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### Basketball, Chili & Beans, and Peach Cobbler

A little different from "Baseball, Hot Dogs, and Apple Pie" -- a lot better! he Kiwanis Club's Annual Chili Super is this Friday night. January 16, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the School Cafeteria. There will be all the "trimmings" we could think of to add to the chili, as desired: beans, onions, cheese, pickles, crackers, catsup -- we've even added jalapeno peppers to the list! Also, tea, coffee or water, and peach cobbler.

Our basketball teams will be

playing Richland Springs at Cross Plains that night so come enjoy a great meal, great fellowship, and great games. Tickets for the Chili Supper are available from any Kiwanis Club member or at the places of their work/business -- and will be available at the door the night of the supper -- \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

Please plan now to come and help the Kiwanis Club and our community. And "Thanks" in advance for your support!

### Cottonwood Musical Friday, January 16

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will All area country and western musibe holding their Country and Western cians are cordially invited to partici-Musical on Friday, January 16 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Smokey Callaway, emcee.

Come out and enjoy an evening of music, food and fellowship.

### **Icy Conditions** Resulted in Two Accidents

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

Two early morning accidents on Highway 36, due to icy roads, about 12 miles south of Baird resulted in no serious injuries Thursday, Janu-

Troy Ward Jr., 52, of Rising Star lost control of his westbound 1993 Dodge pickup on an icy Pecan Bayou bridge about 5:45 a.m. Thursday.

A DPS spokesperson said it appeared Ward slid across the eastbound lanes of traffic and overturned over a guardrail.

Emergency personnel said the Dodge pickup had the right side of the bed completely torn off the vehicle after it had hit the guardrail and slid down an embankment into a fence on the south side of Highway 36. The damaged guardrail partially obstructed east traffic for a short time after the accident.

Ward was treated and released from Abilene Regional Medical Center according to a hospital spokesperson.

While emergency crews were clearing the wreckage from the first accident, Darrell Bryson, 35, of Abilene, lost control of his vehicle on the slippery bridge and hit the guardrail. Bryson was east bound in a 1995 Dodge Dakota when the accident occurred at 6:45 a.m.

Neither Bryson nor his vehicle suffered much damage in the accident and the owner was able to drive from the scene.

### Callahan Co. Jr. Livestock **Show begins January 29**

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will begin on January 29 at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

John Steele of Clyde is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 500 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the

Other officers of the association arc Shane Lee-Vice President; Leslie Lee-Secretary; and Sandra Carcy-Treasurer.

Superintendents for this years show are:

Beef Cattle - Jimmy Seider, Richy

Crow & Eddic Riley Market Lamb - Charlie Palmer &

Don Harris Market Swine - John Straley,

Gerry McDowell & Eddic Lewis Poultry & Rabbits - Pam Harris & B.P. Stephenson

Dairy & Meat Goats - Danny & Martha English

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on 29th with Bill Coalson of Abilene doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 29th. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the 30th with the Breeding Swine

Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Carl Kent of Pottsboro is judging the Breeding Swine and Market Barrow Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on the 30th, Sam Kuykendall of Menard, will start judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Market Lambs.

The Meat Goat & Dairy Goat Show will follow the Lamb Show on Friday the 30th. Don Smith will judge this show.

On the afternoon of the 30th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning the 31st with the Heifer Show to be judged by Bob Benson of Plainview. Benson will also judge the steers starting at 9:00 a.m. The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie

Announcers for the three day show will be Jack Corn. James Trammell Dick Vestal and Tim Stone.

Vinson of Clyde.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

### **Project Pride Membership Dinner** Planned for January 20

The year 1997 has been another progressive one for Project Pride. To celebrate their part in helping to make Cross Plains a cleaner more attractive place to live, they are inviting the public to join them for their annual membership dinner on Thursday, January 20, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Serving hours will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$8.00, which includes fish, cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, coffee and tea with peach cobbler for dessert. Tickets are available at Greenwood Insurance, Citizens State Bank and at Betty Lewis' desk in the Justice of the Peace office. If this is not convenient, arrangements may be made by calling Margaret McNeel at 254-725-6100 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or 254-725-6498 after 5:00 p.m.

There will be no formal program. Make plans now to meet your friends for an evening of good fellowship. Dress will be casual. Reservations should be made by January 16.

Proceeds from this dinner will go into a fund to be used for the purchase of a large Christmas lighted lawn creation to be placed in an appropriate location in the city each year during the holiday season.

Project Pride annual memberships are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per

### Postal Service To Open **Entrance Examination**

The Rural Carrier Associate examination will be open to the general public January 16 through January 29, 1998, for the Eastland Area eligibility register.

Offices included in the Eastland AER are Albany, Breckenridge, Caddo, Carbon, Cisco, Cross Plains, Eastland, Moran, Olden, Putnam, Ranger, Rising Star, and Woodson,

Individuals interested in applying to take the examination may complete one Application/Admission Card, at the Cross Plains post office. No applications will be accepted

before or after the above dates.

For further information contact Chris Pruett at the Cross Plains post office (254) 725-7261.

### **Miss Valentine Parade** February 7

February 7, is the date set for Beta Review. Sigma Phi's Miss Valentine Parade. The annual event will be held, once again, in the school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. More details will be available in next weeks Cross Plains

The Photogenic Contest winners will also be announced. Entry form and contest rules are found on page

#### **Cross Plains Lady Buffs Ranked** 10th in State

Four area girls teams and three boys teams are ranked in the top 10 in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

Comanche (17-4) is eighth in the Class 3A girls poll; Brookesmith (16-6) is sixth, Zephyr (17-6) is ninth and Cross Plains (18-2) is 10th in the Class A poll. This is the second week at the 10th position for the Lady Buffs in the state rankings.

The Clyde boys (18-2) are fifth in Class 3A, while Lipan (17-3) is fourth and Aspermont (18-2) is eighth in Class A.

Congratulations to the Lady Buffs and Coach Mike Cavender!

### **Drainage Problem - Teen Curfew Among Discussion** At City Council Meeting

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

The Cross Plains City Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 6. Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Cassle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with these officers present: Councilmen, Ray Womack, W.C. Pringle, Edwin Weiss, James Nichols, and City Secretary Debbie Gosnell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written. Hubert and Celia Belew and Glen Maxwell met with the council concerning street work on 10th Street, to help with the flooding on 9th Street, that has not been done as was discussed at the previous council

The council told the Belew's and Mawell's that the wet weather has not presented the best conditions to do a good job on the project and City employee Roger Wilson has been in the hospital and is extremely ill. When Roger is well enough to perform the repairs he will do so. Wilson is the city's only Street Maintenance Employee.

Also concerned with the 10th Street project were Erwin and Donna Clark, Alice Clark and Ms. Gilbert, who live on 10th Street. They voiced concerns about their property's suffering worse flooding if the City opens up the drainage ditch to allow more water run-off down 10th Street.

The council acknowledged that both 9th and 10th Streets have drainage problems but since those streets are the natural water ways very little could be done to change that. The council assured the residents that the City would do all that

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### **Cross Plains High School Damage Estimate Still on** Hold

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

Damage to the Cross Plains High School Building, from the December 7 arson fire, is still being evaluated according to Superintendent Jackie Tennison.

At a called meeting of the Cross Plains School Board Monday night, January 5, trustees approved two companies to submit bids to the school's insurance company for repairing the damaged building.

"CSS Construction Company of Gatesville, who built the new part of the damaged building last year, and DSA Construction of Cleburne will give bids for complete repairs of the high school building," said Tennison. "We have no estimates for damages yet," Tennison said.

The two structural engineer reports were discussed by the board, but due to "quite a bit of difference" in the reports, no action was taken. Harold Grissom, of Abilene, inspected the damage for the school's insurance company and C.F. Terry, of Dallas, was hired by the school for the same

"Right now we're waiting on the insurance company to call," said Tennison.

Five classes were being moved into the north end of the high school Wednesday, Tennison said. The math, history, science, and English classes were being moved into the part of the building which just suffered smoke damage in the early morning fire. "We're setting up a computer lab in the fifth room," said Tennison. Four of the classes had been meeting in the gymnasium dressing rooms and one on the auditorium stage.

The superintendent's office has been set up in a maintenance building behind the school and the high school principal has set up an office in a storage room in the new gymnasium. Their offices were in the south end of the high school building which received the most damage by

Three young men from Cross Plains have been charged with arson in connection with the early morning blaze which also destroyed an adjacent wood frame art building. The two juveniles were also charged with burglary.

