

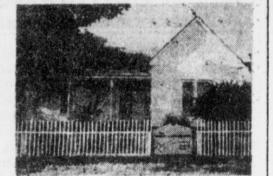
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"The Christmas Tour of Homes Once Again --Outstanding!"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH Editor

Saturday afternoon everyone was scurrying from house to house viewing the beautiful homes on the Beta Sigma Phi Tour of Homes.

The drive to Cottonwood to see the first home was beautiful with the trees in their fall attire. Bob and Lavonne Childress' home on the hill can be seen from afar. The octagonal house created some interesting shaped rooms and its originality is outstanding. The view from virtually all directions was breathtaking.

I have always admired Logan and Madeline Long's lovely home. It was a treat to see the inside. The formal living room with the beautiful antique staircase is impressive (the huge mirror was the finishing touch). One of the bedrooms upstairs doesn't have a solid wall, just a banister. Drapes can be drawn for privacy or open for a view of the stairwell.

Barbara Swinney's home was elegantly decorated for the holiday season. The master bedroom opens to a sun room with a wonderful view of her back yard. The house is cleverly arranged and has a distinct feeling of comfort. Barbara's love for her family is reflected in her home with various memorabilia.

The Yuletide spirit was displayed in a western theme at the two-story home of Connie and Cliff Kirkham. Ropes, red bandanas and greenery were utilized in original ways. Christmas music drifted throughout the beautiful home accentuated with cowboy motif and antiques. The stairway in the center of the house gives the appearance of a ranch house right down to the brands burned in the wooden walls. This is a place you can feel right at home in.

The architect of the two-story home of Larry and Terry Thomas is one of my favorites. A beautiful rock fireplace is the highlight of the large family room. If you are a tall person, you would be right at home in the Thomas' kitchen. The cabinets and range are built on higher level. The huge upstairs bedroom/play room holds its own charm. Antiques are utilized throughout this newly built

The final stop on the tour was Rosalea Cutbirth Bonner's ranch home. Rosalea is a gracious hostess and her spacious home accommodates entertaining. It was the perfect choice for serving refreshments. The canopied bed took my eye and Rosalea's handpainted China was displayed throughout. I enjoyed looking at all the family photos, having known the family so many years. Her lovely home makes you feel so welcome.

Make plans to attend the tour next year -- the houses are consistently outstanding!

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Decorating Contest Tuesday

Santa Claus was passing through Cross Plains the past Friday night making his list and checking it twice. While here, he assured everyone that he would be returning soon to make house calls. So, if you haven't decorated your home and business for the holidays, you have a few more days.

The date for the decorating contest is Tuesday evening, December 14,

Your lights must be on at this time to be judged. All homes and businesses will be considered, but to make sure you are not missed, you may call 254-725-6498 and leave your name and address.

Prizes will be awarded. Project Pride is sponsor for the home decorating contest and the Chamber of Commerce the businesses.

Cross Plains Christmas **Concert Sunday**

All of the Cross Plains ISD Bands will be having their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Please attend and help support your child and the band. The concert is a major portion of the six weeks grade. Dress should be Sunday best. Make-up times, for those who can't make it from illness or the like, are on Monday the 13th (before or after

Greenwood Insurance's **Open House** December 15

Greenwood Insurance, located at 125 South Main, will hold an Open House on Wednesday, December 15, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Manager Ron Bagley, Margaret McNeel and Dinah Keathley invite everyone to come by.

Christmas Nears **Assistance** Requested

The food pantry at the Multi-Purpose Center is depleted and under NEW management. The Multi-Purpose Center serves the elderly and all needy persons in our community.

Donations of CANNED or PACKAGED food items are needed. The TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Council is sponsoring this year's Christmas Food Baskets! If you wish to donate food or funds for the baskets, a list of numbers you can call for further instructions is available at the end of this article. Following is a list of suggested food items for the Christmas Food Baskets: Canned soup, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauce, cnned fruit juice, canned spam, canned hams, other canned meats such as beef in gravy or canned chicken, canned tuna, canned fish as salmon or mackeral, canned chili or stew, spaghetti, spaghetti saucc, dried beans or peas, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, instant

potatoes, Oatmeal, Malt-O-Meal, See ASSISTANCE page 5

FOOTBALL ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS FOR DISTRICT 13 A

- Matt Nickerson (front, from left), Lucino Mauricio and Nicholas Dimitri; Jaden Winfrey (back, from left), Coby Richards and Clint



FOOTBALL ALL-DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTIONS - Tony Beggs (front, from left) and Brian Mahler; Kenny Callaway (back, from left) and Chris Kitchens.

All-District Selections Announced For District 13A

Cross Plains Buffaloes named to All-District from District 13 A in football included:

1st Team Offense - O.L. Jaden Winfrey

1st Team Defense - D.L. Jaden Winfrey

2nd Team Offense - O.L. Matt

2nd Team Defense - D.B. Coby Richards, L.B. Clint Bailey, D.L. Lucino Mauricio

Lion Heart - Nicholas Dimitri Honorable Mentions:

Offense - R.B. Chris Kitchens, REC. Kenny Callaway, O.L. Brian Mahler

Defense - L.B. Tony Beggs



JALYNN STOUT VISITING WITH SANTA CLAUS

Christmas in Cross Plains Well Attended

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH Editor

Beautiful weather allowed a large crowd to attend the Kiwanis Christmas program downtown. The lighting of the Christmas tree at City Hall marked the beginning of the program and Santa arrived via the local fire truck. Little children were anxious to visit with Santa Claus and have their photos taken.

The Kimania Club generously gave away six turkeys and \$500 in cash at the drawing. REJOICE, a group of ladies from the First Baptist Church, provided musical entertainment.

The Senior Citizens Center was buzzing with folks walking for cakes. The baked goods looked delicious and all ages were hoping to win. Everyone was having a great

The Cross Plains Public Library exhibited local resident's collections including: Shirley Davis' teddy bears; Connic Swift's nativity scenes; Mary Dunn's carousels; Suc Neal's dolls; Barbara Sowell's pigs; Bobbye Hinkle's cats; Connic Kirkham's somboy items, Vicky Worley's Mary Engelbreit items; Billic Loving's miniatures; and Mary Ann Chaffin's nativity scenes in the library windows. It is amazing

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ANGEL TREE AT CITIZENS STATE BANK

-- WE NEED YOUR HELP --Chamber of Commerce "Angel Tree" To Help 80+ Children Have A Merrier Christmas

The Chamber of Commerce are twice as many children on the list wishes to remind citizens of Cross as last year, local organizations and and surrounding communities that the "Angel Tree" will be at Citizens State Bank.

