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Down Home

"The Babies"

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH

We now have two orphan calves which are bottle-fed twice a day. The little bull, Ferdinand, lost his mother about a week after he was born. She was attacked by wolves. My son Kye discovered her with a pack of wolves feeding upon her. The baby calf was surrounded by buzzards -- just waiting.

Kye shot the cow to put her out of her misery and brought the baby to the house.

A couple of week ago we saw a wolf chasing three or four small calves out in the pasture. Between the mountain lions, wolves and coyotes it's getting pretty wild out in the country. You can hear the coyotes howling from the back door at night and that is a mournful sound. If I ever get stranded on the road at night you can bet I won't be walking.

The little heifer's mother was killed by a stray bullet and Rudy ran with the herd for a couple of weeks before Kye caught her. Her first experience at taking a bottle was a lot like a calf scramble at the rodeo. When he finally caught her, he had to hold her between his long legs until she realized the bottle was tasty.

Richard believes in talking to the calves on the way to the lot to feed them. Now when they see us coming they line up for the treat. They are so cute! They stand in the same order each feeding and lean against one another. It takes longer to prepare their bottles than for them to slurp down the milk. They clean each other's face afterwards.

Rudy is a solid light red Limousine and Ferdinand is red with a white V in his forehead. He is much more aggressive than the heifer and you have to watch him or he will knock you down nudging the bottle. He also attacks from behind!

My little granddaughter Tatym loves to watch them take their bottle, but she is not sure about touching them. Aaron Evans, Richard's 5 year-old great-nephew enjoyed feeding them, also. He remarked, "Boy, that is a big bottle."

I usually feed the babies in the morning and Richard in the evenings. One morning I got to work and looked down at my black pants to discover calf slobbers. I told Deborah it looked like I had been at the cow lot or something. Monday morning she was picking the hay out of my hair. Boy, my life has changed and I love it.

C. P. Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Membership Meeting Jan. 21

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce quarterly membership meeting will be held Monday, January 21, at noon at Collum's Restaurant.

The guest speaker will be Dannes Turner who will discuss Y2K computer problems.

All Chamber of Commerce members are urged to attend this meeting.



ROGER WILLIAMS (LEFT) PRESENTS JIMMILEE PAYNE (RIGHT) WITH CEMETERY RECORD BOOK

Cemetery Association presented with record book

At a recent Cross Plains Cemetery Association meeting, Roger Williams presented Jimmilee Payne, president of the association, with a new listing of names of people buried and owners of lots in the old and new cemetery.

Copies were made of the listings and put into books. Books were distributed to Higginbotham Funeral Home, the Cross Plains Library and Jimmilee Payne plus he

also has a few extras.

The book was updated through November 17, 1998. The records are listed in alphabetical order and also listed by lot, row and section.

Roger worked approximately 2 months on the book. On behalf of the association Jimmilee thanked Roger for his hard work, dedication and putting in endless hours on this project.

"Gearing up for Y2K"

By STEVE MACK

You have heard and read about the Year 2000 computer problems. The Year 2000 problem or Y2K as it is popularly known, arises because computer programmers in years gone by designed the clocks on computers to allow only two digits, as in 98 or 99. When the clock rolls over to 00, the computer may process data as if it is the year 1900 instead of 2000. Obviously, this will create problems! Many consumer items we use today (including appliances and cars) operate with some components directed by tiny computer chips which are also time sensitive.

There are some doomsayers who predict a global catastrophe due to this problem. Others predict nothing but a "road bump" as we "boldly go where no man has gone before" (the 21st century). James Glassman of the Washington Post recently wrote: "The Y2K problem is not likely to be a blessing, but don't let apocalyptic nuts convince you that it's such a curse that you need to sell stocks, withdraw your cash, buy guns and stock up on water; Just cool it!"

Citizens State Bank has been working on making sure its systems are Y2K ready since early in 1997. All banks are under the watchful eye of federal and state regulators and all banks in the nation have been examined by federal bank regulators who have made Y2K their top priority. By July 1998, 94% of FDIC insured banks were rated satisfactory in substantial improvement

(only 37 out of 10,687 banks). All banks must follow rigorous federal guidelines and complete all testing and implement all systems changes by June 30, 1999, well before the change date. And all banks have contingency plans providing for alternative methods of doing business if necessary.

Citizens State Bank has already completed testing and upgrading its mission critical systems and now stands Y2K ready, fully one year before the change date.

The banking industry has invested more than \$8 billion and hired thousands of experienced computer experts to "find it, fix it, and test it." Banks are consistently rated #1 in Y2K preparedness by industry experts.

The safest place for your money on January 1, 2000 and beyond is in the bank! Bank customers' funds have rock-solid FDIC insurance that's backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. On March 11, 1999, Citizens State Bank will sponsor a community wide meeting to give any interested citizens an understanding of the Y2K problem and answer any questions regarding Citizens State Bank's readiness.