The two juveniles were released to guardians, while the 18-year-old, Cory Lee Switzer, was released on a

\$40,000 bond.

The juveniles were students at Cross Plains High School, but were expelled from school after they were charged with starting the fire. Switzer is a 1997 CPHS graduate.

Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright said his office has received numerous telephone calls regarding the investigation. Wright said, "It has been about a month since the fire and the investigation is proceeding very well considering all the circumstances."

Although two suspects have been arrested, Wright said, "New leads are still emerging that require further investigation and the investigating agencies want to be sure they have considered all the charges that might be filed against everyone involved in the case."

"The people of the community need to understand that there is a lot of evidence to gather and several agencies involved in the investigation," said Wright, "Only one agency has submitted a report to the county attorney's office and that agency is still conducting follow-up

"Six agencies are involved with the investigation of the fire and events surrounding it," said Wright, "and it takes time for them to complete their work." Evidence has been submitted to laboratories and some of the agencies are awaiting those test re-

Wright said, "This office is gathering evidence and studying whether the juvenile suspects meet the requirements of the law for certification to be tried as adults and that (the decision to try the juveniles as adults) will be determined by the District Court based on evidence presented at a certification hearing."

### We Are Looking For You!!

Have potential? Then we're looking for you for potential member-

The Cross Plains AARP Chapter met Monday, January 5, for their regular monthly meeting.

The Chapter was pleased to welcome two new members. New projects for the coming year

were the primary topic of discussion. Some innovative projects were proposed.

You are invited to join us the first Monday of each month. We endeavor to present a program of interest to everyone at our assemblies. Anyone over the age of 55 is eligible. or at the age of 55 years, to be a member. Come and share with us you views and suggestions. Your input is most welcome.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 2, at 10 a.m. A promising program is planned with a guest speaker scheduled. Our meetings are held at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, and we are endeavoring to increase our membership.

we're putting a new perspective on things this season and having a good time doing so. All that is lacking is YOU! Come join us. We'll be expecting you, and bring a prospect with you as you come. A special

invitation is extended to Rolan Jones from the AARP Chapter Officers.

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**Political Calendar** 

School News

Charged with theft of property by check: Veronica Wilson, Jason Howell, Ronnie Moore.

#### **Misdemeanor Minutes**

In the matter of Curtis Ray Smythe, Jr., American Bail Bond allowed to withdraw as surety.

Jalayne Williams, probation ex-

tended to 4-15-98. Roosevelt Rayford, motion dis-

missed to revoke probation. Brandi Colvin, motion filed to revoke probation.

Jerry Hollis, motion granted for a continuance.

MARRIAGE LICENSE Mary Angela Sprague, Rotan, Mark Eugene Wylie, Abilene.

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#### **42ND DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

#### **Civil Minutes**

John R. Jacobs vs David Burke Robinson, case dismissed; dispute

Divorces granted: Gilbreth, Leslie A. & Terry Glenn. Stoneman, Larry & Deborah Sue.

Stephenson, Angelia Kay & Ed-

Joy, Jackie r. & Laura N.

ward L.

#### **Felony Minutes**

Nicky Dale Lavender, probation revoked; sentenced to 4 years at

Charles Dwayne Jennings, possession of marijuana dismissed due to having been convicted in another

#### Gaylon Jackson To Speak At Cottonwood **Baptist Church**

Gaylon Jackson will speak at the 6 p.m. service of the Cottonwood Baptist Church on Sunday, January 19. Gaylon is an active member at Cottonwood Baptist and has a testimony worth hearing. He has recently become employed at The Porch, a juvenile detention facility. Three youth from The Porch will share their testimonies during the service. Youth and adults are encouraged to come hear Gaylon and these young

#### First Methodist **Church Hosts 4th** Sunday Singing

Join the First United Methodist Church, located on North Main Street, Sunday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. and listen to Clint Kniffen and his band, as they perform all the old favorites. You haven't heard the mandolin, steel guitar and fiddle performed like this before!

Bring a friend!

### COLONIAL OAKS **SERVICES**

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 18, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

(254) 725-7629

..9:45 a.m.

..11:00 a.m.

....7:00 p.m.

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9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening 6:30 p.m.

## OBITUARIES

#### **Bransford Eubank**

Bransford Eubank, 100, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 1998, in Cross Plains.

He was born on August 23, 1897,

on the Eubank family ranch near Byrds. His parents were Joseph Beverly Eubank and Mary Bell Broocke Eubank. He attended elementary school at Kidd Peak and Mahalie Duncan schools and later graduated from Brownwood High School in 1916. By 1922 he had earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Texas A&M and spent some time in the Marines. He taught Vocational Agriculture at Dalhart, for a year and spent the following year as Secretary of Commerce, at Nixon. In 1924, he accompanied a bunch of mixed livestock from St. Louis, Missouri by way of Portland, Oregon, to Peking, China to start a department of agriculture at Yenching University there. In 1927 he returned to the US over Siberia and the Atlantic. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary graduating in 1930 with a Masters of Divinity. He returned to China as a Presbyterian missionary., In 1933 he married Martha Fenn, daughter of a Peking missionary family. Their two children were born at Chefoo. The family returned to the US in 1937, settling in Brownwood in 1938.

Mr. Eubank returned to Texas A&M earning his Masters Degree in Animal Husbandry in 1940. His teaching career included years in Daniel Baker college and Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

During 1944-1946 he was the minister at the Presbyterian Church in Menard. He ranched the family property from 1948 to 1966 along with his teaching. He did agricultural consulting in Uganda, Ethiopia, and Yucatan in the early 1970's, while continuing to live and work on the place. In 1983 Martha passed away. The following year he had the good fortune to marry Mary Eloise Steele Steinman of Abilene. In his later years he spent his days reading and entertaining many visitors. He was very active in the Texas Archaeological Society, The Grosvenor Baptist Church and maintained a wide correspondence.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Eloise; one son, Dr. Broocke Eubank of Austin; one daughter, Anne E. Jolliff of Waco, one sister, Lydia Eubank of Brownwood; and three grandchildren. He also has three step children and three neph-

A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

#### J.B. 'Jake' Green

J.B. "Jake" Green, 88, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 1998.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 1998, at Duren Cemetery in Mullin with Dewayne Clower officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Green was born August 29, 1909, in Mills County. In 1959, he married Reba Foster who preceded him in death in 1994. A veteran of the US Army, he was a rancher and a gauge station operator for Shell Oil Company. He was a methodist.

Survivors include a daughter, Vivian E. Hardin of Cross Plains; a brother, Ray Green of Tifton, Georgia; two sisters, Dorothy Featherson of Forney and Ellen Ccats of Jacksonville; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

#### Dan Rogers

GORMAN-Dan A. Rogers, 62, of Midland and formerly of Gorman, passed away Friday, January 9, 1998, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Gorman Cemetery with Donald Strength officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mr. Rogers was born in Gorman and was a retired oilfield consultant. Survivors include on daughter, Danita Walker of Midland; two sons, Dan Rogers Jr. of California and David Rogers of Buffalo Gap; his mother, Jewel Rogers Thompson; ms stepramer, Leo Thompson of Cross Plains; one brother, J. Mike Rogers of Cross Plains; one sister, Teddy McNeal of Abilene; three grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

#### Katherine 'Kay' Hall Harris

COLEMAN-Katherine "Kay" Hall Harris, 75, passed away Saturday, January 10, 1998, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Robinett officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

Mrs. Harris was born in Hart and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1939. She attended a business college and married R.E. Harris in 1944 in Maryland. She worked as a cashier at the Liberty Theater in Cross Plains, a dental assistant at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio and assistant city secretary in Bonham. She also was employed by the Steno Pool at the Pentagon in Washington and PCA in Shreveport, Louisiana. She co-owned a flower shop in Austin and was a bookkeeper for a florist in Shreveport, Louisiana. She was a member of United Christian and Presbyterian

Survivors include her husband, of Coleman; one son, Bobby Harris of Waco; three sisters, Doris Givens of Odessa, Wanda Boyle of Brownwood and Jo Ann Kunkel of Pflugerville; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

#### Robert Stewart

Robert Weldon Stewart, 74, passed away Monday, January 5, 1998, at his residence in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00

p.m. Wednesday at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory, with Rev. Mike Chancellor and Pete Beretta officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial

Mr. Stewart was born in Sidney, where he graduated from high school. He moved to Abilene from Sidney in 1940. He was Assistant Fire Chief with the Abilene Fire Department at the time of his retirement in 1984. He had a 40 year career with the fire department.

