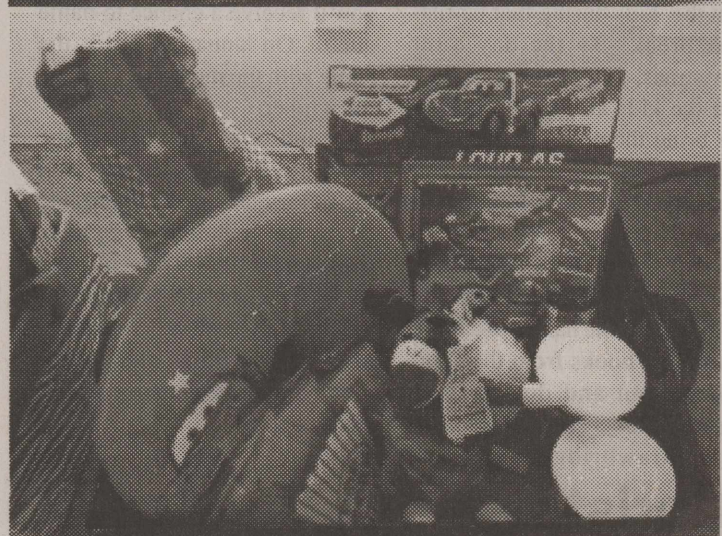
6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship

Student & Children Ministies

(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX

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[www.firstbaptistcp.com](http://www.firstbaptistcp.com)



### Kids Baskets

The Cross Plains Public Library is doing a raffle for 2 kids baskets

Girls basket will include 2 books, a pillow and blanket, the movie frozen and snacks

Boys basket will include 2

books, a pillow and blanket, the movie cars and snacks

Tickets are 1 for .50 cents or 12 for \$5

Drawing will be December 23, 2014

### Love Fund

A Love Fund has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical Expenses!

### Love Fund

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

### LOVE FUND

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

### Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank



## Jessalynn Grace Markham

Ashley Marie Hall and Jesse Rey Markham would like to announce the birth of their BEAUTIFUL daughter Jessalynn Grace Markham. She was warmly welcomed into this world on October 29, 2014 at 7:55 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs 8 oz.

Her older brother Bentley has waited very patiently for her to arrive and is grateful that she is finally here.

Her birthday will be graciously shared with her father and WOW what a wonderful birthday surprise for a new DAD!

Now that the waiting is over and she is finally here, let the diaper changing and late night feedings begin!

We could not be more thankful and blessed with what the Lord above has blessed us with here on earth!

*Jeremiah 1:5*  
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.



## Coaches Association eliminates All-Star games

San Marcos, TX — At the December meeting of the Texas High School Coaches Association's Board of Directors, the board was informed of the decision from the NCAA Legislative Relief Waiver Committee to deny the THSCA's request for exemption from the new NCAA Bylaw (13.1.7.9.6 – which prohibits Division I college football coaches from attending or speaking at a convention that has an all-star game affiliated with it). This decision has forced the Board to eliminate an 80-year tradition of hosting the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star games.

While there is a sentimental attachment to the THSCA All-Star games which have had a rich history over the years, the THSCA Board of Directors felt it was in the best interest of the Texas High School Coaches

Association to make sure its Convention and Coaching School remained a quality event. Eliminating attendance by the Division I college coaches would be very detrimental to the success of the convention which is the main source of income for the Texas High School Coaches Association.

"This is not a decision we wanted to have to make at all. We felt our convention and all-star games were not a violation of the NCAA rule and took extra steps to separate the two events as best we could, but the Waiver Committee felt otherwise," said THSCA Executive Director D. W. Rutledge. "When faced with the burden of either excluding the college coaches from attending our convention or hosting the all-star games, the Board felt it was in the best interest of the association and its members to eliminate the all-star games."

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## Do you have what it takes to be a Firefighter?

In December 2005, a violent wildfire tore through Cross Plains destroying everything in its path – homes, businesses, lives. Volunteer firefighters from every department in Callahan County and many from the surrounding counties sent firefighters and equipment to extinguish the fire. After sixteen exhausting hours, the fire was out, but not until 116 homes, a church and two lives were lost.

In the nine years since the Cross Plains fire, the Callahan County 's fire departments have updated their equipment, purchased larger and more durable brush trucks, equipped water tankers, and upgraded the county communications system.

In the same nine years, the number of volunteer firefighters in Callahan County has dropped 20%. That's 3 to 5 fewer volunteer firefighters in every department in Callahan County.

Fewer firefighters to rush to the scene of a fire, fewer firefighters to stop a brush fire before it reaches homes, fewer firefighters to pull stranded motorists from mangled automobiles, fewer firefighters to protect businesses, homes and lives.

The need for volunteer firefighters is critical. Without volunteer firefighters everything is at risk – businesses, homes, property, lives. Your home and your community depend on volunteer firefighters. Can you answer the call? Do you have what it takes to save a life. Can you put out the fire?

Callahan County's Fire Departments need you.

Being a volunteer firefighter can be a rewarding experience. With training you'll learn how

## CPVFD Bake Sale Follow Up

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Bake Sale last Friday was a great success. Thanks so much to everyone who baked cakes, pies, cupcakes and other goodies for us. The event raised over \$1500 toward completing the new firehouse. We really appreciate the support of everyone in the Cross Plains area.

## Narcotics & Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are under way every Wednesday & Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. located at 108 N. Main in Cross Plains, Tx. in the

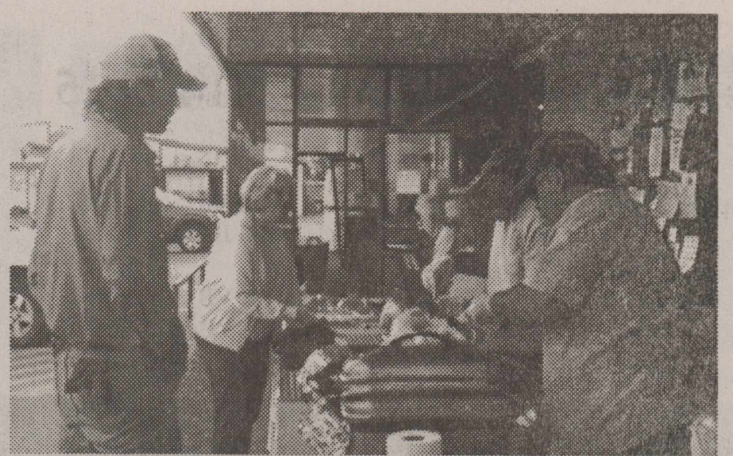
Senior Citizen Center building phone number is 254-270-0162.

"We are a people in the grip of a continuing and progressive illness who's ends are always the same: jails, institutions and death. We are addicts that understand and are willing to go the lengths to help you. There is no charge for the meetings as we are a non profit organization. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

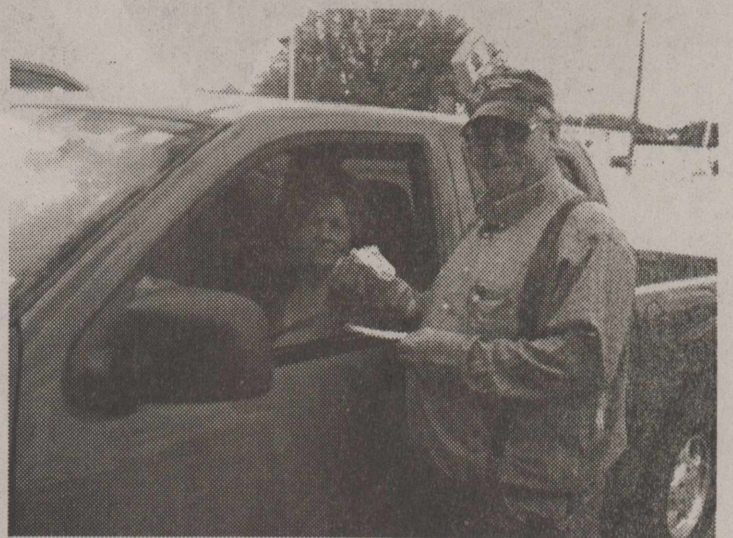
## Food Pantry Holiday Schedule

Cross Plains Food Pantry will be distributing food to our clients on Monday, December 22nd, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

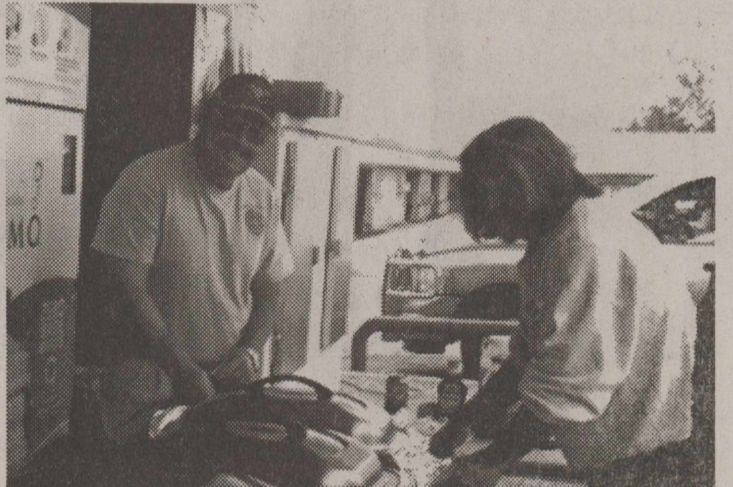
Donations during the holidays are especially appreciated. Thank you to Coleman Central Texas Opportunities, Mike and Ed's Smokehouse, Kurt Mia (Mossy Rock Ranch), for the donation of deer meat. CPISD collected food and monetary donations have been received from individuals. Thanks to all who support this mission.



Selling Sandwiches and Baked Goods at the CPVFD Bake Sale last Friday. From left: Beverly Brown, Deana Terstegge, Roger Hinkle and Joe Terstegge prepared sandwiches and sold baked goods. Netha Carouth, ReNetha Thompson, Chris Thompson, Josh Loftis and Teri Brown also helped out at the Bake Sale.



Andy Sanders gives "drive up service" to Linda Pringle who came by for a brisket sandwich at the CPVFD Bake Sale last Friday.



Firefighter Roger Hinkle serves a brisket sandwich to Brad Waggoner at the CPVFD Bake Sale last Friday.



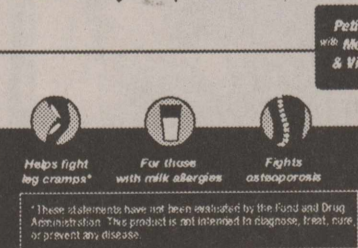
Firefighters J.D. Huddleston & Les Cowan, at left, visit with Andy Sanders & Fire Chief Rickey Carouth, far right, at the CPVFD Bake Sale last Friday.



Firefighter Josh Loftis prepares a to go order at the Bake Sale last Friday.



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# BasketBall Schedule 2014-2015

## December

Date	Opponent	Location	Teams	Time
15	Eula	CP	JHG JHB	5:00
16	Cherokee	CP	VG	6:00
16	Hawley	CP	JVB VB	5:00
19	Gorman	CP	All JV & V	4:00
30	Knox City	Knox City	All JV & V	1:00

# CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES Basketball



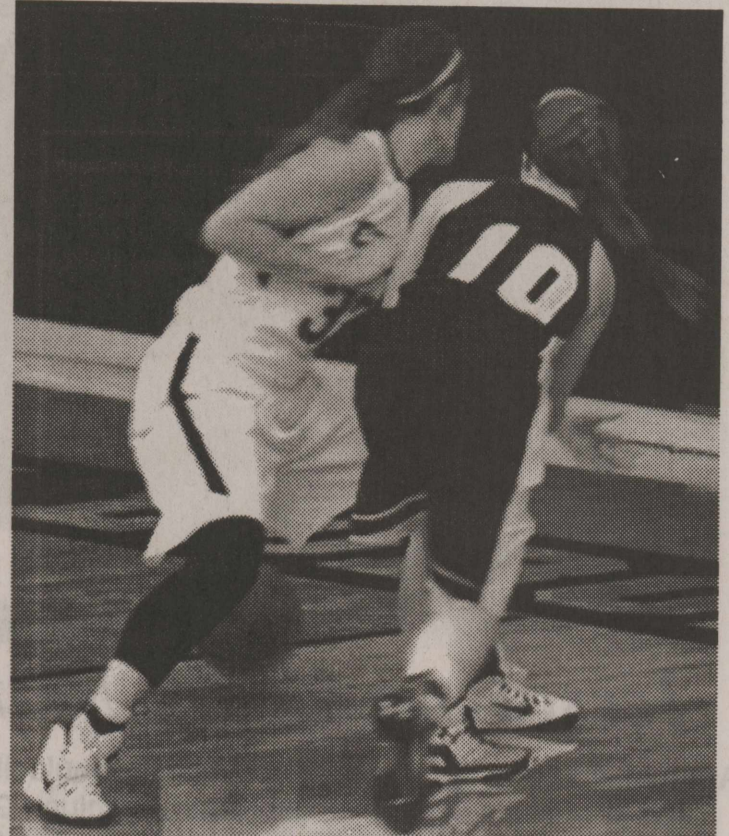
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Varsity Girls Hannah Cowan. After Coming off a really tough & successful tournament the Lady Buffs took a hard hit from the Lady Loboes

## Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Minutes

December 10, 2014

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones and Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence.

Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Richey that we approve minutes from 11-12-2014. For 6/Against 0/Abstain 1 Bennett

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan that we approve Highly Qualified report for the 2014-15 school year. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Bennett that we adjourn. For 7/Against

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### SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 2014

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

1<sup>ST</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 8:00-9:05 AM

3<sup>RD</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 9:10-10:05 AM

7<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 10:10-11:05 AM

5<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 11:10-12:04 PM

Lunch/Tutorials: 12:04-12:49 PM

6<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD: 12:53-1:00 PM

LUNCH & TUTORIALS- STUDENTS WILL GO TO 6<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD AND THEN BE DISMISSED AT 1:00 PM.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

2<sup>ND</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 8:00-9:05 AM

4<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 9:10-10:05 AM

6<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 10:10-11:05 AM

8<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD EXAM: 11:10-12:04 PM

Lunch/Tutorials: 12:04-1:00 PM

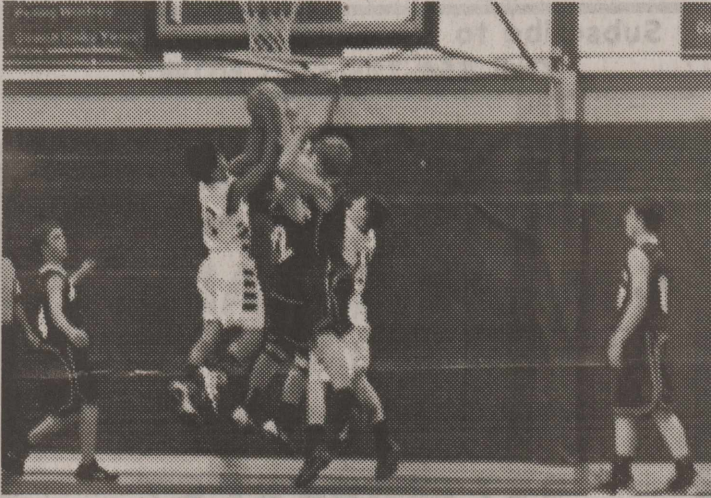
ON FRIDAY, ALL STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO LUNCH/TUTORIALS AFTER THEIR EIGHTH PERIOD EXAM UNTIL 1:00 UNLESS:

THEY ARE SIGNED OUT BY THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, OR

THEY HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE ON FILE AND HAVE A VALID NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN- (NO PHONE CALL PERMISSIONS FROM PARENTS WILL BE GRANTED), OR

THEY ARE 18 OR OLDER AND HAVE A VALID LICENSE AND SIGN OUT APPROPRIATELY. NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMPUS PRIOR TO 1:00 PM WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO HAS FOLLOWED THE APPROPRIATE SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE.