Citizens State Bank is fully committed to meeting the Y2K challenge head on in an effort to ensure "business as usual" for our customers and community in the new millennium. We invite your questions and concerns. Just speak to any of the friendly staff at Citizens State Bank and we will gladly answer your questions.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday is Coming Soon

Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Baird announce plans to recognize January 31 as "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Inspired by a recent story of such an activity in South Carolina, the Baird church will collect cans of soup on December 31 to be donated to the Community Clothes Closet Food Pantry. Anyone forgetting to bring a can of soup is encouraged to make a \$1 donation.

As written in the Abilene Reporter News earlier this month, the idea of collecting soup on Super Bowl Sunday was initiated in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. The Rev. Brad Smith offered up a single sentence in a prayer that proved to be the catalyst for the fund-raising

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Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Jan. 28&29

The Annual Callahan County Junior Livestock Show will begin in January 28th at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Damon Garvin of Eula is President of the Callahan County Junior Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 500 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the county.

Other officers of the association are Shane Lee - Vice President, Leslie Lee - Secretary and Kay Wadley - Treasurer.

Superintendents for this years show are:

Beef Cattle - Jimmy Seider, Johnny Lee, Eddie Riley and Richie Crow

Market Lamb - Charlie Palmer and Don Harris

Market Swine - John Stralcy, Gerry McDowell and Randy Tyler

Poultry and Rabbits - Pam Harris and B.P. Stephenson

Dairy and Meat Goats - Danny and Martha English.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 28th, with Scott Anderson of Brownwood judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 28th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the Friday, January 29th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Pete McDougal of Comanche will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 29th, Jeff Ripley of San Angelo will begin judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Market Lambs.

The Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Show will follow the Lamb Show on Friday. Don Smith of Talpa will judge this show.

On the afternoon of the 29th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed.

Judging of the Beef Cattle will get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 30, with the Heifer Show judged by Bob Benson of Plainview. Benson will also judge the steers at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The awards presentation of all the trophies for champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie Vinson of Clyde.

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

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

Submitted by Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

Hallelujah Singing Puppets To Perform at Revival Center

The Hallelujah Singing Puppets will be performing at the Sunday morning service, January 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Revival Center on Highway 36 east of town.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Children will love this and so will the "big" kids!

Early Out Announced

School will dismiss at 12:50 Thursday, January 28, buses will run at 1:00. There will be no school on Friday, January 29 due to the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show. Classes will resume Monday, February 1 at regular time.

Public Hearing for State Plan 2000 January 29

The Area Agencies on Aging of West Central Texas and North Texas in collaboration with the Texas Department on Aging (TDOA) will hold a public hearing on the current and future needs of older Texans. The hearing will take place at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, at the Community Center in Throckmorton.

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) hold these meetings to collect public comment on area plans for services they intend to fund. Required services include information and referral, benefits counseling and nursing home ombudsman. The AAAs must describe how they intend to reach older people with the greatest social and economic need.

The Department on Aging reviews and approves the area plans of Texas' 28 AAAs and distributes federal and state funds to the local level. The 28 plans are then folded into a state plan which submitted for approval to the Governor and the federal Administration on Aging.

The federal Older Americans Act (the federal law under which TDOA and the Area Agencies operate) requires both the state and area offices on aging to solicit the public's views about needs and concerns of older people.

The best known programs funded by the Department on Aging and the area offices are probably the nutrition programs. However, depending upon local needs in each

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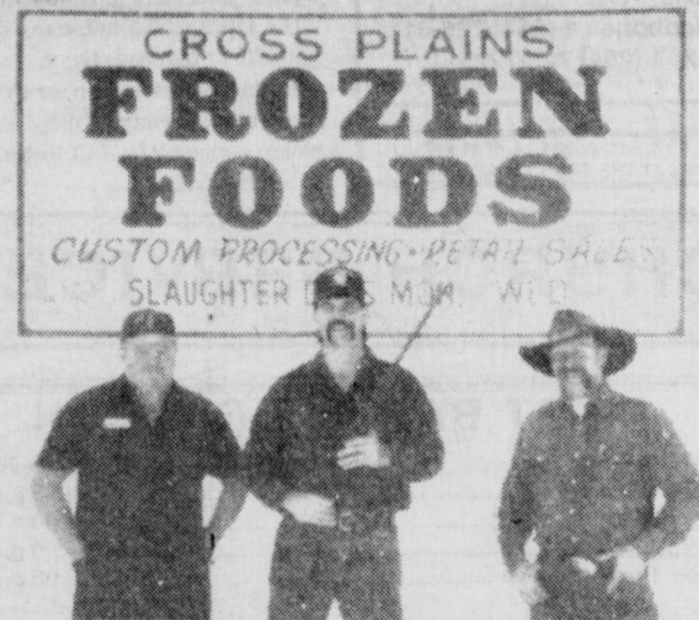
Clint Kniffen and Band Performing at FUMC

Everyone is invited to the 4th Sunday Singing at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains on January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Clint Kniffen and his band, who are well known in this area, will be featured. Kniffen is a talented steel

guitar player. Other local talents will also be singing.

Refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy an evening of music. You are sure to receive a blessing.



WINNER OF DEER RIFLE—Philip Brown (center) of Lake Brownwood won the deer rifle donated by Cross Plains Grain and Peanut and Cross Plains Frozen Foods during the deer season. The drawing was held January 4. Representing Cross Plains Frozen Foods is Greg Hutchins (left) and representing Cross Plains Grain and Peanut is Terry French (right) are pictured.

Pageant plans change discussed

Beta Sigma Phi met January 11, 1999 at the home of Kathy Anderson with Pam Cummings as hostess.

Foremost on the agenda was the change of the Miss Valentines Pageant to a later date. The tentative date is set for the end of March with a Spring theme. The Photogenic Contest will still be a very popular aspect of the pageant, so get those pictures ready. Look for more information and details in upcoming articles.

Other items discussed were the food baskets distributed at Christmas. Our 7th grade Austin trip is still on schedule for April 6.

Mary Graves spoke on Senior Housing and the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative. She explained the availability of grants and loans for low and very low income people to repair the homes they own.

Members attending were Elizabeth Hunsaker, Joyce McCoy, Mary Ann Chaffin, Bobbie Johnston, Kelly Lafoon, Jamie Apple, Pam Cummings, Lebi Bennett, Lovera Strickland, Addie Walker, Mary Graves, Sarah Brashear, Cathy Wood, Kathy Anderson, Wanda Merryman and Nora Odom.

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UCPC hosting "Three Days for Change"

United Christian and Presbyterian Church will be hosting "Three Days for Change," January 26-28 at the First Christian Church facility in Coleman. On Tuesday, January 26, at 6:00 p.m., this three day event will begin with a seminar titled "Crating A Productive Vision," which will be led by Rev. Dr. Jack Van Ens. On Wednesday, January 27, at 12:00 noon, Mr. George Carlson, President and CEO of Pacific Media

Ministry, will be in Coleman at First Christian Church to offer a presentation titled: "Coping with Change in Communities: Living in a High-Tech World." Pacific Media Ministries is the production company behind the program MIDPOINT which airs on cable on the Odyssey Channel. MIDPOINT is the number three rated show on the Odyssey Channel and has won 3 Emmy Awards for their programs concerning the challenges facing youth all over the nation in the forms of violence and drug abuse.

Both the Tuesday and Wednesday presentations will be preceded by a meal for those attending.

The final day of Three Days for Change will be a day of celebration, with a concert offered by the group MAJESTY titled, "MAJESTY...The Good News in Hymns," a creative presentation of hymns and their history. This presentation will be held at First Christian Church, on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. and is free. Inspired by God, MAJESTY shares the story of salvation through biblical word and song, both gospel hymns and classical songs of faith. Old favorites such as, "It is Well With My Soul," "Holy, Holy," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," "Were You There," "I Love To Tell The Story," and many others will be part of this program of traditional songs of faith. These familiar hymns will be played and sung by Bob Ravenscroft, jazz musician, and Charles Johnson, tenor. Dr. Jack Van Ens, pastor of the Presbyterian Parish at the Vail and Beaver Creek Chapels high in the Rockies of Colorado, will provide commentary on the hymns. This event of worship and celebration is sure to leave those attending "lost in wonder, love, and praise."

UCPC is asking for a donation of \$12.00 per person to cover the costs of the Tuesday meal and presentation, and for a donation of \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the Wednesday event. Thursday's presentation by MAJESTY will be free, but a love offering will be received, and MAJESTY will have available CD's, tapes, and other items should you like to purchase them.

For more information, or to make reservation for any of these events, please contact Rev. Jeff Robinett at 915-625-2642.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 24, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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10:00 a.m. * St. Francis (Spanish) 806 S. Halbryan Eastland, Texas
11:30 a.m. St. John Hickory Street Strawn, Texas
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* Deacon Jesus Ruiz (254) 653-2536

OBITUARIES

Ruth Pickett

Ruth Pickett, 82, passed away Sunday, January 17, 1999, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Pipp officiating. Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pickett was born March 12, 1916, in Brown County. She was the widow of James McNealy Pickett who passed away in 1974. She was a housewife and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Pickett of Brady; one son, Jimmie Pickett of Cisco; three brothers, D.B. Gunn of Cross Plains, Paul R. Gunn of Hobbs, New Mexico and James T. Gunn of Waco; one sister, Eva Patton of Odessa; two grandchildren Jimmie and Chris and one great-grandson.

Gene Millican

Gene Millican, 83, passed from this life on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, in Eastland.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 14, 1999, at Bakker Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jonathan Gay and Larry Roberts officiating. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery under the direction of Bakker Funeral Home.

Mr. Millican was born on September 23, 1915, in San Saba County and had been a resident of Eastland County since 1924. He married Verda Green, the mother of his seven children in 1935 at Carbon. She preceded him in death in 1962. He married Vernell Creech on May 19, 1990. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Navy Seabee's. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Bethel Baptist Church of Eastland.