He married Lillie Dee Mc Allister in Abilene on January 9, 1943. He was a member of Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Dee McAllister Stewart of Abiler two sons, Robert Mac Stewart of Garland and Eldon Len Stewart of Irving; a daughter, Vickie Landry of San Angelo; two sisters, Mildred Musick of Abilene and Ruth Caffey of Canadian, Texas; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 41, Abilene, TX 79604.

#### Marion E. West

RISING STAR-Marion E. West, 89, passed away Thursday, January 8, 1998 at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Rising Star with Bill Dodd officiating. Burial was in Blake Cemetery.

Mr. West was born January 29, 1908, in Brown County. He married Marjorie L. Steele in Romney November 24, 1935. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie West of Rising Star; one son, Oliver West of Rising Star; two daughters, Wanda Brown of Carrollton and Juanita Hollis of Clyde; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Troy Mitchell, Buster Harris, Bernie Barnes, Jack Palmore, Don Compton, and Milton

# Selected Scriptures

With my lips I have declared all the judgments of your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies as much as in all riches. Psalm 119: 13, 14

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it could to resolve any problems.

Pam Porter presented the council with a petition requesting a curfew for minors in Cross Plains. The petition had over 100 names on it but the council discovered about half of the signatures were not residents of Cross Plains.

Porter complained that she had called 911 recently, to report a prowler at her home, and it took 1 1/ 2 hours for a policeman to respond from Baird because the Cross Plains Police Department did not have anyone working at the time. She asked why more than one policeman could not be hired to work for the

The council discussed at length the cost of another policeman and that the funds were not available for adding another employee. The possibility of taxes and other means of raising the required funds were discussed by the council.

At this time, the council decided, without the personnel to enforce a curfew it would not benefit the community to pass such an ordi-

No action was taken on the matter, but there was discussion about placing both items, the curfew and an additional patrolman, on the ballot for a public vote.

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bob Harrell met with the council and gave a report on the local fire-fighting organization. Harrell said they had responded to 48 calls in 1997 and the department is doing well. Harrell said he would continue to keep the council informed of the fire department's needs.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Rolan Jones met with the council to discuss city police filing cases in his court. Past and present policemen have filed cases in his JP Court, when

#### Robert 'Skinny' Hull

BROWNWOOD-Robert H. Skinny" Hull, 84, passed away Monday, January 12, 1998, at a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Burkett Cemetery in Burkett with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating, directed by Heartland Funeral Home.

Mr. Hull was born in Jewett and was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed by Moore's Printing Company and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He married Rosa Lee DeBusk in McCarney.

Survivors include his wife of Brownwood; one son, Bill Hull of Brownwood; and one sister, Georgia Gray of Fort Stockton.

#### H. Truman Black

H. Truman Black, 76, passed away Thursday, January 8, 1998, at a local nursing center.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Wylie Baptist Church with Rev. Mike O. Patterson officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Black was born in Baird on March 19, 1921. He attended school in Admiral and Baird, and graduated from Abilene High School. He also attended McMurry University. Mr. Black was the son of Judge J.R. and Mrs. Ada Eubanks Black. He served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He retired from Bell Telephone as a manager/supervisor, having worked in Abilene, Snyder, and Lubbock for a total of 35 years. He married Betty Smartt on July 3, 1947 in Abilene. They moved back to Abilene from Lubbock in 1983. Mr. Black was an avid supporter of Little League Baseball and coached four sons and a grandson. He was a member of Southwestern Bell Pioneer's Club and Wylie Baptist Church.

Mr. Black was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, George Tructt Black; and another brother, Gordon Black.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of the home; four sons, Phillip Smartt of Austin, Joe Smartt of San Antonio, David Black of Abilene and Richard Black of Irving; his step-mother, Minnie Black of Abilene; four brothers, J.R. Black, Jr. and Ray Black, both of Abilene, Tommy Black of Huntsville, and Eugene Black of Andrews; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Sean Smartt, Derek Black, Brian Black and Shane Smartt.

the cases had to be filed in a higher court than the local municipal court, and then he transferred the cases to the County Attorney's Office.

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Jones told the council that his office is the only one that still handles cases in this manner. Jones respecifully requested the cases be filed with the City Judge and then filed with the County Attorney.

City Judge Bob Hill and Cross Plains Police Chief Ed Duncan were present at the meeting and after discussing the matter with the council the change would not present a problem with either of their departments.

Gosnell read a letter addressed to the council from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs concerning the TCDP Disaster relief contract with the City of Cross Plains. The letter explained a conflict of interest violation and a violation of contractual agreement in the matter of a storm damaged home at 700 Chestnut Street.

The City of Cross Plains was offered 3 options to bring the city into compliance on the matter:

1. Repay all funds used to construct the new home at 640 Chestnut

2. Demolish the unsafe home at 700 Chestnut.

3. Pass a City Ordinance condemning the property and requiring the disconnection of all utilities from 700 Chestnut Street and board up the home.

Evelyn Parker met with the council, she and husband, Joe, are owners of the property in question, and she told them the house at 700 Chestnut had been boarded up, had No Trespassing signs posted, and had the water, sewer, and gas disconnected.

Parker requested the council seek a waiver from the TDHCA to allow them to keep the electricity on at the house because their freezer was still located inside the structure.

The council told Parker they would request the waiver. Weiss made a motion for the city to accept the thirdoption of the letter from the TDHCA. Nichols seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gosnell was instructed by the council to seek information concerning the ordinance to condemn the property and present the information at the next council meeting.

The council declined the offer of a resident to give the city a live 30 foot Christmas tree to be planted at City Hall.

Cost of transplanting the tree and the danger of it not surviving the transfer were sited as reasons for their

City Judge Bob Hill presented the council with his report for Decemberactivities of his office. Pringle made a motion, seconded by Weiss, to ac-

cept the report. Motion passed. Cross Plains Police Chief Ed Duncan presented the council with a report on his department's activities in December. Duncan said he answered 38 calls for service; one motor vehicle accident, two fires, sixteen criminal offenses, 9 cases filed with the County Attorney. He made 3 felony arrests, two misdemeanor arrests, four detained juveniles, one run-away was apprehended and eight traffic tickets were written. Womack made a motion to accept the report which unanimously passed. Motion seconded by Pringle.

Pringle made a motion, seconded by Weiss, to pay bills. Motion was approved.

### **Sheriff Curtis** Replies to Complaint

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis has requested a clarification regarding a complaint by a Cross Plains citizen at the January 6th, Cross Plains City Council meeting.

During the voicing of a complaint of not enough police protection in the City of Cross Plains, it was stated that it took 1 1/2 hours for a deputy from Baird to arrive on the scene in Cross Plains after a 911 call. The call was for a possible prowler.

After searching 911 records and dispatch call-cards at the sheriff's

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Sunday School

Morning Worship .

Evening Worship ......

Colleen Anderson

Maxey Evans

Sunday School ...

Morning Worship

**Evening Worship** 

Wednesday Night Family Bible Study ....

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Wed. Prayer Service

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**CROSS PLAINS** 

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Jason Kempf - Youth & Music Minister

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BIBLE CLASS ...... 10:30 A.M.

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**EAST HIGHWAY 36** 

Bob Wallace, Pastor (254) 725-6607

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School ...... 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship...... 11.00 a.m.

Evening Service ...... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time......7:00 p.m

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......6:00 p.m.

LINDA MERRITT **Activity Director** 

Falba Shofner reports that she really enjoys her Wednesday afternoon WMU meetings with Laquitta Rankin, Frankie Smith and Angie Clower from Pioneer Baptist Church.

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of M.P. Wilcoxen, Jake Green and Bransford Eubank. May the joy you knew and the love you shared bring warm memories to

Thoughts and prayers for Callie Meador, Leila Montgomery, and Lorena Wright who are in the hos-

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

Gladys Slayton, Opal Keeney and Louise Strength from Coleman visited with Verner Rose.

Kenneth Brooks from Arlington, Mona Wilson from Abilene and Joan Bullard from Clyde visited Blanche Brooks and Gertie Powell. Byron and Brenton McNutt and Amanda Kitchens was here visiting everyone.

Virginia Childers from Potosi visited with Lillie Childers.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Vera Belyeu (4), Falba Shofner and Verner Rose. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcom social. Wednesday: Art class. Exercise

Thursday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (4), Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu (2), and Ruby Harrell. Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal. When friends meet hearts warm.

