

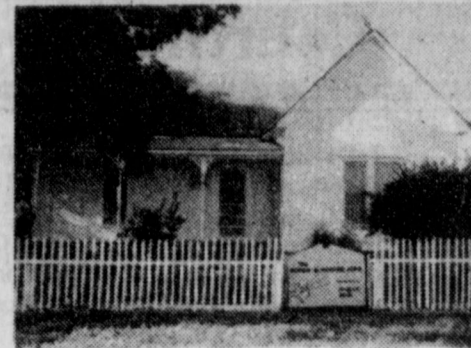


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Down Home

"Are We Having Fun Yet?"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

Supper evening, after decorating the house for Christmas and shelling pecans, Richard and I went deer hunting. We parked the pickup in the bed of the now almost dry tank, so the deer couldn't see it. Quietly, Indian style as Richard calls it, we walked to the deer blind (the one that looks like an outhouse).

We get inside and I say, "There is only one chair?" Turned out there was a water can for the second person -- what comfort! I am sitting there with my coat pulled up over my ears and look like the hunch-back of Notre Dame.

Richard instructs me to move slowly and try to sit as still as possible. Movement is similar to that of a robot. He reminded me of my dad, who thought the fish could hear you walk and talk on the banks of a tank. These instructions were very familiar, having gone hunting and fishing with my dad when I was a kid.

I get situated and try to concentrate on being perfectly still. After about 10 minutes or so, Richard leans over and whispers, "Isn't this fun!" I had just been asking myself, "Are we having fun yet?"

I must admit all that quiet and immobility is not my cup of tea. I just wanted to see a deer, a coyote, or just anything in the wild. Richard had been watching the deer for several days from the blind, as they ate at the corn feeders. He found this fascinating and it sounded like fun.

While we are waiting, I could visualize what looked like a little house in the edge of the brush. It was like a miniature two-story with a little window in the top. It had a green roof and the walls were like old barn wood. Does this tell you how bored I was? I asked Richard if he had ever noticed how it looked like a house and he could see it, too. However, not the color of the roof and walls. Well, that helped my feelings some.

Then the wind started blowing. The slits on the deer blind are just ear level and the cold wind was freezing my face. There was no way I was going to complain and I sure wasn't asking to leave.

Richard started buttoning his jacket and we sat another ten or so minutes. To my surprise he leaned over and said, "I think the wind is blowing too much for the deer to come out of the brush. I am really getting cold -- think I have fever."

Thank goodness, he was ready to go! I am not a patient deer hunter/watcher. I really need some action!

He said some evening we could see if we could find some coyotes. You can hear them even in the early morning (around 5:30) very close to the house.

I think this will be better, as we can sit in the pickup and not be cold. However, I am sure I will have to keep my mouth shut. My dad always told my Granny Ethel, "If you kept your mouth shut for five minutes it would beat your brain out." Richard feels this same theory applies to me.

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Christmas Hayride Set for Saturday, Dec. 18

A Christmas Hayride is planned for Saturday, December 18, at the bank lot behind Dairy Queen from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Snacks and hot drinks will be available. Come and enjoy viewing the decorated homes and singing carols in the evening air. You are sure to catch the Christmas Spirit!

Cost of the ride is \$1.00 per person and the proceeds will benefit the Barbarian Festival scheduled for next September.

FUMC Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 19

By VICKI DILLARD

Christmas is the season of PRAISE! The First United Methodist Church invites everyone to experience and enjoy this year's Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19, at 10:45 a.m.

The cantata is appropriately named "Season of Praise" written by Joseph M. Martin. Through this music and the artistic direction of Angela Swift, a beautiful opportunity is offered for worship and celebration of the Christ Child's unique coming to the world.

The congregation is invited to sing familiar carols, while the choir contributes new anthems to the service.

Narration throughout the cantata will be eloquently provided by Charles Rodenberger. Special readings will be added by Bryan and Debi Bennett and Donna Ames.

The combination of all of this God-given talent guarantee an emotionally satisfying worship experience for all.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 24, in the sanctuary.

Help Needed for Children's Gifts

The Chamber of Commerce wishes to remind citizens of Cross Plains 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, pre-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 families 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 are twice as many children on the list as last year, local organizations and churches are invited to make donations to these children if they wish.

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.

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NEW LAKEWAY OWNERS — Angelia and James Ames

Lakeway Grocery Locally Owned by Ames Family

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

James and Angelia Ames purchased Lakeway Grocery from Brenda Ezzell and officially opened for business on November 10th. The convenient store is located on Highway 206 south of the 4-way stop. Their hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

The couple, along with former Lakeway owner Bill Young, are operating the store. Due to Young's past success selling lottery tickets they were able to establish sales in record time (November 20th), according to the State Lottery Commission. Under the management of Young, Lakeway Grocery was the second highest selling business in Callahan County for several years. Lotto sales are already on the increase.

Lakeway features groceries, gasoline, deli lunch meat and sandwiches and provides a dining room for customers' comfort. Breakfast foods and lunch specials are a possibility in the near future.

Everyday low price on a gallon of milk made by Bordens is \$2.39 and a 1/2 gallon of Blue Bell ice cream is always \$3.99.

Fishing minnows and worms and fishing supplies are available. Also, a nice selection of ammunition is on stock for hunters, along with deer corn. Soon fishing and hunting license will be sold.

