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## New Area Codes To Serve Most Of Present 817 Area

SAN ANGELO—The 817 area code for 100,000 GTE customers will change in the spring of 1997.

The Fort Worth metropolitan area will retain the 817 area code. This includes the GTE exchanges of Azle, Grapevine, Keller, Reno and Springtown.

The area north of the Fort Worth metro area, and the remainder of northern area of the present 817 area, including most of Palo Pinto County and the extreme northern part of Stephens County, will be in the 940 area code.

GTE service areas going to the 940 area code will be Argyle, Aspermont, Bartonville, Benjamin, Denton, Haskell, Holliday, Justin, Kamay, Knox City, Megargel, Munday, Pilot Point, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Throckmorton, Tioga and Weinert.

The area south of the Fort Worth metro area, including the extreme southern part of Palo Pinto County and most of Stephens County, will be in the new 254 area code. GTE service areas going to the new 254 area code are Burlington, Bynum, Chilton, Crawford, Cross Plains, Dawson, Glen Rose, Hubbard, Irene, Lott, Malone, May, Morgan, Mount Calm, Riesel, Rising Star, Rogers, Rosebud, Walnut Springs and Whitney.

The new 940 and 254 area codes are

expected to be placed in service in late spring 1997. Once a date is scheduled for the change to the new area codes, a three month permissive dialing period is planned to allow customers to use their former area code as well as the newly-assigned area code. After that, there will be a one-month "call intercept" period in which callers will be notified of the new area code.

The need for new area codes indicates the continued dynamic economic growth of Texas, as well as growth in telephone services such as wireless, pagers, fax machines and computer lines. The Dallas area opened a new 972 area code to suburban Dallas cities in September, and a new 281 area code began serving the suburban Houston area in November.

In addition to the new codes for 817 customers, two new codes will be added in the 210 area code in the summer of 1997. The San Antonio metro area will retain the 210 area code. The northern section of the present 210 area code will change to an 830 area code while those in the southern part of existing 210 area will change to a 956 area code.

Additional information and a date for the change will be provided as the telephone industry schedules the changes.



## Homes and Businesses To Be Judged Dec. 8-10

Just a reminder that homes and businesses will be judged for the Best Decorated between the dates of December 8-10.

Lights should be on by 6 p.m. on the above dates.

## Christmas Open House Dec. 10

Ladies you are invited to a Christmas Open House honoring Billie Ruth Loving and Clara Nell Spencer on Tuesday, December 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Kirkham's County Headquarters on FM2707. Come by and visit with Clara Nell and Billie and enjoy good refreshments and fellowship.

## Non-USDA Commodity Distribution Set For Wednesday, Dec. 11

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute non-USDA food items in Callahan County at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 E. 8th Street on Wednesday, December 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

CTO, Inc. has no control over what items are available or the quantity of the items. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider without regard to race, color, age, sex, disability, political belief, religion, or national origin. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them.

Volunteers are needed and their assistance would be appreciated to help with this much needed program. Donations of sacks would also be appreciated.

## Special Christmas Cancellation At Post Office Friday, December 6

By NORMA EVANS

Happy Days are here for the Christmas season at the Cross Plains Post Office. We will be presenting the Special Christmas Cancellation Friday, December 6 designed by local artist Arnold Henson. Watch for James Dean in the Post Office lobby, also Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley are expected to make an appearance.

The local employees will be there to serve you from 6 to 8 p.m. and in conjunction with the cancellation, the local group will be serving refresh-



BONNIE REE WHITE'S "BEAUTY OF AGE"—Will be on display at Citizens State Bank during Christmas Village December 5-7.

## Citizens State Bank Featuring Art Exhibit By Bonnie Ree White

The Citizens State Bank of Cross Plains invites you to enjoy the 1996 Christmas Village and a Fine Art Exhibit by professional artist Bonnie Ree (Fortune) White. Bonnie's work will feature a collection of her origi-

nal paintings including "Dance Brings Buffalo."

The exhibit will be on display in the bank lobby Thursday and Friday evening from 6 to 9 with a reception on Saturday, December 7 from 6 to 9

p.m. You are encouraged to come enjoy the reception and discuss her work.

For more information call Citizens State Bank (817) 725-6141 or (817) 643-7770.



ELVIS & LAVERN SCOTT'S HOME

## Elvis' Home Is In The Christmas Tour Of Homes

Elvis and Laverne Scott's home is a beautiful cedar and brick house located on 37 acres. It is 1.8 miles north on FM 880 toward Cottonwood on the right.

Once a two bedroom house, a living room, master bedroom and bath have been added. The new living room has a corner fireplace surrounded by cedar matching the exterior of the house. The room overlooks the dining area and kitchen.

The master bedroom which is quite large, has a bay window looking out from a sitting area. The spacious bath and bedroom have a generous amount of closet space.

The Scotts have an interesting array of clocks including some featuring Dr. Pepper, which is the company where their son is employed. Another is a clock Lavern gave Elvis shortly after their marriage and one which is among the first winding clocks made. This post-weight clock is well over 100 years old.

There is a garage beside the house with Elvis' shop behind it. A butler's building is also located in the back.

While you tour their home be sure to see the stereos, arrowhead collection, and the piece of the Berlin Wall.

The Beta Sigma Phi Christmas Tour of Homes takes place Saturday, December 7 from 5-8 p.m. The homes of Steve and Sandy Mack, Bobby and Kim Winfrey, Larry and Terry Thomas, Elvis and Lavern Scott, and Fred and Wilmojean Dill will be featured on this year's tour.

Tickets will be on sale at each home or from any Beta Sigma Phi member. The cost is \$5.00 for adults (kids 12 and under are free) and the ticket includes all five house and refreshments at the Mack's house. Maps can be picked up at the Cross Plains Public Library and rides will be available in front of the Senior Citizens Center for those in need.

Proceeds from the tour will benefit the community in various ways.



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always, we have a good selection of Philatelic items for your gift giving and lots of commemorative stamps for that special stationery.

The Postal Service has several sizes of Priority containers this year and they are free for your mailing needs. Your local Post Office also has a selection of decorated boxes that you

can use for those special gifts that need to be noticed. Wrapping and packing supplies are also available for your convenience.

We are delighted to help you handle the holidays with your Christmas and mailing needs and look forward to being a part of the 1950's community theme this year.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT

Bill Johnson presiding

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

James B. Underwood, deadly conduct, \$132 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Wade L. Littlejohn, DWI, \$800 fine \$260 court costs, 120 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Weldon Atkins, probation extended to 5-29-97.

