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Three Lady Wildcats were named to the All-Tournament team at the Santa Anna basketball tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (left to right) Stephanie Long, Stacey Wright, and Wendy Green helped their team win the first place trophy in the tourney. The Wildcats came home with second place in the tourney. Chosen for the All-Tournament team were, from left, Reil Barron and Stacy Green. After playing Blanket Tuesday night, the roundballers will take a holiday break until the Blanket tournament December 30.

May Honor Roll

- Second Six Weeks
1A Grade: A- Scott Beech, B- Gary Bates, Melissa Flowers, Jonathan Gilbert, Mandy Holmes, Brent Jones, Justin Pittman, Jeremy Walters, Rande Wren.
1B Grade: A- Mickey Harris, Casey Hardin, B- Brian Tidwell, Cody Sosebee.
2nd Grade: A- Shana Allen, Dana Carson, Julia Crim, Shelby Crume, Stephanie Planary, Michael Purcell, Sonya Reagen, Stacey Ribble, B- Amber Crume, Dennis Jackson, Christie Powell.
3rd Grade: A- Dennis Bates, Leeann Epley, Kristy Jackson, Laurie Jackson, Leslie Joyner, Rachel McInnis, Chad Wheeler, B- Brandi Baumgardner, David Gilbert, Mandi Lindley, Steven McDaniel, Lacie Michael, Morgan Pendleton, Tammy Petross, Evon Reyna, Monica Reyna.
4th Grade: A- Daniel Purcell, Cody Spinks, Chase Thompson, Chris Wood, Wade Landers, B- Misty Holmes, Al Terpening, Jolea VanStory.
5th Grade: A- Matthew Beech, Lance Chambers, David Wheeler, B- Jennifer Brown, Michael Dinwiddie, Tina Foster, Tim Pallette, Becky Scott, Crystal Tischler, Jennifer Wells, Jacob Scott.
6th Grade: A- Teri Hardwick, Craig Hardy, Ben McInnis, Ethan Rhodes, Justin Thornhill, Ryan Young, B- Tera Ashworth, Tina Hardy, Nathan Henson, Bradley Lindley, Mina Marin.
7th Grade: A- Cissy Bates, Donna Smith, Jeanette Tidwell, B- David Craig Chambers, David Lee Chambers, Tonya Lancaster, Vickie Lee, Tanya Tischler.
8th Grade: A- Raelyn Wheeler, B- Marie Ferguson, Dawn Goode, Kevin Jones, Russchelle McNutt, Jason Tischler.
9th Grade: A- Briana Coss, Traci Hopper, Laura Lewis, Thomas Hodges, B- Larry Bates, Lisa Epley, Shelly Hardy, Noe Scott.
10th Grade: A- Cody Chambers, Jeremy Jones, James LeMond, Allison Rhodes, Melissa Cloer, B- Andrea Alford, Ben Ferguson, Robin Hardy, Mike Hendrix, Jason LeMond, Venus Tischler, Ashley Thompson.
11th Grade: A- Lisa Doerschuk, Guyle Donham, Gidget Goode, Tammy Ingram, B- Jason Boever, Clayton Breeden, Kathy Faries, Scott Ford, Michael Jackson, Katy Lancaster, Jamie Lindley, Mark Pittman, Natalie Tischler.
12th Grade: A- Helena Diaz, Susan Freeman, Jennifer Gregory, Michael Gwin, Wesley Jones, Harvey McKinley, Jesse Romines, B- Jackie Hendrix, Doris Nelson, Dusty Pittman, Thomas Salinas.

Project Hoos-Gow Opens With Bang

Even as shepherd and angels sang Christmas carols at church lawn displays, housewives were busy with last minute shopping, and children were eagerly awaiting dismissal for the holidays, "Project HOOS-GOW was born with a bang. At a recent meeting of the Executive Board, Eastland County Economic Development Council, it was announced by project manager, Dr. C.M. Barnes that the effort by the council to obtain a state prison for the area in 1989 would henceforth be called Project HOOS-GOW. Barnes stated that in order to meet the proposed project deadlines it would be necessary to begin the work now rather than wait for the first of next year. "It will sort of be like a 4th of July bang in December and a reversal of the sometimes used theme of 'Christmas in July,'" Barnes said. The words, HOOS-GOW is not Chinese. It is a slang expression used by many Texans and Eastland Countians as a substitute for jail or prison. The term originated as a spurious substitute for the Spanish word "juzgado" meaning a justice process usually ending with a term in jail. At the same meeting, Dr. Barnes, reported considerable progress in the project since he was appointed manager about 2 weeks ago. The office is now located at 700 Ave. C., P.O. Box 568, and a telephone, 817-442-3413, has been secured. The First State Bank of Rising Star and Eastland have graciously provided the building for the office and much of the furniture therein. Previously the office was located at Cisco Junior College. The location of a site for the proposed prison will be of high priority for project HOOS-GOW. A sitting committee will be established at the next meeting of the Council Executive Board, as well as nominations for 1989 officers of the council.

Sheriff Offers To Resign

During a called meeting of the County Commissioners Monday Sheriff Don Underwood offered to resign his office, effective Friday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. He had two stipulations to the Commissioners: that his employees draw Holiday pay for that day, and that he have vacation pay for one week after his resignation. Underwood's terms as Sheriff ends Jan. 1, 1989, so this resignation would mean that he left the office only one week early. The Sheriff said he was going to take it anyway (a vacation for the last week), and may not be here for the inventory of his office. He indicated that the transition between his term and that of in-coming Sheriff Dec. Hogan might go more smoothly if Hogan had a chance to finish the inventory before the Jan. 1 Holiday. This generally is a time of increased lawbreaking, he reminded the Court. Sheriff-elect Hogan, who sat near Underwood at the courtroom table, nodded agreement to the plan. County Judge Scott Bailey said he did not know if the Court had authority to grant vacation pay to elected officials. Jo Ann Johnson, County Clerk, and several Commissioners said they were also not certain they could legally pay an elected official after his resignation. Underwood replied that it was generally accepted that elected officials had two weeks off each year for vacations, and he was leaving town whether his resignation was accepted or not. Either way he would draw the same money. The Commissioners agreed to study his offer of resignation. They will hold an emergency meeting at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, and give their decision on the request.