Western style all-occasion cards and t-shirts are also offered.

James, a lifetime resident of Cross Plains, and Angelia invite everyone to come down and get acquainted. Hometown friendly service is their aim. Watch for the upcoming grand opening, as lots of great sale items will be featured!



OUTSTANDING BAND STUDENTS — Roger Carey (from left), Judith Hartman, Megan Felty and Danielle Marion.

All-District and All-Region Band Students Selected

By TODD FELTY
Band Director

Congratulations to these fine band students for auditioning and gaining a position in All-District or All-Region Band:

All-District Junior High Band - Megan Felty, F-Horn, 7th Grade
All-District High School Band - Judith Hartman, Bass Clarinet, Freshman

Roger Carey, Tuba, Junior
All-Region High School Band - Danielle Marion, Clarinet, Junior
Judith Hartman, Bass Clarinet, Freshman



DISTRICT 13-A ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL PLAYERS — Robert Walters (front, from left), Jaden Winfrey, Nicholas Dimitri and Roger Carey; Tony Beggs (back, from left), Jody Gosnell, Coby Richards and Kenny Callaway.

Callahan County Will Update 911 Addresses

Callahan County Commissioners voted to begin maintenance of the 911 telephone emergency response system addresses after attending a recent 911 meeting with West Central Texas Council of Government officials.

Commissioners took the action Monday, December 13 during a regular monthly meeting of the commissioners' court held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioners, on a motion by Bryan Farmer and second by Tommy Holland, voted to move the 911 system which will allow Callahan County to make any necessary updates to the 911 addresses. Previously, Callahan County paid Geographic Information Services Inc. to keep the address updates on the 911 system.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said the county will begin maintenance of the 911 addresses on January 1, 2000. He said current county employee Rhonda Vestal will take over the 911 address corrections. She will make her office in the County Courthouse, next door to the County Treasurer's office. Judge Corn said Vestal has been employed part-time in the County Treasurer's office, Justice of the Peace office and County Clerk's office. Corn said another part-time employee will be hired for work in the Justice of the Peace and County Clerk's offices.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments will provide \$5,000 to Callahan County for moving its 911 address maintenance system. He said the county will also apply for another \$10,000 contribution in March 2000.

Judge Corn said with the assistance of the Council of Governments, Callahan County will save \$18,205 over the first eight months of taking over the 911 system. He said between the October 2000 to October 2001 fiscal year, the county will be reimbursed for \$26,082 in expenses incurred maintaining the 911 system.

Other agenda items brought be-

fore members of the commissioners' court included:

—Commissioners took no action regarding a meeting with C.J. Clemmer to discuss moving a portion of County Road 479. County Commissioner Charlie Grider has taken care of the matter and Clemmer did not attend the commissioners' court meeting.

—County commissioners discussed maintenance and grading of a public road, named Dunlap Road, located between County Road 464 and County Road 462 after a request for maintenance was presented by John Young. Also attending the meeting were Doris Young, Charles Elder and Stan Smith. Commissioner Grider will begin grading the public roadway, which is located in the Belle Plaine area.

—Commissioners voted to set the county holidays for 2000 on a motion by Charlie Grider and second by Bryan Farmer. Those holidays include: January 3 for New Year's Day, January 17 for Martin Luther King Day, February 21 for Presidents' Day, April 21 for Good Friday, May 29 for Memorial Day, July 4 for Independence Day, September 4 for Labor Day, October 9 for Columbus Day, November 10 for Veterans' Day, November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving and December 22 and 25 for Christmas.

—Commissioners voted to designate the second Monday of each month on which the Commissioners' Court will convene in a regular session. Commissioners also voted to meet the fourth Monday of every month if necessary for a regular Commissioners' Court session. The motion was made by Tommy Holland and seconded by Harold Hicks.

—Commissioners, on a motion by Harold Hicks and second by Roger Corn, voted to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Clyde, City of Baird and Citizens EMS to maintain funding for the Citizens EMS ambulance service.

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Local Program to Assist the Needy Announced by TRIAD

A new poverty program is to begin in Cross Plains in the very near future. The program will benefit local residents who are in need of assistance.

Christmas food baskets will be distributed in the hope that everyone in the community may enjoy a hearty Christmas meal.

The program is being sponsored by the Callahan County TRIAD Organization. If you know of someone who otherwise might not have a Christmas dinner due to lack of funds, illness, tragedy, or other unfortunate circumstances; please call Esther Kerr at 725-6402 or Betty Edwards at 725-6510. If you will supply to either Esther or Betty; the name and address of the family or person to receive the food basket it will be very helpful and appreciated.

Esther is chairman of this county's TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council, and Betty is missions chairman for First United Methodist Church. The TRIAD Organization is working in conjunction with pastors and representatives of two local churches, community leaders and Callahan County law enforcement officials. Coordinator of the County TRIAD Organization is Anita Mays.

Following the holidays the program may also include the distribution of both food and clothing to those who are eligible. More information will be forthcoming in the Review soon, so watch for it here.

Remember the numbers to call are

725-5402, Esther Kerr or 725-6510, Betty Edwards. Your cooperation will be most appreciated. Make it a Merry Christmas in 1999 for others.

