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## Down Home

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is a letter to Dick Arme, House of Representative of Denton, from local farmer/rancher Charles H. Payne. Payne is informing representatives of the farmer's plight and it really makes you think. Charles agreed to having his letter published, because so many locals can relate to his circumstances. He encourages everyone to write your government representatives before it is too late! **Vanda Anderson Creech**

To Dick Arme:

I am 54 years old and the 4th generation in my family in the farming and ranching business in Coleman, Callahan and Brown counties. My grandparents started in this area in the very early 1880's in this business and we are a family who loves God's land dearly!

In the three counties that we operate, I'm one of the youngest who is left in the business, full-time. Agriculture is dying a horrible death in this country and it is everybody's business.

We are real good managers of our agriculture business or we would have been broke and long gone, a long time ago. We cannot get anything for our product. I have an 80 year-old dad who can still put in a good 12-14 work day on this farm and cattle operation. His mind is sharp and his memory is better than most people half his age. He told me many times that he and my mom married in 1940, (had his first land payment that year) and they sold wheat for \$2.50 to \$2.55 a bushel and purchased Mrs. Baird's bread at the grocery store for .08 cents a loaf.

Today, as I write this letter, wheat is \$220 a bushel and I saw some bread for sale this morning for \$1.25 a loaf. It takes about 12 truck loads of wheat sold on today's market to purchase the same loaf of bread as 1 truck load of wheat sold in 1940. This is just one of many, many examples that I can give you of why our agriculture is dying off in this country.

In 1950 700 bushels of wheat would buy a new pickup, I need to replace a pickup soon. 8000 bushels of wheat will not replace it, nor will 10,000 bushels of wheat replace it, and I'm not talking about a fancy pickup. The example that I have just given you applies to all things that we raise in agriculture including oats, corn, milo and so on.

Can you tell me why, labor, consumer, government and others think that we are to continue to subsidize the American grocery bill out of the farmers and ranchers pocket to the extent that it kills agriculture off in this nation? Big corporations will not take over agriculture in this nation. It will not work -- they can put their money in other investments and make more returns.

Ag is moving out of this nation and into foreign countries (such as Mexico, Australia, Canada and South America). There will be a time in the future when we will not be the number 1 food producers in the world. We will be just like our oil business in this nation that has moved overseas.

We all will see a time, not too long

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## Project Pride Hosting Christmas Yard Display & Sale Oct. 27

Many of you do not begin to think about decorating for the Christmas season until December arrives. However, on Tuesday, October 27, from dusk until 10:00 p.m. Project Pride is offering you an opportunity to view a spectacular display of lighted yard art created by Santa's Barn of Lubbock (formerly of Graham). The art work will be set up on the lots just east of the Robert E. Howard Museum property located on West Highway 36 in Cross Plains.

Project Pride recently purchased an eleven piece nativity scene which will be displayed during the holiday season on the Robert E. Howard property. It is hoped that other local organizations and places of business will want to join them in making this a display which will draw people from near and far. Project Pride is currently accepting donations to be used toward the purchase of additional pieces to be placed here in Cross Plains.

Santa's Barn plans to bring a number of pieces of lighted yard art to display. All of these items will be available for purchase or you may place orders. Most of their art is Christmas related but they do have the University of Texas and Texas Tech logo available. They do custom work, also. Any of their work would make a great display for the home or business.

Please join Project Pride on Tuesday evening, no obligations attached, view the artwork and enjoy coffee and cookies. Representatives from out of town organizations are invited.

If you would like more information, please contact Bettie Cavanaugh at 254-725-7362 Thursday-Saturday; 254-725-6284 evenings; or Susan or Margaret McNeel at 254-725-6498 evenings.

## Grass Fire Injures Two Volunteer Firefighters

By BILLY HARRIS  
Special Writer

A grass fire in southern Callahan County injured two Oplin Volunteer Firefighters Wednesday, October 14.

JoAnn Winters received severe burns while fighting a wind swept range fire that started from a welder's spark. Also injured was fellow fireman Rick James.

Both firefighters were airlifted from the scene by "First Fight" helicopter to Hendrick Medical Center Wednesday evening. James was treated and released at Hendrick and Winters was flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock just before 8 p.m. She was still listed in critical condition Monday, October 19, with second and third degree burns over forty-percent of her body.

Oplin Fire Chief Dale Winters, who was driving the truck that JoAnn and Rick were on, said the wind had shifted sending the fire traveling toward the truck. As he attempted to turn the truck to escape the blaze the tires ran over a log, that was hidden by the grass and heavy smoke and the bump pitched the two off the back of the truck into the fire.

Dale baled out of the truck and assisted JoAnn, who is his wife, while Rick sprayed them with water. By this time the fire had spread un-

derneath the fire truck and Dale had to jump back in and drive out of the flames with the injured firemen on the back.

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, who was already near the fire when the firemen were injured, met the Oplin truck on a pasture road and helped carry the injured woman to the back of his sheriff's pickup. He then attempted to drive north to County Road 410 to meet a Cross Plains EMS ambulance enroute down State Highway 283.

"When I got to within 1/4 mile of the county road the flames were coming across the pasture road 3 or 4 feet high," said Curtis, "and with them (the injured firemen) being in the back I didn't want to chance driving through the fire."

Baird Fire Chief Russell Robbins said, "The smoke was so thick we had to turn back." Robbins, in a Baird brush truck, was trying to get to Sheriff Curtis' location from the front of the fire line.

Curtis immediately had Callahan County Dispatch to summon the air ambulance because as he put it, "We're cut off from the rest of the world here."

An old airplane landing strip, near where the fire had started, was utilized for a landing zone for the he-

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## Taylor Electric Co-Op lineman injured in electrical accident Monday evening

By BILLY HARRIS  
Special Writer

COTTONWOOD—A Taylor Electric Co-Op lineman was injured in an electrical accident about 10:00 p.m. Monday evening, October 19, near here.

Thirty-eight year old Dwain English was up on a pole west of Cottonwood when he accidentally came in contact with a live power line carrying 7,200 volts of electricity. English was then stuck at the top of the wooden pole hanging by his safety belt.

The two man service crew was attempting to restore power to the area that had experienced an outage at about 9:00 p.m. Monday evening.

His partner, David Thomas, had to climb the pole and lower the unconscious man to the ground with a safety line. Thomas suffered severe rope burns to his hands while letting the injured man down slowly. Thomas then loaded English into their service pickup and headed for IH-20 on FM 2228.

They were escorted by Callahan County Sheriff's Deputy Denver Collins to a rendezvous with a Citizens EMS ambulance at Baird where English was transferred to the medical truck and taken on to Hendrick Medical Center. English was listed as being admitted to the hospital and in stable condition said a Hendrick spokesperson Tuesday.

Taylor County Electric Co-Op Operations Manager Jerry Russell said, "Yes, we train quite often for pole rescues." That training came into play Monday night when Thomas rescued English.

"July of 1960 was the last time we (Taylor Electric) had an incident where a lineman was burned," said Russell, who has been with the power company for 41 years.

English has been with Taylor Electric for almost 20 years and his

partner, Thomas, has worked for the company a little over 3 years. Both men live in the Merkel area.

Ronny Doan, an electric co-op assistant manager, said, "David saved Dwain's life and he will be recommended for a life-saving award through the company's safety program."

"David did just what he was trained to do," said Doan, "we train on pole rescue regularly and for just such a case as happened last night."

The repair crew (English and Thomas) had found a line on the ground and were attempting to repair the break on County Road 452. Doan said, "The brush is real bad in the area and they thought they had pulled the right switch to cut the electricity off, but they hadn't." Doan attributed the heavy brush and darkness, that caused the line to be hard to trace, for the mistake on the switch.

The accident was reported to Callahan County Dispatch just after 10:00 p.m. Cross Plains and Cottonwood emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene but the rescue had already been performed and the linemen were headed out before local authorities arrived.

"When English reached up to grab the line, the current went in his right hand and arm and exited out his right knee and thigh," Doan said. "Dwain was in good spirits when I talked to him at the hospital this morning," he added.

Doan said English knows what he's looking forward to, with the electrical burns, due to the safety training provided by the company.

A second crew was dispatched to the Cottonwood area and had restored power to the 8 or 9 customers, affected by the outage, by about 2:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

## We've Only Just Begun

By DANNES TURNER

It is the hope and prayer of the Board of Directors of the United Fund of Cross Plains that our theme for the 1998 Budget Drive is "We've Only Just Begun."

We have received \$2,712.00 thus far which represents 60% of our goal of \$4,550.00.

The United Fund is a service organization which distributes funds locally and to area organizations which are used by area residents.

Due to a limited number of volunteers this year, we were unable to canvas the whole area on October 2.

If we missed you it is not too late to contribute. Send your donations to: United Fund c/o Citizens State Bank P.O. Box 699 Cross Plains, Texas 76443

In preparing for the budget drive this verse came to light "He who gathers money little by little makes it grow" Proverbs 13:11. We are still holding to this truth as we continue to strive toward our goal.

## Hunter's Feed just around the corner

The Hunter's Feed is just around the corner. All you business owners - are you ready for hunting season. We need gifts for door prizes. Each gift you give away will mean that person must visit your store and hopefully bring other hunters and also come back.

The Hunter's Feed is being advertised every Saturday and Sunday eight times per day all through October up until the feed November 7th. Please make it easier on us by calling and letting us bring certificates to you or pick them up at J&L Sales or Higginbotham's. Call Joe Kemp at (254) 725-7158 or Debbie Reed at (254) 725-6151.

