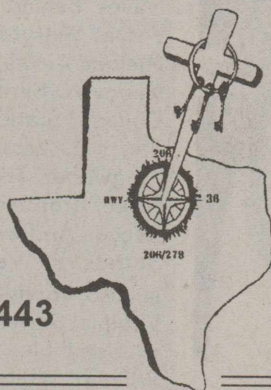


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Merry Christmas

December 27, 2005



On December 27, 2005, the landscape of Cross Plains changed forever. On that day 11 years ago, we lost the 116 homes, one business, the First United Methodist Church and two of our dear citizens. Cross Plains' spirit, our strength and our faith have become stronger and we all pulled together after the fire.

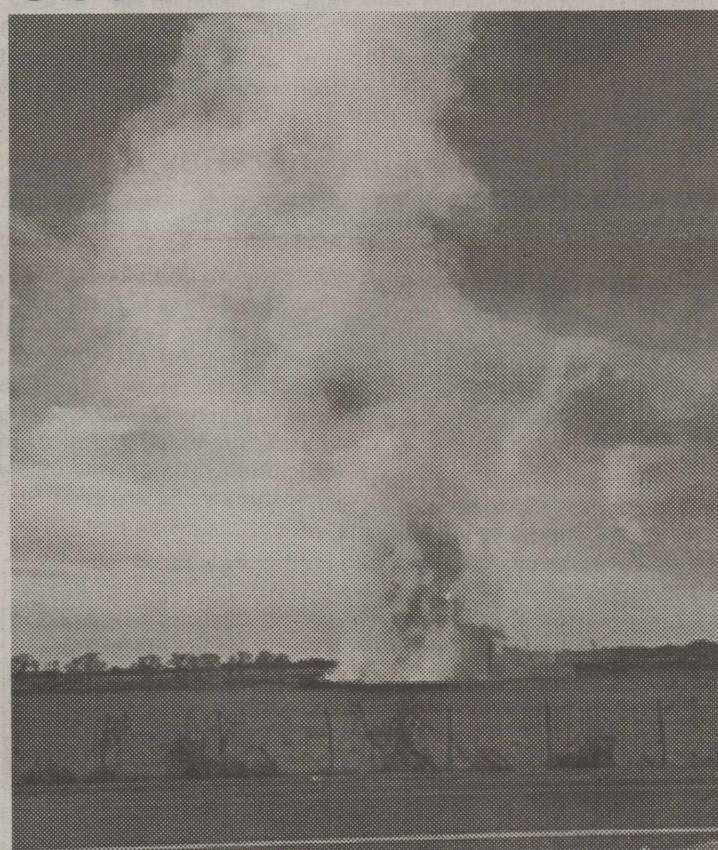


See Santa Letters
inside this weeks edition



A Day We'll Never Forget

Coastal Field on Fire



Cross Plains VFD responded to a fire in a hayfield on Highway 36, west of town on Monday. With the help of Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department, the fire was quickly contained to two acres and extinguished.



Smoke from the fire could be seen from quite a distance.

Christmas Eve Service at Methodist Church

By Christmas Eve, the details 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!

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.

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Cross Plains Community Calendar

~ December ~
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services at First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
Dec 25 - Christmas
Dec 26 - Library closed through January 2nd.
Dec 31 - New Year's Eve
~ January ~
Jan 1 - Happy New Year!
Jan 3 - School starts back after the holidays; Library open after the holidays
Jan 4 - Cross Plains Public Library ASAP, 4 p.m.
Jan 12-14 - Callahan County Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo

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Holiday Hours

Alon/7-11 - Open Sunday (Christmas Day)
Bubba's Smokehouse - Closing Early on Saturday; Closed Sunday; Open Monday
Cross Plains City Hall - Closed Friday and Monday
Cross Plains ISD - Closed until January 3
Cross Plains Public Library - Closed until January 3
Cross Plains Senior Center - Closed Monday
Dairy Queen - Closed Sunday
Dollar General - Open 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday; Closed Sunday
Food Plaza - Open Sunday (Christmas Day)
Hardwick's - Closing at noon on Saturday; Closed Sunday
Higginbothams - Closing at noon on Saturday; Open Monday
J & L Sales - Closed Saturday and Monday
Jean's Feedbarn - Closing at 2 p.m. on Saturday; Closed Sunday
Junkin Daze - Closing at noon on Saturday; Closed Monday
Larsen Pharmacy - Closing at 3 p.m. on Friday; Closed Monday
Lawrence Farm & Ranch - Closing at noon on Saturday; Closed Monday
Lowe's Market - Closing at 6 p.m. on Saturday; Closed Sunday; Open Monday
Mexico City Cafe - Closing at 7 p.m. on Saturday; Closed Sunday
ResourceCare - Closing at noon on Friday; Closed Monday
Salamander's Tees & More - Closed Friday and Monday
Sparks Insurance - Closed Friday and Monday
Staghorn Cafe - Closing early on Saturday; Closed Sunday
Subway - Closed Sunday
Texas Heritage Bank - Closed Monday
Texas Legacy Insurance - Closed through January 6
Tom's Computer Repair - Closed Friday; Open Monday
Wildlife Nutrition Center - Closed Monday



One of the windows at Higginbothams. Project Pride decorated all the windows for Christmas. More photos of Christmas in Cross Plains Inside

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COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Ministry Activities
 Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
 Thomas Estes, Pastor
 Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
 Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

Pioneer Baptist Church

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Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
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 Sunday School.....10:00am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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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



Harold L. White
Harold Linden White

Harold Linden White died peacefully on December 18, 2016 in Midland, Texas. He was 92 years old.

Service will be T at 11:00 am Thursday, December 22, at Henderson Funeral Home with services under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home Santa Anna. The family will receive friends Thursday from 10:00 till 11:00am at Henderson funeral Home, A memorial will be held at a later date in Midland, Texas.

Harold was born in St. Mary's, West Virginia, January 28, 1924 to Ralph and Dorothy Ingram White. He was raised in Cross Plains, Texas and was a graduate of Cross Plains High School (class of 1942 - which, he often recounted, was so small he both played on the football team and in the marching band at half time).

Following graduation Harold joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He served 18 months with the 350 Infantry Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division ("Clover Leaf Division") in North Africa and in the Italian Campaign. Wounded by enemy artillery fire south of Florence in 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Harold was later able to rejoin his unit near the Gothic Line and ended the war at Innsbruck, Austria. Following service with U.S. Army occupation troops in Vienna, Austria, he returned home in January 1946.

At the urging of his sister Virginia, and taking advantage of the G.I. Bill, Harold attended North Texas State University, graduating in 1950. He then began a long career in the energy industry, working throughout the Permian Basin and southeast New Mexico. Harold's first employer was the Amerada Petroleum Company (later Amerada Hess) for whom he worked 28 years. He finished his career with Sun Exploration and Production, retiring in 1988.

After establishing himself with Amerada, Harold met and married Mary Mills of Santa Anna, Texas in December 1953. Harold and Mary are long-time residents of Midland, Texas where they are members of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church, the Keystone Sunday School Class, and volunteered with the church and Meals on Wheels.

Harold was a Christian gentleman and a fine husband and father. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He maintained lifelong friendships with members of his high school class and many of the people he worked

and lived with in oil camps and field offices throughout his long industry career. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Mary Mills White, of Midland Texas, two daughters; Nancy A. Simmons (Barre) of College Station, Texas; and Janet L. Vessell (Richard) of Kingwood, Texas; as well as three grandsons: Taylor C. Reece, Andrew I. Vessell and James R. Vessell. Harold is also survived by his sister Virginia Sorrell Foreman (Ed) of Seminole, Fl., his brother William White (Becky), and sister in law Dorothy White, all of Fort Worth, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother Glen White and sister Kay White.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Harold L. White to: the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 North Big Spring, Suite 32, Midland, Texas 79705 or St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701

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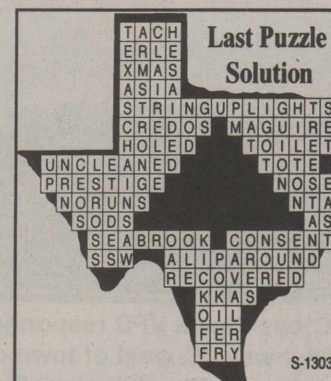
Death Notices

R. L. Wanvol Barnett

R. L. Wanvol Barnett, age 95, of Cross Plains passed away, Monday, December 19, 2016 in Cross Plains, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Cross Plains Cemetery, in Cross Plains, Texas with Ronnie White officiating. Family will have a time of visitation on Tuesday, December 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home 309 N. E. 4th Street Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Edith Ray Agnew-Bibb

Edith Ray Agnew-Bibb, age 86, of Rising Star passed away, Monday, December 18, 2016 in Sweetwater, Texas. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at the Church of Christ in Rising Star, Texas with Terry Jackson officiating. Burial will follow after the service at Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star, Texas.



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Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Ryan R. Schaffner, fail to maintain financial responsibility.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Stephen A. Mendez, plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$369 court costs.
 Terry Tate, plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$319 court costs.
 Danyell V. Black, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, dismissed because of forgery.

Colton L. Lanier, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$369 court costs, \$553.84 restitution.

Taylor R. Monroe, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Christopher Morris, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Anthony Baker, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine \$429 court costs.

Tiffany Grice, plea of guilty to illegal dumping, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$319 court costs.

Lauren V. Bostic, plea of

guilty to failure to identify, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$269 court costs.

Benito Murillo, plea of guilty to assault - family violence, 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$269 court costs.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Tommy Don Crump and Deborah Joyce Crump, divorce.

Katie Lanne Snell and Jeremiah Jake Snell, divorce.

Wesley Ray Green and Jennifer Ann Green, divorce.

Criminal Minutes

Lusero C. Trujillo, plea of guilty to possession of methamphetamine, 3 months in jail, \$384 court costs.

Mario Valerio, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 9 months in jail.

Anthony D. Hickman, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 5 years in prison, \$324 court costs.

Christopher Carrion, plea of guilty to attempted evading arrest, 9 months in jail, \$264 court costs.

Tamara G. Conaway, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, sentenced to S.A.F.P.

Thank you

Thanks to Cottonwood Vol. Fire Control and Cross Plains VFD, Rising Star VFD for the rapid response to the fire near our place.

Thanks to Wes Larimore for all that he did.

**Brittani & RW Bogue,
 Tom & Sue Bennett**



Robert Wolfe, from Little Rock, AR.

Traveling CPA visits Museum

Robert Wolfe is a CPA with the Frost Company in Little Rock, Arkansas, which is a foods and agriculture firm that specializes in working with agricultural business on a pay for service basis, offering a variety of financial advice, audits, and tax services. The company provides bookkeeping services from the North Carolinas across to Arizona, thus Wolfe travels about 100 days out of the year,

working with his wide varieties of clients.

Wolfe has actually traveled through this area quite often and was delighted to be able to visit the Museum on this trip. Although he has read a lot of Howard's books, he spent some time shopping for Christmas gifts for family members before heading on towards Little Rock for the holidays.

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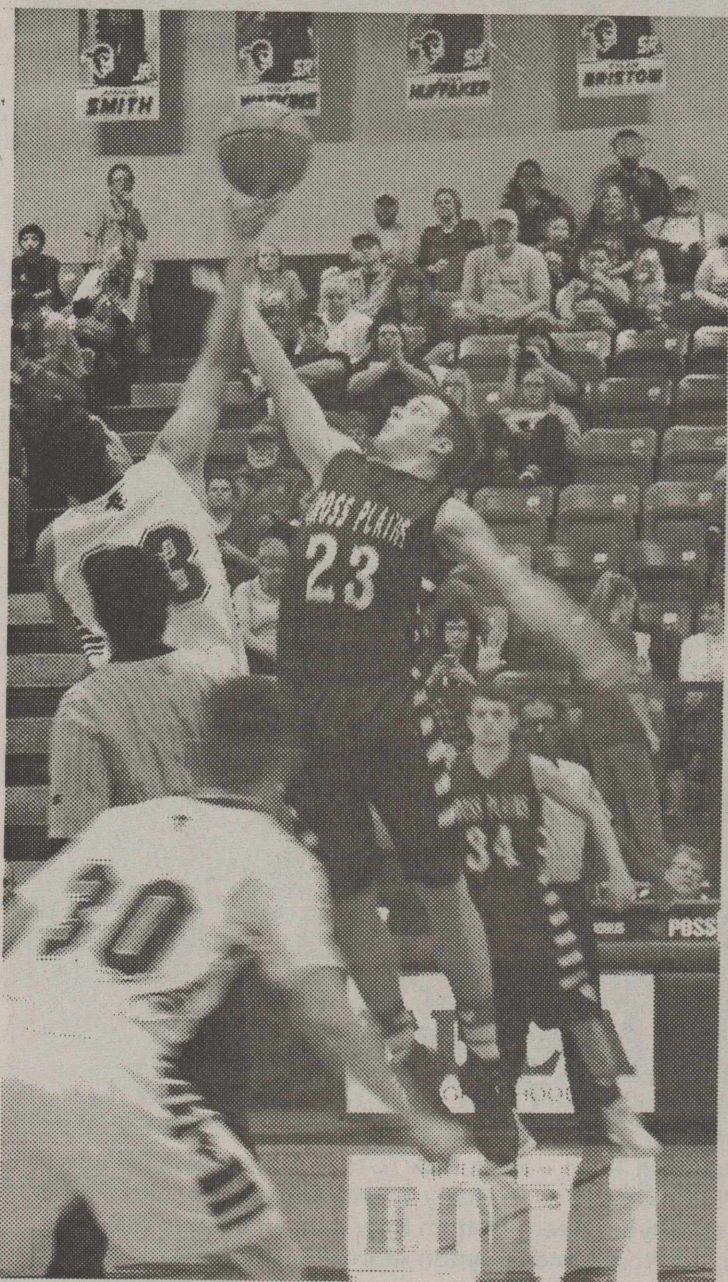
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Varsity Buffaloes



Lady Buffs

The Lady Buffs played Rising here in Cross Plains last Tuesday night, then travelled to Eula Friday night and played Merkel here on Monday.

Lady Buffs vs. Rising Star
 December 14, 2016
 Rising Star 27
 Lady Buffs 50
 Scoring:
 Shana Yates 7
 Jackilann Shepard 4
 Macee Steigleder 13
 Katy Jo Morgan 14
 Grace Goode 8
 Hanna Fortune 2
 Brooke Lynn Bell 2

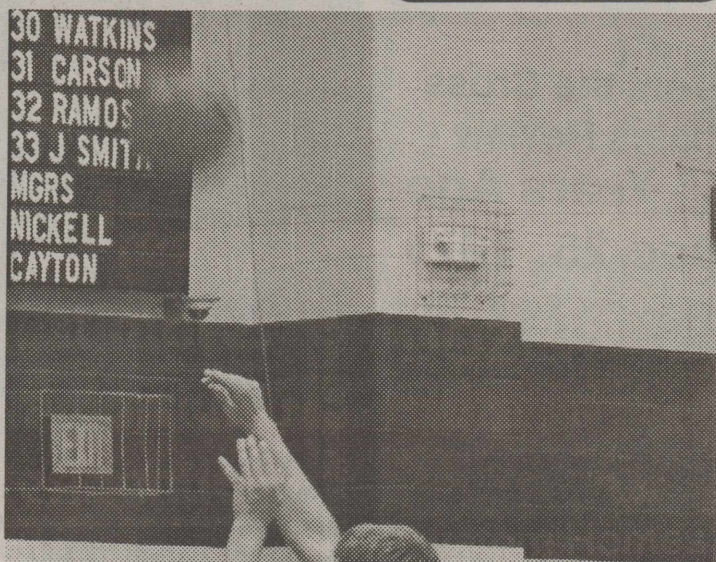
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**Go Buffaloes!
 Go Buffaloes!**



Junior High and High School Basketball Schedule

December 30, Friday - Varsity Girls and Junior Varsity Girls play Gorman there, starting at 1 p.m.