Motions dismissed to revoke probations: Troy W. Richburg, Michael Ray Salge.

Probation discharged: Charles Robert Mitchell.

Joe Falkner, theft of property by check dismissed due to restitution having been made.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Tonya Fay Johnson, Amarillo, James David Eppright, Bebe.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks presiding

#### Civil Filing

Divorces filed:

McMillan, Melody Ann & Joel Edward, and in the interest of minor child.

Stallings, Jerlan & William Mark, and in the interest of minor children.

#### Civil Minutes

Divorce granted:

Dodd, Courtney Le'Ann & James Edwin.

#### Felony Minutes

Probations discharged under deferred adjudication: Violet Lee Massey, Dave B. Massey.

Jesus Salvador Devora, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

Justin Lee Hobbs, burglary of a building, \$1000 fine \$174.50 court costs, 1 year in jail probated for 4 years.

Frank Adam Garcia, criminal mischief, \$300 fine \$174.50 court costs, \$1684.70 restitution, 5 years deferred probation.

## Colonial Oaks Services

First Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 8, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## Internet & World Wide Web Available Locally

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## Selected Scriptures

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we shall always be with the Lord.

...you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 5:2

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

## OBITUARIES

### Vesta Bond

Vesta Beatrice Bond, 89, passed away Tuesday, November 26, 1996, at Abilene Regional Medical Center after a short illness.

Memorial services were held Friday, November 29, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains with burial in the Dressy Cemetery. Rev. Bill Reed of Olney and former Cross Plains pastor officiated.

Vesta was born May 5, 1907 at Burnt Branch in Callahan County to Holland Hiram and Mary Elizabeth (Baum) Bond. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Altha Jane (Bond) Cavanaugh and Bertha Esther Bond.

Vesta lived in the Dressy Community until 1946 and was a member of Dressy Methodist Church. In 1946 she moved to Cross Plains. She worked as a clerk at several local businesses. She was a member of First United Methodist Church since 1943.

Vesta will be remembered and missed by folks of the community when they don't receive their annual birthday wish from her.

She is survived by a nephew and wife Morris Ray and Bettie Cavanaugh, a great niece and husband Elizabeth Jane and Dave Weide; Kim and Lynn Tatom, several cousins and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Freddy Tatom, Hollis Shults, Sr., Jimmie Lee Payne, N.L. Dillard, Glen Payne, Ted Souder and Noah Johnson.

#### BIRDS IN FLIGHT

##### "Going Home"

Birds in Flight symbolizes the end of a Christian life. One bird is shown leaving the flock and "going home" to his final reward.

The three remaining birds continue their journey through life with peace of mind, knowing their loved one is now in God's hands.

### Ethel Wilson

SANTA ANNA—Ethel (Mrs. S.D.) Wilson, 102, lifelong Coleman County resident, passed away Friday, November 29, 1996, at her home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Burkett Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Merritt officiating, directed by Stevens Funeral Home of Coleman.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Burkett and attended school in Comal and Burkett. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and was the widow of Solon D. Wilson, whom she married in 1912 in Burkett.

Survivors include one daughter, Thelma Ivie of Granbury; two sons, W.C. Wilson of May and Woodrow Wilson of Santa Anna; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene 79605.

### Rilla Richburg

RISING STAR—Rilla Morene Richburg, 86, passed away Saturday, November 30, 1996, at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Rising Star with the Rev. Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mrs. Richburg was born in Roscoe and had lived in Rising Star for many years. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Rowena Chambers of Comfort, Morene Stribling of Odessa and Robbie Rutherford of Caldwell; 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

## County Commissioners Okay 1997 County Holidays

BAIRD—Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, November 14, at 9:30 a.m. County Judge Bill Johnson called the meeting to order with the following officers present: Commissioners: Precinct 1, Harold Hicks; Precinct 2, Bryan Farmer; Precinct 3, Tommy Holland; Precinct 4, Charlie Grider; and County Clerk Darlene Walker.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

On a motion by Holland and seconded by Farmer, commissioners approved setting county holidays for 1997. These include: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas.

Commissioners discussed improvements to the courthouse elevator to bring it into compliance with state regulations. On a motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland, commissioners approved the following improvements which carry a \$4,500 price tag: purchasing and installing an interior light switch; purchasing and installing emergency lighting; purchasing and installing a phone and cabinet; purchasing and installing a pit ladder, purchasing and installing rope tags; lowering the counter weight guard to the proper height.

Judge Johnson stated that the elevator is in a safe condition at this time and these improvements were to be made to further add to users safety and convenience.

Commissioners canvassed and approved the votes from the

November 5th election. Bills were then discussed and approved on a motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland.

Submitted by Billy Harris  
Baird Correspondent

## County Oil & Gas Report

Oil and gas production figures for August 1996 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and gas production were both higher than the previous month's production, figures report.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of August was 167,579 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 1996 was 37,040 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during July was 35,372 barrels of oil. Total gas production in June was 156,309 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months in Callahan County include: August 1995 with 37,036 barrels of oil, September with 30,422 barrels, October with 37,895 barrels, November with 35,822 barrels of crude, December with 35,276 barrels, January 1996 with 34,480 barrels, February with 32,678 barrels of oil, March with 31,437 barrels, April with 34,858 barrels, May with 31,109 barrels and June with 34,158 barrels of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for August 1996 include: Brown, 180,868 MCF of gas and 15,478 barrels of oil; Coleman, 235,123 MCF of gas and 33,136 barrels of oil; Eastland, 594,053 MCF of gas and 35,667 barrels of oil; Jones, 68,439 MCF

## 56 Accidents Reported During Winter Storm

CALLAHAN COUNTY—Winter weather swept into the area with a vengeance Sunday morning. Freezing rain followed closely by sleet and snow made driving almost impossible across Callahan County.

A three vehicle accident on the T&P overpass on I-20 two miles east of Putnam occurred about 11:00 a.m. that resulted in no injuries to passengers. A 1992 GMC 18-wheeler, belonging to Frito Lay out of Oklahoma, jackknifed in the east bound lanes trying to dodge a skidding car. This in turn led to a 1990 Toyota Corolla from Arlington getting tangled up with a 1964 Chevrolet 1-ton pickup from West, Texas. T&P overpass is historically the first place to freeze in the county according to a Baird fireman.

Three passengers in an overturned Chevrolet van at the 315 mile marker were transported to Hendrick Hospital by a Citizens EMS ambulance. Martha Fores, one of the occupants, was treated and released. Identity and status of the other two occupants was unavailable.

