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Miracle twins Blane and Bryce Sullivan (13 months) get a little help from big four-year-old brother Quade on how to wrap Santa around their little fingers to get just what they want for Christmas. The children are the sons of Trey and Kaycie Sullivan and grandsons of Tom and Jeannie Sullivan. All three even have a few tricks up their sleeves as to just what Santa might like for a snack before leaving to go to his next home in Kimble County.

Commissioners endorse preserving night skies, PEC offers support

James Murr
The Junction Eagle

The Kimble County Commissioners Court began its regular monthly meeting

on December 13 by reviewing the status of work on the county's roads. A resolution was also passed supporting efforts to reduce light pollution and to preserve the night skies

in Kimble County. In addition, administrative items were addressed and the lifting of the burn ban was left in effect.

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School board hears reports on Lands Program/approves audit

Sarah Harrison
The Junction Eagle

The JISD Board of Trustees met in their regular meeting on December 14 in the JMS library. Four of the seven board members were in attendance while three were absent: Ronny Carpenter, Allen

Castleberry and Luke Levien. The campus recognized for this meeting was the high school. JHS students led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags and also gave the invocation. Melissa Hoggett, JHS

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Notices

The March 6 Primary has been postponed until April 3 due to legal challenges on redistricting. There will be a new filing period to be announced later.

See the Kimble Hospital Board story on page 3

Shop Junction drawing, December 23-First State Bank at 2:30 p.m.

Reminder

The Junction Eagle will be closed from December 22 until January 2, 2012. We wish y'all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous 2012!

Grand jury indicts two

The 198th Judicial District Grand Jury of Kimble County convened on December 14, 2011, with the following members present: The Honorable M. Rex Emerson, Judge Presiding; Amos L. Barton, District Attorney; Hilario Cantu, Sheriff; and Haydee Torres, District Clerk.

Russell Davis, of Amityville, New York: money laundering.

Alfonso Munoz Herrera, of Dallas: driving while intoxicated 3rd offense.



Missing Christmas

by Rev. Bob Schmeltekopf,
Pastor
London Baptist Church of
London, Texas

Someone has observed that the four seasons of life are 1) "I believe in Santa Claus", 2) "I don't believe in Santa Claus", 3) "I am Santa Claus", and 4) "I look like Santa Claus". No matter what season you are in, Christmas is a very busy and beautiful season of the year. It is also when our thoughts

turn again to the wonderful Christmas story as told to us in the Bible' "she (Mary) gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." {Luke 2:7}

The most maligned character of the Christmas story is a man whose name never appears in the Bible. In fact, he is never directly referred to. But in spite of his anonymous stature, the

imagination of preacher and poet has tagged him as typical of the all people who reject Christ. He is the nameless inn-keeper.

Perhaps we have identified him with some clerk in a hotel or motel that we have never met. We think of him as someone just doing his job during a very busy and hectic few days in Bethlehem. His job description did not require that he

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Announcing his bid for re-election, Sheriff Hilario Cantu, far right, stands with his family, Derek, Jordan, Rachael, wife Courtney and Risa.

Sheriff Cantu announces bid for re-election

It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure serving you, and I look forward to serving you for many years to come. My first term in office as your Sheriff has been a rewarding experience. I have had many of you stop me on the street, catch me at the grocery store or come by the office, and even our home, to comment on the positive changes you have seen during my first term. I have also had people visit with me about changes they would like to see in the future, and I always welcome your input. Ultimately, it is you whom we serve and protect. I would like to thank you for the continued support you have shown us at the Sheriff's Office and ask for your vote in the upcoming Republican Primary. *Pol. ad pd. for by Craig Brooks, treasurer. 122 Foley, Junction, TX 76849*



Senior Ducie Carrington, 12, "flies" past two of his Ozona competitors as he heads toward the basket. Senior teammate, Dwayne Stewart, 22, keeps a watchful eye in case a rebound is necessary. Carrington added two points to the final winning score of 51 to 44.