Holiday Closings

Dates Closed	Dates Open
Buddy's Plumbing & Appliances.....	Dec. 24 thru 26
Butler Texaco.....	25
Carey's Automotive.....	24 thru 26
City of Rising Star.....	26
Cooper's Texaco.....	25
D & T Building Supplies.....	23 thru 26
Family Food Store.....	25
First State Bank.....	26
Higginbotham's.....	26
Hubbard Gift & Gallery.....	4 p.m. 24 thru 26
Jake's Shop.....	26
Jenkins Insurance Agency.....	23 thru 26
Kizer Insurance Agency.....	26
May General Store.....	from 12:30 on 24 & 25
May ISD.....	23 thru Jan 2
Mike's Motor Co.....	26 thru Jan 3
Mike's Fina.....	24,25
Movie's & More.....	25
Murphree Oil.....	24-26
Palace Drug Store.....	26
Pioneer Farmer Co-op.....	24 thru 26
Rising Star Clinic.....	26
Rising Star Diesel Shop.....	23 thru 26
Rising Star Exxon.....	24 thru 25
Rising Star ISD Main St. Office.....	23 thru Jan 2
Rising Star School Office.....	23 thru Jan 2
West Texas Utilities.....	23 thru 26
White's Elite Cafe.....	25
Winfrey Feed & Peanut Co.....	24 thru 25
US Post Office.....	25 thru 26, (open AM 24)

Those businesses OPEN are:
Business
Main Street Auto..... M-F, reg. days
Chambers Grocery..... M-Sat.
The Rising Star..... 26

Max's Quickway and Nall's Quick Stop will be open Christmas Day.

Rainbow Cafe will be the site of a community Christmas dinner. Concerned and compassionate individuals and merchants are donating their time, merchandise, facilities and money so that everyone can have a Christmas dinner. We commend those who live out the "good will toward men" spirit of Christmas.

Commission To Present County Good Points To Dept. Of Corrections

A spokesperson for the Eastland County Economic Development Commission, said they will offer the Texas Department of Corrections a list of the county's credentials, in the near future. This will be in an effort for Eastland County to be chosen as a site for a new prison. Dr. Charles Barnes, project manager, said they will officially notify the Texas Department of Corrections of their interest to obtain a prison. Barnes said they will let the TDC know this is good country. They will show all the good things about Eastland County. He said Eastland County can brag about the hunting, fishing, and lakes here. The county has lots of trees, live oak, pecan and the ever present mesquite. He said peanut farming is something to brag about. He will tell the TDC about being able to live in an area where you can go out and pick your own pecans and peanuts. Barnes said there are lots of reasons to enjoy living in Eastland County and he will stress this fact to the Texas Department of Corrections. Community support will be the most important factor for an area to be picked for a prison. "The fact that this is a county wide project will be the biggest plus for us," Barnes said. Barnes said the TDC will not go where they are not wanted. He said there are too many other places who want a prison to be built in their communities, including cities where there is already a prison. The TDC already have a list of 100 cities who want to have a prison built in their location. They are expecting 200 communities to apply for one of the five new prisons. Barnes said the question is, "is Eastland County willing to accept the money a prison will bring in?" It will cost \$63,000,000 to build a prison. The county will benefit from the payroll of this construction. Barnes said if Eastland County is chosen, the building will start reasonably soon. Barnes said a lot of the negative worry about a prison is unfounded. He said there will be extra law enforcement officers in Eastland County with the prison. The fact that there are so many police in the area is a deterrent to criminals. This will be another plus for the safety of Eastland County. Members of the Eastland County Economic Development Commission are Tom Dunn and Bill Walton from Ranger, Dubb Hoffman, John Berry and Grover Hallmark, from Eastland, Brent Lassiter and Ray Daniels from Gorman, Dr. Charles Barnes, Pat Bryon and David Harris from Rising Star and Dick Woolley, Mike Moore and Don Shepard from Cisco.

