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Santa Claus, Spaghetti Supper and Christmas Parade Set for Thursday, December 6th

Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper with Santa Claus

The Annual Cross Plains Kiwanis Christmas program is Thursday night, December 6. Santa anticipates meeting all the children and adults at the Senior Citizens Center as he arrives in Cross Plains. Every child present will be able to visit with Santa and have his her picture taken with him and a goody bag. We will have a Spaghetti Supper fund raiser with the Christmas program again this year to help raise funds for programs that help our community's children. We really need your help in order to have enough to meet all the worthy requests and needs that come our way. The

Spaghetti Supper begins at 5 p.m. -- \$8 per plate, children 10 and under eat free. The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit! Remember, Thursday night, December 6, beginning at 5 p.m.



Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade

The 2018 Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will once again dovetail nicely with the Kiwanis spaghetti supper. On Thursday, December 6th, the parade will start at 6:00 with Santa Claus leading the parade on one of our very own Cross Plains Fire Engines. If you haven't seen one of the parades, you don't want to miss it again. Floats are lit up with lights, kids on bicycles, ambulances, fire engines, even horses decked out in bells and lights. Everyone is welcome to participate in the parade. It is a great opportunity to promote

your business, or just have a lot of fun being silly. Ribbons are awarded for first, second, and third place. Last year the City got first place. It will be exciting to see who gives them a run for their money this year. If you or your company would like to participate, please contact Parade Chairman Terne Parum at Junkin Daze or via phone at 325-642-9978.

December Donations to the Senior Center will be Matched Dollar for Dollar

With the season of giving upon us, the Cross Plains Senior Center has the chance to benefit twice from any donation received in December up to a total of \$5,000. The Terne L. Coburn and Family Ranch will match any contributions up to a total of \$5,000 in loving memory of Clara McDermott Coburn. Just like the miracles of Christmas, \$5,000 becomes \$12,000.

These gifts will be used to expand programs and the continued opportunity to offer nutritious meals to those 60 and over and the disabled each weekday, no matter the ability to pay. Please send your donations to P O Box 144 Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or come by the Center and let us show you around our facility at 108 N Main St. Cross Plains.

Celebrate Walt Disney's Birthday on December 5th

The Cross Plains Public Library will be holding a birthday party for Walt Disney on December 5th at 4pm. We will have two guest at the party and one of them has worked at a Disney

park. There will be fun for all and don't forget about cake and who doesn't like cake. All ages welcome. Don't miss out on all the fun celebrating the Man behind the Mouse.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce to Hold Holiday Decorating Contest

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is holding its Holiday Decorating Contest. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! The City has the Christmas lights up, businesses have started to decorate. The Cross Plains Chamber's Holiday decoration contest is starting. Many businesses have started

decorating so that Cross Plains will be merry and bright for the Christmas season. To enter your home or business (or your friends or neighbors home or business) please send an email to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com, a message via Facebook, or call 254-725-7251. Be sure

Food Pantry Distribution December 19th

Food distribution for the Food Pantry has been changed due to the holiday. Please plan to pick up your food from the Pantry on Wednesday, December 19th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Library Statue Ribbon Cutting Dec 19th

The Cross Plains Public Library invites the public to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the dedication of their bronze statue "Two Kids on a Bench" and donor plaque on Wednesday, December 19th, at 11:00 a.m. in the library's park. Join us for refreshments before and after the ceremony.

Kingdom's Door Closed for December

Kingdom's Door and Attic will be closed during the month of December due to other commitments of the workers. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but if anyone needs anything during this time, please call First Baptist Church. You may also call 325-669-7960 and someone can meet you there. Please leave a message if no answer. May you all have a truly blessed Christmas!!

Drawing for Gun, TV and Chair to be Held on Thursday

Time is winding down on to get your tickets for the raffle to benefit the Cross Plains Senior Center. Santa will draw the winners names on Thursday. If you would like to buy tickets, stop by the Senior Center or just let Dannes know by email call me at 325-669-5583.



The Buffaloes take the Championship at the Gustine Tournament. Way to go Buffaloes! Schedules for both the Buffaloes and Lady Buffs, along with photos, are on pages 4 and 5.



Lady Buffs also do well at the Gustine Tournament coming in 2nd place. See photos on page 4.

Dance at Senior Center Monday, December 10th

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday, December 10th, starting at 6:30 p.m. Music and entertainment will be provided by Margie Hartfield, who has performed at the dances in the past. Everyone has had such a good time. Snacks and beverage provided. Dinner is potluck. Only \$5 admission. Everyone 55 and older is invited to come and have a good time!



Helping Hearts - the Fred Placek, David Estes and Bryan Bennett of Helping Hearts and Hands help prepare for winter by replacing a door on a well house at a home in Cottonwood.

American Legion Post #423 Christmas Party December 8

American Legion Post 423 along with American Legion Auxiliary Unit 423 will hold their annual Christmas Party Saturday December 8th 2018 at 4 pm at the Legion Building in

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm

Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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Sunday School
9:30

Wednesday

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A Love Fund

Has been set up for **Barbara Sowell** for medical expenses at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains

A Love Fund

Has been set up for **Debra Childers** for medical expenses at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains

Advertise in the Cross Plains Review

Death Notice

Etta Hamlin

Etta Mae Taylor Hamlin, 79 of Cross Plains, Texas, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Monday, November 29, 2018 in Cross Plains, Texas.

A memorial service will be on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 pm at the American Legion, 201 E. 1st Street in Cross Plains, Texas.

Obituary

Anna Powers

Anna Catherine Powers, 82, of Cross Plains, Texas, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, in Wichita Falls, Texas, with family members at her side.

Anna, known to friends and family as Ann, was born on March 17, 1936, in Jersey City, New Jersey, to George Thomas Livesey and Edna May Finck Livesey, and lived in Jersey City for most of her young childhood. The family relocated to upstate New York in 1946, where she spent most of her adult life until moving to Texas in 2007.

After graduating Morris Central School, Anna married Emerson L. Cole, and the couple built a house together and made their home in the Town of New Lisbon in Otsego County, where she focused on raising their four children.

Her lifelong love of animals, gardening and nature was reflected in every aspect of her life. A pet became a family member for life. Planting and caring for a vegetable garden was an annual event, as was canning and freezing the fruits of her labor to sustain the family through the long winter months. She created flower borders and beds and constructed stone walls and other landscape structures to beautify the home grounds. For many years she operated and maintained Plaza Greenhouses & Florist Shop on the homestead.

Anna was also deeply involved with and committed to the 4-H Youth Program. Growing up, she was a 4-H member, learning basic life skills under the watchful eye of her mother. As an adult, she organized several local 4-H Clubs and taught cooking, sewing, baking, food preservation, crafts, gardening and much more to her own children, her grandchildren and other children in the local area, passing on the skills she had learned as a 4-H member.

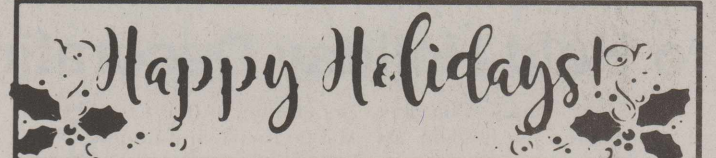
In 2000, Anna was recognized for her ongoing contribution to the 4-H Program and presented with the Alumni Recognition Award for over 43 years of volunteer service on both a local and county wide basis.

Once her children were substantially grown, Anna sought employment outside of the home and landed a temporary clerical position for a non-profit agency, where she worked her way up through the ranks to become VP of Administrative Services at CWS, Norwich, NY. After 28 years of serving the organization, she retired in 2000.

Anna was avid gardener for more than 50 years, and worked diligently to keep her gardens pest and chemical free. She was an advocate for natural healthy lifestyles and alternative health treatments and ran a home-based herbal business for over 25 years, sharing her vast knowledge of herbs and essential oils with anyone who would listen. After moving to Cross Plains, she also began feeding feral cats and spent countless hours trapping over twenty of them so she could take them to be neutered or spayed before releasing them back into the community.

Anna attended the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains. She is survived by her children, George T. Cole and wife Theresa, Cocoa Beach, FL; Melody M. Jones and husband Henry, Cross Plains, TX; Annette L. Guinn and husband Timothy, Norwich, NY; and Tammie J. Ehrhart and husband Robert, Utica, NY; a brother Vincent Brannick and wife Wanda, Gilbertsville, NY; 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, countless nieces and nephews; and a former husband and good friend, Richard I. Green, New Berlin, NY. She was predeceased by a sister, Edna M. Pentzien, her first husband, Emerson L. Cole, and her third husband, Glenn R. Powers.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains, on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Kevin Morton officiating. Her ashes will be returned to NY by family members to be interred at the family plot in Hillington Cemetery, Morris, NY, alongside her beloved mother and father.



Enjoying the Library Craft Fair



Hazel Estes with the Methodist Church Cookbook and other craft items. Hazel is Arlene's Stephenson's sister.



Crystal Funderburk



Stephanie Thompson



Christine Evans with her display of jewelry and other unusual items

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Gaynelle Callaway, at right, displayed many handmade items at the Craft Fair



Connie Kirkham with a wooden bowl from Jerry George

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Chamber Chatter

Higginbotham Brother's is having a wonderful sale starting on the 6th and running until the 16th. If you buy a 32-gallon waste bin, you can get 25% off anything you can fit in it (some exclusions apply).

Flowers always brighten up a holiday table and whether you prefer the delightful aroma of fresh flowers, or silk arrangements that can be used again next year. Patsy's Flowers and Gifts can make the perfect arrangement for you.

Do you have a passel of Grandkids that you need to buy a gift for? Each one can have their very own elf with their name on it. Stop into Junkin Daze and order an Elf, Snowman, or Reindeer. They would be perfect peeking out the top of the stocking. A portion of the proceeds go to the Senior Center.

Be sure to get your fur babies ready for the holidays! Give Amanda a call at Paws-tively Stylish and schedule a shampoo and grooming.

The donut shop now open - Apple Fritters, Glazed Donuts, Maple Bars, Cinnamon Rolls... oh the possibilities.

Circle K is going to reopen soon. A western wear store with clothes for the whole family. Amy doesn't have an exact date.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

December 10th-14th

Monday-10th Exercise 11:00; Dance 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday-11th Exercise 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday-12th Blood Pressure Check, Kindred at Home of Eastland
Thursday-13th Exercise 11:00 a.m.
Friday-14th Exercise 11:00 a.m., Bingo 11:15.