Submitted by Kay Mosley, Secretary-Treasurer Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Richard Hill, theft of property by check.
Keshanda Goss, theft of property by check.
Tasha D. Penrose, theft of property by check.
Sharon K. Garrett, theft of property by check.
Kelli D. Foster, theft of property by check.
Steven Edward Purlee, prohibited weapons.
Steven Edward Purlee, evading arrest.
Jerry Allan Schmidt, hunting from a public road.
Crissy M. Robertson, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Amanda Sweeney, order to dismiss to theft of property by check, paid restitution.
Darla Barrett, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$214.25 court costs.

Johnny Miller, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$229.25 court costs.

Ellie Carson, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$600 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Jerry Allan Schmidt, plea of guilty to hunting from a public road, \$800 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Steven R. Schuyler, motion of continuance granted.

Chondra A. Lang, order to withdraw as surety and warrant issued.

Sullivan Mathis, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, six month probation, \$100 fine, \$214.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

James Robert Farmer and Beverly Ruth Schnabel, both of Abilene.

Allen Edward Janca of Clyde and Carmen Gates Garza of Abilene.

Randy Lynn Hopkins and Pamela Diane Newberry both of Baird.

Daniel Ray Haas and Barbara Jean Lehmann, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Cross Plains Independent School District vs. David Mathew McGowen, David McGowen, Sara McGowen, Billy D. Higgins, Jr., Billy D. Higgins, Sr., Corey Lee Switzer and Deidra Switzer, damages.

Sarah Michelle Howell and Jason Monroe Howell, divorce.

Guy Allen Trojcek and Brenda Bee Trojcek, divorce.

Peggy Marie Sims and Raby Wayne Sims, divorce.

Criminal Indictments

Tamela L. Embry, possession of controlled substance.

Gary Lee Pellitier, possession of controlled substance.

Obituaries

V.H. Collier

V.H. Collier, 65, died Friday, December 10, 1999.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Bro. Wayne Lenz officiating. Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mr. Collier was born April 17, 1934, in Earth. He married Bobbie Thomas October 13, 1955, in Dickenson. He was a Chief Engineer and a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Collier of Cross Cut; three sons, Gordon Ray Collier of Washington state, Thomas Wesley Collier of Lubbock and Truitt Daniel Collier of Abilene; three daughters, Darla Swain of Brownfield, Verdran Williams of Cyprus and Lori Ann Giles of Brownwood; four brothers, Dale Collier of Brownwood, Gene Collier of Wagoner, Marvin Collier and Dennis Collier both of Arkansas; one sister, Virginia Hammons of Canyon; 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Olen P. Teague

BROWNWOOD—Olen P. Teague, 86, of the Metroplex and formerly of Brownwood, died Saturday, December 11, 1999, at a Metroplex hospital.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Leon Aduddell officiating. Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Teague was born in Center City and married Eva Nell McGlothlin in 1939. He was retired from the Brownwood Independent School District and also worked at Howard Payne for a number of years. He was a member of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of the Metroplex; two daughters, Lorna Gleason of the Metroplex, LuAnne Raberding of Texas; three sisters, Evelyn Teague of Anson, Lorraine Merrill of Cross Plains, Karlene Wadsworth of Bangs; three grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Nettie Mae Graham

CLYDE—Nettie Mae Graham, 78, died Sunday, December 12, 1999, in Temple.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dixie Robertson officiating. Burial will be in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Graham was born in Clyde and moved back to Clyde from Albany in 1984. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She married Walter Graham in 1970 in Altus, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband, of Clyde; one brother, Marvin Lovell, Sr. of Hawley; two sisters, Bobbie VonWahalde of Fort Worth and Claudine Corn of Ajo, Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.



Anna Marie Smith

Anna Marie Smith, 43, formerly of Cross Plains died Monday, December 6, 1999, in Idaho. Anna was born in Baird and was preceded in death by her mother Gladys Hargrove and father B.R. Hargrove. She is survived by brothers Steve Hargrove of Bangs and Jim Hargrove of Cross Plains; sister Audrey Roberts of Fort Worth, aunt, Jane Ringhoffer of Baird; as well as close friends Todd, Donna, and Bryan Heinz of Wyoming and Anita Mays of Baird. She was known lovingly by the nickname B-Ann Queena to several nieces and nephews.

She was employed by the law firm of King and King as a legal secretary in Jackson, Wyoming. She assisted at sales and researched bloodlines of race horses for Fasig-Tipton. In August of this year she was on the cover of "The Blood Horse" a weekly publication of the *Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association Magazine* in Saratoga, New York as a "Mr. Prospector" colt topped a record breaking \$3,000,000 in the yearling sale.

Anna loved life and an adventure, whether it be in the army for four years in Germany; touring Holland and Paris, or in Elgin, Texas working at the Southwest Stallion Station, or in Austin as a legal secretary, on a cattle ranch in Lampasas, or Jackson, Wyoming for a law firm. She touched many lives and will be remembered as a strong and vital person with an independence to be admired.

Graveside services were held Saturday, December 11, 1999, at the Cottonwood Cemetery with Max Evans officiating. Pallbearers were Bo and Joe Buchanan, Donnie Wilson, Terry Johnson, David Mays and Robert Ringhoffer.

Memorials may be made to the Cross Plains Junior Livestock Association, Box 669, EMS, Box 597, or the Volunteer Fire Department Box 185.