December 30, Friday - Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Eant there.

January 3, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Girls and Boys) play Baird here starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

January 5, Thursday - Junior High Girls and Boys A and B Teams play Baird here starting at 5:00 p.m.

January 6, Friday - Varsity Girls and Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys play at Panther Creek starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

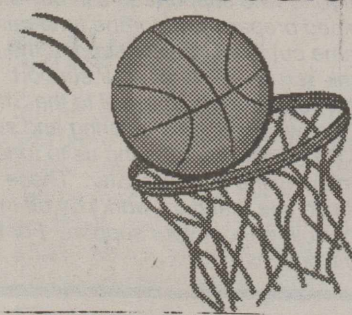
January 9, Monday - Junior High Girls and Boys A Teams play at Santa Anna starting at 6:00 p.m.

January 10, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play May here starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 13, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Brownwood 9th Grade at Brownwood, starting at 4 p.m.

January 13, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Santa Anna there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

January 16, Monday - Junior High Boys and Girls A and B Teams play May here, starting



at 5 p.m.

January 17, Tuesday - Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Anson there, starting at 5 p.m.

January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Eula there, starting at 4 p.m. District Game.

January 20, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys play Rising Star there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Boys play in the Zephyr Tournament.

January 21, Saturday - Junior High Girls B Team plays in the Cross Plains Junior High Girls B Tournament.

January 23, Monday - Junior High Boys and Girls A and B Teams play Eula here, starting at 5 p.m.

January 24, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play Eula here starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 26-28, Thursday-Saturday - Junior High Girls Boys play in the Zephyr

Tournament.

January 27, Friday - Varsity Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play Baird there starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 30, Monday - Junior High Boys A and B Teams and Junior High Girls A team play Eula here starting at 6:00 p.m.

January 31, Tuesday - Varsity Girls and Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys play Panther Creek here starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

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From the Cross Plains Review... 45 years ago, December 25, 1971.

Don Wilson to receive Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Texas.

The entire Review Staff - Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Glover, Ted Souder and Esthloy Dickson, joined by correspondents Mrs. J. T. Beggs, Mrs. Wayne Brown, Mrs. D. L. Riley Jr, Mrs. Edwin Erwin, Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Mrs. ALton Tatom wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.

Sam Odom was the winner in the Seniors Turkey Raffle. Keith Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence was the young man who drew the ticket for the senior class.

Alma Armstrong of Sabanno has purchased the dwelling on Avenue A formerly owned by Mrs. Edith Bransford, located north of the Jimmielee Payne home. Mrs. Bransford has rented the home owned by Mrs. John Hart, located two places south of her former home.

Happy Christmas from Robertson's Grocery and Station, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Robertson.

Merry Christmas from Wayne's Place, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dennis.

Season's Greetings from R. L. Barnett Hiway 36 Garage. Other holiday greetings:



Cross Plains Buffaloes 10U Baseball Team -- Back Row (L to R) Billy Wyatt, Donnie Dillard Jr. and Jeremy Box; Middle Row (L to R) Dusty Wyatt, Nathan Lee, Alex Parker, Zane Blackburn, Jaeden Box and Ryder Reed; Bottom Row (L to R) Stryker Dillard, Theron Albrecht, Kade Purvis, Ian Norris and Graydon Albrecht. Not Pictured: Collyn Barron and Barrett Nickerson

Thank You and Merry Christmas from the Cross Plains Buffaloes 10U Baseball Team
I know that it is late, and we apologize for that, but the Cross Plains Buffaloes 10U Baseball Team would like to say Thank You to everyone who supported us in our State Tournament Trip this past summer. To everyone that helped prepare stuff for the fund raisers, came out and bought Ice Cream, donated generously, came out to watch and support the boys, or just gave a pat on the back, we would like to say Thank You so much for your support. Without the support of this town it would not have been possible for our team to travel to the State Tournament, and I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am that we have such a caring and supportive community. We would also like to thank the City of Rising Star for allowing us to fund raise there and for the generous support we received from everyone in Rising Star. These boys work so hard every baseball season and it's always nice to see that hard work pay off in trips to the State Tournament. However, none of that would be possible without your support. For that we say Thank You, and we hope each of you have a Merry Christmas.

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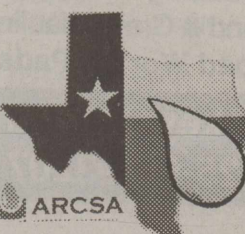
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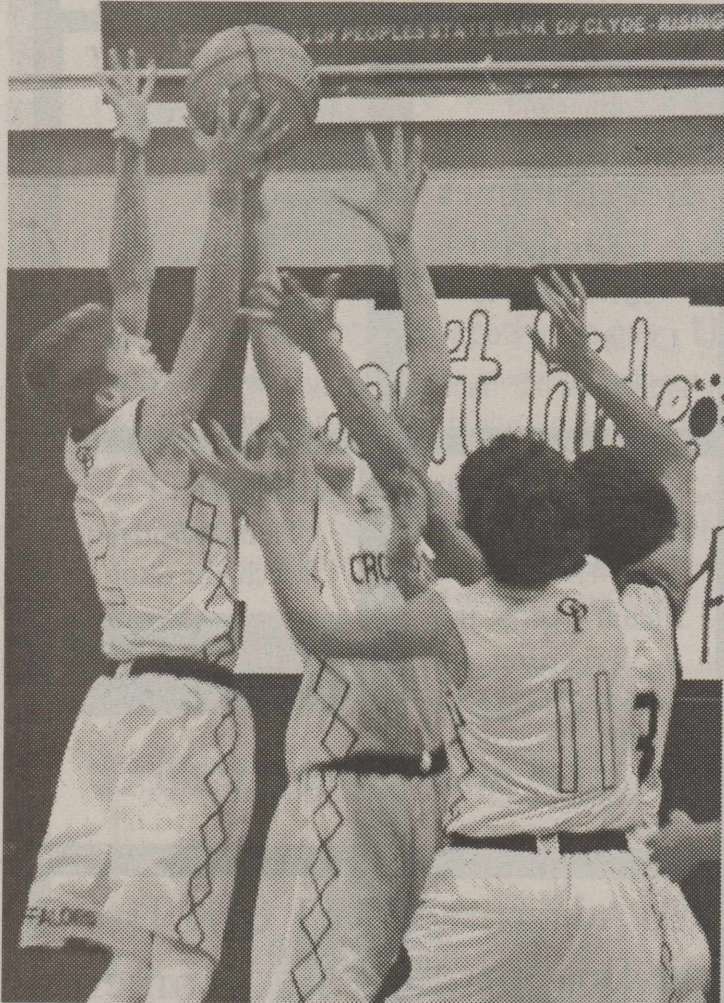
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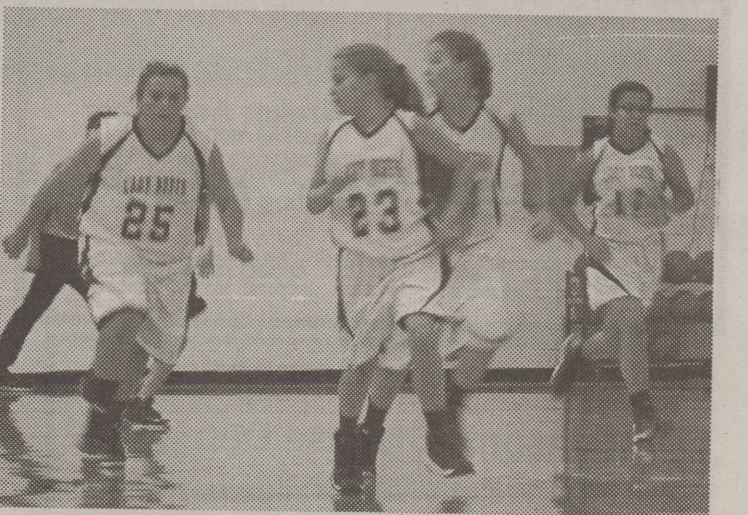
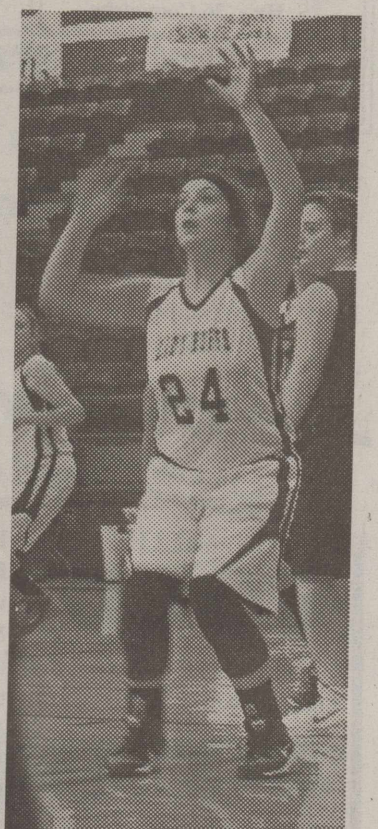


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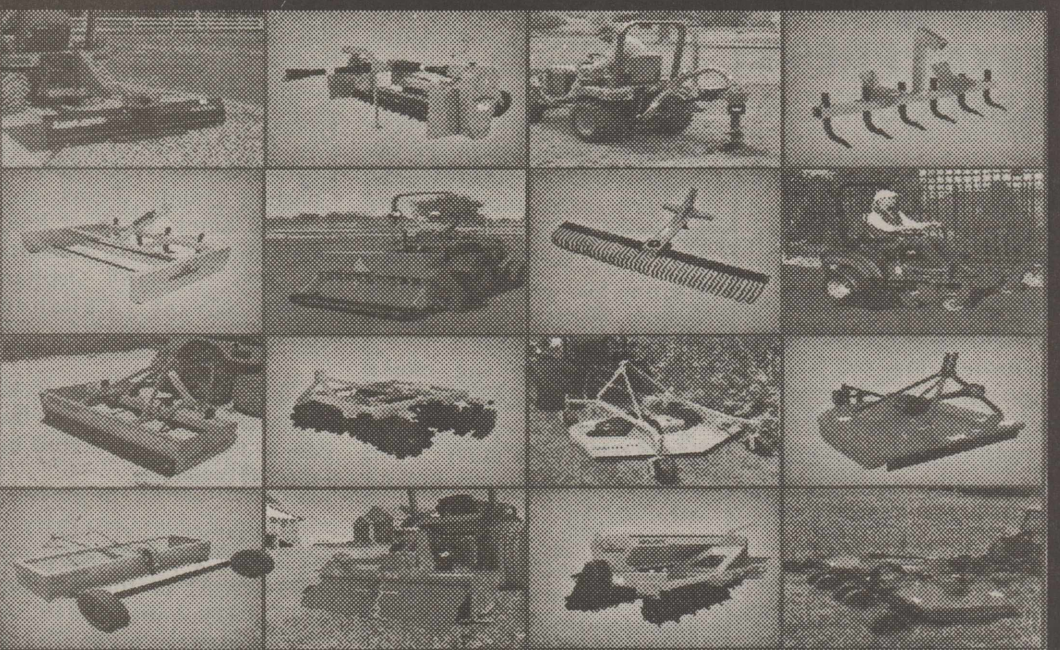
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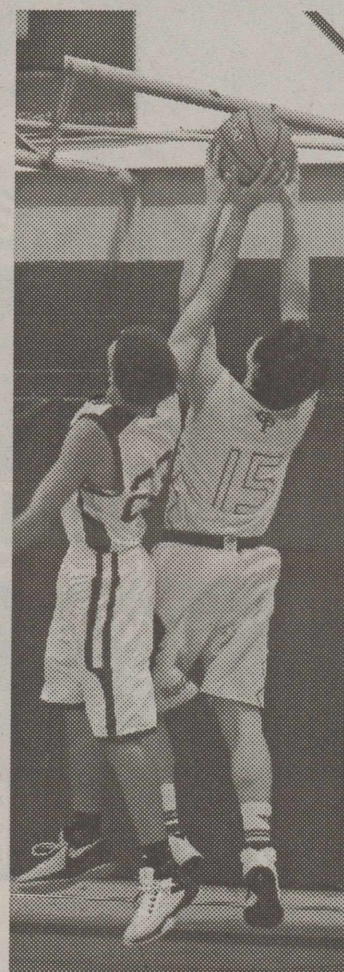
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What Are You Reading?
by the Bookworms

What would you do if you won the lottery? Morty and Earl are about to find out in Robert Thornhill's "Lady Justice and the Lottery" - book #14 in the Lady Justice Series. Morty and Earl are septuagenarians who want their winnings to turn back time to a safer and simpler world by doing good things in their communities. But of course, being big winners opens them up to all kinds of problems - relatives and new "friends" who are only interested in a handout, as well as criminals who plot to extort money from them.

Of course, Kansas City cop Walt Williams and his partner Ox become embroiled with the winners. Instead of re-creating the past, the two winners send Walt into the future where he uses "drones and Star Trek phasers" to give Lady Justice a hand. I am a Star Trek fan, so I enjoyed this sub-plot; however, non-fans will be able follow easily. In the end, Morty and Earl discover that the past is the past and money really can't buy happiness. And, once again, Walt's circle of senior citizen friends provides the comedy in this mystery.

Although this book stands alone as a novel, I recommend starting with the first book to get acquainted with the characters.

ROBERT E. MCCOOL
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The Texas History Minute

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Profile of Governor Preston Smith

While Texas has many outspoken figures in its history, there were also the quiet workers who made an impact. One such man was two-term governor Preston Smith.

Smith was born into a family of sharecroppers in 1912 in rural Williamson County. Like many farm families of the time, it was a large household, with thirteen brothers and sisters in all. Eventually, the Smiths settled near the West Texas community of Lamesa, where Smith graduated high school in 1928.

After graduation, Smith moved to Lubbock where he enrolled at Texas Tech, working his way through college. He graduated with a business degree and began a small chain of movie theaters in the city by the 1940s. In 1944, he was elected to the state house of representatives, the first of three terms.

Smith took a few years off from politics to tend to his business interests in Lubbock and take care of his growing family. In 1956, he returned to politics with a victory in the election for state senate. In 1962, he was elected lieutenant governor by a wide margin.

When President John F. Kennedy was murdered in Dallas on November 22, 1963, Gov. John Connally was also seriously wounded in the attack. His critical injuries forced Smith to assume the role of acting governor in the months it took Connally to recover. Smith was praised for his steadiness in the face of the assassination.

In 1968, Connally declined to seek a fourth term as governor, leaving an opening for Smith. He jumped into a wide field for the Democratic Primary in 1968. In one appeal to voters, he sent out letters to the 47,000 families named Smith in the state, asking, "Don't you think it's about time one of us was governor?" Smith ended up winning the primary and swept to a win in the general election with 57% of the vote.

