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Christmas Eve Service at the First United Methodist Church

By Christmas Eve, the details have all been nailed down for family gatherings on Christmas Day and it's time to slow down and ponder the reality of that first Christmas so long ago. As the Christian world prepares to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Methodist Church warmly invites the community to its traditional candlelight service. Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

on Christmas Eve, the congregation will share in the anticipation of God's greatest gift to mankind -- His Son, Jesus Christ. Following the story of Christ's holy birth through scripture readings and music, everybody will be invited to share the Lord's Table where Communion will be offered to all who believe in this miracle. We welcome Jesus into our hearts as a

reminder of God's love for us and share that gift with others as a token of our love for God. The community is invited to share in this special time of worship in the Sanctuary made beautiful by poinsettias donated by members of the church. What a meaningful way to move into the real meaning of Christmas!



It Looks A Lot Like Christmas in Cross Plains - A yearly tradition, members of Project Pride have decorated the windows at Higginbothams. More holiday decorations from around town on page 14.



Friday at Noon is the Deadline for Next Week's Paper

Christmas Holidays

Merry Christmas! The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wants to let you know who is open and who is closed during the Christmas Holiday.

Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

- Bubba's Smokehouse - Closes at 6 p.m.
- Bullock's Beer Barn - Open 10 am-11 pm
- City of Cross Plains - Closed
- Cross Plains ISD - Closed
- Dollar General - Open
- Donna's Southern Roots - Closed
- Food Plaza - Open
- Hardwicks - Closes at 4 p.m.
- Higginbotham's Funeral - Closes at noon
- Higginbotham's - Closes at 2 p.m.
- Hutton Automotive - Closed
- Jean's Feedbarn - Closes at 2 p.m.
- Junkin Daze - Closes at 3 p.m.
- Justice of the Peace Office - Closed
- Larson's Pharmacy - Closes at noon
- Lawrence Farm and Ranch - Closed
- Lowe's Market - Closes at 6 p.m.
- Parts Plus - Closes at 4 p.m.
- Patsy's Flowers - Closes at noon
- Paws-tively Stylish - Closed
- Resource Care - Closes at noon
- Senior Center - Closed
- Sparks Insurance - Closed
- Staghorn Cafe - Closed
- Strength Paint and Body - Closed
- Subway - Closes at 3 p.m.
- Susan Schaefer - Close at noon
- T & K Tire - Closed
- Texas Heritage Bank - Closes at 1 pm
- The Butcher Block - Closed
- Trinity Land Ranch - Closed
- Wildlife Nutrition Center - Closes at 1

Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

- Bubba's Smokehouse - Closed
- Bullock's Beer Barn - Open 2 pm-11 pm
- City of Cross Plains - Closed
- Cross Plains ISD - Closed
- Dollar General - Closed
- Donna's Southern Roots - Closed
- Food Plaza - Open
- Hardwicks - Closed
- Higginbotham's Funeral - Closed
- Higginbotham's - Closed
- Hutton Automotive - Closed
- J & L Sales - Closed
- Jean's Feedbarn - Closed
- Junkin Daze - Closed
- Justice of the Peace Office - Closed
- Larson's Pharmacy - Closed
- Lawrence Farm and Ranch - Closed
- Lowe's Market - Closed
- Parts Plus - Closed
- Patsy's Flowers - Closed
- Paws-tively Stylish - Closed
- Resource Care - Closed
- Salamanders - Closed
- Senior Center - Closed
- Sparks Insurance - Closed
- Staghorn Cafe - Closed
- Strength Paint and Body - Closed
- Subway - Closed
- Susan Schaefer - Closed
- T & K Tire - Closed
- Texas Heritage Bank - Closed
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The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wishes you a safe and wonderful Holiday, and wants to remind you to shop locally and support the businesses in our area.

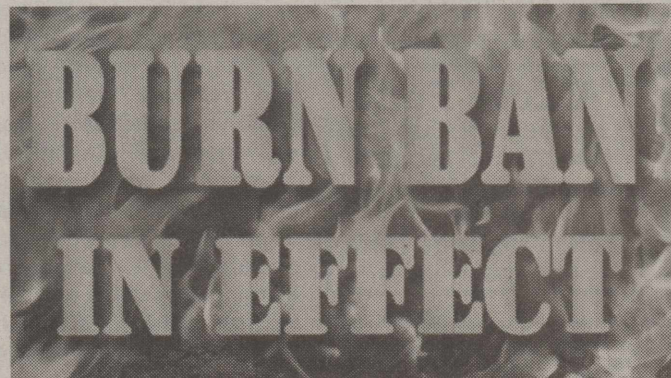
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CPHS Band Concert, Thursday, December 20th at 6 PM

Cross Plains ISD would like to invite all community members to the Annual Christmas Concert. The concert will be held in the Auditorium at the school on Thursday, December 20, at 6 PM. Tradition continues with Admission: a canned good which will be donated to the food pantry in the Spirit of the Season! (Admission is not required). We request the presence of all, please join us for a cookie and beautiful music!

Cross Plains Chamber Decorating Contest Judging on Thursday, December 20

The City has the Christmas lights up, businesses have started to decorate. It's beginning to look a lot like more Cheerful. The Cross Plains Chamber's Holiday decoration contest is starting. Judging will be on December 20th; the contest is open to all homes and businesses within the Cross Plains city limits. For those of you wondering, the judge will not be from Cross Plains, the Chamber brings in a guest judge from another town. There are several businesses that have already started decorating. The library has pulled out all the stops and are certainly in it to win it. Salamanders, Cross Plains Review, Junkin Daze, City Hall, Patsy's and Higginbotham's all have decorations up. They are worth going to go see, especially in the dark. To enter, please send an email to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com, a message via Facebook, or call 254-725-7251. Be sure to include your name and address in your message.



The Burn Ban is in Effect for Callahan County. If you have questions, call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

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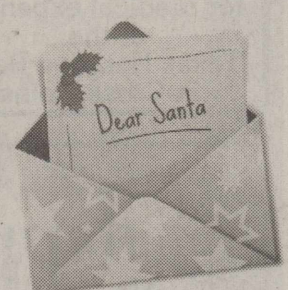
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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.

Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

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Happy Holidays!

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Phone: 254-725-7574

Sunday School.....10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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Sunday School 9:30

Wednesday

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Obituaries



Hazel Myrick Bigbee

Hazel Bigbee was welcomed into Heaven on Monday, December 3, 2018 at just after 11:00 A.M. She was 96 years old. She had lived in the Cottonwood community north of Cross Plains, TX for over 28 years before moving to Brownwood 6 years ago. Services for Hazel are 11:00 AM Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Heartland Funeral Home Chapel, there will be a visitation at Heartland Funeral Home on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6 - 8PM.

Hazel was born on August 1, 1922 in Brown County and passed away peacefully at Cross Country Healthcare Center in Brownwood, TX. She was born Hazel Evona Myrick, to Charlie and Correta (Granad) Myrick, who preceded her in death. She was married to Jesse Edward Bigbee on April 25, 1942 at First Baptist Church in May, TX. They shared a little over 63 years together before Jesse passed away in November of 2005.

Hazel attended schools in Rowden, Owens, Blanket, and May. She was a homemaker and raised 4 children. As a busy pastor's wife, she also helped with ministry in every church her husband pastored... teaching Sunday School to little children, leading WMU and GA's, Vacation Bible School, really any ministry involving children. Hazel sang alto in the church choir and loved to sing hymns. You could always hear her humming or singing an old hymn as she worked at home. She was a hospital volunteer for many years when living in Conroe, TX. She enjoyed it very much and received tremendous personal satisfaction from delivering mail to patients, where she could visit for a minute, and maybe say a prayer or two. She was not afraid of a challenge of learning something new, like running a cash register in the hospital gift shop. One of her favorite jobs, and the only one for which she received a paycheck, was being a hostess at the Independence

Baptist Church museum, which was a church her husband pastored. They both gave tours almost daily through this historical church near Washington-on-the-Brazos. She enjoyed meeting new people and loved that she could share some interesting facts about the church...such as, Sam Houston being baptized into the membership of that church, and other famous Texans who had been part of the fight for Texas independence. She loved people and she loved their stories, and loved to find some connection to them. She loved unconditionally. She didn't drive, so in the years following Jesse's death, she always enjoyed visits from neighbors, friends, and family. She loved her family most of all. She loved nothing better than to be with her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids and all the noise and laughter of those times together.

While she never served in the military, she was a WW2 bride. Her husband was shipped out with the Army within a few months of their wedding and served 3 years overseas during WW2. She remained state side and helped take care of his aging parents.

She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, TX and always loved her pastors, and other church staff. Having been in ministry all her married life, she knew how important it was to be supportive and encouraging and she took many opportunities to let them know how much she loved them.

Her favorite hobby was quilting. She was part of the quilting club in Cross Plains and loved getting together weekly to visit with other ladies while working on their latest creation. She made each of her children a quilt which will be treasured for life. She and Jesse always had a huge garden. From their bountiful harvest, she would can, freeze, and preserve enough food for them and to give away. She was a good cook but was "famous" for her bread pudding, and the recipe has been shared around the world. There were other family favorite recipes of hers that are being passed down that have been taken on by the next generation.

Hazel was the big sister to 3 younger siblings. Her sister, Billie Jean Hughes and husband Albert, and brother, Truett Myrick preceded her in death. She is survived by her brother Danny and his wife Glendora of Abilene, TX and sister-in-law Lorea Myrick of Brenham, TX. Hazel and Jesse had 4 children, Dalton (Butch)

Obituaries

Bigbee and wife Jo Ann of Tahlequah, OK., Randy Bigbee and wife Cheri of Brenham, TX, Melanie Bigbee Clonts and husband Ken of Austin, TX and Pam Bigbee Polaski and husband Steve of Chandler, OK.

She had 14 grandchildren whom she loved fiercely: Amy Bigbee Miller and husband Michael, of Colleyville, TX, Nathan Bigbee and wife, Jennifer of Austin, TX, Aaron Bigbee and wife Ahu of Dallas, TX, Catherine Bigbee Gordon and husband Robert of Wasilla, Alaska, Jay Bigbee and partner, Erika, of Richmond, TX, Evan Bigbee of Brenham, Michael Clonts and wife Amanda, of Colorado Springs, CO, Chris Clonts and wife Anna, of Colorado Springs, CO, Angela Clonts of Bryan, TX, Courtney Polaski Elmore of Brownwood, Landry Polaski of Brownwood, Jay Polaski and partner Danielle of Ft. Worth, Cameron Polaski of Dongtan, South Korea, and Logan Polaski and wife Haley of Brownwood.

She is survived by all 4 of her children and their spouses, 12 of her grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren! She was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Evan Bigbee and Courtney Polaski Elmore. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends who love her.

While flowers are welcomed (because she loved flowers), she also loved Howard Payne University, attended by her husband, all 4 children, 2 grandchildren, and other extended family members. If you so choose, you may send a memorial gift to Howard Payne University Scholarship Fund, 1000 Fisk, Brownwood, TX 76801.

Death Notice

Jennifer Morgan Schubert

Jennifer Morgan Schubert, aged 50, passed away on Monday, December 17, 2018.

Details are pending.

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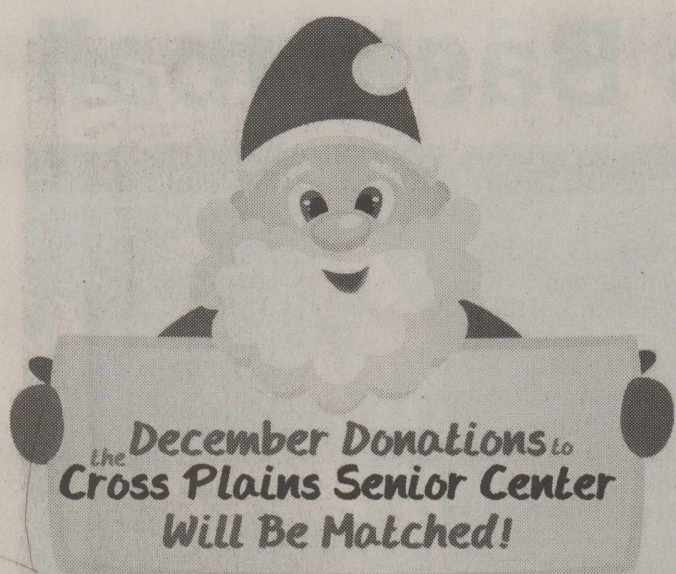
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December Donations to the Senior Center will be Matched Dollar for Dollar

With the season of giving upon us, the Cross Plains Senior Center has the chance to benefit twice from any donation received in December up to a total of \$6,000.

The Teri L. Coburn and Family Ranch will match any contributions up to a total of \$6,000 in loving memory of Clara McDermott Coburn. Just like the miracles of Christmas, \$6,000 becomes

\$12,000. These gifts will be used to expand programs and the continued opportunity to offer nutritious meals to those 60 and over and the disabled each weekday, no matter the ability to pay. Please send your donations to P O Box 144 Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or come by the Center and let us show you around our facility at 108 N Main St. Cross Plains.

Kingdom's Door Closed for December

Kingdom's Door and Attic will be closed will be closed each Saturday during the month of December due to other commitments of the workers. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but if anyone needs anything during this time, please call First Baptist Church. You may also call 325-669-7960 and someone can meet you there. Please leave a message if no answer. May you all have a truly blessed Christmas!!

Cross Plains Community Calendar

December 24-January 1 - Christmas Holidays, School's out.

December 31 - Monday - New Year's Eve Party, Games and Food, 6 p.m., Cross Plains Senior Center

January 10 - Friday - School's out for the Callahan County Livestock Show
January 10-12 - Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show
January 22 - Baptist Seminar, First Baptist Church. Registration 8:30 a.m. Program 9:00 a.m.

Chamber Chatter

Lowe's will be closing on Wed the 19th at 7:30 PM for their employee Christmas Party.

