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Childers Places First At Fort Worth Stock Show

Five members of the Cross Plains FFA and Junior FFA participated in the 101st Southwestern Livestock Show and Exposition in Fort Worth last week. Donnie Childers, a senior at Cross Plains High School, placed first with a 240 pound Medium Weight Chester White barrow, and was called back to show for Champion and Reserve Champion of the Chester White Breed. Donnie has

placed every year at Fort Worth with his swine projects. Placing first at Fort Worth was a great way for Donnie to end his FFA showing career.

Also placing at Fort Worth was Dusty Cooper. Dusty placed 10th with a 237 pound Duroc barrow. Others who showed their swine projects were James Beaty, Nathan Joy, and Dusty Anderson.



PROJECT PRIDE PRESENTS \$2,500 CHECK TO CROSS PLAINS EMS—Pictured are Alton McCowen, President of Project Pride (from left), Margaret McNeel, Project Chairman for Project Pride, Linda Strength and Bob Pipes, EMS Co-Ordinators, and Betty Lewis, Board of Director for the EMS and Project Pride Membership Chairman.

Brisket Dinner Nets \$2,418 For New Ambulance Fund

Once again, the people of the Cross Plains area have shown they are indeed "A Caring Community."

Over 200 people were present at the Cross Plains Community Center on Saturday evening for dinner, to visit with friends and neighbors and view the new ambulance delivered to the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service just two weeks ago.

The EMS recently obtained a grant of \$35,000 which was applied toward the purchase of the much needed new ambulance and \$31,295 was placed

on a bank note.

Project Pride sponsored the Saturday evening benefit and all expenses were paid by that organization. \$2418 in contributions were received and a check for \$2500 has been presented to the EMS by Project Pride to help retire the bank note.

If you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause and have not done so, you may leave it at the Citizens State Bank or contact any EMS board member for assistance.

Teens Taking Over Sun., Feb. 9

All junior high and high school youth are invited to attend a special youth rally Sunday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

A special music team from Abilene and the Rev. Mike Hill will be their guests, as they share in praise and worship, which will be directed by youth.

Pizza and drinks will be served afterwards. This is a joint effort of the United Methodist Youth and First Baptist Youth Fellowships.

Lady Buffs and Runnin Buffs Moving Toward Playoffs



1997 Valentine Parade Set For Saturday, February 8

The greatly anticipated annual Miss Valentine Parade is scheduled for Saturday evening, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains School Auditorium. The event involves young ladies and their escorts in Kindergarten through eighth grades enrolled in Cross Plains Public Schools. It is sponsored by the local Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Entries will be presented and awards given in five divisions. There will be first, second, and third places in each division; with a trophy awarded to first place, and banners to second and third. Girls are evaluated on personality, poise, and appearance by three out-of-town judges.

"Reflections of Love," is this year's theme, in keeping with the Sorority's International theme. The members of Beta Sigma Phi certainly show their

dedication by spending much energy and time to present this Valentine Parade to the community. The event is a major fund-raising project for the sorority. They, in turn, give back to the community by contributions to many organizations, families, and individuals in need.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and students. This year's program will be similar to last year's. The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade winners will be announced early in the program. The winners for the Photogenic contest will be announced all throughout the program, with the overall winner being announced at the end. The public is invited to join the night of fun. Videos of the pageant may be ordered from any BSP member, or you may order at the door that night. Videos are \$10.00 each.

Estate Sale of Hazel Marsh At FUMC Sat., Feb. 8

The household belongings of Hazel Butler Tunnell Marsh have been donated to the Cross Plains First United Methodist Church by her family. These items will be sold at public auction to be held at the church on Saturday, February 8 at 10 a.m.

Hazel was a long-time member of the local church, serving many years in the choir and as Sunday School teacher.

A listing of some of the auction items may be found on the classified page.

Early Out Wednesday, Feb. 12

School will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 12 for teacher inservice. Buses will run at this time.

Draw Nigh To God Fellowship Fri., Feb. 7

The Draw Nigh To God Fellowship will meet at the Believer's Fellowship Church on East Hwy. 36 Friday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Bob Wallace, pastor of the church, invites everyone to come out and worship the Lord in word and song.

Cross Plains Garden Club To Meet Thursday, February 13

The February meeting of the Garden Club will be held on Thursday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center.

The program theme will be "PLEASURES OF GARDENING" -- DECORATING CONTAINERS FOR PLANTS."

There will be a workshop conducted by Sheri Bennett owner of Country Kin. All the garden club members will participate in the workshop.

Refreshments will be served to members and guests by Joyce Odom and Esther Kerr.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

First Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 9, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Cross Plains PeeWee Basketball Assoc. To Meet Thurs., Feb. 13

The Cross Plains Pee Wee Basketball Association will be holding a meeting on Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school library.

All parents of students in grades 3rd through 6th are encouraged to attend.

Officers will be elected and coaches will be determined, so anyone wishing to serve in one of these areas are urged to be there. Contact Jackie Thomas at 725-6436 if you have any questions.

Cross Plains Roping Club To Meet Mon., Feb. 10

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet Monday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the local Dairy Queen. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Project Pride Regular Monthly Meeting Tues., Feb. 11

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Big Country Farm & Ranch Show February 12 & 13

The 5th Annual Big Country Farm and Ranch Show, scheduled for February 12th and 13th at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene, Texas, will be the one location for regional producers to check out the newest products available for the 1997 growing season.

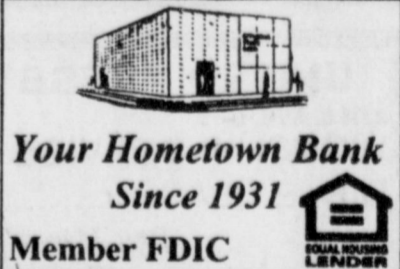
When 15,000 attending producers walk through the Taylor County Fairground's doors on February 12 and 13, they will see over 350 booths of the latest in ag related products and services. New products will include: Ag Wrap Bale Wrapper, Caterpillar Challenger Tractors, Flexi-Coil Seed Treater, Ford E-Series Back Hoe, For-Most 450 Squeeze Chute, Hardi Mega 3 pt. Sprayer, John Deere 8000 Series Tractors, Orkin Fly Blocker System, Pierce p-93 Center Pivot System, SuperBio and Top Hand HDTB-101 Squeeze Chute.

Seminars are also an integral part of the 5th Big Country Farm and Ranch Show. The meetings

are organized by the Taylor County Agricultural Extension Service and Rolling Plains Cotton Growers. A total of 6.5 CEUs will be offered for Pesticide Applicators during various meetings. Congressman Charles Stenholm, ranking Minority Leader of the House Ag Committee, will be speaking during the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers annual meeting on Thursday, February 13th. The meeting starts at 10:00 am.

The 1997 Big Country Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for February 12 and 13 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. Show hours are 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and 10:00 am - 5:00 pm respectively. Sponsors for this years event include the Abilene Reporter News, KJAD-TV, KJAD-Radio, Taylor County Ag Extension Service and the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers. Admission to the show is free. For more information please call 612-894-8007.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
John A. Cothrum, false report to peace officer
Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Larry Hogland, Jason Charles.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Michelle Cothrum, false report to peace officer, \$127 court costs, 10 days in jail.
Toby Davee, TPC dismissed due to restitution having been made.
Terry Wayne Gray, SOS Ball Bond allowed to withdraw as surety.
David A. Goff, TPC, \$50 fine \$167 court costs, \$254.31 restitution, 6 months deferred judgment probation.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Divorces filed:
Doherty, Terry Lee & Joseph Francis.
Compton, Joe Mac & Lisa Dawn, and in the interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes
Gregor H. Heise, found to be \$13,800 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payment began 2-1-97.
Divorces granted:
Mitchell, Angela Denise & Matthew Earl.
Asher, Mamie Joann & A.D.