The tree this year carries out the theme of "Angels Among Us" with angels decorating the tree. Each angel will bear the number of a girl or boy, prc-K through 6th grade, along with the age of the child and a wish list (things the child needs or would like) on the back, as this will make purchasing the gift much easier, or you may donate money to help purchase a gift for a child. These children are from familes who need help during the Christmas season to make their child's Christmas a brighter one.

People are urged to go by Citizens State Bank and pick one or more angels and help a needy child(ren) this Christmas season. Since there churches are invited to make donations to these children if they

So this Christmas season, if you are

able, please be an "Angel" and find it

in your heart to help out a needy child, it will make your Christmas merrier and the life of a child's too.

The gifts and donations must be at Citizen's State Bank by December

The Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone in advance for their help and support. All donations are greatly appreciated. For questions or further information you may contact Melissa at WTU between 1:15 and 5:00 p.m.

May God bless you and yours this Holiday Scason.

Filings Announced for Callahan County Elections

As expected, the office of Callahan County Attorney will be contested after incumbent Allen Wright and challenger Shane Deel both filed for the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

Deel, an attorney in Abilene, was the first to file Friday, December 3 with the Callahan County Democratic Party Jon E. Hardwick. Deel, 27, lists an address at 526 Swenson Road in Clyde. He has resided in the state 27 years and in the county 27 years.

Wright filed for re-election Monday, December 6. Wright, 47, lists an address of 6000 County Road 203 Clyde. He has resided in the state 27 years and in the county 10

Six other individuals filed for various county offices the first week of filing including incumbent Commissioners Harold Hicks and Tommy Holland, Incumbent County Constables David Blalock and Howard Bredehoft also filed for re-election, as did Eddie Curtis for the office of County Sheriff. Also, filing for the office of County Tax Assessor/Collector was Tammy T. Walker. Walker is seeking the office currently held by Bun Barry. Barry has stated he will not seek re-election to the post.

Those seeking the Democratic Primary Election post for the particular office include:

County Sheriff -Eddie Curtis, 48, filed for reelection Friday, December 3 Curtis lists an address of 541 Chestnut Street in Baird. He has resided in the state 48 years and in the county 48 years

Tax Assessor/Collector

-Tammy T. Walker, 38, filed Friday, December 3 for the office of Tax Assessor/Collector. Walker lists an address of 532 East 3rd Street in Baird. She has resided in the state 32 years and in the county 26 years. She lists her occupation as deputy Tax Assessor/ Collector.

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"What's Inside"

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

David Wayne Barnett, sale of alcohol to a minor.

William Andrew Rutledge, sale of alcohol to a minor.

Linda S. Gaylor, theft of property by check.

Edmundo Castillo Manriquez, Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Burl Edward Blosser, Jr., Driving While License Suspended.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Richard Warren, order amending probation.

Anthony Perez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana. 6 month probation, \$350 fine \$229.25 court

John Mosley, plea of guilty to DWI, 30 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$229.25 court costs.

Billy Joe Sims, order to dismiss for DWI, case was refiled.

Lydia Burkett, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 12 month probation, \$300 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

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Jo' Ann Hebel, plea of guilty to assault, \$1800 restitution, \$300 fine, \$135 court costs.

Seth Howard, plea of guilty to indecent exposure, 6 month probation, \$250 fine, \$262.25 court

David Wayne Barnett, plea of guilty to sale of alcohol to minor, 6 month probation, \$250 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

William Andrew Rutledge, plea of guilty to sale of alcohol to minor, 6 month probation, \$250 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Ronald James Casey of Menard and Sabrina Dyer of Baird. Jimmy Homer Seals and Lecia

Susan Davis both of Clyde. William Jack Bardin and Robbie Lynn Kirkham both of Clyde.

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

> > **Civil Filings**

Charles R. Atkinson and Martha Atkinson vs. Sam Fleming and Eva B. Fleming, damages.

G & L Tool Company vs. Galyn, Inc., default on account.

Civil Minutes

Clara Naomi Stone and Philemon C. Stone, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Clifton B. Lindsey, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation. 8 years in prison, \$234.25 court costs.



Cross Plains MasonicLodge No. 627

Stated Meeting 1st Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Sec. (254) 725-7530

Selected Scribtures

The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from Your precepts. Psalm 119:110 Do not err, my beloved brethren. James 1:16

CROSS PLAINS

Paid Advertising-Irma Miller

Obituaries

Oma Lou McWhorter

BAIRD-Oma McWhorter, 78, died Saturday, November 27, 1999, at her home following a sudden illness.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Ross Cemetery with Pastor Larry Gaumond officiating, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mrs. McWhorter was born in Mingus and lived in Callahan County for 73 years. She graduated from Baird High School in 1938 and married Willie Oscar McWhorter in 1939 in Clyde. She was a homemaker; the past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star #308, and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, W.O. McWhorter, Jr. of Stephenville, Steven Hanee and Lewis James McWhorter, both of Baird; seven grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in

Grace Laura Parker Morrison

RISING STAR-Grace Laura Parker Morrison, 95, died Tuesday, November 30, 1999, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Mrs. Morrison was born near Rising Star and was in the Rising Star High School Class of 1924. She married Luther Horton Morrison in Rising Star in 1924 and was a homemaker. She attended Drahons Business College and lived in Abilene and Burkburnett for a short period, but most of her life was lived in Rising Star. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 277, and was an active church member and Sunday school teacher for 22 years.

Survivors include her two sons, Kenneth Morrison of Rising Star, Billy Edward Morrison of Citrus Heights, California; four grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Buffalo Bucks No Longer **Available**

Buffalo Bucks will no longer be available through the Chamber of Commerce. You may still redeem tham at a local participating merchant if you have one on hand, but they will no longer be sold by the Chamber of Commerce.

CROSS I PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY **NEWS**

Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Circulation: Books Cross Plains 94 Abilene 7 LAP 28

Audio Cross Plains 2 Abilene 8

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New Library Cards: 9 Memorials: For Leon Nixon: Dale and Vernelle Bishop

In honor of Janet Purvis from Peggy Pruvis

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A "Big Thank You" to these who support the Cross Plains Public

Mabel Butman Scott

MERKEL-Mabel Butman Scott, 82, died Friday, December 3, 1999, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. James McKee, Dr. Darris Egger, and Dr. Rex Mauldin officiating. Burial was in White Church Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Butman was born in Taylor County and married A.D. Scott in 1935 in Abilene. She was a farm wife and a homemaker. She was a member of Pioneer Memorial Methodist where she served as historian for years.

