

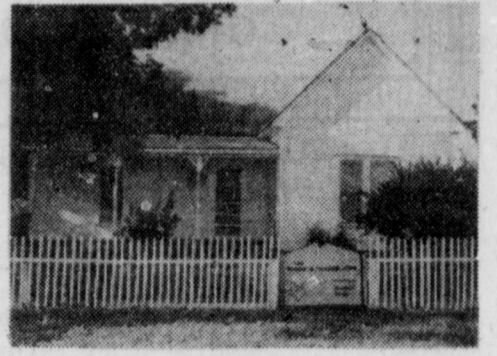


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## DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Think you know everything? See if you knew all the information on this trivia list. Have fun checking your knowledge. Vanda Anderson-Creech

### "DID YOU KNOW?"

1. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
  2. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
  3. There are 293 ways to make change for dollar.
  4. The average person's left hand does 56 percent of the typing.
  5. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
  6. There are more chickens than people in the world.
  7. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
  8. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
  9. On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
  10. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
  11. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
  12. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
  13. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
  14. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
  15. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
  16. Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
  17. There are only four words in the English language which ends in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
  18. Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula".
  19. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
  20. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
  21. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
  22. In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
  23. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
  24. The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
  25. A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
  26. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (This little guy sounds like me.)
  27. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
  28. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
  29. The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
  30. In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
  31. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
  32. Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.
  33. The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.
  34. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
  35. "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only one left hand.
  36. A polar bear's skin is black. (This one is my own.)
- NOW you know everything!!!!

### Living Water Ministries Invites Community to Hear Prophetic Speakers Dec. 6, 7, 8 and 10th

By TINA BRADLEY

Winds of change are blowing all across the land. These winds are breathing new life into the church, and bringing servants of the Lord to usher in a new day. These are days of restoration, of a new revelation of the glory and power of God.

We at Living Water Ministries would like to invite you to join us in welcoming Annelore Rasco of Israel and Robyn Green of Wisconsin to minister in Prophetic Worship, Prophecy and in the Word. Annelore operates in the Prophetic Office, as a seer, teacher and author. Robyn is a prophetic minstrel, Psalmist and author.

Come join us in worshipping the Lord, and seeing just what changes He would like to bring forth in us individually and corporately as a church, as a community, as a state, as a nation and even throughout the world.

We will be meeting at Living Water Ministries December 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and December 10 at 10 a.m. Come expecting a miracle and we will believe with you for it.

### Immunization Clinic at Multi-Purpose Center on Monday, December 11

The Texas Department of Health will have a children's immunization clinic Monday, December 11, from 2-4 pm, in Cross Plains at the Cross Plains Multi Purpose Center, located at 701 Beach, Cross Plains, Texas.

If your child has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children. Parents must call our office at 915-754-4945 before the clinic date or we will not have the vaccine with us.

For more information, please call 915-754-4945.

### Christmas Baskets Now Being Coordinated For Local Families in Need

Cross Plains Food Pantry will be coordinating the distribution of Christmas Baskets this year with churches and Beta Sigma Phi. We will be preparing baskets on December 14 and will deliver on that evening and the on the 15th also. If you or someone you know need a food basket, please call (254) 725-6510, (254) 725-6116, or (254) 725-6866.

### Get Ready to Participate In Christmas Decorating For Upcoming Contest

The annual Christmas decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held on Saturday evening, December 16, at dark. Your LIGHTS MUST BE ON AT THIS TIME!

All homes and businesses will be considered, but to make sure you are not missed, you are invited to call (254) 725-6498 anytime before December 16 and leave your name and address.

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



O.B. EDMONDSON HASN'T CHANGED MUCH!

### 90 YEARS YOUNG AND MOVING ON O.B. Edmondson to Celebrate Birthday

Every community is blessed with individuals who have been public servants for a number of years. However, Cross Plains has a citizen that devoted his life to being a teacher and at the same time performed as an animal health advisor, athletic booster, post-graduate student consultant, as well as Mayor of Cross Plains. No one else can qualify for the above except retired Professor



O. B. Edmondson. He started teaching here in 1940 and retired in 1976.

Prof. will be celebrating his 90th birthday, Saturday, December 16, from 3:00-4:30 p.m., at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to "drop by" to wish Prof. many more years of good health and happiness. No gifts please.

### Cross Plains Kiwanis Club Christmas Program Deemed Successful Once Again

Santa was pleased with the Kiwanis Christmas Program. Despite the cold, he gave 119 sacks of goodies to children and the ones left over were sent to the nursing home.

One of Santa's helpers, Sue Neal, took 130 pictures of children.

The Kiwanians extend a big "Thank You" to all who made the program a success, and a special "Thank You" to Higginbotham's, Jack's Place, Dairy Queen, Lawrence Farm and Ranch, Village Market, Bryan's Variety, Susan Schaefer, CPA, Kiwanis Club, Pizza Pro, The Movie Store, T&K Tire, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Mack's Trading Post, Lakeway Grocery, Coyote Flat Bargain Barn, Wilson Well Service, R&R

Production, Taste of Texas, Strength's Paint and Body Shop, Joe and Mary Graves, Subway, Connie's Cuts and Curls, Tim's Floral and Gifts, Citizens State Bank, Lillie Dillard, Pioneer Farmers Coop, Rose Butane, Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic, Jones Real Estate, Old Mill Trading Days, Sweet Stuff, Dairy Queen, Dal-Mar Energy, Inc., Johnson's Dry Goods, Cross Plains Petroleum, Cliff's C & C Service Center, Cross Plains Frozen Food and Locker Plant, Columbia One Source Health Center, Neal Drug, Highway 36 Motel, Charlie's Truck and Trailer Repair, The Movie Store, Food Plaza, All Star Pump and Supply, West Texas Utilities and Greenwood Insurance.

### Barbarian Festival Planning Continues Hunter's Feed Winner Announced

The Barbarian Festival group met on November 28 at Jean's Feed Barn to begin elaborating on plans for the festival on September 1, 2001.

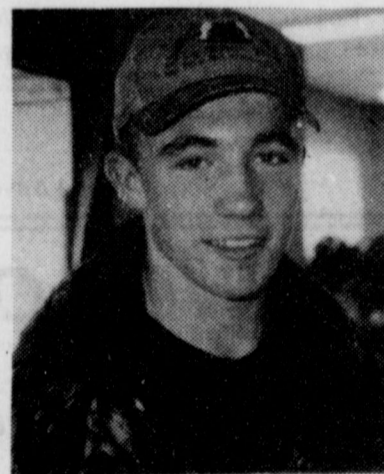
First, however, the group wants to thank the community for its support in each Barbarian activity. The last endeavor was the raffle of the portable cook stove during the Hunter's Feed. The winner was Cooper Thornhill, a sophomore student from Rising Star. He hunts with his dad and can really use the stove.

The Barbarians say, "Thank you, hunters, for coming this way." Also, "Thank you, Chamber of Commerce, for planning events that show our town to be a friendly place." The Barbarians are pleased to take part in such activities.

Right now, the group is getting wound up for the next festival. Hopefully, each year the festival will get bigger and better.

There are at this time 14 members, and those get stretched to make the Festival a day of fun that will keep visitors coming back. Right now there are groups working on door prizes, a raffle, food vendors, arts and crafts ideas, a car show, entertainment, etc.

Last year a lot of tornado trash was cleared out from the festival site, but



COOPER THORNHILL

there is more to be cleared as the event grows. And there are dreams of a bridge across the creek so that the area on the highway can be used.

The immediate need is **MORE MEMBERS!** Working with this live-wire bunch is a lot of fun and a lot of work. The end product of the work is to get more people to get acquainted with our town -- not for one day, but to advertise that this is a small town doing great things.

There are jobs that are not manual labor. Be brave. Get involved. Be a Barbarian for once in your life. You'll like it. Call Keeka Byrd.

Submitted by Billie Loving

### Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fund-raiser Supper Slated for Friday

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control is having a Fund-raiser at the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday, December 8. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include ham with yams, red beans, coleslaw, coffee or tea. An adult plate is \$5.00 and children 10 and under \$3.00.

There will be gospel singing for entertainment.

Everyone is invited to attend and help the volunteers raise money for a new **FIRE TRUCK**.