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

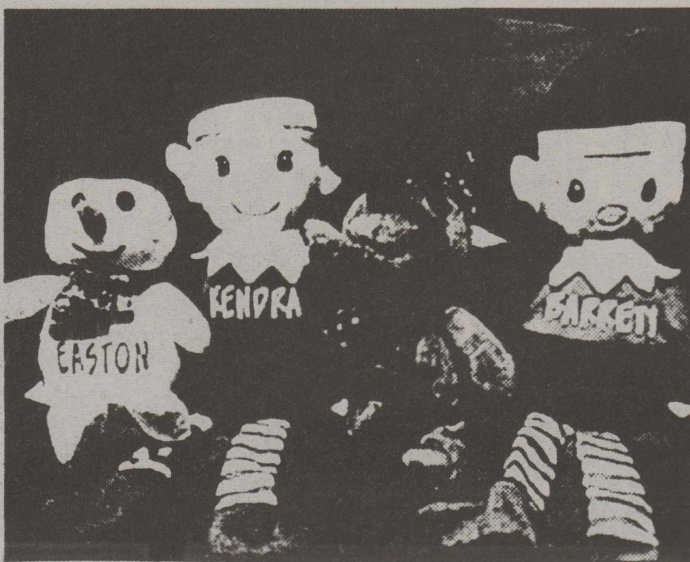
SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 10th-14th

Monday 10th - Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Crackers, Bread, Dessert	Thursday 13th - Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert
Tuesday 11th - Vegetable Beef Soup, 1/2 Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Cookie	Friday 14th -BBQ Brisket on a Bun, Ranch Style Beans, Chips, Fruit, Cookie
Wednesday 12th - Fish Sandwich, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Dessert	

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizens Center



Little Elves Helping Out the Senior Center - Delight your kids and grandkids with these cute, adorable elves, personalized with their names. A portion of the proceeds of each elf - as well as snowmen and reindeer - will go to the Cross Plains Senior Center. Elves are \$8 each for one or two, \$6 each for three or four, and \$5 each for 5 or more. Stop by Junkin Daze to order your elves or text your order to 325-668-3864.

Cross Plains Community Calendar

December
 December 6 - Thursday
 Santa Claus Comes to Town
 Chamber of Commerce
 Christmas Parade 5:00 p.m.
 Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper 5:00 p.m.
 December 8 - Sunday
 See and Go Tell Christmas

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Program, First Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.
 December 19 - Bar/Abatement
 Coloring Contest Judging
 December 20 - Holiday
 Decorating Contest Judging
 December 24-January 1
 Christmas Holidays, School's out

January
 January 10 - Friday
 School's out for the Callahan County
 Livestock Show
 January 10-12 - Callahan
 County Fair Livestock Show

A BIG THANK YOU!
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Come and Go and Tell

Good News of the Savior's Birth
Sunday, December 9th 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Cross Plains

A Musical for Christmas

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 crossplainsreview@earthlink.net

Cross Plains Public Library News

Library Hours
 Mon. 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Tues. 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Wed. 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Thurs. 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
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November 26-30, 2018

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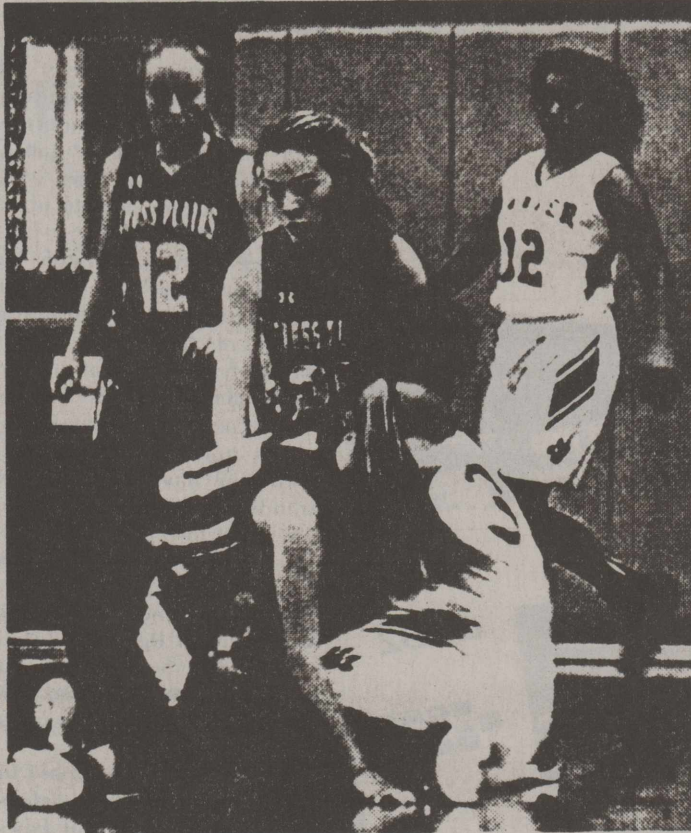
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Lady Buffs Finished Second in the Gustine Tournament



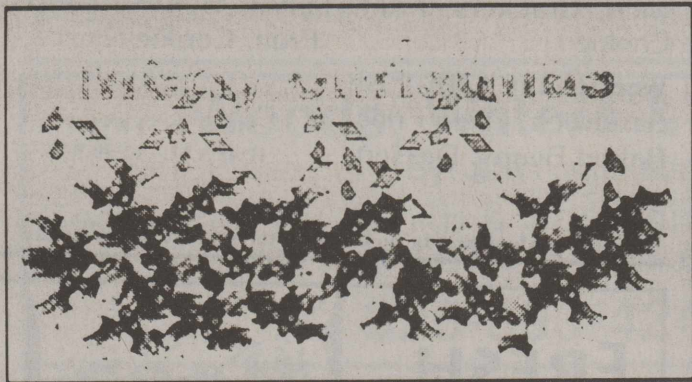
Lady Buffs finished 2nd in the Gustine Tournament
 Thursday 11-29-18 Lady Buffs defeated Gustine JV 56-9
 Hanna Fortune had 9 points, 2 assists, 9 rebounds, 2 steals
 Bailey Wells had 9 points and 3 rebounds

Friday 11-30-18 Lady Buffs defeated Sidney 64-29
 Bailey Wells had 14 points, 2 rebounds, and 1 steal
 River Bradley had 12 points, 11 rebounds, 1 steal
 Macey Stegleder had 9 points, 2 assists, 3 steals
 Hanna Fortune had 9 points, 4 assists, 4 rebounds, 1 steal

Saturday 12-1-18 Ranger Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Buffs in the championship game 58-43
 Macey Stegleder had 21 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals
 Hanna Fortune had 9 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds, 3 steals
 Jaylanni Shepard had 4 points, 1 assist, 1 rebound



7th Grade Buffaloes take 2nd Place in the Hico Tournament. They defeated Meridian 32-9, but lost 24-20 to Brownwood in the final round.



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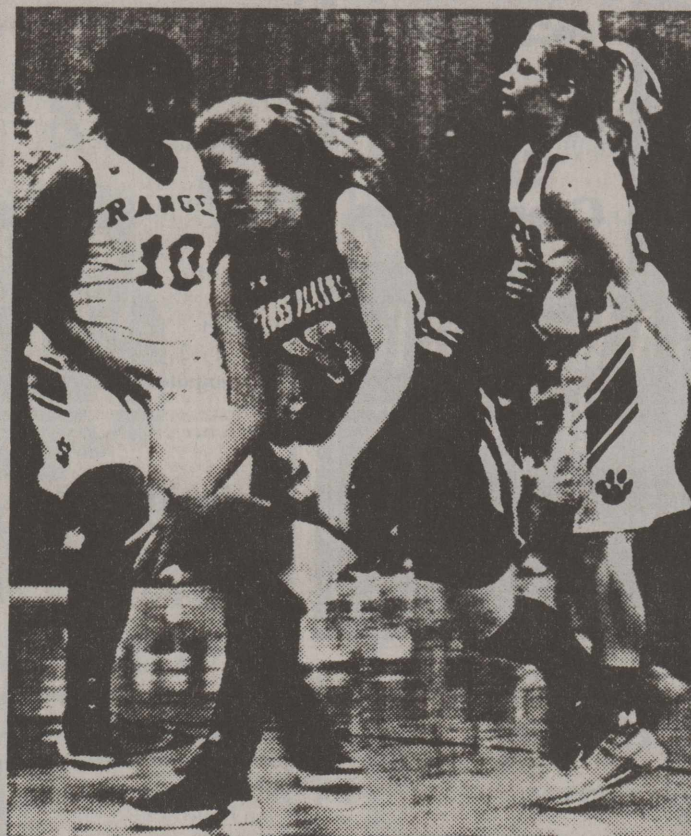
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Go Lady Buffs!
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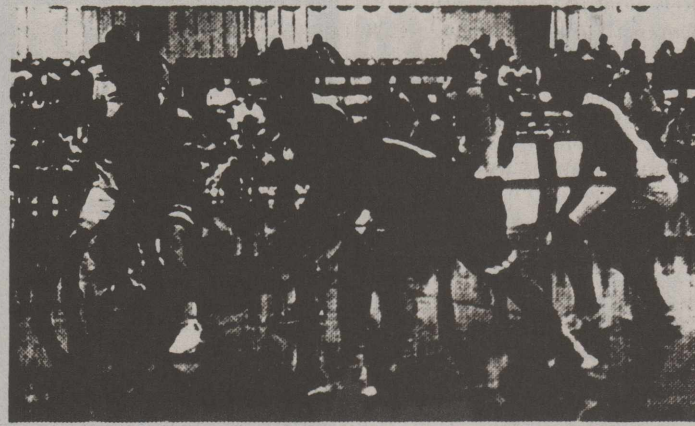
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Buffaloes Champs at the Gustine Tournament



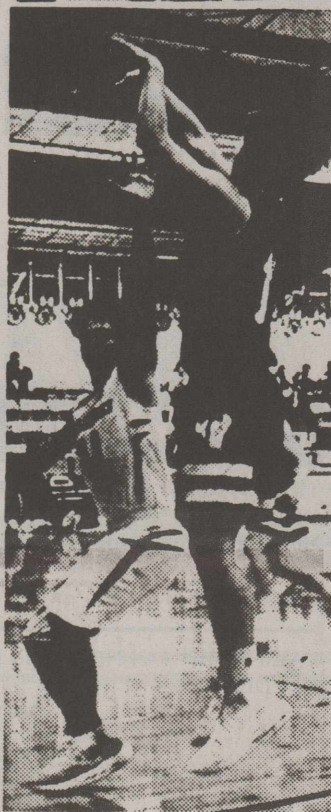
Last week the boy's basketball program had a combined record of 4-4. The Mixed, 7th, & 8th team lost three games to Albany. Monday night Tuesday, the JV & Varsity traveled to Anson. The JV improved their record to 2-0 with a 30-22 win, and the varsity lost in overtime to the Tigers, 51-45.

The 7th grade boys lost in the Hico Tournament championship, 24-20 to Brownwood. They defeated Mendon 32-9 in the first round of play.

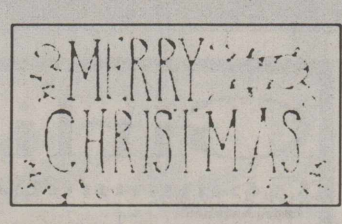
The varsity boys went 3-0 at the Gustine Tournament defeating Jonesboro JV 74-12, Sidney 59-30, and Ranger 45-44 in the Championship Game.

The Junior High teams hosted Haskell on Monday night.

The JV and Varsity traveled to Knox City on Tuesday, then the JV will compete in the Albany Tournament Thursday and Saturday. The varsity boys and girls will participate in the Aspermont Tournament Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.