Survivors include her husband, of Merkel; one daughter, Aleta Alexander of Lucas; three sons, Payton Scott of Rising Star, Barry Scott and David Scott, both of Merkel; three sisters, Edith Powell of Roswell, New Mexico, Mell Brnovak of Merkel, Ruth Palk of San Angelo; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Butman Methodist Encampment, 156 CR 674, Merkel, Texas 79536.

Aubrey Lee 'Al' Hicks

CLYDE-Aubrey Lee "Al" Hicks, 69, of Baird died Monday, December 6, 1999, at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jerry Joplin officiating. Burial was in Romney Cemetery.

Mr. Hicks was born in Nimrod and attended school in Scranton. He operated Al Hicks Welding from 1978-1985 and worked for Street Foundation Drilling from 1985-1998. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4136 and a member of Sabana Baptist Church. He married Fern Brown in 1969 in Baird.

Survivors include his wife, of Baird; one brother, Gene Hicks of Rising Star; two sisters, Betty Gary and Sally Roady of Cross Plains; and several nieces and nephews.

Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Rolan Jones was certified at the recent 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held November 2-5 in Lubbock. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Country Courts, Deferred Disposition, Landlord Tenant Issues, Hot Checks, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues and Legal Research.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 14,

For Callahan Attorney **Allen Wright**

Shane Deel

Pol. Adv. by Shane Deel, 526 Swenson Road, Clyde, Texas 79510 All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each

announcement.

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A children's musical teaching us that no mission is impossible with God. Sunday, December 12th at 6 p.m.

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Both performances will be held in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Cross Plains at 301 N. Main. There is no charge for admission!

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Joe Coppinger, Pastor (254) 725-7730 Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church Bible Teaching

By: Linda Merritt



LOUISE RICHARDSON .December resident of the month

Colonial

Louise Richardson was chosen as the resident for this month. She was born on December 11, 1919, in Callahan County. She is 79 years old. Louise has four daughters. She enjoys reading the paper, playing Bingo and visiting with her family. Her religious affiliation is Baptist. We are having a door decorating contest. Some of the employees have chosen a residents door to decorate. They will be judged December 16 by someone outside the facility. A prize will be given to the winner. Good luck ladies.

Special appreciaiton to our friend for the beautiful poinsettias that were sent to the residents. God bless you and may the beauty of the season bring you happiness and joy.

Falba Shofner was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Bethany Parker, Beth Meador and Dub visited with Nandell Stiles. Janet Scott visited with Pauline

Regian. J.D. and Juanita Holtzelove from Duman visited with Maxine Crisp. Lurene McNutt visited with

Louise Richardson. Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Howet Wilson (2), Ruby Harrell, Alpha Wilson and Maxine Crisp. Exercise class and

Tuesday: Art class and sing-along with Bob Wallace.

Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson (2), Falba Shofner (2), Victor Long (2) and Ruby Harrell. Popcorn social and exercise

Thursday: Manicures, ball toss and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace, sit-down-basketball and dominoes.

Sunday: First Baptist Church All nature whispers its joyous message of the Christmas Season.



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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

Luke shares a parable of Jesus' that we call "The Parable of the Good Samaritan," Luke 10:30-35. Jesus had told it to a lawyer who came to Him, asking Him a question to test Him: "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" It was a good question but Jesus did a favorite thing of His -- He asked the lawyer a question in turn: "What is written in the law? What is your understanding of it?"

The lawyer's answer to Jesus' question brought up the subject of neighbor, and "loving your neighbor as yourself." When Jesus told the lawyer to do according to his answer - in order to have eternal life - the lawyer asked, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke says that he asked the

question, "wanting to justify himself." Enter "the parable of the good Samaritan." You have probably read the story many times - even heard lessons and sermons from it. In addition to the victim, there were robbers whose philosophy was "what's thine is mine," and two selfish men whose philosophy was "what's mine is mine and I'll keep it." But then there's the Samaritan whose philosophy was what's mine is thine."

After sharing the parable with the lawyer, Jesus made him answer his own question of "who is my neighbor." "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves," Jesus asked. And the lawyer answered, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." In other words, "Be a good neighbor; show mercy toward others."

Have you been a "good neighbor" so far this week? I don't mean just to the person who lives next door; how about anyone "in the ditch," anyone in need? I get the impression that one can't have eternal life without being a good neighbor, don't you?

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship......10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"HERBS AND GARDENING" My first love in gardening are the herbs. I find them interesting, fascinating, easy to grow and delectable to the taste buds.

A wagon wheel herb garden is quaint and fun to have. The spokes serve as partitions to separate the various types of plants. Also the name of each herb can be printed or painted around the edge of the wheel thus identifying each herb in its partition. You do not need much space to grow herbs for salads, beds of herbs can fit into the planned design of the landscaping of your yard. They are handiest near your kitchen entrance. That way, you can run out and snip a few sprigs to use in your soups, stews, salads and other dishes.

Dill is great with fish, eggs, potatoes and many other dishes including salads. Dill plants grow from 2 to 3 feet high with bluishgreen finely divided feathery leaves and flat clusters of small, yellowish flowers that develop into tasty seeds. Both leaves and seeds are used for flavoring pickles and other foods.

The leaves have their best quality before the flowers open; seeds are harvested when ripe. The plants prefer to grow in full sun. They may be started from seed in spring after danger of frost has passed. Plant the seeds where you intend for them to grow. It is extremely difficult to transplant them as they are so delicate and feathery. When the seedlings appear,, thin them to approximately ten inches apart. The plants which you remove when thinning may be used in your cooking that day or dried for future use. No need to waste them.

Two dishes my family like using dill, other than fish are: New potatoes steamed and served with butter and dill or boiled until tender, thickened with a roux and seasoned with salt, peper and dill. The second dish which my sister and her family love also is simply sliced fresh tomates sprinkled with fresh or dried dill that is tomates and dill al fresco if you use FRESH DILL and FRESH TOMATOES!!! Simply Scrumptious!!!!

TRIAD **Minutes**

Minutes of the Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council, Wednesday, November 10, 1999, Multi-Purpose Center, 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by CHairman, Esther Kerr.

As everyone had received their copy of the minutes by mail, Esther led members in a round-table discussion of the minutes. The minutes were reviewed, approved, and will stand as written.

The treasurer reported the balance as of the November bank statement. Treasurers report was accepted and filed for audit.