When a cookbook tells you to mince something, that means to cut it into very small pieces. Chopping creates slightly larger pieces and dicing approximately 1/2 inch cubes.

Contributions To Cross Cut Cemetery Beautification Fund

Contributions to the Cross Cut Cemetery Beautification Fund are as follows:

For December, 1996, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stambaugh, \$100.
For January, 1997, Mary Lou Chambers, \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chambers, \$25; Mrs. Louise Newton, \$20; Weldon Newton, \$50; Chloe Pierce, \$20; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Guthrie, \$20; Orville Myers, \$100; John and Dava McCabe, \$50; Hubert and Estelle Guthrie, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baucom, \$35; Howard Hubbard, \$5; Arcie and Oneta Hubbard \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin, \$50; Connie Gentry, \$100; Cora Hounshell, \$20; Coleta Riley, \$10; Leo J. Gossett, \$25; and Mildred Arledge, \$50. Total \$670



Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' St. John 20:29
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OBITUARIES

M.H. 'Bob' Joy

BAIRD—M.H. "Bob" Joy, 81, passed away Friday, January 31, 1997, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Baird First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Willoughby officiating. Burial was in Admiral Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mr. Joy was born in Cottonwood and married Louise Davis in 1936 in Abilene. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and worked as the Callahan County Tax-Assessor Collector in the late 1940s.
He moved to Baird in 1958 from Adair and was employed as a department head by Texas Mental Health-Mental Retardation. He was a longtime summer league baseball coach in Baird and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of Baird; three sons, Bob M. Joy of Cresson, and Terry E. Joy and Eric N. Joy, both of Baird; two sisters, Katherine Winchester of Cisco and Bobbie Nell Brown of Pioneer; one brother, R.F. Joy, Jr. of Cross Plains; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Stanford Horton

RISING STAR—Stanford Horton, 97, of Fredericksburg passed away Saturday, February 1, 1997, at a Fredericksburg nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Dick Williams officiating, assisted by James McLeod. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mr. Horton was born in Rising Star and lived in Rising Star all his life until moving to Fredericksburg last year. He was a retired pharmacy manager for Star Drug Co. and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Jo Beth Winter of Kerrville, and several nieces and nephews.

Iva E. Dill

Iva E. Dill, sister of former longtime Cross Plains resident, Wayne Dennis, passed away Friday, January 31, 1996, in Fort Worth.

Memorial services are pending.
A niece, Kay Mosley, resides in Cross Plains.

IRS Restores Treatment of Deferred Payment Contracts

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Charlie Stenholm praised the announcement by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that for the 1996 tax year the agency would not require farmers to report income from deferred payment contracts for purposes of computing the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

"The original IRS decision subjecting deferred payment contracts to the AMT was a very bad one," Stenholm said. "You can't change the rules mid-stream, and a retroactive ruling such as this would have had a devastating impact on farmers and ranchers."

Under deferred payment contracts, producers can sell their crops at market but defer the actual time at which they receive payment for those crops. Taxes on those payments have been based on when the farmer received the deferred payment, not on the earlier sale of the crops. Farmers were caught off guard several months ago when the IRS indicated there would be a change in the rules for the filing of 1996 tax forms.

In December, Stenholm and 30 other Members of Congress wrote to President Bill Clinton protesting the IRS' earlier decision on the tax treatment of deferred payment contracts. On January 28, IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson announced that farmers could complete their 1996 returns as they had done in the past.

"Obviously this is a great relief for America's farmers," Stenholm said. "But even though this issue has been put to rest for 1996, I hope to see Congress fix the problem permanently." Several members of Congress, including Stenholm, have introduced legislation that will allow deferring crop income to be a permanent part of the tax code.

County Won't Delay Flood Control Dam Construction

BAIRD—Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 27, at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. The meeting was called to order by Judge Bill Johnson with these officers present: Commissioners Tommy Holland, Harold Hicks, Bryan Farmer and Charlie Grider and County Clerk Darlene Walker.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Farmer and seconded by Hicks.

Approval of Bonds on elected officials was passed with a motion by Grider and seconded by Holland.

Clint Rollins, of the Natural Resources Conservation Services Office, met with the commissioners concerning a flood control dam on the Silver Brook Ranch south of Baird. Commissioners approved a statement saying they wouldn't delay construction on the flood control dam. The motion was made by Grider and seconded by Hicks.

Bryan Hatchett and Tom Ruffield were added to the roster of the Callahan County Historical Commission and Susan McNeil and Jud Gilliland were put on Imeritus status. Motion made by Farmer and seconded by Hicks.

Tereva Hunter was appointed to a three year term on the Callahan County Child Protective Services Board. Motion made by Holland and seconded by Farmer.

The bills were then reviewed and passed with a motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

Grandparents Trade In Rocking Chairs For Walking Shoes

HOUSTON—Many grandparents are trading in their rocking chairs for walking shoes, and it is paying off by improving their health.

"As people age they can maintain a better quality of life if they are active," said Dr. Elizabeth Protas, a physical therapy associate with Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging in Houston. "Exercise has also been shown to help reduce the risk for developing disease as we age, including heart disease and osteoporosis."

While many people over 60 are competing in road races, bowling tournaments and tennis matches, it is not necessary to work out that vigorously to benefit.

"Throw out the word 'exercise' and concentrate on activity," said Protas. "Many people are intimidated by exercise. Concentrating on being active is the key."

Walking around the neighborhood, gardening or playing a game or horseshoes can all improve fitness level. Doing some activity that you enjoy for 20 to 30 minutes three times a week can make a healthy difference.

According to Protas, it is never to late to start.

"I work with people in their 80s and 90s who have not been very active, and they benefit from beginning activity."

With a doctor's clearance, starting may be as simple as walking around the block once a day. Protas says to choose an enjoyable activity, begin slowly, set modest goals, and gradually increase the time and intensity of the workout.

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Emergency Medical Service Options Topic of Discussion

BAIRD—Representatives from Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains, and Callahan County met in the District Courtroom at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird Thursday, January 23rd to discuss Emergency Medical Service options.

Rural/Metro Ambulance service, the provider of ambulance service in the Abilene area presented a bid for the north and western portion of Callahan County. Rural/Metro representatives Lon Robinson and James Kelton spoke to the group of about forty people and said they could offer about the same service as Citizens EMS, which now covers the area. Robinson said for the same subsidy Rural/Metro would take over the present service including equipment and employees, if the employees met company standards, and operate the service based out of Clyde as it is now. Ambulance fees would average \$350 to \$400 per trip with Rural/Metro.

When asked about Rural/Metro possibly dropping the subsidy, Robinson said "he wouldn't count on it", but added if ambulance fees were upped to about \$800 a run the subsidy could be eliminated. Robinson said Rural/Metro also offers a \$49 per year unlimited ambulance service program for covered areas if the person also has insurance that covers ambulance service.

When asked about covering Cross Plains, Robinson said he hadn't talked with them, so he was not able to present a bid. He asked about Cross Plains' subsidy and Judge Johnson told him Cross Plains EMS is a volunteer service and was not subsidized as heavily as Citizens EMS and covered about one quarter of the county's territory. Robinson said he was sure something could be worked out if Cross Plains needed help with its service.