This will be the 3rd Hunter's Feed. Let's make it the biggest yet.

## Collum's Restaurant & Fishin' for Fun-Ding Team Up for Fund-raiser Saturday, October 31

Collum's Restaurant and Fishin' for Fun-Ding cordially invite you to have dinner and share the fun with them Halloween night, Saturday, October 31.

Come have all-you-can-eat fried catfish or enchiladas with all the trimmings, including salad bar for \$5.99 and be served by the HALLOWEEN WAITRESSES:

Bob "Roberta" Pipes  
Joe "Josephine" Graves  
Bryan "Brianna" Bennett.

All tips will go toward the Fishin' for Fun-Ding Scholarship Fund. Halloween waitresses will be on duty from 6 to 10 p.m.

There will be plenty of treats for the kid!!!!

STANDARD TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, OCT. 25

SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING SATURDAY NIGHT.

Thursday, Oct. 22  
Jr. High & JV Here vs. Miles  
Kickoff 6:00 p.m.  
**BUFFALO FOOTBALL**

Friday, Oct. 23  
Varsity There  
Buffs vs. Miles  
Kickoff 7:30 p.m.

## Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative

Call Mary Graves at 254-725-6563

or

Come by the Senior Citizens Center

on Main Street, any Wednesday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

We can help you file an application for assistance.

We will have forms on hand, and will be glad to assist you.

There is money available now for eligible persons.

You do not have to live in the city, nor do you have to be a senior citizen to qualify.

## COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Pioneer Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, October 25, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Mary Jo Rogers & Robert Villela Ramos of Clyde.  
Alva Mae Puryear & Chester Arnold Stewart of Cincinnati, Ohio

### 42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

April Michelle Seabourn vs James Steven Keith, motor vehicle damages.  
Sally Castleberry vs Estate of Hal Dean Windham, default on loan.  
Divorce filed:  
Dyer, John & Sabrina, and in the interest of minor child.

#### Civil Minutes

Bobby Lynn Austin vs Tracy Lee & Connie Guthrie Pueschel, dismissed with prejudice.  
Divorce granted:  
Key, Alva Willie & Joseph E.

#### Felony Complaint & Information

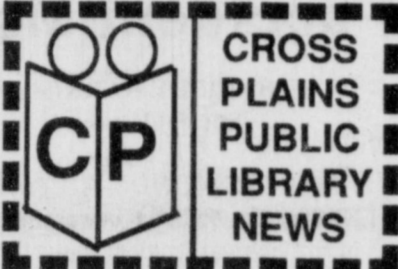
Adam J. Cobb, theft.

#### Felony Minutes

Zachary C. Coward, burglary of a habitation, \$2500 fine \$229.25 court costs, 6 years probation.  
Janelle D. Bouchard, burglary of a habitation, \$2000 fine \$229.25 court costs, 6 years probation.



Seniors should check all their Medicare bills and forms carefully.



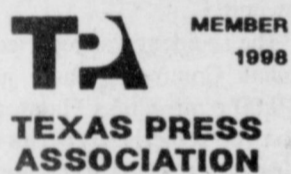
Suggestions for honoring people you love:

Many patrons of the library make donations to the library to honor friends or family members who have died. Lately, the idea has "spilled over" into happier occasions. Christmas is a good time to make a donation to honor a loved one who is difficult to buy for and anniversaries and birthdays are good times to give something that will last. Flowers and fruit last a short time, but gifts are long lasting when you invest in the library. A note is sent to tell the honoree that the gift has been made. Actually, when you give through the library, you are giving two gifts in one. Try it!

Library stats:  
Cross Plains books: 96  
Abilene books: 10  
Audio cassettes: 8  
Total: 114

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## CHURCH SERVICES

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10TH & MAIN CROSS PLAINS (254) 725-7629  
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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Robert Smith - Interim Pastor • Jason Kempf - Youth & Music Minister

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9TH & AVE. D CROSS PLAINS  
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BIBLE CLASS ..... 10:30 A.M.  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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## OBITUARIES

### Helen Swafford

BAIRD—Helen Swafford, 73, of Baird passed away Thursday, October 15, 1998, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Parker Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Ross Cemetery Annex.

She was born June 17, 1925, in Searcy, Arkansas, and had lived in DeLeon for 14 years, moving recently to Baird. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one son Billy Skogland, her parents, one sister and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard Swafford of Baird; a daughter, Tracy Harris of Houston; daughter-in-law Betty Skogland of Mobil, Alabama; one grandson, Aaron Swafford of DeLeon; three sisters, Betty Jean Hawkins of Wichita, Kansas; Zel Glass of Sweetwater and Patsy Young of North Platte, Nebraska; two brothers Bud Poole of Denver and Bob Poole of Sacramento, California; area brothers-in-law are Pete Swafford of Baird and Pete Glass of Sweetwater; area sisters-in-law are Nita Rawson of Baird, Katie Dunn of Abilene, Peggy Swafford of Eastland, and Flora Gibbs of Ft. Stockton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jeff Burleson, Eddie Curtis, Benny Gibbs, Lloyd Ray Hughes, Terry Stephens and Henry Martin.

### Madeleine Diehl

Madeleine Ada Diehl, age 70, of Passaic, Missouri, died Thursday, October 15, 1998, at Bates County Memorial Hospital in Butler, Missouri. She was born December 4, 1927, to Joe Ernest and Ruth Ada Hobbs Hanke in Brownwood.

Madeleine lived in Burkett and Brownwood, attending Burkett High School where she played basketball and graduated with honors at the early age of 16 years. At age 18, she moved to Kansas City where she graduated from Central Radio and Television School and was then employed by Transworld Airlines. On October 10, 1948, she was united in marriage to Kermit Charles Diehl and to this union were born two boys and five girls. She and Kermit moved to the Butler area in 1949 where they have lived since. In addition to being a wife and mother, Madeleine kept books for their self-employed business, and with her husband operating Diehl's Station and RV Park for the past 25 years. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, VFW, and member and past president of the Lady Elks.

Because of her quiet ways, Madeleine was fondly nicknamed and known as "Mouse" by her husband, brother, and mother. She was accomplished, multi-talented, and intelligent — and a lady who loved to laugh and who possessed a wonderful sense of humor! Her hobby was sewing and making bear quilts — an art passed down from her mother. She unselfishly shared handmade quilts not only with family, but friends and neighbors as well. Madeleine enjoyed road trips, fishing, gardening, dancing, and playing bingo and pitch. She looked forward to Easter and Christmas when the kids would come home...and to their annual summer fish fry. She was proud of her children — commenting she didn't have much money but was a millionaire with her kids...and they were blessed by her — commenting that there was not a better mother on the face of the earth.

Madeleine is survived by her husband of 50 years, Kermit Diehl of Passaic, Missouri; two sons, J.C. Diehl and wife Billie of Olathe, Kansas, and Jim Diehl and wife Debbie of Salisbury, Maryland; five daughters, Vickie Diehl and husband John Bangs of Columbia, Missouri, Sherrie Shirky and husband Bruce of San Antonio, Shirlie West and husband Larry of Amoret, Missouri, Julie Peterson and husband John of Lexington, South Carolina, and Jackie Nieder and husband Alan of Amsterdam, Missouri; one brother, Joe E. "Red" Hanke Jr. and wife Era Lee of Cross Plains; 12 grandchildren, Kathy Diehl, Kristi Diehl, Ashley Bangs, Amy Bangs, Grant West, Vanessa West, Jacob Diehl, Amanda Peterson, Elizabeth Peterson, Allison Nieder, Miles Nieder, and Emily Nieder; other relatives and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mass of Christian burial was at 10 a.m. Monday, October 19, 1998, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Richard Ducate officiating. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or the Bates County Elks. Services were under the direction of the Schowengerdt Funeral Chapel in Butler, Missouri.

### Clarification

In last weeks report on the Cross Plains City Council meeting it implied that the City of Cross Plains would own the local Housing Initiative Corporation. It should have said that the Community of Cross Plains and surrounding area would own the corporation.

### Eula Methodist Church Fall Festival November 7

Mark your calendar now to attend the Eula United Methodist Church Fall Festival on Saturday, November 7, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 5810 FM 603. Lots of Christmas gifts and decorations will be for sale, including clothing, jewelry, wreaths, swags, tree decorations, centerpieces, numerous other arts and crafts, and bake sale. Orders are being taken for smoked turkey, ham, sausage and chicken; call 529-4938. Raffle tickets for a queen size handmade quilt are on sale for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00; call 529-3554. A Mexican Pile-on will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, call 529-4708 or 529-3731. There will be lots of activities for children. Bring the whole family! For more information, call Ruth at 529-3114 or Toni at 529-4241.

### Annual Cottonwood School Homecoming to be held Sat., Oct. 31

The Annual Cottonwood School Homecoming will be held Saturday, October 31, at the Cottonwood Community Center. The doors will open at 5 p.m. All ex-students, teachers and any interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Exes are reminded that the homecoming is held the last Saturday in October each year!

Cake, cookies and pies will be served with coffee or tea. Those attending are requested to bring a sweet and the drinks will be furnished.

### Fibromyalgia Support Group To Meet

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Allen and Brenda Weizer, 124 North Avenue D (across from the Post Office).

Sharing and caring has proved to be beneficial to those participating. If you have the disease (soft tissue arthritis) or know of someone who does, plan on attending.

## Paint & Palette Art Club Hosting Art Display and Sale Nov. 6 & 7

The Paint and Palette Art Club will be hosting an Art Display and Sale November 6-7 at the Cross Plains Community Center. This is a new venture, rather than the competitive art show of past years.