An early afternoon accident took the lives of a Dallas couple at about 2:30 p.m. near the 304 mile marker I-20 in the east bound lane. R.C. Cook, 70, and his wife Joan, 50, were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Don Burns.

According to D.P.S. Trooper Bill Russell, the Cooks were headed west when R.C. lost control of his 1995 Lincoln Town Car crossing the median becoming airborne and landing sideways in the path of an east bound 1996 Jeep Cherokee driven by Eddie Lee Brogdon, 46, of Whitewright, Texas. Brogdon was accompanied by his sister Barbara Cantrell, 42, and both were transported to Hendrick Hospital by Citizens EMS ambulance where they were admitted and listed in stable condition. Russell listed speed and road conditions as contributing to the accident.

The east bound lanes were blocked for over an hour while emergency crews worked to free victims and clear the wreckage. Baird and Clyde Fire Departments responded to the call and used "Jaws of Life" equipment to free victims from the wreckage and

assisted with treatment of the injured. Local arrangements for the deceased were handled by Parker Funeral Home of Baird. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Rest Land Funeral Home of Dallas.

A multiple vehicle accident east of Hanner Chevrolet on I-20 sent two people to the hospital about 4:00 p.m. No details were available Sunday evening.

Callahan County dispatchers recorded 56 accidents that were reported and confirmed between 11:00 a.m. Sunday and 11:30 a.m. Monday. Numerous accidents were reported and not located due to the motorists being assisted by passersby and had left the scene before overloaded law enforcement officers could arrive.

Baird had snow accumulations of about three inches with some drifts of near two feet after close to an inch of rain in the early hours Sunday morning. Roadways were all completely covered with packed snow and ice Sunday afternoon until about noon Monday. Baird and Clyde schools were delayed opening until 10:00 a.m.

IH-20 was blocked periodically Monday morning from jackknifed trucks blocking sections of the roadway. East bound traffic was at a standstill from about the Hwy 283 overpass back to Clyde for close to two hours as emergency crews cleared stalled eighteen-wheelers blocking both east and west bound lanes between the 306 and 307 mile markers at Baird. East bound traffic was routed onto the service road at Clyde and then through Baird on Business I-20. The area around Cherry Lane and IH-20 in Clyde was snarled almost hopelessly for a while Monday morning when the 301 on-ramp was blocked by stalled vehicles.

Traffic flow was back to normal after lunch Monday although very heavy. Emergency personnel were breathing a sigh of relief as they were able to catch up on rest and paperwork from the last 24 hours.

Texas Department of Transportation employees from the Baird yard worked in shifts keeping gravel trucks rolling for about twenty-four hours and assisting with traffic control in accident areas.

Submitted by Billy Harris  
Baird Correspondent

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## Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	July 1996	Aug. 1996
Total Oil Production	35,372	37,040
Total Gas Production	157,866	167,579

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# NEWS

By  
**LINDA EDINGTON**  
Activity Director

We do hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. Several residents made comments on having a wonderful time with their families and about all the turkey and dressing they had.

A warm welcome to our new resident Buck Foster.

Thoughts and prayers for Sylvia Smith and Annabel Vaught who are in the hospital.

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

Billy Black, Emmalee and Lorraine Black from Fort Worth and Robert Engert from Rochester, New York visited with Buster Black.

Bob McCowen visited Gertie Powell.

Donna Meiron and Gloria Wagner from Stephenville, Sharon Pope from Fort Worth and Sally Davis visited with Dixie Ingram.

Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth and Betty Montgomery from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery.

Billy Wright from Clyde, Dianne, Alisa, Lori and Brice Hail, visited with Lorena Wright.

Anita Franklin from Springtown

visited Deward Maynard.

Frances Thornton visited Myrtle Wilson, Juanita Thornton and Jo Boatright.

Annie Fay Foster from Gorman visited with Buck Foster.

Betty Edwards was here visiting everyone.

Helen Freeman visits daily with Hub Freeman.

Activities during the week were:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Minnie Swann (2), Midge McCall, Ruby Harrell and Allie Dickson. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Jo Boatright played the piano for us. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Midge McCall (2), Vera Belyeu (3), Minnie Swann, Gertie Powell and Ruby Harrell (2). Music with Colleen Anderson.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

**Sunday:** First Baptist

He shall give His Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

## Quips, Clips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

### "Snacks for the Holidays"

Appetizers, canapes, hors d'oeuvres, crudites, munchies, snacks, whatever you want call 'em they're always darn good and really handy to have on hand.

Now with the holiday season approaching, it's a good time to stock up on the ingredients for a few of these taste tempting, savory tidbits.

Peanuts, mints, cheese and crackers, celery stuffed with peanut butter and topped with succulent raisins (p-nut butter logs), oyster crackers, pretzels, chips 'n dips, Bugles, chili con queso, scones with various jellies, brioche, various and sundry crepes, chili rellanoes, tortilla rolls up with meats and various cheeses, tortilla chips and picante sauce or avocado dip, pickles (beet, cucumber, pear, peaches, watermelon, okra or pearly onions), salted, toasted pecans or walnuts, pistachio nuts, stuffed eggs, all are great snacks as are nachos.

There's also those miniscule cocktail sandwiches, sausage balls, a cream cheese ball topped with Pickah Peppah Sauce served surrounded by cheese crackers and crudite's such as cauliflower, broccoli-flower, broccoli flowerettes, poached peanuts, cucumber sandwiches, tiny blueberry muffins, chocolate covered cherries, various miniature candies, donut holes, truffles, marzipan and countless others.

Of course there is also all those little things on toothpicks, German sausage, cocktail franks, shrimp, chicken livers wrapped in bacon strips and broiled. There is lobster bisque for those who enjoy a little something different. There are

pierogies, and other interesting variations. A banker friend of mine in Lubbock's favorite "ON A TOOTHPICK" was 1/4 of a frankfurter topped by 1/4 of a dill pickle and topped with a square of cheese, cheddar, mozzarella or colby. There is always baked ham with Swiss cheese, topped with a green olive! Perpetually good are chicken wings, (sometimes called buffalo wings) either fried, barbecued, baked, or spicy. Ham and Swiss cheese topped with a cocktail onion is always a winner as is a chunk of chicken or turkey topped with Monterey Jack cheese and a ripe olive. Other favorites are a marshmallow topped with either a green or red maraschino cherry and another marshmallow topped with a mandarin orange slice.

