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"Who Is This???"

By Vanda Anderson Creech

Having always been a trusting soul, I tend to be very gullible. This particular trait makes me a good target for pranks.

Both my sons-in-law and my husband have been guilty of tricking me over the telephone by disguising their voice.

Chris, Leah's husband, called me and pretended to be a man I knew, but had never talked to on the phone. I was trying to be cordial and then he proceeded to ask me for a date (this was a long time ago). I got panicky and hurriedly said, "I'm sorry, but I am not interested in dating at this time." Chris got tickled when I switched into high gear and let the cat out of the bag.

Another time he pretended to be the highway patrol and was attempting to give me a ticket over the telephone. I had recently received a ticket for speeding and I thought, boy this was really too much. Now, Chris has a great imagination and he kept pushing the issue, until he really had me stressed. Finally he said something so ridiculous that I said, "Chris, is this you again?"

Ronny, Blandye's husband, is always calling me at work in various dialects. Now at work I have to be careful because it could be a legitimate caller. I am weary of asking if it is him, until I'm sure. His last call was a good one. He said he needed to put an ad in the paper. I had no idea who it was so I asked, "What are you selling?" He replied, "A one legged mule." That was a dead giveaway, but I threw him for a loop when I asked, "Well, what do you want to say about this one legged mule?" He was so stunned---there was a little silence and then he started laughing. I said, "Alright Ronny what do you really want?"

Richard called one time and wanted to put in a classified ad in to sell some ducks. I didn't recognize his voice and I asked him what kind of ducks did he have. He said, "I've got fat ducks and skinny ducks; white ducks, black ducks and black and white ducks." I was going for it until he got to the black and white ducks. At this point he snickered and I said, "That's it Richard."

I had been getting this strange call at my home for a person I wasn't acquainted with. The caller was most persistent and I kept telling him there was no one here by that name. I thought it might be one of the boys or Richard, but no proof yet. The caller would get frustrated and hang up. I told Richard about it and he didn't know the name either. About a month passed and I was playing the messages on the machine back and there was the man again. I told Richard, "Come here and listen to this guy. He is the one I told you about." He didn't say a word.

Well, after Ronny's mule story, Richard speaks up and tells me it was him. He went to the trouble to leave a message, just to see if I would buy it.

Of course, as usual, I fell for it hook, line and sinker! Being gullible has its drawbacks, but it keeps life interesting!!!!



THE COTTONWOOD GIRLS— Mary Ella Weaver (from left), Jacque Childress and Sue Bennett entertained the children by reading books as part of the Cross Plains Public Library's open house.



SENIOR CITIZEN'S CAKE WALK— Helen Amis (from left), Mary Bates, Lucile Callaway and Fay Jackson are displaying some of the baked goods to be won at the cake walk in connection with the Kiwanis Christmas Program.

## Make a Child's Christmas Special

Be a "Special Santa", brighten a child's Christmas --- select a tag from the tree at Texas Heritage Bank. Sign up with a teller and purchase a gift in the amount of

\$10 to \$20 for a child's Christmas gift and return the wrapped gift to Texas Heritage Bank by Wednesday, December 19th.

## County Commissioners Approved 2002 Holidays

Callahan County Commissioners approved the 2002 holidays for County employees during the Commissioners regular monthly meeting held Monday, December 10.

The 2002 holidays in which County employees will take the day off and the County Court-house in Baird will be closed include:

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 1 and 2, 2002 for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 21, 2002 for Martin Luther King Day.

Monday, February 18, 2002 for Presidents' Day.

Friday, March 29, 2002 for Good Friday.

Monday, May 27, 2002 for Memorial Day.

Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5, 2002 for Independence Day.

Monday, September 2, 2002 for Labor Day.

Monday, October 14, 2002 for Columbus Day.

Monday, November 11, 2002 for Veterans Day.

Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, 2002 for Thanksgiving Day.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25, 2002 for Christmas Day.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners reviewed and sign the minutes of the previous meeting.

—There were no public comments received.

—Commissioners voted to approve the Callahan County Justice of the Peace Precinct boundaries to meet state and federal law requirements. Under the new boundaries, Baird JP Precinct #3 and Cross Plains JP Precinct #4 will have boundaries lines drawn within portions of the City of Clyde.

—Commissioners voted to approve an order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County. A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way sets fireworks on a County Road or in the right-of-way of a County Road.

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## Collision Claims Cross Cut Lady, Donna Pickett, Last Friday, December 7th

Donna Pickett of Cross Cut was fatally injured in a head-on collision Friday night, December 7, 2001, about 25 miles north of Brownwood on Highway 279. A De Leon man, Glenn Farley, was severely injured. He was airlifted to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene with internal and leg injuries. He is in critical condition.

Farley, a 24-year-old welder, was southbound about 9:30 p.m. when his 1998 Chevrolet truck crossed the center line and struck the northbound 1995 Mercury sedan driven by Donna Pickett, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Pickett had been wearing a seat belt but Farley had not.

Services for Donna Pickett were held Monday, December 10, 2001, at the First Baptist Church

in Cross Plains with Dennis Hester officiating. Burial was in the Cross Cut Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Donna was born January 20, 1945, in Pecos, Texas to Cecil Brown and Hazel (Smith) Brown. She married Robert Pickett in Cross Cut, Texas on November 1, 1979. Donna was employed by May ISD.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "PeeWee" Pickett of Cross Cut; two sons, Randy Hartman and wife, Shelli, of McCamey, and Keith Choat and wife, Shawn, of Oklahoma; four daughters, Brenda Montgomery and husband, Stacy, of Cross Plains, Janna Clare and husband, Rob, of North Carolina, Tangela

Sanderson and husband, Stelvin, of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and Alache Choat of Oklahoma; a sister, Lucille Kersh of Cross Cut; a brother, Jerry Brown of Cross Plains; thirteen grandchildren, Ashlee Hutchins, Jarrah Hutchins, Blake Hutchins, Kyle Hartman, Kory Hartman, Kendal Hartman, Brian Clare, Jon Clare, Kelsey Clare, Stephanie Sanderson, Cody Sanderson, Caressa Choat and Lyndsey Choat; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Kirby Hartman, Cody Hartman, Jerry Wayne Reavis, Jerry Brown, Jr., Kyle Hartman and Bud McCorkle. Honorary pallbearers were Kory Hartman, Brian Clare, Blake Hutchins, Jon Clare, Cody Sanderson and Kendal Hartman.