Smith was the first governor from West Texas. He secured some improvements for education, such as a plan to phase in a raise for teachers over a ten year period as well as increased funding for vocational schools.

He won approval of a state minimum wage law and helped secure new medical schools in Houston and Lubbock.

Smith was described as an affable and grandfatherly figure which won him a lot of admirers for his straightforward and open approach to governing. However, his public relations efforts were sometimes clumsy, leading detractors to call him "Pop," for "Poor Old Preston."

After his second term began in 1971, the state government was embroiled in what became known as the Sharpstown Scandal. A Houston businessman named Frank Sharp had tried to push through favorable anti-regulatory legislation for his bank and insurance company, giving certain legislators stock in his companies. House Speaker Gus Mutscher, who had engineered the legislation, ended up being indicted and convicted in the scandal though that conviction was later overturned.

Though Smith was never implicated in any wrongdoing, the scandal undermined faith in

his administration. He ran for a third term in 1972 as calls for reform rose. He was humiliated with a fourth-place finish in the primary, far behind South Texas businessman and rancher Dolph Briscoe.

He attempted a political comeback in 1978, running for governor again, but he placed third in the primary. He remained active in Lubbock and worked as a lobbyist for Texas Tech for many years. He served as chairman of the state College and University Coordinating Board in the early 1980s.

His health declined following a car accident in 2003. He died in October of that year at the age of 91. He was widely praised by both Democrats and Republicans for his years of dedicated service to the state. The next year, his hometown of Lubbock honored his memory by renaming the airport after him.

Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges@gmail.com.

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- 311 Mayben, RS-3BR/1.5B, 1420, completely remodeled.....Reduced \$76,500
- 1316 Ave I, B'wd-3BR/2b, 1145 sq ft, brick/siding, nice corner Reduced...\$89,900
- NEW!** 1206 Ave G, Cisco-3BR/2B, new flooring in kitchen/liv room.....\$102,000
- 2510 S 41st St, Abilene-3BR/2B brick, sun porch **SOLD** duced...\$105,000
- 401 Ave B, Cross Plains-4 BR/2.5 B brick home, shop, swimming pool...\$249,000

Commercial Property

- 700 N. Ave A, CP-Potential investment property! 7,767 sq ft brick bldg, C/H/A, formerly nursing home-needs TLC.....\$25,000
- 12977 Hwy 36 E-CP-Pink Church, 3200 sq ft **UNDER CONTRACT**\$39,900
- 118 S. Main, RS-Starlight Cafe', 2700 sq ft.....\$85,000
- 205 S Main, RS-6000 sq ft metal bldg, HVAC.....\$99,900
- 3703 Hwy 377 S, Brownwood-5.562 acres, 1100 sq ft lobby & 2 offices, 2400 sq ft warehouse\$295,000

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Cross Plains Public Library News

New Books
The Award by Danielle Steel
A Baxter Family Christmas by Karen Kingsbury
The Sleeping Beauty Killer by Mary Higgins Clark

Library Hours
 Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
 Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm
 Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm
 Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
 Closed Friday

The Library will be closed December 26-January 2 for the Holidays.

December 12-15, 2016
 Patrons 97
 Books Checked 100

Programs 34
 GED 8
 LAP/LAPsit 26

Copies 74
 Internet 19
 Wi Fi 20
 Library Laptops 9
 Reference 11

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 Ginny Hoskins
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Bob & Llavonne Childress
 In Honor of Scott & Jacque Childress

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Polly Beeler
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 George Methvin

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 Linda Burns
 Sue Bennett
 Ginny Hoskins
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 Peggy Brock
 James Ross

The Christmas One

The Stocking are stuffed, the pies are just right. The neighbor kids are singing a Heavenly Silent Nite. I stand here wondering "what else should I do"? When I remember, I haven't talked to you. Sweet Saviour in a manger, sweet Lord of my life. You've come to the world, this Christmas night. And your name would be called Jesus and you would fill us with love. Your sweet baby cooing, you sweet turtle dove.

By Geneva Nelson
12-13-16

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Dec. 26th - Dec. 30th

Monday-26th Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 27th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday 28th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check by Kindred at home of Eastland

Thursday-29th Exercise 11:00

Friday-30th Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15

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. 26th - Dec. 30th

Monday 26th- Center Closed -Holiday

Thursday 29th - Chicken on a Bun, Lettuce/Onion/Tomato, Chips, Fruit Medley, Cookie

Tuesday 27th- Chicken Tenders, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Bread, Dessert

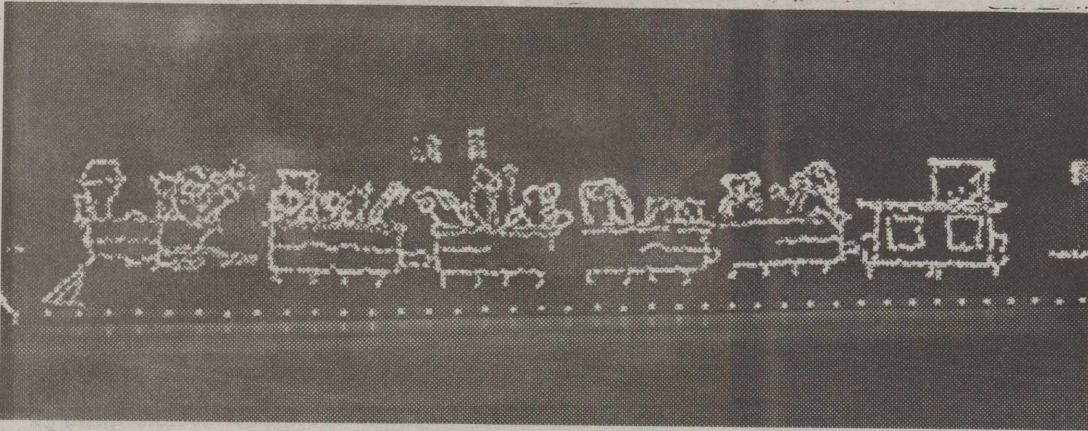
Friday 30th- Beef Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Fruit, Dessert

Wednesday 28th- Chili Beans, Onion Slices, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Christmas in Cross Plains



Lighted Christmas Train at the Cross Plains City Hall.



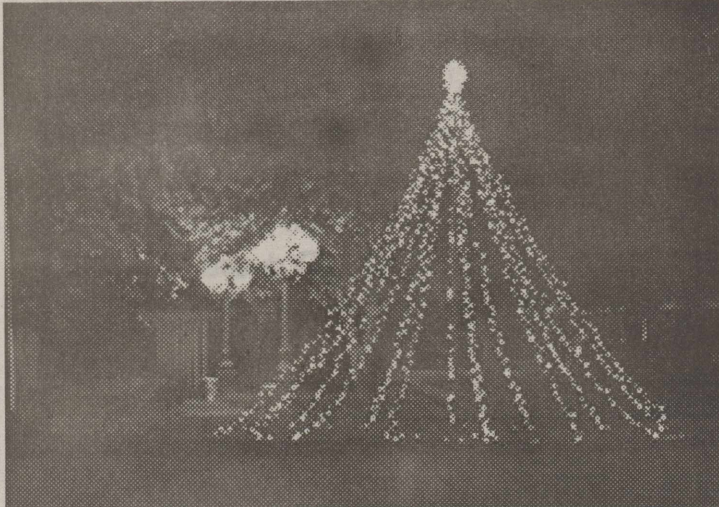
Lighted Manger at the Howard House Pavilion presented by Project Pride.

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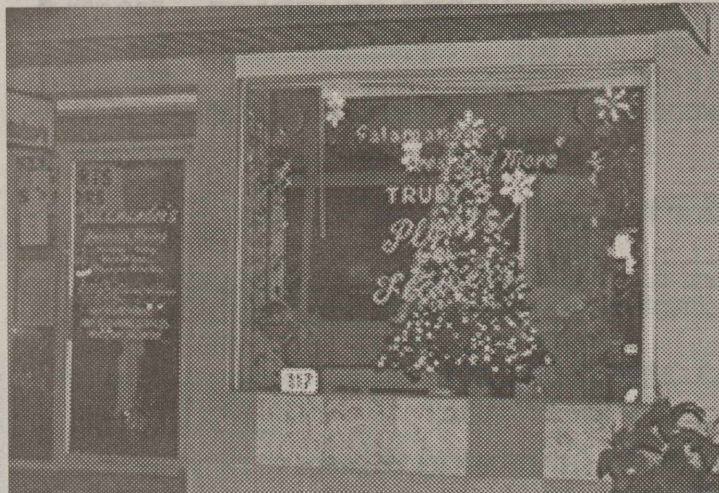
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Hollywood Legend Texas Bob Is Coming to Dinner

Plans are still underway, but we are excited to announce that Bob Hinkle, author of "Call Me Lucky - A Texan in Hollywood" will be our speaker at a fundraising dinner at First United Methodist Church on January 21st, so mark your calendars!

"From the rodeo to the studio, Bob Hinkle's career has spanned the latter half of the 20th century. Whether acting, directing or producing, Texas Bob has touched the lives of many of the entertainment industry's marquis names. His own accomplishments can be attributed to a passion for living, a talent for entertaining, and flair for the dramatic."

Hinkle had many roles in movies and TV, including "Hud," "Wagon Train," "Wells Fargo," "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza," and "Walker Texas Ranger," just to name a few.

Then, in 1955, the classic movie "Giant" marked a turning point for Hinkle. His down-home drawl made him the perfect candidate to coach Rock Hudson, Carroll Baker, Dennis Hopper, Mercedes McCambridge and James Dean to "talk Texan." (Dean later presented his friend Hinkle with an Oscar for his contribution to the film's towering success.) Hinkle then took his experience from "Giant" to the set of "Hud"

and did for Paul Newman what he had done for James Dean by coaching Newman, Patricia Neal and Melvin Douglas to be Texans. Neal and Douglas won Oscars for their roles.

Hinkle's career was not limited to "talking Texan." He did a variety of notable things: creating and directing the pig scramble in "Hud," signing an unknown singer named Glen Campbell to a country music series, developing and promoting "Evel Knievel" as he became the world's best known showman-daredevil, and being the personal manager for Marty Robbins.

Hinkle says his most memorable achievement, however, goes back to winning a \$20 bet that he could get a date with the Queen of the Rodeo in Moses Lake. After introducing himself to Sandra Larson, he dedicated his bull ride to her along with a tip of his hat from the center of the arena. Sandra not only went to the dance with him that night, but married him a year-and-a-half later! The Hinkles raised three children and now live back in Texas.

After our dinner, Hinkle will be available to autograph copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening!

School Board Minutes

December 15, 2016

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell. Prayer was led by Jack Shepard.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Crockett that we approve audit. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0

Grand Ole Oplin December Line-Up

You'll find the Holiday Spirit at the Grand Ole Oplin, located at the intersection of FM 604 and FM 2926. Our country western dances are alcohol and tobacco free. If you'd like to share the refreshments at intermission, bring snacks or goodies.

Special Event:

- No dances December 23rd or 30th.

Special Event:

- December 31st-New Year's Eve Dance with Muddy Creek ringing in the new year. \$8.00 per person at the door.

These great bands work hard to provide your entertainment, so join us at The Grand Ole Oplin!

The Big Read "The Great Gatsby" 1920's ERA Postmark Design Contest Begins

In preparation for The Big Read in beginning February 28, 2017, the Cross Plains Public Library is holding a Pictorial Postmark design contest. It must include "The Great Gatsby Station", Cross Plains, TX 76443 and March 31, 2017. The design area is 2" tall by 4" wide. Deadline for entries

(in black and white only) is Thursday, January 5, 2017. Entries should be submitted to the Cross Plains Library. Any age can enter. The winning artist and their postmark will be announced in the Cross Plains Review. Contact person for this event is Helen Parson at 254-725-4422 (309 N Ave D).

Cookbooks For Christmas Giving

A new Methodist cookbook has arrived just in time for Christmas giving. Selection of recipes from former members of the church as well as lots of good recipes from current members to enhance the holiday season. The three ring

binder style enables you to add your own favorite recipes to the book. Just \$15.00 and can be purchased at the church anytime; call 725-7377 during office hours or 725-4993 to make special arrangements.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- gauge that Santa's sleigh doesn't have
- honorary TX Ranger: Stanley Gardner
- December 25, for short
- largest continent that Santa visits
- December decoration chore (3 wds.)
- birth of Christ is one of these
- TX Zellweger 1996 film: "Jerry"
- sank the golf ball
- TXism: "reading room"
- still dirty
- Santa's bag?
- admiration enjoyed by Santa (or Texas)
- Rudolph's distinctive feature
- when the Rangers or Astros end a game with a "0" (2 wds.)
- this assoc. studies taxation in the U.S.
- rolls of grass
- TXism: "happy ___ a kid on Santa's lap"
- in 3 counties on highway 146 near LBJ Space Center
- TX-born Allen Drury won 1960 Pulitzer for "Admiral" and ___
- dir. Santa travels from North Pole to Texas?

DOWN

- not in the Christmas spirit: "The ___ Massacre" (1974)
- TX cyclist Lance and astronaut Neil
- TX-born ___
- Chennault led the "Flying Tigers" in China in WWII
- Santa has a lot of work, but ___ by elves
- kids have to "___ off" before Santa will come
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped ___" (tasty)
- TXism: "gave his pallbearers the slip"
- previous call letters for Lumberton AM, KLLS, when the station was licensed to Sitsbee
- TXism: "as fast as ___ from a gusher"
- TXism for "far" or "for"
- TXism: "busier than a one-armed ___ cook in a truck stop"
- TX star of 1950s TV show "My Little Margie" (init.)
- not a.m.
- latissimus muscle, for short
- Christmas day shout: "Look what ___!"
- this TX David W. arranged the popular version of "Home on the Range"
- this Conrad started his hotel chain in Texas
- this holds up "O Tannenbaum" (2 wds.)
- many boys want a train ___ for Christmas
- Xmas song: "___ on the Housetop"
- former radio network (abbr.)
- they hand out Xmas bonuses
- 19th TX gov. (initials for first two names)
- short compositions for one instrument
- Tyler is in ___ Texas
- TXism: "he's only got one ___ in the water" (slow witted)
- Grand ___ Opry
- start of a Cowboy or Texan game
- TXism: "call in the ___ (help)"
- mineral rocks
- TXism: "haven't see hide ___ hair of him"
- TX Buddy Holly's "Peggy ___"
- TXism: "at the ___ of my rope!"
- "he's slower than Christmas"

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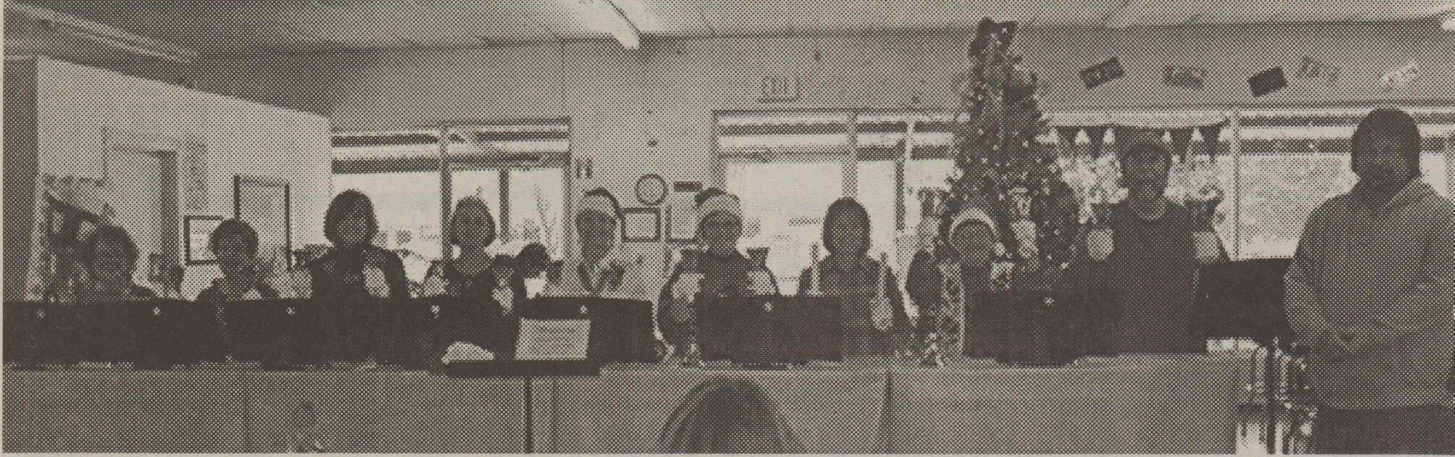
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The First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir performed several Christmas songs.