ALL donations are appreciated. If you are unable to attend you may mail your contributions to: Faye Gilliam, 9900 FM 1079, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

### Ratliff Supply to Hold Preview and Sampling of Products on Saturday

A preview before the grand opening is being held by Ratliff Supply on Saturday, December 9, at 6 p.m. Dane and Iris Ratliff invite you to a sampling of their health products at this time. The new business is located at 116 West 5th (Highway 36) in Cross Plains.

The store is already open for business and offers health, bath and beauty products. They have an assortment of candles; bath and beauty products; gift baskets; herbal teas; Advo Care Health products;

Sundown vitamins and minerals; anti-aging, weight gain and weight loss all natural products; jewelry; natural and herbal soaps; Tahitian Noni fruit juice; sports cards; and much more.

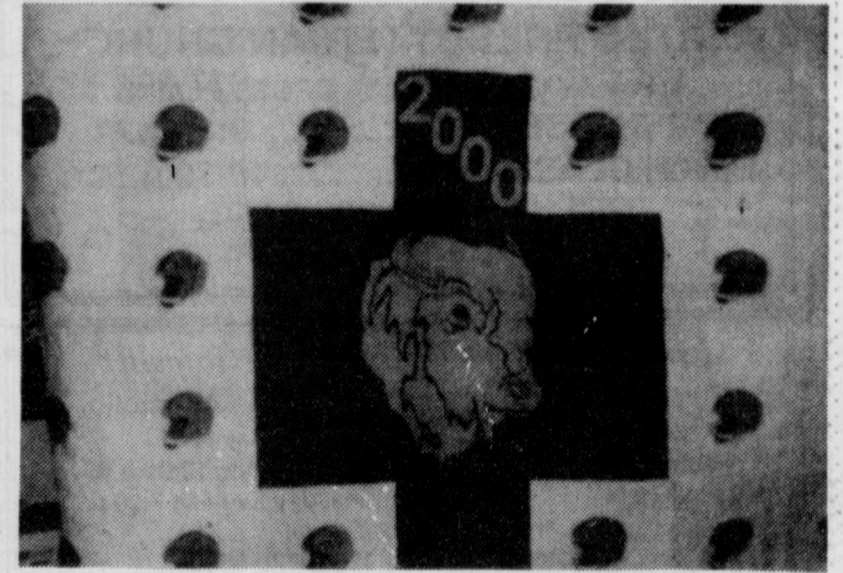
Ratliff Supply will be open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and you may call them at (254) 725-6828 for additional information.

Make plans to attend their preview and sampling of products!

### BFI Announces Change in Garbage Pickup Days Effective January 2

BFI requested to change their regular pickup day from Wednesday to Tuesday beginning on January 2, 2001. The City Council has approved the pickup day change in hopes that the new day will work better for the commercial customers who have dumpsters and are picked up on Wednesday and Friday will now be pick up on Tuesday and

Friday allowing for better service. We hope that this will not inconvenience anyone and hope that enough advance notice will be given that everyone will be prepared for the pickup change. If you have any questions concerning the change, please call City Hall at (254) 725-6114 or your may call BFI at (800) 374-4234 and talk with David Kelley.

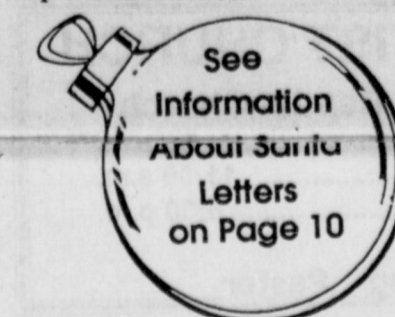


**FOOTBALL QUILT DRAWING UPCOMING** — The drawing for the football quilt featuring all the varsity football players' names will be held Friday, December 15, at the varsity basketball game. Chances can still be purchased at Citizens State Bank or Dairy Queen for \$1.00 each. Proceeds from the fund-raiser benefits the Cross Plains PIP (Players In Progress) who plans to perform at the National Competition Festival in March.

### Greenwood Insurance Agency Hosting Christmas Open House December 15

Greenwood Insurance Agency is having Christmas Open House on Friday, December 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ron, Margaret and Bonnie invite you to come by the office at 125 South Main and enjoy cookies, hot spiced tea or coffee.



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**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

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

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Fleeta Whitworth, theft of property by check.  
Emily Susan Hunter, criminal trespass.

Christopher Wayne Baker, making alcohol available to a minor.  
Mark Dwayne Rainey, fail to drive in single lane.

Mark Wayne Rainey, failed to report damage from accident.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Fleeta Witworth, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$1418.16 restitution.

Rodger Brown, plea of guilty to operation without payment of tax, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$212.50 restitution.

Kimberly Sue Lane, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$237.25 court costs.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Sullivan Mathis, William T. Tyree.

Ronnie Lee Ketcherside, Jr., motion to revoke probation granted.

Mindy Torres, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Richard G. McIntire, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

**Civil Filings**

First National Bank of Abilene vs. Torrey Jack Boyd, default on contract.

The Edwards family trust, the Edwards irrevocable insurance trust no. 1 and the Edwards irrevocable insurance trust no. 2, approval of resignation and discharge of trustee, appointment of successor trustee and modification of trust.

Mary Lucille Yates and James R. Yates, divorce.

Danny Bethea and Joy Bethea, divorce.

**Civil Minutes**

Providian National Bank vs. Rachel A. Floyd, order setting aside final judgment.

Jimmy Homer Seals and Lecia Susan Seals, divorce granted.

**Criminal Minutes**

Shannah McCorry, order extending probation granted.

**Pray for Rain Every Wednesday 6:30p.m. at City Hall**

**OBITUARIES**

**Thomas Blanton Woody**

PENSACOLA, FL — Services for Thomas Blanton Woody, who died Wednesday, November 29, 2000 was held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 4, at All Faiths Chapel, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Burial followed at Barrancas National Cemetery, directed by Oaklawn Funeral Home of Pensacola.

Mr. Woody was born in Abilene and raised in West Texas. He moved to Pensacola in 1971. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the 2nd Battalion, 131st F.A. of Texas. He was held as a POW by the Japanese for 43 months and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Survivors include his wife, Polly E. Woody; a son, Connelly Woody of West Linn, Oregon; two sisters, Christine Cooper of Abilene and Charlene Chesshir of Cross Plains; two grandchildren; four nieces and five nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Home for Children, P.O. Box 5195, Abilene, Texas 79608; National Museum of Naval Aviation, 1750 Radford Blvd, Suite B, Pensacola, Florida 32508; or Hospice of Northwest Florida.

**Larry Wayne Parks**

COLEMAN — Larry Wayne Parks, 43, died Saturday, December 2, 2000, at his sister's home. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Coleman City Cemetery Pavilion with the Rev. Jeff Robinett officiating, directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Parks was born in Littlefield to the late Bennie Lee Parks and Donna Lou Russell Parks. He was raised and attended school in Coleman. He married Carla Perrie in Coleman,

and worked as a roughneck and truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Parks of Coleman; a son, Aaron Parks of Burkett; a step-son, Gaylon Perrie of Lampasas; a daughter, Amber Parks of Coleman; his mother, Donna Lou Parks of Coleman; four brothers, Donald Parks, Billy Parks, Bobby Parks and Terry Parks all of Coleman; three sisters, Rosie Watts and Peggy Johnson both of Coleman and Bonnie Lanham of Amarillo; and a granddaughter.

**William Slim Smith, Jr.**

COLEMAN — Mr. William Slim Smith, Jr., 73, of Burkett, died Sunday, December 3, 2000, at his home. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Cedar Creek Cemetery near Bastrop, directed by Walker Funeral Home of Coleman. The Rev. Kermit Sorrells officiated.

Mr. Smith was born to the late William Alfred and Christene Reid Smith at Bastrop. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a ranchhand. Mr. Smith was a Methodist. He had lived in Coleman County since 1970.

Survivors include a brother, Harold Smith.

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**A Quiet Hero**

Yesterday, I attended the funeral of my friend, Clyde Melton in Cross Plains. Clyde is another World War II hero who lived a post-World War II life unacclaimed and with little or no public recognition for his wartime exploits. Clyde was only 72 years of age.