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Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart. Psalm 119:111

Rejoice always. 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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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, 2000.

For Callahan
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Allen Wright

Pol. Adv. by Allen Wright County Attorney Campaign Fund, 6000 County Road 203, Clyde, Texas 79510

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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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to
You, The Girls
and Puff!

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

We will be having our annual OPEN HOUSE Christmas Party for the residents this Sunday the 19th at 2:00 p.m. Bro. Clowers from Pioneer Baptist Church will present the Christmas Story to us, choir members will lead us in some Christmas Carols. Refreshments will be provided by the Cross Plains Garden Club and Santa Claus (Ray Dodd) will be here with a cheerful HoHoHo. All family and friends are invited to come.

Employees party is tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Our winner for the door decorating contest will be announced Thursday night by our administrator Stormie Jones. Good luck to all.

A warm welcome to our new resident Peggy Koenig.

Appreciation to Mrs. Peavy from Sweet Stuff for the chocolate cake, to the Garden Club for the pretty Christmas Tree and to Margaret Clark for the delicious cookies.

Lurene McNutt, Brenton and Byron McNutt, Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Mansfield visited with Louise Richardson.

Bethany and Amber Parker, Dub and Beth Meador visited with

Nandell Stiles.

Laqueta Rakin and Frankie Smith from Pioneer visited with Falba Shofner and Jo Boatright.

Daisy Holcomb and Lucile Callaway visited with Docie Denton.

Misty Callaway and Betty Mathews was here visiting everybody.

Barbara Robinson visited with Peggy Koenig and Docie Denton.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Howet Wilson (2), Minnie Swann (2), Alpha Wilson, Maxine Crisp and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson, Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shofner (2) and Minnie Swann (2).

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

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

Sunday: OPEN HOUSE
Ring in the season with warm wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"FANTASY HAS ITS REWARDS"

Have you ever had an occasion to wonder what life would be like if: there were no mosquitoes, clouds were green and the grass was white, school was for grandparents instead of children and adolescents, rocks were tall and trees lay on the ground inanimate, rabbits walked on their hindfeet in an upright position, cows hopped, snails flew and birds crawled, frogs sang gorgeous melodies and dogs croaked, cats neighed, horses barked and squirrels meowed?

Life would undoubtedly go on, things would just "appear" differently. Now, personally I feel that life without mosquitoes would be a great improvement over life "WITH" mosquitoes.

Really, I doubt that any of the other "What Ifs" would greatly change life or the world very much. Only their appearance would be changed. With that said, now for the clincher I had in mind as I began this article: then W H Y does ones appearance make so much difference to so many people? Wouldn't it be a nicer,

happier world if we didn't put so much stock into other peoples appearance? Such as whether they are slender or a plus size, tall or short, beautiful or handsome as opposed to just ordinary looking, expensively dressed as opposed to clean and neatly (but inexpensively) attired? If we weren't so obsessed with keeping up with everyone else, perhaps we would have more time to enjoy life. After all ones appearance (as long as you are clean and neat) doesn't affect ones character or ones ability to use their talents with integrity and in a beneficial manner.

As far as the grandparents attending school instead of the youth; in my estimation that might work out wonderfully. The grandparents (speaking from experience) would no doubt enjoy the challenge, the comradery, and the opportunity for new friendships. The children and youth would love to sleep in, watch TV, eat ice cream, mow the lawn, baby-sit, maybe take a trip or two and attend the programs at school to see their grandparents in skits and --- what a fantasy!!

Burkett News

By: Lovera Strickland

Linda Brady, secretary/treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association reports two more donations.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett, in memory of Jack Strickland \$50 and Dorothy and Bevo Webb in memory of Jack Strickland \$25.

Each donation is greatly appreciated. It is used for the upkeep of the cemeteries. Donations may be sent to Linday Brady, 1001 CR 178, Burkett, TX 76828-7502 or you can send it to Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 356, Burkett, TX 76828-0356.

Visitors in Miriam Kuebler's, Jim and Cindy Kuebler's and T.R. Coffey's homes over the Thanksgiving Holidays were Miriams son and family, Bob and Shirley Kuebler and grandchildren, Travis, Terra from Santa Anna Heights, California. Bob, Travis and T.R. managed to get in a little fishing and target practice. All had a wonderful time and lots to be thankful for.

Bob and Beth Kleiber had Thanksgiving on Saturday with Matt and Emma McKinney, Kevin and Alice from Goldsboro and Steve and Amber Kleiber and Brenna from Burkett.

Mildred Lowe's Thanksgiving guests were her grandson, David Williams, wife, Beth and daughter, Hayley Clark of Harrisburg, Illinois, Catherine Steinhart and Joan Foster of Watauga and Wayne Brown of Lometa. They had a great time.

Visiting Mike and Linda Brady Thanksgiving were Stan and Pat Tompson of Erie, Colorado; Michael, Jodi, Patrick and Rochel Shewmaker; George and Virginia Shewmaker of Texarkana; Dawson, Kim and Brady Schnautz of Austin; Russell Gould of Abilene; Tom and Linda Burns and Lucille Creek of Coleman; Tim, Melinda, Colton and Stephanie Bledsoe of Valera and Jacky, Jamie, Nicky Alex; William Trammell and Theresa Trammell of Burkett.