Delinquent Taxes Discussed By County Commissioners

Delinquent taxes was an agenda item at the County Commissioners called meeting Monday. The Commissioners questioned why so many delinquent tax notice are going out now, some of them for taxes allegedly owed for as long as 15 years. Commissioners Billy Bacon, L.T. Owen and Norman Christian told of people in their Precincts receiving this type of billing. Some of them also thought they were being double-billed, or were getting incorrect notices. Sheriff Underwood reported personnel from his office was "being blamed" for part of this, since they were serving some of the notices. One Commissioner asked why the County Tax Assessor's office hadn't been mailing out delinquent notices a long time ago. County Judge Scott Bailey mentioned that the firm of Pritchard and Abbott had been requested to bring delinquent notices up to date, but they had not done so. The Judge also said that the Austin firm of McCreary, Valeska, Beck and Allen had been employed to collect delinquent taxes, "because a law firm letter has more impact." Cindy Guerra, an employee of this firm, was in the Courtroom. She has been doing tax research in the county, and discussed some aspects of this with the Court. Several of the Commissioners said citizens had told them that certain banks and real estate firms had not informed them during property transactions of delinquent taxes on the property. The commissioners had also heard of incidents where money was turned over to a bank or bank's attorney to pay taxes on property, yet no receipts for this can be found in the tax office. So now the land-owner is being billed for taxes he assumed were paid. County Clerk Joann Johnson said: "Few people know, when buying or selling property that it is their responsibility to see if taxes are rendered in or out of their name." Cindy Guerra said that delinquent taxes follow property no matter whom they are assessed against. When asked, she agreed there was a 20 yr. limitation on how far back delinquent taxes could be collected. Willie Maude Hughes of Pct. 1 was in the Courtroom on a tax matter. She stated that she had overpaid on taxes for two years, due to her exemption being listed wrong. Now she was being billed for 1980-81 delinquent taxes on other property since inherited from her mother. She was not certain whether a receipt existed on this. It was suggested that she see Steve Thomas, head of the Tax Appraisal office to find out more about her tax notices. At the end of the discussion the Commissioners passed a resolution requesting that delinquent tax notices be mailed with all current tax statements. In other matters, Billy Bacon reported that 22 prisoners were currently in the county jail, but some were expected to make bond soon. L.T. Owen was sworn in by Judge Bailey for another term as County Commissioner of Pct. 3. Another meeting was set for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Resource Group Meets January 12

The Eastland County Resource Association will not hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 21, due to Holiday Schedules. The next meeting will be at 12 noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at Eastland Centennial Memorial Library. David Bondurant, Pastor of the First Christian Church, is President of the group, which was formed to assist the needy in all of Eastland County. Interested persons are encouraged to attend any of the meetings.



Post Office Opens Saturday

Postmaster Evelyn Donham has announced that the windows at the Rising Star post office will be open Saturday, December 17 from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. and on Saturday, December 24 from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. to aid postal patrons with holiday mailing. The usual services will be offered.

Buy Stamps by Mail? Yes!

Fort Worth, TX - The Postal Service is already in the middle of its heaviest season, but the peak days are yet to come. The following operations should help both the Postal Service and the mailer in having a happy holiday season. -Window units in major postal units will extend hours of business especially on Saturday, December 17. In Rising Star from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. -The postal facility at DFW Airport is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. -Stamps may be purchased by phone and charged to your Master Card or Visa. Call metro (214) 263-9402. -Stamps may also be purchased by mail. Ask your carrier or call your local post office for appropriate forms. In Rising Star, call 643-2191. Remember that post offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, and January 2. We will however deliver Specials, Express Mail and perishable items on those days. The Postal Service is proud to serve you and wish all a happy holiday season.

School Holidays

Don't forget the school holidays. School lets out for the Christmas holidays Thursday, December 22, at 2 p.m. School will take up again on Tuesday, January 3. Have a safe and happy holiday!!!! Stephanie Long

community calendar...

- RSNC CHRISTMAS PARTY
The annual Christmas party for residents of the Rising Star Nursing Center will be Thursday, December 22, at 7:30 p.m.
- EACH THURSDAY SENIOR CITIZENS
- NO BINGO NEXT TWO SATURDAYS
Bingo games at the local American Legion Hall will be canceled December 24 & 31.
- Regular Saturday bingo will be resumed January 7.
- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER
Everyone is invited to a Free Christmas Dinner at the Rainbow Cafe on December 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- LAST THURSDAY AMERICAN LEGION, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall
- SATURDAY Club
The Saturday Club will meet Wednesday, January 18, at City Library with Ruth Spence reading stories about "The Nice and Nasty of Brown County."
- School Calendar
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
School out for holidays at 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
Blanket Tourney (high school)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
School resumes at regular time.

Pentecostal Friday Services Canceled

The Friday services at the Pentecostal Church at Pioneer will be canceled until after the holidays. Also the "Drawing Nigh to God" fellowship meeting at the Revival Center in Cross Plains will be canceled. The next meeting will be Friday, January 6.

WINTER CHRISTMAS

Thursday,
December 22, 1988



Santa and Kristina Butler



Santa and Penny Winfrey



Santa and Candace Curtis



Santa and Jonathan Curtis



Santa and Casey Robbins



Santa and Kandy Myers



Santa and Timmy Butler



Santa and Holly Butler



Santa and Bridgette Claborn



Santa and Dustin Watson



Tara Donham



Santa and Leanna Bailey



Santa and Reagan & Brittany Rodgers



Santa and Wayne Gober



Santa and Becky Hedrick



Santa and Lance Hutchinson

TOWN AND COUNTRY REVIEW

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Naylor's Used Cars

Naylor's Used Cars located at 601 E. IH 20 in Cisco, phone 442-1842, is headquarters for used car values! They operate their lot with the customer in mind. Small cars, family units, sports cars, pickup trucks...you name it,

and it's here. The area's finest selection of quality reconditioned cars is the main reason for the number of customers who do business here again and again. You can get a car this is completely inspected and reconditioned, and the

result is a better more reliable vehicle. Drop in and look over their lot full of values. No profile of community business leaders would be complete without mention of this firm. Naylor's Used Cars wishes all a Happy Holiday Season!

First State Bank Of Ranger

First State Bank of Ranger is located at 106 Main in Ranger, phone 647-3242, and has long been recognized as one of the outstanding banks in our area. They offer to the folks in our area every convenience of a large city bank yet maintain the understanding and personal interest in

each customer to cope with their particular problems. They are interested in the small depositor and the small loan applicants as well as the larger accounts. A great amount of praise is due the officers and directors, for they have contributed to the strength of our area's eco-

nomie structure. Each depositor is insured up to \$100,000 by the F.D.I.C. and has encouraged each and every family to help secure their future with a sound savings plan. First State Bank of Ranger wishes all a Joyous Holiday Season and Prosperous 1989!