Clyde joined the United States Navy when he was 15 years of age and had participated in six Island invasions and the Battle of the Coral Sea before he reached his 16th birthday. This brave young man possessed a passionate love for his country and always believed that he had only done what all other 15- and 16-year olds would have done if given the opportunity. He told me that he only mentioned his age one time and that was during the Battle of the Coral Sea when his gun battery took a hit. He picked himself up one deck below and discovered miraculously that he had escaped serious injury and remained able to fight. The captain came by and wanted to know why he was standing around doing nothing and ordered him to return to his gun battery and resume the fight. Clyde's response was to state "I am only 15 years old." The captain accused him of being a coward and claimed that he was only making that statement in an effort to escape the fight. Clyde told me that he returned to his place in battle and never again mentioned his true age to any person in authority.

Another Old Warrior has gone to rest-I grew up listening to their stories and never tired of hearing them over and over again as I grew older. Most of the time getting them to tell their story was like pulling teeth. Clyde has only been gone a few days and I miss him already-what I miss most is knowing that I cannot pick up the telephone and visit with Clyde-or I cannot ever in the future drop by his house in Cross Plains and engage him in conversation-and feeling guilty for not seeing him more often.

He grew up at Pioneer having been born shortly after the "big oil boom," went to the Navy when he was barely 15 years of age, came back from the service and married his Minneapolis sweetheart, and at one time operated the biggest plumbing contracting firm in Minnesota.

In the 1970s and 1980s he was very active in the oil business in this area. He is survived by his sweetheart from Minneapolis, Elizabeth L. Melton of Cross Plains; a son, Thomas Clyde Melton of Cross Plains; a daughter, Cheryl Ann Trenary of Tulsa, Okla; and his grandson Scott Joseph Trenary. We join them in sorrow.

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Place:	Dates:	Times:
Living Water Ministries	Dec. 6-7-8	7:00pm
H.W. 36 West	Dec. 10	10:00am
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**Annual Christmas Cantata Set for FUMC Dec. 17th**

The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will present their annual Christmas cantata Sunday, December 17, 2000 at 6:00pm.

This year's beautiful program, "The Winter Rose," was written/arranged by Joseph M. Martin, and will be performed by the choir under the direction of Ms. Angela Swift. In addition to the music, a small cast will present a unique dramatization of the Christmas story.

Please join us for an evening of joyful worship!

**Cross Timber Southern Baptist Association Rally and Prayer Seminar December 15-16**

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally and Prayer Seminar will be held at Carbon Community Baptist Church (located inside the old Carbon school building) at 515 E. Anthracite Street, Carbon.

Friday, December 15th the Executive Board Meeting and WMU Meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m.; supper at 6:00 p.m.; and at 7:00 p.m. there will be music by Heaven's Jubilee followed by guest speaker Jim Everidge, a Texas evangelist.

Saturday, December 16th the Prayer Seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be a sandwich lunch break at noon and the Prayer Seminar will conclude with an afternoon session, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All area churches are invited to attend. Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association has twenty-three member churches located in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Stephens and Taylor counties. The Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information about this meeting contact Dwaine Clower, Association Moderator at (254) 725-7574.

**Colonial Oaks Services**

First Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 10, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



*The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of your righteous judgments endures forever.*

- Psalm 119:160

*Jesus said, ... "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

- St. John 14:6

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The Day God Came

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Zeb Alexander - Youth / Frank O'Banion - Music

Welcome!



## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



J.C. CHILDERS

J.C. Childers has been selected as the resident for this month. He was born on July 15, 1910, in Eastland County and is 90 years old. He has three children, two daughters and a son. J.C. enjoys being outside and his favorite thing to do is ride a four wheeler. He likes gospel music and watching T.V. Congratulations J.C.

We express our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Nandell Stiles on the loss of their loved one. May knowing others care and share deeply in your sorrow comfort you today and strengthen your tomorrows.

Appreciation to Charlie Grider for the turnips; to the Garden Club for the beautiful flower arrangement and cake; to the Kiwanis Club for the fruit and candy; and to Ester McDaniel for the National Geographic books.

Special appreciation to our anonymous friend for the beautiful basket of mums. The residents are

receiving great pleasure from them. God Bless you and may you have a wonderful Christmas.

Mary and Lydia Nixon of May and Nena Alvarado visited with Carl McKenzie.

Farrell and Carol Stephens visited with Maxine Crockett.

Alton and Donie McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen.

Kim Jackson from Winters visited with Julia Hedrick.

Betty Beggs visited with Falba Shofner.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited with Jake Childers and Raymond McCowen and others.

Daisy Holcomb was here visiting with several.

Deborah Griswold of Hawley visited with Deen Haddox.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2) Falba Shofner, Minnie Swann, Ruby Harrell and Maxine Crisp. Exercise Class

Tuesday: Art Class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds. Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss.

Friday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey, Maxine Crisp, Minnie Swann and Ruby Harrell. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: First Baptist Church

**Joy, Peace and Togetherness to you and yours this Holiday Season.**

## BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

Bob and Beth Kleiber enjoyed Thanksgiving holidays with their children and grandchildren; Matt and Emma McKinney, Alice and Kevin of Goldsboro; Cody and Dawn Hill, Cheyenne and Garrett of Farwell; Steven and Amber Kleiber and Brenna of Burkett.

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of David and Laura Dean were Belinda and Rusty and granddaughter Sylena and family of Lampasas; Lisa and Daniel Pennion and family of Plainview; Gina and Daniel Dean and Cassida, Natesha Dansby and Tara and Brice Brudney and Breanna of Coleman; Mike and Canis Dansby and Chance of Burkett.

Andrew Walker had Thanksgiving with the Darrell Walker family of Nimrod.

Those spending the Thanksgiving holiday week-end with Lovera Strickland were: Jackie Strickland, Dale Cooper, Staci Strickland, Deonna Strickland, Dwight Moses, Jake Strickland and Jeremy Cooper of Somerville; Don and Kathy Tinney, Johnathon and Jonele of Lefors; Darryl, Kathy and Lyndsey of Kingfisher, OK. Thanksgiving Day we were joined by Bill Strickland, Jan and Ken Baker, Eddie and Michele Strickland with Daniel, Landon and Sondra Pope with Scotty, Ty, Hayden and

Baylor, Marty and Glenda Callaway with Brook and JJ all of Burkett and Mark and Marsha Turney with Jon and Matt of Santa Anna. Everyone enjoyed the getting together and the food.

D.J. and Lois Turner spent Thanksgiving in Hico with their son and family, Mike and Janice Turner and Cliff. They had a wonderful time.

Low and Liz Golson really had something to be thankful for. Their daughter, Michelle Wilkovich, brought all the fixings for their Thanksgiving Dinner and cleaned up the kitchen afterwards. Others there were grandchildren Logan Wilkovich from Coleman and Kelsey Wilkovich and friend Jeremy McVain of Denton.

Bill and Addie Walker enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with her mother, Hazel Campbell and family at Carbon. Hazel visited Saturday and Sunday, she enjoyed her birthday meal Saturday with Addie, Bill, Andrew Walker and Annie Merle Trent. Willie Phillips came later for the games.

Sallie and Dwin, Jorie, Cade and Kloie Nanny came on Sunday for Addie's birthday. Jorie attended church with Addie. Hazel and Addie enjoyed receiving calls from children and family.

## PIONEER NEWS

Oliver and Frankie Smith had for their Thanksgiving Day Mrs. Steve Harelleson and daughter Laura Rankin, Laura's friend Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nance and son, Scott, and Jean Fore. A great time was had by all. Friday they had a great visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chipper Bridges and sons. Mrs. Bridges is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

Friday night Oliver, Frankie and Jean attended the Rising Star musical. Saturday the Smiths traveled to Ranger to visit Frankie's aunt, Ruby Ainsworth, and her sister, Dorothy Rogers and family.

Earlene Burge had Thanksgiving with her children in Brownwood. Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm were there with their son Cameron and Andrew's mother Mayra Chisholm from Clyde. Jessica and Jack Stultz, Cindy Ochoa and Jon Ochoa were also there. They all had a nice visit. When Earlene returned home she was visited by her niece, Susan Bridges and her husband, Chipper, and sons, Andrew and Arlie. Earlene was glad to see them and they promised to return at Christmas.

Glenda Phillips had all of her children for Thanksgiving including Glen Dale, Sonya and girls, Howard, Allen Janice and children. She really enjoyed them being home. Glenda went with Allen and Janice to Ranger to watch Kali play basketball Monday night. They really played a good game.