In regard to the special lightbulbs to aid emergency personnel in locating the residences of those who are in need of medical or other assistance -- Anita has forms now to order the bulbs. She will get a check from Kay and order 50 of the bulbs, which will run about \$250. We will make the bulbs available to the public at \$10 per bulb with Senior Citizens receiving theirs for \$5 per bulb. If they cannot afford the bulbs we will donate theirs.

Anita has begun work on pamphlets with simple recipes to be distributed to those who receive the assistance of food items. If you have a suggestion for or a simple recipe donations of such are welcome.

Also when we begin our cookbook project Anita would like some of the proceeds to go toward the library fund.

Anita will check with a lady who might have access to some racks on which to display donated clothing. It is easier for the people to locate needed clothing when placed on hangers and then hang them on the standing racks.

Leonard inquired about the hours needed for the certification of a law officer to make inspection for the Neighborhood Watch program. Anita stated she believes it to be approximately 23 hours. Deputy Jay Kniffen was suggested as a possible

Project Pride to

Project Pride will hold their

regular monthly business meeting

on Tuesday evening, December 14,

at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

Committee reorts will be given and

officers for the year 2000 will be

Colonial Oaks

First Baptsist Church will conduct

worship services at Colonial Oaks

Nursing Home on Sunday,

December 12, commencing at 3:30

The public is invited.

Services

Meet Tuesday

candidate to be certified for Cross Plains. Clyde already has a certified officer for their program, Ron Young.

Prior to todays meeting we had discussed a reception to introduce our new poverty program. Esther suggested and we agreed to schedule the reception for after the holidays; and then have Bun Barry as speaker. We would first like to channel our energies into getting the program in

We are in need of a place to store food items until we can get the existing storage area cleaned and in readiness.

We discussed whether or not it would be necessary to inventory food items, already at the center; before we add more food to be stored

Esther related that Sarah Brashear told her the sorority would donate food or money for Christmas baskets.

Kay will do an article for the Review with a list of suggested food items for those who wish to donate food for Christmas food baskets.

A motion was made by Johnnie Bland that the TRIAD council do Christmas food baskets this year. Kay Mosley seconded and motion carried. Betty Edwards has a list of names from last year and was can compare with other lists and make adjustments and/or additions or deletions.

Betty suggested she bring all food items she's collected, everyone can look them over and check to see how much to order from the Abilene Food Bank. On large packaged items such as rice we can repackage into one pound bags for distribution.

It was suggested that we call precinct commissioner Charlie Grider on dumping the spoiled meat. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8.

The meeting adjoourned.

Submitted Kay Mosley, Secretary-Treasurer

SENIOR MENU

DECEMBER 13-17

MONDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, Italian veggies, chocolate chip cookies, applesauce, roll and milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, broccoli, pineappleupside down cake, roll and milk. WEDNESDAY-Chicken fry steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, apple crisp, roll and milk.

THURSDAY-BBQ brisket, baked beans, petate salad, apricot cobbler, bread and milk.

FRIDAY-Chef salad, ham, cheese, egg, baked potato, cherry gelatin w/topping, crackers and milk.

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Oliver and Frankie enjoyed their Thanksgiving Sunday with their daughters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nance and Scott Nance. Joey Nance did not get to be with us. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harrelson and Laura Rankin and Ryan. We had so much to be thankful for, we were all well. Mrs. Jean Fore was also our guest.

Visiting with Jean Fore during the holidays were John and Irma Miller, their daughter and son from Fort Worth, Jean Alexander, Oliver and Frankic Smith and Francis Huntington from Brady.

Earlene Burge spent Thanksgiving Day with her daughter, Jessica and Jack Stultz in Brownwood. Others that were there were Cindy Ochoa of the home, Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm and their son Cameron from Nacogdoches and Susan and Chipper Bridges and their sons Arlie and Andrew of Austin. Grandson Jon Ochoa came after work. We all enjoyed the dinner and fellowship. Friends of the family stopped by throughout the afternoon.

Saturday evening Jessica, Dec Ann and Cindy came to Pioneer. Cindy's friend Carl Smith also visited.

Lottie Sooter and her children Don and Fran took a trip to Louisana for the Thanksgiving Holiday. They visited Lottie's daughter Jane and her family. They had lots -- of good food and visiting.

Charlene Chesshir and family had Thanksgiving at her house. All the children were there except John's family who lives in Oklahoma. Joining the Chesshirs were her twin sister and her husband, Stewart and Christene Cooper of Abilene. Also two of their children and their families. We had twenty seven in all. Everyone brought food. Some watched football, some played soccer, some went deer hunting and a few of the crowd picked up pecans. We all had a great time!

Glenda Phillips had her children home over the holidays. She really enjoyed them all. She went to see Kali play basketball and went to see Krista perform in the PIPS at halftime at the high school basketball game. Her little grandson, Logan, is doing really well and Janice is improving. Hopefully everyone will soon be okay. They really appreciated everyone's prayers, food, cards, calls and concern whle Logan was sick and since Janice has been sick.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton spent a quict Thanksgiving Day by

themselves. On Saturday the 27th, things got to popping, their family gathered at their house for a chili and stew supper. There were around 30 in attendance - WOW! It wasn't so quiet then. A good time was had by all.

Donna and Pee Wee Pickett had their family home for Thanksgiving. They all had a great time eating and visiting. They "always" like to see those grandchildren. Those who were there were Jana, Rob, their children, Brian, Jon and baby Kelsey Lynn from Pope AFB, North Carolina; Randy, Shelli, their children Kyle, Cory and Kendal from Bakersfield, Texas; Brenda, Stacy, their children Ashlee, Jarrah and Blake of Cross Plains; also Donna's brother Jerry and her sister Lucille

James and Jean Alexander had their children, Jim, Marla, Doss, Jack, Will and Ashley for the Thanksgiving holiday. Doss and Jack from ACU spent a short time with them then went on back to Richardson. Will stuck around and hunted and explored the creek. Ashley did her favorite things, going to Mozelle's and night riding. Everyone enjoyed the eats, visiting and football.

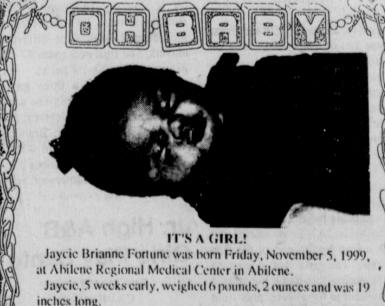
D.P. and May Jones spent the holiday with D.P.'s mother Pac Huffman in Marshall. They enjoyed being with his sisters and their families. They had such a good time visiting, eating and football, they forgot to go see the Christmas lights in Marshall.