Santa and his helpers will be in at the School on Friday, December 21st. Just a reminder, the school has early release on Wednesday and Thursday at 3:00 and on Friday at 1:00

Flowers always brighten up a holiday table and whether you prefer the delightful aroma of fresh flowers, or silk arrangements that can be used again next year. Patsy's Flowers and Gifts can make the perfect arrangement for you.

Do you have a passel of Grandkids that you need to buy a gift for? Each one can have their very own elf with their name on it. Stop into Junkin Daze and order an Elf, Snowman, or Reindeer. They would be perfect peeking out the top of the stocking. A portion of the proceeds go to the Senior Center.

Tired from shopping? Don't want to cook? Mexico City has friendly service, great food, and the best part...no dishes to wash.

With the colds and sniffles going around. Be sure to keep Resource Care's phone number near the phone and stop into Lowe's to stock up on tissues and Chicken S

Your Business is an asset to the Cross Plains, let the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce be an asset to you. For more information about the Chamber and what it has to offer, send an email to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com, or call at 254-725-7251.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

December 24th-28th

Monday-24th Center Closed
Tuesday-25th Center Closed
Wednesday-26th Blood Pressure Check, Kindred at Home of Eastland
Thursday-27th 11 a.m.
Friday-28th Bingo 11:15, Rising Star Nursing Home

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

December 24th-28th



Thursday 20th-Sweet/Sour Chicken, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Egg Roll, Dessert

Monday 24th- Center Closed

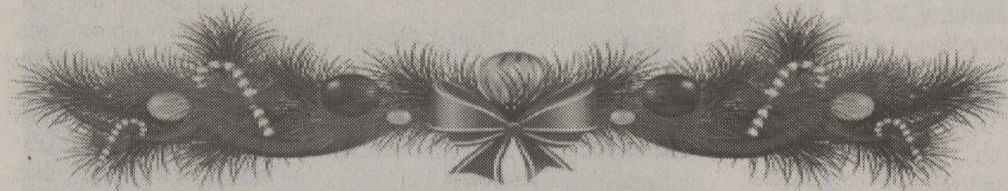
Friday 28th-Goulash, Lima Beans, Bread, Fruit, Cookie

Tuesday 25th-Center Closed

Wednesday 26th-Steak Fingers, Potatoes w/gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizens Center



Obituaries



Wilda E. Weber Holland

Wilda E. Weber-Holland, 88, of Cross Plains, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 13, 2018 in Comanche, Texas.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, December 15, at 1:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church in Brownwood, with Father Russ Fisher officiating Father Michael S. Mobley assisting. Burial will follow at the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Comanche. The family will have a time of visitation on Friday, December 14 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

Wilda was born on December 1, 1930 in Gordon, Nebraska to the Late William H. and Bertha White-Weber. Wilda married Orville Holland on July 25, 1952 in Tucson, AZ. Wilda was a Registered Nurse who worked with the Late Dr. Sohns in Cross Plains, Gorman Hospital & Waco Hospital. Wilda was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Brownwood. Her faith was extremely important to her and she instilled those values into her children and grandchildren. Wilda shared her passion for taking care of animals, gardening, farming and baking with her loved ones. She had a compassion for others and had the sweetest heart. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Wilda was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Wilda is survived by her husband, Orville Holland of Cross Plains; son, Joe Holland and wife, Susan of Cross Plains;

daughter, Susan Glynn of Midland; grandchildren, Shane Sharpe of Austin; Tiffany Holland of Aledo; Joe Holland II of Tahlequah, OK; Tanessa Glynn of Clyde; Terra Hinojosa and husband, Mark of Midland; William Holland of Fort Lee, VA; Adreane Williams and husband, Benny of Glen Rose; 8 great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Wilda was preceded in death by her parents, William H. and Bertha White-Weber, son, William "Bill" Holland.



Marcia Lynne Petty Voigts

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Marcia Lynne (Petty) Voigts, age 70, passed from this life on Thursday, December 13, 2018, in Community Hospice of Texas in Burleson, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at First United Methodist Church of Baird. Marcia was laid to rest at Ross Cemetery. Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiated services. Services were under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird, Texas.

Marcia was born on November 21, 1948, in Brownwood, Texas, to Edward and Dorothy Coppinger Petty. She graduated from Baird High School as Salutatorian in 1967. She later graduated from Abilene Christian University with an Applied Science degree. Her marriage to Bobby Voigts, Sr., resulted in wide travels

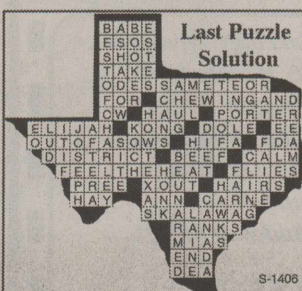
as a military wife, taking them from Mineral Wells, Texas, to Georgia, Germany, and back to Ft. Campbell in Kentucky. When they returned to Baird, she began working for Callahan General Hospital and then for Abilene Regional Hospital for 25 years, serving as their Director of Health Information. She also was an accomplished medical transcriptionist for several area doctors.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Baird, and while living in Abilene she was a member of St. James Methodist Church. Marcia was a member of the American Business Women's Association of Abilene. She had returned to live in Baird 15 years ago.

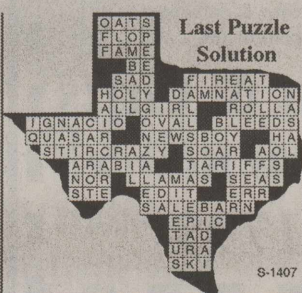
Survivors include her son, Bobby Voigts, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas; 2 daughters, Lori Voigts Higgins and Allison Voigts, both of Baird, Texas; 2 grandsons, Ryker Voigts of Abilene, Texas, and Jeb Higgins of Baird, Texas; 2 sisters, Dianne Petty Gunter of Baird, Texas, and Paula Petty Kelley of Nashville, Tennessee; her uncle, Joe Coppinger and wife Delma of Longview, Texas; the father of her children, Bobby Voigts, Sr., and wife Dana, of Baird, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Steve Petty, sister Doreen Petty Shields, and daughter Becky Voigts.

Solution to Crossword Puzzle on Page 9



Solution to Crossword Puzzle on Page 11



Billy Frank "Tiny" Hedrick

Billy Frank "Tiny" Hedrick, age 84, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018 in Gulfport, MS.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Julia Hedrick; brother, Rick Hedrick; infant sister.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Boneva Agnew Hedrick of Gulfport, MS; children, Eddie Hedrick of Maud, TX; Kim Jackson and husband Eddie of Winters; Kelley Crow and husband Roy of Maud, TX; Judy Greenlund of Gulfport, MS and Sandra Dreher of Diamondhead, MS; 6 grandchildren, Samson Jackson of San Angelo; Rusty Jackson of Abilene; Darren Greenlund of Gulfport, MS; David Dreher and wife Lindsey of Diamondhead, MS and Cynthia Dreher of Diamondhead, MS and Chad Howard of Maud, TX. 4 great-grandchildren; and lots of friends who were family.

A memorial graveside service will be held on Sunday, December 23rd at 2 p.m. at the Nimrod Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 399, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

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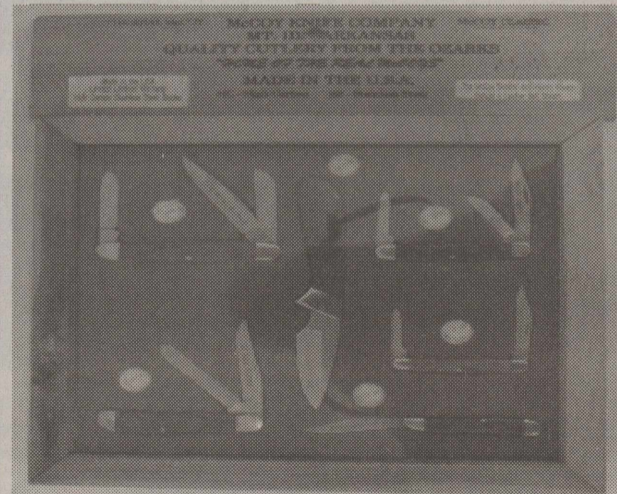
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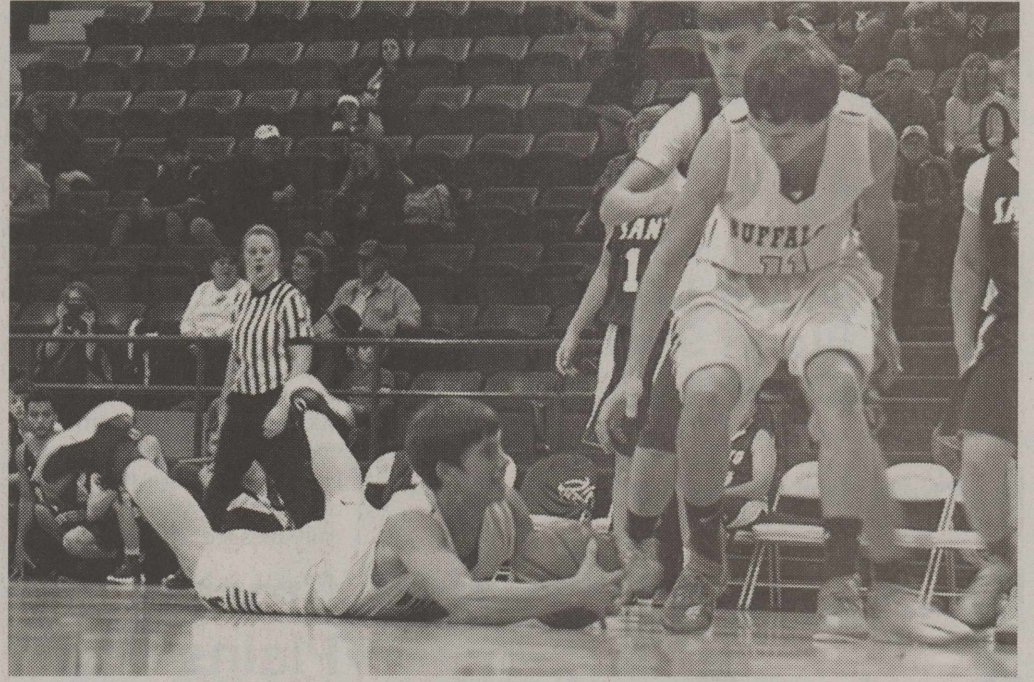
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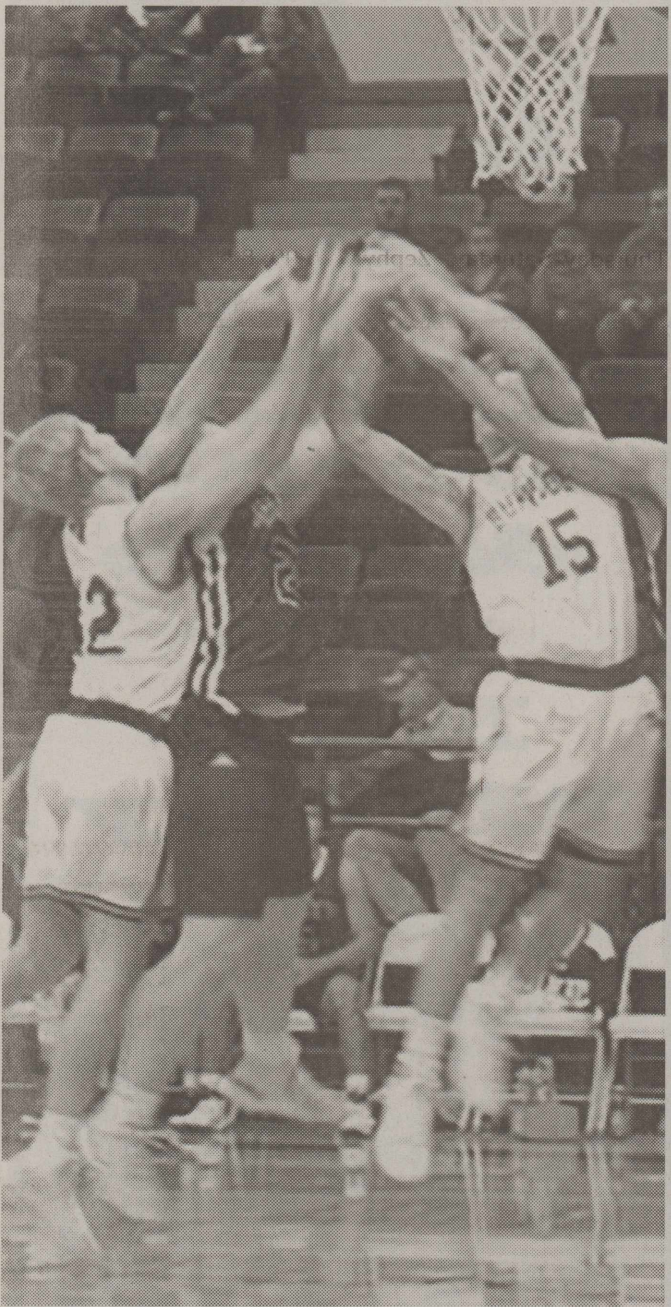
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Junior High Girls Basketball Schedule

January 10 - Thursday, at Stamford. 7HB 6:00; 7HA 7:00.
January 14 - Monday, at Roscoe. 7HB 6:00; 7HA 7:00.
January 17-19 - Thursday-Saturday, Lingleville Tournament; JHA
January 21 - Monday, at Albany. 7HB 6:00; 7HA 7:00.
January 24-26 - Thursday-Saturday, Zephyr Tournament, JHA
January 28 - Monday, Haskell here. 7HB 6:00; 7HA 7:00.
February 4 - Monday, at Hawley, 7HB 6:00; 7HA 7:00.



To Whom It May Concern,

Whoever borrowed the tables and chairs from the American Legion Building, we would like these items returned ASAP. Anyone with information please call 325-260-3924.