Also good for an inexpensive snack when unexpected guests drop in or for a children's get together is open a can of Spam, wash in cold water and drain to dry. Place on a baking pan, take one tablespoon mustard and spread over all except the bottom of the Spam, top with 3 tablespoons brown sugar, pour 1/2 cup milk in bottom of pan. Bake at 250 degrees for 30 minutes until outside is brown and crunchy. Remove meat to a plate or cutting board and cut into two inch squares. Place each square on a toothpick with a small slice of avocado and top with either variety of olives or a cocktail onion or a radish or cherry tomato when in season. Serve with hot miniature yeast rolls. You will swear it's ham, not Spam!

HOWEVER YOU SPELL IT, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS MAKE FOR "HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!"

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

We've been seeing hunters around here lately, and hearing guns popping almost everyday. Hope they get their deer. There has been so many reports this year of deer colliding with cars and causing serious damages to the cars, so be careful and keep an eye out for deer when driving along the roads.

Jewel Foster called from Clyde. She is doing great and loving her new home. She was somewhat disturbed that some people thought she was in a nursing home and wanted everyone to know she has her own home and would enjoy visits from her friends.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean Fore went to the Rising Star Musical Friday night. Enjoyed the music and friends.

Joan Fore and Frankie Smith went

to Ranger to visit Frankie's aunt, Ruby Ainsworth, and Dorothy Rogers (Frankie's sister). We were served pumpkin cake fresh out of the oven. Then we went to our Church Thanksgiving supper. We have so much to give thanks for.

James and Jean Alexander were in Richardson over the weekend to visit Jim Alexander and his family. While there they attended a dinner where Tom Landry was the guest speaker. Also on Saturday they went to see Will play football.

This community is very proud of our Cross Plains Buffaloes and their efforts this year. You brought us lots of Friday night fun. Now we are backing the basketball teams. All the way Buffs!!



**FOUR GENERATIONS**—Visiting recently in the home of Marvin and Kay D. Mosley were their four children and several other relatives and friends. This photo was taken at that time. Pictured are four generations; Earl Mosley on the right, his son Marvin on the left, his daughter Melody, center and her son Zachary, front.

## Paint & Palette Club Christmas Luncheon Wed., Dec. 11

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club will have a Christmas luncheon Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. hosted by Marlene Sanders. You may call Marlene at 725-7420 for directions to her home.

Club members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend. Each person should bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to be exchanged.

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

We are thankful the adverse weather that was predicted for the Thanksgiving Holiday did not materialize. Heavy rains fell during the early hours Friday morning. One report from Blanche Moore was 1 and 4/10ths inches at her place. Water is still standing in our front fields this morning.

Peggy Purvis of Galveston was here visiting with her parents, John and Janet Purvis last week. Family members gathering in the John Purvis home over the holiday weekend were Richard and Betty Prall, Matthew and Ethan of Houston; Tommy and Alma Purvis, Greg and Diedra and friend, Chris Cheek of Mt. Pleasant; and Peggy of Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strahan traveled to Lewisville to spend the holiday with their daughter and family; Randy and Kim Trost, Ashleigh, Jami and Brandi and Bob and Marilyn Trost of Milan, Minnesota.

Family and friends gathering in the home of Bill and Dena Nickerson Sr. for Thanksgiving Day and the weekend were Glynn Nickerson, Matt, Blake and Chase of San Antonio; Randall and Kathy Franke, Amie, Kellie and Jeremy, and Curtis and Dena Jo Hines, Julie and Jeffrey all of Clyde; Bill and Annette Nickerson, Jr. Willie, Kevin and Mary Jo, Jaonna Harris; Connie Potter, Porcious and April of Cross Plains, Rickie Jo Potter, Cliff Bryant and Scott Rice of Abilene; J.J. Rhodes of Japan; Cecil and Jackie Nickerson of Buffalo; Randy and Amy Nickerson and Randa of Magnolia; Steven and Dana Nickerson and Rachel of Houston; Erin Byrd of Keller; Bob and Kathy Wexler, Jennifer and

Erika of San Antonio; J.J. Higgins; Robert Lee and Billie and Bill Kelly from Cross Plains and Cottonwood.

Home for the holiday in the home of Don and Faye Gillian were their daughter Debbie and Walter Stewart, Meagan and Christa of Garland and Bobby Gillian and Roseann of Comanche.

Children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving Day at Mrs. Isla Stouds were Janet Creamer and Kimberly Lee and Gayla Creamer, Forrest, Nathan and Victoria; Richard and Amy Creamer, Karl and Boyd of Corpus Christi and Tammy and Jerry Brown and Jason. Dee Dee Morris of Clyde visited with the family on Saturday.

Charlotte and Alton Haston, Cole Landon, Matthew and Jacie of Jacksboro visited with her mother, Barbara Albrecht and Andrew; and Gayla and Lee Creamer, Forrest, Nathan and Victoria Thanksgiving evening.

In the home of T.W. and Colleen Anderson and Blanche Moore for the Thanksgiving holidays were Pat and Martha Moore of San Antonio; Lacy Anderson of Big Spring; Donny and Lori Anderson of Corpus Christi; Beverly and Tom Kleckmer of Plano; Bryan and Kerri Anderson of Plano and Lois and Robert Spoon and Luke of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Simpson had part of their family at home for Thanksgiving Day. Those attending the days festivities were Paul and Adair Simpson and Steven and Patricia Simpson of Fritch; Vernon and Shirley Simpson of Giddings and friend, Charlene and great-grandsons, Steve and Kyle Simpson of Conroe.

## OH BABY

### FENDER TRIPLETS ARRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert M. Belw are proud to announce the arrival of triplet great-grandsons. Their granddaughter and husband, Karla and Bryan Fender of Midland, are the parents of Justin, David and Luke born November 18, 1996.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris (Buddy) Belw of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Holden of Fort Worth are grandparents. Other great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Teague of Fort Worth.

Karla Fender is a twin and her sister and husband, Karen and Chris Pipes of Wichita Falls, have a daughter, Allie.

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## C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Congressman Stenholm Accepting Intern Applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Charles Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1997 Washington, D.C. Internship Program.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 10, 1997, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will assist the legislative staff and help research constituent inquiries.

The internship program is open to college students from the 17th Congressional District, or those attending

college inside the district, and teachers and administrators. The interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at (915) 673-7221, or by writing: Mr. Raymond McDaniel, Jr., Chairman, Intern Selection Committee; P.O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Applications are due by January 10, 1997. They will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will notify finalists by February 21, 1997. Interviews will be held in Abilene on March 15, 1997, and selections will be made at that time.

## Duracell Challenges Students To "Power Your Imagination"

For the 15th year, Duracell is challenging ninth through twelfth grade students to invent battery-powered devices and compete for prizes totaling over \$100,000 in savings bonds.