Comet 1 Hour Cleaners/ Comanche 1 Hour Cleaners Hillcrest Cleaners

Comet 1 Hour Cleaners in Eastland, phone 629-3233 - Comanche 1 Hour Cleaners in Comanche, phone 915-356-2184 - and Hillcrest Cleaners in Breckenridge, phone 559-6671, are known for their quality of work done. For many years they have featured the finest in cleaning and pressing. People are often judged by their appearance. Our clothes mean a great

deal in making that first impression the right one. It is wise to keep our clothes neat and clean at all times. It is an accepted fact that fabrics wear a great deal longer that have been cleaned often. It is not the cleaning that wears out clothes, but the dirt and perspiration that collects in them as they are worn. Be thrifty and have that dirt removed completely by one of these

outstanding cleaners. They are also known for quality alterations, laundry service - jeans, shirts, etc... and Tuxedo rentals. Bring your next cleaning to Comet Cleaners, Comanche Cleaners or Hillcrest Cleaners where the employees are experienced and the equipment is the newest and most modern. Your clothes will tell the difference. They wish all a very Happy Holiday Season!

Comanche County Electric Co-Op Assn.

It is a well known fact that there is no institution in this community that has done more toward the development and progress of this section than has this reputable electric co-op. They operate one of the finest equipped utility companies in the United States. Comanche County

Electric Co-Op Assn. located in Comanche at 201 W. Wright, phone 915-356-2533; and in Eastland at 1311 W. Main, phone 629-3358, is owned by the members who use its services. The service furnished by this fine co-op is rendered at a low and reasonable rate. It will pay you to

support and patronize this co-op. No Review of the business, agricultural, and industrial interests of this section of the state would be complete without prominent mention of Comanche County Electric Co-Op Assn. They wish all a Joyous Christmas & Bright New Year!

Ranger General Hospital

One of the mainstays of any community is its hospital. Such a hospital is Ranger General Hospital located on Hwy. 80 W. in Ranger, phone 647-1156. It is completely equipped and prepared to render appropriate hospital care for medical, laboratory, X-ray and the allied services.

The nurses and attendants give careful, efficient attention to all patients entrusted to their care, thereby relieving the family of additional worry and responsibility in the time of necessary hospital confinement. We in this Town and Country Review commend the management of this

hospital for the excellent service they render to the community. No more public spirited citizens could be found anywhere than the members of the administration and staff of Ranger General Hospital. They wish all Happy, Healthy Holidays!

Jay-Way Janitorial & Chemical Supply

This firm is known throughout this area as being able to provide all types of janitor supplies at reasonable prices.

Jay-Way Janitorial & Chemical Supply located at 110 E. Main in Eastland, phone 629-2190, has built an enviable reputation in this area. Another feature they are noted for is their fast service.

In this Review we are happy to recommend the supplies and services offered by this building maintenance firm and suggest you call on them when your stocks run low. Happy Holidays to All!

Heartland Mall

That friendly shopping area at 300 Early Blvd., in Early, phone 915-646-8531, is just waiting for you with bargains galore and some real old fashion service! We're talking about Heartland Mall and its high time that you made this fine shopping center a regular stop on your shopping excursions. Featur-

ing a complete line of quality clothing, gifts, household items and fine eating establishments. These well known merchants offer some great buys on all types of goods. They also specialize in service with a capital S! Stop in soon and see what we mean! This shopping center includes some of the regions most

prominent firms. Their business policies and courteous personnel have won them the respect and patronage throughout the area. We highly recommend Heartland Mall to all our readers. Heartland Mall and all merchants extend to all a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy 1989!

Dear Santa...

1958 Santa letters
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old, and I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas. And please, remember all the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Sandra Linney

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a basketball, watch and a football suit. Bring Johnny a little football.

Your friend,
Billy Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a knife set to carve out things. A gun, a Jim Bowie knife, a radio set, a model T coil, some real thin wire, a dart gun, and lots of radio things.

Your friend,
Mike Donham

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old and I've been pretty good. I'd like to have a stage coach and two gun scabbard, and a cowboy hat.

Your little friend,
Jackie Rutledge

Dear Santa,
If all is good in the North Pole and all the little moles curled up curled up in a hole.

I hope I get all the toys I want. A bike that has a horn and really honks. I want a book and a puppy and I want a doll. I hope you are fine. I will be waiting in the hall! I'll try to be good.

Love,
Debbie Kay Watkins

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I want a bicycle and a toy airplane, candy and fireworks.

Love,
Jack Ray Clark

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old, and I would like for you to bring me a doll and a doll bed for Christmas, and please Santa, don't forget my little brother and sisters and all the other girls and boys.

I love you,
Debbie Linney

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good little boy. I'm six years old and go to school. Please bring me a doctor set, a rifle, a marble game and a lantern with a

real light. Don't forget to bring Rex and Don and Mother and Daddy something. Also bring some candy, nuts and fruit.

Love, Tony Long

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. For Christmas I want a two engine streamlined electric train, a pair of boxing gloves and a boxing bag. Bring my brother something and a doll for Denise, my little niece. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Thank you Santa.

Gary Ware

Dear Santa,
I am a 6 year old boy in the first grade. I want a bb gun and army set. Bring my little brother, Tommy, something too. Remember Mother and Daddy and everyone else too.

Waiting for you
Bobby Linney

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 8 years old and I would like to have an air rifle and a football. Now don't

give me so much. Remember my brothers, John and Larry, and the other boys and girls, too.

Your friend,
James Gerhardt

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like to have a shetland pony, a saddle, and a bridle, but Mother and Daddy said that until I am big enough to take care of a pony, I cannot have one. So please bring me a high heel doll and a stuffed dog.