Ron Bell
Vice Commander

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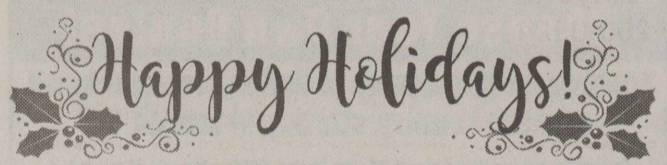
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Junior High Boys Basketball Schedule

January 10 - Thursday, at Stamford. Mixed 5:30; 7th 6:00; 8th 7:00.
 January 14 - Monday, Roscoe here. Mixed 5:30; 7th 6:00; 8th 7:00.
 January 17-19 - Thursday-Saturday, Lingleville Tournament; 8th January 21 - Monday, Albany here. Mixed 5:30; 7th 6:00; 8th 7:00.
 January 24-26 - Thursday-Saturday, Zephyr Tournament, 7th January 24-26 - Thursday-Saturday, Albany Tournament, 8th.
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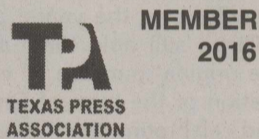
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- 416 E Conner St, Eastland-3BR/2B 1679 sq ft, 2015 roof, storage building..... **Reduced.** \$75,900
- 316 N Main St, CP-1BR/1B home and 2 -1BR/1B apartments..... **\$82,000**
- NEW! 1209 N Shore Dr, Cisco-Lake front **UNDER CONTRACT**..... \$125,000
- 233 S Ave. E, CP-Nice corner lot, 3BR/2B **UNDER CONTRACT** pecan trees..... \$157,000
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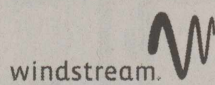
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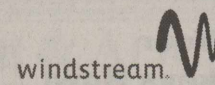


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Cross Plains' 2018 Retail Sales up 7% from 2017

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2018 are just over seven percent higher than 2017, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, December 12th.

Cross Plains' 2018 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$272,622.84, which is 7.14 percent higher than the \$254,442.67 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2017.

The payment to the city for December 2018 was \$23,009.20, which is 6.45 percent higher than the payment of \$21,614.99 in December 2017.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, December 12th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$761 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 9.5 percent more than in December 2017. These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

Hegar reported \$488.1 million allocated to Texas cities in December 2018, which is 10.1 percent higher than December 2017, and 8.1 percent higher year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$168.4 million in December 2018 sales tax allocations, which is 4.4 percent higher than December 2017 and higher by 6.5 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$48.5 million in December 2018 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 16.1 percent compared to December 2017 and higher by 14.4 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$55.9 million in December 2018 allocations, which is 14.8 percent higher than December 2017 and higher by 17.4 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$761.0 million in December 2018, which is 9.5 percent higher than December 2017 and higher by 8.8 percent year-to-date.

For details on December sales tax allocations to in-

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2017	2018
Total yearly Sales tax Payments	\$254,442.67	\$272,622.84
Total monthly Sales tax Payments	\$21,614.99	\$23,009.20

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Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2018 started the year 6.88 percent higher than the 2017 payments. The city has received \$331,002.62 in 2018, while the 2017 tax payments to the city totaled \$309,690.83.

Baird's monthly payment for December 2018 was \$27,629.75, which is 22.36 percent higher than the December 2017 payment of \$22,579.09.

—The 2018 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 4.02 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2017. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$741,866.07 in 2018. The 2017 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$713,139.95.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for December 2018 was \$51,494.22, which is 1.71 percent lower than the payment of \$52,391.93 made in December 2017.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2018 payments to the town totaled \$9,991.79, which is higher by 30.28 percent from the 2017 payments to the city in the amount of \$7,669.12.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of December 2018 was \$596.76, which is 30.45 percent higher than the December 2017 payment of \$457.46.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.



Jean Alexander, right, getting a manicure from Whitney Henderson on Thursday at the Senior Center.

Merry Christmas

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The Texas History Minute

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Christmas Traditions Developed in United States

For generations, Christmas has been a time of magic and wonder for millions. In the rush of modern America, that is sometimes forgotten in the maddening swarms of crowds at stores, mistaken orders from online retailers, and even near-riots over special discounts. Christmas is celebrated around the globe, and each corner of the Earth has its own special traditions that go along with the season. In the United States, Christmas traditions have changed steadily over the years; and millions still hold faithful to the original purpose of veneration of the birth of Christ and celebrating the message of peace and harmony.

Many American Christmas traditions are a mix of different cultures thrown in with stories and songs that have grown in adoration over the years. Some of the most famous Christmas carols are centuries old. As more immigrated from Europe to the United States, the different Christmas traditions so adored by these new families began filtering through the nation.

Early Christians celebrated Easter more with the death and resurrection of Jesus as the embodiment of Christian ideals. However, by the fourth century, the birth of Jesus also began to be noted with special church observances also. The Christmas Eve mass or communion service is still an important Christmas tradition for many American families.

By the sixteenth century, Christmas slowly became more than a church service. In Germany especially, the day became a celebration noted for singing, parties, feasts, and drinking. The Puritans who arrived in New England in the early 1600s were appalled by such displays, which they considered sinful. As a result, Puritan leaders banned observances of Christmas well into the eighteenth century.

It was knowledge of the differences by which New Englanders and Germans typically observed the day that inspired George Washington to cross the Delaware River on Christmas Night 1776

to stage a surprise attack on the Hessian outpost at Trenton, New Jersey. After a brutal series of losses that summer and fall, Washington knew he had to turn the war around. He knew the German mercenaries the British had hired to pursue them would be too distracted by their own Christmas parties to suspect an attack during winter. At dawn on December 26, he surprised and overwhelmed the exhausted and hungover Hessian revelers to change the course of history.

The tradition of the Christmas tree originated in Germany in the 1500s when candles were attached to evergreen trees. It was not until the late 1700s that Christmas trees were introduced to the United States by German settlers.

But Christmas as a holiday emerged slowly. Louisiana was the first to declare Christmas a state holiday in 1837, and only a handful of states followed suit within the next few years. It did not become a federal holiday until 1870.

Even the tradition of exchanging gifts did not emerge quickly. However, the gift-giving tradition expanded rapidly in the 1820s and 1830s, with merchants quickly looking to capitalize on the holiday.

Santa Claus went through many changes in the process. The original St. Nicholas was an early bishop from modern-day Turkey in the fourth century known for his generosity toward the poor and children. The Catholic feast day celebrating St. Nicholas always fell on December 6, but Protestants merged the holiday with Christmas over the years. Santa Claus emerged from the St. Nicholas stories in Holland before becoming part of American lore in the late 1700s. Christmas trees began being sold in large numbers by the 1850s in the North, with decorations, almost all homemade, steadily becoming more elaborate. Though some families still used candles on trees, many opted not to do so for the obvious safety reasons of not exposing flame near a drying tree. The first electric lights were used on

trees in 1882, not long after the invention of the light bulb. As electricity became more widely available in the early twentieth century, colored electric lights became popular and safer alternatives. Still, most American families did not have Christmas trees in the early 1900s. In fact, the National Christmas Tree at the White House did not become an annual tradition until 1923.

Rudolph was added to the sleigh team as part of a poem written in 1939, but country singer Gene Autry popularized his story with his rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" in 1949 and was followed by his equally-popular "Frosty the Snowman" in 1950.

Songs and stories surrounding Christmas became even more popular in the 1960s as new television specials introduced them to a new generation. A Charlie Brown Christmas became an instant classic in 1965 as Charlie Brown looked for the real meaning of Christmas, upset that Christmas had become way too commercialized, even in the mid-1960s. His dismissal of the aluminum trees popular at the time in favor of a real tree was connected with the collapse of the aluminum tree's popularity by the end of the decade.

Christmas is celebrated today even in non-Christian households as the spirit of giving and peace has transcended its original religious meaning for some. Far from the shopping crowds, Christmas still has a magical place in the hearts of young and old alike. In a quiet moment, many remember that Christmas is still a time of generosity for others. And Christmas is still a time of peace in our hearts and in the world, as we are reminded of the gift of one precious life, of brotherhood, and of the harmony for which the holiday was born.

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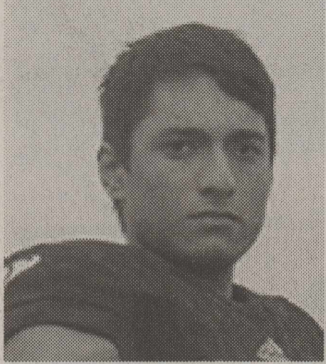
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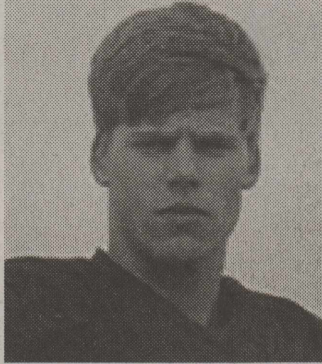
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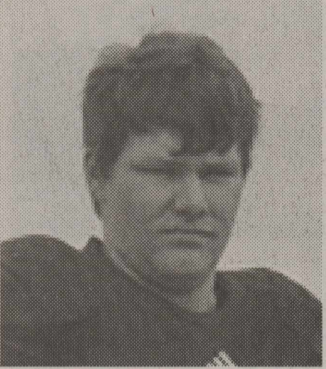
Seventeen Buffaloes Make All-District Football Team



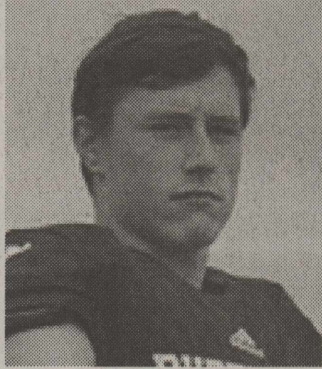
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Theron Allen



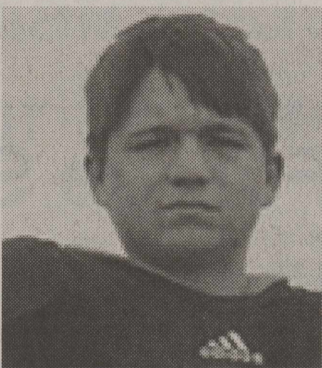
Tripp Thomas



Jevon Tillery



Cason Allen



Paxton Bryd

Seventeen Buffaloes were named to the All-District Football Team Rosters.

Named to the 1st Team Specialty Squad: Utility - Caleb Hernandez; Defensive Newcomer of the Year - Cason Allen.

1st Team Offense: Theron Allen - Wide Receiver; Tripp Thomas - Offensive Line.

2nd Team Offense: Jevon Tillery - Wide Receiver; Sterling Switzer - Running Back; Trent Potter - Tight End; Sam Cowan - Offensive Line.

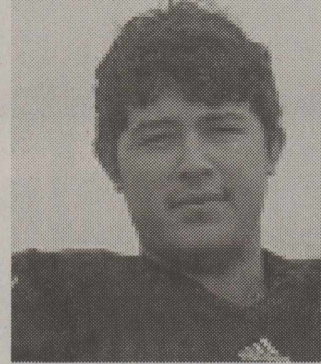
1st Team Defense: Jevon Tillery - Corner; Sterling Switzer - Outside Linebacker; Trent Potter - Defensive End; Jacob Collier - Defensive Tackle; Paxton Byrd - Inside Linebacker; Theron Allen - Safety.

2nd Team Defense: Logan Proctor - Defensive End; Cody McWilliams - Outside

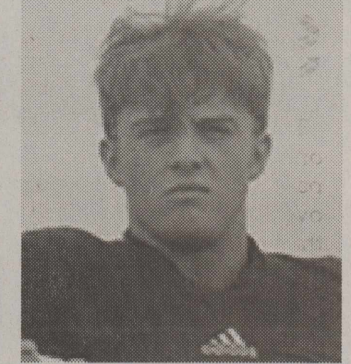
Linebacker.

Honorable Mention: Ty Tipton - ILB; Cedar Jones - ILB; Brian Morales - OL; Jacob Collier - OL; Tripp Thomas - DL; Sean Hernandez - QB.

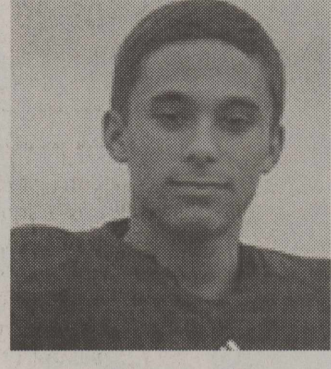
Academic All District: Theron Allen, Jacob Collier, Brian Morales, Trent Potter, Cason Allen, Sam Horan, Cody McWilliams, Jevon Tillery, Paxton Byrd.



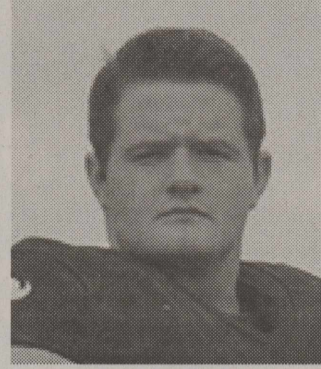
Samuel Cowan



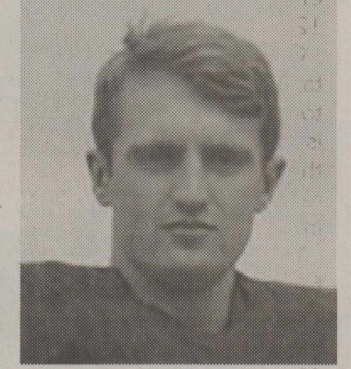
Sterling Switzer



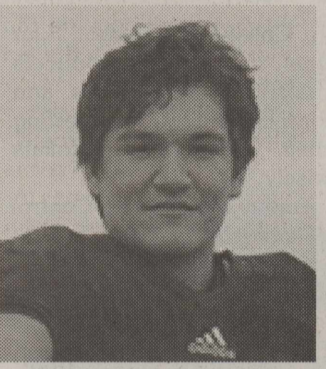
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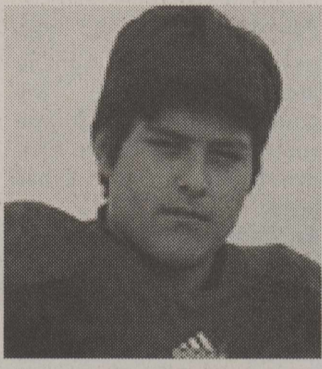
Jacob Collier



Trent Potter



Sean Hernandez



Brian Morales

Allen, Potter, Morales and Byrd Named to All-State Team

The Texas High School Coaches Association named these Cross Plains Buffaloes to their Academic All State Team.