Senior Citizens Menu

DECEMBER 20-24

MONDAY—Ham, black-eyed peas, tomatoes & okra, cherry cake & icing, cornbread and milk.

TUESDAY—Chili w/beans, creamy cabbage, apple slaw, onions, orange gelatin w/pears, cornbread and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, apple crisp, roll and milk.

THURSDAY—Baked chicken, carrots, sliced potatoes, chocolate pudding, roll and milk.

FRIDAY—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Dan Childress is 85!

Date: 12-18-99
Time: 3 to 5 pm

Place: Childress Farm

No presents please!!!!

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Thursday, Laverne and Lottie Sooter were in Abilene for a visit to their eye doctor.

Saturday afternoon, December 4, May Jones took her van and picked up Jean Alexander, Earlene Burge, Laverne Hutton, Mozelle Richardson and Pam Harris and they all toured the Cross Plains tour of homes. It was fun viewing the beautiful houses together, even though the wind was very gusty and cold, compared to the summer like days we had had.

Cowan and Laverne visited Leon and Jerry Shedd in Abilene Monday afternoon. On their return home they stopped by to see Robbie Fortune their granddaughter and their great-grandchildren Chase and Jaycie. Tuesday morning their granddaughter Mary Hutton and little great-grandson Jesse visited Laverne.

The Hutton has 3/10ths inch of rain Wednesday night. Seemed about the same amount over the area. Friday Laverne was in Abilene for an appointment. She saw Donna Pickett in the waiting room as she

was leaving. She came back by her granddaughter Robbie's house and visited with her and children. Betty Crawford was also visiting. It was good to see her. Sunday, Randy Bullard and Neil Carrol of Houston had dinner with Cowan and Laverne Hutton. Sunday afternoon, Laverne attended the school band concert.

The quilting club enjoyed our Christmas Party hosted by Jean Alexander. Her home was very warm and Christmasy. We missed having Sandy and Billie. The rest of our crew was there. We had Robbie Fortune and little Jaycie, Trisha's daughter and granddaughter, visiting with us. We had all kinds of goodies, mmm--good. We wish all a happy and safe holiday season.

If you didn't attend the Rising Star basketball tournament, you missed a good one. The boys final was exceptionally exciting.

Don't forget 42 party night December 17.

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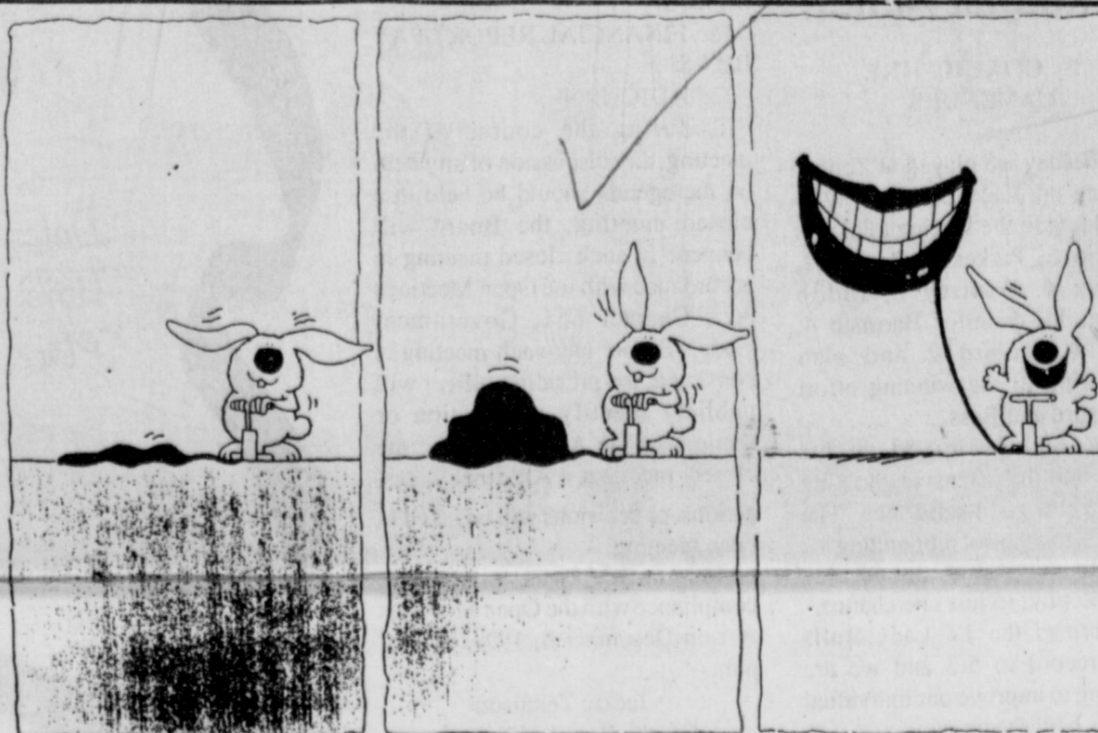
All too often all too many fall too much a victim to the town leaders' thinking, planning and "solution." Instead of shutting down the breweries, "more ambulances are bought." Instead of teaching the sacredness of sexual relationship, and hence abstinence outside of marriage, some advocate "distributing ambulances" (you know what I mean?). And the "ambulance solution" to the drug problem (drugs other than alcohol) is to make them legal? (That's really worked for alcohol, hasn't it?)