Ron Young, administrator of Citizens EMS, spoke to the group. Young said he had been with the service since 1981 and there had

been just two subsidy increases during that time. He said Citizens EMS employees are part of the local community and all the company's business and banking are done locally and being a non-profit organization, profit was not the main motivator, but service was. He added that the service had conformed to all the subsidizing entities requests, mainly becoming a stand alone non-profit corporation alleviating the City of Clyde from sole liability responsibility. Young said Citizens EMS constantly provides resource to schools and other youth organizations. He ended with saying he didn't want to see a change and wanted the County to come in and sign the contract.

Judge Johnson then spoke to the group stating he didn't want the county to "look like the bad guys" but said he had been approached by the City of Clyde with their concerns about continuing liability under the present contract. He asked if Clyde was now satisfied with the current arrangement. He said the county wanted to give everyone a chance to "look over the situation", including Cross Plains.

Clyde City Councilman Wendell Farmer said he isn't happy with the contract as long as Ron Young is running the service and Clyde Mayor Merv Warrick echoed those concerns. (Ron Young is also the City of Clyde's Police Chief thereby being employed by the City of Clyde). Both men said they believed this would tie Clyde to the EMS service in a liability case.

There was some discussion over Ron Young's status and G. Lynn Reeves, the CPA for Citizens EMS, said he had checked the legality of the matter and the City of Clyde would have no extra liability with Young serving in both capacities because he is paid for being the EMS administrator. Farmer stated he still didn't like it.

The Commissioners convened into open session and voted to sign the three year contract with Citizens EMS.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

Keeping an eye on Texas

Households see variety of electric rates

Electric rates varied for residential customers across the state in 1995. South Texas consumers, who weathered the hottest summer temperatures, paid some of the highest retail rates.

Residential electric rates per kilowatt hour, 1995

- 9 cents or more
- ▨ 8 to 8.99 cents
- ▩ 7 to 7.99 cents
- Less than 7 cents

* Electric rates not available

Legislative update

The Texas Legislature, which convened January 14, will consider deregulating wholesale and retail sale of electricity to Texas households and businesses.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Public Utility Commission.

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By
LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Ruby Harrell reports that she went out to her son's house and celebrated her birthday. She received two pairs of house shoes, a cute little bear and some candy. She was surprised and happy to have her grandson from Brownwood there with her.

Thoughts and prayers for Nora Golson and David Smelley who are in the hospital.

Sylvia Smith was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Debbie Spry, Ray Fields, and Vickie Murphy from San Angelo and Margaret Jordon from Comanche visited with Troy Tomlinson.

Gloria Wagner from Stephenville and Marbra Thompson from Azle visited with Dixie Ingram, Inez Ingram and Callie Meador.

Eileene and Buster Gardner and Jesse Jr. from New Castle visited with Myrtle Wilson, Juanita Thornton and Jo Boatright.

Billie and Billy Wright from Clyde visited Lorena Wright.

Joan McCarty Bullard from Clyde visited Blanche Brooks and Gertie Powell.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Dorothy Thomas, Minnie Swann (3), Vera Belyeu, Sylvia Smith (2), Allie Dickson and Midge McCall. Exercise class.

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

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Diana Heinzman. Afternoon music with Edward and Eddie Walters, Hazel Lee, Ector Merelis, F.A. and Judy Brooks, Edward Jr., Peggy Lee and May Benton.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Sylvia Smith (3), Midge McCall (2), Gertie Powell and Minnie Swann (3). Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: First Baptist
What's missing in Ch_rch?

Quips, Clips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"MEOW"

Along about a month ago; or so we washed and I ironed my daughters living room curtains for her new apartment. We took them over and she and her Dad put them on the rod and hung them over the window.

We invited her over for dinner that night. After dinner we got to watching television and it was late so she decided to stay the night with us. That left "him" home alone—dum, dum, dum, dum, (music goes up and down)...

When I took her home the following afternoon, there "he" was. "He" had gotten so vexed because she spent the night out that there the curtains lay in a heap upon the floor, 1/2 of the rod still attached. The other half was bent.

This week she spent two nights in a row with us. Today I took her to her apartment about the middle of the afternoon.

Talk about frustrated, vexed, and what have you, she was really in trouble with "him" this time. "He" had transferred an unusual assortment of kitchen garbage into the living room and sort of scattered it around. But rather neatly you should know. After cleaning that up, my daughter stepped into the bathroom and did a double take. I was called in to witness another extraordinary escapade of "his." How "he" managed this I haven't a clue, though he is quite large. "He" had opened the medicine cabinet and gotten her new rose colored scrunchy for her hair,

severed the elastic in it and then deposited it in the water inside the commode bowl. That scrunchy had faded into the water! I believe that was the pinkest water I have ever seen in a commode bowl (bar none). Not just frustrated and vexed; "he" must have been furious with her for staying out two nights in a row!

Who is "he" you ask....? Dum, dum, dum, (turn the volume up) dum, DUM!! Would you believe "he" is

Friday, her cat? A very pampered cat with a black and white coat. I tell her, he looks just like David Niven, he's already wearing a "tux" and has a small black mustache right under his white, slender, extended, aristocratic, "David Niven Nose." Looks just like him....And personality, why this cat has personality plus, and every bit of it his own, believe me. He has a mind of his own also. When ignored, he will "punch" you with one of his white, declawed front paws until you give him your attention. My son calls him the "cat from hell," actually he's a very sweet cat, very loving.

There's one particular herb I grow that Friday the Cat especially loves! Know which one it is?? Why catnip of course. He goes just WILD for it.

The moral of this story is----If you plan to be absent from home all night--check first with the cat. It's apparently much, much safer!!

Have a safe and sane Valentines Day.
"C" "U" next column.

BURKETT NEWS

By
LOVERA STRICKLAND

Visiting Mike and Linda Brady were Dawson, Kim, Brady Schnauty of Kyle; Kelly, Faith, Savannah Brady of Columbus, Mississippi; Russell, Alisa and Eli Gould, Marisa Click all of Abilene; Ben and Lucille Creek of Coleman; Tim, Melinda, Stephanie and Colton Bledsoe of Valera; and Jacky, Sandy, Nicholas and Alex and W.B. Bludworth all of

Burkett.
W.B. Bludworth returned home Friday after spending several days in the Brownwood hospital.
Jack and Lovera Strickland visited the Jackie Strickland family over the weekend.
Jack DeBusk returned home after spending a few days in the hospital in Abilene.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

On January 29, a fire destroyed the Coon place, as it has been known since the early part of the century, and more recently as the Burgette place. Mrs. Burgette being the daughter of John and Irene Coon. It's terrible to see anything burn, but so sad to see one of the remaining old places left in Pioneer destroyed. We can be thankful the house was vacant and no one was hurt in the fire.

It is so dry here that everyone is hoping for rain. The dryness probably contributed to the Coon house being burned. We all need to be watchful for any fires getting started.

Game night at the club house was well attended and we all enjoyed the games and the supper. We are especially thankful for our Cross Plains friends coming to play.

The quilting ladies got a lot of work done last Tuesday. It was a very cold day and most of us had rather been home by the fire. Thanks to Oliver Smith coming early and building a wood fire, our place was well heated and we really got to work. Billy

Roady Freeman joined us and plans to start coming again. She has been a member many years and we have missed her the past two years. We are also proud to have Shirley Smith joining us since last year.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton were business visitors in Brownwood on Monday.

Oliver and Frankie Smith went to the Rising Star musical on Friday and on Saturday they attended the musical in Echo. They enjoyed every minute of it.