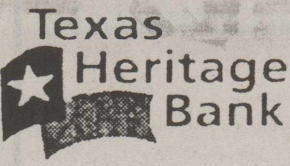
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Go Buffaloes!
Go Buffaloes!**

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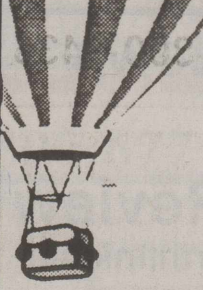
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WEEKLY MENU
December 10-14, 2018**

B	Hot Lunch	Salad	Milk	Savory Toast	Breakfast Sandwich
R	Hot Lunch	Salad	Milk	Chicken Stick	Cereal
I	Hot Lunch	Salad	Milk	Cereal	Fruit Juice
A	Hot Lunch	Salad	Milk	Fruit Juice	Fruit
K	Milk Varieties	Milk Varieties	Milk Varieties	Milk Varieties	Milk Varieties
V					
S					
I	Hot Lunch	Asian Bowl	Taco Grande	Chicken Sandwich	Pizza Choice
L	Hot Lunch	Salad	Nacho	Open Fries	Carrots
U	Baked Beans	Biscuits	Chili Beans	Fresh Veggie Cup	Garden Salad
N	Pineapples	Fruit Cocktail	Salad w/ tomato	Mandarin Oranges	Pears
C	Milk Varieties	Milk Varieties	Peaches	Milk Varieties	Brownie
H			Lime Sherbet		Milk Varieties
			Milk Varieties		

Buffaloes and Lady Buffs Basketball Schedule

December 6-8 - Thursday-Saturday, Aspermont Tournament, Varsity and Lady Buffs

December 6-8 - Thursday-Saturday, Zephyr Tournament, Lady Buffs JV

December 11 - Tuesday, Santo here Lady Buffs JV 4 p.m., Boys JV, 5 p.m., Lady Buffs, 6:30 p.m., Varsity 8 p.m.

December 14 - Friday, Zephyr here, Varsity 8 p.m., JV, 5 p.m.

December 14 - Friday, at Hico, Lady Buffs JV 4 p.m., Boys JV, 5 p.m., Lady Buffs, 6:30 p.m., Varsity 8 p.m.

December 18 - Tuesday, at Eula, Lady Buffs JV 4 p.m., Boys JV, 5 p.m., Lady Buffs, 6:30 p.m., Varsity 8 p.m.

December 21 - Friday, Goldthwaite Tournament, Lady Buffs JV 5 p.m., Lady Buffs, 6:30 p.m.

December 27-29 - Thursday-Saturday, May Tournament, Lady Buffs and Varsity

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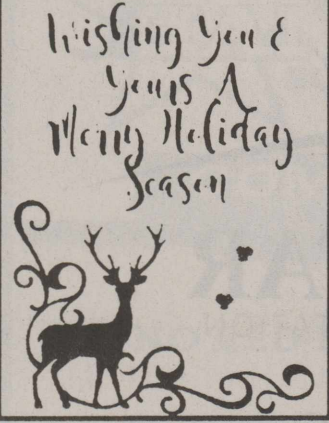
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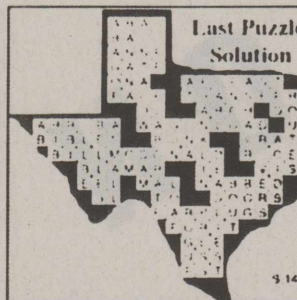
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- 316 N Main St, CP**-1BR/1B home and 2 -1BR/1B apartments..... **\$82,000**
- NEW! 1209 N Shore Dr, Cisco**-Lake front **UNDER CONTRACT**..... **\$125,000**
- 233 S Ave. E, CP**-Nice corner lot, 3BR/2B **UNDER CONTRACT** pecan trees..... **\$157,000**
- 210 N Cooper, RS**-3BR/2B brick, 1905 sq ft **SOLD** water well..... **\$161,000**
- 705 W 2nd St, Cisco**-3BR/2B 2976 sq ft, 1 car garage, 4 car carport, 3 lots..... **Reduced**..... **\$150,000**
- 402 S Dixie, Eastland**-4BR/3B 2 story, **UNDER CONTRACT**..... **Reduced**..... **\$287,000**

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Featured Property of the Week:

150 Acres and Home, 17910 CR265, Clyde-Wonderful 2014 3BR/2 5B custom built Ranch Style home featuring a beautiful pool, outdoor kitchen including propane grill. Nothing has been spared, gourmet kitchen, granite counter tops, 2 islands, stainless steel appliances, double ovens, drawer warmer, ice maker, hand scraped Hickory wood floors in living area, rock fireplace with windows showing the beautiful views of hills. Hunt, fish or graze on this rolling terrain with 40X50 insulated and heated shop, inside storm shelter with 1/2 bath. **SOLD**..... **\$1,075,000**

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Clyde Woman's Club 2018 Holiday Tour of Homes this Sunday

It is finally here!! The Clyde Woman's Club "2018 Holiday Tour of Homes" is Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:40 pm. We are excited to share these homes with you. Tickets are \$5 each and will give you access to all four homes and the Bake Sale at the Woman's Club Building. Tickets can be purchased from any club member.

This year we are featuring the homes of Tim and Sarah Atkinson at 2218 Castle Drive. You will not want to miss this outdoor living space! Next is Kenny and Janessa Berry at 712 Hilltop. This new construction

is about family and indoor and outdoor entertaining. Then we have the new home of Ryan and Jessica Henson at 773 Greenside. This home was built by Jessika's dad and shines the joy of little ones throughout. Becky's Flowers at 212 Oak Street is simply breathtaking. You will feel like you just walked into Christmas Wonderland. Our ladies have worked hard to bring you some of the best baked goods you can find! You can pick yours up at the Club Building at 102 Rusk.

We are excited and look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Comptroller Releases Tax Exemptions & Tax Incidence Report

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today released the Tax Exemptions and Tax Incidence report, as required by state law.

The report estimates the value of each exemption, exclusion, discount, deduction, special accounting method, credit, refund and special appraisal available to payers of Texas' sales, franchise, motor vehicle sales, oil production and gasoline taxes, as well as property taxes levied by school districts.

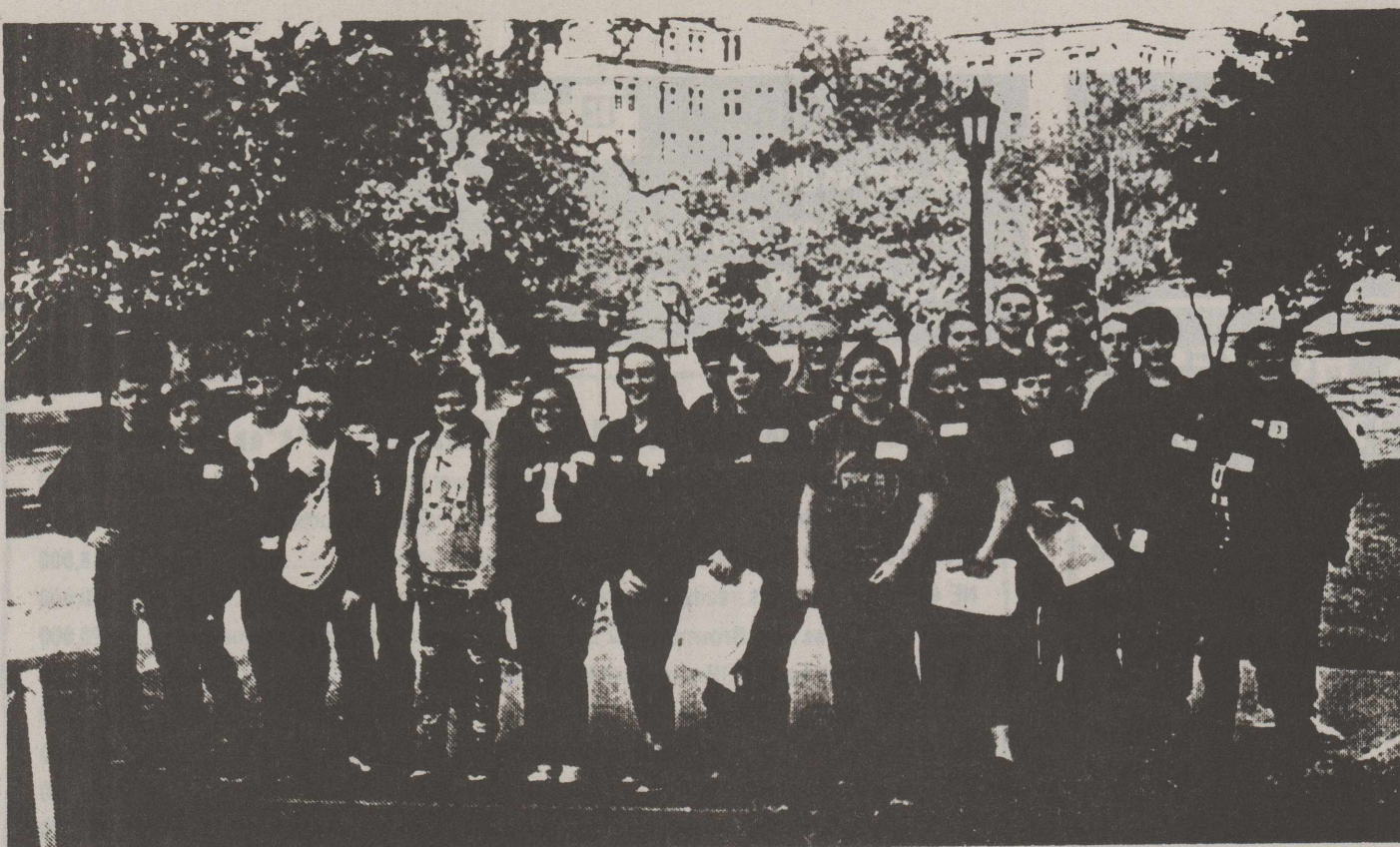
"In previous biennia, my office has released this report at the beginning of the legislative session," Hegar said. "But given the complex revenue and spending matters Texas lawmakers will be facing, including issues such as school finance, pensions and infrastructure, I thought it important to get this report to members of the Legislature well before the session begins. With more than six weeks until the 86th Legislature convenes, my office stands ready to assist

lawmakers as they begin to lay the groundwork to tackle these critical issues."

For fiscal 2019, aggregate exemptions for these revenue sources will total an estimated \$59.8 billion. Of this amount, exemptions related to the state taxes included in the report will account for \$45.6 billion: school property tax exemptions will account for the remaining \$14.2 billion.

Nearly \$16 billion of the estimated fiscal 2019 amount represents sales tax exemptions for items taxable under other law, including insurance premiums, motor vehicle sales and motor fuels. Exemptions from the sales tax on those items are estimated to be worth \$7.2 billion, \$4.4 billion and \$3 billion respectively.

Other exemptions from the sales tax include \$9 billion in raw materials used in manufacturing, \$3.2 billion in food for home consumption and \$1 billion worth of over-the-counter drugs and prescription medicines and devices.



Field Trip to the State Capitol - 7th Graders visited the State Capitol in Austin this past week.