James and Jean Alexander had several guests during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Jim and Marla Alexander, Ashley and Will of Richardson; Jackson Alexander of the University of Tennessee; and Doss Alexander of Abilene Christian University. They all had a "great" Thanksgiving dinner. May and D.P. Jones joined them for dinner.

Thanksgiving Holiday guests visiting Olena and Ann Ezzell over the weekend were Linda Ezzell; Worley and Sam, Tommy from Burnet; Linda's daughter, Misti Forbes, and Baby Meagen from Hutto; Benny Ezzell from Owen; Bryan and Lisa Ezzell, Tige and Gynna from Iowa Park; and "Doc" and Janet Murphree, Becky and Scott from Sidney. Linda prepared the turkey and dressing and Benny and Bryan deep fried three turkeys (some for future use). Everyone brought many good pies, cake, casseroles and salads were enjoyed by all.

Almost all the members met together to quilt on Charlene's "Star" quilt. We will have our Christmas party at Laverne Hutton's on the 5th of December. Then they will meet again in January. Donna Pickett has been working hard putting our Cookbook in order. Anyone wishing to place recipes in it, needs to call (254) 725-7188.

Nathan, this will probably be the last article until next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOREES — Helen Tillotson (from left), Julene Franke and Joyce Odom.

## Garden Club Celebrated Their 40th Anniversary and Recognizes Members

The Cross Plains Garden Club met December 2 from 2-4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center for the program titled "Ya'll Come To a Texas Party." The club celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Bob Powell, president, welcomed everyone and gave special recognition to Ray Purvis, Mayor, LaVerne Hood, District VIII Director and Sandra Browning, both from Snyder. Other special guests were Doris Purcell and Frona Carpenter of Abilene.

Powell paid tribute to the deceased members who had served as president with a moment of silence.

Honorary pins were presented to Lucille Payne, Dorothy Webb, Julene Franke and Barbara Powell.

Life membership ribbons were presented to Julene Franke, Helen Tillotson and Joyce Odom.

The serving table was centered with a beautiful centerpiece and flanked by green candles on either side. The food carried out the bounty of that great ole Texas hospitality. A

special 40 years decorated cake and punch completed the lovely table.

Green candles circle with red pyracantha berries and ivy centered the individual tables.

Scrapbooks, year books and flower show schedules, along with two designs completed the year "memories".

Guests attending were Vivian Lewis, Abilene; Virginia Trevey and Jennifer Stewart, Snyder; Nancy Palmer, Clyde; Ty Laffou, San Diego, California; Lois Garrett, Noah and Bobbie Johnson, Johnnie Bland, Zora Mae Bryant, Bobbie Edmondson, Becky Odom, Dorothy Odom, Donna Burleson, Kathy Anderson, Lovey Nichols and Dr. Richard Chaffin, all of Cross Plains.

Members present were Bob and Barbara Powell and Tony, Eva Fleming, Audrey Lovett, Marvin and Kay Mosley, Julene Franke, Helen Tillotson, James Nichols, Mary Ella Weaver, Esther Kerr and Joyce Odom.

## Callahan County Receives Capital Murder Funding

As of August 31, 2000 only five counties in Texas have applied for funding from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for extraordinary capital murder costs. Of the five counties, only two have received funding, according to the Criminal Justice Division. Callahan County was one of the two counties to receive this funding.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn received the following letter from Governor George W. Bush dated June 28, 2000. It reads as follows:

Dear Judge Corn:  
I am pleased to announce a grant for \$34,530 to your organization for the following project: Callahan County, Extraordinary Costs of Prosecuting Capital Murder. I am dedicated to ensuring that communities throughout the state receive resources to make Texas a safer place. Funding for your

project contributes to this effort. Your talent, dedication, and hard work will ensure its success.

The attached Statement of Grant Award contains more specific information about your award. Call my Criminal Justice Division at (512) 463-1919 if you have any questions. Thank you for your work and best wishes for a successful project.

George W. Bush

Callahan County Treasurer Dianne Alexander received a check from the Criminal Justice Division in October 2000 in the amount of \$34,530.00. These funds were made available from the Texas Legislature through appropriation of a \$2.5 million grant attached to the Criminal Justice Division budget. The grants are to be used by counties with extraordinary capital murder costs.

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

#### "The Turkey"

I've just been going through the files of my mind here; attempting to sort out some of the items stored there.

Surely, within those files something is stored which will come to be the subject of this article. Of one thing I am sure; if these thoughts were alphabetized it would certainly help me out immensely.

Take the subject of turkeys for instance and for example. What do we know about turkeys? These days most children in the larger cities especially are only acquainted with the baked or roasted turkey. Their mama or the cook purchase the turkey at the supermarket for the holidays. Lots of children from this vicinity especially, are fortunate enough to be able to view the turkeys in the wild, that is until Mr. Turkey comes in contact with HUNTERS! They also sometimes see the turkey brought home by the hunter (DAD or GRANDDAD or OLD UNCLE John Joe Geohosaphat). After that the next time the kids see the turkey, Mon has taken over and roasted it - with stuffing-yet.

If it were not for some experiences when I was growing up, I wouldn't know much about turkeys either. Truthfully there is still a LOT I "DON'T" know about turkeys yet.

There are domesticated turkeys as well as wild ones. I have been told that besides grain etc. turkeys also

told me they used to feed their baby turkeys clabber and chopped, boiled eggs.

My mother used to tell how their turkeys would hide their nests out in some field or equally foreign area such as the neighbors back lot etcetera. The turkeys would use all kinds of diversive tricks, exotic diversions and strange trails to throw a person off and to keep their nests from being found. She said some times she'd have to follow a turkey all day long in her quest to find that nest. The turkeys were very adroit at eluding the person following. They were also very devious. Mother said sometimes they never did find those nests.

Once my sister and I talked our Aunt into frying a turkey egg, when we were very tiny, like 2 and 4 etc. It tasted (of course) just like a chicken egg only it was much, much larger.

Now-a-days there are people who are often referred to as turkeys. I must admit to having known a few. How about you? Have you ever known any?? Some even sound like a turkey, gobble, gobble, gobble!!! I guess my files are garbled (not gobbled) since this is about all I know concerning T U R K E Y S !!!!!!!!

Oh, by the way we had one for Thanksgiving, it went over so well that we plan to have two for Christmas. Try one--you might like it!!



December 11-December 15  
MONDAY--Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Brownie, Roll, Milk  
TUESDAY--Ham, Pinto Beans, Turnip Greens, Onion, Oven Fried Potato, Banana Pudding, Cornbread, Milk  
WEDNESDAY--Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fruit Cocktail, Pudding, Cornbread, Milk  
THURSDAY--Chicken Fry Steak, Gravy, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Roll, Milk  
FRIDAY--Christmas Dinner, Ham, Yams, Peas, Dressing w/ Gravy, Fruit Salad, Roll, Milk

### GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

Cut at least 1/4 inch off the bottom of the Christmas tree before putting it in the stand to help it absorb water.

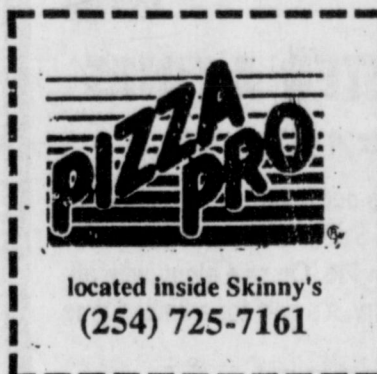
Keep poinsettias evenly moist but not soggy for longest, lasting color.

Fill a pot with garden supplies; it makes a great gift for a friend who gardens.

Hang a sweet ball for high-energy bird food. Never put out bread crumbs, while this will fill the birds up, it doesn't supply enough calories.

#### Flower of the Month

Deck the halls with stunning red, white or pink poinsettias. Put the poinsettias near a bright window with a steady moderate temperature away from blasts of cold or hot air.