Earlene Burge had visitors over the weekend. Cindy Ochoa, her granddaughter, came Friday and spent the night. Jessica and Jack Stultz came early Sunday and everyone drove to Brownwood and visited with Jessica's other daughter and family. Dee Ann, Andrew and little Cameron Chisholm and Jon Ochoa. We all had supper at the Stultz home at Brownwood Lake.

Earlene Burge enjoyed having lunch with Helen Tillotson one day last week.

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By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

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Volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect Senior Citizens as well as the low and middle income families. Tax-Aide volunteers provide personal, one-on-one assistance to help you complete your federal tax returns, including special rebate programs.

Tax-Aide volunteers are available from February 1 to April 15 each year. There will be only one volunteer working the Cross Plains area using the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street as headquarters. Tax returns will be prepared by APPOINTMENT ONLY so you will need to call the volunteer (Pauniece

Oglesby, 817-725-6772) for an appointment. The volunteer in Cross Plains is Pauniece Oglesby. Mrs. Oglesby prefers to volunteer on Tuesday, but will make appointments on other days if necessary.

When you meet with a Tax-Aide volunteer, you should bring the following: (1) a copy of last year's (1995) income tax return, (2) any W-2 forms you have received showing your income from working, (3) all 1099 forms you have received which show the interest and/or dividends, (4) all 1099-R forms which show all pension monies paid to you, (5) form SSA-1099 which shows the Social Security paid to you, (6) records of any other income you have received, and (7) receipts or cancelled checks for any of your medical/dental expenses and any contributions you have made to charities.

This is a community service available to those stated above the Tax-Aide volunteers are eager to be of assistance, so please call for an appointment and let me assist you.

PERSONALS

Darby Nichols and Ange Sanders' visitor, Ange's mom Eula Martin of Houston, will be in Cross Plains for

10 days visiting with Darby, Ange, Jason and Tawni.

Visiting Betty Beggs on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, were Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Beggs of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Jones and daughter Jordon of Copperas

Cove and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lee Beggs and children Ashley and Connie.
Novalia Barton of Pioneer visited earlier in the week.

Grumpiest Older Men Face Health Risk

A study at Harvard Medical School found that extreme anger expressed by older men, 46 to 90, can be hazardous to their own health. It increased their risk of coronary heart disease two to three times above their relaxed counterparts. Extreme anger triggers the body's "fight or flight" mechanism that, among other things, releases stress hormones into the blood stream. This is an important study because it adds to the large body of studies and evidence that anger is a risk for coronary heart disease.

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A new, zealous, yet inexperienced Christian stood waiting, anxiously, eyes wide with expectation, arms thrown open, all as if to say to those round about him and the world in general: "I'm ready to tackle any problem, meet any need, conquer any enemy, and lead all nations to God."

An older, wiser, and more experienced Christian, seeing this younger one's expectations of grand accomplishments, inquired softly and lovingly: "What are you doing? What are you waiting for?"

"I am in all readiness," came the answer, swiftly and confidently. "I am ready to tackle the extraordinary, the colossal, the tremendous, the mighty works which God would have me do!"

"Very commendable!" the older Christian said, encouragingly. "But I assume you have prepared and qualified yourself to do the extraordinary by accomplishing the ordinary -- the ordinary, daily situations around you?" he asked.

"Ordinary? Daily?"

"Yes. Actively doing good deeds; teaching your neighbors; feeding the poor; comforting the sorrowful; clothing the naked; visiting the sick; practicing hospitality..."

"Well..."

"Meet the pressing needs of the ordinary and you will be fruitful and become experienced to accomplish the extraordinary," the matured and wise Christian explained.

Jesus said, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in... Assuredly, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of My brethren, you did it unto Me," Matthew 25:34-40.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



JV Lady Buffs Win District Title

By COACH CAVENDER

Opening the gym with a win were the J.V. Buffs defeating Santa Ann 26-17. I think the kids were a little nervous in the new gym, we got off to a very slow start. We finished strong in the second half and came from behind to win. The kids showed a lot of character and determination to come back and win. We played a combined JV Team and Freshman, allowing everyone to suit up and play on opening night.

Scoring during the game came from Amanda D. 8, Candice F. 4, Brandi H. 4, Vanessa W. 3, Jodie P. 2, LeaJean W. 2, Liz M. 2, Mary Jo N. 1.

On Friday we defeated the Lady Hornets 45 to 17. Scoring were Candice F. 10, Liz M. 6, Shannadon B. 5, Jodie P. 4, Christy B. 4, Amanda D. 3, Brandi H. 3, Brandy R. 3, Tabby C., Amber W. 2, Jessica C. 2, and Vanessa W. 1. These kids continue to work hard and improve their skills. It was good to see them get back on track offensively and score some points, because their defense is always consistent. I'm proud of the commitment these kids have made to basketball.



RUNNIN BUFFS AND COACH BILL BOYD PLAYOFF BOUND

LADY BUFFS CLAIM DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Varsity Lady Buffs 96-97 District Champs

By COACH CAVENDER

Opening night in the new gym was very successful for the girls. The Lady Buffs defeated Santa Anna 73-48. Everyone was concerned how we would shoot the ball in the new atmosphere. We responded by having an excellent shooting night. We shot 54 percent from the field, 52 percent from the 3 point line, and 71 percent from the free throw line.

Amanda was named player of the week by the Abilene Reporter newspaper for her play during the last week.

Scoring points in the Santa Anna game were Amanda 25, Malysa 15, Holly 11, Laura 10, Crystal 6, Mindy 4, and Whitney 2.

On Friday the Lady Buffs traveled to Lometa, defeating the Lady Hornets 76-21.

Scoring points were Amanda 20,

Malysa 16, Jaonna 10, Laura 9, Holly 7, Whitney 6, Kimberly 3, Ashley and Jolena 2, and Crystal 1. We're playing some pretty good ball right now. Our defense continues to be the difference on the court, as long as we can continue to play good team defense we will be hard to beat. I think we're peaking at a good time.

Congratulations ladies, we've come a long way, but it's not over till we say it's over!

8th Grade Girls Beat Evant

By JENNIFER TURNER

The 8th grade girls played Evant Elks Monday night. The girls got to play in the new gym for the first time. Monday night was the last district game for the Jr. High. There is a tournament Saturday for the 7th and 8th grade girls and boys. The 8th grade girls will be playing at 9:45 a.m. in the new gym against DeLeon. They will play again in the old gym at 3:15 p.m. against Eula. Final score was Cross Plains 32 to 17.

Running up the scoreboard was Turner with 14; Goble 6; Hutchins 8; and Meiron 4. Also playing were Barnett, Hartman, Hunter, Hail and Wyatt.

7th Grade Girls Defeat Evant

By LINDSEY BARNETT

The 7th grade girls played their first game in the new gym Monday night against the Evant Elks. The final score was Cross Plains 29 and Evant 13.

Scoring for the 7th grade girls were C. Bailey 10; L. O'Dell 6; S. Thomas and S. Parker 4; S. Nixon 3; and K. McNeil 2.

Also helping the girls were R. Tension and S. Scott. Saturday the 7th grade girls play in a tournament at home. At 8:30 a.m. it will be 7th grade girls vs DeLeon's 7th grade in the old gym and at 2:30 p.m. in the new gym we will play Eula.