Theron Allen - Honorable

Mention

Paxton Byrd - Honorable

Mention

Brian Morales - 2nd Team

Trent Potter - 2nd Team

Allen, Tillery Named to All-State in Football

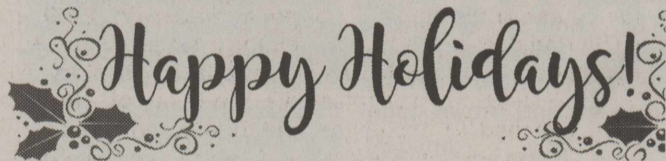
By Al Pickett
Special Writer

Two defensive backs, who helped Cross Plains to a 7-4 record and a berth in the state playoffs, have been named to the Associated Press Sports Editors Class

2A all-state team.

Theron Allen was selected to the first team after recording 112 tackles, two fumble recoveries and three interceptions this season for the Buffaloes. Jevon Tillery was named to the second team on the APSE Class 2A all-state team.

The Cross Plains defense posted two shutouts and held three other opponents to just one touchdown this season.



School Board Meeting Set for December 19th

NOTICE OF MEETING--BOARD OF TRUSTEES CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on December 19, 2018, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- REGULAR MEETING
- CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- Open Forum
- New Business

Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

Review Bills/Finance Report

Hear and Consider 2017-18 Financial Audit (Cam Gulley)

Consider Appointment for Open School Board Position

Perform Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Member

Superintendent's Report

District UIL Academic Meet

Goals for STAAR Testing at January Meeting

Senior Graduation - May 24

Mid-Year Report, Expectations for the Spring, and 2019-20 (Executive Session)

Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 14, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

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ACROSS

- 1 ex-Cowboy QB Laufenberg
- 5 "those" south of the border
- 6 "Dallas" question: "Who... J.R.?"
- 7 TXism: "a look see"
- 8 "Crater" was discovered in 1920s
- 17 TX-filmed "the Love of Benji"
- 18 TXism: "just whittling" (idle)
- 21 UT tower sniper (init.)
- 22 TX'n relocater?: U
- 23 TX O. Henry, William Sydney
- 24 this Myers designed the TX capitol
- 29 TXism: "he'd arm wrestle King"
- 30 pineapple king
- 31 first two initials of 24-across
- 32 TXism: "can't make a silk purse"
- 34 TXism: "lutin" (aloud)
- 35 new medicine
- 36 county prosecutor: Attorney
- 37 TX cattlemen's contribution
- 38 not excited
- 39 Nolan Ryan VHS in 1993 (3 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "he's too lazy to swat"

DOWN

- 1 released in 1969: "The ___ Pride"
- 2 TXism: "she'd have to stand up twice to cast"
- 3 in Lipscomb County on highway 23 & 15
- 4 TX wheeler-dealer Billy Sol
- 9 reads quickly
- 42 ex-Cowboy TE Billie Joe Du
- 43 duffer's golf ball
- 44 TXism: "got 'em in my cross"
- 45 TXism: "I couldn't buy ___ for a nightmare" (broke)
- 46 Comanche TX captive Cynthia Parker
- 47 chill con
- 48 rascal (var.)
- 50 private, major, and general, e.g.
- 51 unaccounted for soldiers (abbr.)
- 52 Dallas hangout: "West"
- 53 fed. agcy. that operates on TX-Mex border (abbr.)
- 10 embrace (2 wds.)
- 11 Cowboy Hall-of-Famer Ranfro
- 12 TX space walker White (init.)
- 13 Spurs or Rockets game start (2 wds.)
- 14 WWII atom bomber "Gay"
- 15 fairy tale monster
- 16 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse"
- 19 sewing aids
- 20 TX Roy Orbison: tune: "In ___"
- 22 book: "___ chicken Laws Are Made"
- 24 "Stecke State Forest"
- 25 this TX Denny founded Pro Sat (football cards)
- 26 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink"
- 27 Fort Worth's St. ___ Hospital
- 28 TXism: "attacked like grandma ___ chicken"
- 29 former NYC mayor (1978-89)
- 30 regulated eating "Acton State Historic ___"
- 34 this is felt in a TX summer
- 35 Waxahachie annual festival: "Scarborough"
- 37 TXism: "he'd ___ in a battle of wits" (dumb)
- 38 adhere to
- 40 goose sound
- 41 TXism: "as an outhouse on a cold morning"
- 44 birds of prey
- 47 country of ex-Mav point guard Steve Nash
- 49 TX singer Frankie



The Cross Plains High School Senior Class at their Christmas Party on Monday, December 17th at Bullock's Beer Barn.

Forage Seminar in Cross Plains on January 22nd

CROSS PLAINS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a tri-county forage seminar Jan. 22 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start at 9 a.m.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

The AgriLife Extension offices conducting the program are from Callahan, Coleman, and Brown counties.

"This annual event has become one of the premier educational programs concerning forage production and hay in our region," said Karl Winge, AgriLife Extension agent

in Callahan County. "Our goal is to help producers maximize their profits and forage quality by investing their production dollars wisely."

Topics will include: Control of weeds in Forages, Labels, Importance of a Healthy Soil, Control of Sugar Cane Aphid in Sudan Grasses, Wild Pigs Ecology and Management, and TDA Laws and Reg.

Individual preregistration is \$20 by Jan. 17 and \$25 thereafter. Preregister by calling any of the cooperating AgriLife Extension offices: Callahan County, 325-854-5835; Coleman County, 325-625-4519; or Brown County, 325-646-0386.

Fees are due upon arrival and include a catered noon meal.

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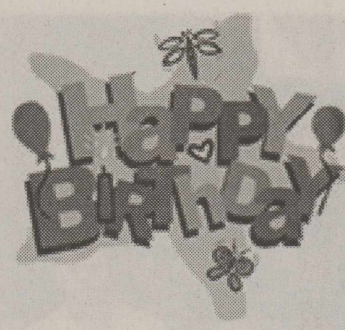


Adrien Canales puts the finishing touches on the Burkett Christmas Tree last Friday night at the Christian Life Center.

Big Tree and Bright Lights in Burkett

Children and adults awaited the moment with anticipation in the dark. A wondrous glow lit the room as everyone at the Burkett Christmas Tree Lighting beheld the huge tree. Homemade ornaments glittered from the branches as the group applauded. A few Carols were sung and

treats of cookies and cocoa were offered to those who attended. Christmas goodie bags of toy, candy and fruit were handed out to the children whose families had attended. Merry Christmas from Burkett, Texas and may the Spirit of the Season be with you always.



December 24
Brandy (Hutton) Gaudin
Judy Steele
Tonya (Steele) Berge
Courtney Taylor
Dena Jo Hines
Justin Richey
Mike Moore
Frankie McGough
Christy (Dewbre) Fox
Patricia Webb
Gertrude McIntoch
Carol (Foster) Bectold
Ethel Eastham
Mrs. Emma Morgan
Laci J. Koenig
Christy Driskill
Rita Falkner
Theresa Adams
James Conor Sweetman

December 25
Robert Floyd
Klay Wilson
Laeanne Gibson
Donald Stover
Leslie Reed
Karin Sabatis
Wesley Webb
Brent Hutchins
Blanche Thrasher
Charlotte (Foster) Lee
Joseph Jackson
Daniel Bushnell

December 26
Penny Miller
Lindsey Ames
Jay Ringhoffer
Bill Slate
Tom Robinson
Loy Thompson
Lisa Gardner
Brandon Jones

December 27
Belva Gwinn
Mrs. Elmer Wilson
Dickie Nowell
Bobby Lawrence
Dr. Mickey Bush
Norma Proctor
John Ross McCaghen
Hannah Caghen
Patricia (Lee) Regian
Sheila Bell-Taylor
Carol Bennett

December 28

December 29
Dianne Johnson
Mrs. Earl Allen
Johnnie Strickland
Kenneth D. Brown
Frances Knott
Vicky (Morre) Worley
Michael Blake Foster
D.J. Roe
Jacob Strickland
Peyton Wood
Shelby Wood
Jon Tonne
Hunter Thomas

December 30

Keith Hopson
Billy Gene Spoon
Carol Bates
Mrs. Bob Dean
Christopher Hamer
Gertrude Johnson
Wanda Jennings
Milton Bates
Billy King
Joseph L. Hopkins
Nancy Sheppard
Randy Duncan
Sambo Fleming

December 31

Jesse Norris
Kimberly (Ratliff) Stover
Royce Lawrence
Rodney Gene Gregory
Austin Walker
Seth Wyatt
Kathy Denny
Johnny Combs
Shirley Emmons
Mrs. Norman Farr
Danielle Webster
George Randall Dickey
Vickie (Hickman) Walker

Match the Promise Scholarship Applications taken through December 31st

(AUSTIN) — Comptroller Glenn Hegar today reminded Texans that the application deadline for Texas Match the Promise Foundation® scholarship awards is Dec. 31, 2018.

Match the Promise scholarship awards are available for fifth through ninth graders:

- who are beneficiaries of a Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF) account, the state's prepaid college tuition plan;
 - whose families have an annual income of \$100,000 or less; and
 - who are Texas residents and the dependents, for tax purposes, of Texas residents.
- Families who do not currently have a TTPF account can find information about establishing one at MatchThePromise.org, or they can call 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570.

The Match the Promise Foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, offers these competitive matching scholarships to encourage Texas families to provide for college. Approved recipients can receive scholarships of tuition units

worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices, while top-scoring Texans also can receive one-time grants of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices.

"Eligible families across the state can apply for Match the Promise scholarships," Hegar said. "And the prepaid college tuition plan could be a great way to help families save for their children's higher education."

To be considered for a scholarship, students must write a career essay and meet other requirements. If approved, recipients will have until Aug. 31, 2019, to meet the contribution requirements of the scholarship program.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and by state employees through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is deductible to receive tax-eligible contributions from Texans.

Windbreak Seedlings Are Now Available Through Your Local SWCD

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for evergreen and hardwood seedlings. Landowners are encouraged to purchase these one-year-old seedlings for windbreak plantings before preferred stock is sold out.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed by West Texas Nursery-Texas A&M Forest Service in Idalou. The agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at an affordable price for landowners, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks.

You may be asking yourself, "What is a windbreak?" A windbreak consists of trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots, as a barrier to reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics. They are established where production ends and homesteads begin and they also act as protection for a residence, which increases the heating and cooling efficiency of a homestead.

Farmstead windbreaks block the hot, dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter. Multiple row windbreaks add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead and act as a sound barrier to highway

or farm road traffic, as well as protect the soil, increase land value and enhance crop yields.

Livestock windbreaks are very beneficial during the winter and summer months. Cattle hidden in an "L" or "U" shaped multiple row windbreak are allowed to utilize their energy to continue gaining weight rather than use it to keep warm, as a result, the amount of feed afforded by the producer is reduced. These windbreaks also reduce the risk of mortality during harsh winter months, such as Winter Storm Goliath in 2015. They also provide shade during the hot summer months and help keep the dust down when used around feedlots.

The following container seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 for \$100.00-Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Catalpa and Green Ash. These species are also available at \$5 for \$25.00.

In addition, bareroot species available are Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Pecan and Shumard Oak for 25 for \$65.00 or 5 for \$20.00.

Delivery will be February 21, 2019. For further information call Callahan Divide SWCD 325- 854-1049 ex4. All orders must be pre-paid by check or money order.

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "feeling his ___" (frisky)
- 5 Hilton's 1st TX hotel was "a cross between a gold mine and a ___ house"
- 6 Cowboy Irvin was denied Hall of ___ induction on the first ballot
- 7 TX Vikki Carr's "It Must ___ Him"
- 8 TXism: "it would jerk the tears out of a glass eye"
- 9 TXism: "exciting as a ___ the IRS office"
- 15 sacred
- 16 sinners' fate in "hellfire" sermon
- 19 Hereford has country's largest ___ rodeo
- 21 old cowboys can cigarette
- 22 TX Gen. Zaragoza of Cinco de Mayo shape of TX Motor Speedway
- 28 "my heart ___ for you"
- 29 celestial object
- 30 young man who delivers papers?
- 32 "Ah" sidekick?
- 33 TX JoBeth Williams 1990 comedy film
- 36 TXism: "it's hard to ___ with eagles when you work with turkeys"
- 37 pioneer internet co.
- 38 oil rich country: Saudi ___
- 39 import/export taxes

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "dall ___ the dogs"
- 2 pie ___ mode
- 3 Harris County's most northern town
- 4 fastest mouse in all of Mexico (2 wds.)
- 8 TX Wiley Post was 1st to fly ___ around the world
- 9 Austin's "McKinney ___" was part of "El Camino Real de los Tejas"
- 41 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of him"
- 42 Peruvian critters raised in TX
- 45 Pacific & Atlantic one cold city: Sault ___ Marie
- 47 fix a film
- 48 make a mistake
- 49 TX livestock auction site (2 wds.)
- 52 TX film "Giant," e.g.
- 53 TXism: "smidgen" fictitious sister of TX Ima Hogg
- 55 Lake Lewisville action
- 10 TX B.J. Thomas' ___ So Lonesome I Could Cry"
- 11 TLC provider (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "dew chaser" (2 wds.)
- 13 water temperature tester? (2 wds.)
- 14 floor covering
- 15 Farouk Systems of Houston makes ___ products
- 16 TX John Wesley Hardin had a quick ___
- 17 TX Dan Blocker in later life? (2 wds.)
- 18 ___ passages
- 20 TX "Designing" woman Judith
- 22 smartness number (abbr.)
- 23 Mollie & ___ ran the "Bailey Circus" in TX
- 24 TX singer Stuckey 25 residents of "Little Saigon" in Houston
- 26 tapered root veggie
- 28 papa pig
- 31 snakes & scarves
- 34 ___ Hubbard became governor in 1876 when Gov. Coke left office to become a U.S. Senator
- 35 TXism: "look sick" piece"
- 37 TXism: "___ piece"
- 40 flowerless plant
- 43 OK town
- 44 Biblical port city visited by the apostle Paul
- 50 tribe of Atakapa Indians from central TX
- 51 TX central cooler (abbr.)