Your friend,
Peggy Burns

Dear Santa,
I want a bride doll, dishes, doll house, a dress, two pairs of socks and a drum. I have been a good girl this year.

Love, Janet Ezzell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a watch and a basketball and a goal. Also some candy and fruit and do not forget Mack and Lawrence Dale.

Trudie Wolf



We cherish the old tradition of sending holiday greetings to friends and patrons. Have a happy Christmas.

The Rising Star
648-4141



HEAR YE-HEAR YE!

We Wish to One and All a Happy, Happy Holiday. May Your Christmas be Filled with Abundant Joy and Happiness.

Jim Ratliff Welding
648-6464



Christmas Blessings

Let us rejoice and ring out glad tidings.

Higginbotham Funeral Home
Gene & Reba Lyon



You're at the top of our list for good wishes. Thanks to all.

Butler Texaco
648-3261



Best Wishes

...and may you find serenity and lasting happiness.

White's Elite Cafe
Open 7 Days 6-2
648-2417



Our Best Wishes and Heartfelt Thanks to all our Customers

**Jo & Jack
Hubbard Gift & Gallery
Jack Hubbard,
Soil Conservation Contractor**



PEACE ON EARTH

GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN!

May you be blessed with the glories of the season. Our heartfelt thanks to all.

Medley Motor Co.
648-6211



Merry Christmas

Over the river and through the woods, we are sending special holiday warmth and goodness to you and yours...wrapped in friendship and happiness.

Cisco Junior College



MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mike's Fina

Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
I Love you Santa. Will you bring me some presents because I have been good? I want a play house, a key board, pair of pants, a shirt, and a trampoline. also, for my brother a car. That is all, thank you. I Love you Santa.
From Micheal Purcell
May 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing just fine. I am in second grade. I know you know me. I want a Barbie and a trampoline. I want you to bring my little brother a Mickey mouse toy and my big brother a B-B gun.
Love, Dana Carson
May 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are Rudolph and your other reindeer? I hope all of you are fine. Would you please send me a basketball and some blue skates? I would also like a Playdoe Flower Factory. Thank you for what you gave me last year.
Love, Leslie Joyner
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last years toys. How is Mrs. Claus? I am fine. For Christmas I would like a flower making baset, a basketball goal and a basketball. A dollhouse and a mother and father, boy and girl dolls. I would be delight for a designer oven, A pair of white shoes, a shirt and a pair of pants and blue jean bow would be nice. And a nintindo with the video's. Will you please bring my siser something. How are the elves.
Love, Lacie Michael
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a doll and a airboom and new pencils and and I wish you came he to school and maybe you may come on a Slad and some beers will pull you maybe rudolp may have a red noise and you will be red and white and you will look nice and I am bening good in school and my teacher is name Mrs. Wheeler and she is nice and we all have being good and we have being nice and we all hope you dress nice and you will have a red hat and white hat to and maybe Melody will tell me something that is right and see you Santa.
Love Monica Rodriguez
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you brought me last year. My bothers enjoy what you brought them. This year I would like a Radio (AmFm) cassette player and a watch, a barbie case, a skipper barbie doll and some ken barbie doll clothes.
Love Laurie Jackson
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope Rudolph and Mrs. Claus are alright. Will you please bring my brother some typing paper, a few dollars, a couple new arrows, and some fox scent. My Mother and father would like some money, too. I would like an opal ring and necklace, some Minnie and Mickey clothes, and a new bicycle tire. I wish you would bring my dog a toy bone and my cats some cat toys. I wish I could see you some time. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Leeann Epley
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Barbie watch for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing? How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? I hope you are all doing great.
Love, Jami Walters
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Well I hope He is fine. Are the Elves doing ok to! I hope the most unfortunate people in the world get the most things. Especially the kids that do not live in homes. The kids that do not have a home get a shelter before the long winters season comes. My mother would want just happiness. My dad would probably just want our bills payed. I would like to have a bike please, love birds, new shoes, swing set, and some clothes. If I was you I would probably say I have been good and a little little bit bad. Well write to you next Christmas.
Love Tammy Petross
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a cheerleading suit with green and white shoes, pompoms and socks. I want skates too. I want the wheels blue and the whole skates white, with white skate laces. That is all I want. I am trying to be good Santa. I Love You Santa Claus.
From: Morgan Pendleton
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you all at the North Pole? I am fine here. This year I would like you to bring me a pair of roller skates, a Barbie and the Sensations, and a Nintendo Entertainment Center. Give my Great Grandma a healthy Christmas. I wish my Dad would be home for Christmas, too. Thank You Santa.
Kristy Jackson
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you brought me last year. This year I would like a G.I. Joe watch, a remote control 2 speed 4x4 blue pickup, a video camera for kids, a work bench, G.I. Joe walkie talkies, a bb gun, barbells, a knife, a cowboy suit, a long sleeve shirt, and a High School size football is what I would like.
Love, Dennis Bates
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a foot ball and a soccer ball for Christmas and I want a toy car for Christmas. The End.
Steven
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a real cash register and cash box. Some Barbie clothes for Ken and Barbie. A Barbie house, a Tiffany tape, and a jump-n-jimmy. My bother would like a Nintendo, a belt, a watch and a tape of Beach Boys. I hope you will bring me and Bradley these toys. I have been good this year. I Love you.
Mandi Kay Linley
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I been good! I am sorry I said you were stupid last year But I specially didn't want one of the elves to tell you I said that. I want a pair of boots. Hi Heel boots! My sister does too. I don't know what my brother wants.
By Melody Scott
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year and would like for you to bring me a remote control car, some games and a key board thank you and Merry Christmas.
Ronny McGinn
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Last year you gave me everything I wanted and I thank you for that. How is Rudolph? What are the elves doing? Probably making toys for all the good kids. Santa, I know you want me to tell you how I have been good or bad. Well I have been both. Mama Claus helping you wrap presents? Do you like cookies and milk for Christmas Santa? This year I would like a pair of boots that are red or black, my own shirt and pants, some dresses to wear to church, some winter socks and skates. I would also like you to give presents to the children that don't have money. Thank You Santa.
Love, Monica Reyna
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me some pom poms, cheerleading skirt, batton, a ring, some ear rings, dress, a necklace, warm socks, skates, hly tops for Christmas. How is mama Claus doing. I still have good spirits in you Santa Claus.
By Evon
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want to thing you for wate you gave me last year. I wont for Christmas a new bike and a whach. I do not want a bunch for Christmas. My mom wants a ring. And my Dad want's a new hat for Christmas. I want to know if Rudolph is stell a live. And the elves are. I love you.
Clint Thompson
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bike I got last year. Right now both of the tires have a flat. I want a horse for Christmas.
By Robby
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts I got last year. This year I am not going to be greedy. I am just wanting one thing. All I want is a little picture book so I can put my favorite pictures in it.
Rachel McInnis
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a skate board for Christmas please? I go to school in May. I am 8 years old. I am in 3rd grade. I like you. How is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? How is your wife?
Love, David Gilbert
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things I got last year. This year I want a b-b pistol, some b-bs and some clothes. Pleas bring these things. And my brother wants a bike and some clothes and a dog. We used to have three but his died of food poisoning. My sister wants some clothes. My mom and dad want some things for our new house. Well I have been bad this year but I still want these things. And those people that don't have any food or water, please take care of them. I saw you last year flying over my house. Oh! And don't eat alot because I am going to leave you a snack. Was that you who make that hot chocolate in the middle of the night? If it was, you woke me up but thats O.K. If I were you, I would bring Rudolph on this trip.
Chad Wheeler
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
Would you give more presents to the one's who are not as fortunate as me? I thank you for the things you brought me last year. This year I want a barbie icecream shop. This year she wants soft stuffed