LADY BUFFS AND COACH MIKE CAVENDER ENTERING THE NEW GYM COURT

FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 17
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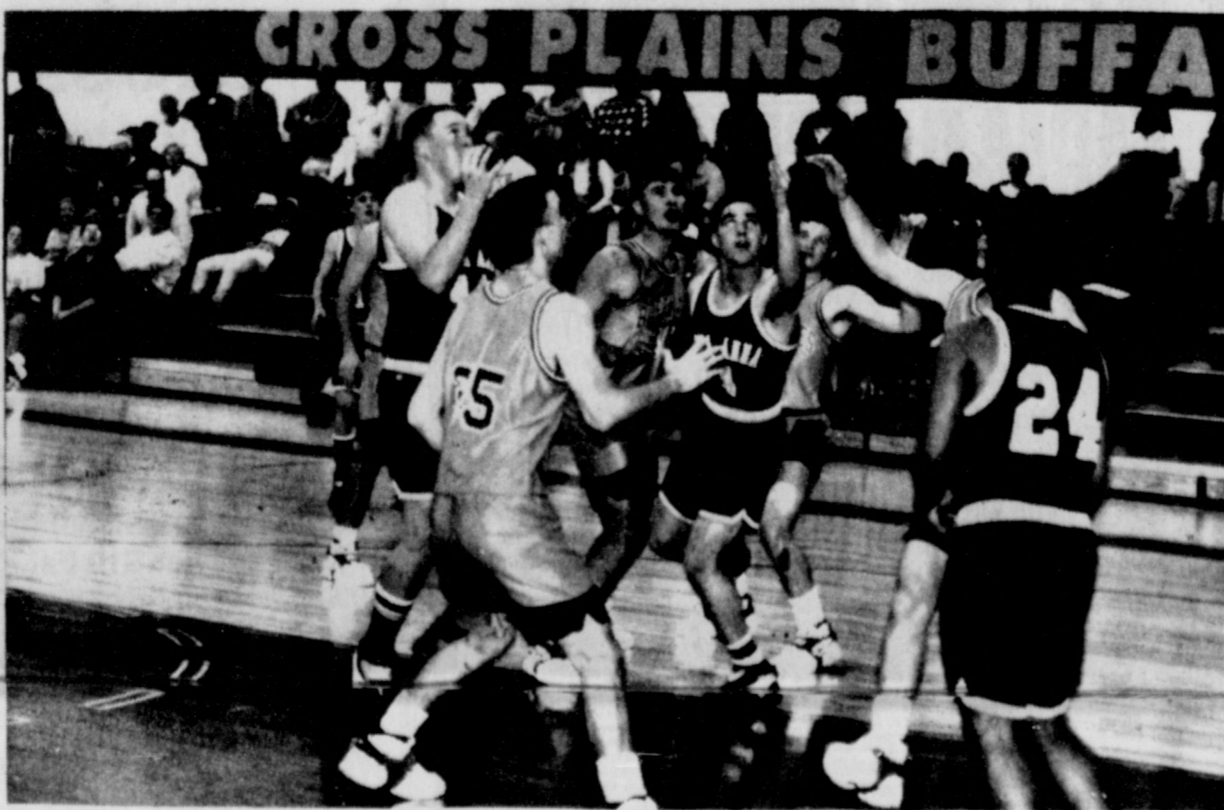
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- THURSDAY — Beef/vegetable soup, grilled cheese, crackers, fruit cocktail and milk.
- FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

BAND NEWS

Month of February

- Feb. 3 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)
- Feb. 12-15 - ATSSB/TMEA All State Band
- Feb. 17 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)
- Feb. 22 - Solo & Ensemble Contest (HSU)
- Feb. 25-27 - TAAS



BUFFALOES ROUND BALL ACTION

Buffaloes Clinch Playoff Spot

By GREG TURNER

The Runnin Buffaloes now set at 5-0 in district play and need a win against Evant to clinch the District Championship.

Cross Plains played the Evant Elks a tough game. It rocked back and forth until the Buffaloes pulled away at halftime leading by 8 points. A good 2nd half also helped contribute to the win. Cross Plains scored 34 points the 2nd half and only allowed the Elks 30. The final score was Cross Plains 64 and Evant 52.

26. After halftime break the Buffaloes really began to pull away as they scored 21 points and Lometa only bucketed 5 points. As the game ended Cross Plains continued to pull away, the final C.P. 69 Lometa 41.

Scoring summary: Joseph Turner 29, Jarad Richards 10, Brandon Stover 9, Lee Wayne Wheeler 7, Zach Edington 5, Benji Blackstock 4, John Chesshir 3, Jeremy Barnett 2.

Talking to Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach Bill Boyd about the team's achievements, he stated, "Not bad for a bunch of guys who by 3 different polls were not even picked to make the playoffs. I'm proud, very proud of their hard work and competitiveness."

The Buffaloes were picked to finish 3rd in district play behind Evant and Santa Anna, but a win against Evant will assure them the District Championship. Not only do the Buffs have something to celebrate -- how about those Lady Buffs! These young ladies have had an excellent year playing the round ball. They set on top of the championship with a bragging record of 24 wins 3 losses. Congratulations! The Lady Buffs got an earlier start this year than the guys because of playoff games in football which took them to the Area Playoffs.

If you total the victories for these two teams Buffs and Lady Buffs an impressive figure pops out -- 42 WINS 6 LOSSES. Ladies and gentlemen that speaks well of our basketball program, our kids, and especially our coaching staff. Coach Boyd and Coach Cavender thanks and we'll see you in the PLAY-OFFS!!!

7th & 8th Grade Girls Victorious Over Lometa

The 7th and 8th grade girls played as a combined team Monday night. They played Lometa and had a victory of 39-4. The girls played Evant, February 3 at Cross Plains.

Scoring for the Buffaloes were: Joseph Turner 22, Jeremy Barnett 11, Benji Blackstock 9, Lee Wayne Wheeler 8, Jarad Richards 4, Zach Edington 4, Cory Switzer 3, Dusty Hargrove 2, and John Chesshir 1.

The Buffaloes hosted the Santa Anna Mountaineers and played their first basketball game in the new gymnasium. A large crowd of approximately 400 people filled the complex to witness this event. I encourage everyone who hasn't seen the new additions around the school to make plans to tour the facilities.

The Runnin Buffs started well against Santa Anna, out scoring them 19 to 7 in the 1st quarter. The Buffs continued to pour it on the 2nd quarter shooting well from the field. The herd went to the locker room at halftime with a comfortable lead of 19 points with Cross Plains 39 and Santa Anna 20. The Buffaloes found themselves with a cold hand getting out scored the 3rd quarter with 21 points for the Mountaineers and 12 for Cross Plains.

At that point I began to think back to the game we played them in Santa Anna. Cross Plains had a lead then but only beat them by a single point. Was this a repeat? The 4th quarter belonged to the Buffaloes, as they began to pull away once again! The final score of the game was Cross Plains 71 and Santa Anna 56. This pushed the Buffaloes' record to 17 wins and 3 losses 4-0 in district play.

Scoring summary: Brandon Stover 15, Joseph Turner 13, Jeremy Barnett 9, Lee Wayne Wheeler 9, Zach Edington 8, Jarad Richards 6, Benji Blackstock 5, Cory Switzer 3, Dusty Hargrove 3.

The Cross Plains Buffaloes then took a long journey down to Lometa and this victory would clinch a playoff spot. This was a big game for the Buffs now being 4-0 in district play. Cross Plains took it to them from the opening tip-off and never looked back.

The Buffs led at the end of the 1st quarter 16 to 9 and as halftime came, they still had the 7 point margin in their favor Cross Plains 33 Lometa

Scoring the points were Turner with 8; Nixon 5; Thomas, Bailey, O'Dell, and Scott with 4 each; Barnett, Parker, Hutchins, Hunter, and Meiron with 2 each.