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JH Boys Sterling Switzer, Brice Petree, Jevon Tillery & Samuel Guerro grabbing the ball. The boys lost but not after a very hard fight.



JH Boys Gage Connley, Brice Petree, Tripp Thomas & Trent Potter.



JH Boys



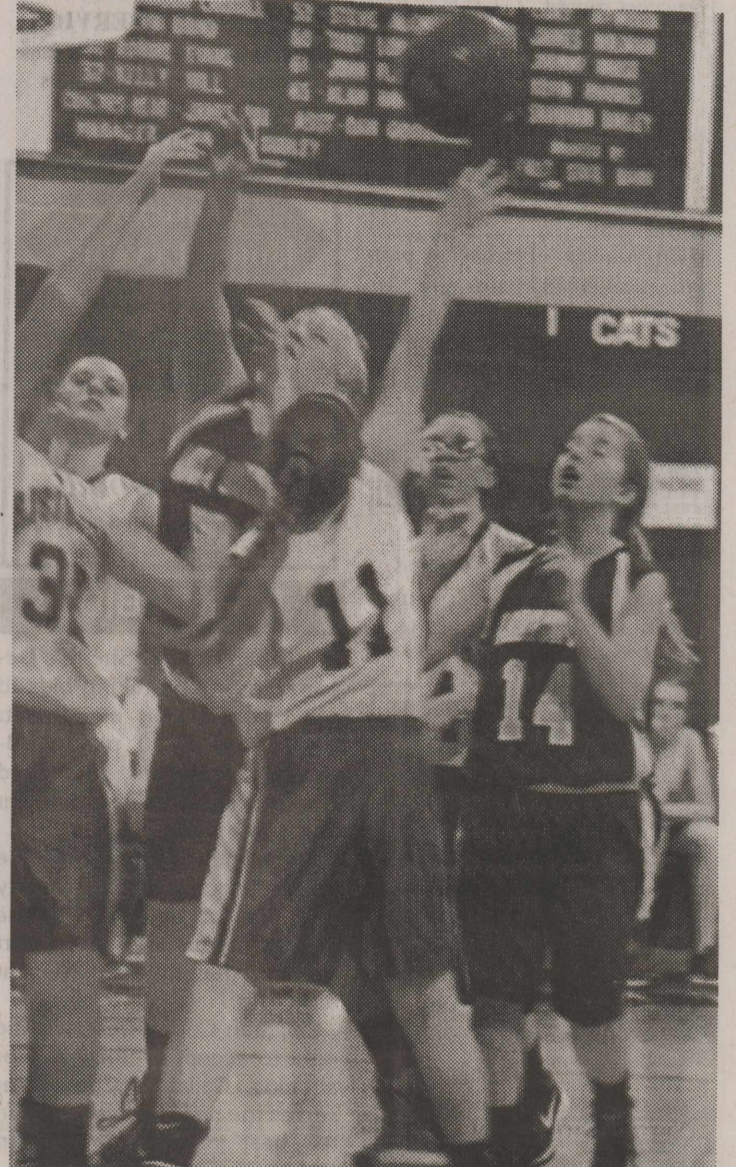
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JH Girls Jacklynn Shepard & Hanna Fortune



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Varsity Boys	JV Boys
VS. Dublin 71-49 Lost	VS. Blanket 34-42 Won
VS. Bangs Jv 59-46 Won	VS. Dublin Lost
VS. Paint Rock 57-39 Won	VS. Rising Star 38-34 Won

### Christmas Holidays

Thursday, December 18 AND  
Friday, December 19, 2014

School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Christmas Holidays -  
December 20, 2014 through  
January 4, 2015

School will resume on Monday,  
January 5, 2015 at the regular  
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Varsity Boys Team Meeting



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JH Boys Captains Tripp Thomas & Brice Petree



JH Girls Kenzie Klieber, Hanna Fortune, Jacy Bien & Macee Steigleder

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- Classic & New Divisions
Burkett: 1st Place William Haddix Callahan County Grand Champion
2nd Place H&H Pecans Callahan County
3rd Place Vernon Hassell Callahan County
Comanche 1st Place Jo Rake Taylor County
Other Varieties 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County
Stuart 1st Place Don Denny Taylor County
Variety Seedlings 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County Reserve Champion
2nd Place Jim Boston Nolan County
3rd Place Jemmye Johnson Jones County
Commercial Divisions
Cheyenne 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County
2nd Place H&H Pecans Callahan County
3rd Place Vernon Hassell Callahan County
Choctaw 1st Place Irma Garrett Taylor County
2nd Place Jo Rake Taylor County
3rd Place Jim Boston Nolan County
Hopi 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County
Mohawk 1st Place Jemmye Johnson Jones County
Oconee 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County
Pawnee 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County
Sioux 1st Place Jim Boston Nolan County Grand Champion
Western 1st Place Jimmie Laurie Fisher County Reserve Champion
2nd Place Jim Boston Nolan County
3rd Place Don Denny Taylor County
Wichita 1st Place Jimmy McElreath Taylor County
2nd Place Jimmie Laurie Fisher County
3rd Place Jim Boston Nolan County
Native Division
Natives 1st Place Jemmye Johnson Jones County Grand Champion
2nd Place Don Denny Taylor County Reserve Champion
3rd Place Vernon Hassell Callahan County
Judge: Bob Whitney, Farley Farm Supply, DeLeon Texas

2014 Abilene Area Pecan Show Baking results said

- Results
Adult Division:
Pies
1st - Caroline Kreidler - Abilene
2nd - Carolyn Houghton - Hamlin
3rd - Janice Hargrove - Abilene
4th - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
Cake from Scratch
1st - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
Cakes with a Mix Base
1st - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
2nd - Janice Hargrove - Abilene
Cookies and Brownies
1st - Connie Adams - Abilene
2nd - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
3rd - Caroline Kreidler - Abilene
Fudge & Other Chocolate Candy
1st - Don Denny - Abilene
2nd - Carolyn Houghton - Hamlin
3rd - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
4th - Janice Hargrove - Abilene
Other Candy and Confections
1st - Carolyn Houghton - Hamlin
2nd - Janice Hargrove - Abilene
3rd - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
Roasted/Toasted Pecans
1st - Don Denny - Abilene
Quick Loaf Bread or Muffins
1st - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
2nd - Carolyn Houghton - Hamlin
3rd - Janice Hargrove - Abilene
Youth Division:
Other Candy and Confections
1st Place - Micaela Velasquez - Abilene
Sweepstakes Awards (Based on a point system)
Adult Baking Division
Sweepstakes Award - Margie Wheeler - Ocala
Reserve Sweepstakes Award - Carolyn Houghton - Hamlin
Youth Baking Division
Sweepstakes Award - Micaela Velasquez - Abilene
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40.38 Ac-CP-Ideal homesite! Close to town, cult. fields w/ mature oaks, well, taReduced...99,500
47.7 Ac.- Brown Co-Great combo property, 1 tank, elec/co water, fenced, will subdivide.....167,760
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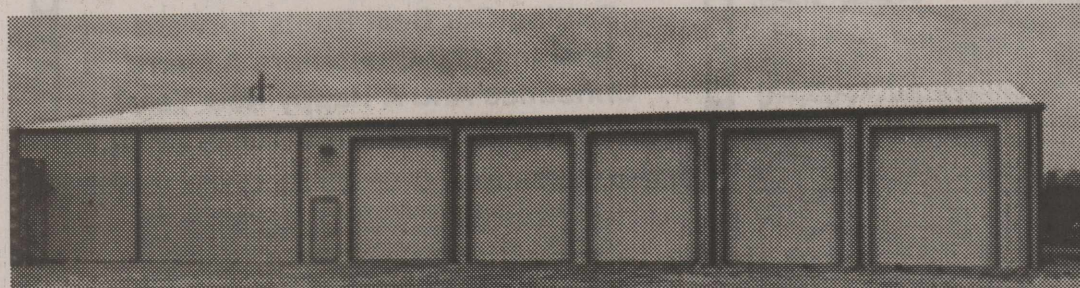
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Rising Star Nursing Center Hosted Annual Christmas Play

The Rising Star Nursing Center hosted its annual Christmas Play Sunday, December 14 to the usual packed house. Shown in the photo is one of the Wise Men, played by Edna Kersh, presenting the baby Jesus with gifts. Other members of the play were Theresa Lewis, Thelma Ford, Juanice Cook, Madeline Long, Rose Tatum, Marjorie Talley, Jackie Hayes, Lavada Booth, Sallie Hutchinson and Norene Pittman. Members of the Cross Plains Methodist Church graciously provided the choir for the play. Maxcine Morgan was the pianist. The play was directed by Barbara Gainer. For more photos, log onto risingstarnursing.com.



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's new building is almost finished! CPVFD needs about \$20,000 to finish the building. Your donations and support and helped us get this far. If you'd like to help with the completion of the firehouse, you can send a donation to Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Again, thank you for your support.

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Dear Santa,  
 I have been a very good boy this year so can I please have Hot Wheels, a Robot, another cat, a puppy, and a Christmas book for me to read next year.

brother August, a little fishy toy that swims in the bathtub, a snuggly snowman stuffed animal with white fur, and a real horse that is very, very tiny!

William Albrecht  
 4 years old  
 Graydon Albrecht  
 6 mos. old

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And for my little baby

Dear Santa,  
 I know you have a lot of letters to read so I will make mine short and sweet. I have been a really good boy this year and would like a train set, helicopter with remote and some new cars, anything with wheels would make me very happy! I hope you have a safe trip and I will leave some milk and cookies out for you in the kitchen.

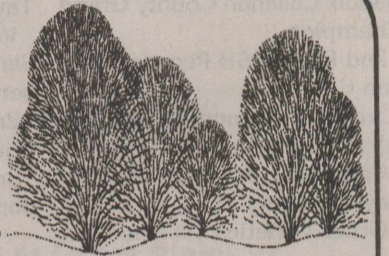
Love, David Thomas  
 Ames  
 Age 3

Dear Santa,  
 What do you make? I hope you are happy. For Christmas I would like a choo choo train with light and smoke coming out. I would also like some big and little tractors. Please sent some baby toys for my sister Landry.

Love, Weston Taylor  
 Beggs  
 Age 3

Over The River And Through The Woods...

We'd go the distance to say,  
 "Merry Christmas and many thanks!"



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 Mobile



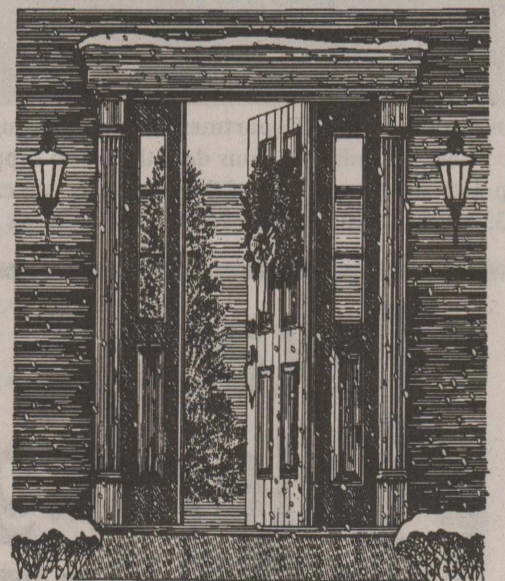
In Step With The Holidays

Wishing you all a jolly good season. We couldn't ask for better partners than you!

**Last Shot Boots**

217 N Main Street Cross Plains, Tx.  
 254-725-270-0485 or 254-370-9304

Putting Our Best Boots Forward  
 Wishing Our Customers A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

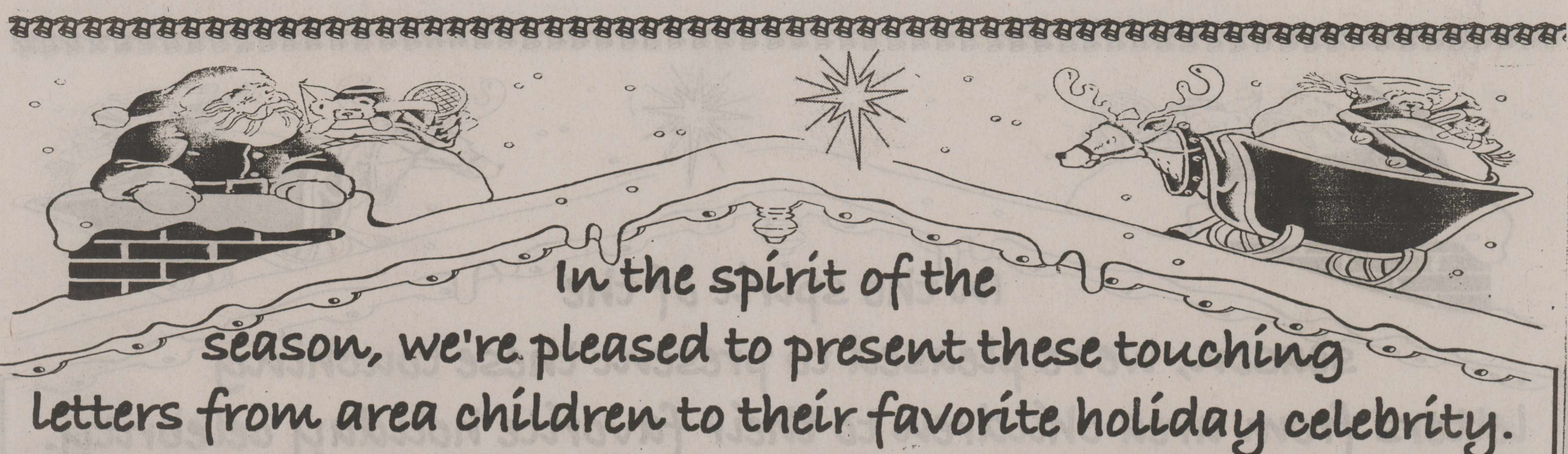
With warm wishes and gratitude from our house to yours. We appreciate your calling on us this past year.

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

All The Folks At

Cross Plains Grain & Peanut





In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to present these touching letters from area children to their favorite holiday celebrity.

**Mrs. Cowan (Pre-K)**

Dear Santa, I've been a good girl this year. I'd like some beado's and a fuzzy pand a bear. I'd also like an Elsa castle and the surfin Barbie movie and a fake dog that walks and barks.

The last thing I want is a Barbie ballerina with her hair in a bun. we'll make Christmas cookies for you and leave out chocolate milk and carrots. I just remembered I also want a massage chair.

I love you Santa Clause, be careful.

Love, Harper Dillard Pre-K Age 5

Dear Santa, Nana said I made lots of messes this year but it will be ok for me to get presents. I really need a new Diego movie. I'm about to wear my old one out.

Maybe some washable markers that way it won't be hard for Nana to clean up. Some new clothes would be nice cause I ate my shirts up. I promise to be better next year.

Love, Kolton Rickman Pre-K

P.S. Can you bring my Nana a new can of coffee I got in the pantry and really made a mess!



Dear Santa, My name is Samuel Bell. I am 5 years old.

I have been a good boy. I am always helping my mommy. I would like any thing transformer I like them a lot. Would you also bring some dog toys for my dog Snowbelle.

We will leave milk and cookies for you and also some hay for your reindeer.