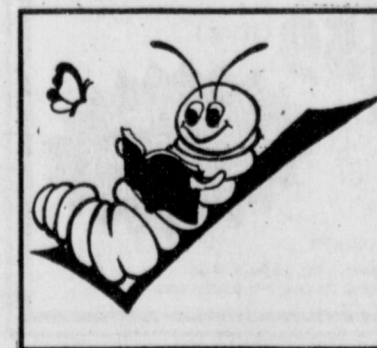
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Don and Debbie Gosnell for Clyde Melton

Charles and Linda Payne for Sherl Taylor  
Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin for Helen Beckman

Betty Browning for John and Della Browning and Mildred Browning Tunnell

Eloyce and Frank Gallivan for Dan Childress

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Jane Bonner Kelly for Billie Ruth Loving

Betty Browning for Fred J. Tunnell

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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A very financially successful couple sent their teenage son to an elite private school in the eastern states but after a mere six weeks the boy was sent home with a letter from the chancellor explaining that they were sorry but they could not help the boy. The father sent back a blistering letter to the chancellor and the school, stating: "I sent you our son that you might make a gentleman of him!" In a few days he received a reply--simply a quote of a Chinese proverb: "You cannot carve rotten wood." Well, come to think of it, you can't, can you?!

What's the lesson? If we are to have children of character then we must heed the words of their Maker as His word states: "Lo, children are an heritage and reward of the Lord; they are like arrows to a warrior; happy is the man whose quiver is full of them." (Psalm 127:3-5a) And realizing their value, and desirous for them to be children of character, we must take time to train them and build character into them, not ship them off to some school to "pull a plug from the top of their head and pour it in." We so often forget that children watch examples of character and follow those examples much better than the words we "preach" to them.

So before the wood decays to not being "carvable," let us etch, carve and burn into their lives, into their hearts, the character they need to be in the image of God--a sturdy chip of character off the "old block" (parents). And by the way, we must begin with good "old blocks"!

Come strive with us in the building of good character-in ourselves and in our children. We care about you and your children, too.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Varsity Lady Buffaloes Season Record Now 5-3

By Coach Cavender

On Tuesday, we traveled to play Priddy losing the contest 58-29. It was a tough loss to a quality program. We only shot 16% from the field and didn't do a very good job of rebounding. Turner led the scoring with 17, Wyatt 4, Marion, Thomas, and Wilson 2 each, Bailey and Kitchens 1 each. We played hard on defense, but Priddy had an excellent shooting night, hitting over 50% of their 1st shots.

On Thursday, we traveled to Blanket to begin play in the Blanket Shootout. In opening round action, we beat Lingleville by the score of 62-25. In the second round of action

we defeated May by the score of 52-28. May has a good ballclub this year and was 6-0 entering play against us. In the championship game we lost a hard fought contest to Zephyr 42-38. We controlled the game for most of the contest, but could only manage 4 points the last 9 minutes of the game. We missed some easy shots down the stretch and some free throws and it came back to haunt us at the end.

We had a super tournament over all and the learning experiences we had to deal with will pay off in the future.

Scoring the points for a 3 day total were Bailey 50, Hartman 2, Wyatt 20, Turner 18, Kitchens 8, Marion 15, Thomas 9, and Wilson 30.

Candice Bailey was named to the All-Tournament team at Blanket.

Candice averaged 17 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, shot right at 50% from the field, 19 for 40 was 12 for 24 from the free throw line and averaged 2 1/2 turnovers per game. Candice had an excellent tournament at Blanket.

This brings our season record to 5-3. Six of the eight teams we've played have two losses or less at this point in the season. We are playing some quality competition and will continue to do so as we continue through the season. You have to be in the fire before you can learn how not to get burned.

Don't forget the Cross Plains Tournament this weekend. We play at 6:30p.m. girls and 8:00p.m. boys on Thursday night.

## Cross Plains 4-H Meeting Set for Tuesday, Dec. 12th

The Cross Plains 4-H Club will meet on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. This month's program will be Mr. Van Wilson, government trapper from Brown County. Mr. Wilson will discuss the job responsibilities of a government trapper. He will discuss some of the techniques that he uses for predator control.

This program promises to be very educational and all youth interested are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Submitted by Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

## CHIP'S Representative In Baird Wednesday, December 13 at TDHS

A representative of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) of Texas will be in Baird to enroll children in the low cost insurance program on Wednesday, December 13th, at the Texas Department of Human Services office.

The representative will be there from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to assist families in completing the application for insurance.

To enroll for the program, parent should bring with them proof of income. The proof can be at least two paycheck stubs, W2 forms for 1999, or a letter from their employer indicating their monthly pay. Parents with day care expenses should also bring receipts indicating how much and how often they pay for that service.

CHIP is a State of Texas program to provide insurance for children up to their 19th birthday. Income guidelines for the program are very generous. The most insurance can cost is \$18 per month to cover all the children in the family.

For more information, call Dominick Yanez at (800) 592-7433.

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## Semester Exam Schedule Set

By Jennifer Hartman

Semester exams are scheduled for the 18th, 19th and 20th of December. There will be review days on the 14th and 15th. All students are required to attend exams unless they meet exemption requirements. Students only have to show up to the final or finals they must take. The tests will be one and one-half hours long and students must remain for the full testing period. However, a

student may leave campus after his final test with a note. If a student must take an exam, it is mandatory that he or she attend the study hall period scheduled before the test. Lunch will be served all three days at 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. The buses will run at 2:40 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, but they will run at 12:50 on Wednesday. Students who do not have transportation home after their exams will be assigned to Mr. Wilson in the gym.

TIME:	MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20
8:00-8:55	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall
9:00-10:30	Test, Period 1	Test, Period 2	Test, Period 7
10:35-10:50	Break	Break	Break
10:55-12:25	Test, Period 3	Test, Period 4	Test, Period 8
12:30-12:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:30	Test, Period 5	Test, Period 6	12:50 Buses Run
2:40	Buses Run	Buses Run	

## Lady Buff Freshman and Junior Varsity Team Results

By Coach Cavender

On Monday night we hosted Clyde with the Freshman girls and lost 32-16. The freshman continue to work hard and play with some positive results each contest.

Scoring the points were Rivard 8, James 4, Young 3 and Gallaway 1.

The Junior Varsity were off on Tuesday night and began play in the May Tiger J.V. Tournament on Thursday.

In 1st round play we defeated Huckabay by the score of 34-22. Anytime you can beat a school that plays year round basketball, you have accomplished a big task.

In 2nd round play we defeated Zephyr by the score of 29-26. It was a real close contest from start to finish, the largest lead for either team was 4 and it went right down to the final buzzer.

In the championship game on Saturday, we were beaten by Baird 38-

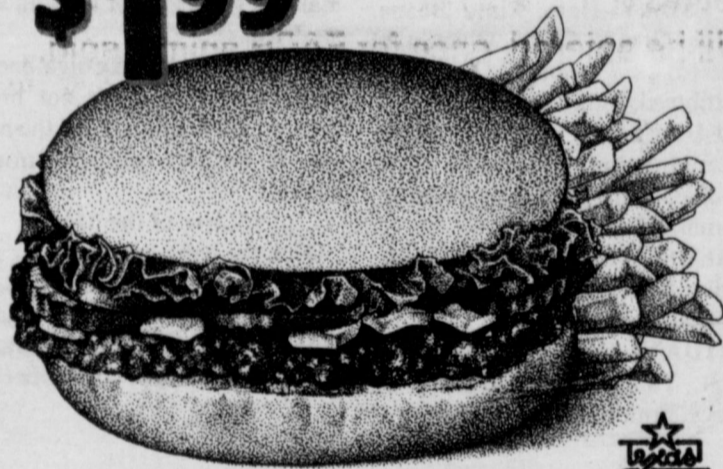
25 and finished up 2nd in the Tourney over all. It was 16-15 at the halftime, we were trailing by 1. The second half hurt us only scoring a total of 10, 2 in the 3rd quarter. Baird had 23 to pull away with the victory.

Scoring the points for a 3 game total were Parker 4, Dillard 21, Mauricio 8, Vasquez 6, Nixon 21, Winfrey 22, Rivard 6, and Bass 0.

The Junior Varsity brings their season record to 4-3 and a second place finish in their 1st Tourney.