Cross Plains FFA and 4-H Say Thanks

The Cross Plains FFA and 4-H would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 1997 Callahan County Junior Livestock Show. The following is a list of those who purchased animals, added bonuses, or donated money for trophies and ribbons. Without the help and support of these people our show would not be a success. If anyone was left off the list by mistake we apologize.

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Locally Known Soldier Completes Basic & Advanced Individual Military Training

Army Pvt. John T. Dirickson has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Know, Radcliff, Kentucky. The training combines basic military training and advanced individual training.

The first eight weeks of initial entry training (IET) include drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During the advanced individual training (AIT), soldiers learn to serve as a member of an armor unit in defensive and offensive combat operations. In addition to basic combat training, the soldier was taught to drive the armored weapon, load and fire the weaponry, perform ammunition supply duties, and to process intelligence and operations data.

Dirickson is the son of Paula Smyth of 10000 Alicia Drive, Elgin, Texas, and grandson of Marie Horton of Rising Star. Dirickson is a 1996 graduate of Rising Star High School.



KNEELING AT THE "WALL THAT HEALS" THE VIETNAM WALL MEMORIAL

Vietnam Wall Memorial Makes Stop At McMurry University

By GREG TURNER

This weekend my family had the privileged opportunity to witness the "The Wall That Heals" in Abilene. If you have never heard of this, it is the wall displaying over 58,000 Vietnam War Veterans' names in their honor. It was one of the most heart wrenching sites I have ever witnessed. Many loved ones were kneeling down praying for those lost some 25 to 30 years ago. Mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, children, and wives gathered together to pay respect to those who served in the Vietnam War.

As you see these people, you can understand why they call it "The Wall That Heals." Looking at the wall you see more than names -- laughter, tears, heartaches, memories both good and bad.

On Saturday a lone bugler played "TAPS" as a Dyess Air Force Base Honor Guard performed a 21-gun salute to honor the fallen soldiers. The Confederate Air Force flew over the area in missing man formation. Many stood with tears sliding down their faces, while others stood at attention, showing no emotion on the outside, but inside a river of tears flowed.

The American flag waving in the wind seemed to appear motionless, as memories were shared with others. A mother stood and shared as onlookers walked by. "He was my son," she stated. Others shared many things and placed them at the wall including cards, flowers, photos, candles, cans of soda, combat metals, dog tags, canned fruit, 1963 graduation cards, and even a bottle of beer was left in memory of their fallen comrades.

Some people don't seem to know about the Vietnam War -- when it took place, who was President of the United States during this time, why there was a war anyway.

In 1954 the U.S. military advisers assumed the task of training the South Vietnamese Army. At that time Ho Chi Minh, President of North Vietnam, pledged to "liberate" South Vietnam. Communist guerrillas, known as the Viet Cong infiltrated across the border and by way of Laos, in large numbers. The chief objectives of these rebels, who were controlled by the Vietminh, North Vietnam's governing faction, was to disrupt South Vietnamese social and economic improvement programs.

The guerillas also raided industrial plants, plantations, military installa-

tions, and even entire villages. They attacked at night, withdrawing quickly to the security of the forest. By 1965, much of the coastline and nearly all borderlands had fallen to the rebels. Most of the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's vital rice growing area had also been seized.

South Vietnam's president Ngo Dinh Diem, who was elected in 1955, began to lose public support, as well as military and cabinet ministers.

In 1961 President John F. Kennedy sent military advisor General Maxwell D. Taylor to South Vietnam to evaluate the country's economic and military condition. Gen. Taylor reported the invasion of the Viet Cong and S. Vietnam was suffering terribly. American aid was stepped up. During the next 2 years more than 16,000 military advisors were sent to South Vietnam and over 400 million dollars for military aid. In early November barely three weeks before President Kennedy was killed in Dallas, President Diem was assassinated and a military junta took control and the government remained unstable.

On August 2, 1964 the U.S. was drawn further into conflict when the USS Maddox, a destroyer cruising the Gulf of Tonkin, was attacked by North Vietnamese patrol boats 30 miles off the coast of N. Vietnam. Two days later the Maddox and another destroyer were attacked, two North Vietnamese patrol boats were sunk. President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered retaliatory air attacks. Terrorist attacks upon American installations in South Vietnam became frequent. They were designed to discourage the United States into complete withdrawal from Vietnam.

The U.S. increased the tempo of air raids by aircraft against North Vietnam. Principal targets were highways and bridges. Bombers struck Ho Chi Minh Trail, an important Viet Cong supply line.

In 1965 the U.S. became more deeply committed to South Vietnam's struggle for freedom. In June 1965 U.S. troops were engaged in combat with the Viet Cong. By midyear the U.S. troops exceeded 50,000 men and women which had doubled since January. Between July and November a fighting force of an additional 100,000 men were transferred from military bases in the United States to Vietnam.

The bloodiest battle thus far, took place in the Ia Diang Valley where

American forces won a decisive victory.

Air raids were again suspended in late December 1965 and throughout January 1966 as a so called "peace offensive" was launched by President Johnson just as it had been done in May 1965 with talks of peace.

June 1966 U.S. bombers attacked two of North Vietnam's largest cities Hanoi, the capitol and Haiphong. United States forces increased from 190,000 in January 1966 to more than 500,000 by early 1968 -- used "search and destroy" tactics to expel National Liberation Front (NLF) forces from the South. On March 31, President Johnson announced a halt in all bombing north of the 20th parallel and offered peace talks with North Vietnam in Paris, but were quickly deadlocked.

April 29, 1970, American and South Vietnamese ground forces began an assault on North Vietnamese into Cambodia and then to Laos and lasted into 1971.

American troop withdrawals had begun in the summer of 1969, left fewer than 200,000 Americans in Vietnam at the end of 1971. By April 1972 the U.S. with its third president, Richard M. Nixon, since the conflict began ordered mining of harbors off North Vietnam and bombing on military targets in the cities of Hanoi and Haiphong. Both the mining and bombing provoked anti-war protest within the United States.

On January 27, 1973, a cease-fire was signed in Paris by the U.S., South Vietnam and North Vietnam. U.S. ground troops left Vietnam by the end of March 1973, just as they went in -- North and South Vietnam began fighting accusing each other of truce violations. The fall of South Vietnam, whom we were protecting, eventually surrendered to the North on April 30, 1975 as enemy troops entered Saigon.

I recall a letter Iain at the base of the wall that really sums it up. It stated:

Dear Veterans and lost loved ones, Some say that we young people don't appreciate what you did for us. They say that we aren't grateful for you being in Vietnam for America. When you came home not everyone liked you, but now we appreciate what you did for us and our country. I don't know anyone who died in the war, but it does affect me, because thanks to you all I am free and so is everyone else. Thank you for that. Love, Alexia Korzenewski

Children's Theatre at CJC Feb. 13 & 14

The Cisco Junior College drama department will present "Professor Zucchini's Traveling Tales" on Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14, in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium. The play is derived from ancient Spanish and Italian folk tales, adapted for children by Sylvia Ashby.

The play will be performed twice each day, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Admission is free, and the entire Cisco area community is welcome to attend. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (817) 442-2567 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Comanche Trail Council's First Trade-O-Ree Feb. 28 & March 1

Comanche Trail Council will sponsor its first Trade-O-Ree Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1. The council fund-raising event will be held at the Gold Key Inn, in Brownwood.

"A Trade-O-Ree is where people interested in Boy Scout history and memorabilia come together to buy, sell, and trade Scout collectables," says Dr. Roger C. Schustereit, Trade-O-Ree coordinator and recently elected Comanche Trail Council Executive Board President. Dr. Schustereit is also president of Cisco Junior College.