Area artists are invited to set up your display on Thursday, November 5, at 4:00 p.m. You will need to contact Marlene Sanders at (254) 725-7421 or Betty Beggs at (254) 725-7235 for additional information. Artists are required to set up their own exhibits and be responsible for them.

The schedule of events are as follows:

### Annual Meeting of Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association

The Cross Timbers Association Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, October 29, at Carbon Community Baptist Mission (location: the old Carbon school building).

Carbon Community Mission is hosting supper at 6 p.m. in the gym. The evening session will begin at 7 p.m. with the Calvary Singers presenting the music portion of the service. The ministry group consists of Jerry and Janice Oliver and Lynette Johnson. The Olivers have been in full-time music and preaching ministry since 1975. Johnson joined the ministry in 1996.

The evening sermon will be brought by Miles Seaborn, Jr. of Fort Worth. Rev. Seaborn is president of Southern Baptists of Texas and a trustee for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Seaborn pastored Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth from 1968 to 1997 and worked with Laotian, Korean, African American and Hispanic missions and apartment ministries. He and his wife Jeanne were two term SBC missionaries to the Philippines (1958-1968) with responsibilities in church planting and evangelism.

For more information about Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association or the Annual Meeting, call Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.

November 5 - Set up Displays 4:00 p.m.

November 6 - Open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

November 7 - Open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Punch and cookies will be served Saturday. There will also be a People's Choice Award given with a cash prize of \$100.

Random drawings for Buffalo Bucks will be held throughout the two-day event. Buffalo Bucks are gift certificates which may be used to purchase items at participating Cross Plains businesses.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the display and meet your area artists.

### No Evening Service at Cottonwood Baptist Sunday

This coming Sunday evening, October 25, the Cottonwood congregation will join with other Baptist churches in the county for the Annual Callahan Association Meeting. No evening service will convene at Cottonwood Baptist Church.

You are invited to attend the associational meeting at Cherry Heights Baptist Church in Clyde at 7 p.m.

### Down Home

In the future, when we will be producing only 1/4 of our needed oil (3/4 coming from overseas) and producing 1/4 or our nations food, the rest coming from overseas. Then if we have another Pearl Harbor or greater than, what will we do?

On our absolute basic essentials, such as food and fuel, we should never become dependent on foreign countries. I know that big city people have griped about our food surplus in this nation. You show me a nation that does not have a food surplus, and I will show you a nation with a food shortage and a lot of starving people.

Just remember -- if you EAT, You are involved in Agriculture!!!!

## Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, November 14  
Lord's Acre Fall Festival  
United Methodist Church  
Cross Plains, Texas

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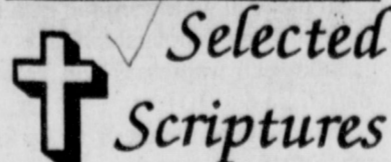
is offering a view of lighted yard art  
Created by Santa's Barn of Lubbock  
Items will be available to purchase or place orders

**Tuesday, October 27**

Dusk until 10:00 p.m.

at

The Lots East of Robert E. Howard  
Museum on West Highway 36  
Be Prepared For Christmas Decorating!



I honor and love your commands. I meditate on your principles. Psalm 119:48  
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# NEWS

By  
**LINDA MERRITT**  
Activity Director

Alpha Wilson had a pretty perm and was all dressed up waiting for her nephew Marion Simpson to pick her up to take her to her sisters anniversary party. Helen Frances and T.C. Simpson celebrated their 82nd wedding anniversary. Alpha said she surprised them all by walking up three steps to the door. She said everyone had a good time eating cake and visiting together.

A warm welcome to our new resident Nash Tucker.

Thoughts and prayers for June Culvahouse who is in the hospital. Special appreciation to Teri Brown and Gilbert for the cute Halloween decorations, to Frances McAnally for the delicious cookies, to Frances Wolf for the candy and to Lilly Dillard and Ray Purvis for keeping our residents looking nice, to Charlou Cowan and Lurene McNutt for the candy.

Leo and Jewel Thompson visited with Sylvia Smith and others.

Frances McAnally and Susan Andis visited with Ed McAnally.

Billy and Donna Bell and Renee Byars visited with Pauline Region. Laquetta Rankin, Frankie Smith

and Angie Clower visited with Falba Shofner, Jo Boatright and Pauline Region.

Danny McGowen from Brownwood and Mona Wilson from Abilene visited with Blanche Brooks.

Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Arlington, Byron, Brenton and Lurene McNutt and Charlou Cowan visited with Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week were:  
**Monday:** Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Ruby Harrell, Alpha Wilson and Louise Richardson (2). Exercise class.

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

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

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Alpha Wilson, Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson (2), Vera Belyeu, Inola Wilcoxon, Nash Tucker and Howet Wilson. Bean bag toss.

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

**Sunday:** Pioneer Baptist  
God gives His best to those that leave the choice with Him.

## Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

### "Number One Son"

Just think about it; no matter how old or mature our children become we still think of them as "our" child.

Our oldest son, Mark Lee, is moving from Texas soon. Much too soon for us. He is moving away; clear up to St. Paul, Minnesota.

You know how mothers are, Minnesota is a long, long way from Austin, Texas, where Mark now resides...And besides that, it's so cold way up there in Minnesota, and the last time he called he was just recovering from the flu, and that is still in Texas. Just think how much colder it will be in Minnesota, but what's a mother to do? After all, the first week of November Mark will celebrate his 36th birthday. I guess you have to give in and relinquish your grip on them sometime, but does it have to be so far away?

Course we're proud of Mark. He has accomplished so much these past few years. Transferred from his job in Clovis, New Mexico, to Austin about three years ago; tripled the sales of the garden center there and now has requested and been

granted a transfer to Minnesota.

Guess I could write him one of those mother letters, you know; when it's cold (everyday) be sure and wear your galoshes, wrap up warm, keep your feet dry, wear a coat and a cap (cap--yeah sure, ha, ha, I can just see that), remember your gloves, etc., etc., etc! But I guess at 36 years, he's already heard all that about 4,000 times and then some.

Though we are reluctant to see our #1 son move away, and we will really miss him we wish him all the best. He's being really good about it, he said he'll purchase open plane tickets for us so we can come visit him anytime and will get an 800 number so we can call him easily. Guess you can't beat that.

Message from Mom and Dad; health, happiness, keep warm and don't forget to call or write.

Later Dude!

P.S. His Uncle Johnny Mosley, wife Carmen and family live in Minneapolis, just an hour and a half away...Still you've heard how it is with mothers. Haven't you.

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Friday Oliver, Frankie, Jean Fore and Vi Harlow went to Coleman. They went to Holiday Hall to visit Ed McAnally, but he had been taken to Cross Plains. Oliver and Frankie got to visit with his cousin, Mrs. Nora Smith that was in the home there. Olive and Frankie went to the Rising Star Festival Saturday. Then Saturday night they went to the Cisco Musical.

Katheryn Brown from Fort Worth spent two days with her sister, Earlene Burge. They had a nice visit

before she left Saturday. Earlene went to Brownwood after she left and spent the day with her daughter Jessica and husband Jack and granddaughter Cindy Ochoa.

Paul, Juanita and Vi Harlow returned to their home in Lovington, New Mexico after visiting Jean Fore ten days.

Jim Alexander and family spent the weekend with James and Jean Alexander. They also attended the ACU Homecoming.

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By  
**BEVERLY BROWN**

Congratulations to Billie Kelly. Billie's name was drawn as the winner of the "Log Cabin" quilt at the Turkey Supper on Friday evening. A spokesman for the Cottonwood Quilting Club reported a good turn out and they greatly appreciated your support in help and donations. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the club members for their many projects at the local community center.

Mary VanDerLinden was presented with a bouquet of roses acknowledging her ten years of handling the notification and scheduling the musicians for the programs at the Cottonwood Musicals. Mary's last night was this past Friday. We will greatly miss her and do appreciate all her work for the club.

The Cottonwood Homecoming Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 31, at the Cottonwood Community Center commencing at 5:00 p.m. Former students, teachers, friends, and residents of the community are cordially invited to attend. We do hope you will plan to be on hand. Please bring old class pictures and other items you would like to share with the group.

Recently, family members visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown were her sisters and brothers-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Leonetti of Cody Wyoming and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sneed of Azle; and Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra of Houston. Arlene and John visited daily with her mother, Mildred Ford at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross

Plains during their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown and Mr. and Mrs. John Leonetti visited with Wayne's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brown in Abilene last week.

The Weaver sister, Wanda Hammel of San Antonio, Shirley Byrd of Keller and Dena Nickerson, Billie Kelly and Mary Ella Weaver of Cottonwood recently vacationed and visited with relatives in Van Buren, Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mary reported in spite of being a little crowded in the car and Dena's early morning trip to the emergency room, they had a great six days. Upon their return to Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hines of Clyde were on hand to transport her mother, Dena, to their home in Clyde. She has been undergoing doctor appointments and tests in Abilene.

A love fund has been set up for Dena Nickerson at Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains to help the family with medical expenses incurred.

Recent visitors with Mary Ella Weaver were her cousins Carol Kelley and Jennifer Weaver, new baby Wyatt Bronco Williams and Earnie Williams all of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On Sunday, October 25, the fellowship dinner will be held following the morning worship services at Cottonwood Baptist Church. Please bring a covered dish for the noon meal.

## TRIAD News

By KAY D. MOSLEY

Two local members of the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council paid a special visit to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center Tuesday, October 13.

