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Down Home

"Look Around You!"

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH

Sometimes in the process of our own personal agendas we fail to see all the wonders around us. Now that I drive into town every morning I've noticed all the neat sights on the way.

There is a flock (?) of buzzards just down the road; evidently they roost in this area because they are in the same place nearly every day. Have you ever seen a baby buzzard? No, I didn't think so. Makes you wonder what they do with the little ones until they become gigantic soaring in the blue.

Speaking of little ones, I saw a baby roadrunner the other day. I had never seen one before. There are two roadrunners on the morning trip. They are very pretty when they spread their wings are very colorful and so speedy.

What I call the "cottontail trail" is alive with activity. Cottontails are racing back and forth with ease. Here are the most cottontails I have seen in years. Have you noticed you don't see Jackrabbits any more. Remember when there were hundreds of them in the fields, along with lots of rattlesnakes on the highways?

At least once a week I drive up on a flock of wild turkeys. Sometimes there are 20 plus. They don't have the beauty of the tame turkey, but in flight they are awesome.

The whitetail deer are plentiful in the pastures. It is a thrill to catch a glimpse of them when they gracefully clear a fence. This week I saw two does and a fawn.

One of the cutest sights was a possum. The creature had a strange shape, but I couldn't tell what it was. Upon closer examination, her babies were clinging to her sides. They appeared to be holding on for dear life. How sweet!

To complete this nature trip you can see the outline of the Spring Gap Mountains against the sky in the west. I am amazed at how many people have lived in this area all of their life and never made a scenic trip through the Spring Gap. Now that is something you just can't overlook, especially in the fall of the year. A beautiful huge red sunset in the evening captures all of God's creations. It doesn't get any better than this.

I received lots of comments about the big cats. Kye saw a mother mountain lion with her baby a few days ago and Richard has been seeing a lynx and bobcats. Here in the Big Country we are surrounded by beautiful scenery and a wide variety of wild animals. This is one of our greatest assets according to newcomers moving into our community. Great, isn't it!!!

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

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



NEW BUSINESS — The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Jerry's Tropical Fish. Pictured are Bettye Cavanaugh (from left) Jerry Jones, James Thompson and Bill Richardson.

Jerry's Tropical Fish Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held

Jerry's Tropical Fish held its official ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, August 24 hosted by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jones never thought his hobby, since age 13, would transpire into a business, but this is his second shop. He first opened a business in the East Texas area where he operated for approximately five years.

He specializes in difficult to find tropical fish. Even if he doesn't have what you want -- he can get it.

Jerry will soon have a variety of tropical birds like finches, parakeets, and more.

Selling new and used C.B. radios is another phase of his enterprise. He can perform certain C.B. repairs including wire mics, diodes, install connex boards, ic's, sound modules, etc.

James Thompson, Jerry's brother is involved with "computers by design." Both are capable of building a computer to your personal specifications. They can program your computer, teach and sell other components.

You are invited to come by Jerry's Tropical Fish at 340 West Highway across from Jean's Feed Barn.

"No Trespassing" Signs Will Not Be Required In Texas By Landowners

COLLEGE STATION — "No trespassing" signs may soon disappear from the Texas landscape. A new law effective last year allows landowners to replace signs with vertical purple stripes. However, until September 1, 1998, landowners are required to post another sign explaining the purple stripes. After that date, no signs of any kind will be required.

The law allowing landowners to use a vertical purple stripe on a tree or post three to five feet above the ground was effective September 1, 1997. For the past year, however, the stripes had to be accompanied by signs at every vehicular entry point explaining the significance of the purple paint.

"Because of the required sign at entry points, many Texas landowners apparently have postponed using the purple paint marks until the explanation signs are no longer required," says Judon Fambrough, attorney and senior lecturer with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The purple stripes must be at least one inch wide and eight inches long. They must be placed every 1,000 feet along the property line, except in forests where they must be every 100 feet. They must be readily visible to anyone approaching the property.

Entry-point signs must be two by three feet with block lettering at least two inches high.

For a free copy of the new trespass law, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Purple Paint Law, Real

Estate Center, Mail Stop 2115, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2115.

Reserved Football Seats Must Be Paid For Prior to Sept. 4

All reserved football seats were sold last year. To renew seats, bring your card from last season to the superintendent's office. All seats must be paid prior to September 4.

If any seats become available after this date the school will notify the Cross Plains Review. Cost is \$5.00 per seat.

A reminder: Tobacco products are prohibited in the stands and inside the fence of the football field.

Parking inside the fence is very limited -- no vehicles are allowed without a handicap permit.

If you do not have a reserved seat, please do not sit in the reserved

City Council Accepts Local Chief of Police Resignation

The City Council of Cross Plains accepted Tim Sanders' resignation effective Friday, August 21 from his position as Chief of Police in an emergency meeting.

Last week two families presented

complaints against Sanders approaching their minor children for the purpose of soliciting marijuana for a possible drug bust. The chief of police did not inform the parents before approaching the youth.

No explanation was indicated on

his resignation and the City of Cross Plains did not make any comment.

Councilmen will discuss filling the vacancy at their next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 1.

Public Support Given to Refurbish Miniature Golf Course

A public hearing was held Tuesday, August 18, to determine if the local Economic Development Corporation would assist Lakewood Recreation in a proposal to refurbish their miniature golf course.

The general public supported the idea and the Economic Development Corporation directors voted to budget up to \$2,100 to Lakewood Recreation Center. This is 1/3 of the cost estimated for the undertaking. They will be required to finance the remainder.

Lakewood Recreation requested assistance last March and had followed the necessary guidelines. Being a non-profit organization qualified them for the public project. They were given a March 31, 1999, deadline for completion.

Denise Coulter, Executive Director for the E.D.C., remarked that this would fulfill suggestions derived from the Rural Resource Team by providing an activity for the youth of the community and utilizing the Lakewood Recreation Center.

Gospel Singing Event to be held at Glorify Baptist Church on Aug. 29

Glorify Baptist Church will be presenting music evangelist, Don Harris, Shiela Harris and the Oakridge Gospel Singers in concert. Area performers include Sherry Bennett, Bill and Judy Lewis and James and Dorothy Reynolds.

Don Harris is a native of Richland Springs and has been in the Gospel Music field for many years in the Fort Worth area.