It really seems like everyone in this community had a good holiday. Iam sure everyone remembered the things to be thankful for. Now that the Christmas Holiday season is here - let's continue to be thankful and stay safe.

We had a good last meeting before the holidays. It was good to have Lou back with us. We always miss those who are out. The club elected officers for the year 2000 - Earlene Burge - president, Laverne Hutton vice president, May Jones secretary-treasurer. Earlene will appoint committee members next year. We did get Jean A's quilt out. We will finish Donna's when we come back in January. Happy Holiday's to all.

Words of Wisdom: Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life.

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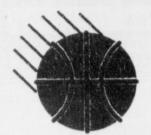
Proud parents are Jason and Robbie Fortune of Abilene and big brother Chase.

Grandparents are Jerry and Debbie Fortune of Abilene and Danny and Trisha Hutton of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Lewis Fortune, Betty Post, Cowan and

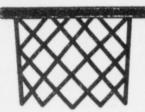
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Great-great grandparents are Laverne Fortune of Cross Plains and Mabel Clark of San Angelo.

Student Review



B-Ball **Time**



Buffaloes Take 1st in Blanket Tournament

CHANDLER

Varsity Lady Buffs Win Consolation Trophy

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday we hosted the Lady Pirates from Priddy. It was a good, close game, but we came up short by a score of 45 to 36. Our leading scorer-was Jennifer Turner with 16.

We dug a deep hole in the first quarter 18-4 and fought our way back into by playing some zone defense and limiting them to 1 shot with good rebounding. We got as close as 38 to 36 with 1:53 left in the fourth quarter. We had 2 chances to tie or go ahead and couldn't get the ball to fall in the basket.

On Thursday we began play in the Blanket Tiger Shoot Out. Our first game was the May Lady Tigers at 1 p.m. The Lady Tigers defeated us by a score of 35 to 29. It was 29 to 29 with 1:30 to go. Our defense played really good. It was our offense that disappeared. It's hard to beat anyone when we shoot 11 for 44 from 2 point for 25\$ and 1 of 15 from 3 point

On Friday we were really focused to play the Lady Panthers of Gorman defeating them by a score of 45 to 25. Our defense is really playing well and our rebounding is improving. Our shooting really increased on Friday hitting 7 of 13 from 3 point for 54%. We are capable of this at anytime if we can keep the confidence flowing.

On Saturday we played Evant for the consolation trophy and won the game by a score of 53 to 30. This was a rematch game for us and we looked at doing a few things different. We scored more and held them to less in the second go round. We are learning more and more with every

Candice Francy was our leading scorer in game one with 14 and 16 in game 2. Candice is really starting to shoot the ball well. Candice was also named to the All-Tournament team. Jennifer Turner was the leading scorer in game 3 with 12

JV Lady Buff **Action Reported**

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

Monday, December 6th the Cross Plains Junior High Girls took on Santo's A & B teams.

The Girls "B" Team, all 12 of them, played a very fast and defensive game. Cross Plains scored 15 points to Santo's 23 points. This was a plus for this group of young ladies, they were only 8 points (4 baskets) away from Santo.

Team scorers were Rivard 9; Callaway, Davis and Phillips 2 each. Good game ladies!

The Girls "A" Team started out with a lead by the end of the first quarter. The girls shot at least 35 times during this game but only 4 shots went in for a score, plus 1 out of the 6 free throws were made.

The final score Cross Plains 9 to Santo's 27. These young ladies are hard workers and they will continue to play hard and shoot that ball.

Team scorers were Dillard 4; Clark and Mack 2 each; and Edington 1. Next Monday, December 13, the A

& B teams will travel to Ranger.

Hoop It Up!

By COACH CODY

After what started out to be a dismal week for the Cross Plains Buffaloes, the week ended with the first winning streak of the season. On Tuesday, November 30th, the Buffaloes hosted a game against Priddy. After spotting them a first quarter lead the Buffs roared back by outscoring Priddy 20-7 in the second quarter.

The lead was maintained throughout most of the third quarter, but was lost with a last second shot as time expired. During the fourth quarter, the Buffalo defense broke down giving up 5 three pointers and a total of 26 points. During that time the Buffaloes only scored 12 points bringing the final score to 66-52. Cross Plains' record is 1-3.

Thursday, December 2, was the beginning of the Blanket tournament. The Buffs were to play May in the first game. The score was low scoring event, and as usual the Buffs gave up an early lead to the May Tigers. The game was close from beginning to end, but strong defensive play and a few key baskets paved the way for Buffalo victory. Key players were Jody Pancake, Coby Richards and Jaden Winfrey. The final score was 36-32. Cross Plains record 2-3.

On Friday, the Buffs were to play a strong Eden team that had posted a 4-1 record up to that point. However, the Buffaloes were going to change that luck. The Buffaloes played a super game on defense holding Eden's best player to only 4 points.

As the game went on, the Buffaloes seemed to take control of the game by keeping pressure on their offense and continuing to make pressure

The fourth quarter, finished with only 4 Eden players on the floor, because the other 3 players had fouled out. Joe Dillard, who did not play the first game, made 4 consecutive free-throws to clinch the game. The final score was 48-41. Key players were Coby Richards, Cody Reed, Joe Dillard, Josh Hopkins, Jaden Winfrey and John Peters. Cross Plains record 3-3.

In the Championship game on Saturday night, the Buffs played their most consistent game of the year. Without giving up the big first quarter lead, the Buffaloes were able to keep the Cherokee players from ahead early and staying there. The game was close throughout, but Cross Plains seemed to be gaining more control as the game went

When the fourth quarter started, the Buffaloes trailed by 3 points. However, that lead was crased early, and the Buffs never looked back. Each time Cherokee made a mistake, the Buffaloes capitalized on it. During the quarter the Buffaloes made 809 free-throws including 2 from four different players. The final score was 47-40, giving Cross Plains the championship and a three game winning streak. Key players were Jody Pancake, Coby Richards, Joe Dillard, Tim Butler and Brandon Mahler. Cross Plains record 4-3.

Next weekend the Buffaloes play in the Rising Star Tournament, hope to see you there.

Jr. High A&B Girls Play Santo

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday the Lady Buffs defeated a stingy bunch of Freshman from DeLeon by the score of 28 to 27. We trailed the whole game coming from behind to win late in the 4th quarter. The kids struggled to make easy shots the whole game but found a way to win in the end and that means a lot for their confidence and character.

Revised Policy Noted at School

To all classes - absences and tardies will begin September 8th Semester Exams - revised 12-06-

The semester exam policy is as follows:

· All students will test in all classes except band and PE and athletic, unless exempt.