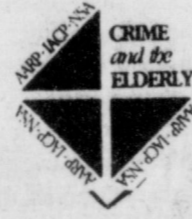
Esther Kerr and Johnnie Bland presented a TRIAD sponsored program for the seniors. They showed a video on the TRIAD program which was narrated by Dan Morales, Texas State Attorney General. The video gave background information and stressed that TRIAD's purposes are to prevent and protect the vulnerable and elderly from fraud, scams and other crimes. Other purposes are to aid senior citizens by checking on their health and well-being, helping them to stay safe; to encourage their pursuits and to assist in solving other problems with which they might be faced.

By providing an informative and educational program for interested seniors, the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Council hopes to acquaint them with the TRIAD program and its goals.

Esther and Johnnie reported they enjoyed the delicious meal following the program and urge other seniors to attend.

Plans are currently underway for the S.A.L.T. Council to present monthly programs at the Senior Citizens Center to provide information, and keep them up to date on TRIAD matters, on the latest scams, frauds and other pertinent facts.

TRIAD is now sponsoring the Neighborhood Watch endeavor which is currently underway in this community. For more information on Neighborhood Watch contact Joe Howser who is heading the program and is rumored to be needing volunteers.



## MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

Kids come up with the darndest things to say! One time when Lorene was at the stove cooking, Pee Wee was talking to her and she was not listening or did not hear what he had said.

"What did you say?" she asked, and Pee Wee replied, "I do not know—I was not listening."

When my granddaughter Tawni was about four, we passed a dead skunk on the road and she stated, "Pa Pa, that stunk sure did stink!"

## OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

### Medicare Now Covers Diabetic Supplies

As of July 1, 1998, non-insulin dependent diabetics on Medicare Part B or Medicare managed-care qualify for coverage of supplies such as blood glucose monitors, test strips, and lancets. Your physician must give you a written prescription for supplies. It must state the number of test strips to be dispensed, if the patient takes insulin, and how often the patient should test his or her blood. The usual co-payments or deductibles will apply.

Your better health is our concern.

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will be open and giving candy away to Trick or Treaters on Saturday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Games will be available for adults during this time.

A big thank you to Dale Mitchell Construction for donating their time to finish a counter top in the kitchen

of the center!

Another big thank you to all our volunteers who deliver our meals to shut-in folks!

We want the community to come join us in games and a noon meal Monday through Friday. The center is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is not only for Senior Citizens!

## Hunting for Deer Lease Answers

COLLEGE STATION—Deer hunting is big business in Texas, and hunting leases remain a constant revenue source for many Texas landowners.

Recently the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University revised *The Texas Deer Lease*. Written by Judon Fambrough, senior lecturer and attorney, this report provides useful information on many deer lease issues, and it may be an essential tool for deer hunters.

The "no trespass" notice is new to this edition. The report also provides information on how to prevent trespassing and poaching. Five ways landowners may limit entrance are discussed. The guide also elaborates on the September 1, 1997, measure that legalizes purple paint marks on trees and posts in lieu of "no trespassing" signs.

The guide discusses the new rules regarding liability insurance and landowner liability. By having specified minimum levels in place, says Fambrough, landowners receive two benefits.

First, the landowners' liability is capped at the stated amounts. Second, landowners owe hunters no more duty than is owed trespassers. Ways to limit landowner liability, including the use of waivers, are covered.

"Texas landowners hold a unique position," says Fambrough. "Unlike

many states, Texas has little federally or state-owned land available for public hunting. This places private landowners in control of a major supply of huntable land and affords them a unique source of income."

In Texas, all indigenous wild animals, such as white-tailed deer, belong to the state. Although the state regulates when, how and the number of deer that may be taken, it cannot authorize trespassing on privately owned land. Independent permission must be secured from landowners.

Historically, permission was granted for the asking, however, Texas landowners began exacting a price for this privilege in the form of an agreement, commonly referred to as hunting lease.

"The hunting lease is a license that grants permission to do something that otherwise would not be allowed or would be illegal," says Fambrough. "It is characterized as license because the Texas hunting lease does not grant the hunter exclusive possession or control of the land."

Copies of *The Texas Deer Lease* are \$4. Send checks to Real Estate Center, Mail Stop 2115, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2125. For faster delivery using a credit card purchase, call 1-800-244-2144.

## DPS Marks School Bus Safety Week Awareness

School bus safety awareness takes center stage this week in Texas as part of School Bus Safety Week, as proclaimed by Gov. George W. Bush.

No Texas students were killed in bus-related accidents in 1997. However, last year, 1,566 school bus occupants were injured in accidents involving school buses, and 18 student pedestrians were hurt before boarding or after exiting buses. There has been one student pedestrian fatality this year in Texas.

"The most likely time for students to be injured in when buses are loading or unloading students," said Debbie Goertz, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation. "One of the focuses this week is training students on the dos and don'ts of entering and exiting school buses, and school districts around the state have activities planned to help accomplish this goal."

More than 1.2 million Texas children a day ride school buses, which continue to be the safest form of highway transportation -- fewer than 1 percent of traffic accidents in

the state involve them.

Goertz urged motorists to slow down and drive cautiously in school zones and whenever school buses are present.

"You can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a bus while its alternately-flashing red warning lights are activated," said Goertz. "You can also have your license suspended up to six months for a second or subsequent offense. And more important, people need to remember we're talking about the lives of our children and behave accordingly."

## NEED A RIDE TO VOTE?

Call Stan  
(254) 725-6786



## BREAKTHRU

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

There's a painting called "The Lost Game" that pictures a boy playing a game of chess with the devil. The boy has been playing a losing game, seemingly, and believes that he is beaten. One day a famous chess player looked at the picture, carefully studied it, then exclaimed, "The boy isn't beaten! In two moves he can win that game from the devil!" -- and he showed how it could be done.

How many people have been counted "down and out" when the fight was far from being lost? How many people who only needed a little help -- a word of encouragement, a pat on the back, a hug, someone to lift them up, someone to lift them up in prayer! -- have been written off as a lost cause, hopeless?

Have you ever played a losing game, seemingly, with your doubts and fears, weaknesses and sins? Has your determination ever wavered or your faith weakened to the point that you felt it was a losing battle? Does it seem even now that Satan has the upper hand and is about to triumph in and over your life?

Well Satan doesn't have as much power over your life as he would have you to believe! Jesus has given us the "two moves" that are necessary to conquer the devil. He made one of the moves, the major one, when He went to the cross as "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." John 1:29. The next "move" is ours -- proper response to His action of love. Initial response is the same as those on the day of Pentecost (the day of the church's beginning, Acts 2) made: "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ," verse 38. Further response is to live so as to reflect the new hope and life one has in Him, then we can be "more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37

Don't let Satan win the game! Don't let him defeat you! Nothing but ourselves can separate us from God's love through Jesus Christ, Romans 8:38-39. And if it's help from others that you need just now, ask for it! Can I/we help you?

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Supper Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



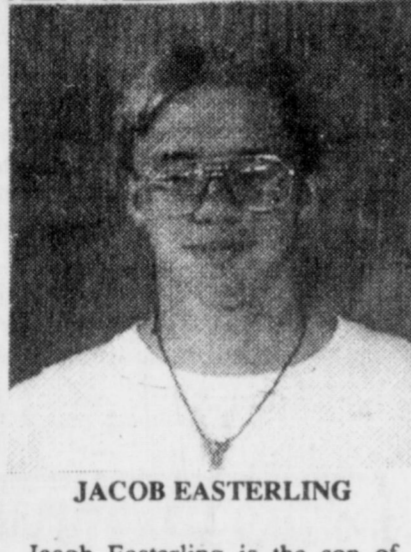
## Featured "Buffalo Band Members"



JAKE MERRYMAN

Jake Merryman is the son of David and Debbie Merryman. He has been in band for six years. He is one of the Buffalo Band tuba players.

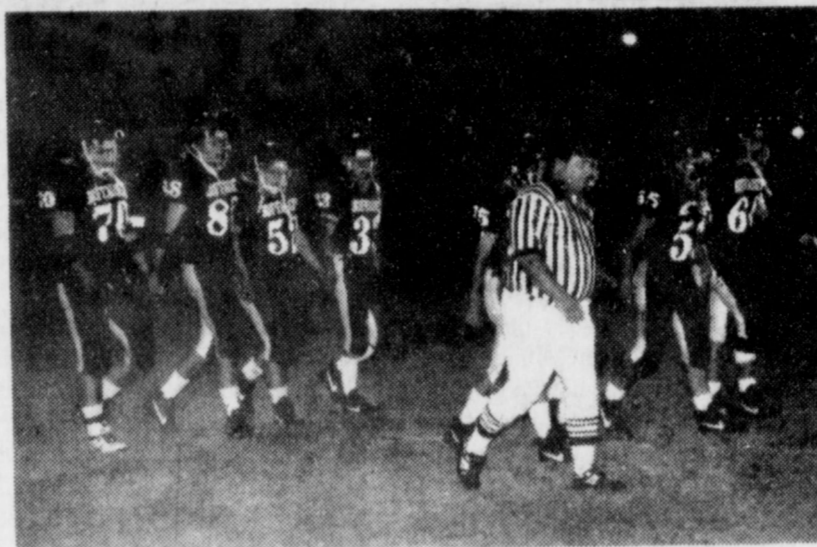
His hobbies are bowling and playing pool.



JACOB EASTERLING

Jacob Easterling is the son of Sidney Easterling. He was born October 12, 1982. Jacob moved to Cross Plains his 8th grade year and has been playing in the Buff Band for 3 years. He is the brass officer and first chair trombone.