The Senior Center held a Christmas Open House last Thursday, complete with cookies and punch, the Cross Plains Elementary Third Graders, music, the First Methodist Church Handbell Choir and a fried fish lunch.

Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the festivities.

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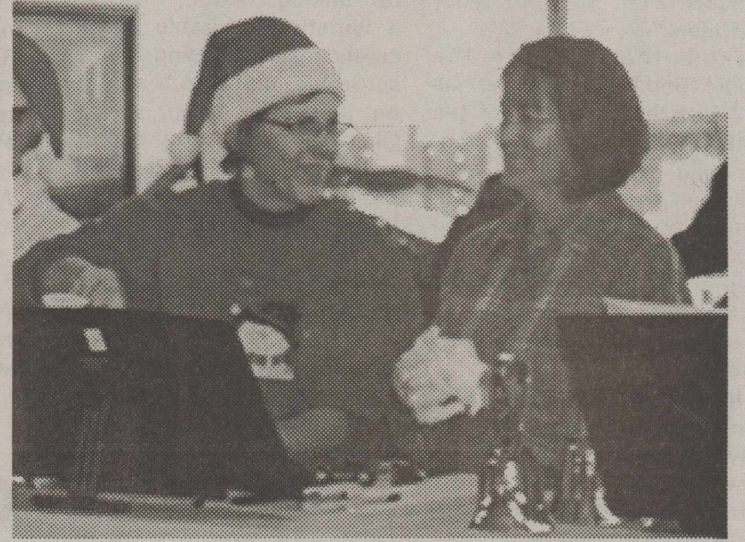
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Everyone enjoyed the Christmas songs and seeing the third grade classes.



Enjoying the music and the fried fish lunch



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Susan Hunter, Jan Keyes and Dora Warlick



The Third Graders sang Christmas songs

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Commissioners' Court meeting minutes from Monday, December 12th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on Monday, December 12, 2016 A.D., with the following officers present to wit:

Roger Corn, County Judge
Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Jan Windham, County Treasurer
Donna Bell, County Clerk and ex-Officio of Commissioners' Court.

Also attending were: Terry Joy, Sheriff's Office; Julie Lemons, Sheriff's Office; Kristen Hogue, Texas Communications; and Nicole Crocker, County Clerk's Office.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. Commissioner Kirkham was absent.

—The minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment there was none.

—There was no action on the burn ban. The burn ban remains lifted.

—Treasurer Jan Windham presented the overtime report. The Deputies had 40 ½ hours overtime and the Dispatchers had 6 ¼ hours overtime. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

—Sam Goldsmith, Goldsmith Solutions Inc. presented the IT report and his recommendations. No action was taken.

—Mr. Goldsmith continued into the next agenda item, "Radio System Proposal - Texas Communications". He explained some of the issues with the radio system in the Sheriff's Department. Hethen introduced

representative Lewis Bergman. Mr. Bergmann presented his recommendations and costs to get the radio working properly. He told the Court that he would work with them on improving the system. Commissioner Windham made a motion to go with Texas Communications and no other radio repair company. The motion included getting 2 channels up and running and amending the budget to cover the costs. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

—No action was taken on the regulation of use of fireworks.

—No action was taken on the Tax Assessor Collector Bond.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to sign Resolution Opposing re: Search TX. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

—An update report was given by Kevin Scott, KBL Restoration Inc. on the windows and the electrical updates.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the report and Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

—No action was taken on the Courthouse HVAC & Boiler.

—No action was taken on the Courthouse change orders.

—No action was taken on the review of invoice from Komatsu.

—Bids were open for the

portable buildings located behind the Jail. They are as follows:

Building #1
J. Hank Whitt, Sr. \$200.00
Fontenot Construction \$265.00

K. O. Griffin \$211.00
Commissioner Farmer made a motion to reject all bids. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Building #2
K. O. Griffin \$376.00
Fontenot Construction \$250.00

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reject all bids. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the 2017 Holiday list. Commissioner Windham seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

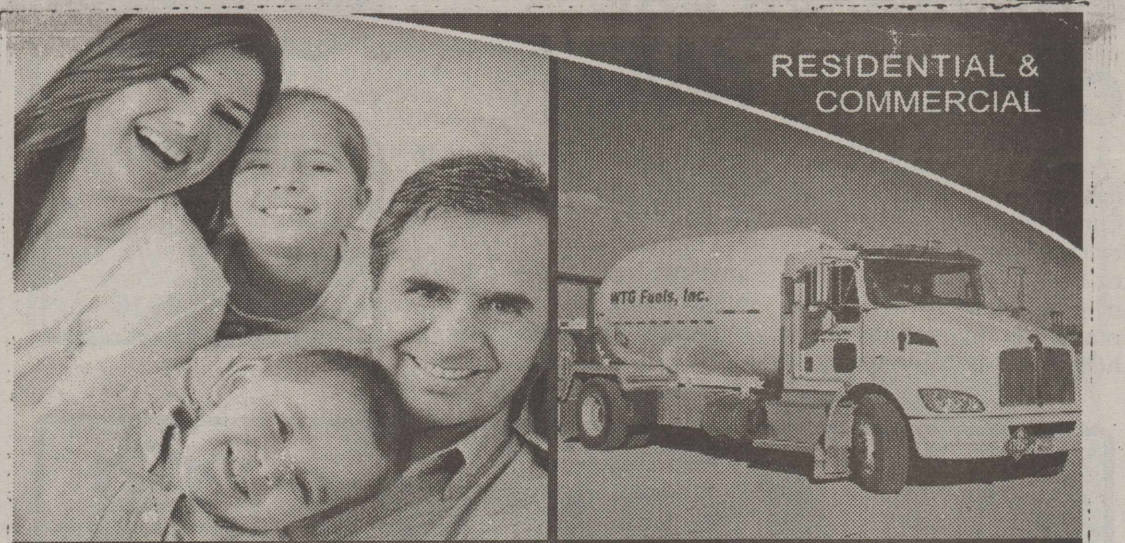
—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which then carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M.

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Santa Claus Visits the Library

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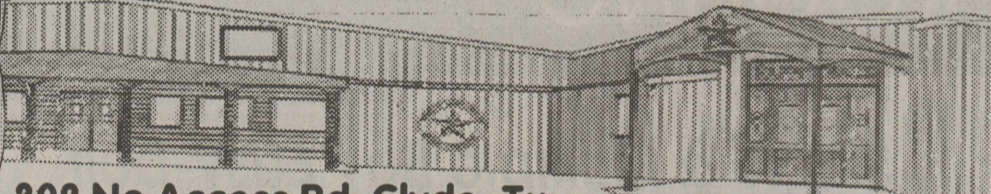
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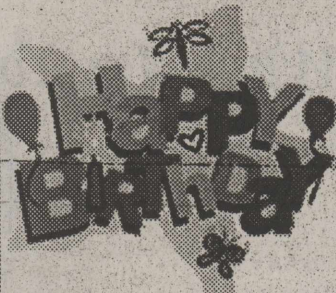
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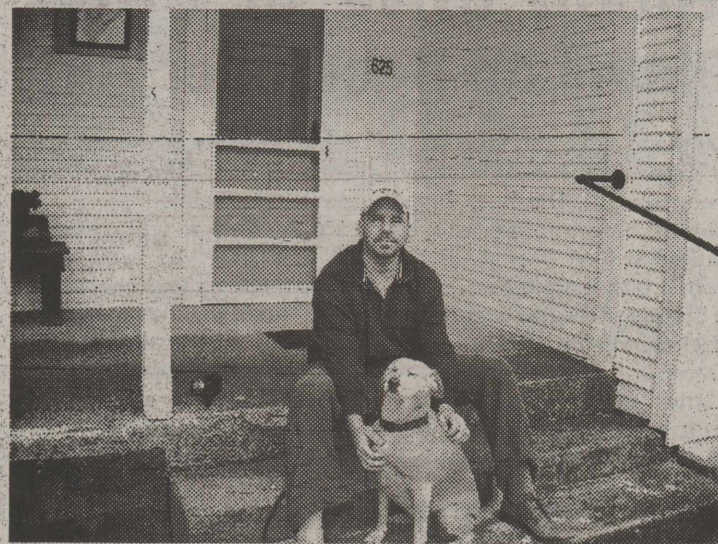
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Tangerman, Colin and Bailey from Houston, TX.

Just a man and his dog

Probably the first dog to visit the REH Museum was Bailey and he actually seemed to enjoy all the exhibits. Well, he sprawled on the floor and dozed through the discussions in each area! He brought along Colin Tangeman as they made their way from Houston to Wyoming to visit Colin's parents for the holidays.

Colin is an avid reader of all of Robert Howard's writings and possesses many of the books that are for sale in the Museum. However, he was

more interested in doing some Christmas shopping for his Dad, who is also a Howard scholar.

Tangerman teaches English and Scriptwriting at the University of Houston and does some writing on his own. Thus, he greatly admires the writings of Cross Plain's own claim to fame author.

Looking forward to something to eat and a comfy place to spend the night, Bailey urged Colin to load up and head off into the setting sun.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

A very Merry Christmas to all. Have a safe journey as you travel to and from to see your family for the holiday. For those of you who have family coming here for the holidays, we wish them a safe journey.

We are saddened to hear of the death of R. L. Barnett. R.L. and his late wife Billie lived in Cottonwood for many years. Our prayers go out to their sons Larry and Allen and to the grandkids.

Christmas Carolers were out in Cottonwood last Wednesday

night. The kids - a group of about 30 - bundled up and travelled throughout the community singing Christmas carols. Afterward, the children were treated to hot chocolate and cookies at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

In observance of the holidays, no Cottonwood Musical will be held in December.

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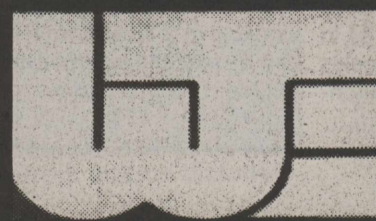
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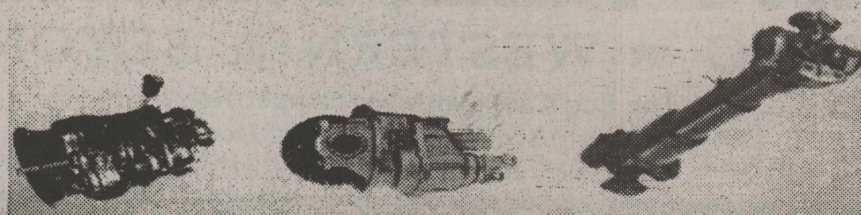
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A blood drive will take place in Cross Plains on Thursday, December 29. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at First Baptist Church from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"Blood shortages occur most often during the holidays," said Frances Baker, Meek Blood Center donor recruiter. The hour it takes to donate blood

could give someone another Christmas or New Year with family and friends."

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Dunes Sagebrush Lizard

Several years ago, when I first began to write this column, I made a clear decision to not delve into the "politics" of the natural world around us, but to rather simply describe the natural world from a naturalist's appreciative viewpoint. That is definitely the case with this column about a species of lizard that has divided many folks out here in west Texas, and that lizard is known as the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard.

The Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*) is one of seven species of "spiny lizards" that reside in Texas, and it by far has the most limited distribution of the group. In fact, this species of lizard has the second smallest range of any other lacertilian in the United States. This variety can only be observed in and around the Monahans Sandhills region of western Texas within five counties: Andrews, Crane, Gaines, Ward and Winkler and the adjacent Mescalero Sands region of southeastern New Mexico.

However, the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard does not reside throughout these sandhill regions. Typically it will avoid areas of open dunes, choosing to dwell on dunes littered with shin oaks and sagebrush (hence the common name.) It is under these diminutive trees that this lizard will take refuge from the intense heat, as well as predators. Many are spotted as they scamper from one bush to the adjacent one.

The genus to which this species belongs to is known as the "spiny lizards", and as such, this species has dorsal (back) scales that are quite bristly. The most distinguishing characteristic of this species is the apparent lack of pattern along the dorsal areas, instead at first glance appearing to be just a uniform pale tan to brown. Upon closer examination of course, there are three pronounced stripes on the back. The middle stripe is gray and broad, occurs along the midline of the spine and is known as a vertebral stripe. Set on either side of this vertebral stripe are two very distinctive light dorsolateral stripes that run lengthwise down the body of the lizard. Please note that I said upon closer examination. From afar these stripes are virtually indiscernible, and coupled with the pale background coloration that matches the soils upon which it lives, most individuals



Dunes Sagebrush Lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*)

are overlooked until they move. From above, males and females are not easily distinct from each other. But if one examines the belly of this lizard, then the ability to tell the sexes from one another is quite simple. Mature males have two black-bordered blue patches on either side of the belly; females lack such coloration.

Males are the larger sex, achieving total lengths of up to 6 inches, although most average a length of 5 inches. Females are slightly smaller than the males, topping out at approximately 4 1/2 inches. "Dune Lizards", as they are sometimes called locally, are "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. 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 are active throughout the day from early March to October, and unlike many other reptile species, the high metabolism of this lizard enables it to be observed during the hottest part of the summer afternoons.

This species of lizard is an opportunistic carnivore, feeding primarily on small crickets, grasshoppers, flies, and moths that it encounters in its daily diurnal activities.

The Dune Sagebrush 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 medium-sized clutch of eggs (averaging 5) in moisture retaining soil. Females will lay a maximum of 2 clutch-

What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



In "A Heart's Home" by Colleen Coble, Emmie believes her life is finally perfect as she has accepted the marriage proposal of Isaac Liddle, who is a soldier at Fort Phil Kearney in Wyoming. Was she married before? as she is pregnant at this time. One of her best friends dies of a fever after birthing a baby girl and her friend's husband visits her to remind her of her promise that if anything happened to her friend, Emmie would marry the widowed husband and take

care of the baby. Of course this was before she had accepted Isaac's proposal. She is broken as to what the right thing to do is.

With the men at the fort being gone a lot during this winter on "log duty" so that everyone will have plenty of firewood for the Wyoming winter the women stay at the fort as there are hostile Indians. The Indians are attacking the men and killing a large portion of them. They select two men to leave at separate times to go to for additional troops and ammunition. Since Isaac is single with no children he is the second one to be sent.