Don and Glorify Baptist Church invites all denominations and everyone to attend and hear the Gospel singers lifting up the Lord in song and music.

The Gospel Singing will be Saturday, August 29 at Glorify Baptist Church, 100 S. Avenue D (across from the Post Office at Cross Plains) beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Callahan County Burn Ban To Remain In Effect

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

BAIRD — Callahan County Commissioners retained the County Wide Burn Ban in effect and set a public hearing date for a tax raise during their regular meeting Monday, August 24th.

The County Burn Ban, which has been in effect since June 8, will remain enforce after being discussed by commissioners.

Judge Johnson said that there have been several inquiries from citizens wanting to conduct outdoor burning.

Conditions remain extremely dry in Callahan County although some areas have received spotty showers. A public hearing on a proposed tax increase was set for 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 14 at the Callahan County Courthouse.

A proposed .357 tax rate will be an increase over last year's rate of .344 per \$100 of valuation.

An estimated increase on the average home in Callahan County will be about \$3.18 on the overall tax bill.

Other items on Monday's agenda: Ruby Blascyk, Abilene, Karen Drake, Abilene, and Linda Foster of Cross Plains were appointed to the MHMR Public Responsibility Committee.

A mower owned by Precincts 1, 2 and 4 was on the agenda for possible sale, but commissioners of Precincts 1 and 4 decided to buy Precinct 2's share of the tree shredder at \$1,000 each.

A road was closed on the James Reynolds property at Rowden.

Cross Plains Library representatives met with commissioners and gave a report on the library. Commissioners voted to budget the usual \$1,600 for the library.

Sharon Owens, the District Clerk Elect, met with commissioners to request a raise in her future salary and ask commissioners to hire some extra help in the District Clerk's office.

Commissioners had cut the extra job in the District Clerk's office at an earlier meeting and cited computerization of the office as the reason for needing less help.

No action was taken on Owens' request.

Free Promotional Prairie Dog Tickets Available

ABILENE — The Abilene Prairie Dogs professional baseball team will wrap up their 1998 season this weekend in Abilene; and a special invitation has been offered to all citizens from Callahan County for the Saturday, August 29 game.

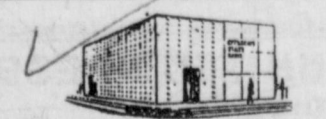
The August 29th game has been designated as CALLAHAN COUNTY NIGHT, in a promotion jointly organized between the Prairie Dogs and the Chambers of Commerce in Baird and Clyde.

All Chamber members in each of the communities have been supplied with a limited number of free tickets to the Saturday night game, which begins at 7:05 p.m. at Crutcher Field on the Abilene Christian University campus. The Prairie Dogs will be taking on their arch rival, the Lubbock Crickets.

In addition, local businesses have been offered the opportunity to purchase extra FREE TICKETS for distribution to the public. At press time, those tickets are available at the offices of the Clyde Journal, Baird Banner and Cross Plains Review, as well as First National Bank in Baird. Other local sponsors are expected to participate. Call the Prairie Dogs offices in Abilene (915) 673-7364 for other locations later in the week.

"We've had a couple of these community nights so far this season, and they've been very successful," Abilene ticket manager Austin Brady. "We are looking forward to another big crowd from Callahan County this weekend."

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**Cross Plains High School
Open House and
Meet the Teacher Night
Monday, August 31
7:00 p.m.
Community & Parents Invited
Refreshments Served**

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Charges with possession of marijuana: Jennifer Kilpatrick, Phillip A. Mack, Lloyd Michael Hamby.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cynthia Starkey Ingram, theft of service, \$300 fine \$214.25 court costs, 30 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Devin Ingram, theft of service, \$300 fine \$214.25 court costs, 30 days in jail probated for 6 months.

John Delano Pointer II, DWI \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Kevin Gene Dossey, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Mathew Wayne Gill, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Brandon Chad Lester, possession of marijuana, \$350 fine \$214.25 court costs, 20 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Probations discharged: Clyde Leon Smith, John Escobedo Cavillo, Jose Santos Montero-Apolinar, Charles C. Carlile, Joshua

Lenley Goble, Doris M. Miller, Jason Colt Moore, Cesar H. Rodriguez.

Motions filed to revoke probations: Yvonne E. Webb, Dennis Miller, Motions dismissed to revoke probations: Carmen Hayes-Marin, Michael Phariss.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Barbara Nell King and Buster Darrell Davidson, Jr. of Odessa
Ester Vasut and Francis Wayne Morrow of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks presiding

Civil Minutes

Timothy D. Reed, found to be \$6293.74 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments to begin 9-1-98.

Divorces granted:

Becker, Mark Victor and Cheryl Marie
Bruner, Nita Sharlene and William Thomas.

Hough, Lucinda Michelle and Willis Robert.

Simmons, Colinda Lee and Brian David.

Felony Indictment

Nathan Alan Smith, Count 1; intoxication Count 2; manslaughter.

Felony Minutes

Michael Shane Phariss, forgery, \$1000 fine \$254.25 court costs, \$339.95 restitution, 2 years at TDC probated for 5 years.

Mark David Hamilton, possession of cocaine charge dismissed due to being convicted in another matter.

United Fund Directors Meeting Rescheduled

The regular meeting of the Directors of United Fund which was to be held last Thursday is rescheduled for this Thursday, August 27. The meeting will be held at City Hall at 3:00 PM.

All directors are urged to attend this important meeting, as plans for this year's drive will be discussed.

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OBITUARIES

Irvin Dee 'Nubbin' Corn

BAIRD—Irvin Dee 'Nubbin' Corn, 93, died Sunday, August 23, 1998, at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Knox Waggoner officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ricky Carstensen. Burial was in Ross Cemetery Annex, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mr. Corn was born in Putnam and lived in Callahan County all his life. He worked for the Premier refinery in Baird for 30 years, then was a Callahan county commissioner for 12 years. He also worked for Rogers Food Store for many years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and served on the Administrative Council for many years. He was a 50-year member of Baird Masonic Lodge 522 and a member of Shriners and Woodmen of the World. He married Euleus Stephens in 1926 in Baird.