Jacob also is a member of FFA. Outside of school he enjoys playing the piano and going camping and being outdoors. Jacob is an accomplished martial artist and has received a black belt.



CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BUFFALO HERD

## Buffaloes Suffer 1st District Loss

By GREG TURNER

The Cross Plains Buffaloes dropped to 1 and 1 in district play last Friday, losing to the Bronte Longhorns. From the time the Buffaloes came onto the field and through the 1st quarter, it was obvious this wasn't the same team I saw last week in Eden.

There was a determination to overcome and conquer, even with all the odds stacked against them, at Eden. This week as Bronte come to C.P. there seemed to be a reversal -- a Jekyll and Hyde syndrome, if you will. I know the guys can play football, good football, because I have seen them do it.

From the opening kickoff Bronte ran around the ends for yardage on several occasions. The defense was unable to stop the quarterback from Bronte. After holding the Buffaloes on the opening kickoff, Bronte scored a TD with 6:51 left in the 1st quarter.

The Buffs began to show some life driving the ball down to the Longhorn 8 yard line, on 4th and goal. Coach Woerner elected Benji Switzer to kick a field goal and it was good. The Buffs were now trailing 4 with 11:56 remaining till halftime.

Bronte didn't take long to strike once again, this time on a 42 yard TD pass. C.P. trailed by 10 with a score of 13-3 with 10:28 remaining in the 2 quarter.

After the kickoff C.P. managed to put some offense together before a fumble stopped the drive. The Buff defense was unable to keep Bronte out of the endzone, bringing the score to 21-3 where it remained until halftime.

The 3rd quarter was mostly defense on both sides. It wasn't until 5:17 left in the game when Scott

Mackey ran around the right end for 55 yards and a touchdown. This was a nice run with some fine blocking. The scoring wasn't over yet, only this time Bronte scored on a 38 yard run. The final score was 28-9.

Mackey led the offense with 55 yards on 5 carries; Tony Beggs 42 yards on 7 carries; Jody Pancake 29 yards on 11 carries; and Quarterback Coby Richards had 14 yards on 6 carries.

Passing for the Buffaloes, Richards was 5 of 19, totaling 82 yards. Leading receiver this week was Zach Edington with 2 catches for 32 yards. Clint Bailey caught 1 for 26 yards; Pancake 3-17 yards; and Mackey 1-7 yards.

The defense was led by Beggs with 8 tackles and 4 assists, with Jody Gosnell close behind with 6 tackles and 1 assist; and Mackey had 5 tackles and 4 assists.

The Buffaloes travel to Miles this week to play. Hope you make plans to attend and I'll see you there!

### Individual Stats

**Rushing:** Scott Mackey 5-55; Tony Beggs 7-42; Jody Pancake 11-29; Coby Richards 6-14

Total: 29 for 140  
**Receiving:** Zach Edington 2-32; Clint Bailey 1-26; Jody Pancake 3-7; Scott Mackey 1-7

**Tackles and Assists:** Tony Beggs 8-14; Jody Gosnell 6-1; Scott Mackey 5-4; Coby Richards 4-1; Zach Edington 4-1; Jaden Winfrey 3-4; Chris Kitchens 2-2; Sam Nixon 2-1; Benji Switzer 2-0; Brook Callaway 2-0; Jody Pancake 2-0; Kenny Callaway 1-1; Joseph Hopkins 1-0; Cory Phillips 1-0; Jeremy Gilliam 1-0; Clint Bailey 0-3; Lucino Mauricio 0-1.

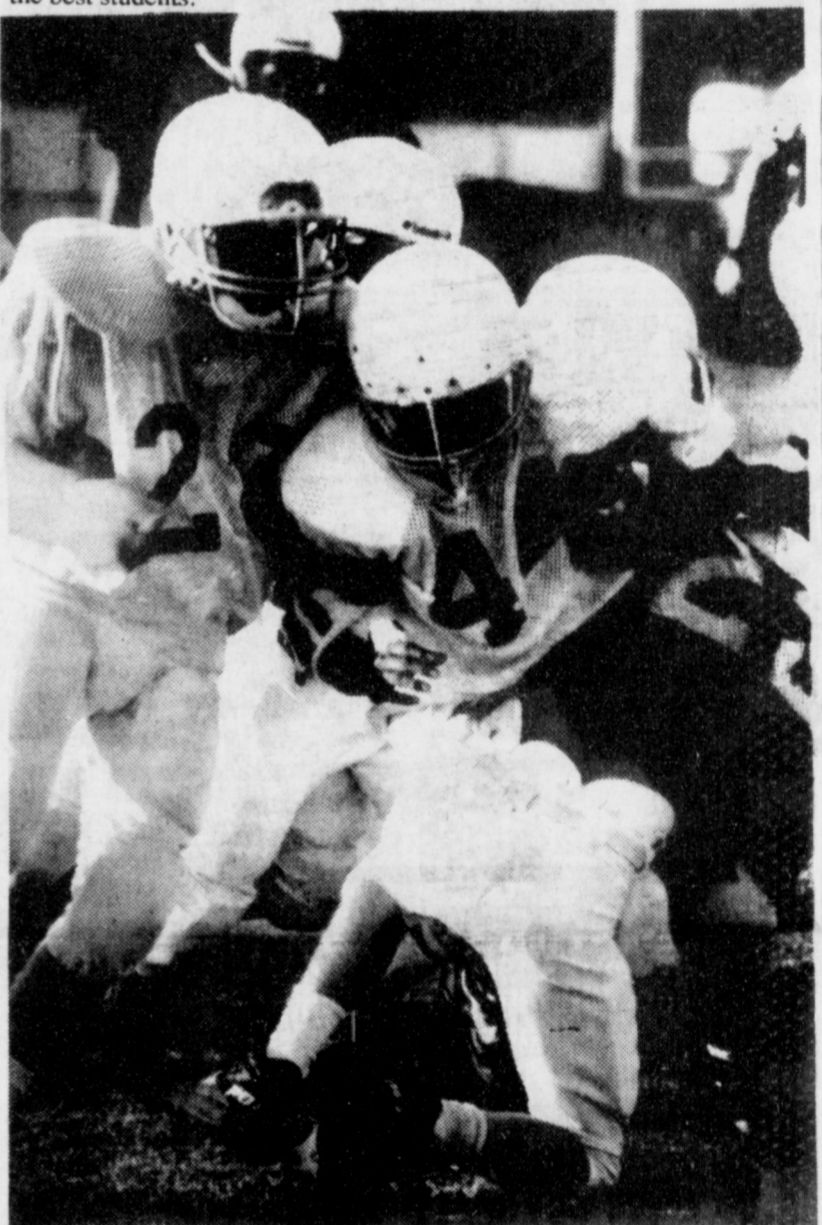
## BEST STUDENTS NAME BEST TEACHERS

Lake Forest, IL—A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics...their former students, in the fifth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998*.

All of the approximately 130,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, or *The National Dean's List*, publications which recognize 5% of our nation's high school and colleges students respectively. Paul Krouse, publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* said, "there is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication. In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by the best students."

The students were requested to nominate teachers who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level. One student wrote about her teacher saying, "she made education something pleasurable, instead of a dreadful ordeal, by letting me spread my wings and showing me the best way to fly."

Local educators honored in *Who's Who Among American Teachers, 1998* include Thomas Barclay, Joe Coppinger and Darlene Webb.



JUNIOR HIGH BUFFALOES STRIVE FOR OFFENSIVE YARDS

## Junior High Buffaloes Fall to the Bronte Shorthorns By a Close Score of 12-6 Last Thursday

By TERESA KOENIG

Captains for the game were Tristan Jones, Jared Wooten and Randy Duncan.

The Buffs elected to receive the ball and the Shorthorns attempted an onside kick, but the quick reaction of Casey Pack covered it. Chris Harris and Klay Wilson provided first downs, but the Buffs had to punt. The Shorthorns made their first score of the night.

Another attempt for an onside kick was saved by Pack. Jose Mauricio made three great carries and the Buffs received a penalty. Again they were forced to punt, leaving their opponent on the 10 yard line. The Shorthorns fumbled and Cole Koenig recovered the ball but it was called back due to a penalty. The Shorthorns had to turn the ball over to the Buffs on their 35 yard line. Harris made one carry before the end of the 1st quarter.

Two carries by Harris and Mauricio set up a Buffalo touchdown by Harris tying the game 6-6. Bronte scored again, but Koenig stopped the extra point. Harris and Mauricio get two 1st downs and were so close to another score. Wilson made the last carry of the half. The score was 12-6.

The Buffs kicked to the Short Horns and our defense pounded them to the point of 4 downs and 25 yards to go. Wilson downed the Bronte punt. Harris and Mauricio moved the ball with handoffs from Quarterback Ryan Mack. The Buffalo defense kept the Shorthorns from scoring the rest of the 3rd quarter.

Mack deflected a critical pass to break up a Bronte drive and they

were forced to punt. The Buffs' offensive gave their best and the coaches pulled out all the tricks, but they couldn't score. The Shorthorns won 12-6, bringing the district standing to 1 and 1 for the Buffaloes.

We should be very proud of these boys. They came a long way and worked really hard.

## SCHOOL MENU

OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30  
(Subject To Change)

### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** —Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

**TUESDAY** —French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** — Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.

**THURSDAY** — Breakfast burrito, assorted juice and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

### LUNCH

**MONDAY** — Burrito w/chili & cheese, crackers, corn, rosé applesauce and milk.

**TUESDAY** — Steak fingers w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, apricots and milk.

**WEDNESDAY** —Bar-B-que on bun, okra, pinto beans, cobbler and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Lasagna, broccoli, garlic sticks, peaches and milk.