## First United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata

The First United Methodist Church cordially invites you to join them in an evening of joyful worship through music and drama.

Choir and cast will present their annual Christmas cantata this Sunday, December 16, at 6 p.m.

This year's program, "The Wonder of Christmas", was written and arranged by David Hamilton and will be performed under the direction of Angela Swift.

Choir members include: Margaret McGough, Carol Bennett, Connie Swift, Amanda Sowell, Kathy Wood, Susan Schaefer, Rhonda Swift, Jane Besselaar, Marie Besselaar, Marian Reed, Sandy Redd, Matthew Sowell, John Swift, Tim Dill and Dr. Richard Chaffin.

The cast will bring the story of Christmas to life with their unique drama. Cast members include: Bryan, Debi, Dayna and

Emma Bennett; Dean and Vicki Dillard; Wes Castleman; Cecil Barton; Dusty and Brock Cooper.

The church will be providing van services for those who need transportation. For more information, please contact the church office at 725-7377 or Angela Swift at 725-6443.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program.

Please come!!!!

## Higginbotham's Funeral Home Named Funeral Home of the Year

Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was recently named Funeral Home of the Year by Higginbotham Funeral Homes of Texas Inc. This is the first year the award has been given.

Higginbotham Funeral Homes of Texas Inc., have their home office in Stephenville. They have Funeral Homes in Stephenville, Comanche, Joshua, Cleburne, Waco, Gorman, Rising Star and Cross Plains.

Robert W. (Bob) Harrell started working for Higginbotham Funeral Home on March 1, 1982. He completed Mortuary School in February of 1973 and began his apprenticeship with Wright-Morelock Funeral Home in Brownwood of that year.

In January of 1974 he began

working for Baum Funeral Home in Mineral Wells, and worked in Mineral Wells until moving to Cross Plains on February 28, 1982.

His wife, Dee, began working for Higginbotham Funeral Home on March 1, 1997, as secretary, exactly 15 years to the day that Bob began working here.

Bob is also Fire Chief of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. Dee is also secretary for the Fire Department.

Bob and Dee will have been married for almost 31 years as of January 22, 2002. They have two children, Scarlett Koettel of KY and Josh Harrell of Abilene and four grandchildren. They are members of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

## Love Fund Opened for Kay Mosley

A Love Fund has been established for Kay Mosley at Texas Heritage Bank. She has been hospitalized at Brownwood Regional Medical Center for testing related to heart problems.

Contributions will be utilized for medical expenses incurred. Your kind generosity will be appreciated by the family. Please keep Kay in your prayers.

Texas Heritage Bank

"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"



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**HELP MAKE OUR MILITARY SERVICE PERSONEL'S CHRISTMAS MERRIER**

Send the names and addresses of service men and women currently enlisted in any branch of the military to the Cross Plains Review. A campaign to send them letters, Christmas cards, etc. is being organized. Please only include those locally known.



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## Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association to Meet at Comyn

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally Meeting will be held at Comyn Baptist Church, located between DeLeon and Dublin on FM 1469.

An Executive Board Meeting and WMU Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with supper at 6 p.m. Faith Jump Start Ministry, a praise and worship team from Kilgore, will perform at 7 p.m. The speaker for the evening will

be Brad Duesenberry, an evangelist from Cameron.

Ray Seckinger, pastor at Comyn, invites all area churches to attend.

Cross Timbers Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. For more information, contact Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9 TH & AVE D. CROSS PLAINS

WORSHIP SERVICE.....9:30 A.M.

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

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EVERYONE WELCOME

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Restoring And Equipping The Saints

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Youth Pastors - James & Glenda Tidwell

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For Information Call (254) 725-6800

### 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

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 643-3276

Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church

Bible Teaching

### ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

Come Worship With Us!

### NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sponser: Pioneer Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for March 12, 2002.

### For Callahan County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon

### For Callahan County Judge Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Jeanie Bohannon, 601 West 3rd, Baird, Texas 79504.  
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.

### Colonial Oaks Services

Cornerstone Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 9, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## OBITUARIES

### John Oliver Smith

Mr. John Oliver Smith, 82, of Rising Star (Pioneer Community), died Wednesday, December 5, 2001, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 7, 2001, at the graveside with Dwain Clower officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Oliver and Frankie operated the Pioneer Store for many years before retiring. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed attending area musicals.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie Smith of Pioneer; two daughters, Roxie Nance of Irving and Shirley Harrelson of Fort Worth; two sisters, Naoma Hawthorn of Childress and Novell Ware of Hurst; three grandchildren, Laura Rankin, Joe and Scott Nance.

### John Norman Farr

Funeral services for John Norman Farr, 88, of Conroe, was held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 7, 2001, at Woodlands Oaks Church of Christ, 7300 Crown Ridge Drive, The Woodlands, Texas with Mr. Robert Odle officiating. Interment was at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2001, at Cross Plains, Texas under the direction of Metcalf Funeral Directors.

Mr. Farr was born February 6, 1913, in Cross Plains, Texas, and passed away December 2, 2001, in Conroe, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy May Farr in 1997.

Survivors include his daughter, Diana Smith and husband, Joe, of Oak Ridge North; grandchildren, Brad Smith and wife, Caroline, of The Woodlands, and Russell Smith and wife, Debbie, of The Woodlands; one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Smith, and other loving relatives.

Pallbearers were Bogan Smith, Sam Bradley, Marty Miller, Ron Sellers, Bob McDougal and Cleo Tarver.