The deadline for submitting an official entry form, essay, wiring diagram and photo to the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is January 15, 1997. Entries are judged on creativity, practicality, energy efficiency, and clarity of the essay. Every student who submits a completed entry will receive a certificate of participation and Duracell fanny pack.

One-hundred nationwide finalists, each a candidate for a \$200 bond, will be announced in February. In March, 41 top winners will be named for a first place \$20,000 bond, five second place \$10,000 bonds, ten third place \$1,000 bonds, and twenty-five fourth place \$500 bonds. Teachers of the first and second place winners will receive computers and color printers. All sponsoring teachers of the 100 finalists will receive gifts.

The first and second place winners, along with their parents and sponsoring teachers, will be honored on April 3 at a gala 15th birthday party for the competition in New Orleans during the national convention of the National Science Teachers Association.

Recognized as the nation's leading high school invention contest, the competition is sponsored by Duracell USA and administered by the National Science Teachers Association. The judging panel is comprised of distinguished scientists and science educators and is chaired by Dr. Arthur Eisenkraft, science coordinator for the Bedford, New York schools.

"Every year this competition re-

wards many new ideas, including practical solutions for common problems, improvements on existing technologies, and some sophisticated designs," says Gerry Wheeler, NSTA Executive Director. "We are pleased to invite high school students to power their imaginations and give us the results of their creative thinking."

Often the winners in this annual invention competition get their ideas by solving common problems in their everyday lives. Among devices former winners have developed are an improved bike taillight, a robot which sorts recyclables, a gadget which reads the ripeness of fruit, and a portable eyesight screening tool.

A survey of winners conducted last year shows that the competition appeals to many students, including those in industrial arts, technology, and a variety of science classes. Half of those who responded said winning influenced their career choices and future studies. Some previous winners are improving and patenting their devices and many are employed in innovative technology-based fields. Student inventors retain all rights to their devices.

Competition entry materials are available from: NSTA, 1840 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201-3000 • 1-888-255-4242 • Email: <pbowers@nsta.org>. For electronic access, use these web sites: <<http://www.nsta.org/programs/duracell.htm>> or <<http://www.duracellusa.com/Science/science.html>>.

Duracell USA, headquartered in Bethel, CT, is a division of Duracell Inc., the world's leading manufacturer of high-performance alkaline batteries. The National Science Teachers Association is the world's largest professional organization dedicated to improving science teaching, preschool through college.

## Annual Christmas Band Concert Set For Sun., Dec. 15

By TODD FELTY  
Band Director

All the bands at Cross Plains I.S.D. will be having their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Please attend and help support your child and the band. The concert is a major portion of the six weeks grade. Dress should be Sunday best.

Make-up times for those unable to attend will be at 3:30 - 4 after school on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17 and 18 in the band hall. Unexcused absence will make-up at a grade of 75.

## Annual Band Christmas Store Opens Dec. 11-13

The annual Band Christmas Store for kindergarten through sixth grade school children will be held December 11, 12 and 13 at the elementary school.

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## Texas Tomorrow Fund At A Glance

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\* The program now covers up to 128 credit hours (increased from 120 credit hours for the last enrollment). Current purchasers will be given the opportunity to buy additional credit hours during this enrollment period.

## 40 Area Students Included In Who's Who

A total of 40 students from this area are included in the 30th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1995-96.

*Who's Who*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 30th edition of *Who's Who*,

published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

*Who's Who* students also compete for \$150,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Area students selected include, from Cross Plains Jeremy A. Barnett; Benji B. Blackstock; Robert S. Brame; Melissa K. Clark; Amanda Dillard; Rebecca A. Foster;

Jaonna Harris; Whitney Kirkham; Hugo M. Mauricio; Jarad L. Richards; Todd A. Smith; Janceal Stephens; Nathaniel J. Swift; John L. Worsham; De Anna U. Besselaar; Kristy L. Bowden; Jason R. Carey; Crystal A. Davis; Barbara Evans; Nicholas A. Graves; Jennifer Hogan; Kami E. Lewis; Kimberly D. Ratliff; Justin Richey; Malysa Sowell; Misty Strickland; Nikki Beggs;

Jolena Fleming; Shanna D. Hutton; and Brock Walker. Those from Rising Star include Bradley G. Barnhart; Raymond J. Burcham; Dedria L. Emerit; Chris Wood; Dennis Bates; Angela Bradley; Tianay Chambers; Melody Fisher; Jennifer Folkes; and Michael Perales.

## ADD Support Group To Meet Thurs., Dec. 12

There will be a meeting of the ADD Support Group on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Elementary Library. Parents, teachers, plus other interested parties are urged to attend.

## JV Girls Traveled To Face May Lady Lions

By AMANDA DILLARD

The Lady Buffs JV traveled to May on November 26 to face the Lady Lions. The Lady Buffs played a very good first half leading 13-10. However, due to missed shots, the Lady Buffs were defeated 43-30. Scorers for the night were Richey leading with 11; Wyatt with 7; Black with 4; and Dillard, Hutton, Childers, and Reed with 2.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 13  
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### BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, orange juice and milk.

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THURSDAY — Cinnamon rolls, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, jelly, grape juice and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY — Submarine sandwich, salad, pickles, chips, apple crisp and milk.

TUESDAY — Ham slices, green beans, scalloped potatoes, rolls, peach halves and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Fiesta salad, chili beans, cheese, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, rice, pears and milk.

THURSDAY — Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, corn bread, mixed fruit and milk.

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## Varsity Lady Buffs Defeat Sidney Eagles 63-33

By JOLENA FLEMING

The Varsity Lady Buffs defeated the Sidney Eagles at their gym on Monday, November 25. Many mistakes were made, but Cross Plains still prevailed and a lot of "lessons" were learned.

Scoring were McGuire 21; Sowell

16; Ricci 9; Mitchell and Giles 4; A. Beggs, Davis, Harris and Fleming all with 2 and Ratliff with 1. Final score was 63-33.

The Lady Buffs record is now 3-2 with a tough battle against May on the 26th.

## Varsity Lady Buffs Add Another Win

By JOLENA FLEMING

The Varsity Lady Buffs traveled to May on Tuesday, November 26, to play the Lady Tigers. Cross Plains played a very intense, team-oriented game in order to out-score May 78-52.

Scoring were McGuire 25; Ricci 22; Sowell 11; Giles and Mitchell 6; A. Beggs and Harris 4.