Survivors include his wife of Baird; one daughter, Sally Gay Odum McDaniel of Phillips, S.D.; two sons, Jack Corn and Roger Corn, both of Baird; one sister, Opal Francisco of Jal, N.M.; three brothers, Raymond Corn of Baird, Ben Corn of Tyler and Weldon Corn of Ajo, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at First Methodist Church in Baird.

Brenston Staggs

Brenston Staggs, 82, foster grandparent at the Abilene State School from 1979-98, died Tuesday, August 18, 1998, in a local hospital.

Services were at 10 a.m. Friday in New Beginnings UPC Church with the Rev. Floyd Leverton officiating. Burial was in Potosi Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Mr. Staggs was born in Brown County and attended school in Coleman. He was employed by the Works Progress Administration during World War II and moved to Abilene in 1954 from Coleman. He worked at Eddie Krieger Pharmacy. He played the guitar and harmonica in his band the Texas Three, for many years. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and was the widower of Martha Downey Staggs, whom he married in 1936, in Coleman.

Survivors include four sons, Gerald A. Staggs and Jackie D. Staggs, both of Abilene, Raymond D. Staggs of Belton and Brenston H. Staggs of Coleman; two daughters, Thelma J. Hubbard and Frances Paige, both of Abilene; one brother, Tilman Staggs of Burkett; one sister, Joan Pearce of Fredericksburg; 21 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial may be sent to American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Abilene, Tx. 79603.

VETERANS NEWS

SPECIAL NOTICE — DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT rely on the V A 800 number for transmittal of any information that will affect your pension or compensation payments. There is some kind of problem in the Waco office and financial information and often it is not being recorded.

We have three cases at present where V A is demanding repayment of pension because V A claims no notice was given that the Veteran had married or that the Veteran's wife had started receiving Social Security.

When mailing something to Waco be sure to send it by Return Receipt Request mail in order that you can prove it was delivered to V A. One of the repayments demanded is in excess of \$10,000 so we're not

ENROLLMENT — New forms have been received and are available to Veterans for enrollment in the V A Health Care program. Your call to (915) 854-1520 on Monday and Tuesday will get one sent to you. You will need to send along a copy of your DD 214 or discharge with the enrollment form.

TAPS — WWII Navy Veteran Orvil Lee Hopkins of Cross Plains, July 25; Korean War Army Veteran E.J. Hardin of Denton Valley, August 2; and WWII Army 45th Division's Frank Hodson of Baird, August 6. These three Veterans have answered the last roll call. Hats off and hand salute to men who served when they were needed.

4th Annual Toy Drive & Dance to be held Sept. 11 & 12

The Big Country Phoenix Motorcycle Club will be sponsoring their 4th Annual Toy Drive and Dance benefiting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. This will take place at Ranger Jaycee Barn September 11 and 12.

The gate will open at 7 p.m. Friday night. Admission is \$7.00 a person and a New Toy or \$12.00 a couple and a New Toy. Children ages 12 and under get in free.

There will be live bands each night. There will be bike games, kiddie corral, door prizes and raffles. Concessions will be available. Vendors welcome.

In the past 3 years, the Big Country Phoenix Motorcycle Club has raised over \$11,000 and 600 toys for the hospital. The hospital has never charged for their service, they only depend on contributions and donations.

If you would like any information on the benefit or donations, call Deadeye (254) 629-1615 or Nappy (254) 629-8139.

If you have never seen motorcycle bike games you will be in for a treat. There will lots of stock and custom motorcycles to view. You do not have to ride a motorcycle to come to the rally.

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Jesus Video To Be Distributed

The First Baptist Church has the privilege to share with the people of Cross Plains and the surrounding area a video masterpiece that was created by John Heyman. The JESUS film has been used to touch more lives than any other film in history. More than 45 million people have indicated decisions for Christ after viewing the film.

This film is the remarkable story that takes you back 2000 years to the life of Jesus Christ. Five years of research and filmed at over 200 locations in the Holy Lands, this film

script is taken directly from the Gospel of Luke. This film and video has been seen by more than one billion people, translated into over 410 languages and shown in more than 220 countries.

The First Baptist Church will be distributing these films in the Cross Plains area the first week of September. If you do not receive one and would like to see this video, please contact the First Baptist Church Office at 725-7629 and leave your name and address.

Donations to Scranton Cemetery Association

Donations were made to the Scranton Cemetery Association from January 1 through June 30, 1998, by the following: Betty Ann Allen, Roy Applewhite, M/M W. J. Bailey, Betty Baxley, L. Bailey, Gene Black, Pete and Agnes Belew, M/M Bill Boykin, M/M R. R. Bradshaw, Jr., Sylvia F. Brummett, Mary Ruth Chatham, M/M Gary Clifton, Bob Clifton, M/M Doug Cline, M/M Parker Coppinger, Gean L. Craig, Charles Elam, M/M Alton Fleming, Eunice B. Garverick, Mrs. J. W. Gilbreath, M/M Bob Haislip, Alvin King, Mrs. H. L. King, Clara Ledbetter, Mary S. Leveridge, M/M Richard Lockwood, M/M Aubry Loper, M/M Jerry Luster, June McCulloch, Sandra M. Moore, M/M Arlin Morgan, M/M Louis Morgan, M/M James Morgan, M/M Russell Owens, Gerald Parks, Vera Pittman, M/M J. D. Pittman, M/M Mark Ray, M/M Morrell Ray, M/M Orville Reese, Mrs. Grace B. Ritter, M/M Hugh Shrader, M/M Jim Simmons, M/M Wm. F. Slusher, Ruth Snoddy, Staff U.S. Small Business Administration, M/M Danny Jack Speegle, M/M Stroebe, Mrs. L. E. Sublett, M/M Sy Tabor, Alma Jeanne Tanner, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Roland & Dortha Taylor, Eunice Auralie Thomas, Frances O'Brien Verner, M/M Joe Wheatley.

CJC Drama Dept. to Hold Auditions for "Blithe Spirit"

The Cisco Junior College drama department will hold auditions for Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" on September 1st and 2nd at 7 p.m. in room 215 of the Harrell Fine Arts Center.

Roles are available for two men and five women in a wide variety of age ranges. Auditionees need not attend both audition sessions, and auditions are open to the entire Cisco area community.

Couples are \$50 and singles \$35. Tables for 10 are \$500. For tickets or additional information contact 4 Corners of TexasBank. Dress country casual.