### CJC Professor Receives Award

Dr. Cleatus Rattan of the Cisco Junior College English department was recently notified that he was the recipient of the New Texas Poetry Award for 2001.

Dr. Rattan will receive the award during the annual New Texas Literary Conference, which will be held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on January 9-12, 2002.

Poets and writers will attend the conference from a twelve-state area. Dr. Rattan will read from his works at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, as part of the award ceremony. A reading by the recipient of the fiction award will also be conducted during the conference.

Dr. Rattan previously received the Texas Review Award and the Mesquite Award for his poetry and has had more than two hundred fifty poems published in magazines and anthologies throughout the United States. In addition, a new book of poems by Dr. Rattan is scheduled to be published in the spring by the Texas Review Press and distributed by the Texas A&M University Press.

## Local Food Pantry News Update

The Cross Plains Food Pantry will be giving Christmas food baskets again this year to the needy of our community. If you need a food basket or know someone in need, please call 725-6510, 725-6116 or 725-7694 (you may leave a message).

We also need to know how many people are in your family. Please call as soon as possible.

If you need more information about food baskets or if you would like to make a donation or volunteer please call Betty Edwards (254) 725-6510.

### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 2, 2001 through December 8, 2001 include:

#### Cases Investigated

Warnings-114

Complaints-88

#### Vehicle Accidents

There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

#### People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

There were five outstanding warrants-issued for a total of \$1,529.00 collected.

### Cross Plains Masonic Lodge

No. 627

#### Stated Meeting

1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

www.cross-plains.tx-mm-org

www.gltexas.org

Sec. (254) 725-7530

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Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon His kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from hence forth evn for ever. The zeal of the Lord of host will perform this.

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

David M. Gonzales, assault.  
Joey A. Morris, driving while license suspended (DWLS).  
Reginald W. Angelin, possession of marijuana.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Roosevelt Portee, order extending probation granted.  
Gypsie Fomby, order extending probation granted.  
Crispy Roberson, order extending probation granted.  
Johnny Turner, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Amanda Brock, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Kurtis Whattoff, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Maunie D. Brumbaugh, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Billy Qualls, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Carlos Ramirez, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Michael Hernandez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Bradley Jones, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 1 year pro-

bation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Pamela R. Sheffield, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Brandon Bruton, motion for continuance granted.

David Martin Collins, Jr., motion for continuance granted.

Billy Qualls, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Bell Co. granted.

Kurtis Whattoff, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Van Zandt Co. granted.

Michael Hernandez, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tom Green Co. granted.

Amanda Brock, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Pamela R. Sheffield, order releasing cash bond granted.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Michelle M. Alvarado and Michael Antonio Alvarado, divorce.

Amy Elizabeth Nazzareno and Thomas Angelo Nazzareno, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Leonard Clayton vs. Mal Enterprises, dba Lawrence Brothers, IGA, order of dismissal without prejudice granted.

Eddie Faye Clifford and Martin Luther Clifford, Jr., divorce granted.

Duane Thomas Clark and Leah Kimberly Clark, divorce granted.

Michele Leann Kile and Jimmy Don Kile, Jr., divorce granted.

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

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N. Main (Hwy. 206)  
Cross Plains, Texas  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

Sunday's Sermon  
"Joy To The World"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
3rd & Main Cross Plains  
(254) 725-7629

9:45 a.m. Bible Study Opportunities For All Ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

"The SHADOW of Christmas"

6:00 p.m. Evening Wo. ship

"Luke's Gospel- Fc. People Like Us"

Jimmie Mize - I erim Pastor  
Kevin & Kim Cassidy - Youth .rank O'Banion - Music  
Welcome!

**Cub Scout Bake Sale**

Village Market  
December 15, 2001  
9:00 a.m. till ????



By LINDA MERRITT



Hallie Hartley

Hallie Hartley has been selected as the resident for the month of December. She was born on December 14, 1927, in Cross Plains is 73 years old. Hallie has a daughter, Mary Snyder of El Paso, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. She enjoys music and spending time with her family. Congratulations Hallie, we love you.

We will be having the residents' Christmas party this Sunday, December 16th, at 2 p.m. All family and friends are invited to come and help make this day special for your loved one. Bro. Dwaine Clower and members from Pioneer Baptist Church will be presenting the Christmas Story and the singing of Christmas carols. Cross Plains Garden Club will be providing delicious refreshments for us and last, but not least, Santa Claus will be making his appearance, so we hope to see you there.

We extend our love and heartfelt sympathies to the family of Falba Shofner. She was special lady and will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers for J.C.

Childers, who is in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Appreciation to the Gary Family for the poinsettia; to Dorothy Tuttle for the jar of candy; to Best Med for the poinsettia; to Margaret Clark for the delicious chicken soup; and to Dee Harrell for the poinsettia.

Leo Thompson visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer and Donie McCowen.

Evelyn Harris visited with Frank Bartek.

Charlotte Festen of Valera and Helen Chrates of Odessa visited with Mary Wheeler.

Brenton and Lurene McNutt and Leslie and Charlou Cowan visited Louise Richardson.

Ferne Hutchins visited with Rozell Gary.

Misty Callaway was here visiting everyone.

Glen and Charlotte Gardner of Coleman visited with Roy Gardner.

Activities

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Jessie Casey, Eric Kelly, Vera Belyeu and Donie McCowen. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Dean Brannan. Exercise class.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss. Dominoes.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Donie McCowen, Eric Kelly, Vera Belyeu (2), Clifford King and Jessie Casey. Popcorn and Dominoes.

SUNDAY: Open House---Christmas Party!

May your heart be filled with the peace and joy in this and every season.

LIBRARY NOTES

Cross Plains folks are so good to help other folks not as fortunate as themselves. The Library Board wants to join others at Christmas time and also to help other to give. Here's what we want to do: Beginning Monday, December 17th, in stead of money, anyone who owes fines may pay the fines by giving canned goods. This project will run through Christmas.

We encourage patrons to participate in this effort to resupply the Cross Plains Food Bank.