Merry Christmas Samuel Bell Pre-K Age 5

Dear Santa, I would like a Fozen watch, Frozen doll, Frozen dress, Arts & Craft stuff and a Nabi

Love, Emily Bisbee Pre-K

Dear Santa, I want Christoph from Frozen, easy bake oven, hover ball, a pumkin, clothes, Lala loopsy thing, Minecraft, Video games, ninja turtle toys, Peppa pig movie.

From, Haylee Johnson

Dear Santa, I hope you and Rudolph are doing well. I love my elf buddy that you sent down to watch over me. I can't wait to wake up each morning to find him and see what new tricks he came up with. I would like to thank you for all my presents that you gave me last year For Christmas.

This year for Christmas I would Like a Hot wheel , a scooter, a new farm truck with a trailer, some rodeo toys, a basketball , and some clothes, don't forget about my brothers if you have enough room on your sleigh.

Rylen Reed 4 years old Pre-K

with our thanks

May good times come naturally this holiday season. It's been our joy serving you.

**Super Clean Car Wash**  
300 S. Main  
Cross, Plains Tx.  
Steve & Patty Ellis

*With Our Gratitude*

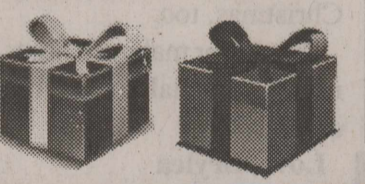
To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your kind patronage.

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

Dear Santa, My name is Travis Sutton and I have been very, very good this year. I would please like for you to bring me some things. here is the short list:  
Robot, Blue Ninjago, Blue Ninga Turtle, Spiderman web, and sword  
All My Love, Travis

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

**Dale Mitchell Building**  
254-725-6682

As we grow older we become more aware of God's blessings upon us in our business and personal life. We have been blessed by many good friends in many ways. We pray everyone has a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year.  
Dale and Myrna

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & TO ALL MANY THANKS!**

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

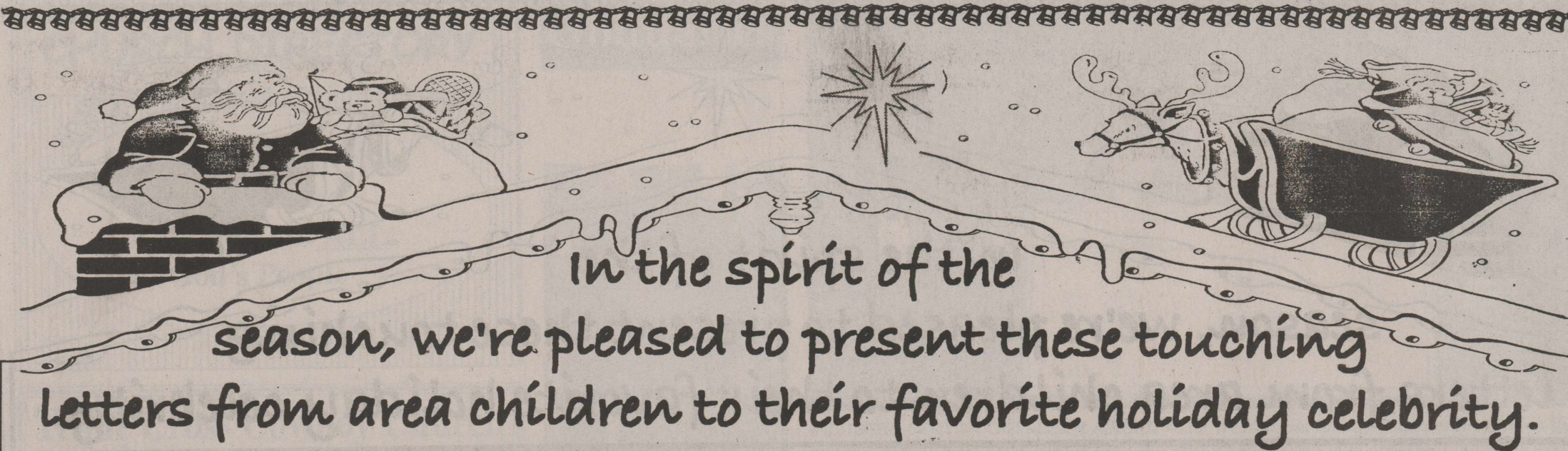
**Cross Plains Public Library**  
254-725-7722

**Home Is Where the Heart Is**

We know our hearts are with all the great people we've had the privilege to work with this past year. We feel proud to serve and be part of this wonderful community.

**Higginbotham Funeral Home**  
Bob and Dee Harrell

309 NE 4th St. Cross Plains, Tx. 254-725-6153



In the spirit of the season, we're pleased to present these touching letters from area children to their favorite holiday celebrity.

**Mrs. Phillips Kindergarten Class**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. bike
2. BB gun
3. stuffed dog
4. big remote control car
5. big car I can drive

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Tyler

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. Big dragon
2. helicopter
3. race car tracks

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Jeremy

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. Princes Barbies
2. purple / gold shoes
3. clothes
4. books - princess

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Haylee G

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. Barbies
2. Books
3. Princess Clothes for me
4. stuffed bear

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Tatiana

Q: What do you call Frosty the Snowman in May?  
A: A puddle!

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. real phone
2. cooking stuff
3. desk and papers to play school just like Mrs. Phillips.
4. stapler, folders
5. computer (real)
6. Barbie

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Jayden

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. real phone
2. puppet show
3. pogo stick
4. real computer
5. American girl doll (one that looks like me)
6. Tinker bell books

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Brylea

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. toy dinosaur (remote control)
2. earrings (Frozen)
3. Frozen (book)
4. doll house
5. skinny markers
6. Phone

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Arleth

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE.

**WTG Fuels, Inc.**  
(254) 725-7410

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. Monster High
2. baby dolls
3. computer
4. bring my brother Curtis some dinosaurs
5. Bring my little brother some monkeys-he likes monkeys.

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Jasmine



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.

**Reed Construction**

Rusty, Debbie, Matt, Krisi,  
Ryan, Ryder and Rylen,  
Cody, Amy,  
Kutter and Carbyn

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David Sliger and Max Dyer

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**Merry Christmas**

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

**Wishing you a Blessed Christmas**  
David Holmes Investment Services  
" Building Talents Today"  
254-725-7141  
www.DavidHolmesAgency.com

## Cont. Mrs. Phillips Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. remote controlled air plane
  2. remote controlled red truck
  3. Spiderman toys
  4. Ironman toys
  5. doll for my sister
- Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Dustyn

Dear Santa,

I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. wipes for my baby
2. diapers for my baby
3. stuffed bear
4. real phone
5. books -Mickey Mouse
6. some writing pen
7. computer

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Hannah

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Dear Santa,

I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. Monster High Barbie
2. puppets-Mom, Dad, little sister
3. work office
4. stuffed dog
5. paper and pens

Please also remember to bring presents to all the kids around the world who aren't as lucky as me so they can have a Merry Christmas, too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Delanee

Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old my name is Zach.

I have been very, very good this year, so I would like to ask you to bring me a few things this christmas that I've been wishing for all year.

My wish list

1. robot
2. dumptruck
3. ipad
4. cowboy clothes for me and my brother

I'll make you some special cookies, and leave out some milk too.

Thanks for making Christmas so special for everyone!

Love, Zach

## Mrs. Golson's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like a zoomer dino, bed, school bus, police car. Will Leave yow Milk And Cookies.

Jeff Yates

Dear Santa,

I've been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Christmas toyhouse, a monster high doll, a toy phone that talks, coloring books and candy-land.

Love, Kyndall Purvis

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Nana says I'm her lil helper. I would like to have a stretch pet and dress-up stuff, like necklaces and and rings. A new dress and matching shoes to wear to sunday school. I would also like 2 baby hide away pets and 1 big one. I got a new puppy and she needs a little sweater. She is very tiny.

Love, McKenna Rena Podleusky

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeer? I have been good this year. This year I would like a box full of transformers, a star wars, Lego book, more legos, a dodge truck. Have a safe trip!

Love, Major

Dear Santa

I want a new truck, some new shoes, some building things, and a race track. That is all.

Thank you, Joshua Cody

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good and for the most of the time I think I have. For Christmas can I have a picture of Rudolf and a Nadyt Seen, some legos. Have a safe trip.

Sincerely, Anson

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year and I would like a paper house, a new swing set, and a new real dump truck, some fish for my sister, a new shovel, and a hammer like daddy's. Thank you Santa for all the toys you will bring me. I'll leave some carrots and nasty celery for the reindeer & some cookies and milk for you.

Love, Isaiah



Q. What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?  
A. A Christmas Quacker.

Q. What do you call Santa when he stops moving?  
A. Santa Pause!



## Wishing You A Heavenly Season

Customers like you are truly divine! Merry Christmas and sincere thanks.



## Merry Christmas the Thumb Print

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## It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!

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

### Jean's Feed Barn

Whit and Jean Wilson and the Crew

(254) 725-6881

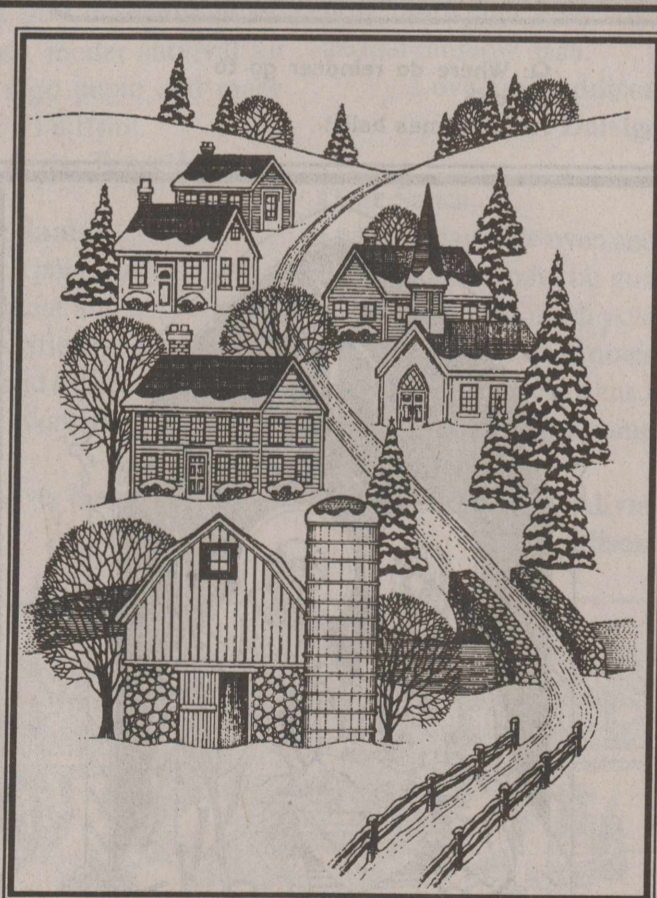
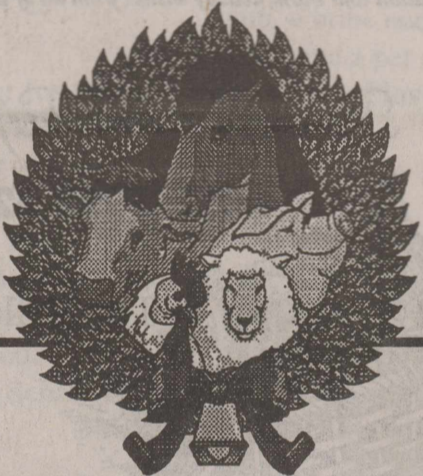
## CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

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



## To Our Good Neighbors At CHRISTMAS

We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the privilege of serving you.

Happy Holidays and heartfelt thanks!

Merry Christmas and Heartfelt Thanks to Our Customers

Lawrence Farm & Ranch

Supply, Inc

E. Hwy 36 and Avenue B

Cross Plains, Texas



## Holiday Greetings

From All Of Us

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

Roger Corn--County Judge  
Tammy Walker--Tax Assessor-Collector  
Donna Bell--County Clerk  
Terry Joy--County Sherriff  
Shane Deel--County Attorney

Sharon Owens--42nd DistrictClerk  
Diane Gunter--County Treasurer  
Burlie Taylor--Justice of the Peace  
Cliff Kirkham--Precinct 44 Commioner

## it's a Winter Wonderland

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

We appreciate your patronage and goodwill.  
Happy Holidays!

**Susan J. Schaefer, CPA**  
(254) 725-6747  
Merry Christmas  
from  
Susan, Rickie Jo, Joyce, Starla  
and Delany

## CHRISTMAS HOPE IT'S UPLIFTING



We know it gives us a  
lift to serve you.  
Many thanks for your  
loyal support.

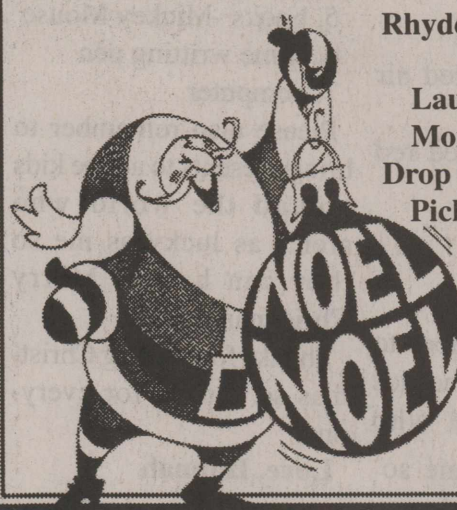
**Hutton Auto  
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## A MESSAGE OF CHEER

to our many good friends.  
Heartfelt thanks for your valued patronage.

**Salamander's**  
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*Hark!  
The Herald Angels Sing,  
Glory To The Newborn King*

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:10-11

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

**Connie's Cuts  
and Curls**  
Connie Kirkham, Donna Ames  
and Delany Golson

### Mrs. Hunter's First Grade

**Dear Santa,**  
I wot a x-box 360 and I wot a D.S. and I wot a puppy.  
Love, Ethan Martin

**Dear Santa,**  
I would really like a real puppy. Please bring me a D.S. I want a real Zebu and a real rabbit. Can you leave me a Beach Barbie too? Please also bring me some makup and an Ipod also. I love you Santa,  
Love, Josie Jordan

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like to have a Rudolph, and a mankey, a zebra, a real cat, a real pig and a new dress, a real rabbit. I am always a reall good girl. I love you.  
Love, Sydney Goble

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a bicycle and Rudolph. Can you also please bring me a remote control helicopter. That is all. You're the best Santa. I love you Santa Claus.  
Love, Kaden Copher

**Dear Santa,**  
I want all the lego peple, a xbox 360, a stiky heynd, elf on the shelf and a furbey.  
Love, Blake Snell

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa I bin good. I wut a big stuffed swond. Santa I wut a elf. Santa I wut a tablt. Santa I wut a Ipod. Santa I wut a ril rabbit. Santa I wut a cooke station. I love Santa.  
Love, Delainey Massey

**Dear Santa,**  
I want ma little puni, a shikmuk, a bobi house, a hello kitty, a bebe munke like Jaci, an Oliver Toy a poster uv frosin, a ma little puni haws, glowe mak up and frosin toes. I love Santa.  
Love, Toni Roberts

**Dear Santa,**  
I wont Killzon 2 for Crismis and disney infitidey and skylander trap team.  
Love, Daniel Mauricio

**Dear Santa,**  
I whant a yoga doll. I whant a school stuf. I Whant postrs. I whant a scoodr. I whant Jresup clothes that is rock in rol. I whant a stuf swond.  
Love, Brookelynn Lackey

**Dear Santa,**  
I want frozin, a paint boll gun, a bebe gun, a pair of shoos, a frozin postr, a frozin book, a frozin doll and a cooker.  
Love you, Zoie Lee



To Our  
**Cherished  
Clients & Friends**

Folks like you are really a cut above!