Survivors include his wife, Vernell, of Eastland; six daughters, Clara Dool of Mineral Wells, Gwen Boyd and husband Charles of Rowlett, Paulette Douglass, Betty Bonds and husband Jim, Kay Butler and husband Randy all of Eastland, Barbara Rossander of Breckenridge; one son, Virgil Gene Millican of San Angelo; one brother, Bill Millican of Cisco; two stepchildren Christine Carey and Richard Creech both of Cisco; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were his nephews.

James Curtis 'J.C.' White

COLEMAN—James Curtis "J.C." White, 71, lifelong Coleman County resident, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 1999, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Northway officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park in Brownwood.

Mr. White was born in Burkett, where he attended school, and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a superintendent and truck driver for Martin Brick Co. for 45 years. He was a member of the Sheriff's Association and Bible Baptist Church, and was the widower of Helen Marie Dean White, whom he married in 1948 in Brownwood.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita Preas and Ritha Mae Keeney, both of Coleman; three sons, James Beach White of Temple, Rickey Lynn White of Coahoma and Larry White of Colorado City; five brothers, Junior White, Roger White and Carl White, all of Coleman, Jerry D. White of Houma, Louisiana and Otha White of Lafayette, Louisiana; one sister, Wanda Steffey of Coleman; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Selected Scriptures

At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you, because of your righteous judgments.

Psalms 119:62

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

Preston Baker

COLEMAN—Preston Baker, 89, of Gardendale and formerly of Coleman County, passed away Monday, January 11, 1999, in an Odessa hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Dorman officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery.

Mr. Baker was born in Coleman County, where he attended school in Rae. He retired from an oil well servicing company. He lived in Snyder for 25 years and moved to Gardendale three years ago. He was a Baptist and was the widower of Tillie Rhoads Baker, whom he married in 1927 in Burkett; and Nellie Hearn Baker.

Survivors include one son, Terry Baker of Gardendale; six sisters, Essie Hunter of Rockwood, Madie Burton, Thelma Cox, Mary Trammell and Ovella Harris, all of Coleman, and Ronnie Winslett of Brownwood; seven brothers, J.C. Baker of Lovington, New Mexico, O.T. Baker of Vernon, James A. Baker, Bob Baker and Ed Baker, all of Brownwood, Howard Baker of Fort Stockton and Jerry Baker of Odessa; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to American Lung Association.

Alice Edith Morgan

CISCO—Alice Edith Morgan, 86, of Boerne and formerly of Cisco, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 1999, in Boerne.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Poe officiating. Burial was in Scranton Cemetery.

Mrs. Morgan was born in Atwell in Callahan County and was a homemaker. She moved to Boerne in 1992 from Cisco. She was a Baptist and was the widow of I.W. "Ike" Morgan, whom she married in 1932 in Scranton.

Survivors include one son, Mackey Morgan of Cisco; two daughters, June Johnson of City by the Sea, Texas, and Cheri Clark of Boerne; two sisters, Rita Mae Oliver of San Angelo and Mildred Foster of Cisco; one brother, Woodrow Jones of San Angelo; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

C.P. Cemetery Report for December & 1998 Treasurers Report

DONATIONS: Louise Richardson \$25; Wilda Edington \$25; Kent Davis \$100; M/M Glenn Payne \$50; M/M Y.G. Hughes \$250; I/M of Raymond Andrews by Howard & Monnie Andrews \$30; Zora Mae Bryant \$300; CD Earn #7719 \$983.20; Interest Added to Acct. \$8.70 **TOTAL:** \$1,771.90
GRAVE OPENING PERMITS: Tommy G. Woody 3 plots \$150; GOP for Katie Oliver \$75; Tommy Woody 1 plot \$75 **TOTAL:** \$300

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1998

Beginning Balance 1-1-1998 \$2,745.47

RECEIPTS - 1998
Gift Deposits \$4,808.49; Interest on NOW \$73.44; Grave Opening Permits \$2,400; Interest on C.D. Deposits \$4,374.87
Total Receipts \$11,656.80; Plus Balance 1-1-1998 \$2,745.47 **TOTAL RECEIPTS & BALANCES** \$14,402.27

DISBURSEMENTS - 1998
F&T \$6,600; Supplies \$182.15; Savings Deposit Box Rent \$20; Sand \$350

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$7152.15

ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1998 \$7,250.12.

Cross Cut Cemetery Reports Donation

Fawn Furry contributed \$100 to the Cross Cut Cemetery in memory of her parents, Roe and Addie Martin.

Donations are greatly appreciated by the association. You may send your contributions to O.B. Byrd.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Roger Corn presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Cynthia R. Strange, driving while license suspended.

Terry L. Thomas, TPC (theft of property by check.)