The "for instances" are many but the point remains the same: not only do ambulances cost more than fences, they don't save as many lives! (And that becomes increasingly important when we're talking about...eternal life.) I really wonder why they built the town so close to the cliff in the first place? And isn't that where far too many try to build and live their lives - too close to the cliff?

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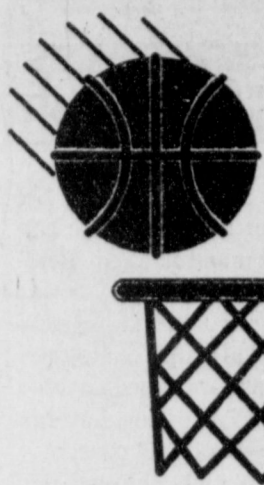


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Student Review



B-Ball Time

Lady Buffs Win Wildcat Classic

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Thursday we began play at the Rising Star Wildcat Classic Tournament. Our opening round game was Gustine and the final score was 60 to 29. Leading scorers were Turner 15 and Wilson 12. In the second round we defeated Ranger by the score of 55 to 46. Leading scorers were Francy and Wilson with 11 each. In the championship game we defeated Gorman 45 to 24. Leading scorer was Turner with 16.

This was a big accomplishment for our program and I'm proud of the effort that these kids are learning how to put forth. Our defense is becoming better with every game and our offense is starting to produce the shots we want to take. We are getting the ball out quickly on defensive rebounds and that allows us to run the floor in transition for easy shots and dictate the speed of the game.

We truly have a group concept. The scoring is always spread around. There are 3 varsity, 9 JV, 1 freshman from junior high; that's where they were last year. We are playing a lot of kids in the rotation and that takes time to learn how to make adjustments everytime we substitute. Our level of play is really starting to rise along with our confidence.

When the awards were handed out at the conclusion of the tournament, Jennifer Turner was named the Most Valuable Player and Candice Francy and Brandi Richey were named to the All-Tournament team.

Jennifer and Candice are our offensive leaders. They had a great over all tournament shooting, rebounding and playing defense.

Brandi is our defensive and assist leader. She is the heart and soul of our defense, she takes the best perimeter player for the other team completely out of the game.

On Tuesday before the tournament we traveled to Zephyr where it's always tough to win. We defeated the Lady Bulldogs by the score of 33 to 32. It was a low scoring, great defensive battle. With no time left on the clock it was 32 to 32 and Jennifer hit a free throw to win the game. Leading scorers for the game were Amanda Kitchens with 8, Jennifer Turner 7, and Candice Francy 7. This one was big for us, we've never beat Zephyr on the varsity level. Zephyr and Coach Perkins run a quality program and the kids were really excited about this victory.

The Lady Buffs current record stands at 9-3 heading towards the holidays. All of the kids have made this possible. Richey, Webb, Beaty, Clark, Francy, Stephenson, Turner, Wyatt, Wilson, Marion, Thomas, Bailey, Kitchens and all of our quality help.

JV Lady Buffs Basketball Action

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday we played at Zephyr defeating the Lady Bulldogs 39 to 25. Adding to the scoring total was Mauricio 6, Parker 4, Rogers 2, Vasquez 4, Winfrey 2, Judith Hartman 11, Jennifer Hartman 4, Nixon 4, Rivard 2 and also contributing to the winning effort was Eppard and Bass.

Coach Atchley mixed up his defense and the offensive shooting pick up for a good solid win. The kids did a good job of rebounding for extra shots and most of the time limited Zephyr to just one chance.

This brings the JV Lady Buffs season record to 5-3 and we are beginning to improve our individual skills for better team play.

Junior High Girls Basketball

By BECKY DILLARD

Monday, December 13, we took one Big Team to Ranger. Due to semester exams we worked it out with Ranger so that the players could get home early. That is why we had one girl's game and one boy's game on Monday.

The girls played a very defensive game against the Bullpups. We caused Ranger to make several turnovers with our defensive press. This helped in keeping the score Cross Plains 0-2 at the end of the 1st quarter.

We came back in the 2nd quarter and scored with one basket and a free throw. We shot the ball, but again the ball did not go into the hoop! So a halftime the score was C.P. 3-4.

3rd quarter we took the lead scoring 2 baskets and 2 free throws but by the end of this quarter it was Cross Plains 9-7.

Two minutes into the 4th quarter, Dillard fouls and fouls out of the game. Ranger made both free throws making it 9-9.

The girls still had the shots but they didn't see the hoop. Ranger scored 11 points, making the final score Cross Plains 9 Ranger 18. Good game ladies!

Team scorers: Dillard 5, Edington 2, Clark 2

Their next game will be Thursday, January 6th against Gorman.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HOOP IT UP!

Buffaloes Win 2nd Tournament

By COACH CODY CHANDLER

After coming away with a one point victory against Zephyr last Tuesday night, the Buffaloes traveled into Rising Star, for the annual Wildcat Tournament. The first game was against Gustine. They had won about half of their games, and beat some of the same teams that the Buffaloes had, but that didn't matter. After taking a 17-14 first quarter lead the Buffs put some distance between them and their opponent that could not be overcome. Cross Plains won the game by 14 points, and prepared for the second round game against Ranger.