Both our free-throws and fouls improved as well as our defense. This was a great win for the Lady Buffs, going into the Thanksgiving holiday with a record of 4-2.

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## Beautiful Thomas Home Features Both Old & New

Larry and Terry Thomas' home is a wonderful combination of new and old. It is a new brick home on the south, 6.5 miles west of the light on Highway 36. This beautiful home is a ready-built house. It was moved to the Thomas' 15 acres following construction in Lubbock.

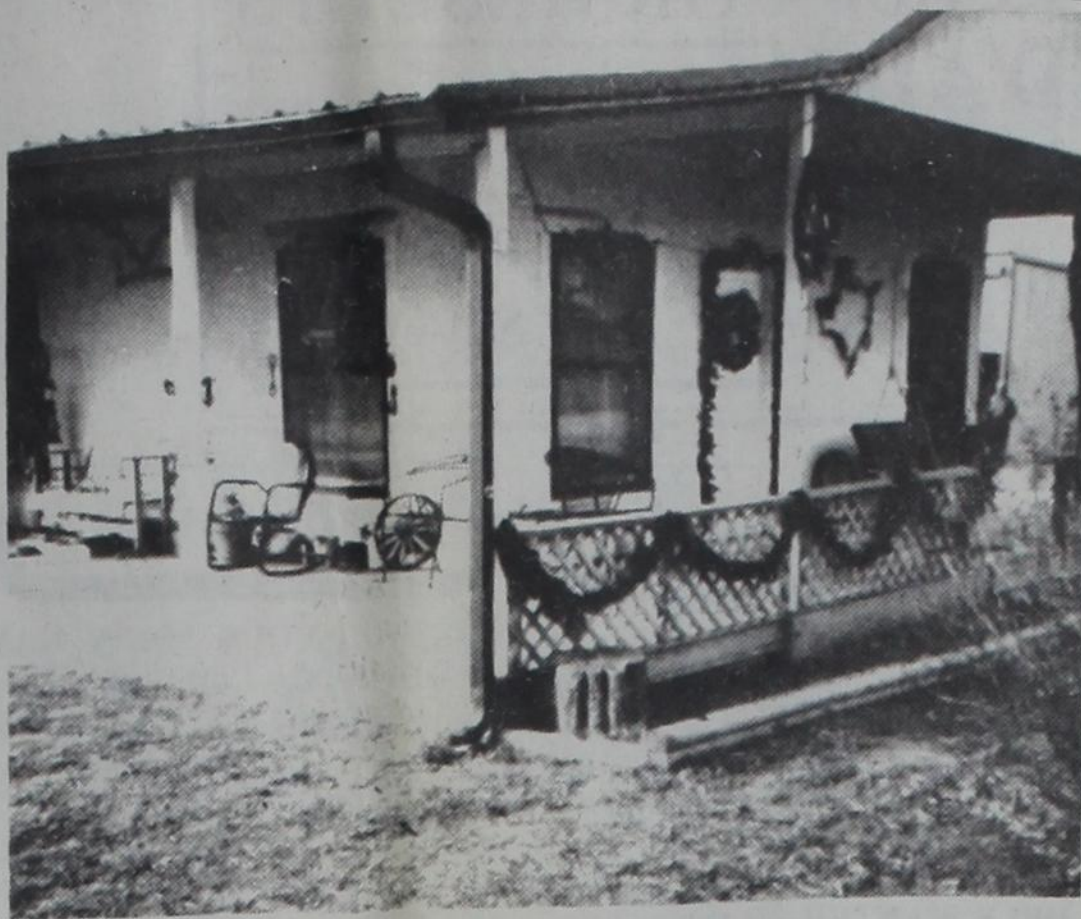
The living room has a corner rock fireplace, built-in shelves and cabinet, bay window, and two skylights in a cathedral ceiling.

Connecting the open kitchen to the living room is a dining area with a splendid antique banquet table. The table, along with other antiques, belonged to Terry's aunt, Margie. The couple has the bookcase full of medi-

cal books and other office furniture formerly owned by Aunt Margie's husband. He started practicing medicine in 1897, and actually delivered Margie. Many of their antiques belonged to Terry's grandmother, who died at age 101.

The master bedroom is on the east end of the house. The master bath has a wonderful, large octagon shaped window above an oversized tub. A big walk-in closet is an added attraction.

Two-year-old Morgan's bedroom, the guest bedroom and a bath are on the west end of the house. The house includes an office and a two-car garage.



FRED & WILMOJEAN DILL'S COUNTRY HOME

## Mr. & Mrs Fred Dill's Home On Tour of Homes

What a joy to step back in time and visit with Fred and Wilmojean Dill, their son, Tim, and grandson, Brandon.

The Dill family lives 2.3 miles north on Highway 880 on the original home place of M.F. and Suma Dill. The Dill's first home, built in 1917, was torn down in 1938. The humble home was moved in from the oil field in Pioneer. It took 3 days to move the house to the present location. The two back rooms are made from the material of the original house. Fred remembers living in the garage while the house was being finished. The only additions have been a sun room and wrap-around porch added in 1994.

Warming the house is a 1921 Box Wood stove. It is surrounded by irons

including two used in a tailor shop by Grandfather Dill during the Depression. Also the living room has a working 1919 Sear & Roebuck Franklin sewing machine.

Throughout the house you will delight at the collections of glassware, coffee pots, butter churns, crocks, knitting material, and much more. Eighty percent of the furniture in the house is the original bought in 1919. There is also a claw foot tub among the many antiques.

The Dill family is keeping with the Christmas Village 50's theme. There are 48 pieces of yard art in the display including a 1955 Cadillac driven by St. Nick himself. You are welcome to walk through this display at the Beta Sigma Phi Christmas Tour of Homes.

## Sen. Bill Sims Wins Meritorious Service Award

WACO—Texas District 25 Senator Bill Sims of Paint Rock, a long-time friend of agriculture, has been chosen winner of the prestigious Meritorious Service Award, the highest accolade bestowed by Texas Farm Bureau upon a member for the demonstration of outstanding service.

The award, which requires a unanimous vote of the 13-member TFB Board of Directors, was presented to Senator Sims during the 63rd Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention, held December 1-4, in San Antonio.

Sims was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1983 to represent District 24 and was subsequently elected as senator of the reconfigured 25th district. The conservative Democrat will retire upon completion of his term, which ends in January.

His solid agricultural background, ranging from service as a county agent and rancher to managing editor of The Ranch Hand, the official publication of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association for some 16 years, was the basis of Sims' advocacy for agriculture during his stint in the Texas Senate. Sims, who holds a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry from Texas Tech University, served as executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' As-

sociation from 1966 though July, 1995.