Hours will be Friday from noon to midnight and Saturday 9 a.m. to midnight. The Trade-O-Ree will include several silent auctions both nights and a live auction to begin not earlier than 7 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, please contact Dr. Schustereit at: P.O. Box 53, Cisco, Tx. 76437, (817) 442-2154, or e-mail: RSCHUSTERIET@CISCO.CC.TX.US.



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The family of
Kathryn Tomlinson

CARD OF THANKS

Card of Thanks
Chuck and I wish to thank everyone for the prayers and calls, while he was in the hospital and after his return home.
An extra thanks for the ambulance attendants care for him.
Chuck and Elva May Woody

Card Of Thanks

The Floyd Wood Family takes this means to say thank you with all of our hearts for your wonderful expressions of love and kindness.
To Vanda; Bob Pipes; Cross Plains Church of Christ; Cottonwood Church of Christ; R.T. and Yvonne Peevy and the Subway Shop; Jimmielee Payne; and many others; we love and thank you for your help with his memorial service.
May God Bless You
The Floyd Woody family

Card of Thanks

We are so grateful for all our Christian friends and their show of love for the Woody families on behalf of Floyd Woody's Memorial and interment. For all the wonderful ladies that fixed and served the wonderful food for the family and use of the building and church.
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Chuck and Elva Woody

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The City of Clyde reported a drop of 9.02 percent in retail sales from last year, according to the city's 1.5 percent sales tax rebates announced by the State Comptroller's Office, Monday, January 20.

John Sharp, State Comptroller, said 1996 sales tax payments in Clyde are 9.02 percent behind tax payments made to the city in 1996. He said the sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$6,600.10 so far in 1997. The 1996 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$8,354.48.

The city's monthly payment for January 1997 was the same as the yearly payment.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 1997 are 11.02 percent ahead of the 1996 payments. The city had received \$2,544.95 so far in 1997, while the 1996 tax payments to the city totaled \$2,382.23.

The town's monthly payment for January of this year was the same as the yearly payment.

The City of Cross Plains is reporting 1997 one and one-half percent city sales tax payments running 39.97 percent below the 1996 payments of the tax. Cross Plains

1997 sales tax payments have amounted to \$5,243.14, while the 1996 sales tax rebates were \$8,735.05.

The city's monthly sales tax check for January 1997 was the same as the yearly payment.

The City of Putnam is reporting the 1997 payments to the town totaled \$540.76, down 14.56 percent from the 1996 payments to the city in the amount of \$632.95.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of January 1997 was the same as the year's total tax payment.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 1997 in Callahan County are running 20.27 percent behind the 1996 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1997 amounting to \$16,028.95, while the 1996 payments to the county towns totaled \$20,104.71.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of January

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1997 were the same totals as the year-to-date.

Some area towns reporting sales tax payments for 1997 year-to-date and whether it's an increase or decrease over 1996 sales include: Albany, \$14,253.34 in 1997, 151.02 percent increase from 1996; Anson, \$6,660.12 in 1997, 1.53 percent increase from 1996; Stamford, \$32,878.13 in 1997, 9.08 percent decrease from 1996; Cisco, \$13,352.68 in 1997, 11.94 percent decrease from 1996; Eastland, \$41,800.49 in 1997, 4.72 percent decrease from 1996; Merkel, \$12,444.09 in 1997, 2.42 percent increase from 1996; Ballinger, \$24,475.31 in 1997, 10.95 percent decrease from 1996; and Haskell, \$19,253.58 in 1997, 32.53 percent decrease from 1996.

Statewide, sales tax payments in 1997 are 0.69 percent ahead of 1996 rebates, according to Sharp's figures. The state comptroller has sent out check's totaling \$126,620,349.32 in 1997, while the 1996 payments to the state's cities amounted to \$125,746,139.69.

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

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

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

Lump-Sum Notch Reform

Nearly twelve million Americans born between 1917 and the end of 1926 currently receive lower Social Security benefits than those born before 1917 or after 1926. Thanks to a new legislative initiative, this inequity may finally come to an end. Proposed by TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL), a national senior advocacy organization, this initiative would make a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$5,000 to each Notch Victim. The plan has already won overwhelming support among Notch Victims, and many of their supporters in Congress have endorsed it.

The proposed legislation is the first to offer a "capped cost" solution to the Notch problem without raising taxes or threatening the Social Security Trust Fund. The Lump-Sum Notch Reform legislation, estimated to cost no more than \$60 billion, is a far less costly alternative than earlier initiatives which have been estimated to cost more than \$300 billion.

Commonly known as "Notch" babies, retirees born from 1917 through 1926 with average earnings receive up to an estimated \$1,000 a year less in Social Security payments. This difference is due to a flaw in the transition formula for Social Security benefits passed by Congress in 1977. Two reasons cited most frequently in the past for opposition to Notch Reform have been the possible impact on the Social Security Trust Fund due to the serious long-range fiscal problems of the fund, and that financing Notch Reform from the federal budget would add to the deficit.

"We believe Lump-Sum Notch Reform can be funded without jeopardizing the long-term solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund, or adding to the federal deficit. This can be done by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse within the Social Security system itself," according to Michael J. Zabko, National Legislative Director of TREA Senior Citizens League. "For example, the costs of our two federal disability programs,

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which are administered through the Social Security Administration, are growing at a staggering rate."

The Social Security Administration estimates that only 1 out of every 500 disabled beneficiaries leaves the rolls to return to work, yet the Social Security Administration believes that nearly one-third of the current SSDI or SSI population may have rehabilitation potential. Payments made to aliens have been growing at nearly 16 percent per year. Reports of fraud involving middlemen acting as translators and coaching alien beneficiaries to feign mental disabilities are widespread. Compounding the problem, few certification reviews are conducted to determine if recipients remain eligible for benefits.

TSCL points out that the \$60 billion needed to make the one-time, lump-sum payments to an estimated 12 million Notch retirees could come from the surplus Social Security Trust Fund payroll taxes. This surplus will be about \$65 billion in 1996. According to research conducted by TSCL, reforms to Social Security disability programs such as ending payments to non-citizen aliens and an aggressive Return-to-Work policy could save the system well over the \$60 billion required to repay the Social Security Trust Fund (with interest) over seven years.

"The first priority for use of the Social Security Trust Fund should be the fair and equitable financing of benefits for retirees. One group should not receive less simply because of an accident of birth. Enacting Lump-Sum Notch Reform now would not only end the Notch injustice, but strengthen the Social Security Administration's disability programs," Mr. Zabko asserts.

For more information about Lump-Sum Reform, write: TREA Senior Citizens League, 909 N. Washington Street, Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

their addictions rather than obtain food, shelter and treatment.

This defies common sense, and was an insult to the genuinely disabled as well. Every day millions of severely handicapped Americans can and do go to work despite daunting physical and mental challenges. They are exercising personal responsibility rather than blaming government or society for their problems.

The drug abuse and alcoholism program was intended originally to support addicted individuals while they were undergoing treatment and getting back on their feet. But that's not how the program operated in practice. Addicts were paid not to work.

In fact, the program actually discouraged rehabilitation, because those who straightened out their lives were dropped from the rolls — the same kind of built-in disincentive that defeats the good intentions of many welfare programs.

Only 10 percent of these addicts ever managed to recover and lead productive lives. As an indicator of the efficacy of a program, this recovery rate was devastating. Government botched its attempt to provide a safety net, instead providing people the means to continue their ultimately lethal addictions.

In the words of one doctor who has spent her professional career dealing with these problems, SSI payments "... undermine the very thing they are supposed to be doing for my patients — promoting their rehabilitation."