Courthouse News

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Misdemeanor Filings

Luis R. Muela, Failure to Appear
Jermain Norwood, Failure to Appear
Kevin N. Owen, Failure to Appear
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Civil Filings

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Peter P. Arcemont, Consumer Contract Commercial Debt
Robert Dewey Hazelwood, Family Violence Assault
Veronica Mercedes Johnson, Drug Possession
Joseph Scott Davis, Aggravated Assault Attempted Murder
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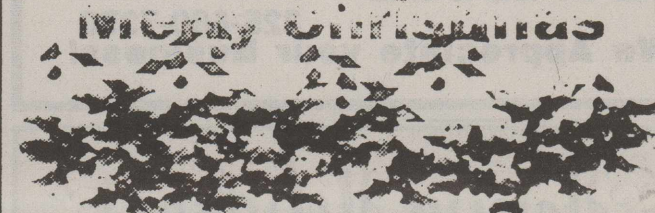
Civil Minutes

Kevin Clark, Drug Possession, Guilty Plea, Nolo Contendere
Ernest Herrera, Evading Arrest, Guilty Plea, Nolo Contendere
John Chance Michael Perry, Sexual Assault of a Child, Guilty Plea, Nolo Contendere
Lea Ann Cavage, Drug Possession, Guilty Plea, Nolo Contendere

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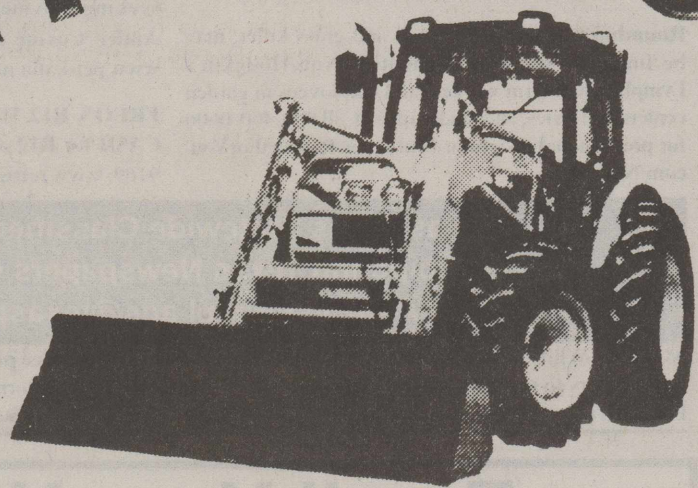
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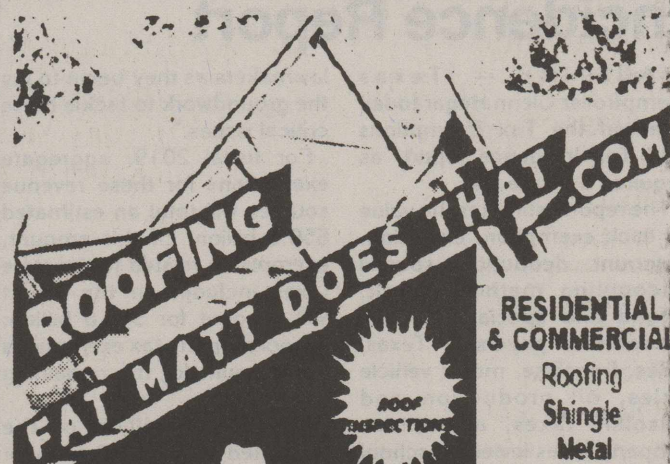
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Historical Marker Unveiled for Old Callahan County Hospital in Baird

A group of around 20 people attended the Callahan County Historical Commission's historical marker dedication for the Callahan County Hospital on Thursday, November 29th at the old Baird hospital building.

Welcome was provided by Callahan County Historical Commission member Felix Manion at just past noon Thursday in front of the old hospital building.

Flag presentation was made by the American Legion Post #423 in Cross Plains and the National Anthem was led by Linda Barron.

The historical marker unveiling was made by Judge Roger Corn and Doug Campbell.

History of the old Callahan County Hospital was read by Judi Campbell and the dedication concluded with guests providing some stories about the old hospital building.

The hospital building is now home to the Central Appraisal District and the



CALLAHAN GENERAL HOSPITAL HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION About 20 residents attended the Callahan County Historical Commission's historical marker dedication for the old Callahan General Hospital on Thursday, November 29th in Baird.

Texas Department of Human Services. The Appraisal District offices are located in the west wing of the building, while the Department of Human Services offices are located in the east wing of the building.

The first two doctors to practice at the hospital were Dr. Robert Lee Griggs and Dr. Stubblefield. Dr. Griggs passed away on March 8, 1961 at the age of 85.

The historical marker reads:

Callahan General Hospital

By the end of the 1930's, the population of Callahan County exceeded eleven thousand persons, and the cost of medical care to the county was over \$2,500 annually. With the changing role of the federal government under the Roosevelt New Deal programs, the county availed itself of a loan from the Works Progress Administration to construct a county hospital.

In an election held in 1939, the county wide vote was 475 for and 590 against, but Baird's 299 to 600 vote secured the passing.

Designed of one robe and steel in the popular art deco style of the period by architect Haskell and McDaniel, the hospital was state of the art. The entry lobby housed the nurses station and the waiting room for two doctors' offices. The facility included emergency operating labor and delivery rooms, nursery, laboratory, and x-ray in the west wing and kitchen, dining room and patient rooms in the east wing.

Patient rooms had metal furniture painted white. Each bathroom set had a built-in metal tub, toilet, and sink. Each room had a mirrored dresser, night stand and stool.

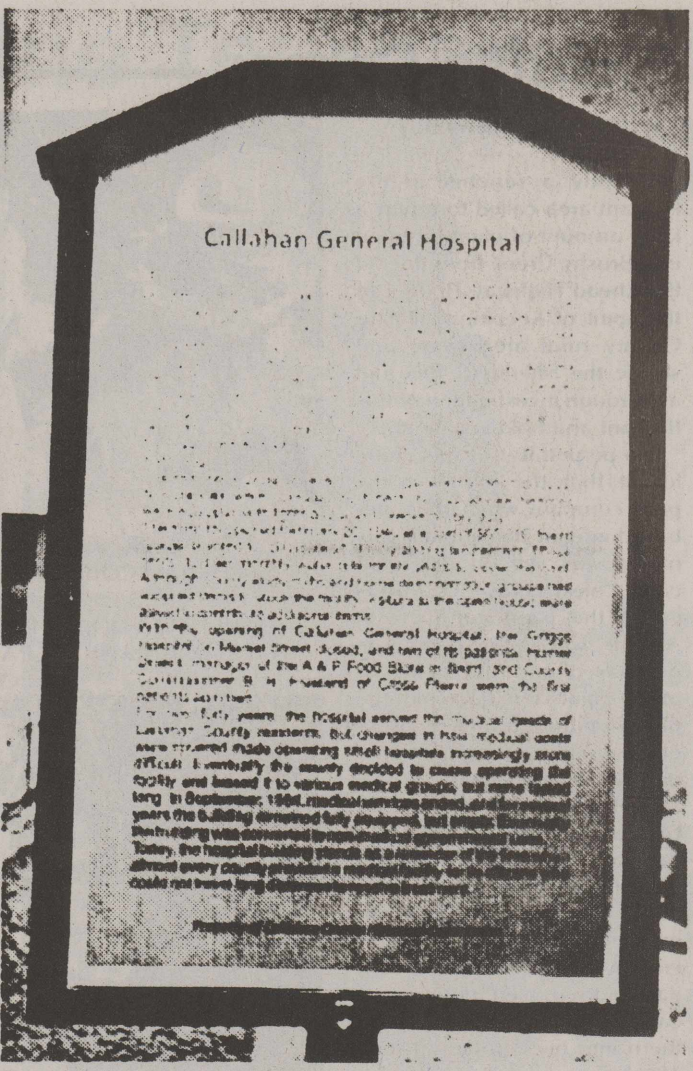
The reasons for the hospital's failure were many. First, the hospital was built in a remote area with no major roads. Second, the hospital was built in a remote area with no major roads.

The hospital operated from 1941 to 1944. Baird residents voted to fund the hospital, but the state did not provide the promised funding.

not been included in the cost were needed articles such as sheets, pillows, towels, dresser scarves, ash trays, waste paper baskets, tea and water pitchers. Although county study clubs and home demonstration groups had already supplied some of these items, visitors to the open house were asked to bring additional contributions.

With the opening of Callahan General Hospital, the Griggs Hospital on Market Street closed, and two of its patients, Homer Dinskill, manager of the A & P Food Store in Baird, and County Commissioner B. H. Freeland of Cross Plains, were the first patients admitted.

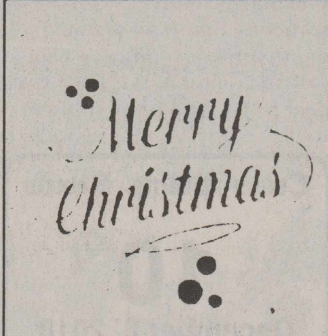
For over forty years, the hospital served the medical needs of Callahan County residents, but changes in how medical costs were covered by programs such as Medicare made operating small hospitals increasingly more difficult. Eventually the county decided to cease operating the facility and leased it to various groups, but none were successful long term. In September, 1984, medical services ended at the



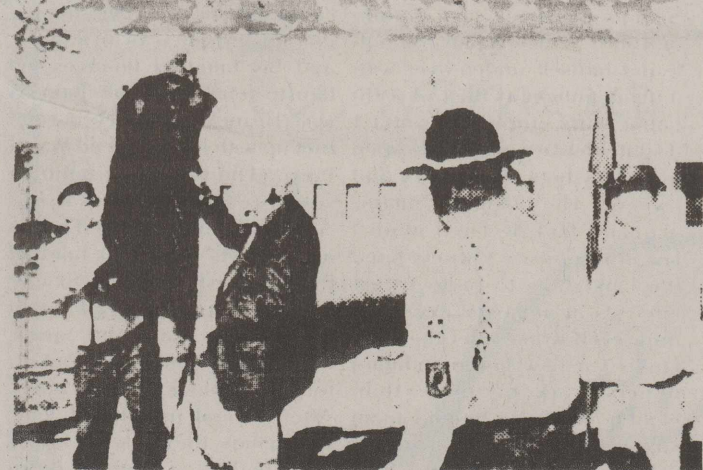
THE CALLAHAN GENERAL HOSPITAL HISTORICAL MARKER ERICATED ON THE NORTH LAWN OF THE OLD CALLAHAN GENERAL HOSPITAL BUILDING IN BAIRD

For several years the building remained fully equipped, but empty. Eventually the building was converted to non-medical governmental uses.

Today, the hospital building stands as a reminder of the time when almost every county provided a medical facility for its citizens who could not travel long distances to receive treatment or visit sick family members.



LINDA BARRON, FAR LEFT, SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM DURING THE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S MARKER DEDICATION CERIMONY FOR THE OLD CALLAHAN GENERAL HOSPITAL THURSDAY MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST #423 AND AUXILIARY BEAR THE FLAG



DOUG CAMPBELL, FAR LEFT, AND COUNTY JUDGE ROGER CORN, SECOND FROM THE LEFT, UNVEIL THE CALLAHAN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S HISTORICAL MARKER DURING THE MARKER DEDICATION ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH IN BAIRD

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Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

Recently a rancher in the Putnam area called to report a large amount of paint dumped into Brushy Creek from the old Bankhead Highway Bridge. In the spirit of keeping Callahan County rural area clean and scenic the Sheriff's Office did a thorough investigation of this flagrant and bold violation.

The perpetrator of this crime forgot that the name of the paint company where the water based interior house paint was mixed was still on the paint cans. Chief Deputy Rick Jowers called the paint company in Abilene where the paint was purchased and the manager of the paint store gave him the phone number and address of the paint contractor that purchased the paint.