· Exemptions policy:

With 90+ -- 3 absences or on 3rd With 80+ -- 2 absences or on 3rd

With 70+ -- 1 absence or on 3rd

Cocurricular andlor extracurricular absences do not count for exemption policy.

· Exams will be true semester · Testing time will be one and one-

half hours in length. · End of course exams will count

as finals. · All section 504 and Special

Education modifications will apply.

· Teachers will be responsible for coordinating exemptions with students and will then be responsible for reporting these exemptions to the office and posting on their door.

 A scheduling committee will determine a testing schedule for each semester in August and January of respective semesters.

· Campus will be closed during testing. Students can not hang around the school or halls. Those that have no transportation will be assigned to the library.

· The semester exam will count as 12:30 p.m. 1/7 of the semester grade.

· A copy of the semester exam must be on file with the principal before the exam is administered.

· Students must stay in testing situation the entire 90 minutes.

· Student **EXAM** SEMESTER **SCHEDULE**

Review Day: Monday, December 13 and December 14/Monday, May 15 and May 16 or before

List Posted: Lists of exempt students will be posted in each classroom no later than Tuesday prior to exams.

Unexcused Absences on test day

will be a 0. TESTING SCHEDULE December 15 and May 17 8:15-8:45 Period 1 Study Hall 8:50-10:20 Period 1 Exam 10:30-11:00 Period 3 Study Hall 11:05-12:25 Period 3 Exam 12:25-1:00 Lunch 1:00-2:30 Period 5 Exam 2:30 Buses run

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1:00-2:30 Semester Wrap-up Seniors that are in jeopardy of not passing a course: Arrangements will be made for exams to be given the week prior to

regular final exams (May 10, 11 or

7-12 Students at school and no transportation will be assigned to Mr. Wilson - For Special Program. Any student that leaves campus

MUST have a note on file in the office prior to signing out or the student will not be allowed to leave. Students that have exemptions are not required to come to school for

that exempted class. Buses will run at 2:30 Wednesday and Thursday and 12:30 on Friday. Schedule changes for the following semester will be done from December 8, 1999 to

December 17, 1999.

Classified Ads **Get Results** Place One 254-725-0111

Short Policy Noted at CPISD

Due to faculty request, it has been recommended to the CPISD School Board to reconsider the shorts policy for the 2000-2001 school year grades affecting Consideration of changing the policy is attributed to the consistent violation of the school dress code. The current policy reads 4 inches above the knee. The new policy recommended to the Board of Trustees is to not allow shorts to be worn during the school day. Please place in writing your comments considering the issue and mail to the Superintendents Office: Jackie Tennison, P.O. Box 669, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Inquiries must be received by December 15.

Christmas Holiday for C.P. **Students** Begins Dec. 20

The students at CP School will begin December 20 through January

Early out semester exam schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 15-early out at 2:30 p.m. buses will run at

Thursday, December 16 - early out at 2:30 p.m. buses will run at

Friday, December 17 - early out at 12:30 p.m. buses will run at



DECEMBER 13-17

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk. TUESDAY-Eggs, bacon, toast w/ jelly, assorted juice and milk. WEDNESDAY-Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk. THURSDAY-Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk. FRIDAY-Breakfast bread,

yogurt, assorted juice and milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Chicken patty on bun, potato wedges, pickles, rosy applesauce and milk. TUESDAY-Chalupas, corn,

salad, pudding and milk. WEDNESDAY-Becf-stroganoff, creamed potatoes, carrots & peas,

rolls, honey and milk. THURSDAY—Fish w/tartar sauce, coleslaw, black-eyed peas, corn bread, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken crackers, tossed salad, mixed fruit and milk.

McCoy's Building Supply **Celebrates New Brownwood Store**

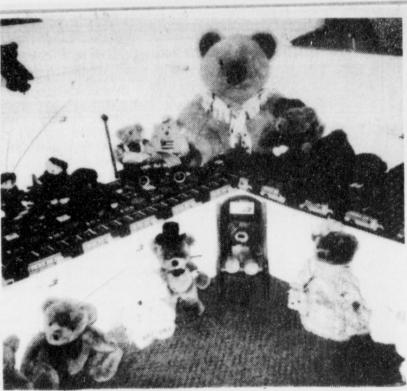
BROWNWOOD-McCoy's Building Supply Centers will celebrate the grand opening of its newly improved Brownwood store at 3605 Highway 377 South on Thursday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. The official grand opening will feature a board-cutting ceremony, food and drinks, and a presentation of the store management team.

The existing Brownwood store has been remodeled to offer customers more product variety, along with new amenities such as a new paint center, stadium-style displays, and a larger number of items in the lumberyard. The store will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

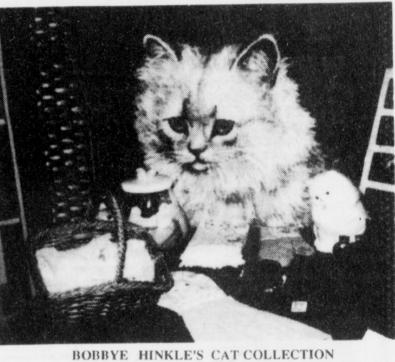
The store will be managed by Mike Jones and will employee more than 20 employees. The management team also includes Regional Manager Greg Stephens, Assistant Manager Toni Hill, and Store Inventory Control Person Phillip West.

Founded in Galveston, Texas, McCoy's Building Supply Centers sperates 106 sieres in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

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SHIRLEY DAVIS' TEDDY BEAR COLLECTION





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RESIDENTS ENJOY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER CAKE WALK

Christmas in Cross Plains—

how many years this tradition has continued and new collectibles keep

The lighted Christmas decorations at the Howard House were even more brilliant with the addition of the Santa Claus train. The new Project Pride sign looked great, too!

I concluded the festive evening with a hayride, sponsored by the Barbarian Festival Committee. The volunteers wore Santa Claus caps and the spirit of Christmas was alive and well! Children and adults boarded the trailer filled with hay bales and singing of Christmas carols began.

We were driving through the city viewing the decorated homes when all of a sudden the chug-a-lug of the tractor stopped -- it ran out of diesel. This didn't put a damper on the Christmas spirit, it just made the ride even more unique! At this point everyone had to get off the trailer so it could be hooked to a pickup. The transfer only took a few

minutes and we entertained ourselves caroling. Everyone agreed the tractor gave the hayride more authenticity, but we were sure glad we didn't have to walk!