## A Railroader

has been employed by Union Pacific Railroad for the past 26 years and presently resides in Green River, you ever go to Washington to help Wyoming. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmielee Payne of Cross Missouri Pacific Railroad? Well, I Plains. Vanda Creech

By JERRY PAYNE

I'm a railroader. I do railroad things. No one knows what a railroader does. It is said being a railroader somewhat railroading is. I'm proud to be a railroader.

steam locomotive and heard it talk to has been coupled up between two you early in the morning? I have. cars? Sadly I have. Have you ever Have you ever gone across the horibeen called to go to a remote area on zon with a 16,000 ton coal train trying the railroad, late at night and help a to make it to Los Angeles for the crew cope with running over a 16power and light company? I have. year old, who has just committed sui-Have you ever been traveling high up cide in front of their train? Sadly I on the bridge crossing the Boni Carrie have. Have you ever seen the look on Spillway in Louisiana watching the peoples' faces, at an intersection, gators sun? I have. Have you ever when you help the coroner bag up the taken a double stack from Portland to victims of a crossing accident? Sadly Seattle and seen the beautiful sight of I have. Puget Sound and the fertile valley coming into Seattle from the south? railroader does. He/she is a family Well, I have.

ber 61 at Toyah, Texas and is a proud person. He/she can even be highballed it across the West Texas a sensitive person. Most of all a raildesert to El Paso? Well, I have. Have roader can be male or female and any you ever taken a tonnage train off El race on God's green earth. Cajon and felt the mighty power of and wandered down the canyon to Ogden? Well I do.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry Payne hours of the morning? Well, I did. Have you ever met Barbara Bush before? I most certainly did. Did receive the Herriman Award for the

Then come the not-so-much-fun part. Have you ever killed someone at a railroad crossing? Sadly I have. Have you ever waded out into knee deep water, with a vice-president of the railroad to help save a woman in a times, when people don't understand mangled car, from losing her life and her Bible? Gladly I have. Have you ever gone to investigate an incident Have you ever sat in the seat of a big where one of your fellow railroaders,

These are a few of the things that a person, when they can. He/she is Have you ever climbed onto Num- sometimes a religious person. He/she

On our railroad we are names, not the dynamic braking force of an Mr. and Mrs. We are Dick, Brad, Jeff, SD90MAC? Well, I have. Have you Dennis, Charles, Mo, Roger, Debra, ever retraced the path of the Overland Bob, Jerry, Pat, James, Mark, Bill, Trail and went off the hill at Wasach Anne, JoAnn, David, Steve, Yo, Randy, and on and on. We will always be railroaders and most of you Let me ask you? Have you ever sat out there that are not, will still not down to dinner with the chairman of understand what we do. That's so sad. the board before? Well, I have. Have Even though our job is loud and we you ever pulled a President of the make you wait for us a lot of the time, United States before? Well, I have. at railroad crossings, we are your Have you ever slept in a bedroom, on neighbors and your community supa business car, that a past President of porters. We are at those city council the United States had slept in? I did. meetings and at that P.T.A. meeting. Have you ever sat and talked to a We even go to a few sporting events.

#### Clips, Quips & Comments By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Water---Well--!"

How many who read this column have ever tasted tell water? The kind you used to draw with a bucket and a rope and pulley.

I remember my mother saying that nothing tasted as good as a long, cool drink of well water from the dipper.

I was privileged to drink well water form a dipper, just a few times, in my childhood. Most people who lived in town already had city water. We always lived in town. Though my mother loved the country life, my father did not.

There were, however, still quite a few people in town who still maintained a well, even though also on city water. I can still see that wooden bucket sitting on the kitchen cabinet full of well water and accompanied by the dipper at my grandparents.

Later, after we had moved to Baird, my grandfather had a cistern built. My grandfather, Jack Meador was a resident of Cross Plains. He lived about two blocks behind the block on which the First Baptist Church is located. For those who don't know; a cistern is one type of well. Instead of the water coming from below ground, the water comes from

above. In other words a cistern is a large holding vessel, for the rain. It looked like a regular well, it was kept covered usually. When it rained you had to run out and uncover it so as to catch the rainwater.

We called our grandfather, "Papa Meador." Mother used to laugh. Papa was in his 80's when he had the cistern built. Every time Mother invited him to come up and spend a few days with us in Baird; Papa would use the same reason why he couldn't. It might rain and he wouldn't be there to uncover the

Mother would just laugh and say, well I'd like to invite Papa up but it might rain and the cistern wouldn't

Not only do you not see many (if any) wells anymore, you don't see dippers either. Water sure tasted good from one though.

You know there's a saying: "Always try to keep your head above water." There's a few of us who sometimes wish we could still get ours from the dipper, from the bucket in the well!

The water, not our heads.

### **BURKETT NEWS**

LOVERA STRICKLAND

Andrew Walker and Paul and Shannon Walker were in Monahans last week. They met Merle and Gene Amos of Yellow Pine, Idaho. They attended Gene Amos' aunts funeral.

Jackie and Jacob Strickland and Shari Cooper of Somerville spent the weekend before Christmas with the Jack Strickland's. Also visiting the Strickland's were Darryl Turney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Jon and Matt Turney and Marsha Turney of Whon and Daniel Strickland.

Christmas came early for Bob and Beth Kleiber this year. The weekend before Christmas was shared with their children and grandchildren, Matt and Emma McKinney, Alice. and Kevin from Goldsboro, Cody and Dawn Hill from Farwell and Steven and Amber Kleiber and Brenna from Burkett.

Catherine Steinhort and Joan Foster of Watango visited Mildred Lowe during the holidays.

Liz and Lou Golson had four generations visiting for Christmas weekend. Jake and Mary Beth Golson, Kala and Wade of Midland, Jacob Golson, Misty Golson, Mitch of San Angelo, Michelle Wilkowich, Kelsey and Logan of Coleman.

Tami Priddy of Snook visited Eddie and Michelle Strickland last weekend. Kendra returned home with Tami after spending a week visiting Eddie and Michelle. Tami also brought Daniel Strickland home. He spent the week with Tami and Rex.

Those visiting Jack and Lovera Strickland during the holidays were Melissa and Jacob Strickland came by Saturday after Christmas. Jacob visited until Sunday after New Years. Jackie and Julie Strickland, Staci, Shari, Jared, Jeremy of Somerville came Friday after New Year's and they all returned home Sunday. Bill Strickland and Eddie Strickland and Kendra also came by.

Lanette Burns hosted a family gettogether this last weekend. Those attending were Billy and Lafaye Pace and their family of San Antonio, Richard and Linda Burns and their family, Caroline Sanders and family of Round Rock, Bill and Gerry Young and family of Lubbock, Tommy Burns of Breckenridge and Chad Burns of Abilene.

Those visiting Mike and Linda Brady during the holidays were Dawson, Kim and Brady Schnautz

of Kyle, Russell and Alisa Gould of Abilene, Tim, Melinda, Stephenie and Colton Bledsoe of Valera, Ben and Lucille Creek of Coleman, W.B. (Dad) Bludworth, Jacky, Sandy, Nicky and Alex of Burkett.

Mike and Linda visited Sgt. Kelly Brady, Faith and Savannah of Columbus, Mississippi and George and Virginia Shewmaker, Mike, Jody, Michael, Patrick Shewmaker of Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Long, Laurel and Johnathon of Rockwall, Maryland visited his parents Leonard and Christine Long during the holidays.

D.J. and Lois Turner spent Christmas with Mike, Janice and Cliff, Terry, Becky, Renee, Keith, Annette and Hayley Turner at Meridian. Word was received about D.J.'s sister, Florence Moore passed away on Christmas Day. They were in Corpus Christi for the funeral Monday.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Wilton McKinney. He passed away last week.

Melba Walker spent Christmas day in Coleman with Annie Merle Trent and her family. They did a lot of visiting and also took on a lot of good food. On Saturday after Christmas, her daughter, Charlotte Pickett, and two granddaughters, Hannah and Hillary, came from Garland. They all went on to San Angelo to Barbara Condra's and spent the night and came back on Sunday. Charlotte and girls took down the Christmas tree and packed every thing away before they left after lunch on Monday to go

New Year's was quite just stayed around Melba's house. She watched New Year's Parade's and made sure she ate her black-eyed peas for lunch New Year's, whether it helps her have good luck in 1998 or not, she wasn't about to take a chance.