Happy Holidays  
and heartfelt thanks.

**Ray's Barber  
Shop**  
(254) 725-7530

**Dear Santa,**  
I wat a Tablit, Froson moove, lagos for girls, an umbrella, and flat screen tv, and a furbe. I have been super good. You might bring Evan something too.  
Love you, Eva Farley

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a shotgun, tablit, lazrtag, motorcycle, square toe boots, bo and arow for boys, belt, books, blocks, lego persons and raindeer toys is what I want for Chrostmas.  
Love, Ethan Franke

## 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

Q: Where do reindeer go to dance?  
A: Christmas balls!



## Hallelujah!

May the coming year be filled with miracles and the promise of everlasting peace on earth. Noel!

"Joy To The World"

Have A Blessed Christmas  
First United  
Methodist Church



## Delivering Our Thanks

We're ho-ho-hoping a bundle of good news and glad tidings lands on your doorstep every day of the holiday season.

We appreciate your loyal readership.

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Don & Betty Jo Tabor- Becky Tabor-Gil Tabor  
Ashley Hall- Delany Golson  
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Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?  
A: In a snow bank.

Q: If Frosty the Snowman married a vampire, what would they name their child?  
A: Frostbite!!

## Mrs. Hyles' First Grade

**Dear Santa,**  
My Name is Gunner Oden and my Little brother is Gryson Oden and my big brother is Gage. They are 4 and 14 and I'm 7. I'm writing this letter to you for all of us. Don't worry I asked them. Me and Grayson would like a Stuffie, small fishtank and 2 fish, a real toaster. (Grayson loves toast!), cowboy boots, pants, shirt, belt and hat, but mostly just the boots, belt and hat! Gage says he doesn't want anything or need anything I think he's just saying because he never thinks of himself. So what ever you bring him I'm sure he will love. Thank you very much.

**Love, Gunner Oden (Grayson & Gage too)**

**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas I would like princess everything. I want you to come to my house. I want a baby puppy. Please bring me some arts and craft stuff and a bow and arrow.

**Love, Abigail Bisbee**

**Dear Santa,**  
This year for Christmas I would like a new pair of boots, blue jean jacket and new cowboy hat, also a new bike. Don't forget Taylorm and will leave milk and cookies.

**Love, Tyler Mackey**

**Dear Santa,**  
Whut I whant for Crismas is a elf book, a tablit, a furbi. I whunt for Crismis is Lagos, and I Whunt a umbrala and I want a T.V and Nerf Rebelle Bow and Arrow. I have tried really hard to be good.

**I love you, Schau Avery Switzer**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a play stashin 2, and xbox 360, mincraft video games, moder survival kit and lego peple and make thim all diffrint.

**Love, Trace Johnson**

**Dear Santa,**  
I wot a pope, and a laptop, I Wot a cat and a x box 360 and a rifle and I wot a new bike and a nife. I wot a ipod and a swimigpool and a kids car.

**Love, Karsyn Bennett**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a snowboard and a new wii. I also want a new deer stand along with a new bike. Please bring me a real cat and dog, new boots, would be nice. I have been extra good this year. A real fourwheeler is what I really want with a new helmet and kneepads.

**Your friend, Aiden Mathews**

**Dear Santa,**  
Can you breeng a bike. Dear Santa can you breng a I-fone. Dear Santa, can you bring Ipod. I would like stufe tedey ber. Can you breng me a boots. Can you breng me a leappad, can you breng me a nife.

**Love, Shelbi Knight**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like an elf and a baby puppy, and baby kitten. I also would like a X-box 360. That's all santa, I've tried to be really good.

**I love you Santa L.J. Eppard**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a munke baby like Jaci's. I also want a nerf rebelle Angent Bow, a birbe doll, witebord, mrckrs and krayons for my witebord. I have been a really good girl.

**I love you, Amanda Roberts**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have ben the best gril I can be. Plez can you get me a basickle with no chaning wils, postr's, frozin doll. I also want an amarian gril doll, nrf rubel, a paint boll gun, a bribe and the gream houseand a per of shoos.

**I love you, Jaci McDaniel**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want mareo cars 8, a bick with no training wils, fake monee, golf klovs, and a mog for me and nerf rebelle bulets and a nerf rebelle gun, and a nerf rebelle bo an arow, and a nerf rebelle shirt, and nerf rebelle pants and new woder hose and new tablit and new stuff animal rainbow dash.

**Love You, Addison Daleige**

**Dear Santa,**  
I what a easy bake oven and makeup and a new bb gun and elf from the north pole to watch me and send notes to me, and new books cus I like readin and I what some necklises.

**I Love myself, Alivia Allison**

## Mrs. Apple's Second Grade

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you santa, your the best, your elf buddy is funny. I want a bucking bull set.

**Thank you Santa, Ryder Reed**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for all the presents these past few years and thak you for my friends and family, merry Christmas Santa.

**Thank you Santa, Barrett Nickerson**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the presents Santa and thank you for coming to my house. You give me hopes and dreams. Your the best thank you for everything. Love me!

**Thank you Santa, Your Elf- Rhianna Lee**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a very good boy. I have the sweets sisters. What I want for Christmas is a dirt bike, battle ship, whoo hoo, slap jack, sorry battle ship, trouble, clue, candyland, pacific rim, super mario 2, Madden 15. I want a hunting dog. I want I awant a dirt bike. I want nice showne cothes. I want 1,000\$. We will leave milk and cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer.

**Love, Kade Purvis**

## A Chubby Snowman

A chubby little snowman had a carrot nose. Along came a bunny, and what do you suppose? That hungry little bunny, looking for some lunch, Grabbed that snowman's nose, Nibble, nibble, crunch.



**Knock Knock Who's there? A very A very who? A very merry Christmas!**

**Q. Why do mummies like Christmas so much? A. Because of all the wrapping!**

**Knock knock Who's there? Mary! Mary who? Merry Christmas**



**Dear Santa,**  
All I want for Christmas is my dog yensy back, Plese Santa.

**Thank You Santa, Peyton Gilliam**

**Dear Santa,**  
Plase give my sister some presents. The same as me. Can you get me Olave and evry thang Frozen. Thank you.

**Thank you Santa, Katelyn Gregory**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you santa four the presents. I wish i cood come to yer shop one Crissmiss. I wish I cood see a elf four Crissmiss. By Santa.

**Thank you Santa, Katie Sutton**

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa I wunt a suprise frum you. Thack you Santa. I like you.

**Thank you Santa, Giovanny Reyes**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thak you for all the presins. I lick a cow boy sock and a lachir jepe and a modersicker.

**Thank you Santa, Racelyn Smoot**

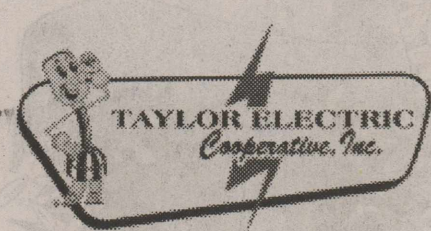
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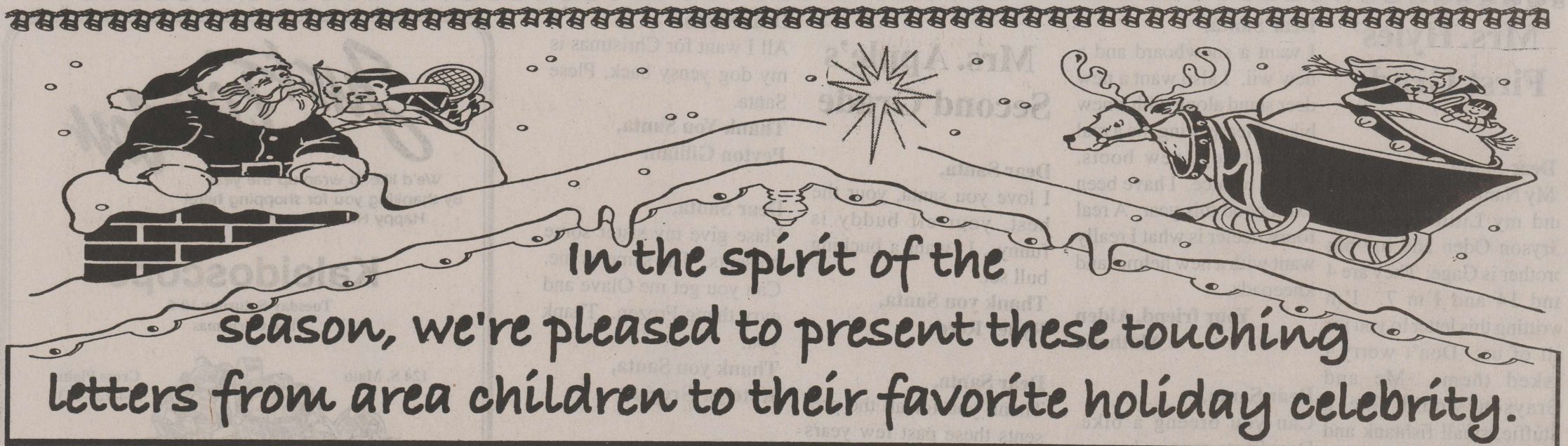
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**Mrs. Winfrey's  
Second Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a for wheeler please. I really want one. So bad. Becase you are aswam.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Nathan Lee**

**Dear Santa,**  
May I please have a golden Freddy suit, a freddy faz bear suit and a pictar of pastiasio.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Mackey Taff**

**Dear Santa,**  
What I want for christmes, I waht an xbox one, a dirt bike, videogames for my xbox one, my to bottem teeth, a charger for my four weeler, a pick of rudolph, a elektrick cat, a elektrick boat, hous slippers, new cloes, new lime green shoes, a moovuhie, trane set, the benny spaceship lego set, a pick of buddy at the work shop.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**From Stryker Dillard to Santa**

**Dear Santa,**  
This year for Christmas I want a transformers age of extinction video game and a camo tent and a xbox one and a nerf machine gun and a new set uv legos and a cross bow.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Chase Rutland**

**Dear Santa,**  
Dear Santa, thank you for the presints you are aswm. If you git to read this tell the elfs they work hard and for your hard work. I want for Christmas is for my xbox 360 nefor spede and a hellakocdr and a nerf machine gun and a bubee toy.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Tyler Ray Horn**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi santa, Thank you for every year you come and leave presents by the tree. Can I have a xbox three sixty and a minecraft vidogame. And please tell rudolph merry christmas. I will leave a note by your milk and cookies.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Mattie Worley**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want you to have fun giveing people presents. I want a hot weels set, ten hotweels and a lego table. And Christmas is my favorite holiday. Dear Shon the elf, I hope you didnt forget to come to my house.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Graydon Albrecht**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a easy bake even and a phon to and a neckles and erings to and some slippers to. I love you Santa!  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Natalie Allison**

**Dear Santa,**  
Can you git me all this a barbie house and a barbie car and new slepers and a tent with a sleeping bag and a story about the rell story about how you cam to be santa.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Elizabeth Haviland**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want you to give me a lalaloopsy baking oven and the new sewing machine in walmart. Thank you santa for being so jolly and sweet and I want a picture of rudolph and a nerf rebel machine gun. I love how Santa is so sweet and Jolly.  
**Thank you Santa,**  
**Kadie Carouth**

**Mrs. Richards' Third Grade**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been pretty good this year. I hope you can bring me a american girl doll and a good Christmas. Remember about tþe j©ds in the hospital to bring them a stuffed animal toy please!!  
**Love, Brenda Willis**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year and I really want to see my daddy for Christmas. Don't forget to bring my brothers and sister a gift. Don't forget to give the orphans presents too.  
**Love McKenzie Snell**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a snacky cup, horse, a talking baby doll. Dont forget to get a little toy like a barbie doll for me. I would like a Happy Christmas. Merry Christmas. Have a safe trip.  
**Love, Choyce Smith-Hyles**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be a bood boy this year. I hope you bring the kids presents that are for the orphanage. Oh, I forgot to ask about Mrs. Claus. How is she? How are the reindeer and how is prancer? and Dancer? Vixon and Rudolph? Oh, talking about Christmas. I want some legos, remote control helicopter, a puppy, a soccer ball, and books. Thanks for remembering me! Merry Christmas.  
**Love, Jr. Sanchez**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be a good person this year, but I have ben kind of messy too. If I do get a present this year even though I have been messy I want a orang semeri sword. I cant wait to put out cookies and milk for you. Don't forget to give presents to the orphans. Have a safe trip.  
**Love Alex Parker**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year. Don't forget the kids in the hospital and the people who can't buy presents. Don't forget my family either. For Christmas, I want a good time with my dad visiting him.  
**Love, Bianka Montelongo**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year and for the most of the time I think I have. I hope you and your reindeer are ready for delivering toys to all the children in the world. Speaking of Christmas...I really want my family to be together on Christmas. Don't forget the children at the hospitals and orphanages.  
**Love, Abigail Mauricio**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year. Do you have enough presents for the sick people this year? Please Santa, Don't forget them. I want a lap top, real house, two minature horses, a knitting kit, and a happy family.  
**Love, Julie Ann Jordan**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am trying to be good this year. Don't forget the kids in the hospital as they need presents too. For Christmas I want a Crazy Cart, Titanball, and a x box one. How is Rudolph this year? Is his nose still glowing?  
**Love Your Friend, Jaeden Box**



**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year and for the majority of the time I think I have. I hope you and your reindeer are ready for the big trip. Also don't forget about my family. For my brother can you get him a play teen age mutan ninga turtle. For my mom get her some new clothes and some cooking tools. Also for my dad can you help him get a buck. Speaking of Christmas....can you get me a orange and white hound dog and also can you train it, can you help me shoot a ten point buck. Oh Don't forget about St. Jude's Research hospital. My family and I have sent some stuff to St. Jude's but can you also try to get the children there some toys too. Have a safe trip.  
**Love, Addison Long**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year at home. I hope you give the kids that are in the hospital gifts. How is Mrs. Claus? Is she cooking the cookies? For Christmas, I would like to have a real laptop, lego set, olaf doll, snacky cup, and a mini kitchen set.  
**Love, Shyla Lewis**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have tried to be good this year and I think I have. I hope you have your reindeer fed and ready for the big trip. Have a great Christmas. Speaking of Christmas...I would like some legos, hot wheels and a new trampoline. Don't forget the poor either. Have a Merry Christmas!  
**Love, Theron Albrecht**



*'T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.*

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**Welcome the Season**

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**Mrs. Morgan's  
Third Grade**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be good this year and for the majority of the time I think I have. I hope you are ready for the big trip. Oh, can I have some new legos, call of duty advanced warfare for PS4, a new computer and need for speed rivals. Don't forget to give orphans gifts.

**Love, Dusty Wyatt**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be good this year, for most of the time I think I have. I hope your reindeer are ready for their big trip on Christmas Eve. Speaking of Christmas... I would love to have a new transformer and a new transformers war for Cybertron Autobot. Remember to take care of yourself.

**Love, Jayden Shank**

**Dear Santa,**

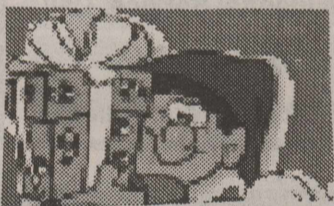
This year I would like a lalaloopsy baking oven for Christmas, and thats all. Wait.. Don't forget the orphans. Maybe a dolly for the little girls and a truck for the little boys. I hope Mrs. Clause is doing well this year. Merry Christmas.

**Love, Cadence Nickerson**

**Dear Santa,**

I was a good girl most of the time. Please give me some minecraft toys, and an Elsa doll. How is Mrs. Claus? Are you doing ok? Santa, Have a safe trip.