To find out the answer to the following questions check it out...

Does either of the soldiers make to get help?

Does Emmie marry her friend's widower?

Do the Sioux attack the fort?

Since this is in large print it is very fast reading of only 183 pages. The characters are easy to keep separate, while the story line has just enough plots to keep it very interesting. I really enjoyed this book and wish it was a 500-page book. There are a few other of Coble's books at the library and I intend to read them. You will find this book in the "Large Print," Christian Reading section at the Cross Plains Public Library.

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.

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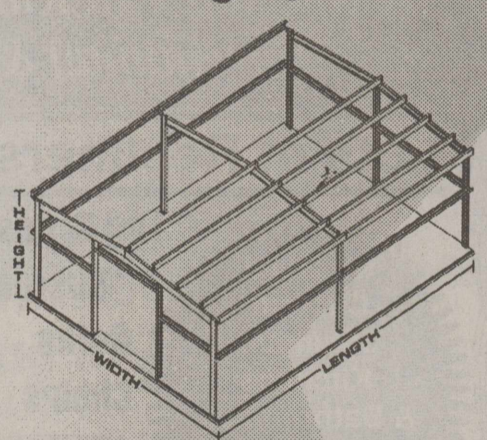
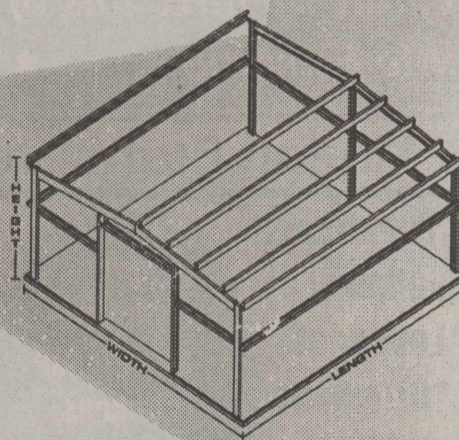
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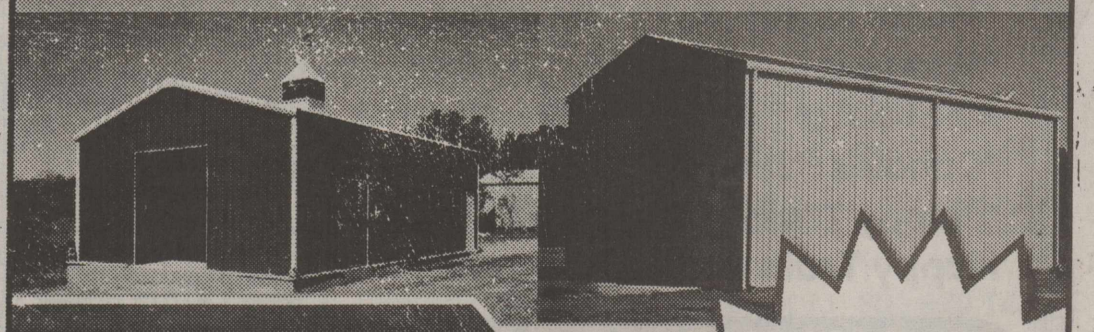
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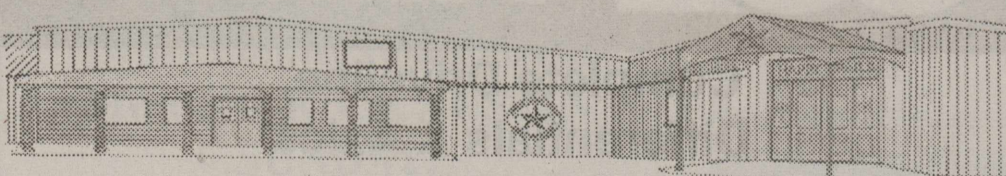
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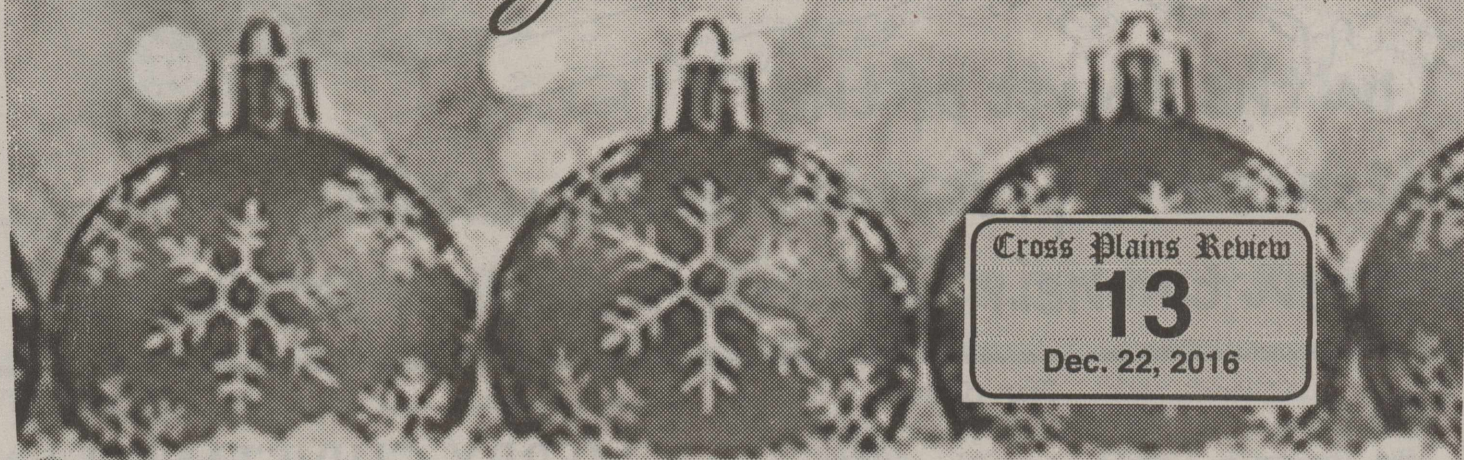
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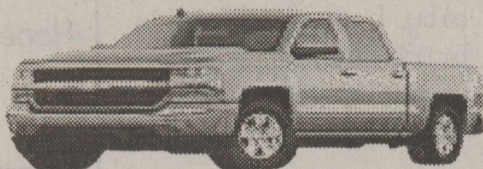


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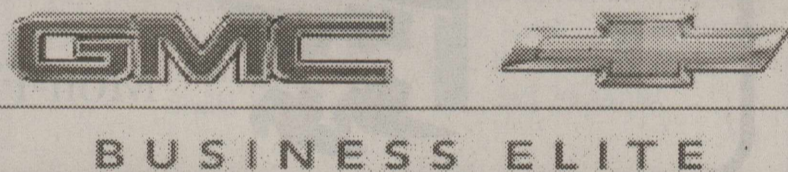
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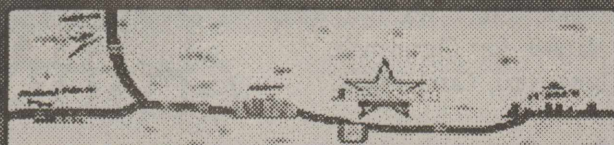


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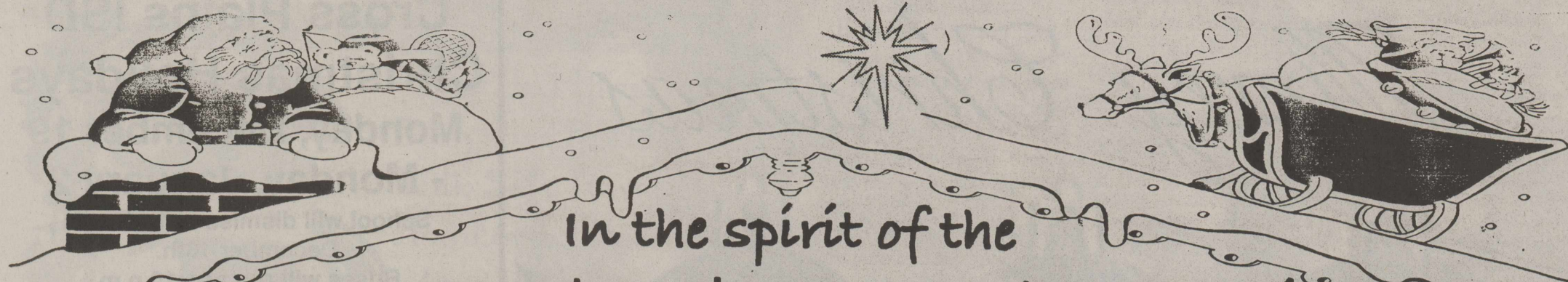
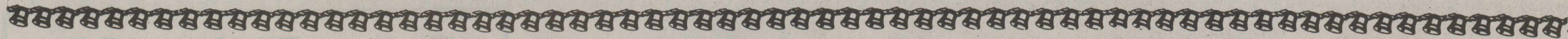


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Around Town

Dear Santa,
How are you at the North Pole? How fast can your reindeer fly? Please may I have a Shark bite pirate ship. And a fort. I can build by my self. I would also like Lincoln logs. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Weston Beggs

Dear Santa,
My Name is Andrew Rose, I am 2 years old. Momma and Daddy say I have been a good little boy this year. I love Paw Patrol, Blaze and the Monster Machines, cars and trucks, tractors, and balls.
I would like a transforming Fire Truck Blaze Monster Truck, a Paw Patrol Launch n- Roll Lookout Tower Track Set, Little Tike's Basketball set. Kids flashlight (so I will leave momma and Daddy's alone) and a Ride in Truck. I will leave you some homemade cookies and milk along with some reindeer food for your reindeer. Would you bring Momma and Daddy something special too? Thank you. Love Andrew Rose

Dear Santa,
I'm so excited to see you this year. My brother and sister have been telling me all about you. Our elf, Buddy, came to our house the other day I really like him. I've been a very good boy this year, even when it wasn't easy. I sat through so many softball, baseball and football games and with out throwing a fit, and I've only messed with the Christmas tree a couple of times. The thing that I would like most from you is a new ball. That's what I love to play with most. I would also like some new clothes and I love to wear shoes so maybe a ne cool pair. Please bring me some UT stuff, a baseball cap and maybe a little car for me to ride on. Bubba and Sister said we always leave you chocolate milk and cookies, so I guess we'll do that and I hope you have a safe trip!
Love Holt Austin Dillard
Age 17 mos.

Dear Santa,
My name is Pretty Girl. This Christmas. I am 2 years old. I have been very nice this year. What I would like most for Christmas is a Princess Poppy, pink bike, baby doll, doll house, rocket fishing rod, and the Trolls movie. And I promise to leave out milk & cookies.
Love (Pretty Girl) Shanell Bullock

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most for Christmas is a rocket fishing rod, legos, yellow drone, a bike, and a dinosaur book to read. And I promise to leave out Dr Pepper & Candy for you!
Love, Jaxon Bullock

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I want 8 things, but that is to much, so I will only tell you 3. The #1 thing I want is a shovel for digging a pool. #2 is a skate board, but another thing is a remote control rat.
From; Graydon Albrecht
P.S. instead of cookies I'll bring you fudge.

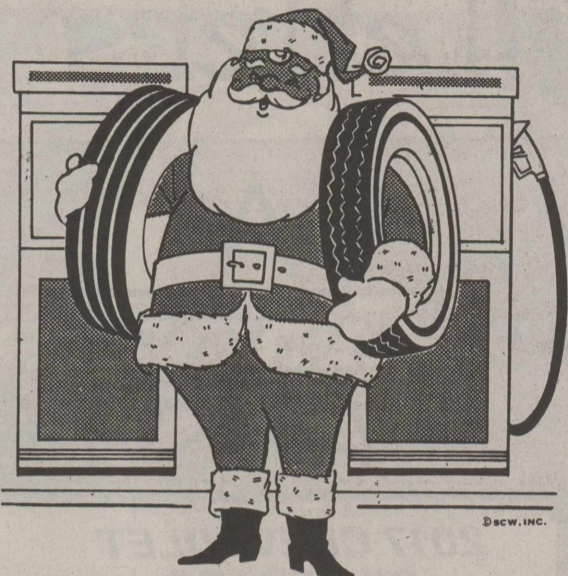
Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like an I pad, and Madden 17, Lego Dimensions a football a battle bot arena and bloxels. I would also like the Rc Speedboat Water Raceway. And the Trainable Robotic Velociraptor, and the Rc Lamborghini Veneno, and the Rc Mario Kart Racers. These are some of the things I would like for Christmas.
Love, Stryker Dillard

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Clause? For Christmas I would like a Hello Kitty phone and Paw patrol toys with a look out. Thank you Santa!
Love, Landry Kate 3 years old

Dear Santa,
Have I been good? I don't know? I want a big ol pig! And ten baby pigs. And a cow that's orange and black with horns! Oh... and a pig book! Thank you!
August Albrecht (2 years old)
P.S don't forget my older brothers Theron, Graydon, and William Albrecht.

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a new baby doll with a high chair so I can feed my baby. I would also like a bicycle and peppa pig.
Love, Anslee McNutt-
Age 2

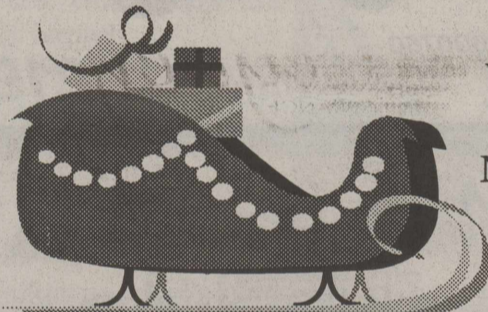
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I love you Santa! So Much!
Love David Ames (Pre K)

Dear Santa,
I will make you milk and cookies. Please bring me Legos, Jeep, and match box cars. Bring mother a glass bowl. I have been a good boy.
Brennon Jones

Dear Santa,
Doll Bed, Toy Kitchen, Big girl Bicycle, Baby Doll that you can feed, gloves, make-up baby doll clothes & shoes.
Jenna Letney

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like the most this Christmas is a whole bunch of Legos, Bass Pro Remote control fishing boat, blue drone, a bike, and a tractor, book to read. And I promise to leave out Dr pepper & Cookies for you!
Love, Jace Bullock P.S.
Please say "Hi" to the elf's for me.