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Donations:

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell - funds

Sandy Doss - books

Memorials

Patsy Robinson for Homer Robinson

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell for Oliver Smith and Ferrell Newton Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin for Pauline Warren

Honorarium

Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin for Mary and Cecil Barton, John and Loraine Kilgore and Alpha Ro Zeta Beta Sigma Phi

Jack and Kathryn Tunnell for Mary and Cecil Barton

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU

BREAKTHRU

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

"Mother, I love you," said a little boy as he planted a kiss on his mother's cheek. "And Mother, I love you, too," said his sister, as she scrambled competitively to hug her mother's neck. The woman's other child had just come in from the outside and observed the actions of the his younger brother and sister. His mother asked, "Tim, what's the matter--don't you love me?" "Yes, Mother," came his reply. "I just brought in wood and filled the woodbox on the porch."

I'm sure the two younger children had a lot to learn about love - but that mother was reminded of an important quality and characteristic of it that day! As important as the expression of "I love you" and the display of our affection in "hugs and kisses" is, we should express our love also in the "work" and other deeds and favors that need to be done.

Such is the case with our love toward Christ. He said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments," John 14:15. At another time He said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does this will of My father in heaven," Matthew 7:21. I understand Jesus to be saying, in essence, "Don't just tell Me you love Me -- don't even just kiss Me or hug My neck -- but prove it by bringing in some wood!"

Come join us in telling and showing Jesus that we love Him. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

By WALLACE BENNETT

Well, it is deadline time. The Cottonwood News column is due down at the Cross Plains Review and I have not come across anything to write about. So, here I sit, staring at a blank page on my computer, through blank eyes from a blank mind.

Writer's block! And deep into the throes of it. Every writer, seasoned veteran or rank amateur, knows this agony of defeat.

I have, along the highways and byways of authorship, commiserated with many colleagues about this phenomenon and they all say the same thing. "This is a terrible spot to be in."

It's not that there isn't anything to write about. But I look over my notes, I rehearse the conversations I have had over the past few days with friends, and nothing; no community event or human happening, presents itself on my page.

And every human being on the face of this earth, or so I'm told, has a story to tell and a good novel down deep inside them. If they could just get it out and onto the page.

Take Harold Strahan, for example. He has a good story to tell. He has written it down and shared part of it with me. It is a story of adventure and a story of growth and development of human life. He is a good writer. He tells the story well and I have faith in Harold and hope to read the rest of it someday.

But, like the rest of us, he suffers

from writer's block--that symptom of the disease that keeps telling us, "this is not good enough yet." And to a serious writer, it is never "good enough yet."

Which brings up the subject of the Cottonwood Literary Society, which did exist at one time. I have heard several people tell about the 3-act plays the citizens of Cottonwood produced and put on in the old Cottonwood Gym. The plays were directed by Professor Harry Varner. And I remember seeing a couple of them. Many of the people of Cottonwood performed as actors. Between acts, there were barber shop quartets, poetry recitations, declamations and other presentations. I remember seeing Jon Ivy recite poetry, and my father do a soft-shoe dance to entertain the audience between acts.

Euclid Coppinger once told me that the plays were very popular. He said that a delegation from Scranton came over to see one of the plays and requested that they bring the play over to Scranton and put it on in the Scranton Gym.

So, the next weekend the cast loaded all the stage props on wagons and old trucks and produced the play in Scranton. Euke called it, "the first road show in America."

And that's about all I know to write about nothing.

(Please report news and personal items about life in Cottonwood, then and now, to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.)

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association has received more donation for the upkeep of the cemeteries. Linda Brady, secretary-treasurer, reports the following: Ray and Jaquelline Mackey \$25; Shirley Hunter (In Memory of Bill) \$25; Cody Golson \$20; Era Collins \$5; Mrs. Auttie Sutton \$30; Shirley Boyd (In Memory of Mildred Klarfield) \$5; Shirlee Vasentine (In Memory of Mildred Klarfield) \$15; Lovera Strickland (In Memory of Nita Thate) \$10; and Meg and Herb Anderson (In Memory of Mildred Klarfield) \$10. The cemetery board expresses their appreciation for all donations.

Visiting Bill and Addie Walker through the Thanksgiving Holidays were Chelsea and Philip Walker, Sallie and Devin Nanny and children, Jorie, Cade and Kloie; Lorren and Darla Weatherby; and Shea and Colin and Ryan Walker; also Addie's mother, Hazel Campbell, visited on Sunday.

Lanette Burns' visitors were Ri-

chard and Linda Burns and grandson, Casey of Round Rock and Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge.

Jake and Kathy Golson drove in from Bloomfield, New Mexico to join Michelle Wilkovich, Kelsey and Logan at Liz Golson's for Thanksgiving weekend. Also Misty Golson and Mitch joined them from Mansfield on Friday. Since Liz had a knee replacement just before Thanksgiving, she certainly appreciates all the help.

Visitors in Lovera Strickland's home during the last three weeks were Dee Strickland and friends, Dwight Moses and Colie Garza; Jackie, Staci and Jacob Strickland; Shari and Jeremy Cooper of Somerville; Darryl Tinney of Walkers, Oklahoma; Don and Kathy Tinney, Johnathon and Jonelle of Lefers; and Jimmielee and Virginia Payne of Cross Plains had Thanksgiving dinner with us. Marsha and Mark Turney, Jon and Matt also visited Thanksgiving day.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 17 - December 21

MONDAY--Beef Cheese Macaroni, English Peas, Tossed Salad, Pickled Beets, Onions, Brownie, Bread

TUESDAY-- Ham Slice, Green Beans, Baked Sweet Potatoes w/ Apples, Birthday Cake, Roll

WEDNESDAY--Meatloaf, Blackeyed Peas, Beets w/Orange

Sauce, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread

THURSDAY-- Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Apple Crisp, Crackers

FRIDAY-- Lasagna, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread Pudding, Roll

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December 19, 2001  
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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Historic Fact: The tenth president of the Cross Plains Garden Club was the late Gretna Payne.