**Love, Alice Aughe**



**Dear Santa,**

I hope you and your reindeer are ok. Don't forget the orphans. For the girls bring them a doll and some makeup. For the boys they need a truck and some legos. I want a small four wheeler, new puppy and a new friend. Merry Christmas.

**Love, Jolie Hutton**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be good this year and speaking of Christmas...a Ninjago, small four wheeler and a trampoline, a lap to and a horse please. Have a good trip.

**Love, Bentley Hall**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be the best I could, but most of the time I thought I have been good. I hope you and your reindeer are healthy and ready. Please remember the kids that don't get much. Speaking of Christmas... I would love to have a motorcycle for me to ride on my bumpy rode. I would also like a golden retriever, if my mom and dad don't get me the sweet little puppy. Merry Christmas.

**Love, Harmoney Goble**

**Dear Santa,**

I think I have been a good boy this year. I hope your reindeer are ready for the big flight. I hope the boys and girls that are in the hospital get some toys too. I would like to have a new bike and need for speed rivals for xbox 360.

**Love, Coltyn Barron**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be a good little boy for most of the time. I hope your elves and reindeer are well and not sick. And talking about Christmas... I would like a ninjago lego set, and a minecraft lego set. Do not forget to give presents to the poor kids out there. I hope Mrs. Claus is well, too.

**God Bless, Levi Funderburk**

**Dear Santa,**

I would like to have a ninjago lego set, and a great pyrnees dog. Santa, please forgive me about my bad behavior this year. I'll try to be good.

**Love, Gage Fortune**

**Dear Santa,**

I have been very good. I hope all the reindeer are well. Can you please get me lots of sixlets and a new build a bear workshop bear. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I hope you have a safe trip.

**Love, Reya Dean**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have a four wheeler and an Anna and Elsa doll, and an easy back over and a golden retriever. Don't forget the Orphans. Have a safe trip.

**Love, Jaysie Burns**

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried to be good this year. But don't forget the little kids at the hospital. For Christmas maybe you could get me a reboron doll and some clothes. and please bring the orphans presents too HO HO HO.. Merry Christmas.

**Love, Chloe Baker**



**From Our Home to Yours**

As Christmas approaches and 2014 comes to a close, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as a part of this special community.

We are truly honored to serve so many wonderful people who have become lifelong friends. We look forward to strengthening those relationships in the coming year.

This season is a time to reflect on things that are priceless, yet cost very little. We wish you a very Merry Christmas & a new year filled with peace & joy.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

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**Fourth Grade**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Mackenzie Bell I am 10 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I wood like anything mincraft or art stuff. I would also like anything to do with

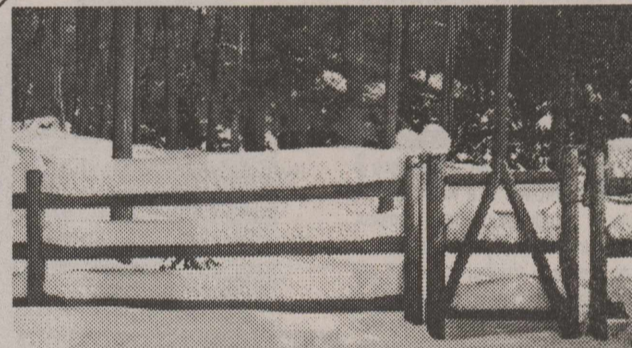
journaling. I will leave some milk & cookies for you.

**Merry Christmas, Mackenzie Bell**

**Dear Santa,**

I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. Your elf helper "Buddy" That you sent down to watch over us has done some funny things. This morning he poured out a box of cereal and he blamed it on me. i tried telling my mom that it wasn't me, but i'am not sure if she belives me or not. Thank you so much for all the gifts you brought my family and I last year for Christmas. This year for Christmas I would like a fox pro call, fising lures, a cast net, laptop, a metal detector, and some new clothes if you have room. I will make sure that I leave out some mike and cookies for you and the reindeer.

**Ryan Reed  
9 years old**



**Season's Greeting**

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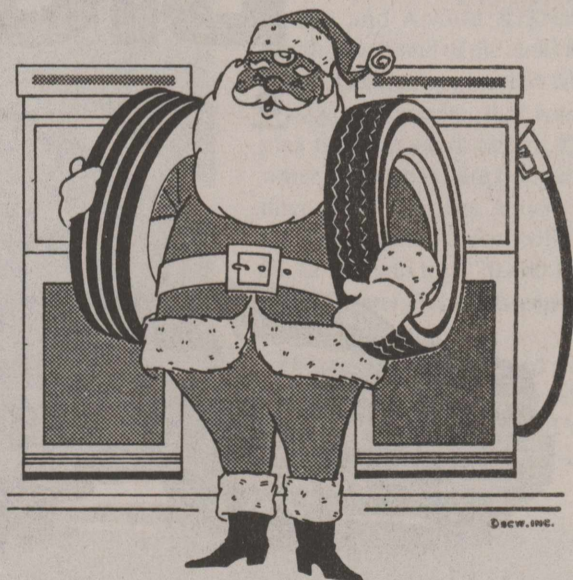
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## Commissioners award surplus equipment bids

The Callahan County Commissioners awarded three bids for surplus equipment during a called commissioners' court meeting held Wednesday, December 10th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Bids for equipment to be sold out of Precinct #1 were opened and decided on. Received and opened were the following and only bids:

Bid by Neal's Automotive on 1998 Chevrolet 3/4 ton pickup \$350.00.

Bid by Charles Murphree on a D6 Caterpillar Dozer \$2,250.00. Bid by David Self on the steam cleaner \$105.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer to accept the submitted bids. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter present.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

## Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry fundraiser in conjunction with Cottonwood Country Musical

Friday night, January 23, 2015 will be a special night at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas!

Not only is it the regular Cottonwood Country Musical but the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry fundraiser in conjunction with the musical.

Those of you who live in the rural areas know how important the smaller volunteer fire groups are when a brush fire breaks out. These volunteers are your neighbors who have donated their time to attend training in fire fighting and they are there fighting to extinguish the fire and protect your property.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, like most

volunteer groups is funded solely by donations and fundraisers.

Mark your calendars for Friday night, January 23, 2015, and travel to the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas to enjoy a meal of fish, chicken, beans, coleslaw, fries, hush puppies, with a dessert and drink. All for \$7.00 adult plate and \$3.50 child plate (for children under 10 years of age). Serving will be from 5-7 p.m.

After you've enjoyed the meal, stroll into the auditorium for the Cottonwood Country Musical.

Plans are for toe tapping, hand clapping good country music with the possibility of special guests.

## Texas Historical Commission news briefs

### AWARD-WINNING MAGOFFIN HOME UNVEILS NEW VISITOR CENTER DECEMBER 13

El Paso's centerpiece Magoffin Home dedicates its new visitors center 4 p.m. December 13 as part of its annual holiday celebration. This year there's even more reason for a party – in November, the Magoffin Home State Historic Site was presented with a Preservation Texas 2014 Honor award. The Honor Award recognizes The Texas Historical Commission's exemplary restoration of the Magoffin Home and its central role in El Paso's heritage tourism community. It's one of Texas' most prestigious historical preservation awards. The award caps an exciting year for the site. Over the last 12 months, extensive work has been completed to transform a historic structure located across the street from the Magoffin Home from multi-family housing into a beautiful and functional new visitors center. The new facility includes education and meeting room, restrooms, gift shop, and staff offices. A new orientation exhibit will also be installed in a few months. The December 13 celebration includes a variety of activities including music, dancing, food, and even a visit from Santa. In addition to a unique holiday experience, visitors will be able to see for themselves why the Magoffin Home was worthy of the Preservation Texas Honor Award. Texans are invited to join the celebration and admission is free. For more information about this event, go to [www.visitmagoffinhome.com](http://www.visitmagoffinhome.com).

### TEXAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE JANUARY 1, 2015

Beginning January 1, property owners, developers, and businesses will have a powerful financial tool to aid in the rehabilitation of historic properties. State tax credits worth 25 percent of the eligible rehabilitation

costs will be available for eligible income-producing projects, with a project minimum of \$5,000 and no project maximum. The state credits can be sold or transferred to other developers. Additionally, projects may qualify for long-established federal tax credits worth an additional 20 percent, potentially generating enormous savings for historic property renovation projects across Texas. "We anticipate these tax credits as being a real economic engine impacting many projects across Texas," says Sharon Fleming, director of the Texas Historical Commission's Architecture Division. "It will have a measurable and positive impact on historic rehabilitation projects great and small." Eligible property owners must demonstrate that their rehabilitation efforts meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Eligible properties include those currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks, or State Antiquities. In the absence of a state income tax, the credit is applied against a business' franchise tax liability. For more information about the Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/taxcredits](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/taxcredits).

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THREATENED TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKERS

Occasionally, criminals damage, vandalize, or even steal the historical markers that commemorate the key events, places, and stories in Texas history. This recently happened in Bee County, where a marker at the St. Rose Cemetery was taken. Coastal Bend Crimestoppers have offered a reward up to \$1,000 for an arrest in the case or recovery of the marker (<http://coastalbendcrimestoppers.com/>). Over the years, other markers have been damaged acciden-

tally, such as by heavy equipment or car collisions, and the THC has also coordinated their repair and replacement. If you encounter a marker that's been damaged – or one that isn't there – here are some things you can do to help:

- Report the incident to local law enforcement. Official Texas Historical Markers are state property, and depending on the replacement value, their theft may constitute a felony offense.

- Send information and photos to [history@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:history@thc.state.tx.us). Sometimes a damaged marker can be repaired, either locally or at Southwell, the foundry in San Antonio that produces the THC's new markers. Markers that are faded or marred by graffiti can be refinished. We can also amend the marker's entry in our Texas Historic Sites Atlas to let people know if the marker will not be available to view for some time.

- Get the word out. Write a press release for local media. Let local scrap yards know. For older markers, ask us for a copy of the original file to publicize information about the marker topic and possibly track down original sponsors and descendants who might be interested in funding a replacement marker. Hopefully, damaged markers can be repaired and missing markers can be recovered. If not, the THC can coordinate a replacement with the County Historical Commission and a sponsor willing to raise funds for the cost of a new marker. Submit a replacement order form, or contact the THC to get the process started. The installation of a replacement marker can become a cause for a rededication ceremony, advancing the cause of historic preservation in your community and turning a bad situation into a good one. If you have any questions or would like more information about our Historical Markers Program, please contact us at [history@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:history@thc.state.tx.us) or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/markers](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markers).

### JUNIOR HISTORIANS OF TEXAS RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Junior Historians of Texas, an educational program of the Texas State Historical Association, received the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation November 20 in Austin. The award recognizes the highest achievement of an individual or organization in preservation of Texas' prehistoric and historic heritage. The Junior Historians of Texas were honored for their efforts to discover and research history, both in the classroom and in the community, and learn about research, inquiry, writing, and debate. The group typically works with schools and educators to create a program of supplemental instruction and academic research to help students develop a love for Texas history, educators connect more deeply with their calling, and the future leaders of Texas understand their unique and special heritage. "There is no bigger opportunity to advance the cause of historic preservation than to illustrate its importance and vitality to Texas youth," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "This award recognizes the importance of the Junior Historians' mission and the bright promise their membership offers Texas."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and THC Vice Chair August Harris III made the award presentation to representatives of the Texas State Historical Association including CEO Brian Bolinger, Director of Operations Stephen Cure, and K-12 Program Manager Kate Hopper. THC commissioners John Crain and Earl Broussard also attended the ceremony. Governor's Award for Historic Preservation nominations are open now until February 27, 2015. For a complete list of THC awards and nomination instructions, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/awards](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/awards).

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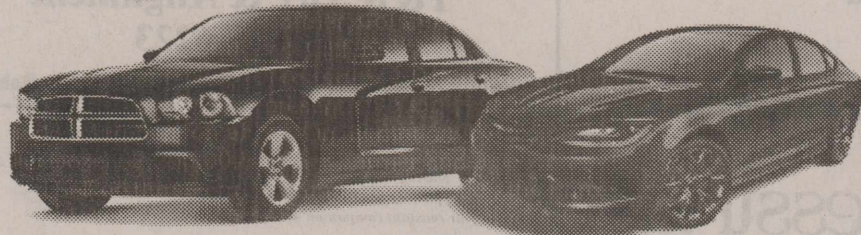
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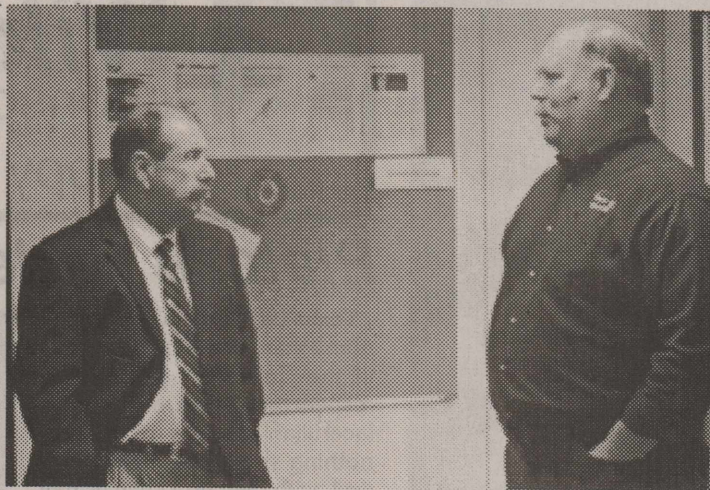
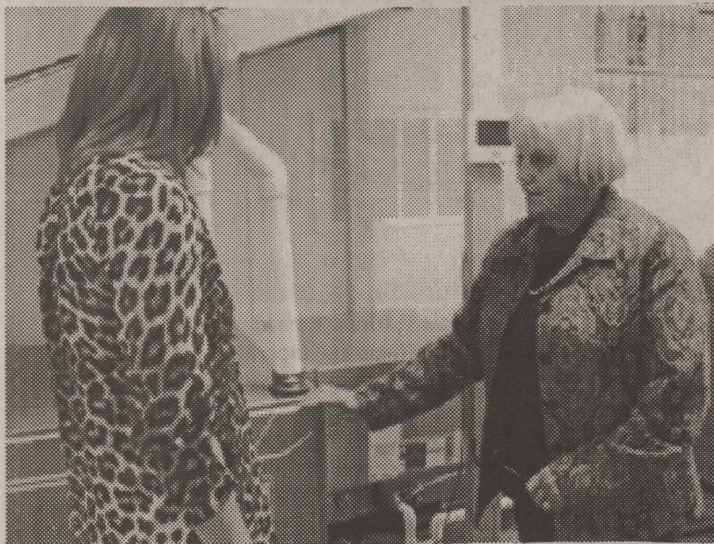
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**Pepper Choplin**

Annual Christmas Cantata  
At The First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains  
Sunday December 21st at 7:00 p.m.





### New HVAC/R Training Facility Open at Cisco College- Abilene

Cisco College's new training facility for HVAC/R had a Grand Opening ceremony on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Abilene Educational Center for Cisco College.

The event was attended by various industry leaders, representatives from Workforce Solutions of West Texas and several Cisco College Regents along with Cisco College staff and executives.

The facility boasts the latest state-of-the-art equipment and is a positive addition to the rapidly growing Technical and Career Training Division of the college. Career opportunities abound in HVAC/R.

Employment of HVACR mechanics and installers is expected to grow 34 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wage of HVACR professionals was \$42,530 in May 2010. Job opportunities for HVACR technicians are expected to be excellent for those who have completed training at an accredited technical school.