Texas farmers and ranchers have had a good friend in Bill Sims as chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. He also served on the Criminal Justice and Finance committees and was elected President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate in 1992. He is a member of the Texas Agriculture Council, a director of the High Plains Research Foundation and a Free Market Foundation advisor.

Sims has received numerous commendations over the years for outstanding service in the areas of agriculture, the oil industry, wildlife and for his legislative and leadership role. Some recent awards include the "Friend of Business Award," given by the Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas State Troopers Association's "Crime Fighter of the Year" Award, in 1994; the 1995 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's "Legislative Leadership Award"; and the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association "Man of the Year" Award, 1996.

Sims and his wife, the former Sue Lowe of Sterling City, have two children, Billy Sims of Paint Rock and Sue Ann Setzler of Brownwood, and six grandchildren.



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## Callahan Co. Sales Tax Report

The City of Clyde reports a 36.01 percent increase in retail sales from last year, according to the city's 1.5 percent sales tax rebates announced by the State Comptroller's Office, Monday, November 18.

John Sharp, State Comptroller, said 1996 sales tax payments in Clyde are 36.01 percent ahead of tax payments made to the city in 1995. He said the sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$127,056.93 so far in 1996. The 1995 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$94,109.04.

The city's monthly payment for November 1996 was \$16,084.49, up 27.57 percent from the November payment last year amounting to \$12,607.40.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 1996 are 6.62 percent ahead of the 1995 payments. The city had received \$66,002.15 so far in 1996, while the 1995 tax payments to the city totalled \$61,898.71.

The town's monthly payment for November of this year was \$8,300.12. That payment is 12.73 percent lower than the November 1995 payment of \$9,511.54.

—The City of Cross Plains is reporting 1996 one and one-half percent city sales tax payments running 36.42 percent ahead of the 1995 payments of the tax. Cross Plains 1996 sales tax payments have amounted to \$78,762.49, while the 1995 sales tax rebates were \$57,731.77.

The city's monthly sales tax check for November 1996 was \$8,767.57, which is 32.76 percent lower than the November 1995 payment of \$13,041.08.

—The City of Putnam is reporting the 1996 payments to the town totalled \$7,938.45, down 10.25 percent from the 1995 payments to the city in the amount of \$8,845.18.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of November 1996 was \$400.08, a decrease of 44.42 percent from the November 1995 payment of \$719.88.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 1996 in Callahan County are running 25.68 percent ahead of the 1995 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1996 amounting to \$279,760.02, while

the 1995 payments to the county towns totalled \$222,584.70.

The rebates in Callahan County for the month of November 1996 were \$33,552.26. That amount was 6.48 percent lower than the November 1995 rebates which totalled \$35,897.90.

Some area towns reporting sales tax payments for 1996 year-to-date and whether it's an increase or decrease over 1995 sales include: Albany, \$121,478.08 in 1996, 28.82 percent increase from 1995; Anson, \$130,827.72 in 1996, 33.52 percent increase from 1995; Stamford, \$460,043.63, 2.28 percent increase from 1995; Clasco, \$215,426.99 in 1996, 9.26 percent increase from 1995; Eastland, \$539,511.05 in 1996, 1.91 percent decrease from 1995; Merkel, \$157,947.11 in 1996, 82.15 percent increase from 1995; Ballinger, \$554,259.49 in 1996, 3.44 percent decrease from 1995; and Haskell, \$283,918.04 in 1996, 3.89 percent increase from 1995.

Statewide, sales tax payments in 1996 are 8.77 percent ahead of 1995 rebates, according to Sharp's figures. The state comptroller has sent out check's totaling \$1,724,096,526.82 in 1996, while the 1995 payments to the state's cities amounted to \$1,585,059,868.70.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4 percent share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax. Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains all collect 1.50 percent in local sales tax.

The November checks include taxes collected on September sales and reported in October by businesses filing monthly sales tax returns with the state. Businesses file sales tax payments either monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the amount of sales tax they collect.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, Sharp said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

## SWCD Meeting To Be Held Today At Courthouse In Baird

On Thursday, December 5, 1996 there will be a Callahan County group meeting. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. at the second floor courtroom in the Callahan County Courthouse located in Baird, Texas.

This meeting will be jointly sponsored by the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District and the Callahan County CFSA Committee. Under the new Farm Bill local soil & water conservation districts across the nation are required to identify local resource concerns and set priorities at the local level. This is part of the USDA's new approach to formulate programs with input from the "grass roots level" rather than the traditional "top down" flow.

Local USDA and State Agencies, conservationist, landowners, County Officials and local interest groups are encouraged to attend this local group meeting to identify the top 5 concerns in Callahan

County. These priorities will then be submitted for regional and state consideration then finally on to Washington.

In the past, Callahan County has been concerned with brush management, wildlife habitat deterioration, livestock water development, proper grazing management, water erosion on cropland and gully erosion on native pastures as well as water quality from non-point source pollution. These are only a few of the concerns that will be considered at the local group meeting.

We do hope you can attend this meeting and voice your opinion during this very important meeting. This is our opportunity to be heard at the local level and hopefully establish programs that will best benefit all concerned individuals.

Jack Farmer, Chairman  
Callahan Divide SWCD

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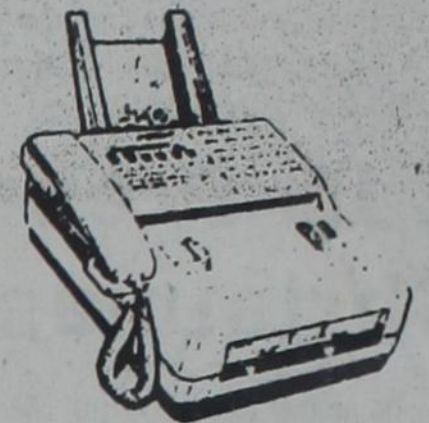
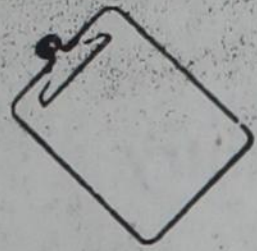
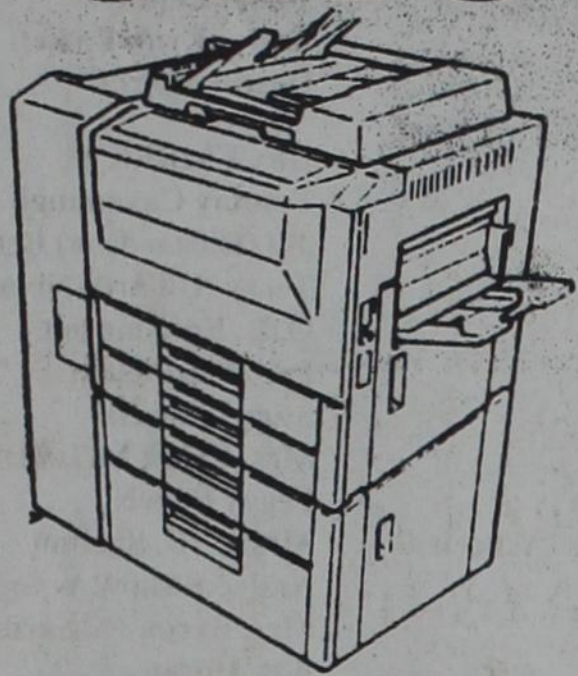
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# Santa & Grounder To Make Appearances at Cowboy Christmas In Baird