Lois and D.J. Turner met Lois's sisters in Hale Center for their New Year's get-together. Present were Ramona and Johnny Lackey of Lubbock. Ira Miller of Abilene, a brother, Marin Dobbins of Lubbock, his son, Lt. Col. Ken and Laura Dobbins, Erin and Austan of Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, and Millard and Corinne Gibson of Hale Center, and Jackie and Beth Rumbaugh and Joshua of Kress.

Our sympathy is extended to Addie Walker and her family. Her father, Collin Campbell passed away last

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I would like to thank the Callahan County Community and Callahan Co-op Board of Directors for their support for the past 3 1/2 years 1 would like to officially announce my resignation as general manager of Callahan County Co-op. I will be pursuing other opportunity in business.

When I moved back to Baird I was excited about the challenge of management at the Co-op. I had visions and goals of a new modern operating Agri-business. There were objectives of debt, older mill facility, wore out transporting equipment and public relations to over come. We approached these objectives with a mission to accomplish success in each area and improve efficiency and service. With the engineering mind of Jeff Burleson and cash flow management of Paula Corn we were able to accomplish things that amazed me.

Another mission was to improve our wheat merchandising through turnrow to terminal marketing. The first year we sent 10 truckloads from turnrow to terminal in Fort Worth. Last year we sent 150 truckloads from all over the Big Country.

A big goal of the board was to move toward more producer oriented services. We accomplished this in several ways. Computerized fertilizer programs and soil testing profiles, computerized feed formulation programs and commercial liquid fertilizer chemical applica-

The operation of a feed mill is a very complex and experience oriented position Frank Youngers is the very best mill operator in the Big country area. We pursued Frank for three years to get him to come to Callahan Co-op. The quality of feed and mill efficiency have increase tremendously.

The biggest goal of ours was seeded two years ago through contacts made with farmland industries. The vision for a modern facility able to produce and compete on a large scale in the Big Country Agriculture picture. This year Callahan Co-op made a huge step forward toward making this goal reality as we negotiated agreements that will make Callahan Co-op a major player in Farmlands expansion into far West Texas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another mission of the Callahan Co-op Board was to modernize our fuel system. This past year a new auto gas system with new pumps were installed to provide 24 hour service to area producers. Frank Fleming has been the key to the success of the Co-op station. Frank has turned the station into a profitable part of the Co-op system able to support itself.

It was recognized early that the Coop would need some diversification in business in order to increase gross margin. The Amipro Liquid Supplement program was started in 1994. Under the direction of John Belcher this business has been a big success. The continued expansion and growth of this business will play a big role in the success of the Co-op organization.

These missions accomplished have been challenging and rewarding. Today the Co-op has no unsecure debt. The mill has been upgraded and modernized in many areas in order to improve efficiency and volume. The mobile equipment has been upgraded and modernized to handle transport of feed and fertilizer faster and more efficiently.

I would like to thank Bruce Vernon, Jeff Conners and Tim Smith with Farmland Industries and commend them for making the Farmland agreement good for Callahan Co-op.

I would like to especially thank First National Bank of Baird for their support in all these missions and goals. Their knowledge and understanding of Agri-business is very professional.

Thanks to all the employees at Callahan Co-op who have shared my vision for a better more modernized aggressive agri-business. I expect each of them to continue to move

Special thanks to the Callahan Farmers Co-op Board of Directors who have given me the flexibility to work toward long term goals. I commend them for their professionalism in conducting business and know they will work hard to continue the success of Callahan County Farmers Cooperative.

Rick Vestal

### **PERSONALS**

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Cody Winfrey, a student at Texas Tech, returned to Lubbock after visiting family during the Christmas

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### BREAKTHRU

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

There are a lot of people; especially young people, wearing braces on their teeth. What was once an embarrassment to those who had to wear them is now very popular -- even somewhat a status symbol. I've never worn them (maybe I should have) but all three of our children went through them. I remember when they had the braces on their teeth, with the wire and all, that occasionally a wire would break or get out of place and we'd have to make a special trip to the orthodontist toget it corrected -- because just a little wire being out of place would seem like the whole apparatus had come apart.

A preacher friend of mine went to his orthodontist for just such an adjustment and commented to him about how it felt like such a large piece of wire that was out of place -- he could feel it with his tongue. The doctor replied, "Yes, the tongue always exaggerates."

And isn't that right? In regard to speech? And not just fishermen, either! We must be very careful to keep the tongue from enlarging upon the truth and stretching it. I sometimes tell a person when I catch them doing this: "I've told you a thousand times to not exaggerate!" -- just for emphasis, you understand, to make a point.

Jesus' brother, James, said, "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." (James 1:26) Also, "The tongue is a little member but boasts great things. It is a fire, and see how great a forest a little fire kindles!" (3:5-6) And he wasn't exaggerating the spoke by hispitation...

Maybe you're like me and needed that lesson again...

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study . 7:00 p.m.

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## C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

### Lady Buffs Varsity **Girls Action**

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday, January 6, we traveled to Roby defeating them by a score of 55 to 40. It was a close game throughout the 1st half and we led at halftime 26-22. We came out and dominated the 3rd quarter out scoring them 27 to 6 to blow the game wide open.

Scoring for the Lady Buffs were L. Ricci 19, H. Butler 14, M. Mitchell 10, J. Fleming 4, B. Richey 2, W. Giles 2, and J. Turner 2.

On Friday we hosted the Cisco

Lady Loboes with a record of 16-4. We lost a hard fought game to the Lady Lobes 56 to 43. Our lack of rebounding and free throw shooting hurt us in our effort to win. Late in the 4th quarter with 3:00 minutes to go, we cut their lead to 43 to 46, but never got any closer. Cisco has one of the best 2A programs in this part of the state and I hope we can gain some confidence from this game knowing we had some chance to win the game.

Scoring the points for the Lady Buffs were L. Ricci 19, H. Butler 10, M. Mitchell 12, and J. Turner 2.

# **Buffaloes Play** Roby & Cisco

By GREG TURNER

The Cross Plains Buffaloes split a pair of games this past week winning one and losing the other. The Buffaloss traveled to Roby and won that game by only a 4 point margin, Cross Plains came from behind at the end of the 1st quarter, trailing by 5 point, but managed to tie the game at halftime

In the 3rd quarter Cross Plain blew out in front of the Lions leading by 12 points. The 4th quarter found the Buffs shooting cold as the Lions were getting hot. Roby worked their way back into the game, with only seconds left. The Buffs held off the surge of Roby to claim the victory 52-48.

Zach Edington was the leading scorer with 15 points and Joseph Turner was close behind with 14. Jarad Richards and Jody Pancake had 6 points each.

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The Buffaloes hosted a tough 2A

team, Cisco, last Friday night. This was a great game -- lots of excitement, an overtime and all that.

Cross Plains started out well, leading in the 1st quarter by 4 and also led at halftime by 2 with a score of 29-27. By the end of the 3rd quarter Cisco had evened the score at 44 points.

The Buffaloes and Cisco both scored 10 points in the 4th quarter, forcing an overtime. In overtime Cisco jumped out in the open early and Cross Plains was unable to catch up. It was a great game, lots of excitement, but a tough loss for the

Scoring for the Buffs were Turner with 22 points, Dusty Hargrove 12, J. Richards 11, Benji Blackstock 9, Edington 5, Pancake 2 and Scott Ricci 2.

District games will begin next week, so get ready and make plans to

### JV Girls Basketball Summary

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The JV girls played Cisco on Friday, losing a close one 43 to 42.

Scoring the points were T. Clark 11, L. Wyatt 9, B. Hutton 6, V. Webb 5, C. Beaty 5, T. Guise 3, N. Bushnell 3. The game went right down to the last few seconds. We took the ball the length of the gym in 4 seconds and just missed getting the winning shot off in time. The kids played a good game against a quality 2A program in Cisco.

On Thursday, the JV girls began play in the DeLeon JV Tournament. In the opening round we lost to 2A Dublin who went on to win the tournament 34 to 22. In the second round we defeated May by a score of 47 to 23. The third round saw us playing 2A San Saba and defeating them 50 to 17. The girls finished the tournament as Consolation Champions.

Our 3 game summary for scoring was J. Payne 11, V. Webb 19, T. Wyatt 17, T. Clark 19, B. Hutton 13, L. Wyatt 16, S. Castleberry 1, M. Nickerson 8, C. Beaty 16.

The girls are playing some real good team basketball right now, and there has been a lot of individual improvement as players as we have progressed through the season.