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December 11- December 15  
**BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**--Sweet Rice, Toast, Assorted Juice

**TUESDAY**--Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Assorted Juice

**WEDNESDAY**--Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Assorted Juice

**THURSDAY**--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

**FRIDAY**--Donuts, Assorted Juice  
**LUNCH**

**MONDAY**--BBQ on Bun, Pinto Beans, Tater Tots, Fruit Crisp

**TUESDAY**--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello

**WEDNESDAY**--Veg-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Peaches

**THURSDAY**--Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Fruit Salad

**FRIDAY**--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fries, Cookie

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 26, 2000 through December 2, 2000 include:

### Cases Investigated

Warnings-54  
Complaints-58  
DWI-2  
DWLS-1

### Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

### People Arrest On Outstanding Warrants

There were seven outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$1,883.00 collected.



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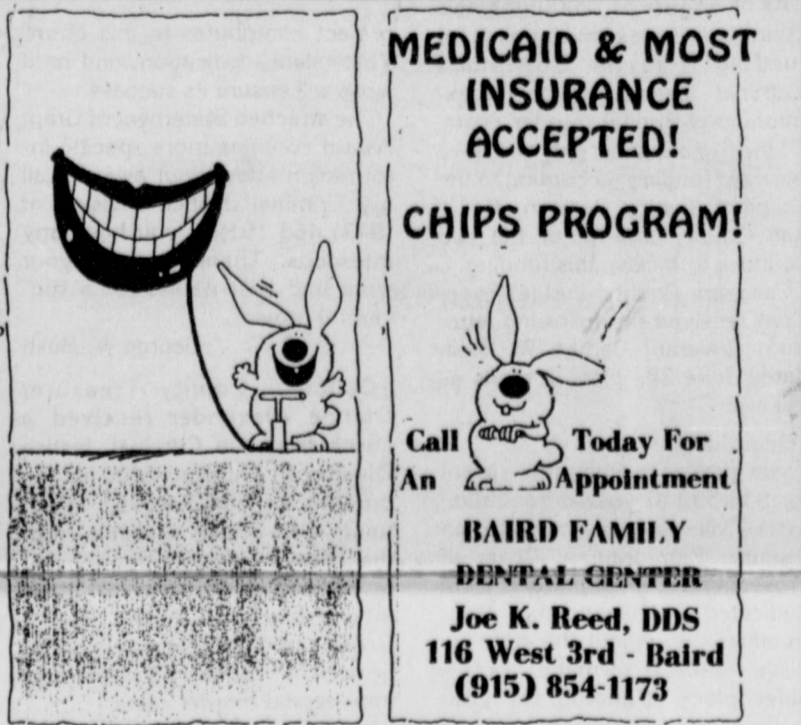
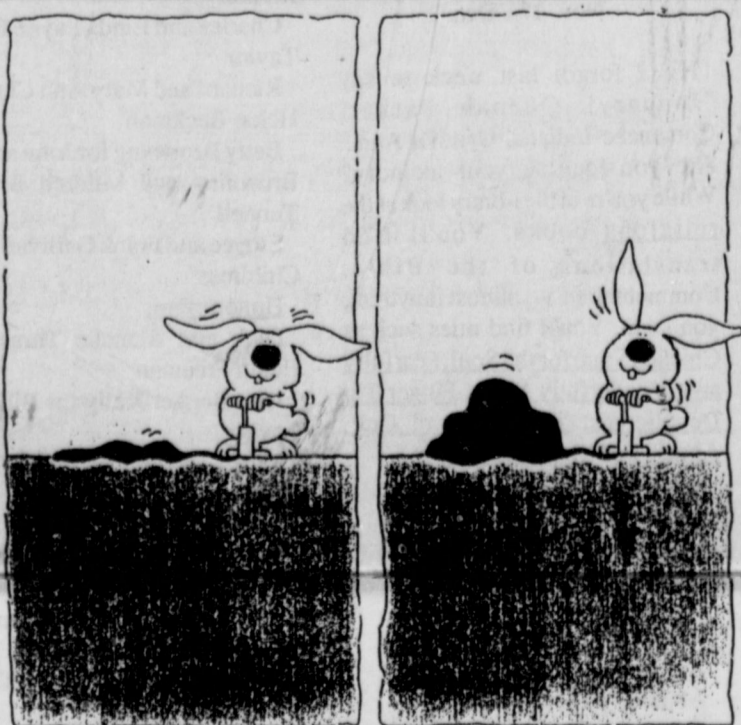
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## CEU training available at Cross Plains December 19

Agriculture Committees in Callahan and Coleman Counties will host a Five (5) Hour CEU (Continuing Education Unit) Training on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000** at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 N. Beech. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 Hour in Laws & Regulations, 2 Hours in Integrated Pest Management, and 2 Hours General. These hours will apply to Commercial, Non-Commercial, and Private Applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with Laws & Regulations given by Kelly Griffin, TDA representative. Dr. Chris Sansome, Assistant Professor and Extension Entomologist, will follow with Integrated Pest Management for Livestock. Dr. Allan McGinty, Professor and Extension Range Specialist, will discuss Chemical Selection for Target Spe-

cies for Weeds & Brush Control. A catered fish lunch, sponsored by Federal Land Bank and the Central Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District, will be served at 12:00 Noon.

Following lunch, the program will resume with Conventional and Alternative Methods for Predator Control by Frank Whitley, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service. Brian Danko, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will conclude the program with Environmental Concerns for Using Pesticides. CEU Certificates will be awarded at 3:00 p.m.

Cost for the training is \$10.00 for those who pre-register by December 15, 2000. Thereafter will be \$15.00 at the door.

For more information and to pre-register, call Robert Pritz, CEA-Agriculture in Callahan County at (915) 854-1518, or Lance Rasch, CEA-Agriculture in Coleman County at (915) 625-4519.

## Texas GOP Welcomes Latest Party Switcher

AUSTIN — Susan Weddington, Republican Party of Texas Chairman, today welcomed the 154th elected Texas Democrat to join the Republican Party in the last eight years.

Callahan County Justice of the Peace Roland Jones announced today that he is changing his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican.

"On behalf of Republicans all across Texas, I would like to welcome Judge Jones into our party," said Weddington. "He has demonstrated tremendous courage and a commitment to conservative principles by joining the Republican Party after 14 years in office as a Democrat."

Since Bill Clinton and Al Gore took office in 1992, over 450 elected Democrats have switched parties nationwide. 154-- more than thirty percent of the national total -- are former Texas Democrats.

"Judge Jones is the latest in a long line of elected Democrats to disavow the liberal leadership of the Texas Democrat Party and join the

GOP. His switch is indicative of the groundswell of support that Republicans are experiencing all over Texas," said Weddington.

Jones cited the behavior of Vice President Al Gore and Democrat Party leaders surrounding the presidential election as the "last straw", "I can no longer be a member of a party that would put winning before doing what is right," said Jones.

"The Republican Party is gaining momentum all across Texas as we take our message of limited government, strong families and personal responsibility to the people. Grassroots Democrats are joining the Republican family because the Democrat Party simply no longer represents these traditional, conservative Texas principles."

Rolan Jones is a small business owner, an Army veteran and a former schoolteacher. He was first elected to the office of Callahan County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, in 1986.

## Grand Ole Oplin Dance Dates for the Holidays Told

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out on Friday nights to enjoy an evening of dancing and entertainment.

On December 8, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be providing the dance music and then on December 15, Ray Pack and L.C. Agnew will entertain us

all. On December 22, Muddy Creek will have us all toe-tapping and rusing to get on the dance floor. Our usual Friday dance on December 29 has been cancelled so that we can all bring in the New Year on Sunday, December 31. Muddy Creek will be playing on New Year's Eve with the music starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending

shortly after midnight instead of our usual 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. Admission is still \$3.00 per person.

Everyone's invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Remember smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. The Grand Ole Oplin is located at FM 604 South and FM 2926 in Oplin.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

health. A copy of the proposed order is available for review at the Callahan County Justice of the Peace Office in Baird from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The public meeting will be held at:

Location: Callahan County Commissioners Courtroom  
Date: Monday, December 11, 2000

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Time: 8:30 A.M.  
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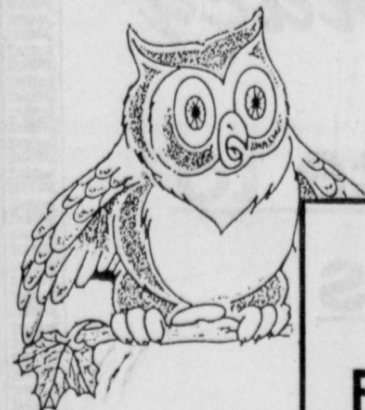
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**AT DISTRICT 4-H FOOD SHOW** — Callahan County 4-Hers participating in the District 7 Extension 4-H Food Show in Abilene recently include from left to right: Starla Schaefer, Tiffany Walker, Kaitlyn Walker, Jenna Betcher, Lance Fieldler, Brentt Nichols and Jessica Hayhurst.