Don't forget, everyone should now have all their pot plants, etc. brought in and squared away for the winter months.

"A Child's Memories of 1943-44"

Though some of the details are rather sketchy, come travel with me, back in time and glimpse World War II days through my eyes as a child, barely old enough to know anything, much less the historic times we were living through.

When my sister and I were two and four years old, respectively, we moved with our parents to a little town by the name of Rhome, Texas. My parents had taken a job there running the town's switchboard. I'm not sure exactly how long we lived there but it was just a few months. Then we moved to Fort Worth where both my parents worked in the defense plants as World II had begun.

Fort Worth was a whole new world for us. When we went

shopping or to the park; we rode the street bus to our destination.

It was fun to go shopping in downtown Fort Worth. Once we were shopping in a big, big store when mom thought she saw her younger sister on the other side of the store. Just as she reached the opposite side; she realized she had been seeing herself in the long floor length mirrors.

Briefly, we lived over on Riverside, but we had to share a bath with another family. Then we moved to a great garage-type apartment. My sister and I had to memorize our address, just in case we ever got lost. That was 59 years ago and I still remember that address: 1619 Gould.

My mother's parents lived in Cross Plains and my dad's parents lived in Baird. We traveled by train when we came for a visit from Fort Worth. We'd visit in Baird for two or three days and then ride to Cross Plains with relatives and visit there two or three days. If you've never traveled by passenger train you have truly missed a lot----memories, of history and an exciting experience.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. Friday, December 14th, at the Multi-Purpose Center for a trip to Abilene. The members will have lunch, than tour green houses and garden centers as the program.

A Christmas tree has been decorated and placed in Colonial Oaks Nursing Center. Ava Dodd was

chairman and was assisted by Marvin and Kay Mosley.

Also, on December 16, the Garden Club will host an Open House for the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home residents. Betty Beggs is chairman of this event.

Submitted by Joyce Odom

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Semester Exams will be given on Tuesday the 18th, Wednesday the 19th and conclude on Thursday the 20th.

The Cross Plains ISD campus will be modified during testing. Any student that leaves campus **MUST** have a note to file in the office prior to signing out or the student will not be allowed to leave. Students that have exemptions are not required to come to school for that exempted class.

### TESTING SCHEDULE:

#### Tuesday, December 18

8:00 - 8:30 Study Hall  
(1st Per. Teacher)  
8:35 - 10:05 Test, Period 1  
10:10 - 10:25 Break  
10:30 - 12:00 Test, Period 3  
12:00 - 12:55 Lunch  
1:00 - 2:30 Test, Period 5  
Buses run at 2:30

#### Wednesday, December 19

8:00 - 8:30 Study Hall  
(2nd Per. Teacher)  
8:35 - 10:05 Test, Period 2  
10:10 - 10:25 Break  
10:30 - 12:00 Test, Period 4  
12:00 - 12:55 Lunch  
1:00 - 2:30 Test, Period 6  
Buses run at 2:30

#### Thursday, December 20

8:00 - 8:30 Study Hall  
(7th Per. Teacher)  
8:35 - 10:05 Test, Period 7  
10:10 - 10:25 Break  
10:30 - 12:00 Test, Period 8  
12:00 - 12:30 Lunch  
Buses run 12:30  
Semester, Wrap-up

## Varsity Lady Buff Basketball Report

On Tuesday the Lady Buffs and Zephyr on the road and were defeated 41 to 36. We really struggled from the field going 1 for 18, with 4 free throws in the first half. Defensively we held them to 19 in the first half. We dug a hole early and began to climb out in the second half with better shooting. The Lady Buffs got close several times, but could not overcome the weak shooting start.

Offensive leaders were Bailey 16, Dillard 11, Richards 6 and Winfrey 2.

On Thursday, the girls began their tournament at home. Their first game was against Sidney at 6:30 p.m. in the new gym. We were defeated in a close one 48 to 45. In round 2 they beat Blanket 63 to 36. In round 3, they beat Panther Creek for the consolation trophy 63 to 25.

All-Tournament Selection were Amy Gardner, Stamford; Candice Bailey, Cross Plains; Jodie Norvil, Sidney; Heather Hohertz and Meghan Kunkel, Priddy. Alesha Stegmoller, Priddy was the M.V.P.

The game point totals for the Lady Buffs were Bailey 79, Dillard 24, Richards 19, Hartman 9, Nixon 13, Mauricio 11,

Winfrey 7, Vasquez 3, Parker 2, Rivard 2 and Thomas 2.

Shena got to resume play after being injured on opening night at Strawn. She will be a big help to our team defense and our inside passing game.

Priddy defeated Sidney for the Girls Championship. Stamford beat Eden in the 3rd place game.

A special thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with the tournament. Once again, it was a big success. All the coaches, teams and administrators were very complimentary of the tournament.

Over the last 4 games I can see us improving in certain areas. Our younger girls, with less experience, are beginning to come around and our older players are beginning to show more consistency in their play. Our rebounding over the last 3 games has risen dramatically. Our turnovers are down, which means more shooting opportunities from the floor. The defense has improved, if we can just avoid the untimely mistakes that are hard to overcome through the course of a close ball game.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

## J.V. Girls Basketball Action Told

Tuesday we traveled to Zephyr and lost the game by a score of 21 to 13.

Thursday the girls began play in the May J.V. Tournament. Our first opponent was a rematch with Zephyr on a neutral floor. We defeated them by a score of 38 to 25.

Friday the girls played Gordon in the winners bracket and lost by a score of 48 to 16.

Saturday they played Evant in the third place game and were defeated in overtime 36 to 34.

We have played numerous games here lately and continue to improve. If we can learn to be more consistent on the offensive end and rebound, we will be okay. Right now it seems like we are up and down in our level of play.