Ranger placed more of a challenge for the Buffaloes, because they had some players who knew how to score. These players kept the game close in the first half, and Cross Plains was only able to take a 6 point lead into half-time. By the half, the Buffaloes had attempted 26 free throws, while making only 11. This was the biggest reason for the close score. The second half was a different story however, as the Buffs put on a 22-8 run in the 3rd quarter that put Ranger away for good. The final score was 66-52, with the Buffaloes winning their 6th consecutive game.

The tournament finals were between the hometown Rising Star Wildcats and the Cross Plains Buffaloes. Once again, the Buffalo opponent came out shooting well. However, just as in the previous games, size and strength paid off for the Buffaloes. With a patient offense and great passing, Cross Plains pulled the lead up to 10 points by the end of the 3rd quarter, and maintained that lead through the end of the game. For the second time of the season, Cross Plains was victorious over Rising Star. Cross Plains record, 8-3.



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 Bailey.



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 Nickerson

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

Trustees to Meet Dec. 16

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains School District will be held on Thursday, December 16, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administration board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

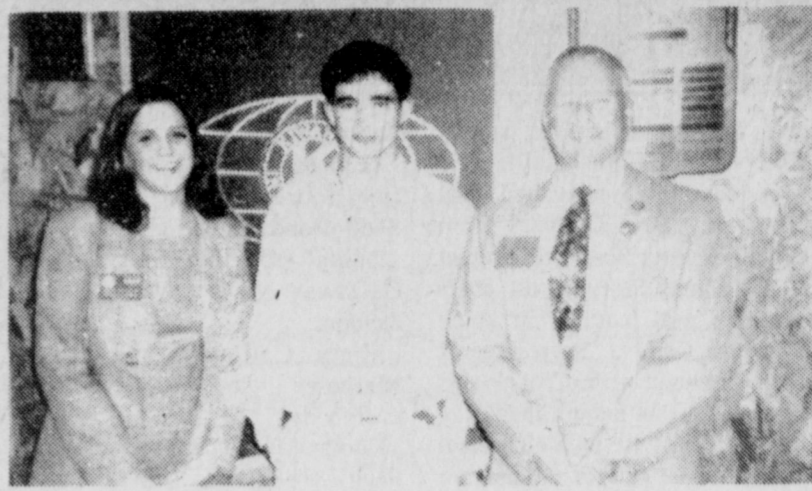
- OPEN MEETING**
1. PRAYER
 2. OPEN FORUM
 3. READ AND ACCEPT MINUTES
 4. PURCHASING MATH TEXTBOOKS
 5. 1999 SCHOOL AUDIT REPORT
 6. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
 7. LOCAL POLICIES OF UPDATE 61
 8. TASB UPDATE 62
 9. SCHOOL PROPERTY INSURANCE
 10. TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR 1999/2000
 11. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM
 12. SCHOOL PERSONNEL
 13. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO FULFILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF VACANT SCHOOL BOARD POSITION
 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
 15. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION
 16. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
 17. ADJOURN

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 8, 1999, at 3:00 p.m.

Jackie Tensionn
For the Board of Trustees

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POSSIBLE KEY CLUB—Kiwanis Key Club Divisions 35 & 36 Lt. Governor DeLisa McCollum (left) and Eastland High School Key Club President Jacob Davidson (center), both from Eastland, and Kiwanis Division 36 Lt. Governor Marvin Stewart (right), of Mineral Wells, were all present at the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club's meeting on December 7 to share some information about the possibility of organizing a Key Club at Cross Plains High School. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn (East Room), with everyone welcome to join them in good fellowship and good programs.

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December 7, 1999
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Receipts totaled 1141 head. Heifers on all weights sold \$4 to \$8 higher with steers selling steady to \$4 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady with pairs and bred cows selling steady to \$25 higher.

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Richard Hayes Jr	Comanche	1 Char X Hfr 520 @ 87.00
Joan Gentry	Brownwood	1 Blk Hfr 600 @ 82.00
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300-400	88-1.15	85-1.05	Slaughter Cows
400-500	85-1.09	77-95	28-37.00
500-600	84-99	73-87	Bred Cows
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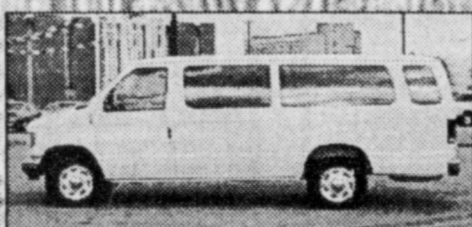
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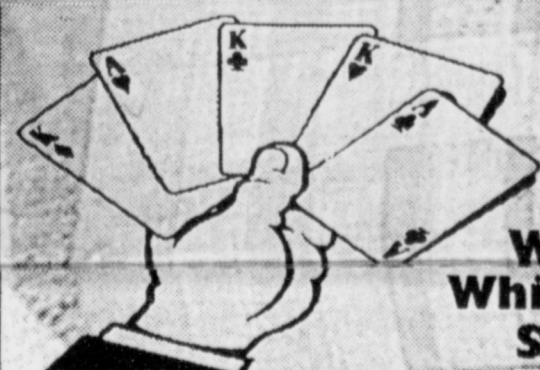
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**Farm Bureau
Membership
Increases/New
Officers Told**
The membership total for Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau as of October 31, 1999, was 1378 member families. This was a gain of one over last year's total of 1334, according to Allen Wilson, president. The state membership total as of October 31, 1999, was 313,498, for a gain of 662 members. Texas Farm Bureau is affiliated nationally with the American Farm Bureau Federation, which has more than 4 million member families, in 2,800 counties across the United States. Newly elected officers of the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau for 1999-2000 are: Allen Wilson, President; Sam Snyder, Vice-President; and H.T. Gleason, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer. Other board of directors include Jim Butler, Randall Franke, Gaylon Johnson, Brad Petree, Joe McWilliams and David Williams.