A parade, Santa, hayrides, delicious food and lots of arts and crafts are sure to get everyone into the holiday spirit on Saturday, December 7, as the Baird Mothers, Fathers, and Teachers Association hosts its fifth annual Cowboy Christmas Craft Show.

The craft show will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Baird I.S.D. cafeteria located at 400 West 7th Street in Baird. A new feature of this year's event will be the addition of a book fair, or Reading Roundup, in the school library from 10:30 a.m. until

5:00 p.m.

Grounder, the Abilene Prairie Dog's mascot will be the Grand Marshal in the parade. Santa Claus will be a special guest in the parade. If you would like to enter a float or decorated vehicle in the parade contact Jack Willoughby at (915) 854-1999 or (915) 854-1574.

The raffle by Project Graduation for a Jeep Cherokee or \$15,000 cash will also be held. Entertainment and food booths will be available. The Baird M.F.T. invite you to attend.

# CJC Presenting Two Christmas Concerts

Students just returned from Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York will join forces with others at Cisco Junior College to present two Christmas concerts.

The first of these concerts will be a combination of the brass quintet and stage band, directed by Kyle Viertel, and the CJC Singers, directed by Wyley Peebles. The free concert will be held on Thursday evening, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium.

The other program will be the twenty-first presentation of a Christmas Madrigal at the Hilton Dinner Theatre, Friday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Guests will be served wassail (hot punch), roast pig, and flaming pudding. The Madrigal Singers, directed by Wyley Peebles, will present a concert of madrigals and carols.

There is a charge of \$10 per person for the dinner and reservations must be made. For reservations, call (817) 442-2567.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

For more than 20 years, my husband and I have visited relatives in Cross Plains several times a year. Each time, as we enter town, we see the sign that welcomes visitors to "A Caring Community." Only in the last three months have we found out first hand how true a motto this is for your town.

Since our Aunt Billie Loving has been ill and had two major operations, the entire community has rallied around her. Not only have the wonderful people of Cross Plains visited Billie in the hospital and sent her cards and plants to cheer her, they have helped her in dozens of practical ways that took time and energy. Some have collected her mail; some have tended her plants; some have even shopped for the new clothes she needs in rehab. When we visit, the people in town do whatever they can to help us, so that we can spend as much time as possible with our aunt.

Never have we experienced such an outpouring of love as we find every time we come to Cross Plains. Though we have had some worrisome times recently, and though we know that Billie still has some obstacles to overcome when she is at last allowed to return home, we cherish the help that has so freely been offered and are grateful that Billie will return home to a truly caring community.

Please convey our thanks to all the people of Cross Plains.

Sincerely,  
Tanya and Ira Evers

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the community of Cross Plains and the fans who attended the football game in Breckenridge Friday, November 22 for the printing error in the football program.

It was unfortunate that we did not check the printing or that we did not have time to have them reprinted. We certainly did not intend to embarrass or upset our guests.

We always appreciate the opportunity to be host for your playoff games and we want you to feel welcome in our city. Please accept our sincere apology.

Sincerely,  
Bob Donnell  
Executive Vice President

## 1870's Country Christmas Planned At Fort Griffin State Park Dec. 14

An old time 1870's Country Christmas will be held at Fort Griffin State Park, in the Post Bakery, December 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Authentic dressed 1870's Calvary and civilians will gather with park visitors to sing Christmas carols and enjoy frontier refreshments along with coffee and hot cider.

The Garrison Ladies will decorate the old bakery in an 1870's theme, including candles, lanterns, and wood burning fires. Living history of Fort Griffin at Christmas during the 1870's will continue all afternoon with special programs at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The park is located 15 miles north of Albany on U.S. Highway 283. The Bakery is on the west side of the highway in the fort area.



The first known Christmas card was created in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, an English illustrator.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**DECEMBER 6**  
Debbie Havens  
Johnny Johnson  
Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell  
Phillip Perry  
Frances Mote  
Katerina Ring  
Shawn Weathermon

**DECEMBER 7**  
Mamie Webb  
Imo Jeane Clark  
Mrs. Anne Burris  
Michael Dean Wilson  
Roy Richey  
Jim McDonald  
Estaline Gilmore  
Allan Clark  
Glen Lawrence  
Maurine Strahan  
Jimmie Reynolds  
Lovey Nichols  
Angelia Stephenson  
Christopher Michael Wheeler

**DECEMBER 8**  
Judy Gibbs Steele  
Neva Joyce Dillard  
Buster Black  
L. L. Morgan  
Mrs. Perry Jennings  
Elmer Casey  
Garrett Stephens

**DECEMBER 9**  
Bill Gunn  
Rhonda (Jackson) Francy  
Bud McCorkle  
Larry Bishop  
Gerald Holcomb  
Mrs. Troy Crockett  
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Darlene Dillard  
Gaye Archer  
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Leslie D. Arrowood  
John Ingram  
Bruce Region  
Mrs. A. H. Ringhoffer  
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Glenn Merrill

**DECEMBER 10**  
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Debbie Edington  
Roger Wilson  
Jessie (Foster) Sparks  
Jimmy Gilmore  
Joe Dean Nunn  
Burnice Webster  
Mickie (Archer) Holmans  
Wayne Newton  
James LeMay  
Sherri Lynn Bassett  
Dustin Meiron

**DECEMBER 11**  
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Terry (Richardson) Betts  
Jill (Dillard) Nixon  
O. B. Edmondson  
Pee Wee Pickett  
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Mrs. Eldon McIntosh  
Peggy Purvis  
Mrs. C. B. Shelton  
Andrew Mark Young  
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