animals. My brother wants new clothes. Dear Santa if you can't get that get something you can bring me. This year bring Rudolph back.

Love,
Brandi Boumgardner
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a bike and ball, jumping rope, and a play baby doll, and blow for my hair. And a box of makeup. Santa Claus I like you.

By Eva Rodriguez
May 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I will leave out some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve night for you. For Christmas I want a Barbi doll set. I want a stuffed bean and a Santa Claus balloon. I also want a smart star computer.

By Tasha
May 3rd Grade



May all the joys of the Christmas holiday reach every heart and home.

Carey's Automotive

643-7009

Merry Christmas

Our thanks go with Santa to bring you a cheer-filled holiday.

Palace Drug Store
Bill, Peggy, Collette & Lou
643-3231

The great gifts of love and peace come to us with the Christmas season. We may all share the great hope of mankind.

PEACE

Max's Quickway
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A Merry and Bright Christmas to All!

Winfrey Feed & Peanut
643-6251

CHRISTMAS JOY

At this festive time of year may we express our gratitude of serving our fine customers and friends.

Buddy's Plumbing & Appliances
643-7812

Glad Tidings

He came to earth with a gentle message of love and peace for all mankind.

Jenkins Insurance Agency
Mildred & Debbie
643-2251

Merry Christmas

At this treasured time we extend thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kind support. Have a happy holiday season, brimming with good cheer.

First State Bank
643-2811
Member FDIC



WILDCAT TALES
RISING STAR HIGH
JOURNALISM

Another Test!

Hey college-bound students! Guess what? We "get" to take another test! That's right, the Texas Academic Skills Program Test. The test is a requirement for college and is an assessment of our academic preparation.

Why do we have to take the TASP Test? In 1987, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2182 requiring students entering any Texas public community college or university in fall 1989 or later to take the TASP Test.

Who must take the TASP Test? Any full-time or part-time student in a public community college or university in Texas who has not earned at least three semester credit hours prior to fall 1989 must take the TASP Test.

What if you don't pass the test? Any college or university student who does not pass all three sections (reading, mathematics, and writing) of the test must participate continuously in a remediation program in the subject area(s) not passed. Students may take other coursework while participating in remediation.

Is there a cost for the test? Yes. The registration fee is \$24. How long does the test take? Generally, the test can be completed in four hours, but you are allowed five. Where can you take the test? The test is given on Saturday mornings five times per year at about 100 locations throughout Texas.

Will there be a study guide for the test available? Yes, but copies are \$12.00 each plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. For your guide you may write: Official TASP Test Study Guide, P.O. Box 1403347, Austin, TX 78714-0347.

And if you were wondering if your Exit-Level TEAMS, SAT, or ACT scores could be used instead of the TASP Test, NO. Only scores from the TASP Test can be used to satisfy the testing requirements.

Students may obtain more information about testing and registration by contacting their college or university academic advisor or high school counselor. The TASP Test Registration Bulletin contains official guidelines on issues related to the test.
Good Luck!
Stephanie Long

Band Notes

The bands of the Rising Star school system held their annual Christmas Concert on Monday night, December 19. The concert began at 8:00 p.m. with the 4th graders performing first. They played instruments called recorders. They performed the Christmas songs "Christmas is Coming", "French Song", "Jingle Bells," and "Jolly Old St. Nick".

After the 4th graders performed, the 5th and 6th grade band took center court to show off to many parents, grandparents, and friends who came to watch the grand performances. The Jr. High Band performed two songs entitled "Jingle Bells", and "Good King Wenceslas".