Misdemeanor Minutes

Probation revoked in the following cases:

Robert Loman, assessed 90 days in jail, \$50 fine and \$191.25 court costs for TPC.

Michael Ray Johnson, assessed 60 days in jail, \$250 fine and \$214.25 court costs for possession of marijuana.

Bruce Harber, assessed 45 days in jail, \$100 fine and \$214.25 court costs for possession of marijuana.

Jimmy Massey, assessed 30 days in jail, \$200 fine and \$117 court costs for assault.

John Michael Lanham, James Dwayne Thompson, defendants discharged from probation.

Tony Soliz Jr., probation granted for TPC.

John William Freeman, defendant released from probation.

Motion to revoke probation dismissed in the following cases: James Dwight Lambert, John C. Smith, Antonio Soriano, Ricardo Leroy, Daniel Clifton Riggs, Jody Lynn Thomas, Michael J. Curry, Elias G. Hernandez, Charlie B. Waller.

Eugenio Martinez, case dismissed.

Mark Cruz, probation granted for TPC.

Jodi Dee Ward, Tommy R. Meyer permitted to withdraw as surety.

Anita Irene Massey, driving while license suspended case dismissed.

Robert S. Armstrong, DWI case dismissed, defendant sentenced to prison in another case.

Lisa Kay West, TPC case dismissed, restitution paid.

Cynthia Starkey Ingram, request to extend probation granted.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Heather Dawn Elders & Ronald Gabe Burge of Clyde.

Ronald Alan Freiman and Linda Sue Wallace, Baird.

Bobby Loriston Voigts and Dana Starr Barton, Baird.

Leo Baker, Clyde, and Renca Louise Roberts, Abilene.

Terry Lynn Mayfield & Gerald Wayne Towery of Clyde.

42ND DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Divorce cases filed:
Black, William Neal and Nelda Carlene.

Rogers, Ben S. and Sherri Lynn, Phillips, Karen Sue and Robert Wayne.

Bralley, Thomas Edward and Wendy Lynn.

Baze, Karen E. and Joseph Edward Witte, Randall C. & Debra Jo.

Rodriguez, Ashleigh D'Ann and Draper Tobias.

May, Donna Ray and Waldon Earl Cannon, Justin Jay and Melanie Jean.

Bredchoft, Howard James and Pamela Danise.

Chambers, Patti Suzanne and Steven Leslie.

Civil Minutes

Capitol Land and Livestock vs. Joyce Savell, case dismissed.

Divorces granted:
Kirkham, Robbie L. and Kurtis Lynn.

Garcia, Veronica and Juan.

Criminal Minutes

Celia Ann Bryan Norton, interference with child custody case dismissed at request of complaining witness.

Brenda L. Miller, possession of a controlled substance case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case and sent to prison.

Felony Indictment

Cathy Dawn Lambert, Count I, child abandonment, Count II, injury to a child.

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Sunday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Other Local Talent Will Be There Also
Refreshments will be served.

Comanche Co. Sheriff's Posse

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Benefit Fish Fry at Cook's Fish Barn

Hwy. 36
Monday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.

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Entertainment by
Durwood Strube & His Texas Best Band
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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

We all enjoyed some fine music and singing from Bobby Jack McCowen during the residents birthday party.

Louise Richardson reports that she had an enjoyable visit from her daughter and son-in-law Sharene and Dr. Avi Deshmukh from Stephenville.

Our sincere love and sympathy to the family of Ruth Pickett on the loss of their loved one.

Thoughts and prayers for June Culvahouse who is in the hospital.

Appreciation to Gene Dillard for the peanut brittle, to Frances McAnally for the ginger snaps and to Ruby Cassle for the chips and dip.

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

Vermon Simpson from Giddings and Ellen Simpson from Cottonwood visited Alpha Wilson.

Kenneth Brooks from Pioneer visited Blanche Brooks.

Eddie McAnally from Snyder visited Ed McAnally.

Claudia and Sammy Raymond from Dallas and Patricia Wrong visited Myrtle Wilson.

R.C. Merryman visited with Howet Wilson.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winner were Minnie Swann (2), Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson, Howet Wilson, Alpha Wilson (2) and Vera Belyeu (2). Exercise class.

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

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

Thursday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Melba Crisp, Louise Richardson, Alpha Wilson (2) and Minnie Swann. Bean bag toss. Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist
A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

55 Alive Driving Class Announced

There will be an instruction class on 55 Alive driving on Saturday, January 30 at the Clyde Senior Citizens Center building located at North 4th Street in Clyde.

The class will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude around 3:30 p.m. The minimum age to sign-up for the course is 50 years of age and the cost

for the class is \$8.00 per person.

Most insurance companies will allow a 10% reduction in vehicle premiums upon completion of the course.

This is a one day course. Prior classes were two days of three hours each. Instruction of the course is Mr. Tom Hart of Albany.

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.