Chief Deputy Jowers called the paint contractor and persuaded him that it would be in his best interest to come out to Brushy Creek and clean up the paint cans. He and his employees came out the next day and removed all the paint cans from the creek and loaded them into his company truck. There was a total of 107 five gallon buckets of interior water based paint. Some were full and some were less than full. If any Callahan County citizens sees someone dumping in our lakes or streams or roadways please call and report it. We will do our best to find the perpetrators.



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107 FIVE GALLON CANS OF PAINT DUMPED INTO BRUSHY CREEK NEAR PUTNAM



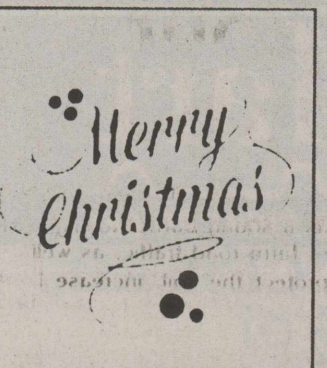
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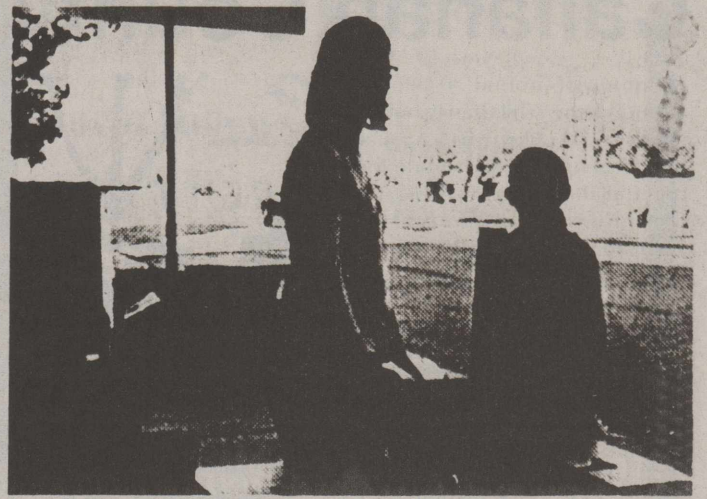


Cross Plains 4-H News

The Cross Plains 4-H Club had a great meeting Monday Night. Some members went out in the cold to start putting light on the Christmas Float. Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:00 members will be doing some more. The Parade is on the 6th, staging at 5:30 by the Methodist Church, but the club is staging at Pawsitively Stylish, then heading over to the main staging area.

Callahan County 4-H is holding a Dance on Saturday December 8th, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Baird Community Center (Lighthouse Plant). Everyone is welcome, \$5.00 at the door. Each club has been asked to bring something, the Cross Plains Club has been asked to provide individually wrapped Snacks and Chips. The Extension Office will provide hot Cocoa. Just a reminder, the Dress Code is School appropriate attire. For more information or to ask any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 325-854-5835.

The next cleanup day at the Show Barn will be December 9th from 1 to 4. This counts towards Community Service. The Stock Show isn't too far out. Even with the weather being crazy, the 4-H kids are out there every day with their animals, feeding, walking, training and cleaning.



The Poinsettas Arrived! 4-H Leader Terrie Parum and McKenna Podlevsky sort the 92 poinsettas the club sold.

Responsibility, dedication, and perseverance are just three of the traits that these members are showing on a daily basis.

Scholarships are one of the wonderful benefits of being in 4-H. If you are applying for a Scholarship this year, and are a member of 4-H, please contact Karl at the 4H Extension office. District 7 has three 4-H Scholarship Training sessions this year. December 4th - Tom Green County 4-H Building, December 6th - Burnet County Extension Office, December 10th Taylor County Extension Office. All three of these trainings will start at 6:30.

Registration has opened for Teen Retreat, January 4-6.

2016 Youth members currently in the 7th grade through the 12th grade can register to attend. Agents, Specialist and former summer staff will lead education session covering topics of: Survival Guide to Turning 18, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Teambuilding and Advocacy. The retreat will be held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, TX and you can register at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

If you have any questions regarding 4H call the Extension Office at (325)854-5835 or our local leader Terrie Parum at 254-725-6423.

The Texas History Minute

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Part II on Lawman Charlie Siringo

Texas native Charlie Siringo enjoyed a career in law that took him across the country, leading to adventures with some of the most noted names of the Old West. His years took him from cattle drives across Texas to assisting with Billy the Kid in the New Mexico Territory. His career ended over 100 years ago, but his legacy lives on as one of the most wanted lawmen and outlaws on the frontier. With more than 20 years with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, Siringo tackled through some of the most notorious chapters in the history of the West.

By the late 1800s, Butch Cassidy and his Wild Bunch gang had committed a string of armed robberies in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. Cassidy joined forces with Harry Longabaugh, also known as the Sundance Kid, in 1897. After two dramatic, highly publicized train robberies in the summer of 1899 in Wyoming and the New Mexico Territory, the Pinkertons assigned Siringo and several others to bring them in.

The Wild Bunch gang had already killed several people in shootouts, and Siringo knew he could not take them head on. Siringo instead went undercover, posing as a murderer on the run, and joined the Wild Bunch, carefully collecting information along the way. He rode with the gang for a year through the mountains and desert plains. He sent information to other Pinkerton operatives, and lawmen, leading to the arrest of several members of the Wild Bunch. Before Cassidy and Sundance knew what was happening, their

gang was falling apart. Siringo had so successfully disrupted their operation that the gang fled to Texas before breaking up in 1901. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid then fled to Bolivia and into legend.

After apprehending several other outlaws in his travels, Siringo was back in Colorado in 1903. Once again, Siringo found himself undercover with a mining union as the Colorado Labor Wars erupted. Contract disputes had escalated into open quarrels between miners and owners. The Colorado National Guard had declared martial law in response. Owners hired the Pinkertons to protect their interests at all costs. Violence grew even worse after the state ignored a new law mandating miners work no more than eight hours daily. Siringo again supplied intelligence on union activities. He later revealed how mine owners also forced him to rig the balloting in the various 1904 Colorado gubernatorial races. In his memoirs, he later called his activities in Colorado "a dark blot on my conscience."

Siringo retired from the Pinkertons in 1907 at age 52. His dogged determination and innovative undercover techniques resulted in his arresting more than one hundred criminals in his career and gaining a respected reputation across the country.

The agency, however, refused to let go of Siringo. They would pursue him for the rest of his life as he tried to publish his stories. He wrote three books on his time with the Pinkertons, which each facing protracted court action. Pinkerton agents went so far as

to buy every available copy of the books to make sure they would not get into circulation.

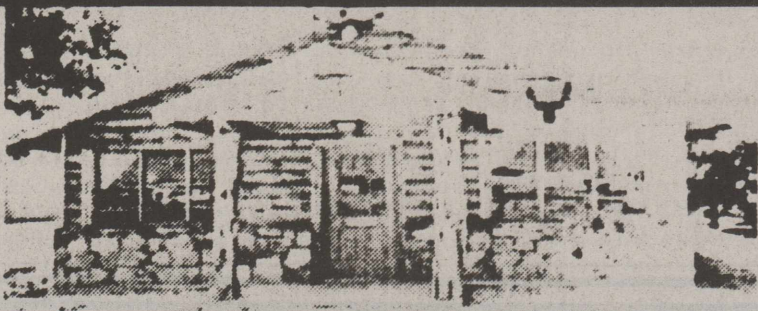
In 1916 at age 61, Siringo briefly served as a New Mexico Ranger, riding through the dry lands and sharp ravines in pursuit of cattle thieves and bandits. Two years later, he could no longer keep up the unrelenting pace of a Ranger, and his faltering finances led him to retire from ranching as well. He moved to California and met up with his old friend Wyatt Earp. The two aging gunmen soon became celebrities in Los Angeles as they charmed actors and starlets with their tales of the Old West. In 1927, Siringo once again published a book of his exploits, *Riata and Spurs*, only to again have the Pinkertons try to block its publication. After several months of legal wrangling, the book was finally published as a watered-down and fictionalized series of tales. He died quietly at his home just outside Los Angeles in 1928 at the age of 73, just three months before Earp.

Their deaths effectively closed the door to the whirlwind early days of the West. Siringo continued to be remembered long afterward, often referred to in modern western novels and movies. The City of Santa Fe named a street for him, and a TV movie about his life appeared in 1994.

Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges@gmail.com.

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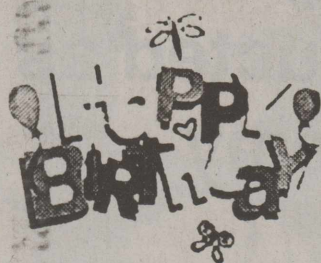
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December 11

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December 13

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Coleman County Winter Livestock Forage Program, December 13th

COLEMAN - The Texas A&M AgLife Extension Service Winter Livestock Forage Program is set for Dec. 13 in the Tillman Room of the Coleman Library Annex, 408 Commercial St. in Coleman.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the program starting at 6 p.m.

The program will feature a variety of topics of interest to both livestock and forage producers in the region, according to Michael Palmer, AgLife Extension agent in Coleman County.

"There have been significant challenges for both livestock and forage producers in our region this year," Palmer said. "This program will address those issues and provide attendees useful strategies they will want to consider this winter and looking ahead to 2019."

Cost is \$10 before Dec. 11, and early registration can be made by calling the AgLife

Extension office in Coleman at 325-625-4519 or email m.palmer@tamu.edu.

Registration is \$20 following the Dec. 11 deadline. Three continuing education units will be offered to Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license holders.

Topics and speakers will be:
- Livestock Nutritional Requirements, Dr. Travis Whitney, Texas A&M AgLife Research range nutritionist, San Angelo.

- Stocking Rates Based on Nutritional Value of Pasture Grasses, Dr. Morgan Treadwell, AgLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

- Small Grain Forages, Alternative Options - Are We Too Late?, Dr. Reagan Noland, AgLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo.

- Market Updates and 2019 Predictions, Bill Thompson, AgLife Extension economist, San Angelo.

Windbreak Seedlings Are Now Available Through Your Local SWCD

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for evergreen and hardwood seedlings. Landowners are encouraged to purchase these one-year-old seedlings for windbreak plantings before preferred stock is sold out.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed by West Texas Nursery, Texas A&M Forest Service in Idalou. The agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at an affordable price for landowners, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks.

You may be asking yourself, "What is a windbreak?" A windbreak consists of trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce erosion and increase land value and aesthetics. They are established where production ends and homesteads begin and they also act as protection for a residence, which increases the heating and cooling efficiency of a homestead.

Farmstead windbreaks block the hot, dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter. Multiple row windbreaks add natural beauty, privacy and

value to a homestead and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic, as well as protect the soil, increase land value and enhance crop yields.

Livestock windbreaks are very beneficial during the winter and summer months. Cattle hidden in an "I" or "U" shaped multiple row windbreak are allowed to utilize their energy to continue gaining weight rather than use it to keep warm, as a result, the amount of feed afforded by the producer is reduced. These windbreaks also reduce the risk of mortality during harsh winter months, such as Winter Storm Goliath in 2015. They also provide shade during the hot summer months and help keep the dust down when used around feedlots.

The following container seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 for \$100.00: Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Catalpa and Green Ash. These species are also available at 5 for \$25.00.