**FRIDAY** — Submarine sandwich, salad, chips, pickle spears, brownies, and milk.



STEPHANIE CHILDRESS

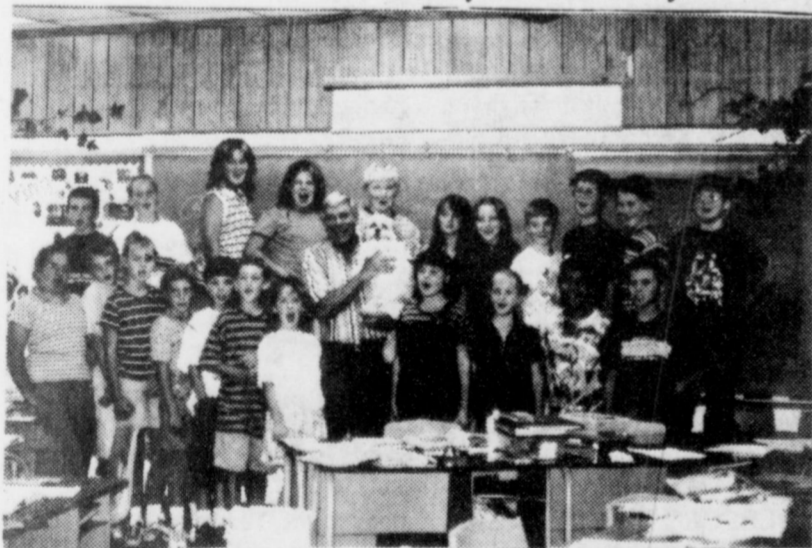
BRITTANY BENNETT

Stephanie is the daughter of Scott and Jacque Childress. She was born October 23, 1981.

Stephanie joined the band last year and plays the French horn. She also is a member of the One Act Play.

Brittany is the daughter of Phillip and Sheri Bennett. She came into this world on November 16, 1981.

Brittany is a junior and has been in band for 7 years. She started playing trumpet but eventually switched to the French horn. She has been participating in track and cross country since her junior high years. Brittany is involved in the One Act Play and art for three years.



5TH GRADERS POSE WITH JOE LARKE AND HIS DOG SANDYMAN



THE 5TH GRADE WALK THROUGH POEM

## Joe Larke Visits Cross Plains Elementary -- proves to be a memorable day for students

On September 14, Joe Larke came to visit Cross Plains Pre-K through 6th grade. They all met at the new Cross Plains gymnasium. Larke read to the students from his famous poems, and taught them how he wrote his poems. He told them how he got started in his poetry business. He brought his Lasa Apso dog named Sandyman and Dopie Dope, which was a doll.

Every class in elementary school third through sixth grade made a project about one of Joe Larke's

books. Mrs. Felty's 5th grade made a walk through poem of his #1 best seller *Dopie Dope Goes to the Fair*.

At the end of the day he took Mrs. Felty's fifth grade homeroom's class project to show to other schools and teacher workshops.

It was a day to remember for all pre-k through 6th grade students.

Written by 5th Grade Students: Levi Wooten, Ryan Payne, Clayton Thomas, Forrest Creamer and Garrett Stephens



JUNIOR VARSITY BUFFALOES CELEBRATE VICTORY

## Buffalo Junior Varsity Defeats Coleman's Freshmen Football Team 21-12

Cross Plains Junior Varsity gained another victory by defeating the Coleman Freshman Squad last Thursday with a score of 21-12.

Nathan Hawkins scored two touchdowns and Tim Butler scored one TD. Jason Beauchamp kicked

three extra points for the team.

The J.V. record for the year is 5-2.

At press time there was not a J.V. game scheduled for this week.

Submitted by LARRY BARTEE

## GOOD NEWS FOR AREA CHEFS !!!!!

Cross Plains High School has integrated a new business computer technology class this year. The BCIS II class is composed of mostly seniors. As a fund-raiser/project, the students have compiled a collection of favorite faculty, student and parent recipes into an informative

and attractive cookbook.

Cost will be \$7.25 and proceeds will go toward new computer technology in the high school. Sales will begin October 26. Orders may be placed with any students enrolled in the BCIS II class.



## Jasinski graduates from WOCS

John Jasinski graduated from the Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) and has been appointed as an Army warrant officer at Fort Rucker, Daleville, Alabama.

The school curriculum consists of an intense 240-hour course conducted in a very rigorous, high-stressed environment. Candidates receive training and experience in leadership, Army doctrine and tactics, drill and ceremonies, military uniforms, land navigation and physical training. Military history, professional ethics, and requisite traits, skills and qualities required of an officer are part of the military education and training.

The warrant officers continue to further their training through technical and tactical certification. As the officers gain progressive levels of expertise and leadership, they operate, maintain, administer and manage equipment, support activities or technical systems throughout their careers.

The new appointee is scheduled to attend a warrant officer basic course to receive training as a military personnel technician at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

Jasinski is the son of Denis Jasinski of Baltimore, Maryland, and brother of Christopher Jasinski of Stuart, Florida.

His wife, Amy, is the daughter of Kenneth and Jeannie Foller of Cross Plains.

He graduated in 1979 from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and received a bachelor's degree in 1995 from the University of Phoenix, Tucson, Arizona.

## CJC Abilene Educational Center To Offer Christmas Mini-Semester

The Cisco Junior College Abilene Educational Center is offering a Christmas Mini-Semester.

Courses to be offered are Government 2306 and Arts 1301.

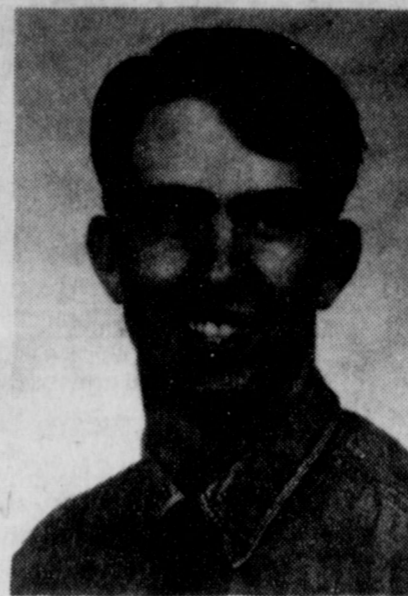
Meeting days are December 11, 12 (Sat.), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (Sat.), 21, 22, and 23, 1998.

Meeting times will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.

The classes will be held at the Cisco Junior College Abilene Educational Center. The Center is located at 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. in Abilene.

To register for one of these classes you must have passed the TASP test or be exempt. For registration information, please call the Abilene Educational Center at (915) 673-4567 or the main campus at (254) 442-2567.

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BRANDON SMITH

## Smith earns BBA at TSU

Brandon Kent Smith graduated from Tarleton State University on August 7, 1998, with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. He is a 1993 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

He and his wife, Pam, reside in Stephenville where he has accepted a position with Terminix Pest Control Company.

Brandon is the son of James and Dora Price-Warlick of Cross Plains and Kenneth Smith of Graham.

## 4-H Food Show October 24

The Callahan County 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday, October 24, at the Baird Cafeteria. The sponsor for this year's Food Show is Lawrence Brothers IGA - Clyde. Over 20 youth from around the county will compete in 3 different age divisions in 4 different food categories.

The categories will include Main Dish, Fruits & Vegetables, Breads & Cereals and Nutritious Snacks. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Tasting Bee, open to the public, and Awards Presentation immediately following the judging.

The Food Show provides for educational and personal development and recognizes 4-H members who excel in the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project. Youth will be judged on their knowledge of the Food guide Pyramid as it relates to their dish, along with serving size, nutrients and calorie content of their dish. Youth will also be judged on their communication skills as well as the taste, texture and appearance of their food entry. Anyone who might be interested is invited to come be a part of this year's Food Show.

Submitted by Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

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## Her name is Toddy Byrd. And she knows how to talk, and talk—and talk

By DANA SMITH  
The Senior Advocate

AUSTIN, TX — I first heard Toddy Byrd speak in 1994 at a Lakeway Chamber of Commerce dinner. I don't remember what I ate, or who won the awards, but I do remember laughing until my sides hurt at the keynote address. Toody's commentary was delivered in a comfortable Texas drawl, as if you were sitting across the kitchen table and sharing a cup of coffee while you commiserated about the foibles of kids, the world, and human nature. With a flawless sense of timing, she brought the audience to tears of laughter by sharing her wickedly funny observations on such subjects as parenting, stress management, education and life. She's still as wickedly funny, and her career as an author, educator, humorist and speaker has taken her to 35 states since "retiring" in 1991 as the Director of Guidance and Counseling for the Eanes Independent School District.

Because I know you'll ask, her name really is Toody. Her older brother chose it and it does appear on her birth certificate. She laughs about always making the explanation of her name the first order of business. "My name really is Toody Byrd—," she will tell audiences, "—like any fool would use a name like this if she had something better to offer."

While it is easy to get caught up in her humor, it was not her wit that gained her attention from fellow educators. It was her innovative programs as a teacher, particularly those she devised for children of migrant workers. These children usually attended school only part of the year because they followed the harvest calendar, rather than the

school district's, but they were desperate to learn. As part of her efforts to keep them interested in schooling when they were unable to follow a regular schedule, she would provide the youngsters with postage-paid envelopes and assign them the task of writing to her from wherever their travels took them. One sent back a soil sample and asked: "Cotton will grow in this soil, but not peanuts. Why?" By the time he returned to school, she had taken the sample to the Department of Agriculture and had it analyzed so she could provide an answer.