County Attorney Allen Wright, who was aboard at this time, noted that the harmonizing on the carols sounded good. Remembering the words to the songs was challenging at times. The children introduced us to some new versions of several songs. All the excitement made for a great finale for Christmas in Cross Plains.

Our community should be proud of the various programs provided throughout the year for their residents. If you haven't been attending these events -- you have missed out on some great fun and fellowship! See you at the next one!!!

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Shane Deel candidate for County Attorney

On Friday December 3, 1999 I made official my candidacy for County Attorney by filing an application to be placed on the Democratic Party Primary Ballot. First of all, I would like to thank the many of you who have expressed your support of my efforts, I truly appreciate all your kind words and encouragement.

While I know many of you very well, I realize there are many residents out there who do not know me that well, so I'd like to let you know a little bit about me. My family and I now reside in Clyde. I grew up and attended school in Baird, graduating as the Valedictorian of Baird High School in 1990. I went on to Texas Tech University where I received my Bachelor's Degree in history and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1994. I stayed at Texas Tech to attend law school on a Regents' scholarship and graduated in 1998

After passing the bar exam, I began my own law practice dealing largely with criminal law matters. I have handled cases in various counties across the state, ranging from simple misdemeanors to serious felonies, at both the trial and appellate levels. I have enjoyed the challenge of operating my own law practice, and I am excited about the opportunity to serve my lifelong friends and neighbors as Callahan County Attorney.

I'm not going to make all kinds of promises that I can't keep, but I can assure you of a few things. I will conduct myself in office as I do in my personal life, with integrity,



SHANE DEEL
...candidate for County Attorney

honor and decency. I will not be afraid of tough cases, and will treat all our citizens equally. If mistakes are made, I will be front and center to take responsibility rather than passing the buck to someone else. I will be honest with you, even if it's not what you want to hear. In short, I will give you my very best effort, and if you ask around and talk to the people who do know me, I think they will tell you that is the kind of representation Callahan County needs from its elected officials.

Thanks for reading, and if you have any questions or would like to be involved in the campaign, please give me a call at 893-4706.

Pol. ad paid by Shane Deel Campaign, 526 Swenson Road, Clyde, Texas 79510

would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of Callahan County Tax Assessor/ Collector. Callahan County has been my home for the past 26 years. I am married to Ray Walker and we have one child, Kaitlyn. We attend the Methodist Church of Baird and enjoy working with children. It has been my pleasure to serve the people of Callahan County over the past 18 years, serving under three previous Tax Collectors. I have served as Chief Deputy Tax Collector for 12 of those years. I have received training and certification in the areas of

am Tammy T. Walker and I

Motor Vehicles, Voter Registeration and Tax Collection. I have already passed several classes and a four hour exam to achieve the classification of Registered Tax Collector. I believe this will prepare me for the additional classes leading to the eight hour exam that is State mandated for Tax Assessors. The knowledge, experience and friendliness, of the staff, in both the main office and both sub-stations, is excellent. I would like to maintain this level of professionalism and friendly service that the taxpayers deserve to receive from public officials. I humbly ask for your consideration and support in the Democratic Primary on March 14, 2000. Thank you.

Political ad paid by Debbie Hatchett, Campaign Treasurer



The Roman ruler Julius Caesar established January 1 as New Year's Day in 46 B.C.

ASSISTANCE -

instant Ralston, cornbread mix, dry cereal, powdered milk, cake mixes, peanut butter, Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, crackers, Jello and pudding mixes, vegetable oil, popcorn, peanuts or almonds, canned fruit, canned pie filling, mincemeat, etc.

Also suggested are staples such as: canned or fruit, cornmeal, flour, baking powder, sugar, shortening, Kool-aid, ketchup, mustard, mayonaise, honey, syrup, other types of nuts.

Individual plastic cup as one dish meals which are available at the grocery and require no refrigeration are great for persons living alone. They are available in spaghetti and meat sauce, ham-potato dinner, chicken noodle casserole, stew, beans and franks, etc.

You may call Esther Kerr at 725-6402 or Betty Edwards at 725-6510 to receive further informatin, as to where and when to drop it off etc.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas.

Submitted by Kay Mosley, Secretary

FILINGS -

Co. Commissioner Prec. #1
—Harold Hicks, 59, filed Friday,
December 3 for re-election to the
Commissioner Precinct #1 post in
Clyde. Hicks has resided in the
state 27 years and in the county 27
years. He lists an address of 1472
FM 604 in Clyde.

Co. Commissioner Prec. #3
—Tommy Holland, 66, filed Friday, December 3 for re-election to the Commissioner Precinct #3 post in Baird. Holland lists an address of 240 Vine Street in Baird. He has resided in the state 66 years and in the county 35 years.

Co. Constable Prec. #1
—David Blalock, 53, filed Friday,
December 3 for re-election to the
Constable Precinct #1 office in
Clyde. Blalock resides at 9069 FM
604 in Clyde. He has resided in the
state and in the county 53 years.
He lists an occupation as self-employed.

Co. Constable Prec. #3
—Howard Bredehoft, 55, filed
Monday, December 6 for re-election to the Constable Precinct #3
place in Baird. Bredehoft resides at
800 Race Street in Baird. He has
resided in the state 55 years and in
the county 27 years. A retired
game warden, Bredehoft lists his
occupation as constable.

Candidate filing for the March 2000 Democratic Primary Election is continuing now through January 3, 2000, according to the Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman. Application forms are available from Hardwick at his office at 227 Market Street in Baird or at his residence at 613 Cherry Street in Baird. The party chairman can be reached at his office at 854-1256 or at his residence at 854-1336.

Those Callahan County offices up for election in the March 2000 Democratic Primary Election include County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Tax Assessor/Collector, County Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Commissioner Precinct #3 (Baird), County Constable Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Constable Precinct #3 (Baird) and County Constable Precinct #4 (Cross Plains).

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RELAXING MEETING—Roma Holley (left) was the speaker November 23 for the Cross Plains Kiwanis program. Massage therapy is Roma's chosen career and she explained the intense training she completed to obtain her Massage Therapy Liscense in the State of Texas. She educated those in attendance about the health beneifts of her work. The name of her business is Relax Touch Massage Therapy and she works out of Eastland. She was a guest of Kathy Chesshir.



FEATURED SPEAKER—Judge Roger Corn (shown above right) was the featured speaker at the meeting of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club on November 30. He gave a recap of the expenditures of the county for the year 1999 and also described the new budget for the year 2000. Pictured with him is Dr. Richard Chaffin, who was the program coordinator. The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feedbarn.