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Callahan County Commissioners' Court Meeting Minutes from Monday, December 3rd

The meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the courthouse on December 3, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., with the following officers present: w/t: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Erwin Clark, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Nicole Crocker, County Clerk; Sandra Rose, County Auditor; and Jan Windham, County Treasurer. Also attending were Scott Kniffen and Billy Hughes.

The following items of business were transacted:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made

a motion to pay the approved bills and the approved payroll. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Exhibit included.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion for Commissioner Precinct No. 2 to purchase a 2019 Chevrolet 1-ton pickup and finance through American National Leasing. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to give Perfection Cleaning Service, INC. a 30-day cancellation notice. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with Judge Corn abstained.

—Commissioner Windham made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

Educational effort earns top recognition among colleagues

County Judge Roger Corn inducted as Fellow of Texas Judicial Academy

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has been honored by the Texas Association of Counties' (TAC) Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile. The Academy recognizes county judges as Fellows who attain significant judicial education beyond state requirements.

A number of county judges were inducted as Fellows during the Academy's 2018 All Judicial Education Session, November 14th-November 16th in San Marcos.

The Texas Judicial Academy is a partnership between TAC and the Texas Tech University School of Law. The educational program is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty, as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

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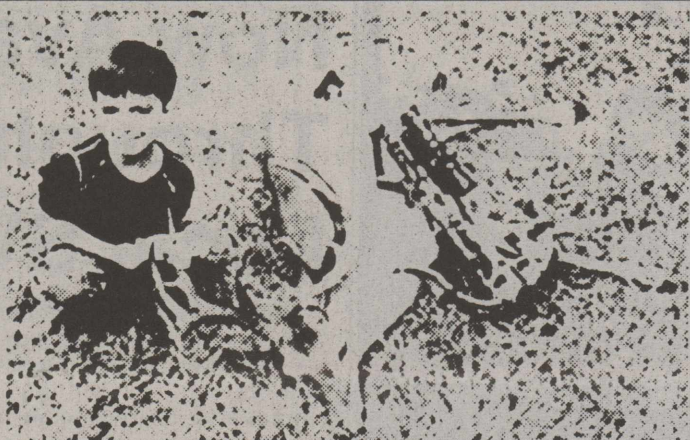
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By John Jefferson

MUCHO GRANDE DEER



You can see plenty of big bucks harvested statewide and the successful hunters on the websites of organizations mentioned in the attached column, but the shy smile of seven-year old Lukas Bass was irresistible. Lukas' 15 pointer was entered in the Texas Big Awards Program's "First Harvest" category and scored Net 159-7-8 on the Boone and Crockett system as a non-typical whitetail. It was taken on Low Fence property in Nacogdoches County by crossbow and arrow. Photo courtesy Texas Big Game Awards Program.

The first month of white-tailed deer season is in the books. The season began with good rains over much of the deer range. Some popular areas may have had a little too good!

The Junction-Mason-Llano-Kingsland area received massive amounts of rain causing heavy flooding and road closures shortly before the season opened. The Kerrville area got sopped, too. Rains fell all over the Hill Country, some of South Texas and the eastern part of the state. No doubt hunters had difficulty getting into parts of their leases to put the finishing touches on blinds and feeder areas. Hunters on a few leases probably discovered new leaks in roofs of cabins I've bunked in. But, did they complain? Probably not. You can get hurt complaining about rain in Texas!

The worst aspect of it - other than the loss of life and property - came in the form of a vegetational growth spurt. That affects both the deer feeding patterns and their visibility. They prefer natural vegetation - forbs and woody browse - to corn and pelleted feed, and new plant growth conceals their movement.

Despite the difficulties, hunters are succeeding in bringing in the venison. It's a little easier nowadays than it used to be to discover who's shooting what, which county he's hunted in and what the critter scored. Prior to 1965, about the only source of information was the San Antonio Express-News' annual deer contest. There were two divisions - one for the Hill Country and one for South Texas. Believe it or not, those were the two main areas where most of the hunting took place. A creative reporter with the paper started the contest. I even subscribed to the Express-News so I could see what hunters were bringing to ice.

As statewide restocking of deer hit its peak in the late

50s and the 60s, the Kerr Wildlife Management Area began conducting its milestone research into what enhances antler growth. The term "wildlife management plan" crept into our vocabulary and radio, TV, print publications and landowner and hunter education from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) tremendously increased statewide interest in and knowledge about deer and deer hunting. Other areas got into the action.

In 1965, the first statewide deer contest was initiated. The "Muy Grande Deer Contest" was run by Leonel Garza out of a gas station in Freer. It's still going muy fuerte (very strong), today, and still operated by

Garza and his family. In 1995, Darwin Avant consulted me regarding an idea that he was contemplating in Central Texas. His "Los Cazadores" contest is still fun-toning well, now in Pearsall. Texas Wildlife Assn. (TWA) and TPWD collaborated to form the Texas Big Game Awards in 1991, recognizing hunters and landowners upon whose land the winning game was taken. It started with a memo from TPWD biologist David Synatzske to TPWD headquarters. All three organizations' websites show the leading contenders' deer in numerous categories ranging from "High Fence" to "Youths" and "First Harvest".

Check 'em out! JJ

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License to Carry Class Dec 8th in Cross Plains

The Texas License to Carry Class of 2018 will be offered in Cross Plains on December 8, 2018. Scott Kniffen, retired Chief of Police, will be the instructor. The class will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains, Texas. The cost of the class is \$50 per participant.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Scott Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263.

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Under age and Unlicensed Juvenile Drivers ...

By David H. Jones, Cross Plains Resident

Though the willful, law-breaking *illegals* of the migrant caravans are the media's center of attention, a recent conversation in Cross Plains about *illegal juvenile drivers* brought up unpleasant but very real, basic serious issues many parents, teachers, school board members, pastors and law officers would just rather not discuss, maybe even think about. Though none desire arguments, accusations, suspicions, like life and house insurance, *prudent recognition and preparation* against evil is the mother of safety, joy, happiness and long productive lives.

I'm confident all parents are hopeful that such tragedies, loss of friends, hurts, neighborhood acrimony and *unintended bad consequences* won't happen. But, we all know better. It's difficult enough when an accident occurs with sober, licensed drivers. And part of those consequences are right-purchased to minimize and alleviate. *But, willful unlawfulness!!!* Such reckless convenience is humanly typical but not

traditional-American.

Thus, each issue has to be thoughtfully and truthfully assessed with ongoing conduct timely revised according to duty, truth and the law. If changes are desired, that's part of the reason we have the right to responsibly participate and vote. Over twenty years ago, the now devastated Venezuelans voted wrong. The questions/issues:

- What who will effectively *apologize for a death* involved with one of these juveniles? Like a drunk driver, it may not be the juvenile that is killed or gravely injured. Maybe a father? Your child?
- Since car insurance won't, who will *pay the horrendous medical bills* of the injured and deformed?
- Since car insurance won't, who will *pay for the loss of the vehicles*?
- What about *law enforcement officials* that condone such? Is this *subtle* corruption?
- Which irresponsible, silent-to-evil school officials won't be *held to account*?
- What about the *fail-*

ure in duty, leadership and civics by the parents, school, ministers and officials?

Traditional Christianity with its light, grace, forgiveness, redemption, salt and rule of law has greatly and long blessed America. But real Christianity goes far beyond merely attending church, being a member, being liked or just not doing some things. It's how we think, what we believe, and live, and if we timely repent ... in light of His Word which so many of us claim to believe.

Especially at Christmas, we are reminded Jesus didn't come to cover up sin and encourage scoffing at Wisdom, but by His *Word* and *conversion* and *discipleship* and corrections change sinners to saints and inner enable them to desire and do His revealed will. Blessings start with dad and the family.¹⁰¹ Family discussions, dad-lead-ership, prudent rules and repentances always bring blessings to the humble and willing followers of Him. Always! *Joy to the world, this Lord has come* ...

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Anson's Legendary Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball

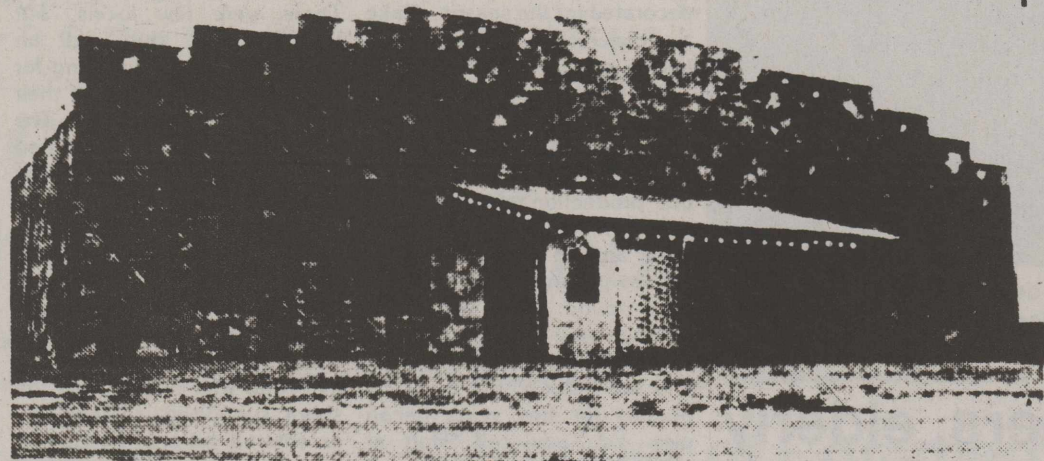
A Christmas Ball was held in 1885 at Anson to honor area cowboys and their ladies. This old time West Texas winter holiday gathering has become a legendary western heritage celebration that continues today. The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball at Anson is the annual historical re-enactment of that original frontier gala.

This year's Ball is December 20, 21 and 22, and features classic western music, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. Traditionally held the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before December 25th, the festive family event is always open to the public and remains a bucket-list priority for Texas history lovers.

The Ball is designated an official state historical event by the Texas Historical Commission to promote its historic preservation and celebrate its venerable history. Anson's Pioneer Hall has been the home of the Ball since its 1940 construction completion. On permanent display in the Hall are remarkable replicas hand-built to scale of Anson's 1885 Morning Star Hotel where the original Ball was held and the 19th Century Jones County ranch home of the Ball's famous rancher-poet, Larry Chittenden.

1885 Ball rules remain respected and required. Ladies must wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen must check in hats, spurs and guns at the door. No drinking, smoking, spitting, cussing, fighting, shooting or riding horses is allowed in the Hall.

The Ball was memorialized by poet-ranchman Larry Chittenden in his epic poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press, New York, 1893). The poem with music was later published in the classic compilation by John Lomax, "Cowboy Songs



& Other Frontier Ballads" (Macmillan Company, 1910), who attended the 1939 Ball. It was first performed by cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham at the 1940 Ball.

The Ball is portrayed in the 1930's public mural in the US Post Office at Anson and in the 1930 watercolor painting by Maxine Walker Ferrin at Abilene's Grace Museum. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Edna Ferber recognized the "Cowboy Christmas Ball at Anson in Jones County" in her best-selling novel "Giant". There is also a permanent historical exhibit of the Ball and Hall in Southwest Collections Library at Texas Tech University in Lubbock supervised by Archivist Monte L. Monroe, PhD, the Texas State Historian.

The prominent history of the Ball was written by Paul H. Carson, PhD, emeritus professor of history at Texas Tech University ("DANS IN ANSON: A History of the 20th-century Ball at Anson, Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball", Texas Tech University Press, 2014, www.ttpress.com).