## District 4-H Food Show Draws Entries From 23 Area Counties

Good food and good folks were the rule of the day November 18th during the annual District 7 Extension 4-H Food Show held in Abilene's Taylor County Expo Center. This year's event drew 180 entries from across 23 counties comprising District 7 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Kaitlyn Walker placed third in the Intermediate Snack and Dessert category and Lance Fieldler placed fourth in the Intermediate Bread and Cereal category. Also participating in this year's District Contest were: Jenna Betcher, Brentt Nichols, Jessica Hayhurst, Starla Schaefer and Tiffany

Walker.

The District 7 Food Show is a culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually in each of the District's counties. Trained volunteer adult and teen leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-Hers during the year.

Senior level winners will represent the district at the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup June 11-15 on the Texas A&M University Campus.

Sponsoring the show was the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, West Texas Utilities, Adams Extract Company, and the Taylor County Expo Center.

## Tax assistance volunteers needed

DALLAS—There's a shortage of volunteer tax help in the Big Country. To increase the number of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites in the area, the Internal Revenue Service is currently recruiting volunteers. Callahan county residents interested in helping others prepare their federal income tax returns during the 2000 filing season can call IRS VITA Coordinator Helen Kimzey at (915) 676-5711, or write VITA Coordinator, 341 Pine Room 2113, Abilene, TX 79601.

Generally, VITA volunteers pre-

pare tax returns for lower and middle income individuals as well as those with disabilities, language barriers, and other special needs. The volunteers are usually members of community organizations, college students, retirees, professionals, or anyone who enjoys working with numbers.

Special IRS training will be provided. Computers, software, and support will be available. Once trained, the volunteers set up free tax help sites in local schools, churches, libraries, and community centers.

## County Historical Commission offers special Holiday package

The Callahan County Historical Commission is once again offering a holiday package on two of its most sought after articles as a Christmas special. The official history book of Callahan County, "I Remember Callahan" edited by Hicks Turner and the Burkett Pecan pen are being offered by the commission through the end of December. The cost of book and pen together is \$70.00.

"I Remember Callahan" normally sells for \$55.00. It is a 475 page, large bound volume relating the history of the county and many of its families and contains many

photographs. The Burkett pecan pen uses the wood from the first Burkett pecan tree which was developed in Callahan County and destroyed by lightning a few years ago. The tree is listed in "Historic Trees of Texas". The Burkett Pecan Tree Pen normally retails for \$29.00. The book/pen package price is being reduced \$14.00. All proceeds support the county historical commission in its work.

You can purchase your holiday sets from County Attorney and Historical Commission Chairman Allen Wright at 915-854-1640 or at the county courthouse, or from Hubert Donaway at 915-662-3334.

## Sales Tax Holiday Saved Families \$37 Million in State and Local Sales Taxes

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that families saved an estimated \$37 million during Texas' second annual Sales Tax Holiday, held August 4-6. The savings include \$29.2 million in state sales tax and \$7.8 million in local sales taxes.

"My prediction that the second Sales Tax Holiday would be bigger and better than the first was right on the money," Comptroller Rylander said. "This year, shoppers saved \$4.4 million more than they saved during the 1999 Tax Holiday."

"This year, shoppers were familiar with the Sales Tax Holiday, they knew what items were tax-exempt, and they planned ahead to take full advantage of this much-deserved tax break," Comptroller Rylander said.

The Comptroller estimates shoppers purchased about \$467 million in tax-free clothes and shoes during the three-day shopping spree.

During the Sales Tax Holiday, no state or local sales taxes are charged on most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100. The August event is timed to give families

a financial break during the back-to-school shopping period.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays, taxpayers saved an estimated \$69.6 million in state and local sales taxes.

"The Sales Tax Holiday is a tremendous hit with hard-working moms and dads, but I want to make it even better," Comptroller Rylander said.

The Comptroller has instructed her staff to study the impact of extending the Sales Tax Holiday for more than three days and adding more items to the tax-exempt list.

"I want to make the Sales Tax Holiday as beneficial to Texas families as possible," Comptroller Rylander said. "The tax burden on working families is too high and the Sales Tax Holiday provides Texans with some much-needed relief."

Though the Sales Tax Holiday is held during the first weekend of August, the results are not available until November, because retailers who report sales tax collections to the Comptroller on a quarterly basis don't report their August figures until late October.

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### Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	July 2000	Aug. 2000
Total Oil Production	20,385	24,351
Total Gas Production	100,508	116,994

## County oil and gas totals higher in Aug.

Oil and gas production figures for August 2000 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production were both higher than in July.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of August 2000 was 116,994 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of August was 24,351 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during July 2000 was 20,385 barrels of oil. Total gas production in July was 100,508 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months for Callahan County include: August 1999 with 22,238 barrels of crude, September 1999 with 21,222 barrels of oil, October with 22,873 barrels, November with 21,686 barrels, December 1999 with 22,404 barrels, January 2000 with 22,083 barrels,

February with 22,175 barrels, March with 22,292 barrels, April with 20,013 barrels, May with 21,121 barrels and June with 23,990 barrel of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for August 2000 include: Brown, 146,395 MCF of gas and 10,249 barrels of oil; Coleman, 157,681 MCF of gas and 28,751 barrels of oil; Eastland, 444,738 MCF of gas and 28,267 barrels of oil; Jones, 65,439 MCF of gas and 71,110 barrels of oil; Runnels, 108,337 MCF of gas and 48,290 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 413,616 MCF of gas and 83,300 barrels of oil; Stephens, 1,034,017 MCF of natural gas and 251,414 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 27,708 MCF of gas and 52,744 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing county in August was Gaines with 2,759,789 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in August was Zapata with 26,044,598 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in August came from 148,793 oil and 54,410 gas wells.

## Commissioners approve resolution to designate FM 604 as Atlas ICBM Highway

Callahan County Commissioners approved a resolution endorsing proposed legislation to designate FM 604 as the Atlas ICBM Highway during the Commissioners' Court regular monthly meeting Monday, November 27.

Larry C. Sanders presented the Commissioners' Court with the resolution requesting Callahan County endorse the proposed state legislation. Sanders has been one of the key figures in proposing the Atlas ICBM site, between Clyde and Baird off FM 18, be turned into an Atlas ICBM Museum.

According to Sanders' resolution to the Commissioners' Court, the Atlas ICBM was America's first operational intercontinental ballistic missile system and was rapidly deployed by the United States Air Force's Strategic Air Command to deter military threats from the Soviet Union.

Sanders said the Atlas F ICBM's were the most advanced version of the Atlas ballistic missile system and were deployed in hardened, deep subterranean launch structures called silos.

According to Sanders, there were 12 Atlas ICBM bases strategically located in West Texas near rural communities around Dyess Air Force Base and Abilene. The five Atlas ICBM bases were located on and supported via Farm to Mark Road 604 at the communities of Bradshaw, Lawn, Oplin, Denton Valley and Clyde.

Sanders said through the proposed legislation designating FM 604 as the Atlas ICBM Highway, the citizens of Callahan County can recognize the significant contribution the Atlas ICBM played in America's victory in the Cold War, and further to honor the pioneering civilians who engineered, constructed, and serviced the Atlas ICBMs, and the heroic United States Air Force Missilers who operated the system.

During discussion of the resolution, Commissioners were told the designation of FM 604 as the Atlas ICBM Highway would be an honorary title only—that no portion of FM 604 would be renamed.

On a motion by Commissioner Charlie Grider and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioners voted 5-0 to endorse the legislation designating FM 604 as the Atlas ICBM Highway.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Grider, County Commissioners voted 5-0 to discontinue the Insurance Cafeteria Plan. County Judge Roger Corn said in previous years, Callahan County's insurance plan had allowed different insurance agents to come before the county employees to talk about such supplemental insurance coverage, which would take the employees away from their workday. Judge Corn said the although the plan is being discontinued, each individual county employee may continue to receive such supplemental insurance coverage.