Four game total of offensive production includes: Edington 37, Clark 20, Rivard 11, Young 9, Bennett 8, Ross 7, Gallaway 4, Foster 2, Phillips 1 and also contributing to the effort was Wooten and Mosier.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

## Junior High Basketball Update

Monday, December 10, Cross Plains Junior High girls traveled to Gorman to play four games.

Girls "B" Team— Thing were not happening for this group of girls. They had trouble with all their skills. The girls shot about 26 times and only 3 fell in. The girls from Gorman were very aggressive on defense. Final score CP 5 Gorman 21. Team scorers were: Carpenter 4, Scott 1. Record 1-6

Girls "A" Team— This game started out close with Gorman. The girls put on a great defensive press, the only problem we had was 19 missed shots. The 1st quarter ended with CP 5 Gorman 4. The girls continued playing strong and shots began to fall in. The 2nd quarter ended CP 17 Gorman 7. In the 3rd quarter they were having foul trouble and shots missed, resulted in low

scoring, but it was a very defensive quarter. In the last quarter with girls fouling out and not much time on the clock Cross Plains played with only 4 players. Final score CP 27 Gorman 19. Team scorers were: Norris 17,

Vasquez 4, Hutton 4, Phillips 2. Record 3-2

The next game will be Monday, December 17, against May at their home court.

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

## SCHOOL MENU

December 17 - December 21

**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
TUESDAY--Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice  
WEDNESDAY-- Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY-- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**LUNCH**  
MONDAY-- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello w/ Fruit  
TUESDAY-- Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey  
WEDNESDAY-- Turkey Pot Pie, Spinach, Crackers, Peach Slices  
THURSDAY-- Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Pickles, Cookie  
FRIDAY-- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## CP Roping Club Trail-Hay Ride Planned Jan. 26th

The Cross Plains Roping Club has planned a trail/hay ride for January 26th. They will meet at the local arena at 9 a.m. and will leave by 10 a.m. This will be a 9 mile ride (including the return trip) and chili will be served for lunch.

Their next meeting will be January 7 at Jack's Place at 7 p.m. The club would like to thank Anna Chesshir and Inez King for allowing them to have their meetings at Jack's Place.

## Commissioners

If the landowners' permission is obtained prior, a person may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the County as long as: #1 the person using the fireworks is not intoxicated; #2 reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation; #3 children are adequately supervised by adults; and #4 water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.

Commissioners received the inspection report for the Callahan County Jail from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

According to the inspection, which was performed November 29, 2001, there were no deficiencies noted and upon review of the report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a certificate of compliance will be issued.

Commissioners voted to approve the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan for Callahan County. County employees under the plan guidelines include all Jail employees and the County Courthouse maintenance employee.

County Judge Roger Corn said those employees wishing to receive a hepatitis shot can do so at the County's expense and the County employees will receive training on what steps to take to contain bloodborne diseases. Those employees under the plan will also receive kits in which gloves will be provided to the employee. Judge Corn said the Texas Legislature and the Texas Department of Health passed the requirements for the plan.

County Commissioners held their annual tour of the Courthouse in Baird for maintenance and repair purposes and to discuss the Courthouse Master Plan. Judge Corn said Commissioners were told some electrical wiring in the Courthouse building needed to be replaced and that bids on the repair will soon be taken.

Commissioners tabled approving the contract with American Towers for a tower located in the Cottonwood area. The tower is also used by the County Sheriff's Department.

Judge Corn said the item was tabled until the January Commissioners' Court meeting because Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner Charlie Grider, whose precinct the tower is located in, was unable to attend the Commissioners' meeting.

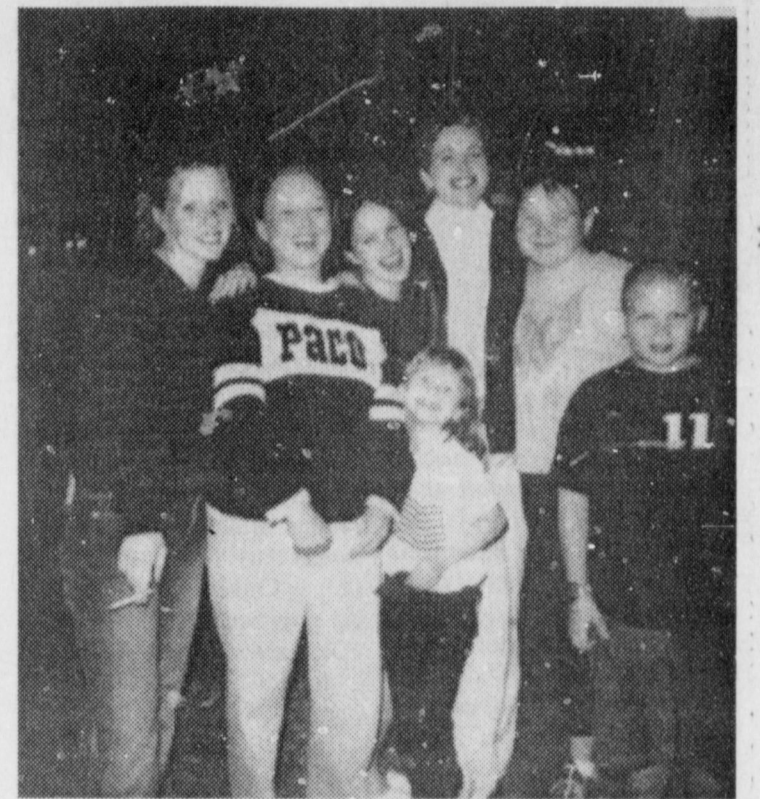
Commissioners took no action on approving the order re-drawing the Callahan County Precinct boundaries based upon the 2000 census population. Judge Corn said the federal approval for redrawing the precinct boundaries had not yet arrived locally.

Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

Commissioners voted to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

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## Kiwanis Christmas Program A Big Success



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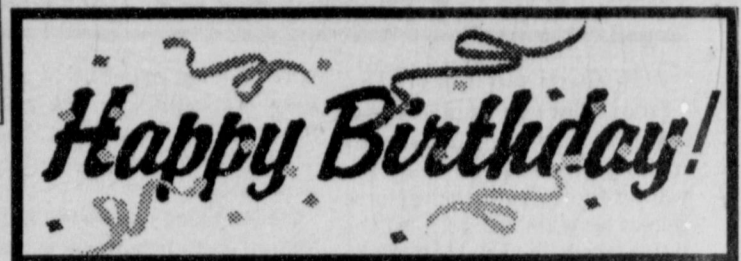
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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

**The goat whisperer...**  
From what I've learned about horse whispering, it is patiently making the horse do what you want it to do, so that the horse thinks he wants to do it, or the horse lets the whisperer think he wants to do it.

In order to make my goats do what I want them to do, I first had to catch them. Grain works. When I put a little grain in a can and shake it, the goats come running. The worst part was the couple of days it took to train them. They had escaped to the neighbor's pasture. Goats are the definition of stubborn.

Texas is the goat capital of the United States. Texan's raise meat goats, novelty goats, dairy goats, or fine-haired fiber goats for textiles. Regardless of breed, they must be herded, fed, sheltered, and nursed. The state's goat owners no doubt possess the largest collective knowledge of goat management, but I learned it all the hard way.

It used to come as a surprise when one of our milkers sent a bucket clattering over the edge of the stand, or in my lap. Gradually, I learned to sense the kick coming. Then I learned to recognize the trigger before the kick, when the muscles gathered for the jerk. Without realizing it, I learned to get inside the goat's head, to be there before she thinks the dastardly thought. Goat whispering is a lot more work for me than the goat.

The does still surprise me at times. They do it by luring me with days of passive sweetness, then overturning the bucket

when I least expect it. I think they are learning more about me than me about them. And it doesn't leave them nearly as exhausted.

Stella is ready to be fed at the stand. She loves to trick me. I never know when. She'll be docile for weeks, then break the routine with some capricious game. In her caprine silliness tonight, she decides not to put her head in the stanchion. I must thwart the behavior before she "gets my goat." She'll stick her head to the left and then to the right of the stanchion. If I miss the cues, her next surprise is to lurch past me and out the gate, and the chase is on. All the goats join in. It's fun for them. Not for me.

So, I'm ready for her. It usually takes only one block to the left, one block to the right. She likes to think it's her idea when she pokes her head through the stanchion. I pat her and tell her she's a good girl. She eats.

This day I'm in a hurry. Stella knows. Somehow she knows. The game goes beyond four blocks to the left and right. She tries to back away. I'm ready and counter her moves. Everything is still calm. Then she ducks her head. Before she can charge past me, I throw my weight against her and whisper, "GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GOL-DANG HOLE!!!!"

It worked! I think I'll write a book.

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## Annual Christmas Decorating Contest

The annual Christmas decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held on Saturday, December 15, at dark. Your lights must be on at this time.

All homes and business will be considered, but to make sure you are included, you are invited to call (254) 725-6108, anytime before December 15 and leave your name and address.

If you are located outside the city limits it will be necessary for you to call.

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

## Three File for Office of JP in Baird

Callahan County Democratic Chairman Jon E. Hardwick reported the office of Justice of Peace Precinct #3, which includes all of Baird and a portion of Clyde, has three individuals seeking the office including the incumbent JP.

Hardwick said candidate filing for a place on the March 12, 2002 Democratic Party Primary Election began December 3, 2001.

Filing for the office of Justice of the Peace in Precinct #3 includes incumbent Don Burns, and challengers Steve Odum and Jeraldeen Brumbaugh.

Other County office filings for the Democratic Primary Election included: incumbent Sharon Owens as District Clerk; incumbent Roger Corn as County Judge, incumbent Jeannie Bohannon as County Clerk, and incumbent Diane Alexander as County Treasurer.

Candidate filing applications can be obtained from Hardwick at 227 Market Street in Baird. Applications for a position on the Democratic Primary Election ballot will be accepted through January 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Completed applications can be filed at the same location. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$300. The filing for all other County offices is \$600. Anyone needing assistance, or for more information, you may call the Democratic Party chairman's office at 915-854-1256 or home phone 915-854-1336.

## Christ's Community Resource Center News

Only two weeks until Christmas! My how time has flown. It gets faster every year. The Christ's Community Resource Center's last day to be open for this year is December 18. The Center will close for two weeks due to the holidays and will reopen on the 8th of January.

I want to thank everyone who has helped us by donating so generously. You will help make the holidays happy for so many. We are still in need of food and especially hams and turkeys for our families. Please help us to feed these folks. We still need new toys for the children. If you would like to get something special just call Nelda at 893-2436. I have a list of requests handy.

GED classes will end December 20 and start back on January 8, 2002. For information, contact Mary Richards at 893-3040.

We still need heaters, blankets, and winter clothes. With the weather getting colder our families really need help. We are also in need of turkeys and hams to be donated.

Remember our roof. We are still in need of a new roof and we are depending on you to help us get it.

Painters, we are down to the wire on Christmas. Please call me to see if we can get together in our efforts to help the needy families.

Submitted by: Nelda Stewart

## Texas Lottery Sales In Callahan County Increase

Texas Lottery sales in Callahan County rose 3.7 percent, according to Texas Lottery Commissioner totals released for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Lottery sales totals in Callahan County are calculated from August 31, 2000 until September 1, 2001.

Lottery sales in Callahan County totalled \$2,021,988, up \$73,839 from the 1999-2000 total of \$1,948,149. The 2000-2001 total was only the second time lottery sales reached over \$2 million in the County. The total, however, was over two \$650,000 lower than the \$2,693,328 reported in lottery sales in the 1997-1998 fiscal year.

According to lottery sales totals, the six lottery sales retailers in Clyde sell 65 percent or 6.5 out of every lottery ticket in Callahan County. Cross Plains sells one out of four lottery sales tickets or 21 percent of the County's total. Baird's two lottery retailers sell one lottery ticket out of every seven tickets or 14 percent of the County's

total sales.