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want a girls playset for Christmas.
Love you, Cami Floyd

Dear Santa,
I would like a real elf so I can play and talk to him and I would like a fake little dog and some Barbies and some Big Dinosaurs
From Araden

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me some presents. I would like a Robot Cat, a Monster High doll and some new Make-up, I would like a Hatchimals and Scorch the Robot dragon. I have been a very good girl this year. Thank you and I love you, Santa!
Love Riley Atchley

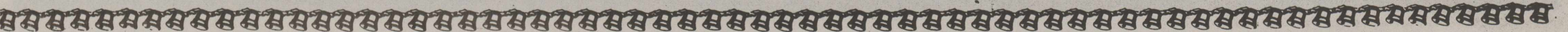
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Secret Layer Toy for my ninja turtles to hide in. I want a bat cave, a bicycle, and all ninja turtle toys. Please don't forget my sister, Anslee she has been a good girl this year also. I will leave milk and cookies or you Santa Clause
Castyn McNutt Age 4 Pre-K

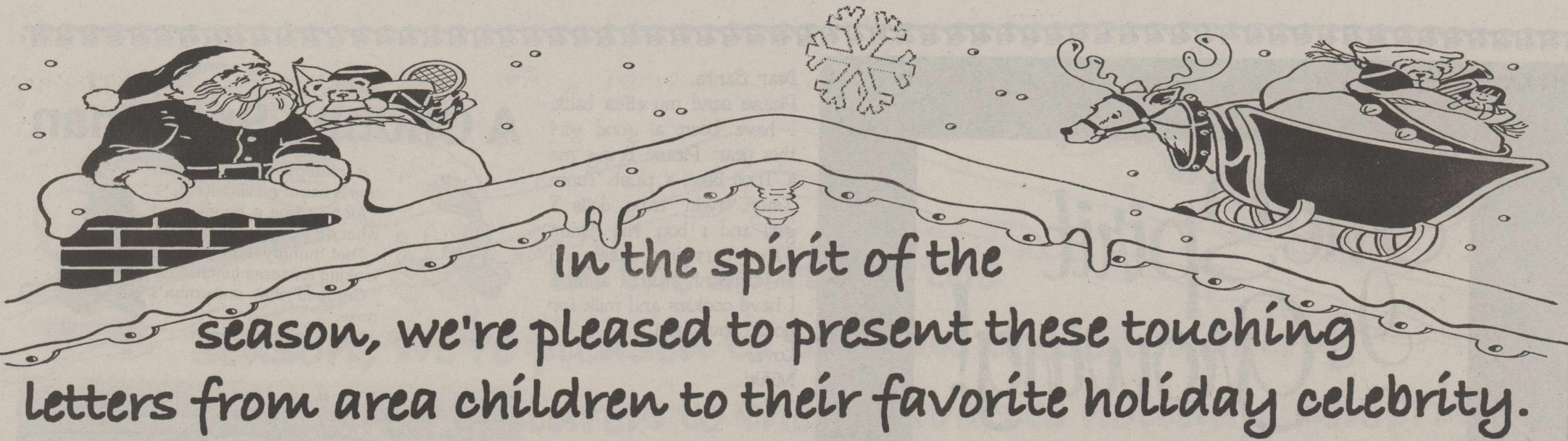


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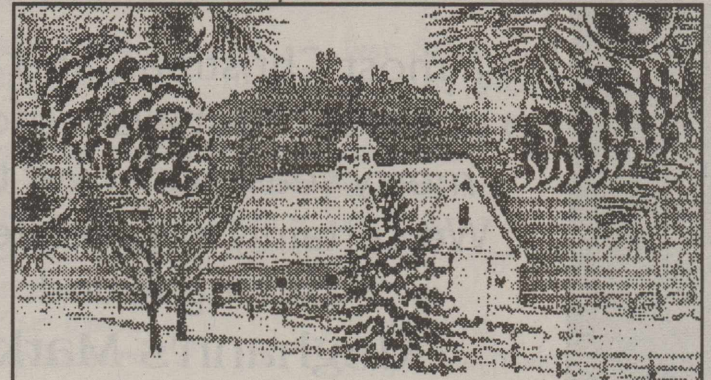




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Dear Santa,
I Wulove you oo Santa Claus. I want Robot. I WANT A ALLIGATOR.
Love,
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Santa letters are printed as is, no corrections have been made. This gives the letters a unique appearance and sound as it is written in the child's own words.



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Cody, Amy,
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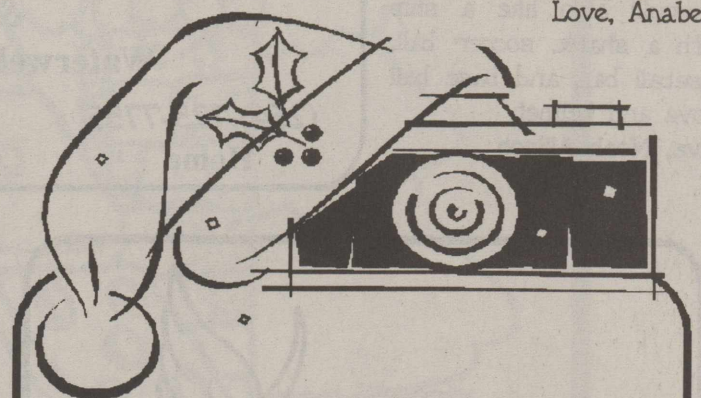
Dear Santa,
I want some farm toys. I can ride, and I want some construction toys that I can ride. And I want some toys I can play with.
Santa, I love you.
Cross McClure
Kinder, 2016

Dear Santa,
I would like a backhoe and I want a Whataburger in my backyard. Then the world would be a happy place. Thank you for my elf on shelf. I really love him. Ive been a really good boy.
Love,
Westley Sinclair

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, some new boots, a ipad, and some farm toys. I have been a really good boy this year. My brother Aiden wants a new ipad, some games and a new rope. He has been a good boy too. Could you please bring my sister Kinlee some new clothes and a necklace. I hope you are doing good. We will leave some cookies and milk out for you!
Love,
Connor Matthews

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year, all I want for Christmas and my birthday is video games, dinosaurs or a bike. Thank you Santa
Love,
Loren Sedore

Dear Santa,
My name is Anabelle Mauricio. I love Christmas. I give lots of hugs. I want to be your elf. I want a baby puppy, 2 barbies, 2 lip gloss, gummy bear earrings, 5 shopkins, ALL the caryola supplies, and paint.
Love, Anabelle



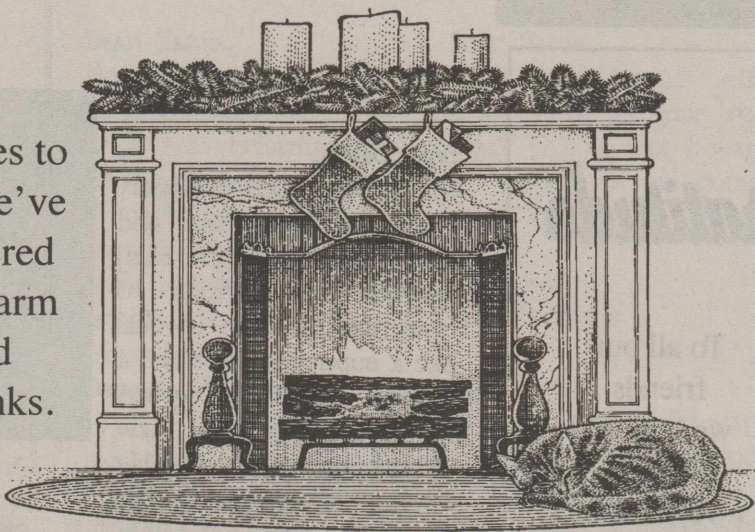
**A Picture-Perfect
CHRISTMAS**

Whatever develops, we're hoping your holiday leaves you smiling with lots of fond memories.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Teresa Koenig

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
From Our Hearth To Yours**

When it comes to Christmas, we've got you covered - with our warm wishes and heartfelt thanks.

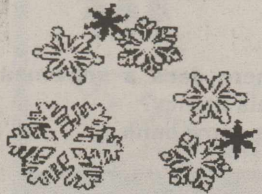


TEXAS 100 S. Avenue D.
Legacy Cross Plains, Texas
INSURANCE GROUP
1-254-221-9950
texaslegacyins.com

Dear Santa,
My name is Samuel Bell. I am seven years old. I have been a good boy. I love dinosaurs & sharks. I would like to have those. Also would you mind bringing my sistert mackenzie something. She likes to draw & sew. Also if you could, could you make sure that you have something for my neices Rose & Hailey. They both like dolls. Also could you see if my Nana & uncle norman have a good christmans in heaven.
Love, Sam

Dear Santa,
American Girl Doll. I wut a eplay Dragon, play puppy, little like pet.
Love, Jaylee

Dear Santa,
I want a hulk present.
Love, Guillermo



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Dear Santa,
I missed you. I love you. I would like Butterfly please.
Love, Bethany

Dear Santa,
I like you please me a train & an eighteen wheeler, & play do.
Love,
CJ Floyd

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. My little brother Augie hasn't been that good - but please bring hm something anyway. My other brother might be born before Christmas so can you bring him a teddy bear? I would like a camo bike, a flat bill Under Armor hat, a giant teddy bear, and a shovel. Have a safe trip! Oh I'll try to save you some fudge.
Thanks,
William Albrecht

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays from All of Us
Rising Star Nursing Center**

The Spirit Is Growing!

It's almost Christmas, and we'd like to plant our best wishes for a very merry season all over town. We certainly appreciate your coming round.

Meghann's Market
701 W. Main Eastland, TX
254-631-0702

Kindergarten Mrs Golson

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. My favorite movie is Paw Patrol. I would like anything with Paw Patrol on it. I also like cars and trucks. Nana says I need a new bed because she broke mine. Most of all Santa I want everyone to be happy and love each other.
Love, Kolton Rickman

Dear Santa,
I want a cool rock and paints to paint it and add it to my rock collection. I also want all the Paw Patrol, especially Tracker. Please bring some medicine for Daddy so he feels better.
Love,
Levi Horner

Dear Santa,
I hope you're having a good day. I have been a good boy and I want mincraft legos for Christmas. Tell the Elves and Rudolph hi and I am their friend. Have a safe ride.
Love, Maxson Jungens

Dear Santa,
I would like a real dirt bike. I would also like a ship with a shark, soccer ball, baseball bat, and base ball glove and helmet.
Love, Noah Allison

With Our Gratitude



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

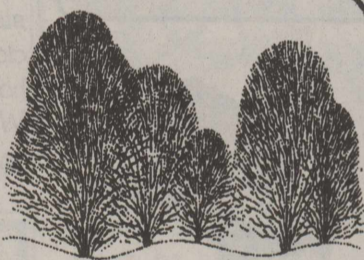
Thank you for your kind patronage.

J & L Sales

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

Over The River And Through The Woods...

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



Turner Landscape & Waterwell Service
(254)-725-7755 Home (325) 669-5553 Mobile

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll crib & diaperbag, everything that comes with it.
love,
Emilee Cumbee

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good this year. So have my brothers & sisters. I would like a dirtbike, a ninja turtle lego, and remote control camo truck. Please bring my brothers something also. My baby sister would like a doll too. I'll leave you fudge & a coke. Thank you.
Love,
Parker Creamer

Dear Santa,
I Love you. I would like Elsa and Anna. I would like a gift for my brother. I helave beena helpfy little girl. I held my Momo. Thank you.
Love, Tori



With warm wishes for a joyous Christmas to all the people we've had the pleasure to serve this year. Your friendship has meant a lot to us.

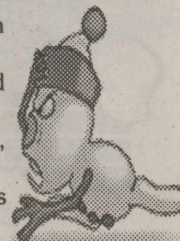
Project Pride and Robert E. Howard Foundation

Dear Santa,
Please send my elves back. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Troll Bike, a plush Tsum Tsum, twin baby dolls 1 girl and 1 boy, the Tsum Tsum carrying case, and an elephant stuffed animal. I have cookies and milk for you. I love you!
Love,
Mikki

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.



Welcome the Season

Welcome Christmas into your home
By gathering friends from wherever they roam;
Welcome Christmas into your heart
By sharing the faith and doing your part;
Welcome Christmas by honoring others
Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers;
Welcome the season in your own special way,
And enjoy all the blessings of Christmas Day!

A Special Thank You and A Very Merry Christmas To All Of Our Customers.
Hutton Construction and Dozer Service
254-725-6316



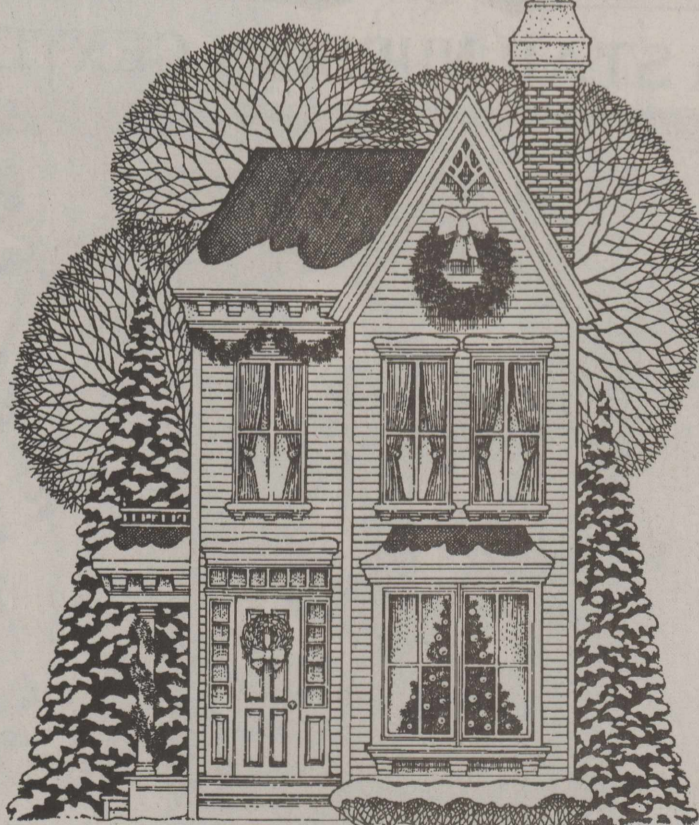
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Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?
A. In a snow bank.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from our family to yours

CC&C
COLEMAN COUNTY
ELECTRIC CO-OP



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

Season's Greeting

Wishing you tidings of comfort and joy this holiday season.
Thank you for blessing us with your visits.
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Carouth's Construction
 (254) 725-7515

Ricky, Netha, Renetha, Kadie,
 Crystal, Logan, Jaci, A.J., Chris, Austin

Dear Santa,
 I have been a very good girl this year.
 I really hope to see you this year.
 I would like a cooking set and a book. Thank you and merry Christmas.
 Kinsley Bilbrey

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Stryker Eureka, dirt bike toy, a box of Haloguy's that are red, blue, yellow, orange, green, purple. I also want a predator toy. And outlrontoy, also superman, Poison Ivy, Flash and Spiderman. And a storm trooper. And last a predator helmet.
 Thank you Santa.
 With love
 J. T. Wooten



Trimmed With a Wish

May your home be blessed with peace, love and joy this holiday season.

We thank you for choosing us.

Sparks INSURANCE Agency

crossplains@sparksia.com

101 Main St. Cross Plains, Tx.
 254-725-6100

414 Early Blvd. Early, Texas
 325-641-2600

First Grade

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Dear Santa,
 I want an amrican doll and an xbox.
 Love, Stormy Stephens

Dear Santa,
 I have been pretty good. I would like a cowboy hat, new boots, kitchen set, cow truck with cows, head phones, teather ball, new basketball & football, pig trailer with a truck. my baby brother Kooper has been really good. Please eat my chocolate cookies left you.
 Love, Kutter Reed age 7

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like Barbie Dolls and a babu doll like the size of my baby brothers. Would also like dress up clothes.
 Love, Santa Harlee Wood

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



Dear Santa,
 Iw wot for crismis a roddoe that red nozz stuf anumol and a fast skoolt and a mokagroo arplan.
 Dyljan Strickland

Dear Santa,
 sentu I want a brbycar. sentu I want a zoomer kitty. sentu I want a snagls. sentu I want sum little brbys.
 With love,
 Haylee Johnson



Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!