(AUSTIN) - State Comptroller John Sharp has announced that he is sending nearly \$1.8 million to local school districts, cities and counties as their part of savings made possible by the Comptroller's cost-cutting management of the state investment fund known as TexPool.

The allocation represents savings achieved by Sharp in the day-to-day operations of the fund during the period between September 1, 1996,

# SCHOOL MENU

JAN. 19 - JAN. 23 (Subject To Change) BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Oatmal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY - French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk. FRIDAY - Scrambled eggs,

toast, assorted juice and milk.

MONDAY - Burrito w/chili & cheese, salad, crackers, pincapples and milk.

TUESDAY - Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, salad, corn, apple crisp and milk.

THURSDAY - Meat loaf w/ brown gravy, cremed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, peach halves and

FRIDAY - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and

when TexPool was transferred to the Comptroller, and May 12,1997, when administration of the fund was contracted to an outside team of investment experts.

Comptroller sends nearly \$1.8 M to local schools, cities, counties

"This is welcome news for local communities, proving once again that Texas knew what they were doing when they voted to abolish the State Treasury and give me a chance to open its operations to healthy competition," Sharp said.

"These savings underscore the confidence participants place in us during this transition period," Sharp said. "These savings also show that taxpayers come out ahead when government is forced to act more like our most successful private businesses."

The Comptroller noted that the savings will be allocated next week to all 1,275 participants in the investment fund, in pro-rated amounts based upon the balance in each participant's account. The total value of savings sent to local communities is \$1,753,833.

The Texas Local Government Investment Pool, or TexPool, provides a full range of asset and financial management services to local school districts, cities, counties and other public entities. TexPool earns participants a favorable return on their money while allowing them to maintain daily access to their funds. TexPool's balance is currently \$6

TexPool was originally part of the State Treasury, which Sharp first proposed abolishing in June 1993. Voters approved a constitutional amendment in November 1995 to eliminate the agency and merge-its core functions with those of the Comptroller.

Sharp immediately invited all private investment firms to send him their best ideas for TexPool. Ten proposals to manage the fund were

submitted, and a three-week evaluation by a committee of public and private financial experts resulted in a recommendation to contract with outside financial experts. That contract took effect on May 12, 1997.

Sharp said that before TexPool was absorbed by his office, participants were charged 9 basis points to administer their investments. (A basis point is one one-hundredth of one percent.)

After assuming operation of TexPool, Sharp lowered participants' fees to 8 basis points, and later negotiated an even lower fee of 5.5 basis points when management of the invesument fund was contracted out.

"Schools and local governments have been receiving an excellent level of service at a significantly lower cost than in the past — all without relinquishing the state's direction over how these funds are managed and invested, " Sharp said. "And now they are receiving unexpected refunds in the bargain."

In addition to the savings achieved by Sharp during the transition period, TexPool participants are projected to save approximately \$1.5 million a year in fees under management of the fund by the outside contractor.

"I'm proud to say that we operated TexPool so efficiently during the time we were in charge that we are now able to send the savings back to the participants," Sharp said.

"We have turned TexPool around, Sharp said.



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The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains School District will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains High School Ag Shop.

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The following agenda will be addressed:

PRAYER **MINUTES** 

1. Open Forum

2. Discuss and take action on building construction (if needed)

3. Executive session (if necessary)

4. Action following executive session (if necessary)

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5. Personnel

A. Act on employment of elementary custodial personnel

B. Act on superintendent's contract C. Other personnel matters (if nec-

6. Financial report / pay bills

7. Adjourn

Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

### Texas A&M Horsemanship Clinic

The Eastland County 4-H Horse Program is planning on hosting the Texas A&M Horseman Clinic in 1998. Participants ride their own horses and are instructed by graduate students majoring in equine science on horsemanship skills. Fee for the two day clinic will be \$50.00 per date, the clinic will not be scheduled rider. Enrollment is limited to 30 riders, youth and adult.

Dates will be set later but the leaders are requesting a Friday and Saturday clinic for either the last weekend in May or for weekends in June.

The horse program will have to forward a \$250 deposit by January 31, 1998 to reserve a spot on the A&M calendar. In order for this clinic to be presented in Eastland

County, participants will have to pre-register and pay a \$25.00 registration fee by Friday, January 23, 1998. The remaining \$25,00 fee will be due by April 1, 1998.

If there are not enough participants pre-registered by the January 23, and checks returned. Once the clinic is finalized, deposits will not be refunded if the participant is unable to attend unless the clinic is canceled.

Please mail you deposit to: Diana Reynolds, Route 3, Box 87C, Cisco, Tx 76437. If you have any questions, please call Laurna Bacon, 254-442-4081, or Diana Reynolds, 254-629-

#### Hunting Season Update

By VANCE WALLACE Game Warden

A tragic hunting accident occurred Somehow as the grandfather was would like more information. feeling for the safety on the boy's gun,

Another deer season has came and than in the past few years. Certainly being taken. I lost track of how many 160+ class Boone and Crockett deer I either saw or heard about in Callahan of the county I've talked to recently, say they can't ever remember so many big deer being killed. Incidentally, I even heard about one deer that supposedly scored 186 B&C taken in confirm that one. One deer that had 13 points, a 20 inches + inside spread and scored 161 B&C was aged only 3 1/2 years old. What is unusual about that is that typically a buck deer will grow its largest antlers at 5 1/2 years of age. Not many buck deer make it to that age in areas which are hunted however.

To increase your chances for a successful deer season next year, take time now to plan ahead. Obviously, if you need to renew your lease or find a new lease, the sooner you can get that finalized the better. If you can leave your feeder(s) going for a least the next two months it could make the difference in whether or not some deer make it through the winter. especially bucks.

If you are feeding a protein deer mix in addition to plain corn, that is much better. The best situation of all is to in Callahan County on December 31, establish deer food plots. The amount 1997. A 14 year old boy and his 65 of nutrition available to the deer by year old grandfather were hunting establishing a food plot is said to be together in a deer blind. At dusk they around 10 times greater than feeding were preparing to exit the blind when corn through a feeder. Most people the man asked the boy if the boy's rifle plan deer food plots around Septemwas on safety. The boy said that it ber using winter wheat, Austrian was, as he clicked the safety lever. It winter peas, oats or other cold season had become fairly dark inside the crops. I have some literature availblind and there wasn't much room able on establishing wildlife food with both hunters in the blind. plots and other related topics if you

I would like to organize a youth deer he touched the trigger and the rifle hunt in Callahan County. I have asfire -- striking the boy in the lower left sisted with youth hunts in other arm. The boy was rushed to the hos- counties and although they can be a pital in Abilene with a .223 caliber lot of work, the enjoyment the kids bullet wound in the left forearm receive from the experience makes it which shattered both the Ulna and worth-while. The purpose would be Radius bones. The boy survived but to introduce kids to hunting who oththe eventual use of the injured arm is erwise would have little or no chance to experience it.

The first step in conducting youth gone and what a good one it was. The deer hunt will be to get permission 97-98 season should be remembered from some landowner in the county as one of the best years in quite who supports the idea and is willing awhile. The overall harvest of deer to allow the hunt to take place. I across the county seemed to be higher would also need responsible adult volunteers to accompany the young the body condition of the deer were in hunters as guides and other volungood shape. The most notable aspect teers to assist with cooking, etc. A of this year though has to be the youth deer hunt is often used as a relatively high number of trophy deer wildlife management tool to harvest excess does or to cull spike bucks from an area. If you would consider allowing a youth hunt on your place County. Several long-time residents in the future, please get in touch with me and we can discuss it.

Duck season is still open in Callahan County until sunset on January 18, 1998. Quail season continues until February 22, 1998. Spring tur-Callahan County, but I have yet to key season this year will run from April 4 through May 10, 1998. Remember during the spring turkey season only the gobblers are legal game and don't forget your turkey stamp. Above all, be careful out there. Please feel free to call me or come by the Game Warden office in the courthouse if I can help you with anything regarding fishing, hunting or boating. Vance Wallace (915) 854-1135, office (915) 854-1538 or sheriff's office (915) 854-1444.

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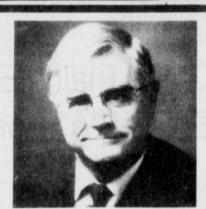
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# Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 10, 1997.