LETTER TO EDITOR

To the Editor:

The recent defeated tobacco legislation served to focus public attention on how kids can be deterred from adopting a habit that may cut their life expectancy by 12 years. But nothing is said about a habit that the federal government and many of our schools are encouraging that may cut their life expectancy almost in half.

AIDS has been spread mainly by sex between males, and statistics indicate that AIDS on the average kills men in their 30s and 40s, not in their 60s and 70s as does smoking. Why should a kid reject tobacco because it may kill him in his 60s, if he is going to adopt a habit that may kill him before he's 40? Why do we focus on curbing the lesser of these two evils and allow our schools to teach kids that the homosexual lifestyle is an acceptable option for them to consider? Shouldn't they be warned that it is deadlier than smoking?

David Holmes

5th Annual Texas Festival - Round Up Dance & Auction features Gary P. Nunn

Gary P. Nunn will be entertaining at the Fifth Annual Texas Festival - Round Up Dance and Auction benefiting children in the Brownwood Emergency Shelter/Assessment Center Saturday, August 29 at the Brownwood Coliseum from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Couples are \$50 and singles \$35. Tables for 10 are \$500. For tickets or additional information contact 4 Corners of TexasBank. Dress country casual.

Proceeds from this years event will go toward purchasing a van for the Emergency Shelter/Assessment Center.

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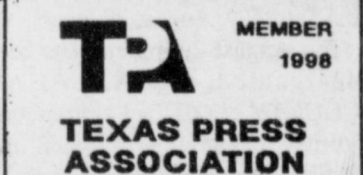
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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

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Pauline Region is back from having spent several days in the hospital. She said she sure was glad to be back home.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Juanita Thornton on the loss of their loved one.

A warm welcome for our new resident Alpha Wilson.

Appreciation to Frances Wolf for the chips and dip.

Thoughts and prayers for Dorothy Thomas and Wayne Dalton who are in the hospital.

Betty Montgomery from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery.

Hazel and Peggy Lee, and Ector Mirales from Pioneer visited with Pauline Region.

Albert and Dorothy Lovell visited with Vera Belyeu, Lillie Childers and Alpha Wilson.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were: Howet Wilson (3), Minnie Swann, Falba Shofner (3), Vera Belyeu (3), and Louise Richardson. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: bingo winners were: Falba Shofner (2), Minnie Swann (5), Ruby Harrell (4), Vera Belyeu and Louise Richardson. Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal.

Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"The Benefit of the Doubt"

From time to time, this old adage crosses by mind - Your reputation is what people think you are and your character is what you really are.

There are two ways of looking at this. The way I always looked at it was, sometimes people get a bad reputation. Some of them no doubt deserve it while others get their reputation through no fault of their own. In fact in many cases, their character is above reproach.

On the other hand, as I've grown older and experienced life more, I've come to the conclusion that it can sometimes work another direction. Most of us, as we've gone through life have come across those few individuals who have the reputation of being sweet and accommodating, however, those who are closest to them know them for their true character. Naturally that particular individual also knows he or she has a flawed character.

Now I'm not a professional but my philosophy heretofore, has pretty

much been to give them the benefit of the doubt and/or give them enough rope and eventually they'll hang themselves. Oh, sometimes that "eventually" seems to take an eternity. We get so discouraged and tired of waiting. Occasionally it develops that we depart this earth before the hanging come about.

What is the moral of this article? This writer doesn't really have one. I have just become more determined than ever to strive to have both a good reputation, good character and hence happiness.

When growing up we were admonished that "if you can't say something nice to someone then don't say anything at all."

Just think what a better world we would have if none made hurtful and rude comments to one another.

I exhort you to be wise and considerate in our comments to others. You may never know who may overhear your pointed directive. Life is too short to cause even one person hurt and unhappiness.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Time is marching on. September will soon be here and time for our Quilting Club to begin quilting again. So ladies get your thimbles out and your needles sharpened! Shall we take Lottie Sooter's advice to make longer stitches so we can get more quilts finished this year? The ones that are appliqueing blocks for our "Tulip" quilt, when finished please give them to Sandy or Trisha Hutton so they can sew the blocks together.

Earlene Burge's granddaughter came Saturday and had dinner with her and they enjoyed a long visit. Earlene attended the gospel meeting at the Rising Star Church of Christ. The preacher was Lindell Mitchell of Livingston who brought some powerful lessons. Others of the community that attended were Vernon & Glenda Phillips and Laverne Hutton.

Skip Jones of Big Spring visited with May & D.P. this week. He and his friend Eric played golf at Clyde, Thursday. May, D.P., Skip and Eric

attended the air show on Saturday at Dyess Airbase. It was very good. The present day military aircraft is surely something to see.

Oliver, Frankie Smith and Jean Fore went to the Freddy Blont Musical at the park at Rising Star last Thursday night. On Friday night they attended the musical for the Rehab at Cottonwood. Saturday they attended the fish fry at the Pioneer Baptist Church. There was a very good turn out for the fish fry.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton made a trip to Stevenville and Coleman during the week. Thursday, their son & grandson Danny and Anthony had dinner with them.

Wacky Warning Label #2. A windproof beach towel that declares: Please be advised that during a hurricane or other severe weather conditions this product should not be used to secure yourself or anything else of value.

Laverne Hutton will report the Pioneer News for two more weeks, then May Jones will be our reporter.



LOCAL AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTED — Kyle Foster was the speaker at the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club last week. He spoke to the group about the dairy industry and the changes that have taken place over the past several years. It was a very informative program and was well received. Pictured with Kyle (left) is Roy Stambaugh, Program Chairman.

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

Ma and Pa's family had many characters in it and T. Thompson was one of the best. He was married to Ma and Pa's oldest girl, Cosy.

It was getting close to the Fourth of July when T. volunteered to store quite a lot of suds for the fire department, in anticipation of a celebration. There were several cases and T. placed them in the hall closet under the stairway.

He did not bother to tell Cosy since she would object to having alcoholic beverages in her house.

Shortly after the items had been placed there, the pastor came by to visit Cosy and a small fire developed

in the house. Of course, it would have to be in the hall closet.

T. and the preacher quickly emptied the closet to fight the fire. The embarrassment to Cosy was more than she could bear -- to watch her pastor carrying case after case onto her front porch.

Needless to say the firemen fought the fire good naturedly since part of the property in danger belonged to them.