County
Callahan County will continue to contribute \$1,750 per month to the ambulance service. Commissioners voted to appoint Elizabeth Mullican as an election judge for precinct #2 at Eula. Callahan County Republican Chairman David Holmes made the recommendation of Mullican. The motion by appoint the election judge was made by Bryan Farmer and seconded by Tommy Holland.

**Scranton
Musical**
The scranton Musical for Saturday, January 1, 2000 will not be held. The next musical will be held Saturday, February 2, 2000. There will be a community center quarterly meeting at the community center on Tuesday, February 1, at 6:00 p.m. Your attendance is appreciated.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

The gift...

Maybe it was the way the sun freckled the freshly folded stack of towels. I don't know. Something about the two pink towels caught my attention.

I'd been washing and drying and folding them for years. They were identical bath towels, big and fluffy, colored a deep, rich pink. Large magenta flowers and emerald leaves drew a wide border above the fringe.

The colors never fit into any bathroom decorating scheme wherever we lived. But there were at least two scoops of love in each towel, woven with gossamer through the terrycloth strands by the heart of the giver.

I had opened them on a Christmas morning long ago. They were boxed and wrapped with sparkly paper, ribbon, and a big, puffy bow. All that fuss, even for "just family."

The pink towels hung from our bathroom towel rack on and off for years. They brightened the room as much as they brightened my heart, remembering who had given them to us.

Over the years, we used the towels every few days. They wrapped my babies after splashy baths, often wrapped a hot potluck dish on the way to a picnic, and even

wrapped ice bags around bumped heads and swollen ankles.

I don't know how we managed not to lose those towels. As the kids grew up, they chose the pink towels for beach towels, camp towels, and over-night towels because they were big, thick, absorbent, and very colorful.

Time after time, they were pulled from the top of the stack, used, laundered, folded, and put back on the shelf.

So, what was it about those pink towels just now? Tugging one of them from the middle of the stack, I shook it out and held it up.

It was threadbare. The selvages were ragged and the fringe nearly gone. The flowers were faded in the background that was no longer a vibrant pink. The towel had no pile left to it at all. It was shabby and very, very thin. In fact, it was in worse shape than most of my cleaning rags.

When had this happened? Until now, I hadn't noticed. I must have seen them through a softened lens, seeing them as I did through the eyes of love.

I placed them carefully in the rag bin with profuse apology, and the promise that I would never forget the fresh colors on two thick Turkish towels, or the person who gave them.

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Details of Callahan County Fireworks Ordinance Noted

Callahan County Commissioners voted to follow the recommendations of the Texas Forestry Service and adopt an order restricting the use of aerial fireworks and prohibiting their use.

The action was taken by the commissioners Monday, December 13 during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting. On a motion by Bryan Farmer and second by Harold Hicks, commissioners voted 3-2 to adopt the Texas Forestry Service recommendations. Voting for the motion were Farmer, Hicks and County Judge Roger Corn. Casting votes against the motion were Tommy Holland and Charlie Grider. The ordinance banning the prohibiting the use of fireworks follows:

On the 8th day of November, 1999, first having determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing, the Commissioners Court adopted the following order effective immediately:

ORDER RESTRICTING USE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

A. No persons may detonate, ignite, or in any way use certain aerial fireworks in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

C. Certain aerial fireworks means only those items classified under 49 C.F.R. Par. 73.100 (r) (2) (10-1-86 addition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and those items classified as "rockets" or "missiles."

D. Fireworks not prohibited under this order are:

1. Common fireworks, small in

size classified as Class C explosives.

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by U.S. Dept. Of Trans. V.A.T.S. Ins. Code, Art 5.43-4, Sec. 1(2).

On November 8, 1999, first having determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing. The Commissioners Court adopted the following order effective immediately:

ORDER PROHIBITING USE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

A. A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way of a county road.

B. If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civ. St. Art 62011-1(a) (2).

2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation.

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults.

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

C. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1999, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge
Harold Hicks
Commissioner Precinct #1
Bryan Farmer
Commissioner Precinct #2
Tommy Holland
Commissioner Precinct #3
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Commissioner Precinct #4

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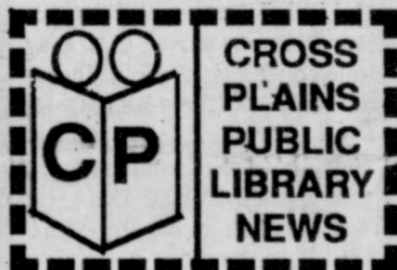
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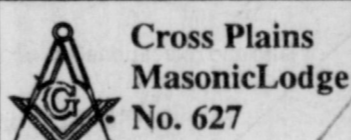
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