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Addicts Need Help, Not a Free Fix

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These individuals, in effect, were guaranteed an entitlement because of their addiction. But no longer. Had Congress not changed the law, an estimated 250,000 addicts and alcoholics would have continued to receive disability benefits at a cost of \$1.4 billion from Social Security funds. Now, funds have been redirected toward treatment programs and research.

As bizarre as it sounds, the government had classified substance abuse as a disability, putting it in the same category as blindness or profound mental retardation. This means addicts and alcoholics qualified for unrestricted SSI payments which they could — and did — use to supply

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Young people are generally surprised to find out the role Social Security plays in providing disability and survivors protection during their working years. This really hits home when they discover that one out of every four female students and one out of every three male students are likely to die or become disabled before retirement. Or that almost 28 percent of the 43 million persons

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Harris-Daily Exchange Wedding Vows January 11

Kelly Renae Harris of Waskom, and Benjamin Robert Daily of Logansport, Louisiana were united in marriage Saturday, January 11, 1996 at First Baptist Church in Waskom.

The Reverend Jim Walsh assisted by the Reverend Gaylon Morris, uncle of the bride, officiated in the two o'clock ceremony.

Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Waskom. She is the granddaughter of Jesse and Lorene Harris of Cross plains and Evelyn Morris and the late Bill Morris of Brady.

Benjamin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson of Logansport, Louisiana and Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Daily of Yazoo City, Mississippi. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Daily of Shreveport, Louisiana and the late Mr. and Mrs. G.H. McCasland of Logansport, Louisiana.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of East Texas Baptist University and is employed with the First State Bank of Waskom.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Northeastern Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana and is employed by the Shreveport Police Department.

After a honeymoon trip to Colorado, the Daily's will be at home in Waskom.

CPS Representatives Attended Meeting in Austin

Gary Williams of Baird and Roma Howard of Clyde attended the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards in Austin January 29-31. They represented the county and regional CPS boards. January 29 was Advocacy Day and included a walk to the Capitol where there were several inspirational speeches extolling children as our future. Visits to Representatives and Senators followed, urging passage of various bills benefitting children.

The CPS has been tremendously underfunded for 2 years because expected federal funds didn't come through. Caseloads for our caseworkers are staggering. Almost all clerical and housekeeping instruction help was lost throughout the state. Rural

areas were especially hit hard. Our aim is to be able to secure funds for more preventive and early intervention measures on the front end instead of dealing with the consequences after the fact. Statistics prove that 19% of abusers end up in prison.

The next 2 days were spent at the state board meeting where Williams is the chair of the education committee and Howard is a member. Both are excited about the prospects of our making a difference in the lives of children in Callahan County - in all of Texas. They feel that the remedy is there if the public is educated and will follow through with support and confirmation of those who are dedicated to keeping our children safe and healthy.

Janeal Stephens Named to Texas Tech University President's List

LUBBOCK -- More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall 1996 semester. Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester

hours of classwork. Janeal Wyn Stephens, a freshman pre-veterinary major, was named to the honor list. She is a 1996 graduate of Cross Plains High School and the daughter of Wade and Pat Stephens of Cross Plains.

Abilene Regional MHRM Center Opens Office in Callahan County

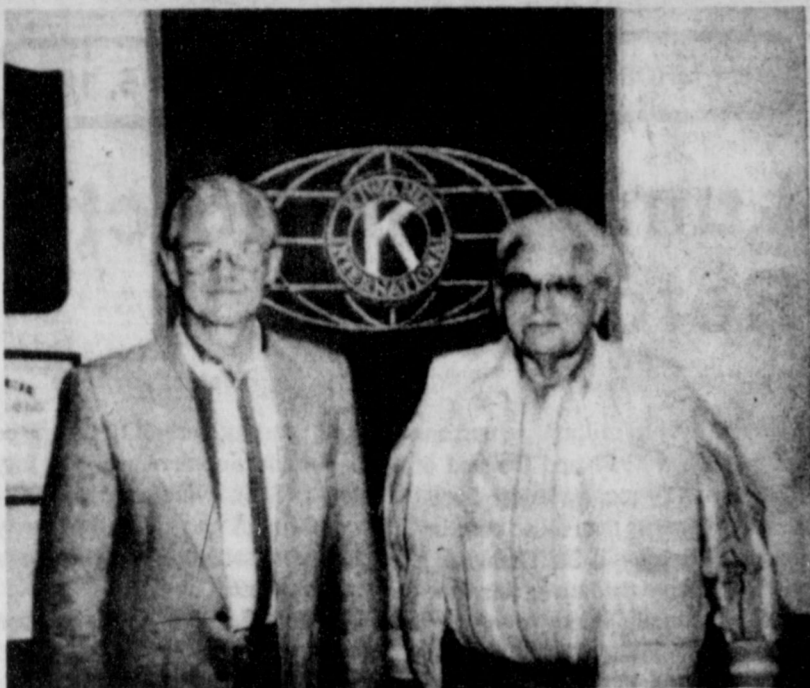
The Board of Trustees and staff of the Abilene Regional MHRM Center are proud to announce the opening of a new office in the Callahan County Courthouse, 100 West 4th Street, Suite 305 in Baird. An Open House will be held on February 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Residents of Callahan County are cordially invited to help celebrate the grand opening.

The new office is being opened for the convenience of the 45 Callahan County residents who are currently being served. Vicky E. Hicks, who has been with MHRM for 18 years, will provide case management services and monitor other services being received. Other services available at the office include medication clinic, vocational assistance, supported housing, counseling, psychosocial programs, and assistance with filing social security benefits. The office will also be used by Child and Adolescent Services and the Advancing Babies Chances Program.

For additional information call Vicky Hicks at (915) 854-5995 or fax information to (915) 854-1436.



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SPECIAL GUEST -- Cross Plains Kiwanis Club had Freddie Johnston, R.N. at Dallas Methodist Hospital, speak on Living Wills as the guest of Dan Johnston.

Doris Richeson Elected To Board of Directors of Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council

BEDFORD—Doris Richeson, owner of the Dairy Queen store in Cross Plains, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council (TDQOC).

Richeson will serve a three-year term on the board, representing Dairy Queen operators in the Abilene, San Angelo, and Wichita Falls areas.

A Dairy Queen owner since 1969, Richeson has since acquired 44 Dairy Queen stores throughout West Texas. She was first elected to the TDQOC board of directors in 1977 and has subsequently served multiple terms as president and treasurer of the organization. Richeson has also served for several years on the TDQOC's Marketing and Products and Services Committees, and as area representative. Additionally, she served for several years on International Dairy Queen's (IDQ)

National Dealer Marketing Council, which meets several times each year in Minneapolis to give input to the corporation.

A resident of Graham, Richeson has served on several civic and local boards. An aviation enthusiast and pilot, Richeson is a member of the Confederate Air Force and is Public Information Officer of the Graham-based Cactus Squadron.

The TDQOC, headquartered in Bedford, is a cooperative of more than 250 Dairy Queen owners and operators representing over 800 Dairy Queen restaurants in Texas. It's nine-member board of directors is responsible for the administration of the council's advertising fund, development of product specifications, and maintenance of operations and quality standards. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Dairy Queen stores in Texas.

Locally Known Man Named Outstanding By National Honor Program

Tancrede Wayman Flippin of Smyrna has been selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America (OYMA).

The OYMA program has since 1966 honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural ac-

complishments, and civic and political participation. Nominations are received from political leaders, college and university officials, clergymen, business leaders, and civic groups and organizations.

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