The family has often wondered if that fire could have anything to do with Cosy making a change in her religious preference.

BURKETT NEWS

By
LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, secretary-treasurer of the Burkett Adams Cemetery Association, reports a few more donations: Anonymous (In memory of Ben Creek) \$40; Bruce Adams Family (In memory of Tiny Pickett) \$20; and Tom Tapman \$50. Each donation to the cemetery association is greatly appreciated.

The Burkett Baptist Church will have their 5th Sunday dinner August 30th. Church services begin with Sunday School, the morning services at 11:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon and fellowship. After lunch there will be a singing.

Michelle Wilkovich, Kelsey and Logan of Coleman and Jake Golson helped Low and Liz Golson celebrate their 47th anniversary Monday evening.

Jackie and Jared Strickland returned home Thursday evening and Darryl Tinney returned home Friday morning after spending several days visiting Jack and Lovera Strickland.

Lanetta Burns visited in Round Rock last weekend with Caroline Sanders and family and Richard and Linda Burns and family.

Jan and Ken Baker hosted a get together last Wednesday evening. Those attending were Bo and Stephne Strickland of California; Jerry Strickland and Randy Strickland of Cross Plains; Landon, Sondra, Scotty, Ty and Hayden; Marty and Glenda Callaway and J.J.; Eddie and Michele Strickland and Daniel; Marsha Turney, Jon and Matt; Bill Strickland; W.B. Bludworth; and Jack and Lovera Strickland.

Sunday evening Jack and Lovera Strickland hosted a family get together. Those attending were Bo and Stephne Strickland of California; Trixie Strickland and Kiera and Audrey Strickland of Germany; Jackie and John Hunt of San Angelo; Randy and Dena Strickland of Cross Plains; Eddie and Michele Strickland and Daniel; Mark and Marsha Turney, Jon and Matt of Whon; Landon and Sondra Pope, Scotty, Ty and Hayden; Marty and Glenda Callaway, Brook and J.J.; Bill Strickland; W.B. Bludworth; Darryl Tinney, Shirley Hunter, Jackie and Jared Strickland; Jan and Ken Baker and Tami Priddy and Kendra.

Welfare-To-Work Meetings Scheduled for August 27th

Two follow-up Welfare-to-Work meetings have been scheduled for Thursday, August 27 in response to Rep. Keffer's initial welfare meeting in Abilene last June. The first meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. in the Abilene City Council Chamber and will concentrate on provider issues. The second meeting will be that evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Sears Park Recreation Center, and is intended for welfare recipients.

This past June, Rep. Keffer, local officials and public assistance leaders met to discuss the current status of welfare-to-work programs. It was an opportunity for Keffer to converse with individuals who apply these programs on a day-to-day basis, and hear their opinions on

how reform is progressing.

"I learned that two very glaring problems have arisen and will have to be successful - child care and transportation," said Keffer. "The follow-up meetings give use the opportunity to concentrate on these problems, not only from the providers perspective, but also the recipients. We as a region must address these voids for welfare reform to succeed."

Both meetings are open to the public and Keffer is encouraging private citizens, churches, charities and other faith-based organizations to participate. For more information please contact Paul Washburn at (915) 695-7270 or John Mathews at (915) 672-4077.

What Is An Antibiotic?

Antibiotics are medications that either kill bacteria or stop them from growing. They are prescribed for bacterial infections most often involving the lungs, throat or middle ear. Each antibiotic has a different chemical structure and this affects the way it works in the body. It is up to your doctor to decide whether you need an antibiotic, and if so, which one.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher
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"How long is your speech?", asked the program chairman. "Well, that's largely up to you," replied the lecturer. "If you want to hear what I know, I'll talk for about ten minutes, but if you want to hear what I think, be prepared for a whole day." That's a lot like what has been said about long talks: "It's not so much how long it is, as how you make it long." (I'm sure God would say the same about prayers.) Dragging a thirty second truth out to thirty minutes usually causes the truth to lose its impact and truthfulness -- and it also causes the speaker to lose his/her audience!

Perhaps that's why the Galleian's teachings were so effective and why He often had the multitudes listening for hours and days. His message was truth, straight from His Father. His teaching was "short and sweet," straight to the point. They were "Verily I say unto you(s)" rather than "I think(s)."

It is all right at times to share our "I think(s)" if they have been solicited, but when people are wanting to hear some "I know(s)," they get tired in a hurry of "I believe(s)." And since that's all I really know about the "long and short" of speeches, let me share an "I know" from Him who knew:

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18b-20)

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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BREAKFAST

- MONDAY — Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice, and milk.
- TUESDAY — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY — Pancakes, sausage, assorted juice and milk.
- THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
- FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY — Comdogs, pickle spears, baked beans, cake w/frosting and milk.
- TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears and milk.
- WEDNESDAY — Fiesta salad (chili beans, chips, cheese, rice, lettuce) pineapples and milk.
- THURSDAY — Lasagna, borccoli, garlic rolls, strawberries w/bananas and milk.
- FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, Rice Krispie treats and milk.

Cross Plains, A Town Full of Love & Caring

It is very hard to put into words how we feel about the people and community of Cross Plains. I know from reading the *Cross Plains Review* that there is an enormous amount of Love and Caring in your town.

Thank all of you for seven years of your friendship and kindness to us. Thank you also for all the wonderful things that have been said and written about our son Bill.

Bill really had some "special" young people to coach and teach, and also some "special" people to work with during his time at Cross Plains School.

We will never forget our friends that we have made through the years. We hope to see all of you again real soon.

Thanks so much for the reception given for Bill. The plaque presented to him is so nice. I am sure he will treasure it forever.

Please keep in touch and we will do the same. Remember us in your prayers and may God bless.

With love to all,

Irvin and Colene Boyd
Coach Boyd's Mom and Dad
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HEB Committed To Environmental Education

Calling all teachers who are looking for money to fund environmental projects.

Since 1989 the Texas General Land Office and the H-E-B Grocery Company has sponsored the Environmental Challenge program, challenging students to expand their knowledge of environmental issues through active participation in problem-solving initiatives. Grants from \$100 to \$750 will be awarded, with a total of \$25,000 available. The deadline for submitting applications is October 1, 1998.