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Cross Plains Junior High Students Competing in the District 8-AA UIL Academic Competition in Stamford on December 6th and in Hawley on December 12th.

Junior High UIL Results

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from Cross Plains traveled to Stamford on December 6th and Hawley on December 12 to compete in the District 8-AA UIL Academic Competition. Our students competed very well, coming in second overall to a much larger Stamford school. This was our first year to compete in the larger 2A district and we are extremely proud of the way our students represented our school. Final overall standings are as follows:

Stamford	842.81
Cross Plains	687.48
Albany	561
Haskell	486
Hawley	484
Roscoe	204.66

Individual Standings.

Sixth Grade

Art: Chase Rutland, 6th; Graydon Albrecht, 3rd; Mathematics: Kade Purvis, 6th;

Spelling: Chase Rutland, 6th;

Calculators: Team - 2nd; Kadie Carouth, 4th; Ryan Merryman, 2nd; Ryder Reed, 5th.

Music: Team - 2nd; Rhianna Lee, 4th, Katie Sutton, Rylee Knight

Chess: Stryker Dillard, 5th, Maps, Graphs, Charts: Team - 2nd; Stryker Dillard, 5th; Ryan Merryman, 4th, Chloe Tillery

Listening: Emmerson

Hughes, 6th.

Number Sense: Team - 2nd; Ryan Merryman - 4th, Kadie Carouth, Rhianna Lee.

Impromptu Speaking: Rhianna Lee, 4th; Kadie Carouth, 5th.

Oral Reading: Kade Purvis, 5th. Ready Writing: Rylee Knight, 5th.

Editorial Writing: Rylee Knight, 2nd; Katie Sutton, 3rd.

Seventh Grade

Art: Team - 1st; Theron Albrecht, 1st; Alex Parker, 5th, Dusty Wyatt

Calculators: Team - 1st; Asher Moses, 4th; Abigail Mauricio, 1st; Addison Long, 3rd.

Editorial Writing: Addison Long, 2nd; Abigail Mauricio, 3rd; Jolie Hutton, 6th.

Chess: Team - Team; Able Wheeler, Alex Parker, Jolie Hutton

Spelling: Team - 3rd; Jaedan Box, 4th, Jasmine King, Dusty Wyatt

Maps, Graphs, Charts: Team - 1st; Asher Moses, 4th; Abigail Mauricio, 1st.

Listening: Abigail Mauricio, 6th.

Oral Reading: Cadence Wedeking, 5th; Addison Long, 6th

Impromptu Speaking: Abigail Mauricio, 2nd; Addison Long, 5th; Cadence Nickerson, 6th.

Ready Writing: Jasmine King, 4th.

Science: Team - 3rd; Asher Moses, 4th.

Modern Oratory: Junior Sanchez, 6th.

Eighth Grade

Art: Team - 2nd, tiebreaker; Sara Bien, 1st; Hailey Mauricio, 1st; Abbigale Shepard, 1st, Zane Fleming

Calculators: Team - 1st; Sara Bien, 2nd (tie); Abbigale Shepard, 2nd (tie); Logan McDaniel, 4th.

Editorial Writing: Katie Goains, 1st; Jody Collier, 2nd.

Spelling: Team - 2nd; Sara Bien, 5th; Abbigale Shepard, 4th.

Maps, Graphs, Charts: Team - 2nd; Abbigale Shepard, 4th; Ryan Reed, 6th; Logan McDaniel, 2nd.

Listening: Team - 3rd; Jocelyn Smoot, 6th. Sara Bien, Abbigail Shepart

Social Studies: Team - 3rd; Logan McDaniel, 1st; Jody Collier, 6th, Noah Moses

Number Sense: Team - 2nd, Haydon Shipman, Ryan Reed, Noah Moses

Oral Reading: Sara Bien, 2nd; Abbigale Shepard, 4th; Hannah McKinney, 6th.

Ready Writing: Hannah McKinney, 3rd; Abbigale Shepard, 2nd.

Impromptu Speaking: Abbigale Shepard, 1st; Sara Bien, 3rd.

Modern Oratory: Hailey Mauricio, 2nd; Jocelyn Smoot, 3rd; Hannah

McKinney, 5th.

Science: Team - 1st; Logan McDaniel, 1st; Abbigale Shepard, 3rd, Noah Moses

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

There have been several methamphetamine arrests lately by the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. Meth continues to be a problem everywhere. Below is a copy of an arrest report by Deputy Cody Jones.

The Report below was made by Callahan County Deputy Cody Jones after the arrest

"Rick and I observed a tan colored Chevy Malibu on the access road pulling into the entrance of a driveway. We observed the vehicle being occupied by a female driver and a male passenger; both subjects were not wearing their seatbelts. We then pulled behind them and made a stop on the vehicle. I approached the passenger side while Deputy Rick Jowers approached the driver's side. I had the passenger which is the male subject, later identified as #@%\$*, keep his hands raised above his head while I opened the door and he exited the vehicle. Deputy David Wood assisted in placing restraints on #@%\$* and he was advised that he was being detained at that time. We asked if there were any narcotics in the vehicle and the female subject stated, "yes, and there was some meth on me in my pants." #@%\$* then stated that the meth was his and he was having her hold it for him. #@%\$* also stated there is a glass pipe in the floor board of the passenger seat. I then opened up any eyeglass case in the floorboard and there was a glass pipe inside that was wrapped in a green bandanna. In the front seat next to the arrest was a black case; inside the case was a tray that smelled like marijuana residue, a scale and numerous baggies. A search was conducted by Deputy Wood on #@%\$*; he had possession of a scale also in his pocket. #@%\$* was then arrested and transported to the Callahan County Jail. #@%\$* was read his Miranda Rights at 2229 hours and he agreed to talk to me. I asked him what they were doing at the Abilene RV Park with the meth and he stated they were meeting someone to get rid of it. The white substance in the baggie tested positive for methamphetamine by a field test kit. The methamphetamine weighed in at 14.9 grams. The methamphetamine was dropped off at the DPS Lab for testing; and, the rest of the paraphernalia was placed in evidence locker #5 in the Callahan County Sheriff's Office."

The male and female in Deputy Jones' report had all the equipment needed to distribute meth. They were in possession of scales to weight the meth with, plastic baggies to put it in, and meth to sell. It is my guess that they had already sold some before they were found and arrested by Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and Deputy Cody Jones. Deputy Robert Wood was called to assist. I congratulate all of them

Elementary UIL Results

Second Grade
Chess: Kynlee Clark, 4th
Oral Reading: Wesley Senclair, 3rd; Kacen Eakins, 6th.

Third Grade
Chess: Dustyn Lee, 2nd; Haylee Johnson, 4th
Spelling: Jensen Hull, 6th.

Fourth Grade
Art: Team - 2nd, Arleth Sanchez, Jayden Phillips, Delainee Vasquez
Number Sense: Langly Potter, 4th
Oral Reading: Kyndall Purvis, 3rd
Spelling: McKenna Podlevsky, 6th
Fifth Grade

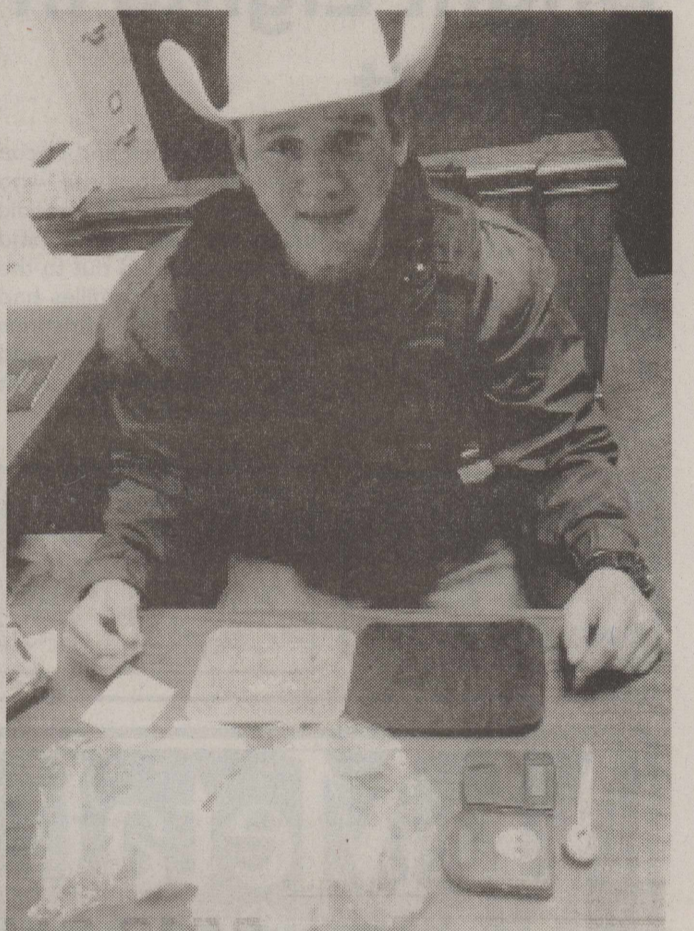
Dictionary Skills: Jaci McDaniel, 4th; Hanna Shipman, 5th
Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Trace Johnson, 4th; Jaci McDaniel, 5th
Number Sense: Trace Johnson, 4th
Oral Reading: Alayna Chance, 1st; Gracie Strickland, 5th
Social Studies: Cullen Ellis, 1st

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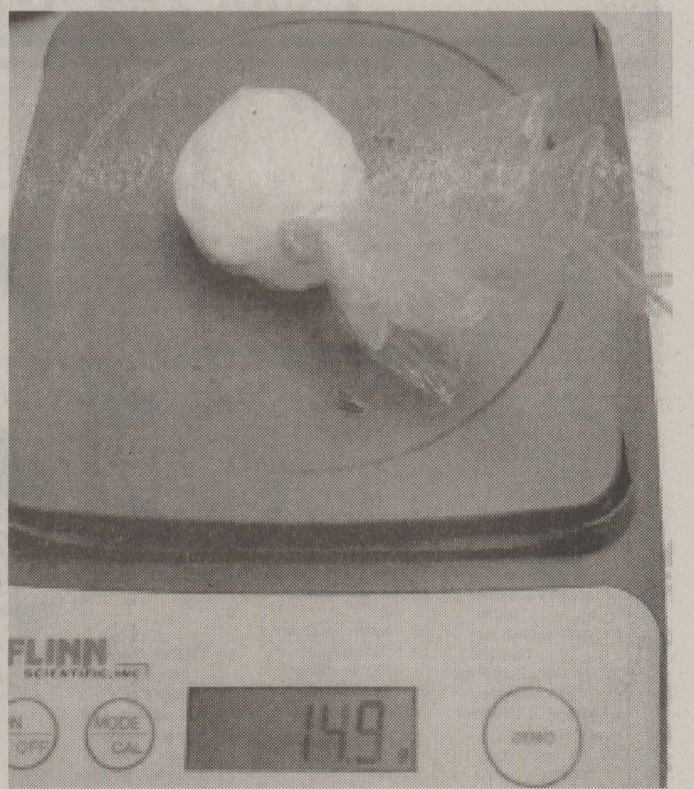
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CALLAHAN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF CODY JONES WITH NUMEROUS PLASTIC BAGGIES, TWO SCALES AND A GLASS PIPE WITH METH AND MARIJUANA RESIDUE.

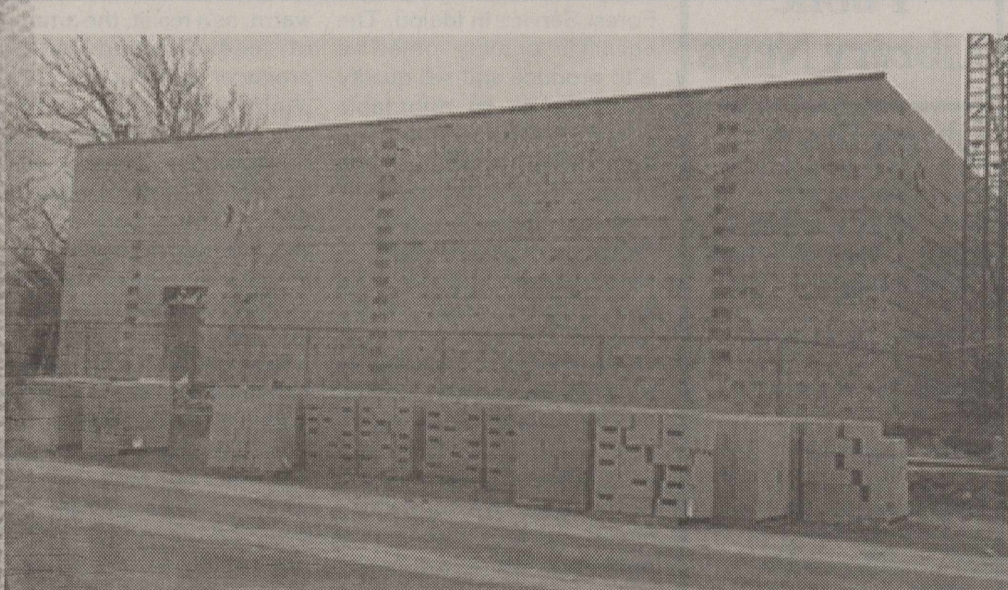


14.9 GRAMS OF METH THE FEMALE SUBJECT HAD IN HER PANTS.



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The Walls Are Up - the West and South walls on the New Elementary Gym and Tornado Shelter are up! The building is being built next to the Primary School and the Cafeteria on the grounds of the old tennis courts.