She got her start as a keynote speaker by default when she was in charge of the annual meeting of the Texas State Counseling Association and the then mayor failed to show up to address the luncheon meeting. "Even to this day," she laughs, "when someone calls wanting me to speak, my husband, Hoyt, still asks: 'So who backed out this time?'"

Though she has made a career of using laughter as the prism through which she focuses on life, there is a sober side to Toody Byrd. Her kind of wisdom comes from years of keen observation and an intense compassion for the failings that make us human. We laugh with her because she knows how to describe us with uncanny accuracy.

She signed copies of her new book September 20 at the Westbank Library in Austin. It's a compiling of her thoughts on —well, life in general—and appropriately named *Toddy Byrd Talks and Talks and Talks...*

The books can be ordered from: T. Byrd Roadrunner Press, 107 Tallstar Drive, Austin, Texas 78734 at a cost of \$12.50 for the book, plus \$1.00 tax and \$1.50 postage, totalling \$15.00.

## BBB TIPS

"Borrowers Beware: Home Equity Scams"

Owning your home could be your greatest single asset. But when it comes to loans based on the equity in your home, you could be putting your most valuable asset at risk. Lured and enticed by constant phone and mail pitches of "no closing cost" second mortgages, "no appraisal," "no equity," "pre-approved," or "pre-qualified" money and "tax deductible," homeowners are filing applications in record numbers. However, the BBB urges caution prior to obtaining a home equity loan.

Unscrupulous lenders and brokers use deceptive practices to lure unsuspecting homeowners into what is in reality a high cost loan. The promoters usually target low-income households, credit-risk individuals and seniors.

The Better Business Bureau cautions homeowners to watch for these schemes:

**Equity Stripping:** The lender is not making the loan based on your income and the ability to repay, but rather on the equity in your home. These types of loans are designed to steal the equity you have built up in your home. It is important to remember a home equity loan is essentially a second mortgage and failure to make payment will result in foreclosure and the loss of the property.

**Loan Flipping:** The lender encourages the borrower to repeatedly refinance the loan and to borrow more money. Many

homeowners do not realize that each time one refinances, there are additional fees and interest points to be paid. And with each refinancing, you've increased your debt and probably are paying a disproportionately high price for a little extra cash.

**Packing:** The lender will add credit insurance or other "extras" to increase their profit at your expense. You may not need these extras.

If you are thinking about using your home as collateral for a loan, the Better Business Bureau suggests you:

\* Examine your ability to make the loan payment out of your current income. Do not get in over your head.

\* Be sure to have an adequate understanding of carrying a loan debt on your home that exceeds the value of the home.

\* Get the loan offer in writing. It should include a complete estimate of all loan origination fees or interest points, appraisal fees, credit reports, and/or other costs in order to close the loan.

\* Never sign a loan agreement if the terms have changed since your original application. To avoid any unsuspected surprises at closing, ask the lender to present a copy of the final loan documents 24 hours in advance. This will give you the opportunity to review the materials for any changes and take appropriate actions.

Be sure to check out the loan brokers or lender prior to signing any application. Contact the BBB at 915-691-1533 for a reliability report on the company.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service.

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY — Mark Baird (from left), lead video producer for NASA, is pictured with Mrs. John Glenn and John Glenn.

## Locally known man has interesting profession

Mark Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baird, former residents of Cross Plains, works for NASA as their lead video producer for the Public Affairs Office. He produces video documentaries and educational videos. He has produced a video about Astronaut John Glenn, including his first trip into space in 1962, while a member of the first group of astronauts; then his years as

a United States Senator; and currently his training to return to space October 29, 1998, on board the shuttle *Discovery* with six other astronauts for nine days in space.

Mark graduated from Coleman High School in 1981. He has a Bachelors Degree from Howard Payne University and a Masters Degree in Communications from Baylor University in Waco.

## Ten members of Class of 1939 enjoy reunion

The annual reunion of the Class of 1939 of Cross Plains High School was held at the Best Western Brownwood Inn on Saturday, October 3, 1998. This was the 59th anniversary of the class. Members in attendance spent the day visiting and browsing through the albums that have been kept by some of the members. On Saturday evening, a nice dinner was enjoyed by the group.

Attending the meeting and enjoying the fellowship were ten members of the class. They were Annette Ege, Smithville; Doris Nell Jones, Henderson; Mary Jane Barclay,

Brownwood; Paul and Juanita Harlow, Lovington, New Mexico; Lucille Payne, Cross Plains; Ida Mae Deran, Conroe; L.G. Morris, Brownwood; Granvel and Nola Van Pierce, Dallas; and Frank and Evelyn Frame, Jal, New Mexico. Robert Harris, husband of the Late Katherine (Hall) Harris of Coleman came by for a visit with us.

After a very enjoyable weekend of being together, the group departed for their respective home, hoping that all can be together again next year for their "60th" anniversary.

Submitted by Evelyn Frame

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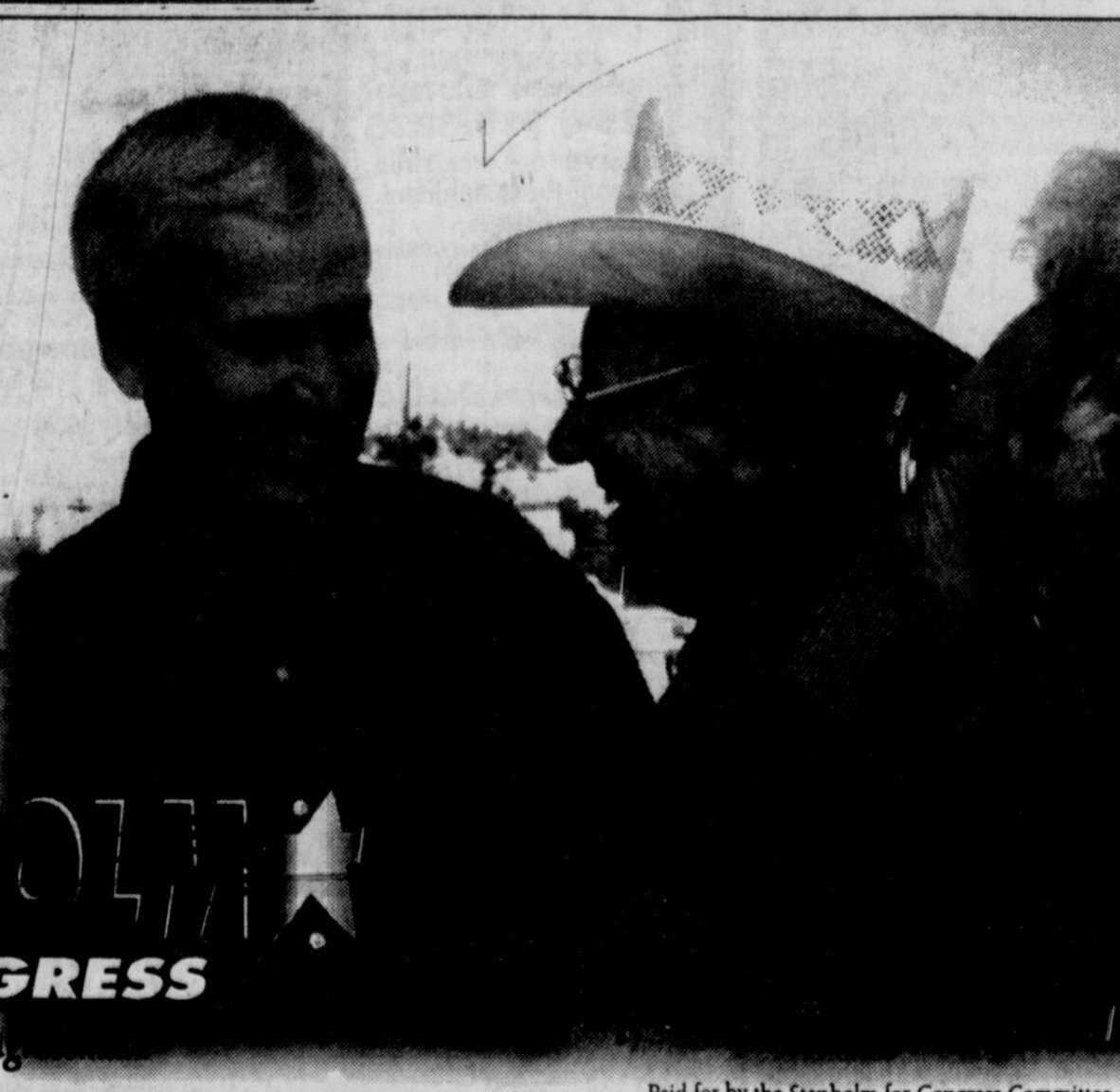
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Words are so inadequate at this time to express our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone who have uplifted us in the passing away of our husband, daddy, and papa.

We know the EMS crew did all they possibly could - Steve Jamison, Barbara Worley, Susan Schaefer, John Swift, and Blake Foster. They were not only kind to Oscar but to each of us through a very trying time. Bless them. Bob Harrell has been so very special to do everything that we wanted. He has been a good friend to Oscar and each one of us. Thanks Bob.

Thanks to our dear former pastor and loving friend, V.D. Walters who braved his sickness coming from San Antonio to hold a beautiful service. Thanks to VonDean Hutchins and Dorothy Reynolds for the lovely music.

Thanks dear ones for your prayers, visits, food, cards, and phone calls. May you have the same in your time of need. Our Lord has blessed us in our grief and given us the strength to go on but is still very hard.