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The apostle John, inspired by the Holy Spirit (II Peter 1:20-21), tells us why the things Jesus did, especially His miracles, were recorded -- "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:31). John readily admitted that not all of what Jesus did is recorded -- that if they were "written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." (John 20:30; 21:25)

God places a premium on having faith -- belief. The inspired writer of Hebrews says that "without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists, and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Paul, God's penman in writing the Christians in Rome, said, "...faith comes by hearing the word of God." (Romans 10:17) So God places a premium also on "hearing His word," either by reading it for oneself or hearing someone else read it and/or proclaiming it to them. When hearing someone else read and proclaim it, we would do well to be as noble as some Berean Jews were when Paul and Silas preached to them. Acts 17:11 reads, "These were more fair-minded than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether the things Paul said was true." (Emphasis, mine.)

I encourage the reading of God's word, the Bible. It is God's source for faith building, initially and continuously. But with a flood of "study" Bibles on the market today, I encourage you to check the accuracy of the added notes, comments, etc. against the very word of God -- "to find out if the things are so." Error taught builds toward error practiced -- but does not build saving faith. Let us be sure that our faith is saving faith.

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

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"The American Dream"

As a young girl growing up, we went with our friends to church camp during the summer in Lueders. The first year we went, there was a young woman there from Venezuela. She was a missionary and was there in the capacity of a speaker.

That day in the afternoon everyone who wished to do so went in swimming about 3 p.m. Around four o'clock everyone was cleared from the water. We all gathered 'round to hear the missionary speaker from Venezuela. If I live to be 3,000, I will never forget what she said.

As a young girl growing up in Venezuela she always dreamed of going to America. The stories she heard were almost like fairy tales of an America with riches untold. Wonderful things happened in America, everyone in the USA were very wealthy, etc. A dream world, everything is perfect in America etc., etc.

Life went on and she soon became a Christian. Later on she left Venezuela by ship to come to America to study for the mission field.

She said as she stood on deck gazing up into the night sky as the ship arrived in New York Harbor

everyone was looking toward and talking about the Statue of Liberty. It was just absolutely "THE" main topic of discussion.

Being a very naive young person as she stood looking toward the heavens, she viewed what was an airplane coming in for a landing at a nearby airport. She could see the stars and the planes lights twinkling and as she looked, not realizing it was the planes red landing lights, she thought to herself in amazement, why they even have "colored stars" in America. What a wonderful place!

Many dreams have gone into the making of America. But it's not just the dreaming, it's the work and the workers who persevere and meet the goals and make those dreams come true which eventually reach the summit. It takes both the dreamer and the worker to bring those dreams to fruition.

It's alright to dream and even to dream in technicolor, but without the work being put into the melting pot along with the dreams, it's almost impossible to achieve that inimitable "American Dream."

Keep Dreaming -- 'til next time.

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

In the year before I started to school, Mother and I would go in the mornings to visit her sister, Beulah Mae McGary.

I especially remember one such morning because in the corner of the kitchen stood a brand new broom. It was quite funny looking because it had half a bed slat nailed to each side of the handle. It just so happened that Ross, my cousin, who you would consider a very healthy boy,

had misbehaved and Beulah Mae had tore into him with her new broom and had broken about 2 1/2 feet of the handle off. In doing so, it did not set well with Beulah Mae and she worked him over with the handle for breaking her new broom.

From then on, it was referred to as Ross' broom and it stood proudly in the corner of the kitchen looking like some poor defenseless animal with its leg in a splint.

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Members of the 1998-99 board include: Chairman Betty Hardwick representing Callahan County, Vice-Chair Larry Hopkins representing Abilene and Taylor County, Secretary Mary Lou Gilbreath representing Stamford and Jones County and Treasurer David Scott representing Abilene and Taylor County. Other members representing Abilene and Taylor County include: Robert Monk, Ph.D., Mr. Joel Loya, Mr. Steven Austin and William E. "Chip" Holmes. Mrs. Zella "Dee" Hamilton is the Shackelford County representative.

Members are appointed to two year terms and may serve multiple terms. Board meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m., 2616 South Clack in Suite 150. Members of the public are welcome. For more information call (915) 690-5133.

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PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie went to Ranger Thursday and visited with her aunt, Thury Ainsworth, and then Frankie's sister, Mrs. Dorothy Rogers.

Saturday night Oliver, Frankie and Jean Fore attended the Cisco Musical. Enjoyed it very much.

Earlene Burge's daughter, Jessica Stultz, and grandchildren, De Ann and Andrew, spent one day with her and her brother, Rudolph and Sarah came from Denton and spent a night last week. Dee Ann and Andrew went home to Nacogdoches on Saturday. They both go to school at S.F.A.

Grassen and Myrtle Harlow and Vivian Marrar of Arlington are visiting Jean Fore.

Sunday Cowan and Laverne Hutton visited Laverne's sister,

Betty Haslam, in the hospital in Abilene. She was in hopes of going home by Tuesday. They also visited James Chesshir. Monday they were business visitors in Fort Worth. Returning home they met friends Lee and Sara Widner of Mineral Wells and Otis and Charline O'Kelley of Santo at Weatherford for dinner.