Callahan County Commssioners' Court meeting minutes from December 17th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on December 17, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Troyce Williams, Deputy Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending were: Scott Kniffen and Doug Campbell.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:31 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners

were present.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve payroll with added health insurance costs. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Clark made a motion to pay the approved bills and the approved payroll. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The

motion carried 5-0.

—Judge Corn offered condolences to Commissioner Hicks from the commissioners' court regarding the loss of his family member.

—Commissioner Windham made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Retirement Reception for County Judge Roger Corn on Thursday, December 27th

Callahan County will honor County Judge Roger Corn for his twenty years of service to Callahan County with a retirement reception on Thursday, December 27th.

The celebration will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the District Courtroom on the third floor

of the Callahan County Courthouse located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird.

A special presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Please also note the courthouse offices will be closing on Thursday, December 27th at 4:00 p.m. for this event.

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Callahan County Commssioners' Court meeting minutes from December 10th

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on December 10, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending: Terry Joy, Sheriff; Rick Jowers, Deputy Sheriff; Matt Stubbs, Scott Kniffen, and Angie Campbell.

The following items of business were transacted:
 —The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

—The minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed and signed: November 26, 2018, and December 3, 2018.

—Under public comment there was none

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to reinstate the burn ban with the exception of the rocket event in Cross Plains. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the sheriff's report and overtime reports with 114.25 unapproved hours. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table agenda item—Review County Pipeline and County Road Policy. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Clark

made a motion to accept Bruce Bell's letter of resignation. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to proceed with hiring a Veterans' Officer and making the deadline for applications December 31, 2018. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve the response boundary for Callahan County Volunteer Fire Departments. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to close the courthouse offices at 3:00 PM on December 27, 2018, so all employees will have the opportunity to attend Judge Corn's retirement party. Commissioner Hicks

seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to table agenda item – Auditor's Report. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Judge Corn seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Clark made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

4-H Shooting Sports Season Begins Soon

By Madeline Collins

Callahan County 4-H is not only about showing animals. There are a variety of activities to choose from, one of which is shooting sports.

Some might be surprised to find out that there are scholarships through shooting sports. Shooting sports teaches children, as well as adults, the importance of gun safety, responsibility, discipline, and good sportsmanship. Coaches and senior shooters teach your child to learn the

proper techniques, which will help them succeed at shooting sports.

They will be guided and train in weekly practice sessions at The Callahan County Rifle Club range. There are plenty of disciplines to choose from such as: Archery, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Air rifle, Air pistol and BB guns.

The season will be starting in February with orientation.

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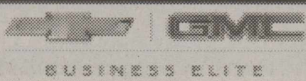
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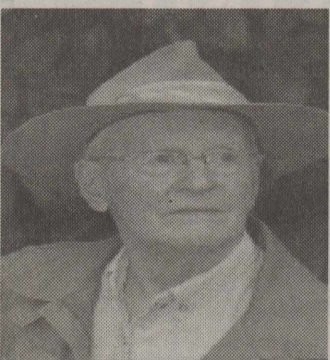
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By John Jefferson

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING TIPS

This column will be a little different. It's aimed at all who have waited until the last minute to buy Christmas gifts - like I often did and went blank trying to think what to get someone - especially an outdoorsman who already has lots of toys.

If you suspect someone in your household fits that genus/species, read this and highlight any appealing items and leave it laying around where it can be seen and utilized.

First, as the accompanying photo suggests, all outdoorsmen love dogs. Oh, there may be a few exceptions, but they've probably already Scrooged themselves off everybody's gift list anyway. Give 'em a cat.

For all others, if they hunt quail or doves, a pointer or a retriever is a good choice. These can cost anywhere from a couple hundred bucks to over a thousand. Both breeds can be pretty good watch dogs, and either one will entitle the loved one to put up a "Beware of Dog" sign. Burglars often choose less challenging sites.

If the giver wants to present the pup in an ammo box like the one pictured, some hunting stores like Bass Pro might have some, or an ammo maker could be contacted.

A less expensive gift that won't have to be house-broken or taught to not eat the furniture would be one of the late Ray Sasser's brilliant hunting writings magnificently illustrated by Wyman Meinzer's photographs (or one of Wyman's books with John Graves or Henry Chappell). They are all classics equally suited for a board room, coffee table or hunting camp. You can find them on Amazon or through Collector's Covey in Dallas.

Though not exactly a stocking stuffer -- even for Bigfoot -- what outdoorsman wouldn't want to find a new four-wheeler under the tree -- or in the driveway. Your local



This adorable little waif, which we named "Remy" after seeing him in the shotshell box, went home with an Airforce Lieutenant who had lost his Lab a few weeks earlier. I was once given a baset hound pup to replace a sad event. Puppies are mood elevators without a prescription. Photo by John Jefferson.

implement company can probably help a late shopper looking for just the right gift for someone they really love (especially if the company sponsors this column!).

Trail cameras have become critical equipment for outdoorsmen, and the variety (and price) is infinite. So are the uses. One man puts his near his front door for security during the off-season. A friend even rigged one inside his owl house to observe baby screech owls. Of course, he's a high-techie, but other uses are simple enough for even me.

And speaking of high tech, outdoors folks are high in when it comes to using electronics like cell phones and chargers, tire inflators,

battery chargers, drones and even backpacks with a built-in solar charger. Visiting an electronics store will show you things you never dreamed existed. With drones, be aware of regulations - especially regarding hunting or fishing with one.

Guns and fishing rods are always welcome, although personal preference of an intended recipient might be a consideration, as is cost. As with Christmas ties, you sure wouldn't want to gift the wrong size.

If all ideas fail, gift cards are always welcome - especially to sporting goods stores or farm and ranch stores.



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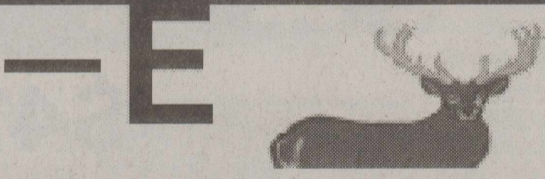
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Dear Santa,
 My name is Andrew Rose and I am years old. My momma and daddy say I have been a good boy this year. I would like a My Size Paw Patrol Lookout Tower, Remote Control Monster Truck, Hot Wheels Race Track, and a Paw Patrol Marshall Camfy Critter. I hope you and your reindeer have been well this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you and reindeer for Rudolf and your reindeer.
 Love, Andrew Rose



Dear Santa,
 I'm pretty sure I've been a good girl. If so I would really like a tea party set. I don't want much so that you can also send my brothers presents to. Even if they're on the naughty list! Just make sure you sent them a little something please!
 Love, Kassany Melton

Dear Santa,
 How is it going with making toys? I have tried to be good. Can I have an RV car with dolls, kitchen stuff, a toy cat and a toy dog? Can I have play food for the animals? I will leave some cookies for you and a treat for Rudolf and Comet.
 Love, Katelyn Tillery

Dear Santa,
 I think I've been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would really like an Equestria Girlhouse with Equestria girls. I would also like a My Little Pony house. Please bring presents to the kids who are sick and in the hospital. I will leave you milk and cookies.
 Love, Kamryn Purvis

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jaxon Bullock and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a new tablet, I promise I will take care of it. Also I would like a Nerf gun, Nerf wackies, Jurassic World Lego kit, Fit it Felix mini arcade, new tennis shoes and boots. I will leave Dr. Pepper and cookies for you and carrots for your Reindeer! Merry Christmas!
 Love, Jaxon Bullock

Dear Santa,
 My name is Landry Kate and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice, I think. For Christmas, please bring me: Make-up with a bag, tattoos, and a P.J. masks toys. Thank you for bringing me toys. I love you.
 Love, Landry Kate Beggs



Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I have been waiting for this moment: I want a telescope! I also kinda like the doll whose eyes close when you lay her down. I have a magic trax but it can use more trax. I like a kite also. Well, I wanted to tell you that I love Christmas, and I love you.
 Love, Carly Ingram

Dear Santa,
 This year for Christmas I would like a toy train, xbox, painted rocks, and a blue Toy truck to drive. Thank you.
 Love, Wesley Routh

Dear Santa,
 My name is Abigail Cody and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Some Barbie toys, a Barbie Camper and house. I need some toy baby diapers, wipes, and clothes for my baby doll Loua. I want some Doc McStuffins toys too. Thank you Santa.
 Love, Abigail Cody

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ansbe McNut and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Shopkins, barbie camper, tent, microphone, so I can sing, arts & crafts. Please bring my brother a ninja turtle set. I will leave cookies for you Santa and oatmeal for your reindeer.
 Love, Ansbe

Dear Santa,
 My name is Shanell Bullock and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been very good! This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: a BIG LOL Pearl Surprise, a new Pink Power Wheels Jeep, Fancy Doll, Cline, LOL Bath Bomb Maker and a new tablet, I will take better care of this one!
 I will leave out milk and cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer. I love you and hope you have a safe trip. Merry Christmas!
 Love, Shanell

Pre K

Dear Santa,
 My name is Rybee Jones and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Kitchen set, fake food, a baby doll, Barbie things, New Clothes, New heels, make-up, phone, tablet, and last but not least A Big Barbie House.
 Love, Rybee

Dear Santa,
 My name is Branson Gilliam and I am 5 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Batmanobile, Justice League guys and their cars, Batman mask and leave me a reindeer outside tied up! Thanks!
 Love, Branson

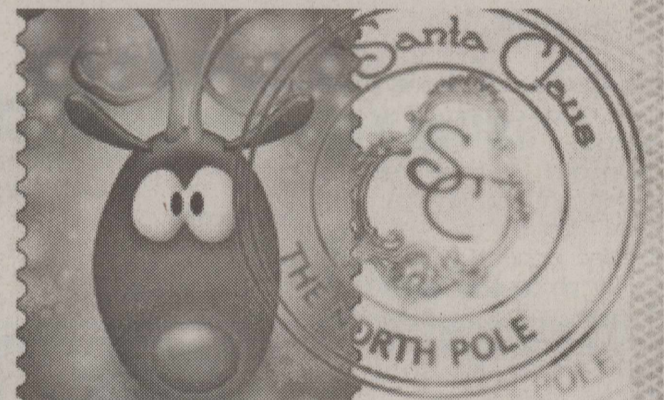
Dear Santa,
 My name is Carson and I am 3 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas please bring me: I would like Paw Patrol toys please.
 Love, Carson

Dear Santa,
 My name is Olivia Allen and I am 3 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Dinosaurs, uniforms, candy, books, playdoh and a reindeer.
 Love, Olivia

*With joy in our hearts,
 we extend our warm
 wishes to you and your
 family for a very merry
 Christmas and a happy
 New Year.*

*We appreciate your
 continued loyal
 support.*

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 and the
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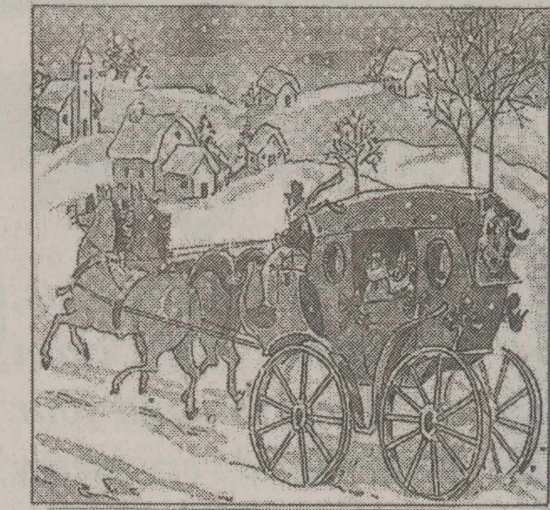
*With our
 Gratitude*



To all our friends we hold so "deer"! A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
J & L Sales & Service
 116 SE 5th Street
 Cross Plains, Texas
 254-725-6531

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from your friends at

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Christmas Is On The Way

Some things haven't changed much since the old days. Good friends, loving family and courteous neighbors like you, are still what Christmas is all about. With appreciation and warm wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Merry Christmas
from
City of Cross Plains

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a computer. I also want the motorcycle from Walmart.
Love, Kaiden Miller

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice. I hope you will bring me a trampoline and johndeere tractors.
Love, Joe Paul Stoker

Dear Santa,
I have bin GOOD for the year every day. GR IFFh has bin good too. Joe paul is my FrenD. I want swat team police and bane legos. I would also like a gun and a HUN ting Set. I will leave out 40 cookie.
Love, Gunner

Dear Santa,
I want a M ommy, a Daddy, and a baby Barbie with clothes and accessories. I would like a reindeer toy with gbwing nose and any extra reindeer you have. How is R uddiph?
Can you bring my sisters, Jayton a baby toy and bring M argie a uniform. I'll have you cookies and M ik.
Love, Brazil

Dear Santa,
My name is Lahdyn. I would like dirt bike and a phone and a four wheeler.
Love, Lahdyn LLee

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year! So an I have a Hatchibabies for me and my best friend Tatym? Can I have a horse and a princess Carriage? Can I have 3 princess Dresses? I would also like a kitchen set and a barbie doll with a doll house and washable paint. And can you get my big sister a hover board and for my baby brother a guitar. And a LOL surprise dolls. Please Santa
Love, Delilah Vazquez



Dear Santa,
I would like Baby Doll and bts of JoJo Siwa Bowes and clothes! I would like new shoes! Also a Bathtub for my Babies! I will leave cookies and milk for you!
Love, Lean M cCarley

Dear Santa,
I would like a R ockinhorse with a R ealM ane and TAIL. And some Make Up and Make Up BaG to Keep It In And some Ip Sticstck. I want A Sweater and some Clothes. And a Hunting R ife to Hunt with DaD.
Love, Jozlynn

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

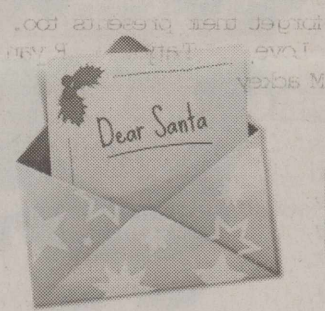
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for Christmas, my family, my cat and dogs. I won't forget your milk and cookies. I have been a good girl to my parents and family so will you please bring ME a Scruff-a-liv phone that opens and cbses, and a America Girl doll with matchin outfits. I lve you SO, SO, SO much.
Love, Leila Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I would like a pool with a slide and a trampoline. And carset M idcraft legos/ Batm an Legos.
Love, Hayden Bisbee

Dear Santa,
I want a big Barbie House please. I want toy horse and a toy kitchen. I want a Fli paso pilbw .
Love, Elizabeth Bogue

Dear Santa,
I lve you. I want new shirts, I want hot wheels track. M ore action figures. Thank you, and I'll leave Hot Coco.
Love, Kobe King



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
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Merry Christmas

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

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
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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.