—County Extension Agent Robert Pritz presented the 2000-2001 extension agent's report.

—On a motion by Judge Corn and second by Commissioner Farmer, County Commissioners voted 5-0 to table allowing the Red Cross to locate an office in the County Courthouse. The item was tabled to allow Ronnie Broadus to meet with the County Commissioners to discuss the item with the Commissioners' Court.

—On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Hicks, County Commissioners voted 5-0 to appoint Whitney McLean of Cross Plains and Margie Slotton of Clyde to serve a three-year term to the Callahan County Child Protective Services board of directors.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Holland, County Commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the bid from West Texas Cat for the purchase of a used motor grader for Precinct #4 (Cross Plains). The bid from West Texas Cat, which included a trade-in Caterpillar motor grader, amounted to \$60,500 after the trade difference. The used Caterpillar will be financed through Caterpillar Financial at an interest rate of 6.25 percent.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Judge Corn, Commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

IT'S A GIRL!



Sarah Nicole Weide arrived on Monday, November 13, 2000. She weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her sister, Megan Elizabeth, and proud parents Dave and Elizabeth (Cavanaugh) Weide of HOLLOMAN AFB, Alamogordo, New Mexico, welcomed Sarah.

Maternal grandparents are Morris and Bettie Cavanaugh of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Greg and Mary Weide of Mertzon.

please welcome  
**Jady  
Ray Pipes II**

born to  
Jady and Michelle  
Pipes

on October 9,  
2000  
at 12:33 p.m.

weighing 6 pounds  
15 ounces  
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Donations & Earnings	
Eva Byrd	\$ 30.00
1 Book	25.00
CD# 8190 Int.	269.53
CD# 7719 Int.	1298.16
Int. Added to Acct.	10.70

**Totals:** 1633.39

**Grave Openings Permits**  
Elliott Hamil Funeral Home 75.00

**Totals:** 75.00

#### Cross Plains Cemetery Association Report For The Month Of October 2000

Donations & Earnings	
Eva Byrd	\$ 30.00
I/M McDowell & Jones Families	
By Earlene Ward	50.00
J.B. Strength	50.00
Barbara Taylor	100.00
Int. Added to Acct.	13.48

**Totals:** 243.48

**Grave Openings Permits**  
Cokay Loving - 4 plots \$300.00  
Higginbotham Funeral Home -  
Billie Barnett Service 75.00  
Frances McAnally - 1 plot 75.00

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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## In Arkansas...

There was this tree. And a spring. And a slope. There was a large clearing, and a whole bunch of trees in the background.

This is Arkansas. We saw a lot of it during our long weekend visit with MyKeeper's sister and her husband.

Their charming farm home, made so by their own sweet and artistry, has a Polynesian ambience influenced by their years in Hawaii. The house hides among trees, and peeks out over hilly pastures dotted with a few cows, some horses, and a million birds.

The upstairs bedroom has French doors and a small deck overlooking the east pasture. With few alterations, it is the very room I discover climbing the stairs in my dreams, a spacious room that always turns out to be my writing room.

The roomy enclosed porch is their Mainland garden lanai. It's size and decor qualify it as my Dream Mudroom, though more elegant than I've ever imagined. It is light, airy and livable. Ceiling fans ruffle tropical fronds. Potted plants trim the deck stairs. Wicker and rattan furnish comfy seating. A wall of tall windows make it Arkansas weather extremes.

The view through the lanai is pastoral from any point in the front rooms of the house. Cows graze the steep hillside. Families of birds and small wildlife call the place Home. The family dogs protect their boundaries from visiting peacocks who are not intimidated.

The view out the east window is a tree at the edge of a spring across the dirt road. There's a slope and a large clearing, and a whole bunch of trees lining the back edge of the clearing.

Late afternoon, the second day we were there, the guys were out hunting. Visions of venison danced in our heads. I was left to myself for

a short while, which gave me time to run from window to window enjoying Nature's autumn ballet.

The stage was backlit by the oblique angle of the great spotlight in the sky. It cast a burnished orange glow across the scenery. The distant trees etched a green line across the glassy water.

The mood held me captivated while the Technical Director lowered the intensity of the lighting, passed it through a couple of cloud filters, and brought the angle lower and lower to the horizon.

A burnt sienna flicker caught my eye. It was a deer, meandering in a graceful arc across the clearing. The sun's alpenglow made it the star of the landscape for several minutes. The doe came to stand at the edge of the spring, still and alert, safety a practiced and automatic response.

It dipped its head to the water and then lifted it again, listening. Satisfied that it could drink uninterrupted, the deer lowered its head to the edge of the spring. Her muzzle riffled widening concentric circles that swam to the other side and spent themselves on the far bank.

As I watched, the deer flaked her thirst, the lighting dimmed to gray, the scene turned to sylvan fantasy, then faded to black.

Somewhere between the dimming of day shine, and the rising of the moon, the main character left the stage. It's an old scene to her, played out day after day. She'll be back on another pathway, though, headed towards another stage, ready for the next performance first thing tomorrow morning.

The guys came back, shivering and red-cheeked, and without a deer. Their deer hunting expedition had turned into an all-day nature hike.

On a cold day like that, the best way to "catch" a deer is like I did, huddled up to the fireplace.

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# Happy Birthday!

## DECEMBER 8

Judy Gibbs Steele  
Neva Joyce Dillard  
L.L. Morgan  
Mrs. Perry Jennings  
Elmer Casey  
Garrett Stephens  
Juanita Smith

## DECEMBER 9

Bill Gunn  
Rhonda (Jackson) Hinten  
Bud McCorkle  
Gerald Holcomb  
Mrs. Troy Crockett  
J.A. Kirkham  
Darlene Dillard  
Gaye Archer  
Dale Hunt  
Leslie D. Arrowood  
John Ingram  
Bruce Region  
Mrs. A.H. Ringhoffer  
Mrs. J.D. Goble  
Glenn Merrill  
Tiffany Bush

## DECEMBER 10

Jimmy McCowen  
Debbie Edington  
Jessie (Foster) Sparks  
Jimmy Gilmore  
Joe Dean Nunn  
Mickie (Archer) Holmans  
Wayne Newton  
James LeMay  
Sherii Lyn Bassett  
Dustin Meiron

## DECEMBER 11

Tommy Cavanaugh Waggonner  
Jill (Richardson) Betts  
Terry (Dillard) Nixon  
O.B. Edmondson  
Pee Wee Pickett

Stuart Sowell  
Mrs. Eldon McIntosh  
Peggy Purvis  
Mrs. C.B. Shelton  
Andrew Mark Young  
Mrs. Byron Richardson  
Kay Horan  
Noah Sealy Johnson  
Shirley (Freeman) Bassett

## DECEMBER 12

Steve Franke  
Exa McCord  
K.C. Westerman  
Mrs. Vernon Falkner  
Reggie Pillans  
Michael Allen Johnson

## DECEMBER 13

Stanley Rex Dickie  
Kathy Nigar  
Tony Bland  
David Browning  
Danny Hutton  
Wanetta Parson  
Mrs. Log Thompson  
Joe Everett Burkett  
Ken Horan  
Jeanie Gilliland  
Dustin Anthony Morales  
Minnie Larkin

## DECEMBER 14

Alma King  
Bobbie Jo Grissom  
Bobby Jack McCowen  
Calvin Champion  
Gene Thomas  
Hallie Hartley  
Sherry Ann Wilson  
J.T. Merry  
Robert Grissom  
Rosie Parker  
Mrs. Essie V. Alexander  
Mrs. Clovis Simons  
Micky Lapata

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### Jerry Strickland Currently Hospitalized in Dallas

Jerry Strickland is currently in RHD Memorial Hospital in Dallas receiving treatment for cancer. His doctors are optimistic and he is doing better.  
If you would like to send a card to

him, you may use the following address:  
Jerry Strickland  
RHD Memorial Hospital  
P.O. Box 819094  
Dallas, Texas 75381-9094.

**IT'S A GIRL!**

Janiesha and Jesse Hutton are proud to announce the birth of their new baby sister.  
Shania Hope Hutton was born November 4, 2000 at 12:50 am. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Jamie and Mary Hutton of Cross Plains. Grandparents are Sandy and J.D. Hutton of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Cowan and LaVern Hutton of Cross Plains and Lester and Jewell Linney of Rising Star.

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