"H-E-B is very committed to environmental education. We are extremely pleased that the Environmental Challenge program offers to students across Texas opportunities to learn through the hands-on projects things not ordinarily taught in the classroom," said Linda B. Smith, H-E-B's Manager of Environmental Affairs.

Grant awards range from \$100 to \$750 for projects to be conducted during the 1998-99 school year. Grade K-12 are eligible. For more information or applications, call Vickie Blackman at (817) 926-4187 or write to Jane Velasquez, Environmental Challenge Coordinator, Texas General Land Office, 9514 Console Dr., Suite 100, San Antonio, Texas 78229-2042.

Roger Carey Selected to 1998 National FFA Band

When the lights dimmed and a hush descends upon the audience of more than 44,000 at the world's largest annual youth convention this November, a local FFA member will share the spotlight in a musical performance that will inspire the crowd and provide memories to last a lifetime.

Roger Carey of Cross Plains has been selected to play tuba in the 1998 National FFA Band. The more than 100 member marching and concert band will perform at various events throughout the organization's 71st National FFA Convention, November 12-14 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Carey is a member of the Cross Plains FFA chapter. He is the son of Rickey and Sandra Carey.

FFA band members are nominated by their state associations and selected from more than 300 applications. The musicians will arrive in Kansas City five days before the convention to rehearse.

The National FFA Band is directed by Gene Englerth, director Michigan State FFA Band. The band is co-sponsored by Ford Division -- Ford Motor Company of Detroit, Michigan, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

FFA is a national organization of 449,814 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization has 7,241 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

Remember to vaccinate for flu before season hits

HOUSTON—Pregnant women have been added to the list of high-risk people for whom a flu shot is recommended this year.

"Research has shown that pregnant women are more likely to develop complications from influenza, such as pneumonia, than are young adults in the same age group," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, an epidemiologist at the Influenza Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and an attending physician at Houston's Ben Taub General Hospital. "The risk is 4.5 times greater in the last three months of pregnancy."

The vaccine is recommended for women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, which typically runs from November through March in the United States.

Others at risk for possibly fatal complications of the flu are the following:

- * People who are 65 years of age or older
- * People with heart disease
- * People with diabetes, kidney failure, AIDS, cancer or other chronic diseases that have required regular medical visits or hospitalization during the past year
- * People with chronic lung disease, including asthma and bronchitis
- * Children and teenagers on long-term aspirin therapy, which could put them at risk for Reye's syndrome after getting the flu.

Because flu season sometimes occurs in early fall, Glezen recommends that people at high risk of flu complications get their flu shots as

soon as possible. The vaccine is usually available by September 1.

This year's vaccine provides protection against the three strains of flu virus expected to dominate the 1998-99 season: A/Beijing (H1N1), A/Sydney (H3N2), and B/Harbin. The vaccine is about 85 percent effective in helping people avoid influenza, which kills thousands of people every year, most of them elderly.

"People shouldn't worry about getting the flu from a flu shot," Glezen said. "That's not possible, because the vaccine isn't made from a live virus."

Flu shots significantly lower the risk of hospitalization for influenza and pneumonia in people 65 or older, he said. "But healthy adults and children can also benefit from the vaccine by sparing themselves the misery of flu symptoms."

Flu shots are also recommended for health-care workers and others likely to have contact with the high-risk groups.

Influenza often strikes suddenly. Symptoms include fever, muscle pain, fatigue, a sore throat and a dry, hacking cough.

Adults can take aspirin or aspirin substitutes to reduce their fever and pain. Acetaminophen is recommended for these symptoms in children. Bed rest and liquids are also recommended for flu patients. Two drugs available by prescription only, amantadine and rimantadine, can help reduce the severity of illness caused by type-A flu strains if taken within 48 hours after symptoms develop.

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Varsity Schedule

| Game Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------|------|
| Aug. 20 | Robert Lee Scrimage (Thurs) | Home | 5:00 |
| Aug. 27 | Roby Scrimage (Thurs) | Away | 6:00 |
| Sept. 4 | Gorman | Home | 7:30 |
| Sept. 11 | Tolar | Away | 7:30 |
| Sept. 18 | Ranger | Home | 7:30 |
| Sept. 25 | Rotan | Away | 7:30 |
| Oct. 2 | Roscoe | Home | 7:30 |
| Oct. 9 | *Eden | Away | 7:30 |
| Oct. 16 | *Bronte | Home | 7:30 |
| Oct. 23 | *Miles | Away | 7:30 |
| Oct. 30 | *Santa Anna | Home | 7:30 |
| Nov. 6 | *Baird | Away | 7:30 |

Jr Varsity and Jr High Schedule

| Game Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Sept. 3 | Gorman | No Jr High JV | Away 6:00 |
| Sept. 10 | Tolar | Jr High JV | Home 6:00/7:30 |
| Sept. 17 | Ranger | Jr High JV | Away 6:00/7:30 |
| Sept. 24 | Rotan | Jr High JV | Home 6:00/7:30 |
| Oct. 1 | Roscoe | Jr High JV | Away 6:00/7:30 |
| Oct. 8 | *Eden | Jr High JV | Home 6:00/7:30 |
| Oct. 15 | *Bronte | Jr High JV | Away 6:00/7:30 |
| Oct. 22 | *Miles | Jr High JV | Home 6:00/7:30 |
| Oct. 29 | *Santa Anna/Gorman | JV JHSantaAnna-Away JV | Home 6:00/TBA |
| Nov. 5 | *Barid | Jr High JV | Home 6:00/7:30 |

Athletic Director/Head Coach: Cord Woerner

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Superintendent: Jackie Tennison

Jr/Sr High Principal: Rondall Sanders

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The Cross Plains Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 6.21 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 1, 1998 at 7:00 PM at Cross Plains High School.

FOR the proposal: Rickey Carey, Monty Richards, Tony Wyatt, Donnie Dillard, Rex Beggs and Charles Chesshir
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Leon Nixon

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Average home value | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |
| General exemptions available | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) | | |
| Average taxable value | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Tax Rate (per \$100) | 1.095281/\$100 | 1.148769/\$100 |
| Tax | \$109.53 | \$114.88 |

Under this proposal, taxes on the average home would increase by \$5.35 or 4.88 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.053488 per \$100 of taxable value or 4.88 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Heartworms Diagnosed In Dogs on Regular Basis in Our Area

Dogs with heartworms are being diagnosed on a regular basis in our area. Sixteen cases have been diagnosed since the first of the year and more cases would not have been found until clinical signs of heart disease were evident, but increased awareness of the problem has increased the testing for heartworms. Our area was once thought to be a low incidence area, but with the rapid increase in the numbers of heartworm cases we must take a more aggressive approach to the problem.