For Callahan Judge Winford Hogan

Roger Corn Pol. Adv. Pd. by John Bolcher, 751 Race St., Baird, Tx 79504

Ben Holloway Pol. Adv. Pd. by Ben Holloway, 667 FM 603, Clyde, Texas

For County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon

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**Belinda Davis** 

Pol. Ad. Pd. by Belinda Davis, 617 Vine Street, Baird, Tx 79504 For 42nd District

Court Clerk Georgie Manion

**Sharon Owens** 

Pol. Ad. Pd. by Dale Owens, Treasurer, 6218 CR 252, Clyde, All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00 A free press release and photograph will be published one

time with each announcement.

#### John Chesshir on Harding University's

ing the spring semester.

president of academic affairs, honof 3.50 minimum.

Chesshir, a freshman majoring in mathematics, attended Cross Plains High School before entering

Harding had a record enrollment this year of more than 4,100 students from 50 states and more than 40 foreign countries. It is the largest private university in Arkansas.

#### **CJC Announces** President's List

from this area are on the recently released President's List for the fall semester of 1997.

List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system.

Becky Foster and Tina Wyatt of Cross Plains; Patricia Hutchinson and Richard Taff of Rising Star; Bryan Abernathy of Baird; and Denise Fiscus, Pamela Stayton and Jeanne Wilson of Clyde were among the elite students.

## **CJC Announces**

Eleven Cisco Junior College students from this area are on the recently released Dean's List for the fall semester of 1997.

The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Tim A. Lewis and Eddie R. Purcell of Cross Plains; Nathan W. Henson of Rising Star; Amber D. Kleiber of Burkett; Erin L. Chambers; Mitzi M. Day and Mandy J. Kidd of Baird: Michael J. Baidas, Albert G. Canava, Karen Netherton and Dawn A. Love of Clyde were among the students

# Registration

Cisco Junior College's Dean of Admissions, Olin O. Odom, III, reminds area residents that registration is under way and will continue through January 21 at the Cisco campus and the CJC Abilene Educational Center. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as January 21, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes began on January 14 and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the student.

Mr. Odom said, "Cisco Junior College offers a wide range of opportunities for expanding knowledge. We invite anyone, college age or older, to enroll in one of the many programs

campus in Cisco or at the Abilene Educational Center at 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. during regular office hours. For more information call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco (254) 442By JOHN R. ERICKSON

The Case of the

**Dancing Cowboy** 

about. And then she'd found an opportunity to trim up his scorched hair, which should have solved his main reason for not wanting to attend the

It was a nice idea and it should have worked, only Slim was too .... I'd tried to tell him. I did all a loyal dog could do, but did he listened to. me? Oh no.

And now he'd made her cry and had broken her sweet little heart, and I should have bitten him on the leg when I had the chance, the big oaf.

She wasn't a "common hussy" and she wasn't just an "old maid." She was one of the sweetest, finest ladies I'd ever met, and why some cowboy hadn't latched onto her years ago, I couldn't imagine - except that some cowboys (we won't mention any names) were just dumb.

All at once I forgot about Sardine Sickness and everything else but her sadness. All my cowdog instincts came boiling to the surface, and I hopped over the seat and laid my head in her lap.

"Ahhhhhhhh!"

My goodness, she almost wrecked the car when I appeared so suddenly. She looked at me through tear-filled eyes ... and started laughing.

"Hank, what on earth are you" doing in here?"

Well, I ... uh ... it was a little hard to explain, actually. She gathered my head into her right arm and gave me a big hug. "Well, you rascal, I guess we're pretty good pals, aren't we? And maybe you knew that Viola made a fool of herself and needed at shoulder to cry on."

She pulled over to the side of the road, thank goodness, because I had begun to worry about her hitting one of those big cottonwood trees.

She fished a tissue out of her's purse and dabbed her eyes, then blew her nose. To tell you the truth, I was a little shocked that such a cute lady could make such a loud honk

Then she stroked my ears and began talking. "You see, Hank, my parents are up in years and need my help. I love them dearly and I'm glad I can help them, but ... sometimes I want to go out and hear music and laughter. And kick up my heels, just to see if I can still do it."

She took my face in her hands and looked into my eyes.

"You understand, don't you? Sometimes I think dogs are smarter than people, and I'll beta silver dollar that you would have invited me to the dance, wouldn't you?

Yes ... ump ... ma'am, and what a lousy time to burp sardine fumes in a closed car.

All at once her nose wrinkled and her eyes crossed. She rolled down the window and began fanning the air with her hand.

"Hank, what on earth have you been eating?"

Well, uh, a can of rotten fish, it seemed. And no one regretted it more

I hate sardines, always have.

She leaned her head back against the seat and laughed and laughed: "Oh Hank, this is too funny for words: At last I find a fellow who adores me but he turns out to be a dog who's been cating sardines.

She was laughing so hard that she didn't notice the dark shadowy form that had suddenly appeared at her window.

It was a man.

Next Week: A Stranger at the Window/All Is Well This is Chapie: 10 from "The Case

of the Dancing Cowboy," a previously unpablished book by John R. Erickson, a Texas rancher. Erickson, who has written 27 Hank the Cowdog books for Gulf Publishing, is giving this 11-chapter book to newspapers across the nation to encourage children and others to read.

# Dean's List

**JANUARY 15, 1998** 

Chapter 10

I Leave With Miss Viola

(In the previous chapter, Slim, the

ranch hand, got his hair cut by Miss

Viola. Afterward, he complimented

her work and added that the best part

about her haircut was that it was free.

Hank the Cowdog and Miss Viola

both winced. It was a stupid thing to

say. Hank and Viola had expected

him to say she was much better

looking than his usual barber. But

Miss Viola to her car. Slim had his

hands pushed deep into his pockets

turned to Slim with a smile. "Well,

Viola opened the car door and

He laughed at that. "Well, I didn't

"It don't take much brains to get

shocked, Viola, but at least we found

the problem. And thanks again for

the shearing. You're a good hair-

cutter. What I mean is ... " He

frowned and kicked at a rock. "It's

kind of nice, getting your hair cut by

though she expected more. When it

didn't come, she filled her lungs with

Spring is such a wonderful time of

the year. It almost makes you want to

... kick up your heels and dance.

Slim gave his head a nod. "Yeah,

it's mighty nice. The old cows have

slicked off and are picking up

weight. Horses are feeling frisky and

was saying, because at that very

moment it dawned on me that Miss

Viola had left her door open. And

both she and Slim were looking up at

the trees and the sky and weren't

the rest of his life talking about

cows, that was OK with me, but I had

Hmmm. If Slim wanted to spend

I slipped into Stealth Crouch

Mode and in the blink of an eye I had

sneaked myself into Miss Viola's car

where I became virtually invisible.

The car door slammed. The motor

started. We were driving away and

.. ork ... I found my thoughts

turning to ... sardines. I mean, the

car was closed up and kind of warm,

and there is a certain malady called

"car sickness," which I had never

Remember all that oil in the can of

sardines? It had tasted delicious the

first time around, but now, in a hot

stuffy car that was swaying back and

Fellers, I had a serious problem

on my hands. Getting sick on sar-

dines in the back seat of a lady's car

was no way to impress the lady. I

How far was it to her house? Five

miles? I sure hoped she would chunk

the coal to that car, because I was

All at once I heard her voice. "Oh,

you stupid old maid. You should

have known he wouldn't ask you out,

so why did you throw yourself at him

like a ... like a common hussy? Oh,

I'm so embarrassed and humiliated.

I'll never go to a dance for the rest of

my life. Ill just stay home and rot."

... to herself. My goodness, she was

crying. And pounding her little fist

against the steering wheel.

had happened.

It appeared that she was talking

And all at once I understood what

She'd wanted to go to the dance

with Slim, see, but she'd figured out

that he was too bashful to ask her, so

she'd made up an excuse to "drop by"

his house - she'd pulled off one of the

spark plug wires, a clever little trick

that only a country girl would know

knew that, and yet ...

beginning to suspect ...

Ork. Ump.

thought much about until ...

on the floor between the

I didn't hear the rest of what he

air and looked up at the sky.

Her eyes lingered on him, as

"Well, isn't this a beautiful day?

and continued to rattle his coins.

Slim, thanks for fixing my car."

do much, as you noticed."

"You got shocked."

a lady."

Doesn't it?"

paying any ...

a better idea.

forth ...

We went outside and walked

the moment was all wrong.)