The Ball has been featured on television episodes by Shane McAuliffe's The Texas Bucket List and Red Steagall's Somewhere West of Wall Street, and promoted in prominent publications including Texas Highways, Western Horseman, American Cowboy, True West, Authentic Texas and Texas Coop Power.

It is also the acknowledged genesis for cowboy Christmas concerts performed throughout the country by America's #1 cowboy singer, Michael Martin Murphy, and his Rio Grande Band. This will be the 75th year they have highlighted the Ball (www.michaelmartinmurphy.com).

1985 Ball
Thursday, December 12, Harmony Creek Cowboys 5:15 p.m. dance featuring some citizens, 7:11 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 1985, The Texas Cowboys 5:15 p.m. dance and Texas Cowboys Santa with carols, 7:15 p.m. 12 midnight

Saturday, December 14, Michael Martin Murphy 5:15

Grande Band, 5:30 p.m. 12 midnight concert and dance, 8 p.m. 12 midnight.

Saturday Ranch Supper - \$90 per person includes Ball tickets to 9 p.m.

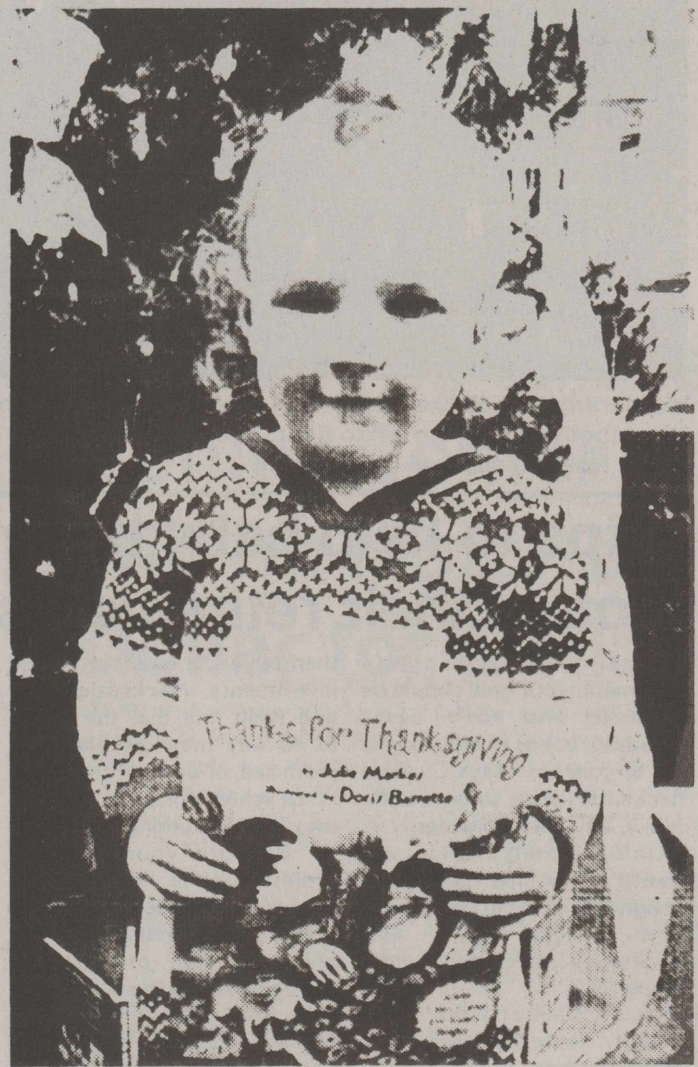
The nightly Ball is held in old Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, TX, 79804. The Saturday Ranch Supper is held in the building across the street on south side of Hall. All tickets may be purchased online at www.anson.texas.cowboys.christmasball.com.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association hosts the annual 3 night Ball events and maintains Pioneer Hall. It is a Texas non-profit corporation organized in 1990 and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public history charity and nonprofit educational and cultural organization with 1200 volunteers who actively contribute their time, service and resources. The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball was incorporated in 1997 and recognized by the Association of Independent Public Historians in 2005. It is the official ball of the Anson group. Staffed with the best historical interpreters in Anson, TX, the staff is responsible for the ball, all the ball, the cowboy supper and ranch supper, and all other ball events. All ball Association members are Texas citizens.

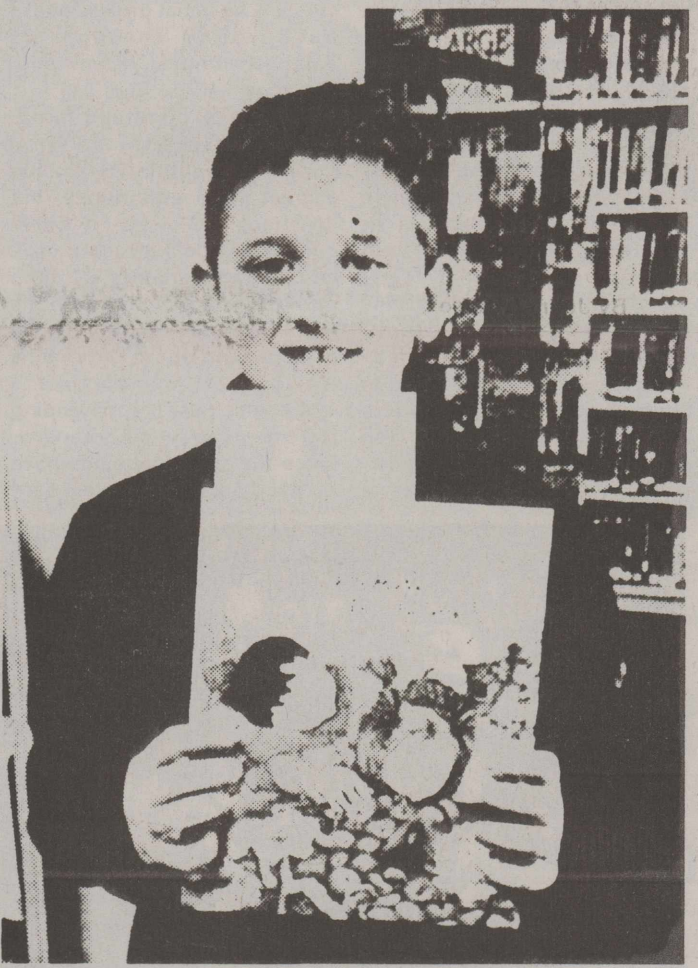
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John Compton
Historian
Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association

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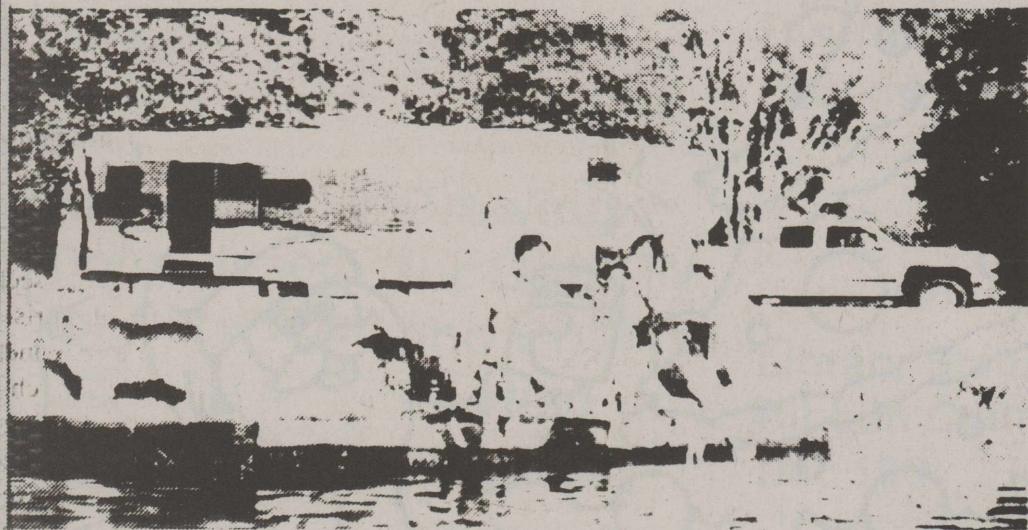


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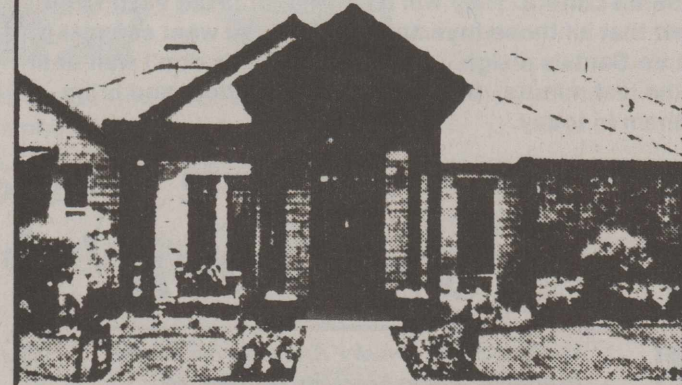
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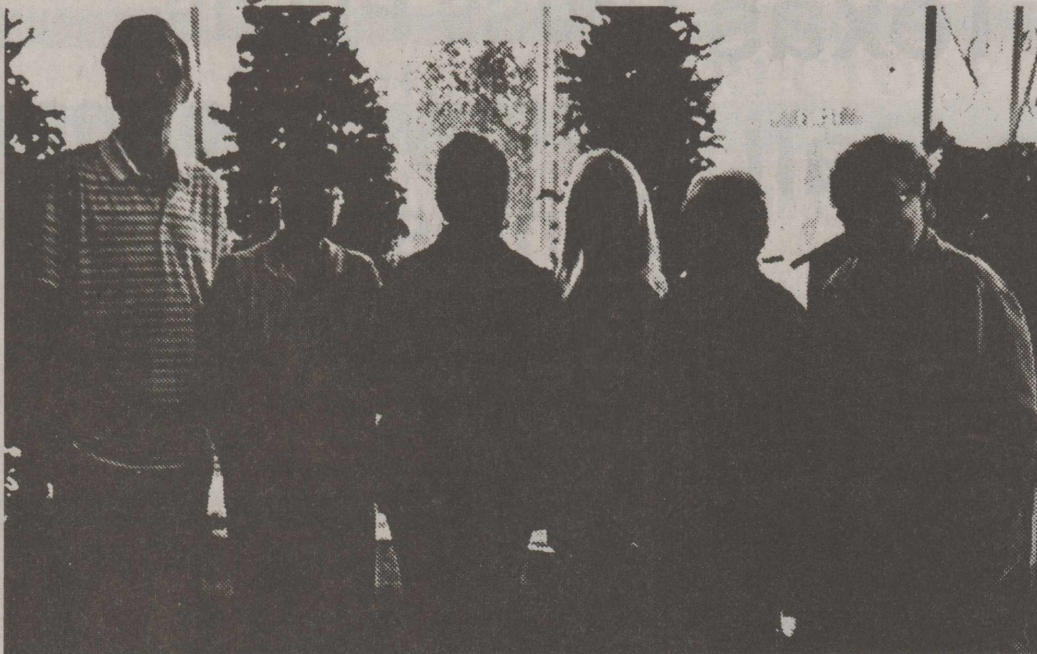


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It's starting to look like Christmas - Project Pride members decorated the windows at Higginbotham's. From left to right: Fred Ptacek, Era Lee Hanke, Judy Killgo, Diana Miller, Nora Pointer and Linda Burns

Cottonwood News

Turkey day has come and gone, we made it through another turkey induced coma, and December is upon us. Cold mornings lead to cool days and lately, plenty wind. Many folks have taken advantage of the mild days and have gotten into the holiday spirit early. We have several houses lit up and decorated for the season. Take a drive around Cottonwood and enjoy the lights.