Following the 5th and 6th grade was the High School Band. They performed "Christmas Bell Carol", "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer", "Silent Night", "Christmas Rock", and a special by members Wid Keeling, Stacey Wright, Kim Schwab, Christy Hughes, Heather Wright, and Band Director Tim Riley on the saxophone.

The finale of the Band Concert was the combination of the High School and Jr. High Bands, in which they performed "We Three Kings", and "Carol of the Drum". The finale was truly amazing and fascinated all!!!

Maxine Perales

Basketball Queens of the Court

Tuesday, December 15, the Cross Plains Lady Buff JV & Varsity teams came to Rising Star. The JV girls played first barely losing to the Lady Buffs with a score of 13 to Cross Plains' 18. Scorers for the game were: Jomy Clark 6, Juanita Ramirez 4, and Becky Walker 3.

The Varsity game was exciting ending with a final overtime score: RS 37, CP 41. The Lady Cat defense was good, but we came up short. Scorers for this game were as follows: Stacey Wright 16, Wendy Green 15, Jo Beth Landers 4, and Stephanie Long 2.

The Lady Cats came home Saturday night from the Santa Anna Tournament with a first place trophy and 3 All-Tournament team members. In the first game of the tournament, the Lady Cats defeated Blanket 43 to 32. The second game of the weekend was against May with the final score being RS 39, May 35. The championship game was exciting from the opening tipoff with the Lady Cats victorious over the Lady Mountaineers 33-32. Stacey Wright had 16 points for the game, Shawnah Harmon 10, Wendy Green 3, and Shannon Stuteville 2. Making the All-Tournament Team were Sophomore Wendy Green, Senior Stacey Wright, and Senior Stephanie Long. Congratulations, Lady Cats!!!!
Shannon Stuteville

Wildcats

WILDCATS TAKE TO THE COURT

Last Tuesday, Cross Plains came to Rising Star to play basketball. But, just like in football Rising Star came out with the victory by beating Cross Plains 49-44. High point scorer for the game was Reil Barron with 20 points. Others who contributed to the score were Stacy Green 12, Steve Wilson 11, Shawn Morrow 4, and Jimmy Evans 2.

The Wildcats went to San-



Phillip Shackelford and Lori Justice were crowned King and Queen LVII at the Cisco High School Coronation held last Thursday night in the Cisco Junior College Auditorium. Lori is the daughter of Sam and Franesc Justice of Cisco.

Multipurpose Center Needs Clothing

Peggy Roberts, Director of

the Multipurpose Center, reports that the Center is low on winter clothing for all ages. Coats and sweaters are especially in short supply, she says. The Center is located at 204 N. Lamar in Eastland, and serves the needy in all of the county.

Mrs. Roberts also expresses thanks to the various Churches and individuals in the community who have kept the Food Pantry operating. This on-going help is always appreciated. The Pantry keeps a stock of staple food to help people in emergency situations.



Four generations of her family met at the home of Gladys Barron, seated, far right, for an early Christmas gathering Sunday, December 18.

In addition to her husband, J.R., seated, far left, there were Mrs. Barron's mother, Lena Scott, center front; her daughter, Jan Roberts, standing, left; two grandchildren, Brad Barron and Julia Forbing; Julia's husband, Jerry, right; and Trey Forbing, held by Mrs. Barron.

Mrs. Scott is a resident of the local nursing center, Mrs. Roberts lives at Hearst, Brad is from Oplin and the Forbings are from McNeil.

Shannon Childers Named Outstanding

MONTGOMERY, AL - The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program announced today that Charles Shannon Childers, of Fort Worth, was among the young men selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA.

Now in its 26th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence - qualities which deserve to be

recognized and remembered.

The men listed, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and College officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this

prestigious annual awards publication.

Our Board of Advisors and Editors salute all those honored as Outstanding Young Men of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

Shannon, a graduate of Rising Star High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Childers of Rising Star. He is married to the former Barbara Bowden of May.

"HOOS-GOW"
It's Not Chinese
It's the new project to get a
State Prison to
EASTLAND COUNTY!
SUPPORT IT!!

\$2,500.00 REWARD

Any person with information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime may call 643-4261 or 643-3421. Information may be given anonymously and arrangements will be made for the payment of the reward.

Money may be mailed to First State Bank, Rising Star, 76471, to be deposited in the Witt Reward Fund. The account number is 72-360-6. No arrests have been made in the rape/murder case. Era Witt, 87, was found dead in her home on June 7.

BASKETBALL '88



These Businesses Support Rising Star School Activities

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1988 - 89
Boys and Girls

Date	Day	Team	Place	Time	
Nov. 18	Fri.	Santa Anna	Home	6:30	V
Nov. 22	Tues.	Bangs	Away	5:00	V, JVB
Nov. 29	Tues.	Santa Anna	Away	6:30	V
Dec. 1-2-3	Th-F-Sat	Cross Plains	C.P.	TBA	V
Tournament					
Dec. 6	Tues.	Rochelle	Away	5:00	V, JVB
Dec. 9	Fri.	Baird	Home	6:30	V
Dec. 13	Tues.	Cross Plains	Home	4:00	V, JV
Dec. 16-17-18	Th-F-Sat	Santa Anna	S.A.	TBA	V
Tournament					
Dec. 20	Tues.	Blanket	Home	6:30	V
Dec. 30	Fri.	Blanket Tour.	Blanket	TBA	V
Jan. 3	Tues.	Cross Plains	Away	4:00	V, JV
Jan. 6	Fri.	*Carbon	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 10	Tues.	*Sidney	Away	6:30	V
Jan. 13	Fri.	*Gorman	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 17	Tues.	*Lingleville	Away	6:30	V
Jan. 20	Fri.	*May	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 24	Tues.	*Carbon	Away	6:30	V
Jan. 27	Fri.	*Sidney	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 31	Tues.	*Gorman	Away	6:30	V
Feb. 3	Fri.	*Lingleville	Home	6:30	V
Feb. 7	Tues.	*May	Away	6:30	V

*Designates District Games

Go Cats!