Thrifty's Food Mart, located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, was the top lottery retail seller in Clyde, jumping over Howle's Kountry Store to regain the top spot. Thrifty's had \$381,224 in lottery sales in 2001, while Howle's had \$373,074 in total lottery sales in 2001. Thrifty's Food Mart has been the number one seller of lottery tickets for five out of the past six years.

Howle's Kountry Store, located at 105 South First Street West, fell from the number one lottery ticket retailer to number two with total sales of \$373,047 in 2001.

Lakeway Grocery Store, located at 114 South Main Street in Cross Plains, took over the number three position in the County and number one spot in Cross Plains with lottery sales of \$247,718 in 2001. Skinny's, located at Ave. F & Fourth Street in Cross Plains, dropped from the County's number three retailer in lottery tickets to the number five retailer with \$179,959 in 2001.

Skinny's, located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, jumped from the number five lottery seller to number four with 2001 sales of \$228,292.

West-T-Go, with an address of 1033 Cherry in Baird, maintained the number six spot with total Texas Lottery sales of \$150,265 in 2001.

Allsup's, located at I-20 and Coleman Highway in Baird, was again the County's number seven lottery sales retailer with total sales of \$134,671 in 2001.

Tally's, located at 1060 FM 603 in Clyde, took over the number eight position in Callahan County with total lottery sales of \$117,035.

Allsup's at Cherry Lane and I-20 in Clyde, dropped one position in the County for lottery sales from number eight to number nine. Allsup's had lottery sales of \$110,840 in 2001.

Lawrence Brothers IGA, located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, maintained the number ten lottery retailer in Callahan County with total 2001 sales of \$98,910.

### Top 10 Lottery Retailers In Callahan County

Store	City	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Thrifty's Food Mart	Clyde	\$421,177	\$451,382	\$521,341	\$335,031	\$361,899	\$381,224
Howle's Kountry Store	Clyde	Not in Top 6	\$320,740	\$444,317	\$307,374	\$377,164	\$373,074
Lakeway Store	Cross Plains	\$286,473	\$399,27	\$431,043	\$172,808	\$211,612	\$247,718
Skinny's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	\$238,833	\$157,716	\$177,940	\$228,292
Skinny's	Cross Plains	\$277,749	\$288,004	\$261,165	\$190,286	\$217,719	\$179,959
Wes-T-Go	Baird	Not in Top 6	N/A	\$250,355	\$145,364	\$155,479	\$150,265
Allsup's	Baird	N/A	N/A	\$223,200	\$138,693	\$127,090	\$134,671
Tally's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14,000	\$107,048	\$117,035
Allsup's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	\$166,633	\$122,252	\$115,485	\$110,840
Lawrence Brothers	Clyde	N/A	N/A	\$156,441	\$97,730	\$96,713	\$98,910

### 2000-2001 Callahan County Lottery Sales By Game

Rank	Name	Instant	Lotto	Pick 3	Cash 5	Tex Million	TX2Step
1	Thrifty's	\$276,750	\$67,047	\$19,982	\$12,694	\$2,627	\$2,627
2	Howle's	\$254,875	\$69,290	\$26,743	\$15,176	\$3,714	\$3,714
3	Lakeway	\$172,364	\$52,705	\$6,701	\$10,078	\$2,910	\$2,960
4	Clyde Skinny's	\$173,857	\$29,530	\$16,162	\$4,510	\$1,518	\$2,697
5	CP Skinny's	\$135,125	\$32,082	\$3,096	\$6,149	\$2,064	\$1,443
6	Baird Wes-T-Go	\$111,250	\$25,043	\$7,679	\$4,188	\$976	\$1,129
7	Baird Allsup's	\$87,330	\$35,437	\$4,389	\$4,547	\$1,212	\$1,756
8	Tally's	\$78,500	\$26,629	\$6,400	\$3,646	\$786	\$1,074
9	Clyde Allsup's	\$73,375	\$27,506	\$2,693	\$4,684	\$1,030	\$1,552
10	Lawrence Bro.	\$55,500	\$24,404	\$10,524	\$4,826	\$1,722	\$1,935

## Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Dance Friday

Don't forget this Friday night is the Grand Ole Oplin's Christmas dance. Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will provide the music and the Grand Ole Oplin will provide the punch and other goodies. Everyone is invited to wear red to keep us all in the holiday spirit.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at FM 604 S. and FM

2926 in Oplin. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. So gather the family, put on your boots and come on out for an evening of dancing, good music and good friends. See y'all there!

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

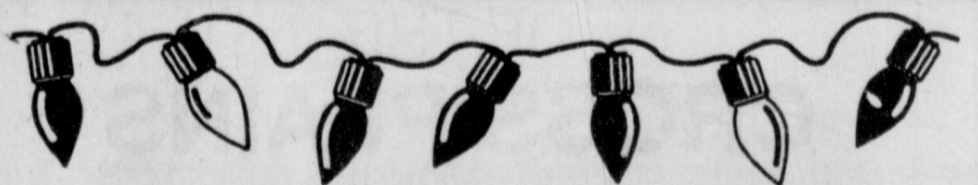
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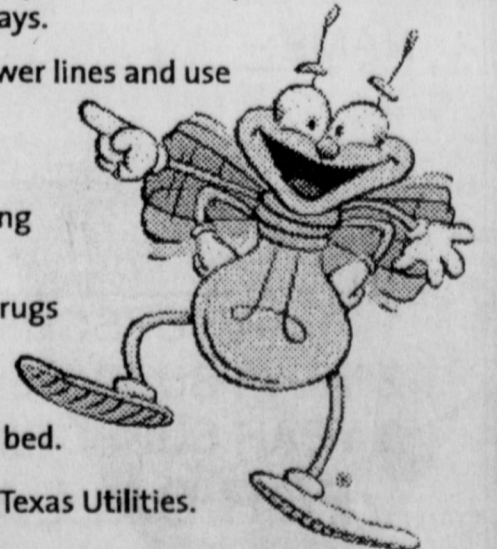


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