The Quilting Club is still working on Jean Fores "Nine Patch", Juanita's "Dutch Doll," and Jean Alexander's "Card Tricks." We should get Jean Fore's quilt finished this week.

James and Charlene Chesshir are always in our prayers. We do hope he is doing better and will soon be home.

Words of Wisdom #59: Happiness grows at our firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.

Nimrod Community Honors Couple with Baby Shower

The Nimrod Community gave a baby shower for upcoming parents, Rebecca and Jason Collier. On January 14th the members of Nimrod Community came together at the home of Clarence and Betty Richter to celebrate the future and hope of new life. The couple are expecting their baby on February 14.

A total of sixteen neighbors and friends came to wish the couple

health and happiness. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

A special "thank you" to the hostesses, Betty Richter, Eva McGough, LaVelda Walker and Barbara Westbrook.

Rebecca and Jason would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all who attended and for the wonderful gifts received.

State Garden Show Of Texas March 20 & 21

Time is here again for the STATE GARDEN SHOW OF TEXAS! The show will be held at last year's popular location — Heart of Texas Coliseum General Exhibits Building — March 20 and 21. The show boasts a two-day get-down-in-the-dirt seminar schedule and an exhibit hall full of all the gardening supplies and necessities gardeners need for a successful season — all in one stop!

This year, the first 500 gardeners ordering tickets by February 15 will receive a FREE AFGAN PINE SEEDLING at the show! Tickets are \$5 for both days including seminars.

The seminar schedule is kicked off Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with talks on landscaping, spring vegetable gardening, herbs, soil preparation, etc.

The exhibit hall will be packed with all the tools gardeners need to get their season off to a good start. Exhibitors will be on hand with power equipment, organic products, natives, herbs, books and much more.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults and are good for the entire weekend, including seminars. For advance tickets to the STATE GARDEN SHOW OF TEXAS call 800-727-9020 (credit card orders only) or 254-848-9393, or mail your request for tickets to P.O. Box 9005, Waco, Texas 76714. Remember, if you are one of the first 500 ordering by FEBRUARY 15, you will receive a free afgan pine seedling at the show!

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area, many other services are available: case management, transportation, homemaking, personal care, residential repair, information and assistance, adult day care, care giver education and more.

In the current round of hearings, TDoA wants to take public input a step further than usual. "There are more than two million people in Texas over the age of 60 right now," said Christy Fair, TDoA's Director of Policy and Planning. "That number will increase by 30 percent within ten years, and by 2030 there will be almost eight million older Texans. When you think of that, you can understand how crucial it is for us to hear from the public about more than the needs of Texans who are older right now."

"We absolutely need to also hear from family care givers and Baby Boomers who themselves will be older in just a few years. We want Texas citizens everywhere to comment about how what we're doing right now will affect older

Texans tomorrow."

In the public hearings scheduled for this region, the hosts are asking local people to not only speak up about current and future aging concerns, but also on how funding decisions are made, how services provided now are doing and what gaps in services need to be filled.

Serving on the hearing panel and receiving public comment will be representatives from the Texas Board on Aging, the Texas Department on Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging and a member from each AAA's local citizens advisory council.

For more information on the public hearing, call 800-252-9240. You will be automatically transferred to the Area Agency on Aging nearest you. You may also submit your views and concerns in writing to the Texas Department on Aging, Attention Policy and Planning Division, P.O. Box 12786, Austin, TX 78711 or e-mail them at christy@tdoa.state.tx.us.

"SOUPER BOWL"

drive: "Lord, as we watch the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup."

The youth of the church grabbed hold of the prayer and turned it into "Souper Bowl of Caring" the following year. The enterprise has grown steadily and last year 8,600 congregations representing 40 denominations across the United

States collected \$1.7 million.

Baird joins the drive this year as a member of the supporting the Community Clothes Closet Food Pantry. Church members extend an invitation to the community to join in. Visit the Baird Presbyterian Church for the January 31 service at 10 a.m. and participate in the special effort or make your donations directly to the Clothes Closet.