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D&T Building Supplies 643-4131	Max's Quickway 643-1490	First State Bank 643-2811
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The first line on mailing labels gives the expiration date.

Subscribers who get their

mail in Rising Star, Eastland County and within a 30 mile radius of Rising Star may renew for \$8 for one year.

Those who live in other Texas counties may renew for \$12 and those who live out of state may renew for \$18 for a year's subscription.



Birth Announcement

Chance Michael

Damon and Donna Cooper are proud to announce the birth of their son, Chance Michael, on December 16. He weighed 7 lbs. and measured 19 inches. Proud first-time grand-

parents are Gerrie and Don Cornett of Rising Star, Gene and Mary Lou Laughlin of Brady and Louise and Art Lancaster of Early.

Great-grandparents are Nell and Ulysses Cooper of Rising Star. Proud uncle is David Cooper of Rising Star.

May Housing Authority to Hold Annual Meeting

May Housing Authority's Board of Directors has set its Annual Meeting for Thursday, January 5, 1989, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the May Community Center for the purpose of filling two positions on the Board and reorganizing.

Betty Wilson, who is serving out Jewel Alexander's term, will seek re-election in Place 3.

Marshall Campbell, who has served the past three terms as President of the Board, will seek re-election in Place 4.

Both Place 3 and Place 4 are three-year terms.

Those who wish to have their names printed on the ballot must apply in writing to the Board Secretary, Sook Burnett, May, TX 76857, and state the place number for which they are running, ten (10) days prior to the election to be printed on the ballot.

Only paid members of the May Housing Authority Corporation are eligible to vote or to hold office. Any member may be a write-in candidate.

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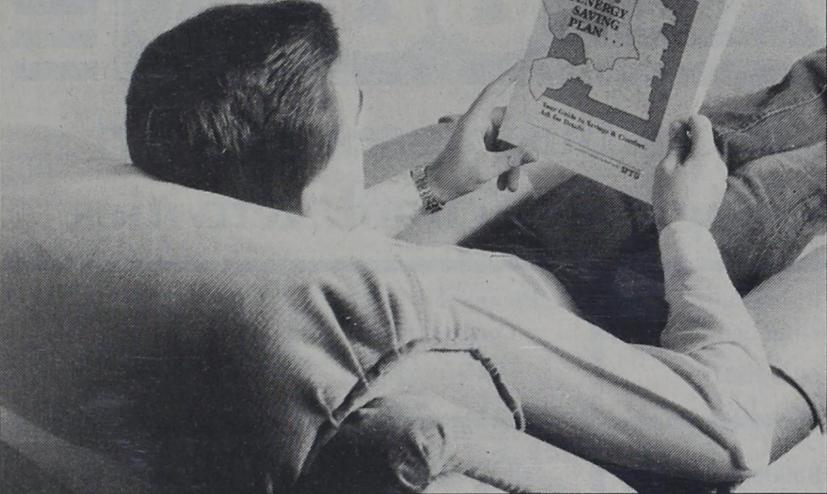
MERRY CHRISTMAS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gerrie is slow but she is finally catching up with the other grandmothers.

Your friends,
Carolyn, Carolyn,
Faye and Kay

YOUR GUIDE TO SAVINGS AND COMFORT.



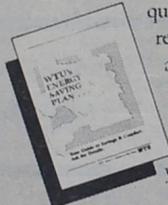
If you're planning to remodel your present home or build a new one, find out about WTU's Energy Saving Plan designed with energy efficiency and comfort in mind.

An Energy Saving Plan home will help lower your energy bills through wise energy management and the use of energy efficient equipment like the electric heat pump. Every feature of the Energy Saving Plan can help to lower your energy bill while providing more enjoyable living comfort.

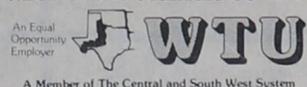
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West Texas Utilities will pay you up to \$500 cash.*

To find out more about how to qualify an existing home or requirements for building a new E.S.P. home, pick up a free copy of the Energy Saving Plan at your local WTU office.



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39¢ Lb.

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49¢ Stalk

Shurfresh Grade A
Self-Basting

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Sunday House
Smoked Turkey



\$1.29 Lb.

Jimmy Dean
Sausage



\$1.09 Lb.

2 Lb./\$2.18

Hormel
Little Sizzler Sausage
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Dark, Sweet or Ruby Red;
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All Varieties, 2 liter

79¢

Shurfresh Grade A
Large Eggs

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Libby Pumpkin

16 oz.

69¢

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Cranberry Sauce

16 oz.

39¢

Fox Pizza

Asst., 6.8 oz.

69¢

Swanson
Chicken Broth

14 oz.

2/\$1.00

Pillsbury
Cake Mix

Asst.

89¢

Shurfresh
Square Ice Cream
1/2 gallon

\$1.59

Fab Laundry Detergent
42 oz.

\$1.69

Shurfresh
Brown-N-Serve Rolls
12 oz.

3/\$1.00

Baker's Angel Flake

Coconut

14 oz.

\$1.29

Stove Top
Stuffing Mix
Asst., 6 oz.

99¢

Stillwell Cobblers
Asst., Microwavable;
16 oz.

\$1.59

Merry Christmas

Cool Whip
Reg. or X/Creamy,
8 oz.

89¢