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Letters to Santa



Christmas Is On The Way

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T & K Tire & Alignment
254-725-6223
Randy & Lee Ann, Cody & Charlotte & Kevin Baker

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I know I have not been the best kid this year but I will be my best if I could just get a few new toys. I promise I will start keeping my room clean and I will be nice to my sisters. I loved my toys last year and I love you.
Love, Bristol Clark

Dear Santa,
I have tried my best to be good. I hope you and all at the North Pole are doing well. This year for Christmas, I would like a Hatchi Bak, A gymnastics mat, and some fancy clothes as well. Also in going to need some of my own lipstick. Daddy says I am too little to wear it, but I don't think so. My brothers and I will leave you some goodies and don't forget their presents too.
Love, Tatym Ryan Mackey

1st Grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is hatachins and makeup and I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! I would like slime, new chapstick, Harry potter want, new lego. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Riley Atchley
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me



Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is, a new tablet case and some bracelet pets and I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love, Camila Vasquez
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a tv mail game and new jeans and I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Weston Beggs

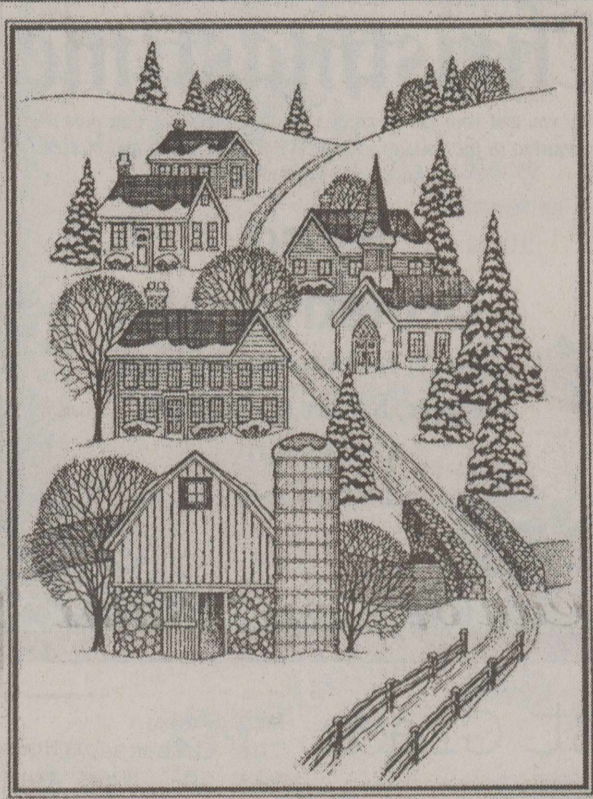
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Nintendo Switch and remote control plane and I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Cross McClure
P.S. Please say Hi to God for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Softball Glove and a Softball bat. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love, Josey Elrod
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like a ninjago set, nerf guns, superman house, and some play animals with pens for them. Football ads and helmet also. Please bring my sister a doll house and my mom new shoes. I will leave cookies and milk for you Santa and oatmeal for the reindeer. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love, Castyn McClure
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a tablet and 10 minecraft, legos, virtual reality headset. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Jace Bullock
P.S. Please say Hi to the elves for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is go-cart and a minigun and I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!
Love, David Ames
P.S. Please say Hi to Mrs. Claus for me



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
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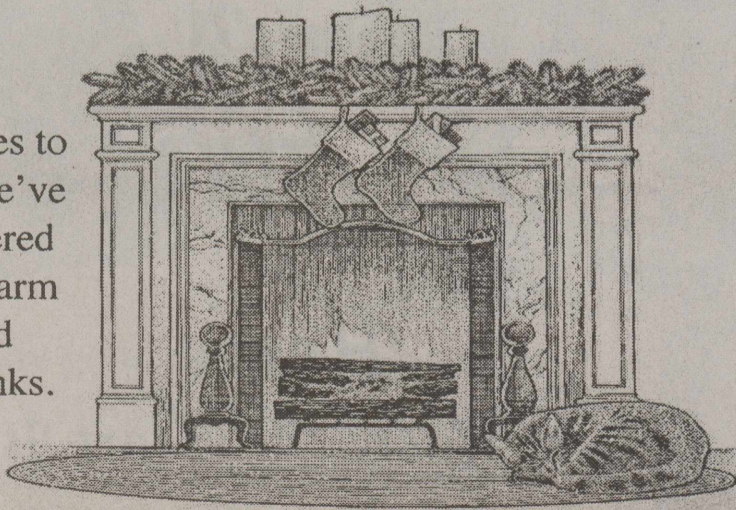


With warm wishes for a joyous Christmas to all the people we've had the pleasure to serve this year, your friendship has meant a lot to us.

Project Pride and Robert E. Howard Foundation

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS From Our Hearth To Yours

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



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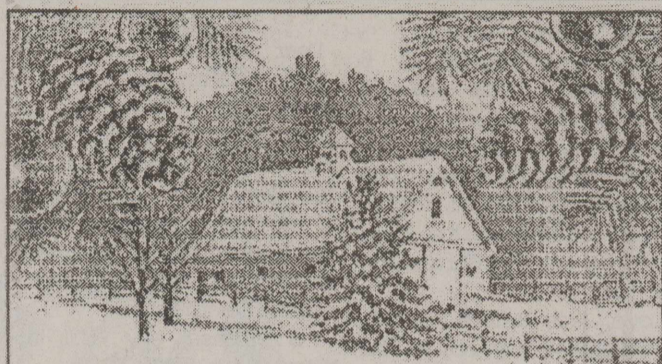
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Letters to Santa



With You In Mind At Christmastime

May you and your family enjoy the many blessings that give true meaning to the holiday season. We feel privileged and blessed to have you as our neighbors.

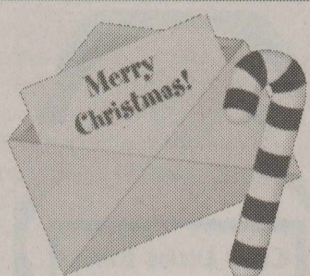
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Rusty, Debbie, Matt, Krisi, Ryan, Ryder and Rylen, Cody, Amy, Kutter, Kooper

1st Grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a hoverboard and a racecar and I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Kayden Savell
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most for Christmas is elf and the predator 4 and I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Guillermo
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me



1st Grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a LEGO robot and a racecar and I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Trenton

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is legos and dirt bike and I promise to leave out milk for you. I will leave food for the reindeer. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Easton
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a laptop and a baby crib and I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Victoria
P.S. Please say Hi to Daddy for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a babydoll and pacifier babydoll and I promise to leave out cookies and for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Caylee
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me



Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a doll and school supplies for babies and I promise to leave out cookies and milk and carrot for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love Anna Paige Leyney
P.S. Please say Hi to Mrs. Claus for me

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a drone and a puppy and I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Cayson Murray
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me

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!

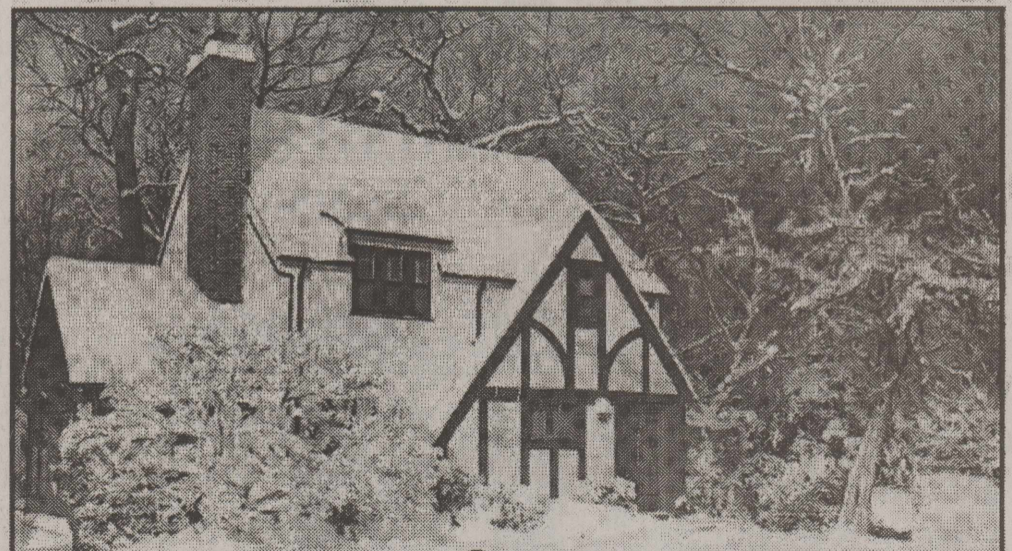
We appreciate your patronage and goodwill.
Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas
from
Susan J. Schaefer, CPA
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Susan, Rickie Jo, Joyce, Starla and Ashleigh



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MANY THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KIND PATRONAGE.

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

Higginbotham Funeral Home

309 NE 4th Street
Cross Plains, Texas
254-725-6153



CHRISTMAS

HOPE IT'S UPLIFTING

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

Hutton Auto Repair
254-725-0011
Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00

Letters to Santa



2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a hoverboard, roblox toys, a T-rex and a trampoline.
Love, Parker

Dear Santa,
My name is Sam. I have been good his year. This year for Christmas I would like a pet T-rex or a pet long neck. Any legos you could bring would be great. I like to build things. I also would like a dragon & anything wolverine. Could you also bring my sister a sewing machine.

And if its not too much could you swing by heaven & tell my nana & Uncle Norman, Merry Christmas for me.
Love, Sam Taylor-Bell

3rd Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a lot of things, but let me tell you. So what I want Christmas. I want a lot of barbie stuff, a horse set up, a tablet, a tablet charger, jojo siwa headphones, a new fidget spinner, a vetch watch and most of all I want Mrs. Richards back from her heart cancer. And a new TV.
Sincerely, Kambri Paige Potter



Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I want a MINE CRAFT video game and a watch and most of all a iPad. Also Mrs. Richards and a cat please.
Sincerely, Tristan Jay Calaway

Dear Santa,
My list for Christmas. I want a iPhone6, a pet bobcat, and a tree house, and a baby sister. And a laptop, and a rodeo set and watch. And a go kart. And a pet pig and a 100 foot tv and a remote control grave digger. And Mrs. Richards.
Love, Kutter Reed

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a phone and sketch art and I hat Mrs. Richards and for kid that have cancer to get better and a parrot and a new dog.
Million stars, Peyton Whisenhunt

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
For Christmas, can you please get me a robot for Christmas? The robot can talk, sing, dance, and read 10 children's favorite stories. Merry Christmas Santa!
From, Jensen Hull

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some cloths, new shoes, hats for winter. I want some new toys like Crafting supplies, googly eyes, books. I want to blanket. And of course I want the most is that all the kids around the world to have the best Christmas ever. Please heal miss Richards and could you tell me why my elf did not come last year. Have a good Christmas.
Love, Hannah Johnson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a R at Rod and can it be a lego with instructions and a lot of johndeere model tractors with dual and I also want a tablet and a Harley Davidson jacket boots and some clothes of shirts of Harley Davidson.
From, Vance

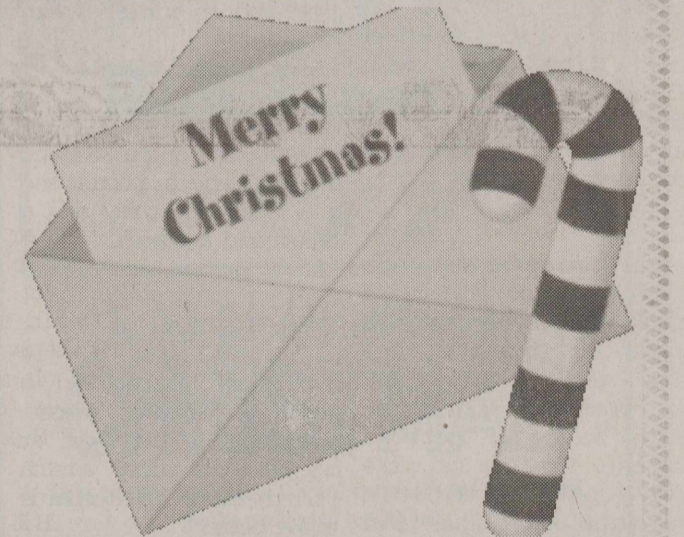
Dear Santa,
I lve Christmas these year I want jest 4 pasats a xbox 360 nintnda Dsx1 and Lego Bovtman LEgarasjick wold.
Hunter

SADDLE UP
FOR a great season!