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### Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Tyler C. Meyer, harboring a runaway.

Katherine N. Gomez, harboring a runaway.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Lisa Lee, plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Stacy E. Clasby, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated granted for plea to other case.

Jacob L. Melton, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Melissa A. Wyatt, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$750 fine, \$269 court costs.

Jason R. Underwood, motion to dismiss to criminal mischief granted for plea to other case.

Ashley N. Phipps, plea of guilty to hindering apprehension, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$319 court costs.

Jason R. Underwood, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 1 year probation, \$269 court costs.

Regan B. Gamble, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

#### Marriage Licenses

Russell Lee Hopkins of Clyde and Lawanda Holli Dennington of Wingate.

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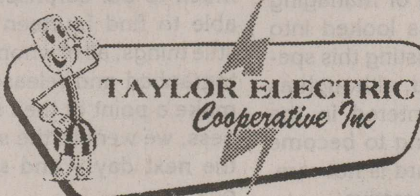
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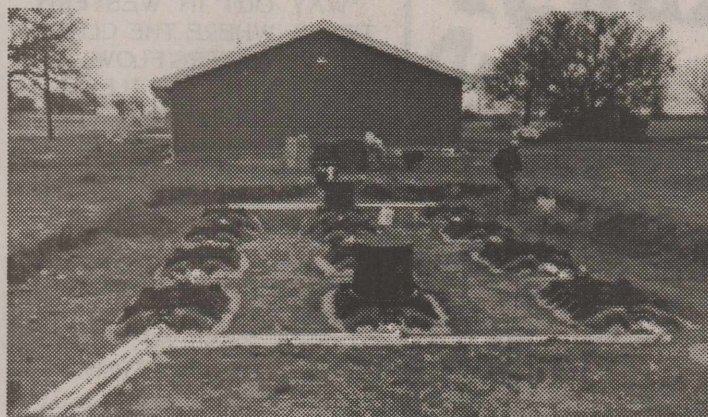
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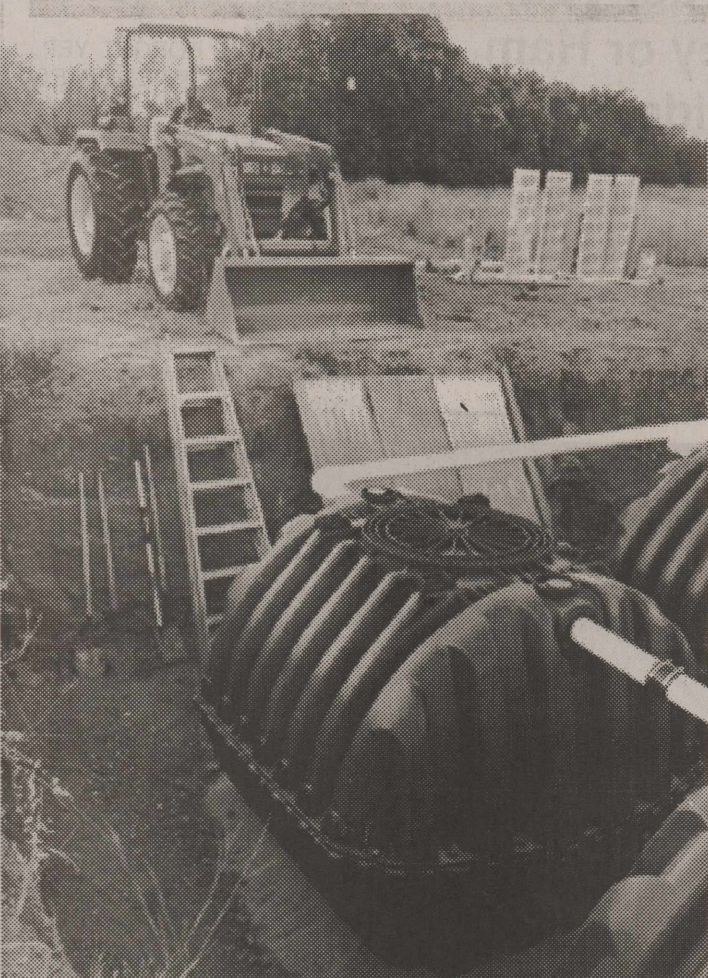
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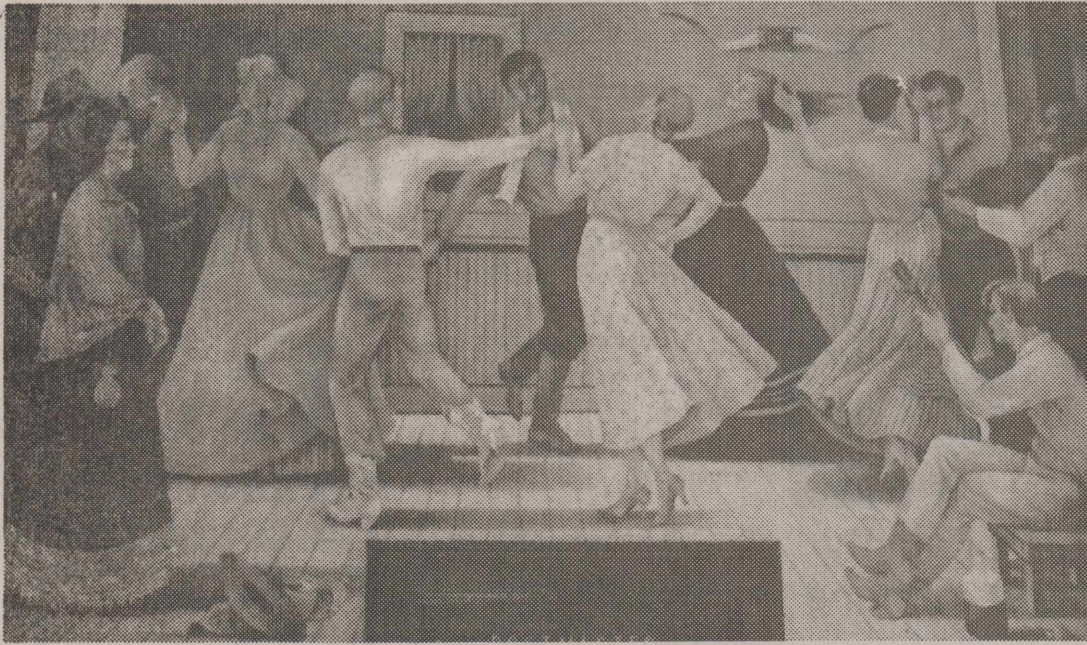
Cottonwood residents Thomas Duquette & Sherri Maxwell decided when they first built their home back in late 2010 to incorporate this rainwater collection system. Back then it was just an idea but they finally decided it would be an asset for their home. Many factors played into their decision (dry wells, drought, calcium in the water, ect.)

They did plenty of research through Texas A&M web sites and through the State of Texas and many different literature articles.

The tanks were installed with the help of neighbors Adrian Allen, Bob Ossowski, Ray Dobbs and Arnold & Diana Smith. The brand of the tanks are Carat- German engineered with a 10 year warranty, that was a plus for Thomas & Sherri. The water for the tanks are filtered in three different places. A mere 10 inches of rainfall a year will fill all 12 tanks to total 20,400 gallons of water. Which is enough for the 2 of them.

The tanks are 85% covered with dirt now and after they are totally covered Jimmy Wilson will do the final pump installation and solar panel hook up.

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## Dancin' in Anson, at the Historic 'Cowboy Christmas Ball'

The original Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball was first held in 1885 in Anson. Its 80<sup>th</sup> consecutive re-enactment will be held there on December 18, 19 & 20.

This annual family winter holiday celebration includes traditional western music, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. It is always open to the public.

Historic, Pioneer Hall in Anson has been the Ball location since completion of its construction in 1940. The Ball and Hall are designated as an official state historical event and site by the Texas Historical Commission to promote its

historic preservation and celebrate its Texas history.

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

2014 schedule:

Thursday, Dec 18th - Michael Martin Murphey & his Rio Grande Band (\$20).

Friday, Dec 19th - Muddy Creek Band & square dance exhibition (\$10 adults, \$5 seniors & ages 13-18, children 12 & under + active duty military free).

Saturday, Dec 20th - Muddy Creek Band & Texas Santa with candy for kids (\$10 adults, \$5 seniors & ages 13-18, children 12 & under + active duty military free).

The nightly Ball begins at 8 pm and concludes at 12 p.m. midnight in Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, TX 79501.

The Ball is always held the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Additional information may be obtained from the musical website at:

[www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com](http://www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com) or by calling (325) 537-2589.

The Theme song to the Cowboy Christmas Ball is as follows:

"WAY OUT IN WESTERN TEXAS, WHERE THE CLEAR FORK'S WATERS FLOW, WHERE THE CATTLE ARE A-BROWZIN, AND THE SPANISH PONIES GROW... WHERE THE ANTELOPE IS GRAZIN' AND THE LONELY PLOVERS CALL - IT WAS THERE THAT I ATTENDED 'THE COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL'... DON'T TELL ME 'BOUT COTILLIONS, OR GERMANS. NO SIR-'EE! THAT WHIRL AT ANSON CITY JUST TAKES THE CAKE WITH ME... I SHA'N'T FORGET YER, AND I'LL OFTENTIMES RECALL, THAT LIVELY GAITED SWORRAY - 'THE COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL.'

Larry Chittenden ("The Cowboys' Christmas Ball") submitted by: John Compere (Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association Historian who resides & ranches in West Texas)



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### Plateau Earless Lizard

Texas is famous for many, many things, and no other state in the Union has the pride or respect that Texas receives. The lacertilian diversity of Texas is nothing short of spectacular as well, with over fifty species having been observed occupying this state.

The Plateau Earless Lizard (*Holbrookia lacerata lacerata*) is one of only 12 species of lizard whose range in the United States is only in Texas. However, it is the only variety that is not also found in adjacent areas of Mexico, making it a true "native Texan"! Its natural range encompasses the Edwards Plateau eco-region (hence the common name), and can be found throughout the Concho Valley.

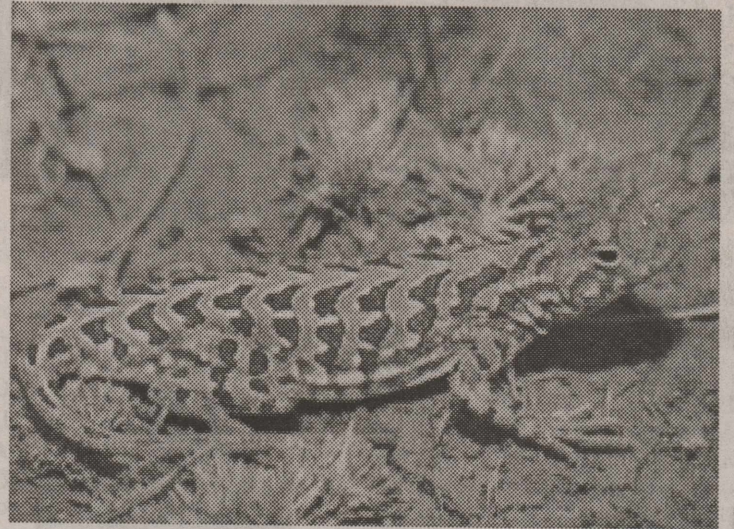
The habitat that this relatively inconspicuous lizard prefers is mesquite and prickly pear filled grasslands, arid flats, and agricultural areas. A secondary habitat niche is where the rocks have been pushed aside and are strewn along caliche county roads, and these areas are frequently utilized as basking and hunting sites.

For the most part, the Plateau Earless Lizard is rather drab in coloration, with the dorsal areas being various shades of tan or brown. There are usually 9-10 pairs of dark blotches that are highlighted in white that run lengthwise on each side of the spine from the back of the head to the base of the tail. The scales on the back are small and granular in appearance and texture, and as the common name implies, there are no external ear openings. The underside of the relatively short tail has six to eight dark spots.

Males are the larger sex, achieving total lengths of up to 5 1/2 inches. Just under half of this total length is comprised of the tail.

Plateau Earless Lizards, like other lizard species, are "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. Overly-simplified, this means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They have very limited periods of activity from April to October, but few are seen during the hottest parts of the summer months. April is the one month when they can be observed the most readily.

This small species of lacertian feeds exclusively on insects, particularly ones that fit easily into its small mouth. Moths and flies are apparent favorites, although any small beetles are



Plateau Earless Lizard (*Holbrookia lacerata lacerata*)

gobbled up with enthusiasm.

The Plateau Earless Lizard is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs. After emerging from the winter-long brumation period (reptiles do not hibernate in the true sense of the word), males will search out females to mate. After mating, the female will lay a small clutch of eggs (between four and twelve) in moisture retaining soil. After approximately two months of incubation, the minute inch long young replicas of their parents emerge prepared to fend for and care for themselves.

There is much debate as to the population status of this Concho Valley native. Some researchers have spent literally decades searching for this little reptile, with little to no success, while others have claimed that it is quite easy to find. The state agency in charge of managing native wildlife has looked into the possibility of listing this species as threatened, although as more are encountered in the wild, it is beginning to become clear that this lizard is not rare, but rather very secretive.

For example, I had a very well respected author and field researcher come to San Angelo to

look for this species, as he had for every year since the late 1970's. He had never had the opportunity to find one in the wild, and was becoming quite desperate. I went to scope out an area the evening before he arrived in town, and was quite pleased to find an adult male. Upon his arrival to my residence, he told me of the countless hours he had spent diligently searching for this unique little reptile, but to no avail. It was at this moment that I pulled the adult male from a hiding place and watched as this man who had lived six decades act like a child on Christmas morning as he held the specimen in his hands over the next hour or so.

The next morning, we set out for an area west of San Angelo where I had procured the specimen the evening before, and much to our surprise, we were able to find fourteen of these little things, all of whom we photographed and released. As to make a point of their secretive-ness, we went to the same spot the next day - and saw not a one.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at [www.fullprice71@gmail.com](mailto:www.fullprice71@gmail.com).

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### Cottonwood News

By Beverly Brown

We want to wish all our friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas, and a safe journey as you travel over the holidays.

My niece, Kitty, lives out in California near where all the flooding has been. She got two foot of water in the garage when the first rain came, so she went to get sandbags to be prepared for the second big rain. When she got the bags, they directed her down a road to a pile of sand where she could start filling her 20 sandbags with her shovel. As she was starting to fill them, a fireman came up to her and told her to drive over to another area and give the firemen her empty bags and they would give her 20 filled bags. They loaded the bags in her car and asked if she had someone at home to unload the bags, because if she didn't they would have one of the firemen follow her home so they could unload them for her. Aren't firemen wonderful!

The Cottonwood Baptist Church will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight Services a day early on Tuesday evening, December 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Then on Christmas Eve, Wednesday night, both the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains and the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains will hold Christmas Eve services.

Christmas Eve Vesper Service at the Baptist Church and Candlelight Service at the Methodist Church both start at 6 p.m.

This Sunday night, December 21, the First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains will present their Christmas program, "Heart of Christmas" with 4His Glory and friends at 7 p.m.

Kathy Franke and her two grandchildren Jaden and Graden, and spent part of the week with Dena Nickerson. Dena Jo Hines was here visiting with her mother.

Joe Terstegge out did himself on the brisket for the Bake Sale. It was great and so was the smoked turkey. So many folks brought baked goods and fudge and came by to say hello. The bake sale was a great success. It was so great to see Chuck and Lynn Patrick.

A reminder that there is no Cottonwood Musical this month. The musical will resume in January.

The Burn Ban is off. Remember to exercise extreme caution if you do decide to burn - and call the Sheriff's office to let them know you will be burning before you light the match. Their number: 325-854-1444.