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- 1976 Chev. 19 passenger school bus - runs fair
- 1981 International 48 passenger school bus - runs fair transmission bad
- 1970 Ford pickup 1/2 ton - runs fair

These vehicles may be seen at the Cross Plains ISD. For further information, you may contact the Superintendent's office at (254) 725-6121. Cross Plains ISD Board of Education has the right to reject any and all bids. 30-1a

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cross Plains ISD will be taking bids on a 48 passenger bus. This bus will need to have a diesel engine and automatic transmission. Bids may be turned into the superintendents office at Cross Plains High School. The Board of Education of Cross Plains ISD has the right to refuse any and all bids. For further information please call Jackie Tennison, Superintendent of Schools, Cross Plains ISD at (254) 725-6121. 30-1a

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**Conditions for submitting bid:**

- Bid must be received by Friday, October 30, 1998;
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## FIRE

licopter.  
"They had on their bunker coats and helmets," said Curtis speaking of the injured firemen, "but they got burned where their bunkers didn't cover." "I had to take it real easy on the rough road because JoAnn would cry out in pain if she got jostled around," he said.

When asked if he thought of his personal safety when word of the injured firemen came over the radio Curtis, who spent over 20 years in active service on the Baird Fire Department, said, "No, I was just worried about getting the victims out." Even though the sheriff is on reserve status at the local fire department, he still gets on a grass fire truck when the Baird firemen are short on personnel.

Cross Plains Fire Chief Bob Harrell said his volunteer department received the call from a Silverbrook employee, at about 3:00 p.m., and he called for assistance from Oplin when his trucks radioed they needed help on the fire. Eula, Clyde and Baird also sent equipment and firemen, along with the Texas Forest Service, who had just moved back into their Hamby command post Wednesday (the day of the fire).

The fire, located between Cross Plains and Oplin near the Pecan Bayou, kept firemen busy until about 9:30 p.m. and was stopped before it crossed CR 410.

Chief Robbins said the forest service spotter plane gave me the GPS (Global Positioning Sensor) readings so I could give First Flight some coordinates to find the sheriff," said Robbins, "cause we couldn't see any landmarks."

Oplin Fireman Butch Woodard, who is also a past chief of the department, said, "JoAnn is our certification coordinator, a Basic Certified Firefighter, and very active in the community." "She and Dale (her husband) have been in the department since they moved here over ten years ago," said Woodard. They are also members of the Oplin Baptist Church.

JoAnn also served on the Citizens EMS Ambulance Board for several years before resigning a few months ago.

"We've got about 20 members in the Oplin Fire Department," said Woodard, "and several are husband and wife teams." This was the first time that an Oplin fireman has been severely injured said Woodard, who helped form the volunteer group about twenty years ago.

A fund to help Dale and JoAnn with medical expenses has been opened at the First State Bank in Tuscola. Checks should be made out to the JoAnn Winters Special Fund, account number 31-715-202, and sent to the First State Bank at P.O. Box 98, Tuscola, Texas 79562.

A Remington shotgun will also be raffled off, to benefit the fund, on October 31. Tickets are \$2 each and are available at Taylor's Cafe in Lawn.

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### Free Breast Cancer Screening Provided During the Month of October at Hendrick Medical Center

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A mammogram in addition to a clinical breast exam can help a woman detect breast cancer to a large extent. According to Dr. Christopher Ruud, Hendrick Cancer

Center's Medical Director, "a yearly clinical breast exam and a mammogram have been proven to reduce breast cancer mortality by 25 percent." All women over 40 should have these two tests completed annually.

A social worker will make referrals, translators will be available and educational materials will be provided. "This is the first clinical screening session of its kind for this area," stated Sarah Mulkey, administrative director of women's health.

For more information please contact the Vera West Women's Center, at (915) 670-3690.

### Abilene area ranchers discuss future beef promotion ideas

FORT WORTH, Oct. 19 -- About 90 cattle producers met in Abilene September 24, for a town hall-like discussion to talk about changes in the beef industry and actions they can take to remain competitive in the livestock market.

"I think that we're going to continue to see pressure put on cattle raisers and cattle production by animal rights groups, and we need to stand strong enough to offset those," Gary Mathis, TSCRA director said. "The health issue will also continue to be a problem, but we've got to let people know we have a healthy, safe product."

The meeting was held at Abilene Auction Inc. and was part of a series of meetings being held across Texas and Oklahoma to help beef cattle producers. They are being sponsored by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Bayer Animal Health and Hi-Pro Animal Health.

Mathis led the discussion to give producers the opportunity to tell TSCRA representatives what they need from the association. Ranchers listed several ways they need assistance for the future, and they gave ideas on how to get youth involved.

The producers said they would like more regional TSCRA activities and more political action about property rights. They also said they will continue to need the law enforcement provided by the field inspectors in case of animal or equipment theft. IT was also suggested that the beef industry will

have to work with and educate the "enemies" instead of fighting them.

"We've got to continue to let people know we've got a product that is good for you, and I think the beef checkoff has done a good job in that regard," Mathis said. "It looks like we've got to have some sort of program to promote our own product, and if we don't do it through this channel, then I'm not sure how we would do it."

Producers offered ideas to get the youth involved, too. They said education about TSCRA in school, more work to abolish the estate tax and more opportunities for youth activities would encourage their participation.

Besides providing a forum for ranchers to voice their opinion, the meeting allowed producers to share concerns and information with each other. Bayer representative Mark Thayer gave a program on Integrated Pest Management and a demonstration on handling livestock in the chute, and Hi-Pro also cooked hamburgers for all those in attendance. Gary Bomar, Taylor County Extension agent, gave two continuing education units to producers with pesticide applicator licenses.

"These meetings provide the opportunity to visit with individual producers and find out what they need from us," said TSCRA President C. Coney Burgess. "TSCRA offers numerous benefits to its members, but to represent producers in Texas and Oklahoma accurately, we need their input."

### John Sharp Announces Efficient New Service for Businesses—Sales Tax Filing on the World Wide Web

(AUSTIN) — State Comptroller John Sharp today announced a groundbreaking new service that will make sales tax filing easier for many Texans.

"With a few clicks, and a little typing, many sales tax payers can now file their returns on the World Wide Web," said Sharp. "WebFile allows certain businesses an easy, efficient and fast way to file their sales tax return and avoid paperwork. It's easier for the taxpayer and more efficient for us."

It also puts the Texas Comptroller's Office in the lead nationally in using the World Wide Web for tax filing.

"As far as we can determine, we're the first state to do this," said Sharp.

The new WebFile Internet service follows the success of the Comptroller's TeleFile service, which allows taxpayers to file returns over a touch tone phone by calling 1-888-AFILING (1-888-434-5464). That service began January 1, 1996.

During the last fiscal year, over 250,000 returns were filed that met WebFile criteria: short-form filers with no tax due and long-form filers who had no sales at any of their outlets.

Over 160,000 taxpayers now qualify to use WebFile, saving them postage, paperwork and valuable time, and making it easier for the Comptroller's Office to process their return.

"We're always looking for ways to

make the task of filing tax returns faster and easier," Sharp said. "This is another step in that ongoing process."

Those with Internet access can go the Comptroller's Window on State Government Web page and file their return any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Two years ago we did a taxpayer survey and found almost a fourth of our taxpayers had Internet access," said Sharp. "That figure is at least up to 50 percent by now, so we've made it as easy as possible for them to send us their tax information."

The Comptroller's office is getting the word out to taxpayers to encourage them to use this new system.

"We'll be doing a staffer in preprinted returns later this year, letting taxpayers know about this in time for our big filing peak time in January," said Sharp. "We expect more will participate as they become aware of how easy it is to file."

Other services offered on the Comptroller's Window On State Government Web page include: the Certificate of Account Status, which allows citizens to check on the status of corporate taxpayers; downloadable forms; contact addresses; lists of field offices; extensive help pages; and much more.

To get more information on WebFile, visit the Comptroller's Web site at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us>

### CJC Wrangler Band and Belles to Perform in Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival

The Cisco Junior Wrangler Band and Belles have been invited to represent the State of Texas in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival to be held on May 1, 1999, in Winchester, Virginia.

Interested supporters are invited to accompany the Band and Belles for an exciting four day, three night trip, Thursday through Sunday, April 29 to May 2. Places are available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis with your reservation and \$100 deposit to be received no later than February 1, and remaining amount payable by March 1.

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### Marine Pfc. Westbrook completed basic training

Marine Pfc. Matthew B. Westbrook, son of Troy D. and Barbra S. Westbrook of Cisco, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

Westbrook successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Westbrook and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Westbrook spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Westbrook and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Westbrook and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Westbrook joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1992 graduate of Merkel High School.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

First I want to commend the Cross Plains City Council on their decision to hire Don Gosnell as Chief of Police. In a small town like Cross Plains, it has always been a problem to hire and keep a qualified person in this position and I feel we are extremely lucky to have someone of Don's qualifications even apply. Anyone who would object to hiring him certainly does not put the best interests of Cross Plains first. The people who complain about him are the same ones who complain all the time and most people just overlook them but for KTAB to report just one side of the story is the poorest job I have ever seen them do. These people are the most negative I have ever run across and by KTAB talking only to them would certainly give anyone the wrong impression of our town. Cross Plains is the most caring community I have ever lived in and even though we live in Clyde now, Cross Plains will always be our home. We just need to remember that the complainers are in the minority but are very vocal. It is time for the majority to speak up and let them know we are tired of the complaining. Maybe someday we will be lucky enough to be able to move back to Cross Plains but in the meantime I am glad to know that the leadership of Cross Plains is the best.

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