SEARCY, ARKANSAS - John Chesshir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Chesshir of Cross Plains, is among the 1,038 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved dur-

The Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Neale Pryor, vice oring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level

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By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

BAIRD-Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 12, at the Callahan County Courthouse. Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with these officers present; Commissioners, Harold Hicks, Precinct 1, Bryan Farmer, Precinct 2, Tommy Holland, Precinct 3, Charlie Grider, Precinct 4, County Clerk Darlene Walker, and Deputy County Treasurer Diane Alexander.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Grider was elected as County Judge Protem by unanimous vote. Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Holland.

Names were drawn from a grand jury pool to serve as the county's Salary Grievance Committee. The 1998 committee will be staffed by Jimmy Blackwell, Patsy Hogan, and Barton Scott. All three committee members listed Clyde addresses.

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis gave a report on his department, for the months of November and December, to Commissioners. Curtis apologized for the November report not being given last month, but he was tied up with an arson investigation and could not make the commissioners meeting.

Curtis said the Sheriff's Department answered 105 calls for service in November and logged 14,081 miles on patrol vehicles, using 1052 gallons of gasoline. We fed 247 meals, at the jail, at a cost of \$.81 per meal with a total grocery cost of \$607.56.

The Sheriff's Department made 133 calls in December, logging 13, 468 miles and using 971 gallons of fuel. 258 meals were prepared at the jail with a cost of \$.57 per meal, bringing the grocery bill to \$440.79.

The meeting then moved from the commissioners meeting room to the county courtroom, at 10:00 a.m., for a public hearing concerning a speed limit on County Road 120 in Precinct 1.

About ten citizens attended the Public Hearing.

Rupert Fletcher spoke to the commissioners and stated he had started at FM 604 and polled CR 120 residents, about 47, down to Hawk Rider Road and none he spoke to disapproved of a 35 mile-per-hour speed limit on CR 120.

Fletcher presented the commissioners with documents stating the position of the people polled about the speed limit.

Commissioner Hicks told the group he had checked with the Texas Department of Transportation and the signs will cost \$43.00 each. "By

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the time we get a post in the ground," said Hicks, "we'll have about \$75.00 in each installed sign."

A lady in the audience asked why the county allowed people to speed on the county roads.

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis said, "The normal speed limit on county roads is 5 mph below the speed limit on state highways which puts the legal speed at 65 mph on the county roads."

"We only have two patrol vehicles with radar in them," said Curtis, "and new radar units cost about \$3,600 each." "We've caught some speeders on county roads and after multiple tickets we got some of them to stop speeding," added Curtis, "it's just hard to be in the right place to catch speeders all the time.'

Judge Johnson said, "The commissioners set the budget for the sheriff's department, and he has to take care of the whole county with four deputies, and they can't be everywhere all the time. But the county asks Eddie to do it and he

Curtis said he had also talked to the local Department of Public Safety Troopers and they have agreed to assist the sheriff's department with enforcement of speed limits on county roads.

One man in the audience suggested possible building "speed-bumps or dips" in the roadway to make people

Costs of building and maintaining the speed reducing devises was dis-

Chief Sheriff's Deputy John Windham told the audience, "An individual can file a complaint with the local Justice of the Peace against a violator for reckless driving." This was in answer to questions from the audience about hot-rodders on CR

Fletcher said that, as far as the speeders, there was nothing to complain about if there weren't speed limit signs reducing the present 65 mph legal speed.

Judge Johnson suggested installing the signs to see if it would work and if not try some of the other measures to reduce the traffic speed.

Hicks made a motion to limit the speed of traffic on CR 120 to 35 mph and install signs to warn motorists of the speed limit. This will be for the Precinct 1 portion of CR 120, from FM 604 east to Union Hill Road. Six or eight signs will be installed Hicks said later.

Grider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Hicks was asked about the 20 mph sign on Cherry Lane and he said it would be removed because there was no record of commissioners voting to enact the speed limit on Cherry Lane.

### SHERIFF

department, it was determined the incident occurred on June 15, 1997. The call-card states that a 911 call

was received at 6:11 a.m. by Callahan County Dispatch. After being unable to contact a Cross Plains policeman, the dispatcher notified a sheriff's deputy at his home in Baird at 6:13 a.m. The deputy was enroute at 6:22 a.m. and arrived at the North Avenue D address in Cross Plains at 6:45 a.m. The deputy completed his investigation and was back in service at 7:13

Total time from the time the call was received to arrival of the officer, who was at home in bed 24 miles away, was 34 minutes.

Sheriff Curtis does not mean to cause anyone embarrassment, but he and his employees take great pride in providing as efficient a service as possible and wanted the record set straight on this issue.

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### Langley - Bomar **Engagement Announced**

Charles and Sharon Langley of Brownwood and Bob and Lauretta Bomar of Cross Plains wish to announce the engagement of their

children, Heather Irene Langley and Thomas Allen Bomar. A May 9, 1998 wedding has been set.

### Dianne Alexander seeks County Treasurer's place

I am Dianne Alexander, filing for the office of Callahan County Treasurer in the Democratic Primary, March 10, 1998. I am 47 years old, married to Terry Alexander. I have one son, Eddie Neal Gunter and three stepdaughters Tara, Briana, and Brittany.

I have lived in Callahan County for the past 40 years. I have been employed at the County Treasurer's office as Chief Deputy Treasurer for the past 8 1/2 years. was employed at the First National Bank of Baird, for 16 years before coming to the Treasurer's office.

I enjoy working with the public and feel like I have had the most wonderful teacher in Dora Hounshell, our present County Treasurer. Dora always has the County's best interest in mind and her office is always open to the public, this policy will not change if I am elected. I will appreciate your support in the Democratic Primary, March 10, 1998.

Pd. political ad by Dianne Alexander, Baird, Tx.

### Latest Air Attack on Rabies Began Jan. 6

Unprecedented decrease shows Texas experiment is working

The bright yellow planes from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources are scheduled to lift off Tuesday, January 6, in the launch of the latest round in the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) multiyear aerial assault on rabies in South, Central and West Texas. Providing there are no delays due to inclement weather, the planes are scheduled to take off from Alice Municipal Airport loaded with small baits containing a concealed packet of vaccine that, once eaten by coyotes and foxes, immunizes them against ra-

This is the fourth year for the baits to be air-dropped over thousands of square miles of South, Central and West Texas, and health officials are pleased with the success of the experiment. A deadly virus that was quickly spreading northward, rabies has been halted in its march toward more populated areas in Texas. TDH officials say the experimental bait drops and subsequent immunizations of coyotes and foxes against rabies are beginning to push rabies away from domestic animals and humans.

"Before the bait drops began, the virus was spreading northward," said Gayne Fearneyhough, director, Oral Rabies Vaccination Program, Texas Department of Health. "There was no reason why it couldn't spread throughout Texas and potentially become a national threat. The bait drops have in just three years stopped the spread of a deadly

Coyotes are the primary hosts for the virus which is easily spread from coyotes to domestic animals to people, but gray foxes are also targeted. In 1994, the year before the baits targeting coyotes were first dropped, 166 cases of canine rabies were recorded. Since then, the number of canine rabies cases has plummeted 98 percent to only three cases in 1997. Now up to 87 percent of the coyote population has been immunized, and no cases have been reported north of the bait drop zones.

What began as an experiment here in Texas is now a model for other states that are having problems with rabies," said Guy Moore, director, Oral Rabies Vaccination Program for Gray Foxes. "They are using the program we have here to plan their own bait drop programs to fight rabics."

Since 1990, five human lives have been lost to rabies in Texas. In South Texas alone, people have died from canine rabies and more than 2,500 people have taken post-exposure injections of rabies vaccine after being exposed to a potentially rabid animal. Though treatment is effective if given in time, once rabies develops it is always fatal in hu-

The South Texas rabies epidemic in animals, or epizootic, began in 1988 in Starr County on the Texas-Mexico border and has spread to 21 other counties in its move northward toward more densely populated ar-

This year's airdrop follows similar TDH airdrops in 1995, 1996 and 1997 and is part of a five-to-seven year plan to first contain and then climinate the canine and fox strains of rabies. TDH is working with the

sources, using Canadian-built Twin Otters to drop 2.6 million baits over 42,000 square miles of South, Central and West Texas. The Canadians have virtually wiped out fox rabies in an area about the size of Texas, and TDH hopes to do the same. Over the next five weeks, the

Ontario Ministry of Natural Re-

planes will fly from Alice, Odessa and Burnet. The small rectangular baits containing the vaccine used in the airdrop are made of fish meal and dog food and are harmless to other animals and humans.

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