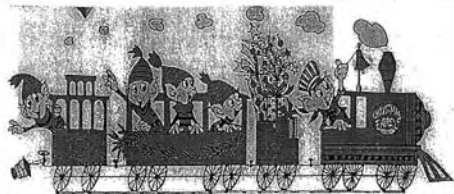


November 28, 2011

Dear Santa Claus,

May I please have some pants for Christmas? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year. I hope you eat my cookies. Have fun. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Trysan



County

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The county resolution supports voluntary efforts to reduce light pollution by encouraging the use of outdoor lighting fixtures and practices for cost-effective and non-intrusive lighting. The resolution states that the county will “work with its partners to educate and encourage land-owners, businesses, residential communities and public entities to join in this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money and reduce light trespass.” This endeavor is intended to “protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their private property.” As Judge Murr stated, the night sky is part of the region’s scenic beauty that brings significant economic and financial benefits to the community. Voluntary efforts to reduce light pollution should therefore be encouraged for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

Ms. Jeanell Davis briefed Judge Murr and the com-

missioners on the policy of the Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) to minimize light pollution and its adverse effect on the viewing of night skies. Davis is the PEC’s Community Services Manager, and she was accompanied to the meeting by Wayne McKee, PEC’s District Operations Manager. The PEC now has shields to help reduce outdoor lighting pollution.

To demonstrate its commitment to a “Night Skies” partnership with Kimble County, the PEC will install these shields free of cost on cooperative lighting in the county for customers who have paid the PEC for lighting fixtures and who request the shields. This offer will remain in effect until the end of October 2012, and the PEC will seek to accommodate the member requests when service personnel are in the area. This partnership will serve as a pilot project while the PEC explores other night sky friendly lighting options.

Inside the city limits, the control of light pollution is a matter between the City of Junction and American

Electric Power, a private utility company. Individuals and businesses may, of course, take steps voluntarily to reduce intrusive lighting.

The commissioners spent considerable time addressing county road conditions and heard from members of the public on the need for road improvements along KC 370 (Whiskey Road) and connecting roads. Brian Crenwelge, the road and bridge supervisor, provided a report on the past month’s road work. Of the county’s nearly 40 miles of paved road, 22.8 miles have been sealed as part of a program to maintain these roads. The remaining 16.8 miles will be sealed in the spring.

Road maintenance and related work was done in all four precincts. The work done, depending on the roads, included blade work on miles of roads; repairing washed out areas; repairing and unclogging culverts; trimming brush; removing fallen trees; welding cattle guards; and chipping brush piles. Work was done in: Precinct 1 – KC 120, 130, 140, 170, and 181; Precinct 2 – KC 22, 23, 24, 25, and 210; Precinct 3 – KC 310, 311, 313, 314, 315, 320, 321, 333, 340, 341, 342, 350, 360, 370, and 372; and Precinct 4 – KC 433, 442, 443, 450, 470, 473, and 4431. With the recent wet weather hampering work on

the roads, considerable time was also spent on repairing county road equipment.

The commissioners made re-appointments to three boards for terms ending on December 31, 2013. The appointments were: (1) Emergency Services District Board – Bill McMillan and Bryan Payne; (2) Kimble County Library Board – Don Baugh, Ann Lemon, and Marvin Snodgrass; and (3) Local Committee of the Texas Veterans Land Board – Greer Kothmann, John Loeffler, and Rob Roy Spiller.

The transfer of real property (the senior center and historical museum) to the county by quitclaim deed from the Burt Fleming Post of the American Legion was accepted by the commissioners. This will enable to county to seek funds from different sources for repairs to the facilities, although specific sources of funding have not yet been identified.

Three Interlocal Agreements were approved by the commissioners with the Kimble Central Appraisal District (KCAD). The KCAD, pursuant to these agreements, will provide the following services for the county: vehicle registrations; the administration of the 9-1-1 database; and floodplain administration duties.

Judge Andrew Murr and all the commissioners -- Billy Braswell, Chad Gipson,

Charles McGuire, and Wylie Taff -- were present for the meeting. Commissioners Court meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the County Courtroom of the Kimble County Courthouse. Meetings are open to the public.

Sudoku Solution

Sudoku Solution #2378-D								
4	1	5	7	8	2	6	3	9
9	8	3	6	1	4	2	7	5
6	2	7	9	3	5	1	4	8
1	5	6	4	9	3	8	2	7
8	7	4	2	5	6	3	9	1
3	9	2	1	7	8	5	6	4
5	4	1	3	6	7	9	8	2
2	6	9	8	4	1	7	5	3
7	3	8	5	2	9	4	1	6

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Bryan Booth

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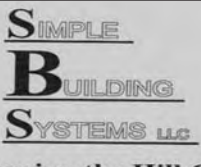
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