We're dispensing our best wishes, and they include a large measure of thanks to our loyal customers. We truly appreciate your trust in us.

Mon - Fri 9-6
 Lunch 1-1:30

LARSON'S PHARMACY
 All Your Prescription Needs Can Be Met
 Barb, Rachel and Richard

109 NE 2nd
 254-725-7130

Dear Santa,
 I want a Zoomr Kitty. I wont for the family to come together.
 With love,
 Emily Bisbee

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a dirt bike, two dart gun turrets and a dart gun machine gun. I would also like dirt bike gear. Please bring my brother a dart gun and an Xbox borderland and Titan Fall.

I will make you cookies and leave you hot chocolate. Also carrots for Rudolf.
 Love,
 Lawson Brown

Dear Santa,
 I want a bockin bull and I want bakin brockset. I would plaise like a tablet and a wader buffalo set. I would also like boots. I would also like wallruse. I love my family.
 With love,
 Rylen Reed

Dear Santa,
 I whunt mi frinds to be soopur heeros and me Sunman.
 With love,
 Tyler Jack



Happy Holidays

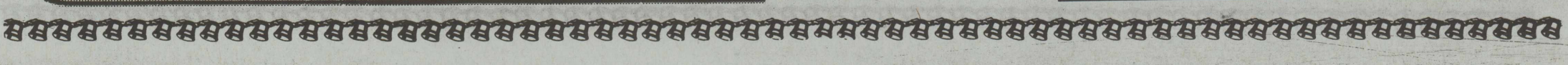
Here's hoping your Christmas is sheer purr-fection!
 It's been great having you as our neighbors.

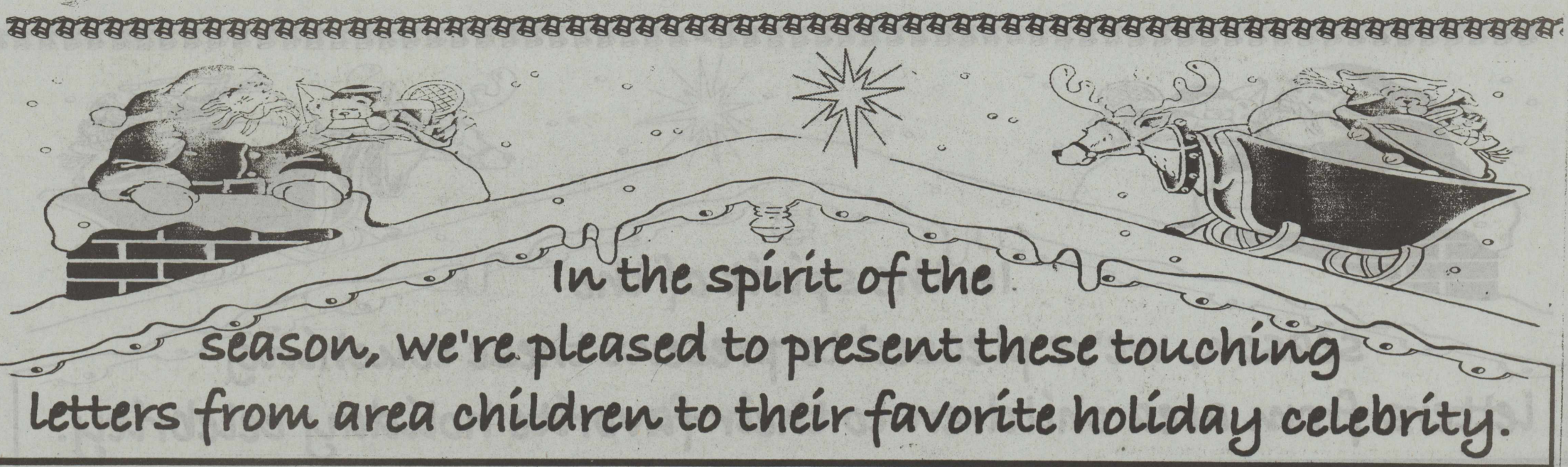
Cottonwood News
 Beverly Brown
 and Teri Brown

GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRISTMAS

There's no time like Christmas to reach out to old friends and enjoy simple pleasures.
We appreciate your calling on us this year. Thanks!

AMA-TECHTEL
 254-641-0000
 Proudly Serving Cross Plains, Rising Star and May





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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE.

WTG Fuels, Inc.
(254) 725-7410

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

First Grade Continued

Dear Santa,
Jin Jr bred Home, pot moco, diy hare a citin ipad, noow Jackit wondrwooman dolls, a ipad wondr woomin soot, wondor woomin case chrms neehiltidols beedos crush Jay and carlos stuff muncezy, makeup set, Hors broslit Stuff Graf, Stuff horse.
With Love,
Harper Dillard

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year! Please bring me some justice league toy guys, superman house, a bb gun, a belt with a big buckle, Mr. Freeze also. I would like to have a new pair of boots too please! Thank you, Merry Christmas!
Mason Gilliam

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, boots, Nike Shoes also a Dallas Cowboys Jersey number 88, captain under pants books. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Thank you.
love Landry

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control t-rex, a car race track and a remote control dog.
Love, Travis Garrett Sutton

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer robot and a robot dog. I would like a new lego set. I want a paw patrol and despicable me dvd. I believe that I have been a good boy this year.
Love Tristan Callaway

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me some roller blades and a robot that is as tall as me and a big remot centroll truck.
With Love, Love Jensen Hall



Dear Santa,
Please bring me barbies with a water house and a toy horse because i love horses. I Want a doll that is pink and a new stuffed animals.
With Love Kambri Potter

Dear Santa,
I wot a doll anda stroir wiht a crib and a fut mshoj and a tishoos and a belt buckle.
With Love,
Peyton Whisenhunt

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a waltiz, a sooper hero set, a pupee, or a gun or a guitar. I will be happy with ineethang you bring me.
Love,
Stryder Crayton Rutland

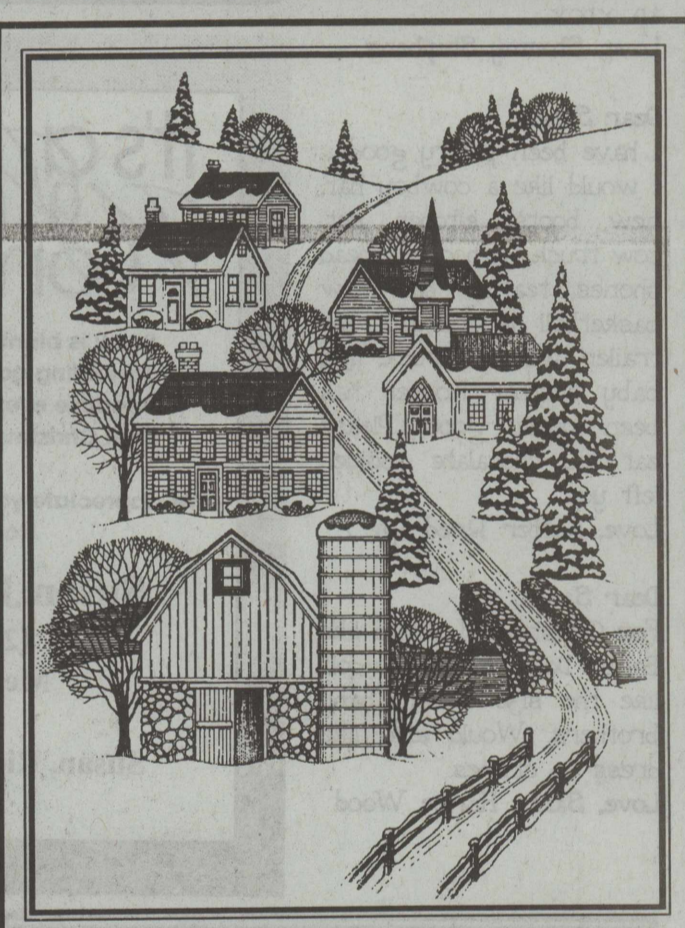
Dear Santa,
I would like
1. a car set
2. ipad
3. Nin,ja turtle set.
4. Batman set
Thank you
Hunter Nichols

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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



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

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

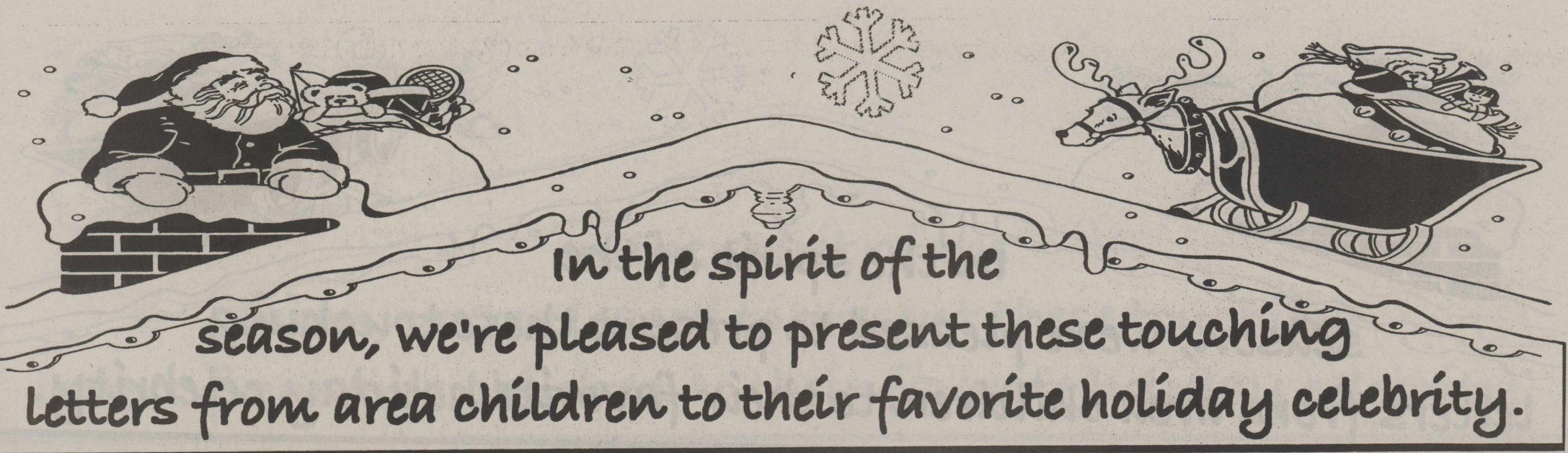
Wishing You A Heavenly Season

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

Merry Christmas
the
Thumb Print

Gil Tabor - Owner/Printer

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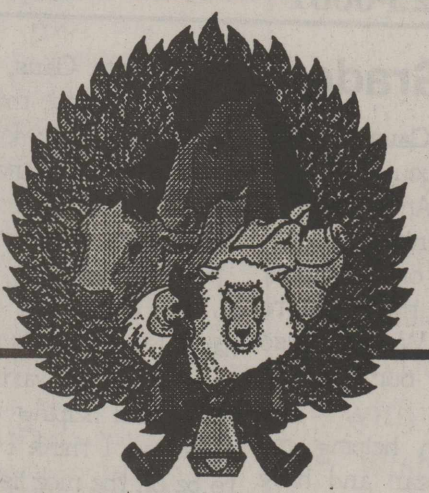
CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

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



Second Grade

Dear Santa,
How old are you? Do you have some many? For Christmas I would like an Xbox one and a Elf. I wish you a merry crismas.
Your frenbg
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
How fast do raindeer fly? I want to know how the evs make the toys? my list for charimis I wont a foolwiler and a gokart. I blev in you Santa!
Your friend,
Isaiah Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you dooying Santa. Wat do ra tir run on Fr chrismes I woota hot ris chrak and a mote chow ctruk. I love you santa.
You friend,
Zach Chance

Dear Santa,
How olde are you? I want a forwiler and a phone fore chrismis eve. I hop you fly carlie. Have a hapy holiday. Mary crismis Santa.
Your frend,
Kevin Hopkins

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elfs at the north pole? How big is your christmas tree? For christmas I want skats for christmas and lots of rings to. I hop you are so warm becuse it is cold on christmas evy.
Your friend,
Delanee Vasquez

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

Dear Santa,
How are your raindeers? I hope they dont get sick on Christmas? I would like reading books and reading work and math, sience, soshol studies. I bless you and merry christmas.
Your friend,
Jayden Phillips

Dear Santa,
How are your elfs doing? What is your real name? This is wut I want for Christmas a rumot ckunchrole boat and a reel boat.
Your friend,
Samuel Elkins

Dear Santa,
How are your elfs? I want to know why can you touch the elfs bet we can't? This is what I want for christmas. Some easy bake mix. A new dresser. Santa, I hope you stay hellthy all christmas.
Your loving friend,
Claire Moses

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Do you have any kids? I would like for Christmas a guitar and a huverboard. I hope you dont catch a cold on Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa!
Your friend,
Kyndall Purvis

Dear Santa,
Are you good today? I want to know how you know when I am awack? For Christmas I would like a airsoft gun and a battlefeild game. I hop you have a good day.
Your friend,
Major McCready

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

Hark!
The Herald Angels Sing;
Glory To The Newborn King

And the Angel said unto them: "Fear Not: for be-hold. 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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
- Luke 2: 10-11

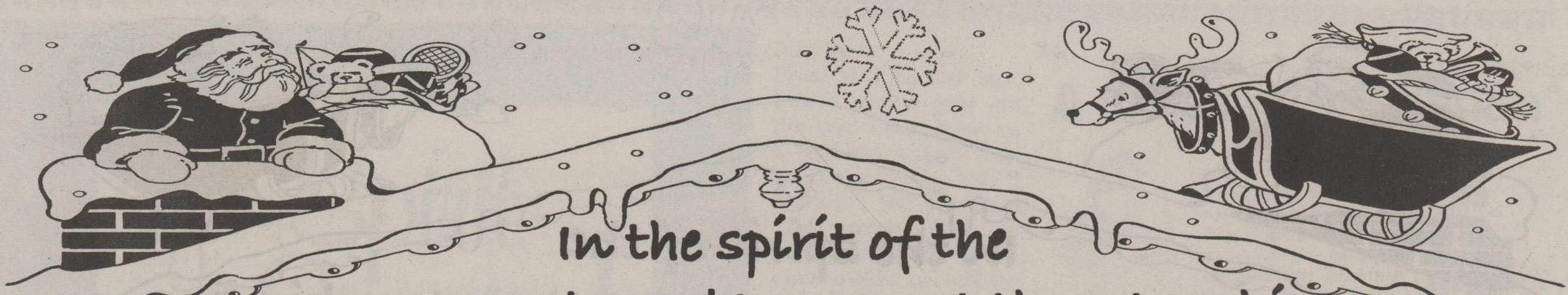
Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

Connie's Cuts and Curls
Connie Kirkham, Donna Ames and Blake Self

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Please Color Me

Happy Holidays from **BARR FABRICATION**



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Second Grade Continued

Dear Santa,
Haw rae you doing today?
Were do your elfs slip?
For christmas i wuld like
an shop cins also playdow.
mare christmas santa and
every wun in the north pole.
your friend,
Kailey Rivas

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would
like to know Have you ever
wrote a letter back to a
kid before? For Christmas I
would Like a Xbox one and
RobLox Xbox one Edition.
be warm at Christmas.
Your friend,
Jeffery Yates

