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For unto us a child is born



The Rev. Brian Buettner, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, elevates the Host and Chalice for the Holy Eucharist during Christmas Mass.

Photo by Steve Miller

Cotton County Sheriff seriously injured in Christmas Eve wreck

BY SCOTT RAINS

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The Cotton County Sheriff is in serious condition at an Oklahoma City hospital following a Christmas Eve morning single-vehicle wreck while responding to a stolen vehicle pursuit.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported that

Kent Allen Simpson, 59, Walters, was first taken to Comanche County Memorial Hospital before being transferred by mediflight to Integrist Baptist Medical Center. He was admitted in serious condition with head, arm, leg and internal/external trunk injuries.



SIMPSON

Simpson was driving his service unit Ford Crown Victoria westbound on Cotton County Road 1860 around 4:45 a.m. while responding to assist with a stolen vehicle that was under pursuit by the

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Programs find place for soldiers to spend holiday

BY MITCH MEADOR

Correspondent

Spending Christmas Day at a cookout hosted by the Fort Sill Fire Department might be just the thing that will stave off those wearisome "Christmas blues" for a pair of young recruits.

By all accounts, firefighters make great cooks, right?

That's only one possible way for the Fort Sill "staybacks" who didn't go home for holiday block leave to celebrate the holiday, thanks to 434th Field Artillery (FA) Brigade's "Adopt-A-Soldier" program.

The soldier heading up the initiative this year is Spc. Ana Quezada. She's a religious affairs specialist — what was formerly known as a chaplain's assistant — for 1st Battalion, 40th FA, and Echo Battery of that battalion is where all the basic trainees who chose to stay on post have been assigned during the break in initial entry training.

Quezada said she didn't go through "Adopt-A-Soldier" when she was a trainee, but she believes having other families look out for this

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