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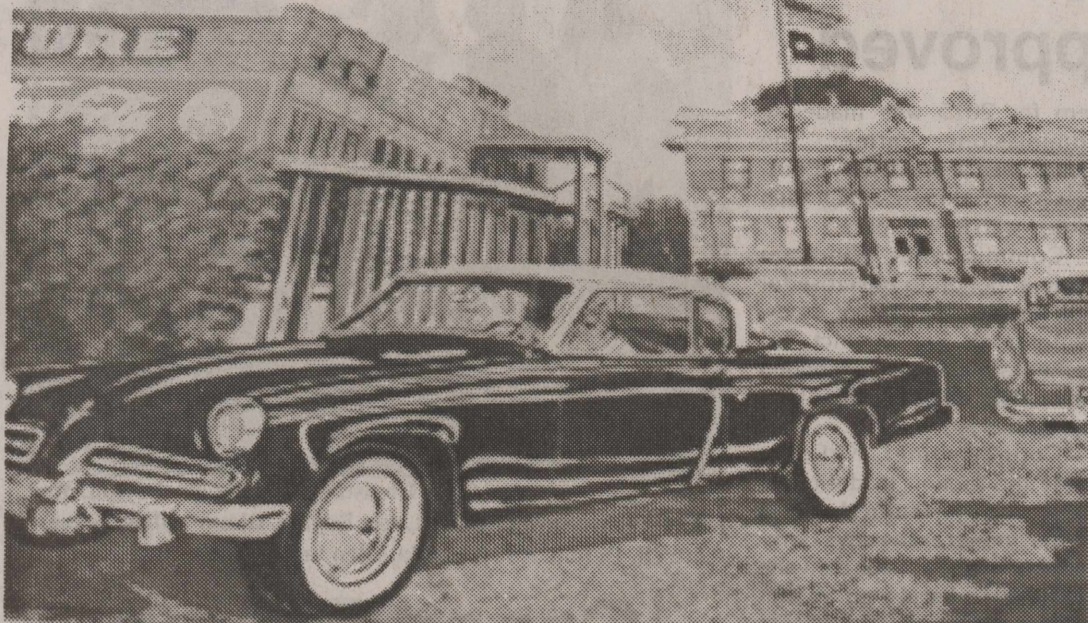
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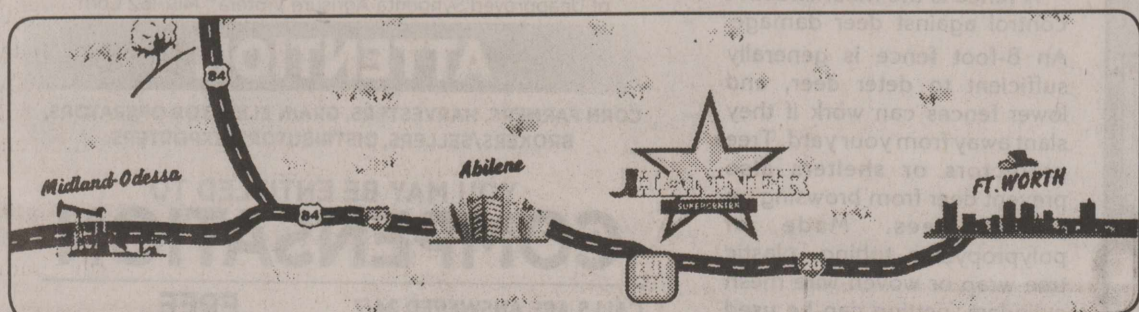
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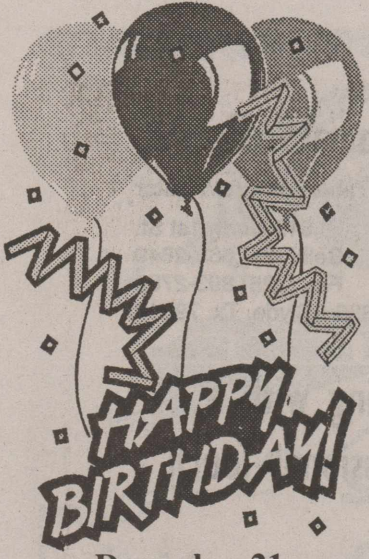
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Ethel Eastham  
Mrs. Emma Morgan  
Laci J. Koenig  
Christy Driskill  
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Theresa Adams  
James Conor Sweetman

### December 21

Rylan Mills  
Allen Woody  
Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr.  
Jimmy Crawford  
Carsyn Walker  
Eddie Hendrick  
Beth Meador  
Tommy Phillips, Jr.  
Riley Allen  
Peggy Brock

### December 22

James (Bim) Goble  
Cody Ford  
Cody Sliger  
James Illingworth  
Peter Perry  
Mrs. B. Crow  
Gary D. Gilland  
Jerry Walker  
Thurman Furry  
Lindsey Meiron

### December 23

Bo Barr  
Douglas Dallas  
Kenneth Sowell  
Jason Beauchamp  
Bobby Sipes  
Roselyn Holmans  
Mrs. Kenneth Thate  
Janet Riser  
Cliff Waddell III  
Barbara (Purvis) Batton  
Lauretta Johnson  
Tommie Neff  
Star (Dobbs) Burleson  
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Lawana Freeman  
Ida Witney  
Brian Haun  
Venessa (Taff) Mathison  
Sheila Mc Wherson  
Laura Johnson  
Danielle Marion  
Don Baskin

### December 25

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

### December 26

Lindsey Ames  
Jay Ringhoffer  
Bill Slate  
Tom Robinson  
Loy Thompson  
Lisa Gardner  
Brandon Jones

### December 27

Belva Gwinn  
Mrs. Elmer Wilson  
Dickie Nowell  
Bobby Lawrence  
Dr. Mickey Bush  
Norma Proctor  
John Ross McCaghren  
Hannah Brown  
Patricia (Lee) Regian  
Sheila Bell  
Carol Bennett

## 2015 County Holiday Schedule approved

Callahan County Commissioners approved the 2015 Holiday Schedule for county employees during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held Monday, December 8th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the 2015 County Holiday Schedule. The Callahan County Courthouse will be closed the following dates:

Thursday, January 1, and January 2, 2015: New Year's Day  
Monday, January 19, 2015: Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, February 16, 2015: Presidents Day  
Friday, April 3, 2015: Good Friday  
Monday, May 25, 2015: Memorial Day  
Friday, July 3, 2015: Independence Day  
Monday, September 7, 2015: Labor Day  
Monday, October 12, 2015: Columbus Day  
Wednesday, November 11, 2015: Veterans Day  
Thursday-Friday, November 26 & 27, 2015: Thanksgiving  
Thursday-Friday, December 24 & 25, 2015: Christmas  
Thursday, December 31, 2015: New Year's Day  
Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

—No action was taken on regulating the use of certain fireworks in Callahan County.

—The motion to appoint Commissioner Hicks as Judge Pro

Tem for 2015 was made by Commissioner Farmer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham, which then carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to advertise for bids for the purchase of a new dump truck for Precinct #3. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made the motion to designate the second and fourth Mondays of each month as the days Commissioners' Court will convene for the 2015 fiscal year. A second was made by Commissioner Hicks. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Dr. Raul Calvo was appointed the Local Health Authority for Callahan County with a motion by Judge Corn. A second was provided by Commissioner Farmer and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the Bonds for the Elected Officials. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to table discussion on County Right-of-Way on County Road 243. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Action on the Callahan County Nutrition Program was tabled by a motion from Commissioner Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Hicks, with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, with passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:16 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which then carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.



Cross Plains Garden Club Christmas Luncheon shown from left to right: Sarah Stone, Lexia Bagley, Diana Miller, Joyce Cottrell, Debbie Eudy, Sheila Allen and Carlene Howard.

## Cross Plains Garden Club

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at Bubba's B-B-Q at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 12th for their regularly scheduled business meeting and Christmas luncheon. Members present were Lexia Bagley, Joyce Cottrell, Debbie Eudy, Carlene Howard, Diana Miller and Sarah Stone. Visitor Sheila Allen was also present.

Annual garden club donations were discussed and finalized. Donations will be made to the Cross Plains Cancer Fund, the Cross Plains EMS, the Burkett, Cottonwood and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Departments, the Cross Plains Food Bank, Project Pride, the Senior Citizen's Center, and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Note: the Cross Plains

Garden Club also offers a \$500 scholarship to a qualifying senior.

**Gardening Tips:** If the recent frost killed off some of your cool weather plants, pull them up and add them to your compost pile. Leaves are in abundance and alone or mixed with compost, they make a wonderful blanket for bare soil and add protection around your surviving cool weather plants.

The next garden club meeting will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015 at the home of Mary Ella Weaver for a program including bird watching and bird identification. Interested visitors are always welcome. Please contact us at 254-725-9418

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So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots.



## Keep Your Landscape Deer Free

Deer damage to ornamental plants is an increasing problem. Deer populations in neighborhoods have grown rapidly due to abandoned farms, hunting restrictions and suburban sprawl. And they are dining on expensive suburban landscapes - especially in areas with heavy snowfall in the woods. In those areas, front and backyard plantings can serve as easy winter forage.

"Deer are selective feeders that eat leaves from flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees," explains Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Damage to larger trees can extend up to 7 feet off the ground."

"In some areas, deer damage peaks in winter when snow cover reduces the food supply. Most areas with overpopulated deer herds experience problems year-round. The availability of natural food sources and the taste preferences of individual deer make deer-proofing a landscape difficult task in many areas. "Deer will eat almost any plant rather than starve," says Andersen, "so damage control measures will be needed in addition to careful plant selection. Use of fencing and repellents can help control deer damage to landscapes."

"A fence is the most effective control against deer damage. An 8-foot fence is generally sufficient to deter deer, and lower fences can work if they slant away from your yard. Tree protectors or shelters also prevent deer from browsing on young trees. Made of polypropylene tubing, plastic tree wrap or woven-wire mesh cylinders, netting can be used to protect individual or group plantings. The netting can be left on year-round if it's attached loosely at the base to allow for plant growth, but should be monitored frequently.

Repellents may help deter deer, but they do not eliminate damage completely.

Homemade repellents include rotting eggs (mix two eggs with a gallon of water and spray the mixture on ornamentals). The eggs rot on the plants and the smell repels deer. Human hair hung in mesh bags makes a simple repellent. Hang the hair bags on the outer branches of trees about a yard apart, and replace them monthly. Bars of strong-smelling soap hung in the same way will also work. This is a good way to make use of all those aromatic Christmas gift soaps you don't plan to use. Repellents containing predator urine or spray-on, soap-based mixtures usually only last a few weeks, depending on the weather.

Once deer taste your garden, it is difficult to rid them of the habit. Replacing your current mix of trees and shrubs with plants that are less appealing will help move the herd along to other sites. The Tree Care Industry Association recommends planting trees that have a history of surviving areas of heavy deer activity, such as:

- Best Trees Bottlebrush buckeye, downy serviceberry, shadbush, Allegheny serviceberry, pinion pine, Chinese paper birch, 'heritage' heritage birch, paper birch, Japanese false cypress, Japanese cedar and Colorado blue spruce.

- Best Shrubs and Climbers Larger, tall shrubs tend to withstand deer browsing better than low-growing ones because they have more leaves, making them able to withstand some defoliation, and taller plants are out of reach. Try these shrubs: bearberry, pawpaw, boxwood, caryopteris, American bittersweet, red osier dogwood, Japanese plum-yew, creeping wintergreen, John T. Morris holly, Lydia Morris hollies, leucothoe, European privet, Japanese andromeda, Virginia creeper, blueberry elder, dwarf sweet Christmas box, and rose of Sharon. Check with your local garden center or tree care company for a list of trees and shrubs in your area that are the least appealing to deer.

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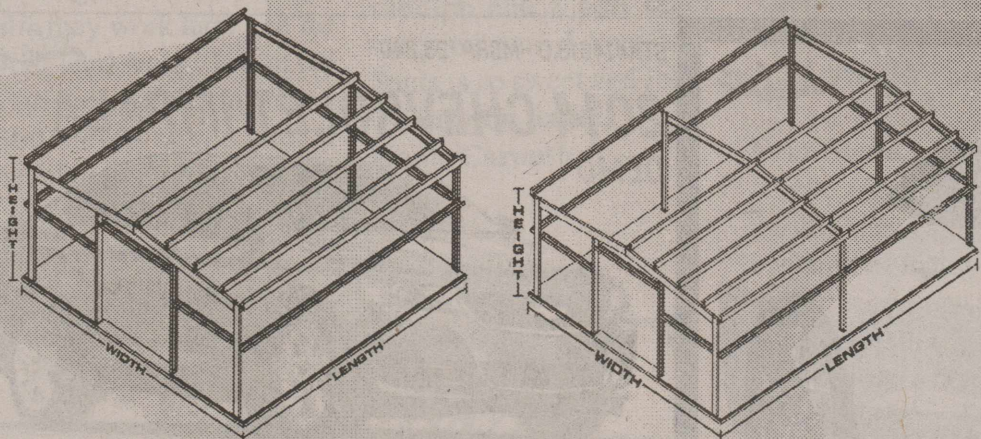
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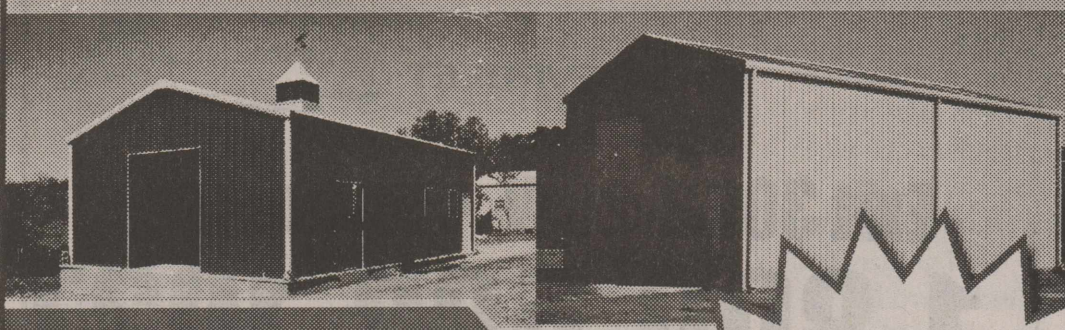
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# December Callahan County agricultural newsletter

December 2014

## 2014 Multi County Forage Seminar

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for January 27th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Morgan Russell, Extension Range Specialist, Robert Frost, FSA County Executive Director, Sammy Wilson, NRCS District Conservationist, Ralph Porter, Dow Agro Science, Dr. Charles Allen, Extension Entomologist, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, and Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent Brown County.

Dr. Russell will discuss "Pasture Management-prescribe burning vs chemical applications for brush and prickly pear"; Robert Frost and Sammy Wilson will discuss "FSA & NRCS Program updates"; Bill Thompson will discuss "PFR-Annual forage-what is available for sowed forage crop insurance; small grains, cane, sudex, and forage sorghums, etc. Dr. Charles Allen will discuss "Pest management for Livestock", and Scott Anderson will discuss Pesticide Laws & Regulations and current changes anticipated for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$20 to those that pre-register by January 21st, after January 21st there will be a \$25 fee to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Callahan County Participating in "Hog Out County Grants Program"

Callahan County is again participating in the Texas Department of Agriculture sponsored grant program designed to encourage counties across the State of Texas to make a concentrated and coordinated effort to reduce the feral hog population and the damage caused by these animals. The program will be from September 1st, 2014 through November 30, 2014, and propose activities to continue abatement though out the year.