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Receipts totaled 954 head. The market continued active today with choice steers of all weights selling \$4 to \$12 higher while medium quality steers sold \$3 to \$9 higher. Heifers of all weights sold \$4 to \$10 higher on the choice kinds while medium quality heifers sold \$3 to \$7 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to \$25 higher.

Representative Sales

Brownwood

Robert Allen
Lynda Hallum
Don Lewis
Ross Rowlett
Bell Ranch
BK Lane
Darrell Hynes
Bill Means
Bill Means
Gary Abbott
Robert Allen
Carl Chandler

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1 Bik Str 415 @ 107.00
1 Bik Str 505 @ 96.00
1 Bik Str 520 @ 96.00
1 Bik Str 600 @ 86.50
1 BWF Hfr 470 @ 100.00
1 Bik Hfr 490 @ 94.00
1 Char Hfr 480 @ 86.00
1 Bik Hfr 520 @ 84.50

1 RWF Hfr 730 @ 73.50

1 Blk Str 300 @ 121.00

1 Char Str 385 @ 112.50

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| 400-500 | 88-1.09 | 82-1.00 | 23-38.50 |
| 500-600 | 84-97 | 74-84.50 | Bred Cows |
| 600-700 | 74-86.50 | 70-80.50 | 280-530 |
| 700-800 | 68-76 | 64-73.50 | Pairs |
| Replacemen | t Price | 75-85 | 480-820 |

Bun Barry Not Seeking Re-election in March

Two term County Tax Assessor/ Collector Bun Barry announced recently he will not seek another four year term saying the lack of support from the County Commissioners as the main reason for his not filling again.

not filing again.

Barry, in a telephone conversation Monday, December 6 stated in the seven years he's served as Tax Assessor/Collector he's only been to the County Commissioners asking for something twice and both times the commissioners said no.

The most recent request by Barry was to move the county's tax collections over to the Central Appraisal District. Barry said even the county's school superintendents were in favor of the move of the collection's office. However, the county commissioners voted his request down and instead voted to leave the tax collection's where they are. Barry said he believes moving the tax collection's office would "get the politics out of collections."

Barry sald the Tax Assessor/ Collector's office is one employee shy of a full staff and county commissioners are seeing a \$10,000 budget surplus because of the lack of staff. "It's too much of a threering circus being one employee shy," Barry said of his request. Barry said by the County Commissioners voting down his request, they're in effect saying "Hit the road if you don't like it."

The tax assessor/collector said if things don't change soon, he looks for the county's school districts to pull their tax collections out of the tax assessor/collector's office and do it themselves or go somewhere else to have the collections done.

Barry said because he doesn't have a full staff hired, he is not getting the maximum effort out of the tax office. He said he's doing some 30,000 tax items a year, along with 17,000 vehicle registrations, 6,000 new titles and 8,600 voter registration cards a year. He said the lack of another employee in his office is hurting delinquent tax questions.

Barry's current term as Tax Assessor/Collector expires December 31, 2000. "I've encouraged Tammy (Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker) to file-because she's been in the office 17 years," Barry said of the vacancy.

Barry said he's approached the Central Appraisal District about a job in that office if one becomes available. Barry said Jane Ringhoffer, who serves in the Central Appraisal District office, is to retire in December 2000. Barry also said current Central Appraisal District's Chief Appraiser has also contemplated retirement. "Hopefully I can get employment over there (Central Appraisal District), Barry said. He said the Central Appraisal District Board has not taken any action about his employment there.

Barry did say although his term expires at the end of December 2000, there is a possibility he would take the job with the Central Appraisal District before his term is completed. He said if that happened, the County Commissioners could appoint the Tax Assessor/ Collector's candidate after the March 2000 election.

Barry said he likes the real property aspects of his position and enjoys working for the county's residents. "In all honesty, I feel like it's best to do something else," Barry concluded.

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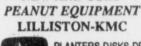
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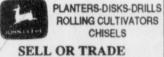
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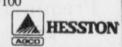
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It's De-Feet!

My sister called. She was laughing. Something about her husband. "You know how Emmett always smells his socks when he takes them off at night?"

"Yes," I answered. We've laughed at his crazy habit for years while he defends it. Family joke.

"Well," she continued, "there's a study just out that says people who smell their socks sleep better at night."

"People? You mean plural? There's more than one person who does this?" It's hard to imagine there's a large enough group of people who sniff their socks at bedtime that syndromic significance is attached to the disgusting behavior. In the first place, why would anyone do that? In the second place, why would anyone want to do a study about it?

Further, how did the researchers find their study subjects? Is this just quirky? Or are there some magical, health-instilling benefits from such a habit, routinely performed?

That night, I sat there on the edge of the bed, pulled off my socks and let them drop to the floor.

I gazed at the socks through blurry eyes, so tired I was numb. It was exhausting enough just thinking about commanding my muscles to move me under the covers. I yawned, stretched my arms over my head and sighed. I was ready to crumple into bed. It had been a

But, what the heck, I mutely declared, let's do a little scientific

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experimentation here.

I hesitated. Maybe I need a pure environment in which to conduct this study. The results might be tainted by the aroma of MyKeeper's sox on the floor on the other side. I can tell they are there. All I have to do is follow my nose.

The thought reminded me of another family story, and I giggled. It's about when MyKeeper conned Punkin into taking off his workboots for him. Only once. She was just four at the time. But she learns

Anyway, Heaned over, picked up one sock, lifted it gingerly to eye level. At arm's length.

I contemplated the thing. It is tubular, 180 threads per inch, white, ribbed cuff, double reinforced heel and toe, stretched and a bit grimy after a day's wear.

Is this how they do it, I wondered, those people who smell their socks before bed?

I tried to make my arm bend toward my nose, but it wouldn't. So, I stretched my neck out to meet my arm. At this distance, I can see the ribbed cuff more clearly, and the bits of sand and hay embedded in the weave. On closer inspection it looks like maybe there's only 120 threads per inch.

My chest is getting tight. I'm running out of breath. Turning blue. The room turns hazy. Still, I cannot make myself sniff.

I throw the stocking on the floor, gasp for air, and fall into bed.

There might be something to this. It's a bad habit, but if you don't inhale.

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Texas Counties Approved for the Livestock Assistance Program

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LAP, administrated by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties that have suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 1999. Nationwide, \$200 million has been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the \$8.7 billion farm assistance package passed in October. An additional \$10 million in funding was approved in the recently passed HR 3194 which provides \$576 million in additional emergency funding.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for a 90-day period during 1999. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle; buffalo or bbeefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle; sheep; goats; swine; and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

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