The late freeze this year really put a damper on this fall's pecan harvest. Childress Farms was able to salvage some, but production was definitely down. Scott tells me they still have around 200 pounds of shelled pecans ready to go at \$9 a pound. While you're out cutting your Christmas tree with Bob, go across the road and see Scott to get a couple pounds for this year's pecan pies. You can call Scott at (254) 725-6866.

A few months ago, it was brought up we are still short several signatures on the petition to get the Taylor Electric fiber optic internet in our area. Cottonwood is still short 304 signatures with only 24% of our area goal achieved. You do not have to be a Taylor Electric customer to sign the petition, but you do have to live in the area. The area they consider Cottonwood stretches from 206 to 36 and north of I 20. I'm sure there's somebody you know in this area that hasn't signed up yet. If you would like to sign up or just see what area we fall in, go to www.accessaylor.com and click zones in the center or go to the right and follow the instructions to sign up. This is

not a commitment to sign up for the service, just a signature stating you are interested and would like to see it in our area.

This past weekend, after several delays, we were able to host our Annual Cottonwood Community Skeet Shoot. It was a little windy, but we had 13 shooters show up. There were few locals, but the shooting club did an excellent job of advertising for us and we had several of their members enter the shoot. The Crazy Quail game claimed the ego of several returning shooters yet another year. The highest score this year in the 3 person team with 30 birds was 16 hits. Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and Cottonwood Historical Association would like to thank everyone who helped host the shoot, supported us financially, or entered the competition. It was a great day and our local organizations came away with much needed financial support.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group would like to invite everyone to attend the Annual Meeting held on January 21st at the community center. This is an open meeting to the public. Elections will be held for board members and the past year will be discussed. There will be an open forum for any community member to ask questions, introduce themselves, or to bring up any item related to our local volunteer fire control group.

I hate to remind everyone of this, but its that time of year again when the grass is brown, the trees have shed their leaves, and we have plenty of new growth from this

past year to fuel fires. With the wind we have had lately, all it takes is a spark from a power line, a cigarette in the ditch, or the heat from your catalytic converters on your car in tall grass and we have a raging wild fire. Its been a quiet year for us with no major fires recently. Our fire fighters and their families do appreciate you using common sense and reporting any signs of smoke or fire as soon as you see it.

Cookie and Bob Robinson would like to share the birth announcement of Cookie's great-great niece, Willo Eloise Wolfe. She was born on her parents', Mitch and Kayla Wolfe's, 5th wedding anniversary. Little Willo's grandmother is Traci Woody Carmen, daughter of Billy Woody and the late Janie Clark Woody.

Gerry Brown is back home after a short stay in the hospital. He and Tammie would like to thank everyone who called, messaged on Facebook, or stopped by to check on them or to help out. Its always great to see a community come to assistance when somebody is in need and they both greatly appreciate it. He is doing better, but still has several follow up appointments and will be healing for quite some time. Again, thank you to everyone.

As always, I'm all ears. Let me know if you have any news or information you would like to see printed. Call me at 325-260-7749 or email me at forrest@blakeauto.com. I hope y'all have a great week.

- Forrest Creamer

3 tips to help baby boomers, elderly protect their retirements from fraud

"When you've reached retirement, your goal should be to protect what you've saved because it needs to last you the rest of your life," says Charisse Mackenzie (www.saturnwealth.com), a financial planner.

"Unfortunately, there are plenty of scams out there designed to separate people from their money - and sometimes specifically older people."

If you're a baby boomer who's recently retired or will soon retire, you want to be aware of such schemes, she says. If your elderly parents are still around, they could be susceptible, too, so you'll want to help protect them as well.

Mackenzie says there are plenty of things to be wary of, but just a few to be on the lookout for include:

- Beware of "can't miss" investments. Perhaps you've heard radio commercials or online advertisements with tempting claims about "can't miss" investments that will give you extraordinary returns. Be skeptical, very skeptical, Mackenzie says. "You need to keep in mind the old wisdom that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is," she says. Yet often, retirees let

themselves be lured into these investments, Mackenzie says, and soon find that the return in no way matches what was promised, or worse, it could be a Ponzi scheme of some sort and they lose everything.

- Be sure your financial professional is licensed. It's always a good idea to get help from a professional when you're investing your money. But it's equally important to make sure that person is properly licensed and registered to be doing out the advice they are giving you, Mackenzie says. The Securities and Exchange Commission points out you can check a financial professional's background through its database at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/>.

- Beware of "pump and dump" schemes. Let's say an email pops into your inbox touting a great stock opportunity, but insisting you need to move quickly or you'll miss out. You could be the target of a "pump and dump" scheme. What's that? According to the SEC, in a "pump and dump" promoters try to boost the price of a stock with false or misleading statements about the company. Once the stock price has been pumped up, the fraudsters seek

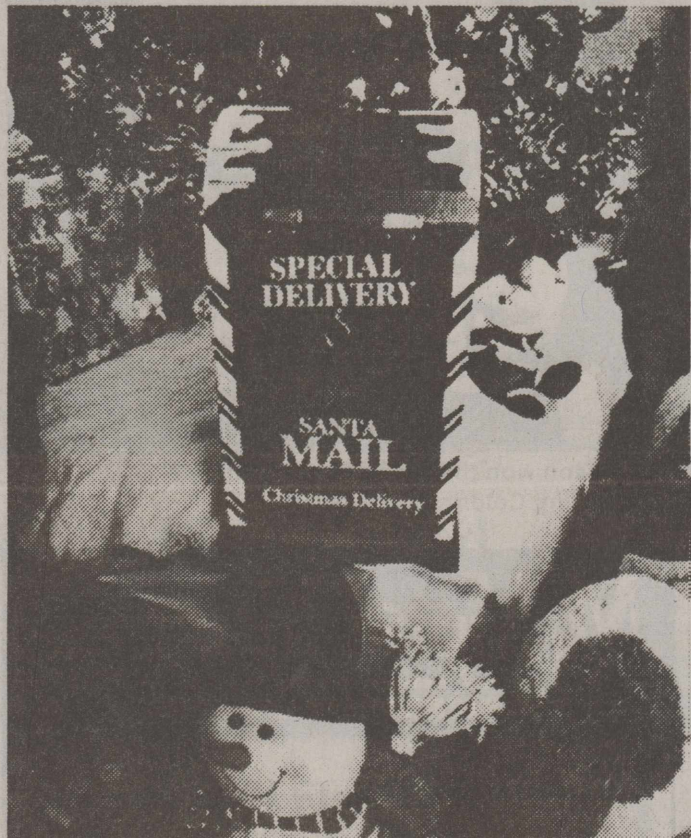
to profit by selling their own holdings of the stock, dumping shares into the market. They win, you lose.

"A little healthy skepticism never hurts," Mackenzie says. "If someone is pressuring you or insisting that you must act quickly or you'll miss out on some great investment, alarms should go off."

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The Library has a special mail box just for all those Santa Letters. They will be mailed or faxed each week so that all those toys and goodies you want can make it into Santa's sleigh. So boy's and girl's don't wait until the last minute. Start writing those letters and bring them in today.

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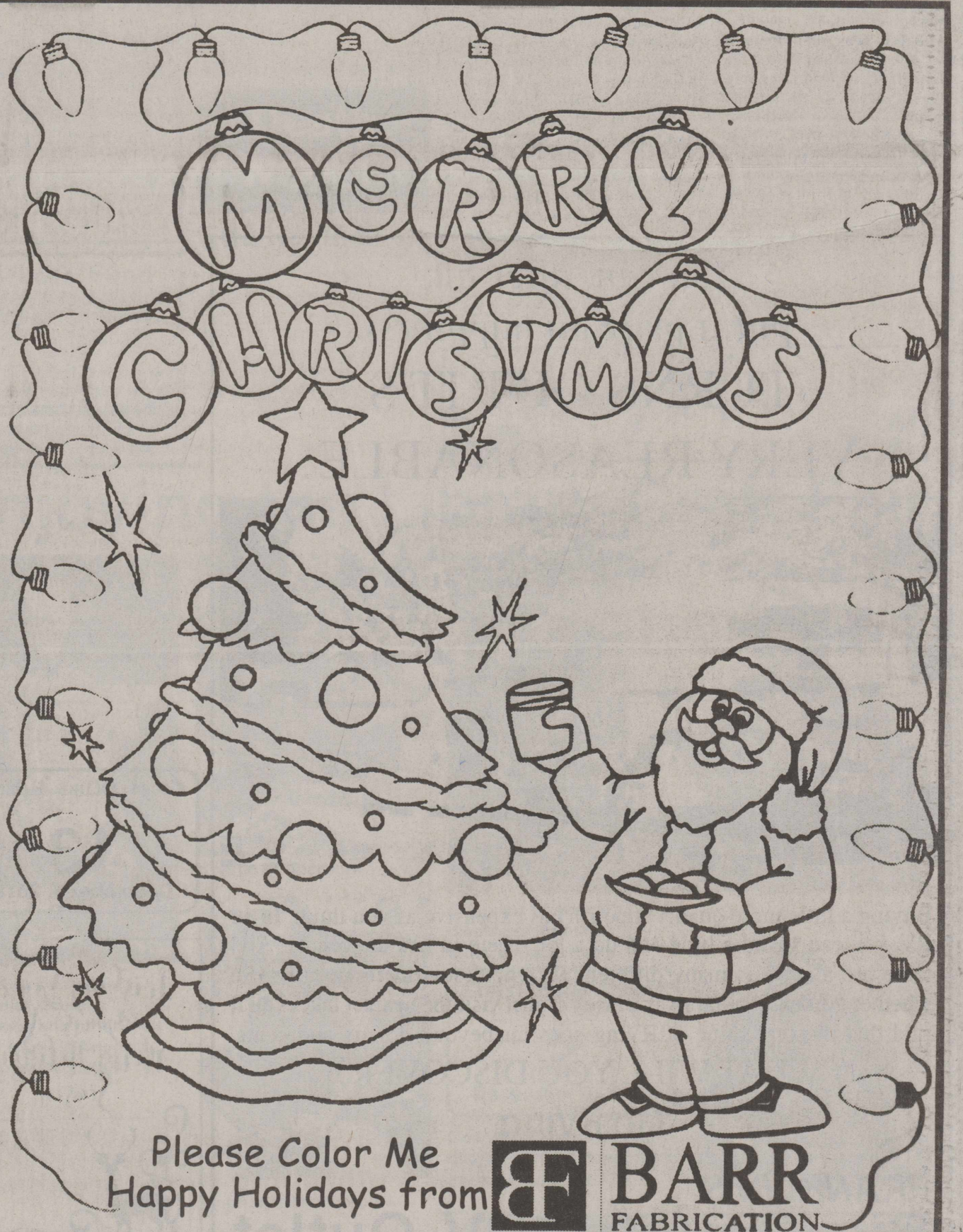
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