Current abatement methods in Texas vary depending on the geographic terrain and vegetation. TDA believes landowners and local constituents know the surrounding land and waterways, as well as the potential challenges to combating feral hogs. Through this program, the highest ranking counties will receive assistance to continue local activities which may range from educating the landowners on abatement methods, coordinating trapping and hunting programs, to conducting areal gunning and addressing public safety hazards related to feral hogs.

## Callahan County Predators Association invites landowners join the Feral Hog Control Effort

The objectives of this organization are to assist landowners and tenants in eradicating the feral hogs throughout the county. Over the past 3 years we have participated in the USDA Services Program and the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Program. During this time we have eradicated over 2,985 feral hogs and 750 coyotes. The Association has received a total of \$17,500 in TDA Grant Funds that have been used to pay a large portion of the aerial services. The Board of Directors would like to see this program continued as we have received feedback from landowners and hunters that the turkey and quail seem to be making a comeback during the past year. We feel that part of this is due to the success in removing at least a number of the feral hog population in the county.

The agriculture department estimates that hogs cause about \$450 million in damage yearly. They are predators of lambs, kids and calves as well as nesting birds such as turkey and quail. They also destroy crops and wildlife habitats rooting for bugs and seeds for food and wallowing during the hotter months. "Feral Hogs commonly destroy urban yards, parks and golf courses, as well as rangeland, pastures, crops, fencing, wildlife feeders and other property," according to the agriculture department. The hogs also spread E. coli and other diseases through streams, ponds and watersheds.

**USDA REAP PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS**  
TEMPLE, TEXAS, December

1, 2014 - As many U.S. farmers are discovering, renewable energy is the new cash crop of the 21st century. Renewable energy and energy efficiency systems provide a significant opportunity to increase local revenue and the economic yield of land while bolstering the local job market. Energy efficiency improvements are a useful tool for increasing farm or business productivity while reducing costs. By investing in energy efficient equipment, agricultural producers and rural small businesses can enjoy savings and increased reliability for years to come.

USDA Rural Development provides financial assistance in the form of grants and guaranteed loans to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements through the Agency's Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP). REAP offers funds for farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements. Many projects have been funded throughout Texas under the REAP program. This funding was used for projects ranging from installation of solar and wind renewable energy sources, upgrading irrigation systems, upgrades to air conditioning and refrigeration units, and retrofitting poultry houses with more energy efficient equipment.

Grants can fund up to 25% of a project's total eligible costs, and are limited to \$500,000 for renewable energy projects or \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements. Grants as low as \$2,500 for renewable energy projects and \$1,500 for energy efficiency projects, will be considered. Guaranteed loans can fund up to 75% of a project's total eligible costs, with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$25 million.

All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who derive 50% or more of their gross income from agricultural operations are eligible. Businesses in a rural area which meets the Small Business Administration size standards can also apply. A private entity, a rural utility, and rural electric cooperatives are typically eligible, however non-profit and public bodies are not eligible.

The first round of REAP applications will be due in February 2015. For more information on the program and to apply for funding, details are available on

the USDA Rural Development website, [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX\\_Energy.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX_Energy.html). Applications should be submitted to the USDA Renewable Energy Coordinator, Billy Curb, at [billy.curb@tx.usda.gov](mailto:billy.curb@tx.usda.gov), or call 254-742-9775 for more information.

December Check List  
• Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs.

• Be sure to prune back the top of established trees and shrubs before moving. Remove about one-third to one-half of the top to compensate for roots lost in digging.

• Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening will pay off in improved plant selection.

• Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Warm temperature plants such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds and periwinkles should be sown in late January or early February.

• Prepare beds and garden areas for spring planting.

• Select and order gladiolus corms for February and March planting. Plant at two-week intervals to prolong flowering period.

• Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch, and start the cycle again by emerging in spring to begin feeding on the foliage. Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.  
• Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then very lightly the first year.

## !!!CONTINUING TO RECEIVE AG NEWSLETTERS!!!

Due to the increasing cost of postage and our shrinking postage budget, the Callahan County Extension office is having to make some changes in the way that the Ag. Newsletters are distributed. The newsletter is currently posted on the county website and mailed to producers. However, at some point in the future we will be going to email only. We are asking producers to email the County Extension office at [Callahan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Callahan@ag.tamu.edu) with your email addresses.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Warren  
County Extension Agent

# Senior Citizens Center Activities

Dec. 22th - Dec. 26th

Monday-22nd Exercise

Tuesday-23rd Exercise 10:45/ Bingo 11:15

Wednesday-24th Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure Check/ Girling Home Health

Thursday -25th Merry Christmas (Center Closed)

Friday -26th Center Closed

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Dec. 22th - Dec. 26th

Monday 22nd - Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert.

Tuesday 23rd - Chopped BBQ Bun, Pickles, Onion, Potatoe Wedges, Dessert

Wednesday 24th - Vegetable beef Soup, pickled Beets, Crackers, Dessert

Thursday 25th - Merry Christmas (Center Closed)

Friday 26th - (Center Closed)

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

## Callahan County Historical Commission

On Thursday, December 11, 2014 members of the Callahan County Historical Commission met in the T & P Depot in Baird, Texas for the CCHC Christmas Party. Margaret Hoogstra, Director of the Texas Forts Trail Region, presented an informative and interesting program on the Forts Trail Region, of which Callahan County is a part. There are historic forts and one presidio in this region that reflects part of our great states pioneer days. Some are just crumbling walls or rock chimneys, such as the ones at Ft. Phantom Hill Historic Site. Some have restored structures or replicas of post headquarters, barracks, officers quarters, etc. The historic sites are Fort Belknap, Graham, Tx., Fort Chadbourne, Bronte, Tx., Fort Concho, San Angelo, Tx., Fort Griffin, Al-

bany, Tx., Fort McKavett, Menard, Tx., Fort Mason, Mason, Tx., Fort Phantom Hill, Abilene, Tx., Fort Richardson, Jacksboro, Tx., and Presidio San Luis de Las Amarillas, Menard, Tx. The cities within this region benefit greatly from the tourism generated by the promotion of these forts.

During the business portion of the meeting, new officers were elected and will be installed during the January, 2015 meeting.

Christmas Wassil, coffee, and an array of delicious snacks were served to Paula Windham, Virginia and Billy Beaird, Marlene and Hubert Donaway, Bob and Cookie Robinson, Joanne and Ted Moomaw, Felix Manion, Dana Voights, Beverly Ross, Judy Luter and Elnora Scott.

## Cottonwood Country Musical

Friday night, January 23, 2015 will be a special night at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas!

Not only is it the regular Cottonwood Country Musical but the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry fundraiser in conjunction with the musical.

Those of you who live in the rural areas know how important the smaller volunteer fire groups are when a brush fire breaks out. These volunteers are your neighbors who have donated their time to attend training in fire fighting and they are there fighting to extinguish the fire and protect your property.

The Cottonwood Volunteer

Fire Control Group, like most volunteer groups is funded solely by donations and fundraisers.

Mark your calendars for Friday night, January 23 2015, and travel to the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas to enjoy a meal of fish, chicken, beans, coleslaw, fries, hush puppies, with a dessert and drink. All for \$7.00 adult plate and \$3.50 child plate (for children under 10 years of age). Serving will be from 5-7 p.m.

After you've enjoyed the meal, stroll into the auditorium for the Cottonwood Country Musical.

Plans are for toe tapping, hand clapping good country music with the possibility of special guests.

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**ACROSS**  
1 TXism: "take a \_\_\_\_\_ off" (sit)  
5 this vampire writer Rice lived in TX  
6 seat of Oldham Co.  
7 TXism: "camps out in the \_\_\_\_\_ corner" (religious)  
8 this Farley founded Boys Ranch near 6-across  
9 where Rangers play the Blue Jays in Canada (2 wds.)  
16 birds at Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park  
18 TXism: "we're \_\_\_\_\_ to eye" (agreeing)  
21 TX Nolan has the major league record for \_\_\_\_\_-hitters  
22 \_\_\_\_\_ Want for Christmas is You"  
23 bumper sticker: "Foat Wuth, I \_\_\_\_\_ Yew"  
24 former star Cowboy QB, Troy  
30 TXism: "he'd be unarmad in \_\_\_\_\_ wits"  
35 "Taco \_\_\_\_\_" has HQ in San Antonio  
36 what Cowboys can finally do with DeMarco Murray  
37 UT has 9 laureates of this Prize  
39 odd h.s. mascot in Knox Co. (2 wds.)

43 this Field started in TX-based "Places in the Heart"  
44 TX Johnny Horton's "Sink the \_\_\_\_\_" (1960)  
45 boot width  
46 this Warren was a great QB for the Houston Oilers  
47 TXism: "take a \_\_\_\_\_" (investigate)  
49 speedy Eric who played for the Astros (1989-92)  
52 former gov., Richards  
53 TX Nesmith sang background on \_\_\_\_\_ a Believer"  
54 \_\_\_\_\_ "Pa Kettle"  
55 Aikman's '93 shout: "\_\_\_\_\_ to Disney World!"  
58 \_\_\_\_\_ Rock, TX  
59 Live \_\_\_\_\_ County  
60 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ in the hole"  
61 Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Hubbard

9 TX-born guitarist, singer & member of CSNY, Stills (init.)  
10 this TX George won the Medal of Honor in WWII  
11 TXism: "beller"  
12 Caddo Lake reptile: croco \_\_\_\_\_  
13 liver and \_\_\_\_\_  
14 British car co.  
15 Gulf snake-like fish  
17 TXism: "I'm \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't change my mind"  
19 Christmas festival: "Boar's Head and \_\_\_\_\_"  
20 TX Keyes who was Suellen O'Hara  
24 TX summer necessity (abbr.)

25 TX Lyle Lovett sang "Here \_\_\_\_\_"  
26 Brownwood FM  
27 TX Chester Nimitz ran a ship aground in \_\_\_\_\_ Bay as an ensign in 1908  
28 Redd Foxx sitcom: "Sanford \_\_\_\_\_"  
29 TX Lefty Frizzell's dad  
31 TX Patrick Swayze birth month (abbr.)  
32 San Marcos univ.

33 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ at the mouth" (angry)  
38 TX Farrah's hair color  
40 Tibetan ox  
41 TX breadmaker: "\_\_\_\_\_ Baird's"  
42 "monkey \_\_\_\_\_ do"  
48 Muslim ruler  
50 TXism: "best I ever \_\_\_\_\_ eyes on"  
51 TX CBS newsmen, Rather  
56 J. Wright killed a white buffalo near Snyder (1876)  
57 \_\_\_\_\_ mole dip

# West Texas Rehabilitation Center Jackpot Show results Grand Ole Oplin's Annual New Year's Eve dance

West Texas Rehabilitation Center Jackpot Show was held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the Abilene Wylie Ag Barn. Results included:

**LAMBS:**  
 Crossbred Champion: Colby McGonagill - Baird, TX  
 Breeder: Neff Livestock - San Angelo, TX  
 Crossbred Reserve Champion: Talyn Eaton - Ovalo, TX  
 Breeder: Hyde Club Lambs - Rocksprings, TX  
 Finewool Champion: Madison Warren - Gorman, TX  
 Breeder: Harley & Temple Driver - Sterling City, TX  
 Finewool Reserve Champion: Kelby Dean - Clyde, TX  
 Breeder: Long Brothers Show Lambs - Sterling City, TX  
 Medium Wool Champion: Aspen Eaton - Ovalo, TX  
 Breeder: Cade Wilson - Early, TX  
 Medium Wool Reserve Champion: Lynzie Atkison - Roscoe, TX  
 Breeder: Mark Clem - Tahoka, TX  
 Southdown Champion: Abbie Mullen - Aspermont, TX  
 Breeder: Gibbs-Byler Southdowns - Ballinger, TX  
 Southdown Reserve Champion: Dalton Williams - Tuscola, TX  
 Breeder: Brady Southdowns - Abilene, TX  
 Hair Sheep Champion: Madison Warren - Gorman, TX  
 Breeder: Roeder Brothers - Fredericksburg, TX  
 Grand Champion Lamb: Aspen Eaton - Ovalo, TX  
 Breeder: Cade Wilson - Early, TX  
 Reserve Grand Champion Lamb: Colby McGonagill - Baird, TX  
 Breeder: Neff Livestock - San Angelo, TX

**Junior Showman:** Thomas Mullen - Peacock, TX  
**Senior Showman:** Talyn Eaton - Ovalo, TX  
**Prize Winners:**  
 Clippers  
 Aaricka Thomas - Eden, TX  
 Blocking Table  
 Rebekah Mullen - Aspermont, TX  
 Showbox  
 Micade Switzer - San Angelo, TX  
**GOATS:**  
 Champion Lightweight Division:  
 Kelby Dean - Clyde, TX  
 Breeder: David Garrett - Early, TX  
 Reserve Champion Lightweight Division:  
 Ashley Hamilton - Lubbock, TX  
 Breeder: Galen Schwartz - Garden City, TX  
 Champion Middleweight Division:  
 Shae Nicholson - Abilene, TX  
 Breeder: Dr. Reece Blincoe - Brownwood, TX  
 Reserve Champion Middleweight Division:  
 Lexi Hogan - Trent, TX  
 Breeder: Clay Everheart - Bronte, TX  
 Champion Heavyweight Division:  
 Cooper Mascorro - Abilene, TX  
 Breeder: Dr. Gary Vannoy - Abilene, TX  
 Reserve Champion Heavyweight Division:  
 Brentyn Covington - Roscoe, TX  
 Breeder: David Garrett - Early, TX  
 Grand Champion Goat:  
 Cooper Mascorro - Abilene, TX  
 Breeder: Dr. Gary Vannoy - Abilene, TX  
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 Showbox  
 Lexi Hogan - Trent, TX  
**HOGS:**  
 Black OPB Champion:  
 Dillon Earles - Clyde, TX  
 Breeder: John Mart Stephens - De Leon, TX  
 Black OPB Reserve Champion:  
 Trey Heard - Miles, TX  
 Breeder: Platt Show Pigs - Roanoke, IN  
 White OPB Champion:  
 Kambri Peyton - Seminole, TX  
 Breeder: Clarence & Barbara Schafer - Rowena, TX  
 White OPB Reserve Champion:  
 Aiden Beck - Bronte, TX  
 Breeder: Clarence & Barbara Schafer - Rowena, TX  
 Duroc Champion:  
 Micah Pyron - Tuscola, TX  
 Breeder: Chad Hill Durocs - Lubbock, TX  
 Duroc Reserve Champion:  
 Scott Hemwall - Clyde, TX  
 Breeder: Sam Sparger - De Leon, TX  
 Crossbred Champion:  
 Allie Hodges - Breckenridge, TX  
 Breeder: River Ridge Show Pigs - Killeen, TX  
 Crossbred Reserve Champion:  
 Theron Ott - Big Spring, TX  
 Breeder: Titus Show Pigs - Wapakoneta, OH  
 York Champion:  
 Kutter Peyton - Seminole, TX  
 Breeder: Ifft Yorkshires - Fairbury, IL

**York Reserve Champion:** Kambri Peyton - Seminole, TX  
 Breeder: P H Genetics - Blue Ridge, TX  
**Hampshire Champion:** Summer Furlong - Comanche, TX  
 Breeder: Karlin Livestock - Gruver, TX  
**Hampshire Reserve Champion:** Kilye Winge - Cisco, TX  
 Breeder: Williams Brothers - Monahans, TX  
**Berk Champion:** Kaitlyn Shaw - Abilene, TX  
 Breeder: Neil Knobloch - Shelbyville, IN  
**Berk Reserve Champion:** Kennedy Whitaker - Paducah, TX  
 Breeder: Armstrong Genetics - Huntsville, IL  
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