Heartworms are on the increase: Mild winters with recent rainfall resulting in more mosquitoes and year around exposure; Owners traveling with their dogs either to or from areas with severe heartworm problems; Owners more aware of the problem which results in some testing of infected dogs. Heartworm checks and preventatives must be initiated to decrease the incidence of the disease.

This is such a deadly disease that it is well worth reminding owners of certain facts:

—The net result of heartworm disease is the serious mechanical damage it causes to a dog's heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. But while it is stopping up kidneys and blood flow, there are few outward signs of all of the internal damage being caused until the disease is very far along.

—Mosquitoes are key carriers of heartworm disease. When an infected dog is bitten by a mosquito, blood is carried away which may include tiny, immature forms of heartworms called microfilaria.

—It takes about three month for these larvae to travel through the tissues of the body to enter the heart.

Dozens of these larvae to travel through the tissues of the body to enter the heart. Dozens of these larvae (some of which can actually become up to 14 inches long) become adults within another three months. By that time, much of the mechanical damage just mentioned has become fact.

Thanks to research and modern preventative medicine, there is a lot you can do to avoid heartworms in the first place or see that it is successfully treated if it hasn't progressed too far:

—A blood test is the only way to detect heartworm disease in its early stages.

—Since it's possible for an infected dog to have adult heartworms without microfilaria, an X-Ray examination and other lab tests may be needed to confirm heartworm infection.

—After the disease has progressed, symptoms can include frequent coughing, sluggishness, rapid tiring and finally, labored breathing.

—If caught in time, a series of injections of an organic arsenical drug can be used to kill heartworms. Then another drug can be used to get rid of the microfilaria.

—No vaccine is available for heartworm disease. You can give regular doses of a medication which can prevent infective larvae from developing into adult heartworms. This can be in the form of a tablet or a chewable treat once a month.

Also, recently a preventative for cats has become available. Cat heartworms are on the increase nation wide but is not at the high incidence levels as in dogs. One case of feline heartworms has been diagnosed.



20 YEARS SERVICE — Ray Ramos (right), Callahan County maintenance section employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was presented a 20 service award by Maribel P. Chavez, Allene district engineer. Ramos is a maintenance technician. The presentation was made during a recent supervisors' meeting in Abilene. (TxDOT photo by Mary E. Kilgore)

Ray Ramos Recognized by TxDOT for 20 Years Service

ABILENE — Ray S. Ramos, Callahan county maintenance section employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was recently honored with a 20 year service award.

Ramos, a roadway maintenance technician, began his TxDOT career in April 1978. He has worked in the Abilene district at the Callahan county maintenance section since joining the department.

In 1995, Ramos was named the

Abilene Area 1995 Employee of the Year.

A 1971 graduate of Clyde High School, he is married to the former Elida Rodriguez of Baird. They have one child: Missy, 21. She graduated from Abilene Commercial College in May 1998. Elida is employed by the Baird Independent School District.

Ramos, an avid football fan, has a collection of "Texas Football" magazines from 1965 to the present.



STENHOLM HONORED—Chuck Cushman, chairman of the League of Private Property Voters, awarding Congressman Stenholm the "Champion of Private Property Rights" certificate.

Stenholm Recently Named "Champion of Property Rights"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charlie Stenholm recently was named a "Champion of Property Rights" by the League of Private Property Voters. Stenholm scored a perfect 100 percent from the group in their 1998 Private Property Congressional Vote Index which rates Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate on actual votes that affect private property rights, regulatory burdens, access to Federal land and resource issues.

"Congratulations to Congressman Stenholm," hailed Chuck Cushman, chairman of the League. "This is the fifth consecutive time the Congressman has earned a Champion rating. He well deserves the title Champion of Private Property Rights."

The 1998 Vote Index scored the House on twelve key roll call votes, which included the Endangered Species Act, Biosphere and World Heritage programs, Forest Service Roads Funding, National Monument Designations, United Nations Land Designations, Private Property Rights/Local Land Use Decision Appeals, and Grazing Fees.

"The property owners, the farmers and ranchers, the small business men and women, the oil and gas

producers of the 17th District know what it takes to do their jobs while still respecting the air we breathe and the water we drink," Stenholm remarked. "I'm glad that there is a national group like The League of Private Property Voters which understands the same things as my constituents and takes note of the votes which represent those views."

The League of Private Property Voters and the Congressional Vote Index are non-partisan. The League was formed in 1990 to track congressional votes on property rights issues. The group is a coalition of more than 600 grassroots private property rights and Wise Use organizations, including groups such as Texas Agri-Women, Texas Wildlife Association, the American Sheep Industry, and the Western States Ground Water Alliance. The league plans to distribute one million copies of its 1998 Vote Index to voters across the country.

"It is an honor for me to receive this award, and I pledge to continue to vote in the manner that represents the best interests of my constituents," Stenholm responded.

In the 1998 Vote Index, 23 House Democrats were named "Champions."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Callahan County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 5.46 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. The public hearing will be held on 10:00 A.M., September 14, 1998 in the Commissioners Courtroom.

FOR the proposal: Bill Johnson, Harold Hicks, Bryan Farmer, Charlie Grider and Tommy Holland.