Thanks, partners, for RIDING with us this year.

Merry Christmas to all!

TURKEY CREEK RODEO CLUB



1st Grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 7 years old. This year, I've been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is to surprise me and fire truck, New shoes size 13, Hot Wheels, but most of all Jesus's love on his Birthday. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Richard G.
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me



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

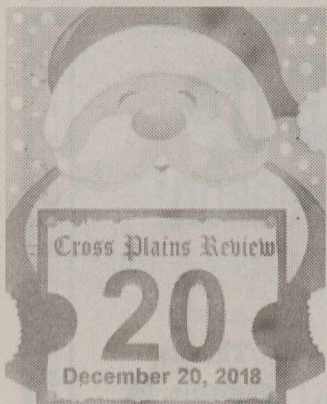
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

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Letters to Santa



3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
If I was on the nice list this letter will be all the things I want for Christmas. I want a new doll house and barbi dolls a, tablet, a Nintendo switch. This is the special present for me to make my mommies life better please and thank you.

From, Kinsley Bibrey

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar and flash suit. I really want a flash figures and green arrow. Flash mask and basketball shoes. I really want a lego ironman set.

Travis Sutton

Dear, Santa Clause
How are you doing? It looks like every one is ready for Christmas. Well I am almost but still I am so ready for Christmas. How about I tell you what I want. First I want some barbi clothes. I want some American girl clothes and I want a hover board a American girl doll houses and I want. Some more makeup that is what I want so far love you.

Sincerely, Haybe Johnson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a blue bike and a chain neckless, that has the number 22 on it and a nerf tactical vest and a soft foam dart blaster.

Thank you Santa Love, Stryder Rutland

Dear Santa
This Christmas I want a intend suich also a fortnit costume and I want a fige nights at freddy my favort. And amy

Dylan Strickland

Dear Santa Elause,
This year fore Christmas I want slime, bike, kanedick sand, chrome book, poppei slime, dalas canboys clothes, LOL surprise, crafts, beats, barbie dream house, new american girl doll, american girl doll houses, new. ran ote contusl amurican girl doll can, all the conuers colsus, gum, and a little something for my paunets and a chesses mat and a winter white hamster.

Love, Harper Dillard

Dear Satna,
I a go cart and a PS4 and a xbox1 and a iphone. and a a black and gray and a tapeit and a watch.

Love, Pastyn Lee

Dear Stanta,
I would like a toy growshery shore, and a phone, a computer, a pad, ad house, a garr etc at my house, a puppy, avetch I which the tm rs. R ichards to be better.

lvoe, Stormy Stephens

Dear Santa
From JT.W ooten
I want a actual hustan Texas foatdale helm et with padding in the helm et. nexst I want foodoll panse.

and I want the bad bbod pretac aqphan figer I and I want a cod preach costum s.

Dear Santa,
I would really like a fall out 76 Game, a drone, a PS4 gift card.

Love Lawson Brown

Dear santa claus,
for Christmas I want a zombi scavenger nerf fun a electric guitar and a snake that transforms into a car and a poaster of the cruth army. I want a Drum set and a pretend but working motercicle and a hotwheel race dragon set

From : jack Bogue

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I would like a Christmas poster. A Dallas cowboy hat. A dalas Cowboy helm it. A Cowboy's blanket. At last a Start that is blue and is a neckless

M Banonason Gilliam

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me some kinetic sant, a real cash register and a JoJo Siia bouse and clothes I also want art stuf. Tell Roudobj and Mrs. Chause helb. I would also lake green bay packers cbthes and a hat, a packers helm et. Go packers

Love, Landry



4th Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. My friends keep calling my mom s phone when she is at work 50 I wold like to get a Phone for Christmas, nd Grend Theft auto IV5 for Xbox 360.

Sincerely, Kevin Hopkins

Dear Santa,
How are you, I hope you're ok.
How is Donner?
Now let's get to the toys.
I want a hoverboard a appel

watch, the thing that will especially make my Christmas is having Jesus bok oer all the people on Christmas day.

Love, Delanee Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? Are you happy? Well this year I want a 100 dollar bill and a horse, a grapping hook, chrombook. That's all want for Christmas.

Your Friend, Zach Cody

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer? Ok I'm not that good at introductions. So do you want to out to the chase? I would like my first gift to be for Kiley to get what she wants. My second gift is for the homeless, orphans, and any children to grow up to have joy. My third gift is of you to come to my concert on December 20, 2018.

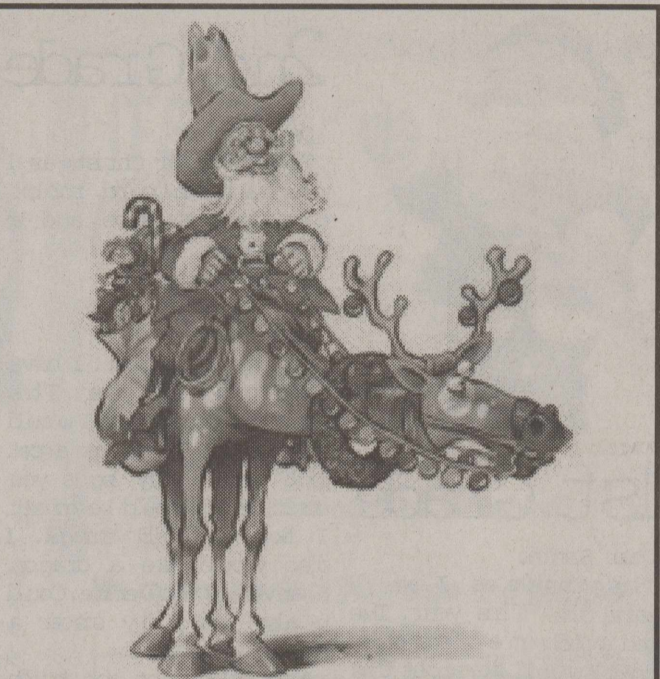
Your friend, Virginia Allen

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Clause been making you cookies? I just want a few things for Christmas. Can you get me a Nerf Gun, Chrombook, N intendo Sw itch, xbox1, and a Playstation for Christmas? Last question: does Rudolph's noise still light up?

Your Friend, Anson Long

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are doing god. It's probably been pretty cold down in the North Pole, huh? So, I would like to GTA5 and call of Duty: Black op, 4 and I would like 'stuff in my dog's and in my bird's stocking. Also, I would like a hoverboard and a Jeffy puppet. Please enjoy my milk and cookies. Thanks,

Sincerely, Jeffery Yates



T'was the Night Before Christmas in TEXAS

T'was the night before Christmas
In Texas, you know,
Way out on the prairie
(Without any snow).

The driver in Levi's
And shirt that was red,
Had a ten-gallon Stetson
On top of his head.

Asleep in their cabin
Were Texas Bob and Clara
Sue,
A-dream' of Christmas
Like me and like you.

As he stepped from the
board
He was really a sight
With his beard and
moustaches
So curly and white.

Not stockings, but boots,
At the foot of their bed
For this was in Texas,
What more needs be said

As he burst in the cabin
The children awoke,
And both so astonished
That neither one spoke.

When all of a sudden
From out the still night,
There came such a ruckus
It gave me a fright!

And he filled up their boots
With such presents galore
That neither could think
Of a single thing more.

And I saw 'cross the prairie
Like a shot from a gun,
A loaded-up buckboard
Come on at a run.

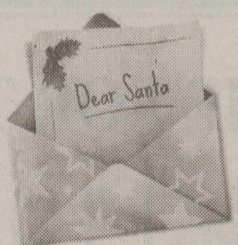
When Texas Bob-recovered
The use of his jaws,
He asked, in a whisper
"Are you Santa Clause?"


The driver was "Geein",
And 'hawin', with a will.
The hosses (not reindeer)
He drove with such skill.

Am I the REAL Santa?
Well, what do you think?"
And he smiled as he gave
A mysterious wink.

"Come on there, Buck,
Pancho
And Prince, to the right!
There'll be plenty of drawl,
travelin'
For you-all tonight."

Then he leapt in his
buckboard,
And called back, in his
drawl,
"To all children of TEXAS,
MERRY CHRISTMAS, All
Y'all!"





GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRISTMAS

There's no time like Christmas to reach out to old friends and enjoy simple pleasures.

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Letters to Santa



5th Grade

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I hope Mrs. Claus is well. Since Christmas is coming around I figure you will want to know my Christmas list.

- 1 I want a cell phone.
- 2 Could I get some orbees.
- 3 I would like a cool galaxy hover board.
- 4 A basket full of Thank You cards would really show I care.
- 5 I would kill for stuff to use for A science experiments.
- 6 A basket full is the last thing I want.

I don't want a bag, and those things would be nice. I think I've been good and I hope I get one. If I don't I completely understand.

Sincerely, Jaci M Daniel

Dear Santa,
I would really like a new MP-3 player cause my hold one keeps freezing every five minutes. Santa I also want X-box one cause on the X-Box 360 the game that I want is not available on the X-BOX 60. The game that I want is called Portal Knights. It is basically like Minecraft but two player and a lot better graphics. I would also like some Rebecca Zamora slime kits if she has any and some of her scented slimes plus a clear slime of hers. Maybe a butter slime too. Santa tell Mrs Claus that I said hello and that I wish you all good luck on making and wrapping the million of presents for all the little children out in the world.

Big Thanks, Hanna Shipman

Dear Santa C.,
Hi, how are you? Well I'm not good at the intro, so well out to the chase. There is only one thing I want, Bathroom maker the one I saw on TV. I can't explain and here's my second this is for you to spread joy all over the world. To the kids who are homeless to the kids who have cancer. I want you to bring them joy.

Love, Brooke Lynn Lackey

P.S. Sorry if I sound bad at the being. Merry Christmas!!



Dear Santa
Can you bring me Forza Horizon 3 and 4 on a Xbox One? I would like to have CALL OF DUTY Black ops 3. It would be nice to have a Nintendo switch, and a ROCKET LEAGUE on a Nintendo switch.

Please bring me a new basketball goal and new basketball, also a baseball pitch net.

I have tried to do my best at school and home. Do not forget my brother.

THANK YOU, I will leave you cookies.

Sincerely, Brandon Jones

Around Town

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. Sometimes. Can you please bring me Champ the Dragon, a giant Rody (he's a red baby donkey) work gloves, a teddy bear for my dog Schatzi, a Paw Patrol airplane with the guys, a herd of horses and a sword.

Thanks. I'll have chocolate chips cookies and regular milk by itself.

Love, August Abrecht (age 4) (Theron, Gray, and William's little brother)

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Brother Joe Paul a Tractor for Christmas. He deserves it because 1. He loves them 2. I love him

From, Sophie Stoker

Dear Santa,
Please bring my friend Easton a monster truck for Christmas. He deserves it because 1. He is nice 2. He plays with me.

From, Ryan Murray

Dear Santa,
Please bring my friend Hayden a big surprise for Christmas. He deserves it because 1. He's nice, 2. He's my friend

From, Easton

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. My brother August says so. He would like us to have a purple wagon with a roof to ride in together. Also, a toy farm, a sword to fight my brothers with, lots of trains, a new belt, and a giant bag of Hawaiian rolls!

Thank you Santa. I'll try to leave you some rolls and eggnog.

Silas Abrecht (age 1) (Theron Gray William's and August's little brother)

Dear Santa,
Please bring my sister a monkey that dances for Christmas. He deserves it because 1. Because I love her 2. It will be fun to play with.

From, Alex

Dear Santa,
Please bring my dog Schatzi a teddy bear for Christmas. He deserves it because 1. She likes to chew, 2. She's a good girl!

From, August Abrecht

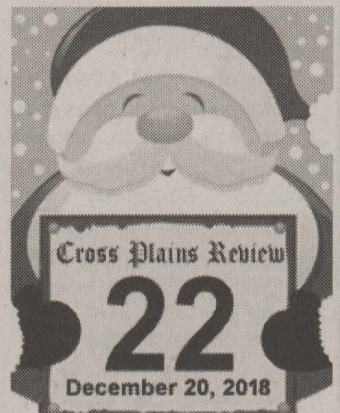
Dear Santa,
Please bring my Owen a kitchen for Christmas. He deserves it because 1. I have been a good this year, 2. I want a kitchen to play with.

From Owen

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I'm learning my ABC's and numbers. A book might help me learn faster. My favorite things are animals. I would like to have some movies with cows in it.

Love Katee Podlevsky

P.S. I'm sorry I cry everytime I see you!



6th Grade

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year this is what I would like to have

- 1 Books raina telner
- 2 abam Cbck
- 3 bike
- 4 calbo critter mansion and cozy cottage
- 5 barbie set dog

PS Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Sincerely, Peyton Gilliam

Dear, Santa
This Christmas I want a Silicone, Huver board, Boots, laptop, canvas, colorful paper, sewing kit, things to sew.

Sincerely, Natalie Allison

Dear Santa
My name is Myia Leann Rose. I am 11 years old and I live very far from the north pole in Cross plains TX. I've been waiting so long to write this letter. I have been trying so hard to be nice all year. Now I would like to tell where I moved like this. Year I'd like it if you could bring me these things.

Silicone, AllStar Converse Crystal Converse, haradhis.

I love you, Signed by Myia Rose

Dear, Santa
What I want for Christmas is a new R.C. car 4x4. A Xbox, and PS4, 2ar soft, 3 nerf guns, new bbgun. All I want for Christmas is a hippopotamus.

Love Emmerson Hughes

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is lotion & perfume kit & scrunchies also I would like the series of Namia. I have not been to bad this year. I've also not been great but I'm working on it. Oh and I can't afford to forget some money and gift cards.

Love Nadia King



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