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.
Claus today. On Christmas,
I want a tablet and a
purple Charcher, a big barbe
haws with barbes. and now
kofepot. I even want rely
gate.
your friend,
Chloe Cox

Dear Santa,
How are your reds doen?
Wot do elfs eat? I want a
let lof and a furbby. I hope
you do good. Are you do
good.
Your friend
Amy Gage



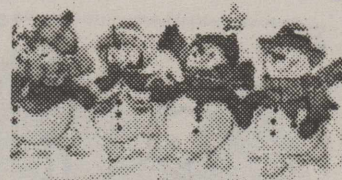
Dear Santa,
How are you today?
How do you make toys? I
want sum noo shows for
chrismis. I hop you have
a good kid today have a
good chrisis have good
boy and girl.
Your friend
Josh Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you today at the
north pole? I want to konw
how do reindeer fly? I want
for christmas a ped and a
feet mashager. I hope you
have a great day.
Your Friend,
Abby Jones

Dear Santa,
how are you tonit. how do
get all around the world in
won nigh I want a x box
and a ghone.
I hope you are doing good.
Your friend
Bobby Straley

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I
want to know how long
do you sleep? For Christmas
I would like a kiereokey
maichane and a tablet.
Stay warm ever day don't
get sick.
Your Freind,
Haylee Gregory

Dear Santa,
How are youer elfs doing?
I want to now what your
elfs eat? I wood like a ipad
for Crismis. I wood lkie
a phone for Crismis. Dose
youer elfs eat cracker. Do
they eat cande.
Youer friend,
Anson Long

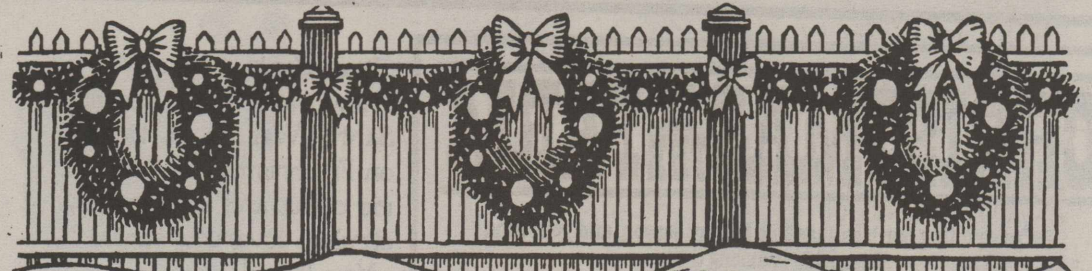


Dear Santa,
How is your elfes? I
want to know how much
toys there? For christmas
I would like a pants vs.
zombies garden warfare
and a farm. have a grate
christmas.
Your frind,
Jhustin

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Rudolph
there. Please send me a
piccher of him. I would lke
a pony and pool please. Stay
warm! Tell your wife hello.
That would be great please.
Love you,
Virginia Allen

Dear Santa,
Are you rele? How are
you? For Christmas I would
like a wacke tacke and a
mucke bars. I holpe you are
not alone.
Your friend,
Zach Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you today?
How do you fet in the
chemnes? Wut I want for
Keresmes is a huvrbord and
a talking baby. happy mery
keresmes.
your stooet
Hannah Marr



It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas!

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

Jean's Feed Barn
Whit and Jean Wilson and the Crew
(254) 725-6881

Dear Santa,
How are you doing wut
dus your rander fliy? I wut
sus shlichsh horses with
rids, sum boosks, and I hop
you hav a mere chrismis.
your friend,
Kylie Skye Davis

Dear Santa,
How are you to day? Santa
do Cirsmas ordamints grow
on trees over there? Santa
I want a butler and a Jet.
Tell pranser I love him
you to.
Your friend,
Langly Potter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
I want to know what
your elves eat. I want a
fourweeler and a scarbord,
for Chrismase. I hope you
don't get sick on Christmas.
Your friend,
Taylor Black

Third Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and the
elves doing? Are they busy
making presents? I really
hope my Elf on the Shelf
can make it this year to
my house. We are also
excited about our class elf
showing up!

I have been helping my
sister this year and have
been helping my mom and
dad with around the house
chores. I think I should be
on the nice list for my good
deeds. Can you ples bring
me a Cozmo, Lube Heroez,
Minecraft mine figures,
Grosserays and video game
called Street Fighter V for
my PS4.

I hope you remember the
kids in the hospitals and
make their day. Please also
pray for them to get well.
Love,
Trace Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you the elves,
and the reindeer doing this
year? I hope you are feeling
good and not sick. Are the
elves busy making toys?

I have tried by hardest
to be good this year. I
have been helping my dad
and stepp mom around the
house and helping with the
siblings. I think I seserve
to be on the nice list. If you
think I am a good kid then
please bring me some Num
Noms lipgloss, a Leapfrog
tablet, Dork Diary books, a
make up set anda jewelry
set. Please remember the
kids in the hospital, too.

Love,
Gracie Strickland

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Just For You

We'd like to wrap up the year,
By thanking you for shopping here!
Happy Holidays everyone!

Kaleidoscope

124 S. Main

Cross Plains
254-725-6838



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

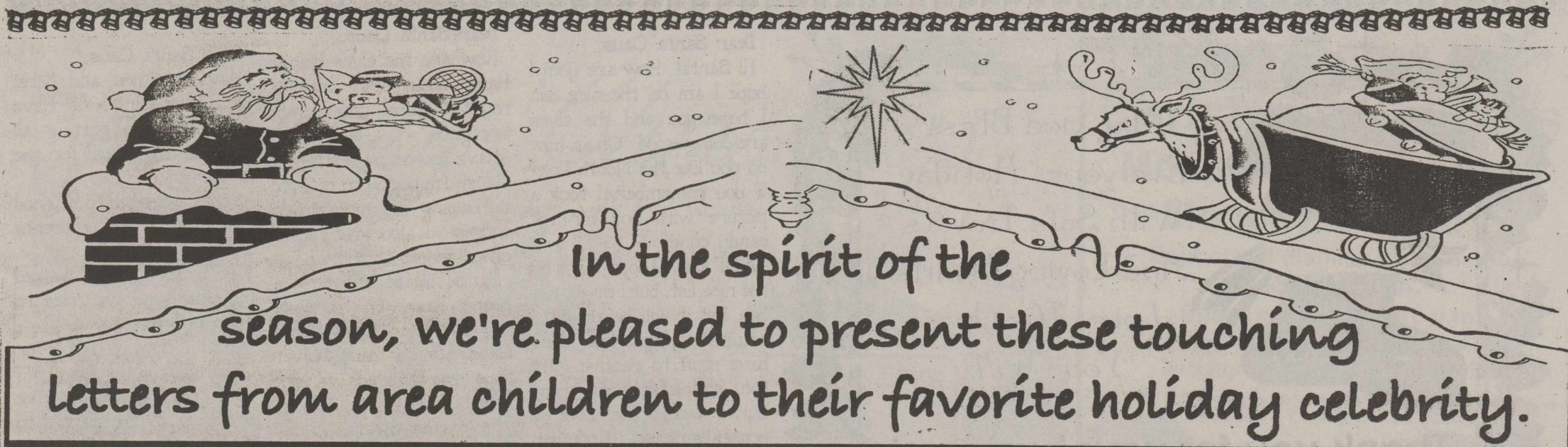


Holiday Greetings
From All Of Us

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

Amber Tinsley--42nd DistrictClerk
Jan Windham--County Treasurer
Burlie Taylor--Justice of the Peace
Cliff Kirkham--Precinct 44 Commissioner



Third Grade Continued

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and how are the reindeer doing? Did Frosty stay together all summer?
I should be on the nice list because I do my chores and I help my mom and dad, too.
Can I have for Christmas a Big Tweety, Kind and Country CDs, King and Country clothes had, and King and Country sunglasses.
Please remember to give the Service men and women who are away from home nice gifts, too.
See you later,
Sydney Goble

PS There will be cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa how have my elves been doing? Are they helping get presents ready? I have a surprise for them. It is a little elf. We don't know if its magic or not. We are not touching it.
I have been feeding my lambs and goat to help with the chores. Also I have been trying to be good too. I hope you hope so too.
Santa don't forget to take presents to the children in the hospital that are sick or going to be admitted. Don't forget the orphans too.
Take care of your self and have a good Christmas.
Love,
Addison Daliege

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Dear Santa,
How are you? And how are the elves? I hope you aren't being hard on them. How cold is the North Pole? I hope you are warm enough for us to sit on your lap and I love you.
Am I on the naughty list or on the good list? I have been helping my mom and my dad this year. All I really want is a husky dog, Legos, a Big Box of carrots and a Bike (a pink Barbi bike). I hope you have been giving things to people in the hospitals. Good job for helping, Santa.
Love you,
Karsyn Bennett-Phillips



Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing at the North Pole?
Have the elves been busy making toys for all the children in the world? Has Rudolph gotten married over the year?
When I'm rude to my brother I try to be nice to him to make it up to him.
Can you get me a swimming pool, a new Furby, a bike seat, a crayon initial picture, and some shopkins. I have been very, very good.
Don't forget about the kids in the hospitals because they need a special gift, too.
Love ya, Santa
Eva Farley



Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing at the North Pole today? Are the elves making presents for us all day? Has Mrs. Claus been feeding you well? Santa, I have tried to be good and I am feeding and taking care of all my show animals.
Can I have a Furby, I-pod, and mechanical pencils for Christmas this year from you? My elf Rosie is so happy to see me and I am so happy to see her. Rupunzil and Si might come today to see Shayler and Rajee, and they will be happy to find them.
Love,
Shelbi Knight

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing Santa Claus? How are Mrs. Claus, your reindeer, and the elves.
I have tried to be good this year, I was kind to my mom. I am getting better at doing my chores. I just started cleaning my room at night.
Would you bring me some chaps? I would also like a white football helmet, a new football, a new rope, and a new riding glove.
I want to help more people who need money for Christmas presents. I will give them more money if they need it.
Your friend,
Aiden Matthews

P.S. Cookies and milk will be at my house for you.

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a safe trip through the city. Has Rudolph been good this year? I hope my family has the best Christmas and hope other people have a good Christmas too.
Can you come visit us someday soon?
Love,
Ethan Franke Beasley

Dear Santa,
How have the others at the North Pole been? I hope nobody is sick. Have the reindeer been good?
I think I have been a good this year. I do my chores when my parents ask me too. I hope you bring me a telescope and an electric train.
Please remember the Senior Citizens and foster kids.
Love,
Culem Ellis

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing Santa? Are the elves doing good? How is Mrs. Claus doing. Is Rudolph doing good this year?
I hope I am on the nice list because I take the trash out regularly and I clean the bathroom.
I hope you can bring me a gas 4 wheel, a tackle football suit with football. Also, my old basketball is going flat so would you please bring me a new one. And last can I have a really cool Lego set? Please remember the kids in the hospitals who barely get any toys.
Have a Save trip to the U.S.A.
Brandon Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing Santa Claus? How is everyone doing? I hope I get to see my daddy and mamma for Christmas.
I am trying to be good and can I have an American Girl doll, a new ball, a whole set of Barbies, a new stuffed monkey, and a computer.
Please remember the kids in the hospital as they need gifts, too.
Love,
Toni Roberts

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you and Mr. Clause doing well this year? Are the elves working hard? I hope you can get to my house this year. Hopefully the reindeer don't fall asleep while you are coming.
I bridged over to the good list I hope. I do lots of chores everyday. I would like a toy car for Christmas please.
Love,
Anthony Wheeler

Dear Santa Claus,
Hey Santa what is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she keep you company? How are the reindeer and has anyone called Rudolph ugly names? I have been trying to be good. I have been making good grades in school. I have been trying to be nice too. I help my mom with the chores too. Oh and about presents I would like a Furby, turtle, Harry Potter movies and candy.
Love you,
Delainey Massey

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Dear Santa Claus,
 Did Rudolph get called any names this year? I hope he is ok. Did Rudolph get married yet this year? Can you let me have presents this year Santa? If so I want a Wii U, Skylanders (the full set), and clothing. Don't forget the homeless people, please.
 Love,
 Blake Snell

Dear Santa Claus,
 Santa, how have you and your wife been? I have been good as I could. I've been doing chores and going to bed at 9:00 p.m. when my mom tells me. Please bring me some clothes, animal boots for Christmas and a tablet. Remember the rest of my family to please.
 Love,
 Tyler Mackey

Dear Santa Claus,
 Hi Santa how are Mrs. Claus, the reindeers and, the elves doing? I want to know how you are doing too? I know I have been bad and I don't deserve any presents but my sister and brother deserve some presents. This is what I want for Christmas. I would like a diary, a laptop, a trollbook, Decendant book, Dork Diary, too. Please remember the servicemen and women who can't be home for the holiday.
 Have a safe trip,
 Alivia Allison

Dear Santa,
 I don't think I have been good this year but I am very thankful for my family. I might want to donate my American Girl doll to an orphanage for other kids to play with. So, has Rudolph been good this year? Can you send me a picture of Rudolph? I hope I have been good this year, so can I have these things. I would like a Baby Alvie doll, Decemetent's magagne, a diary, a real live puppy and a gaiant white board to write on. Thank you for my Christmas gifts.
 Merry Christmas
 Brookelynn Lackey

Dear Santa Claus,
 How's the North Pole? How have you been this year? Is Mrs. Claus doing ok?
 I have been trying to be good this year by emptying the dish washer. I hope I am on the nice list. If you think I have been good this year then I would love to have. A microphone stand, a hack globe, doll clothes and a guitar.
 Please remember the men and women that serve our country who are not celebrating Christmas with their families.
 Your friend,
 Amanda Roberts

Dear Santa,
 Hope everything and everyone is doing good. How the elfs are helping you make all the toys for the kids.
 I have to tell you that I helped my mom and dad a little better this year if you think I was good bring me a phone, phone case, clothes, boots, chapter book. Oh and please don't forget unfortunate children that go without Christmas. Thanks for everything.
 Love,
 Josie Jordan

Dear Santa Claus,
 Hi Santa! How are you? I hope I am on the nice list. I hope you and the elves are doing good. Oh an how do you like the North Pole? If you remember, I took a picture with you for the candy cone.
 As I said, I hope I am on the nice list, but I might not be. But it will be alright. I want the people that don't have stuff to receive gifts too, so please visit them. But I would like 1 or 2 presents please. If you can please get me a baby alive doll, I-phone, Emo,ji pillow, football and Nail polish.
 Have a good trip.
 Alayna Chance
 P.S. There's cookies for you.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are the elves doing? Have they been making toys? I hope your elves are good.
 Have you been good Santa Claus? I'm trying to be good by helping my mom to do chores. I also give my to other people.
 Santa, please bring me a phone, flashlight, toy gun, toy elf, and a toy Santa Claus. Santa Claus Deliver toys to the kids in the hospital.
 Have a save trip,
 Love,
 Josue Dominguez
 P.S. I will leave cookies for you

Dear Santa Claus,
 Have are you and Mrs. Claus been doing well? Have the deer been getting all the rest they need for the long ride?
 Santa, I've tried to be good this year to get presents from you.
 I've folded laundry, walked my goat, and I've tried to mind my parents.
 Could I have a laptop for Christmas?
 Don't forget to give presents to the people to the people in the hospitals and Service men.
 Love,
 Abigail Bisbee

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