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Average home value | \$29,900 | \$29,900 |
| General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) | \$5,980 | \$5,980 |
| Average taxable value | \$23,920 | \$23,920 |
| Tax Rate (per \$100) | 0.344100 | 0.357306 |
| Tax | \$82.31 | \$85.47 |

Under this proposal, taxes on the average home would increase by \$3.16 or 3.84 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.013206 per \$100 of taxable value or 3.84 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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| | 2-dr., V-6, auto., NEW, 36/36 Warranty | |
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| | V-6, Auto., Loaded, 8 pass., 57,000 miles | |
| #9821 | '95 Chevrolet S-10 Ext. Cab | \$9,500 |
| | 4-cyd., 5-spd., LS pkg, 42,000 miles, clean | |
| #6285 | '95 Chevrolet 1/2 ton Conversion Van | \$18,950 |
| | loaded, NEW VEHICLE, 36/36 GM warranty | |
| #11206 | '95 Chevrolet Tahoe | \$21,500 |
| | 4-dr., 350 auto, loaded | |
| #9519 | '94 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Ext. Cab | \$13,500 |
| | 350, 5-sp., Silverado, 64,000 miles | |
| #11347 | '94 Chevrolet 3/4 ton Reg. Cab | \$12,500 |
| | Auto, Silverado, 64,000 miles | |
| #7048 | '94 Chevrolet Corsica | \$7,000 |
| | automatic, 49,000 miles | |
| | '93 Chevrolet Caprice 4-dr. LTZ | \$11,500 |
| | 350, auto., 56,000 miles | |
| #11455 | '97 Pontiac Grand AM | \$12,500 |
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emergence in some orchards. The
emergence of weevil is related to
soil type and soil moisture so heavy
soils that were hard due to the
drought will require moisture to
allow adults to emerge.

Effective management of the
pecan weevil requires monitoring of
kernel development to determine
when pecans are susceptible to
oviposition and monitoring of adult
emergence. Pecan kernel
development needs to be in the late
gel stage for females to successfully
oviposit. This development can be
easily determined by cutting pecans
and checking the consistency of the
developing kernel. Be sure and
check kernel development at the tip
end of the nut since maturity starts
at the tip end and proceeds to the
stem end.

The first insecticide treatment may
need to be applied sometime this
week regardless if adults have or
have not been collected in traps. Due
to the dry year, emergence may be
later than normal. If adult weevils
are being collected in traps 5 to 10
days after the initial treatment. If
weevils are not collected the second
treatment can be delayed until rain
or irrigation stimulates emergence.
A third treatment may be needed if
weevils are collected 5 days after the
second application.

Recommended insecticides for
pecan weevil include: Sevin 80S@
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4F@ 1-2.5 qts/100 gallons or Sevin
XLR@ 1.0 -2.5 qts/100 gallons;
Fury 1.5 EC@ 2.82-4.26 oz./acre.

Where the pecan weevil occurs
across the pecan belt it represents a
major threat to a pecan crop and need
to be managed. In looking over some

of the literature on pecan weevil here
are a few facts you might find
interesting. Pecan weevil has been
recorded infesting all species of
Carya (hickory) that are indigenous
to North America. Male pecan
weevils feed at the rate of 0.29 nuts/
day and live an average of 21.1 days.
After shell hardening males feed on
the shucks. Females feed on 0.23
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live an average of 23.8 days.

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Valeta Brown Promoted To Assistant Branch Manager at First National Bank

First National Bank-Lake Brownwood is proud to announce the promotion of Valeta Brown to Assistant Branch Manager. A newcomer to the area, First National Bank opened in February of this year in the old Cattle Baron Steak House located on Highway 279. This is the only branch office of the First National Bank of Hamilton. The expansion has created a need for an assistant to the Branch Manager, Debbie Eoff, also of Hamilton. Valeta has been employed with the bank since February 2, 1998, and was involved in helping set up the bank office.

Valeta is the wife of Jimmy Brown and they have two sons, Chris and Jody Brown, who graduated from Cross Plains High School. Chris now resides in Dallas and Jody in Lubbock. The couple have one granddaughter, Alyssa Brown, daughter of Jody. Valeta is the daughter of Charlie Howard and

Juanita Edgington of Cross Plains. The First National Bank of Hamilton saw a need for a bank in the Lake Brownwood area and opened their first Branch Office in February. In the first ninety-three days they topped one million in deposits and are continually growing.

They currently employ three other outstanding employees from the Brownwood area including June Grigsby - Personal Banker; Betty Leonard - Personal Banker and Karen McGowen - Personal Banker.

Not only does the bank have convenient hours for their customers, they are also a full service bank on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon.

If you are in the Lake Brownwood area, stop in and congratulate Valeta on her promotion and have a cup of coffee with the ladies of the First National Bank.

Fibromyalgia Support Group Meets Mon., Aug. 31

The first meeting of the Cross Plains Fibromyalgia Support Group was well attended and those present agreed that this disease only strikes good people.

There was intelligent conversation and sharing of information with everyone - contributing knowledge they had gleaned from a variety of sources, as well as first-hand accounts of successful treatments and coping skills.

Baird Homecoming Activities begin Sept. 25

The Baird 1998 Homecoming is fast approaching. Activities will begin on Friday, September 25, with the Baird Bears playing Throckmorton in the Bears Den at 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, September 26, the Coffee and early Registration will be in the Elementary Cafeteria beginning at 9:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., the Baird United Methodist Church women will serve a delicious lunch in the cafeteria.

At 1:00 p.m. the Registration will move to the Baird High School foyer. The Business Meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The "Golden Year Grads" from the classes of 1948 and 1949 will be honored.

Our Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the Street Dance, featuring "Jim Sadler and Friends," will be from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. Anyone interested in being in the parade please contact Barbara Corn, (915) 854-1137.

The officers are working to make this the best homecoming ever, but your presence is needed for us to accomplish this task. Please come to as many activities as possible.

Registration cost is still \$3.00 and this fee will get you in the Coffee, Business Meeting and Street Dance.

If anyone would like to be an officer and work on the year 2000 Homecoming, please call the Ex-Student's Association at (915) 854-1497.

The Baird Ex-Student's Association need help in obtaining the names of any ex-student that

Cisco Jr. College Registration under way till Sept. 3

Cisco Junior College's Dean of Admissions, Olin O. Odom, III, reminds area residents that registration is under way and will continue through September 3 at the Cisco campus. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as September 3, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes begin on August 26 and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the student.

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

Students may register at the main campus in Cisco during regular office hours. For more information call the following number: (254) 442-2567.

A second meeting has been set for Monday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Living Water Ministries on West Highway 36. The group will be planning a travel schedule for car pooling to Abilene for hydrotherapy. A minimum of six patients is required. If you are interested, make plans to attend. Spouses and family members are invited to the group sessions.

won a state title in any sporting event. These people will be recognized at the Homecoming meeting September 26. We need names, years and sports event. We need team members or individuals with state title honors.

Please contact Dana Barton (915) 854-1497 or Felix or Barbara Manion (915) 854-5948.

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