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Annuals go on sale Feb. 4

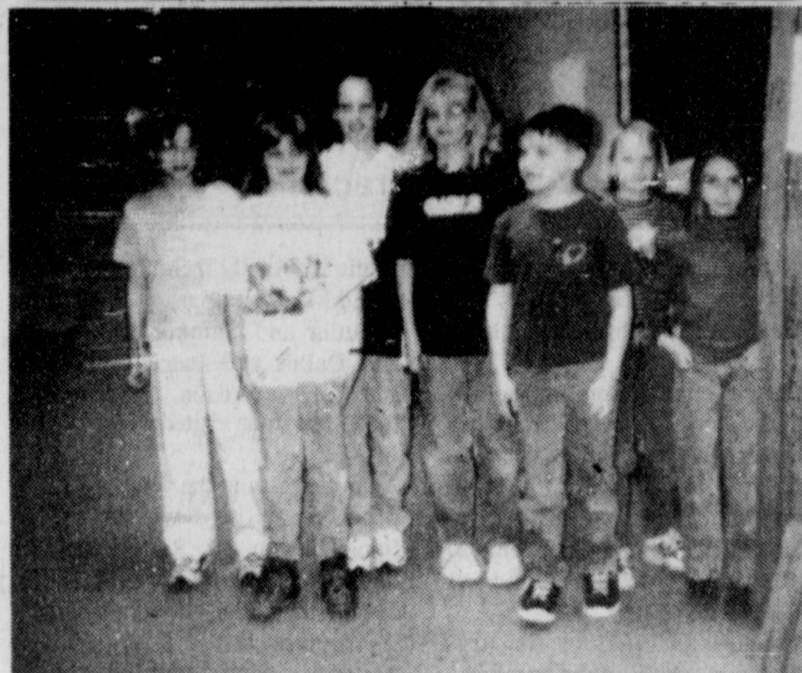
Annuals will go on sale February 4. Cost of the annuals will be \$30 each. There will be a limited supply so you must order and pay now. Cash **WILL NOT** be accepted, only checks, money orders or cashier check will be accepted.

School Board To Meet Tonight

The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains School District will hold a regular meeting tonight (Thursday, January 21) in the Cross Plains High School Building, faculty work room beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following agenda will be followed:

- PRAYER
- MINUTES
- 1. OPEN FORUM
- 2. TAKE ACTION ON USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
- 3. AMEND THE 98/99 BUDGET
- 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
- 5. PERSONNEL
 - A. ACT ON EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE
 - B. ACT ON SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION
 - C. ACT ON SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT
 - D. OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS (IF NEEDED)
- 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS/PAY BILLS
- 7. ADJOURN.

Jackie Tennison, Superintendent



GT STUDENTS PICTURED—Karen Ross (from left), Danielle Felty, Katie Mack, Megan Felty, Russell Thomas, Julicanne Mack and Melissa Luter.

G/T Book Reports

G/T students presented their projects for the third six weeks. Each student read a book and prepared a project that reflected their book. Megan Felty invited students to imagine what it must be like for two Jewish girls during the holocaust in her display of *The Hiding Place* by Johanna Riess. Karen Ross challenges students to guess the contents of her boxes in her display of *Chasing Redbirds* by Sharon Create. *The Great Summer Camp* by Costa Strophe was represented by Katie Macks' setting of bunk beds and summer fun. Julicanne Mack welcomes you to Narinda in her

display of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by CS Lewis. You may take a tour of the Grand Canyon with Danielle Felty and Marquerite Henry in *Brightly of The Grand Canyon*. Melissa Luter takes you on a tour of the Alamo with her book *The Girl of the Alamo* by Rita Keffer. Russell Thomas displays a group of riddles and a chest full of treasures found in *The Hobbitt* by JRR Tolkien. Each student had to select and read a book of their choice then display a product. The G/T students displayed a variety of ways to interpret their books which was enjoyed by all.

Boys Basketball Update

By COACH LARRY BARTEE

The Junior High Boys played Santa Anna on January 11 and were defeated by only 1 point 37-36.

Scoring were: C. Harris - 10; J. Mauricio - 6; M. Williams - 4; C. Koenig - 4; D. Dickson - 4; S. Gardner - 4; R. Mack - 3; J. Pancake - 1.

Junior Varsity played Tuesday, January 12 in Baird. The Bears won 53-24.

Scoring were: J. Peters - 4; J. Ross - 4; L.D. Whitehead - 4; L. Mauricio - 2; J. Hopkins - 2; B. Gilliam - 2; L. Hill - 2.

They played Brookesmith January 15 and were narrowly defeated 34-30.

Scorers were: L. Hill - 12; A. Norris - 6; L.D. Whitehead - 4; T. Butler - 3; J. Hopkins - 2; J. Peters - 2.

7th Grade boys participated in the Cross Plains Tournament Saturday, January 16. The team was victorious over Coleman 27-10.

Scorers were: J. Pancake - 12; S. Gardner - 6; M. Williams - 4; R. Mack - 3; R. Duncan - 1; D. Dickson - 1.

They were defeated Saturday, January 16, by Baird 33-27.

Scorers were: M. Williams - 10; J. Pancake - 8; S. Gardner - 7; A. Bennett - 2.

8th Grade boys played Coleman in the local tournament in a close one, being defeated 24-23.

Scoring were: J. Mauricio 11; C. Harris - 6; C. Koenig - 4; N. Joy - 2. Baird beat the team 30-23.

Scorers were: J. Mauricio - 15; C. Harris - 2; B. Jones - 2; N. Joy - 2; C. Koenig - 2.

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2ND-3RD FALL FEST KING AND QUEEN—Macayla Cook and Markus Maxwell.



4TH-5TH FALL FEST KING AND QUEEN—Megan Thomas and Garrett Stephens.



FALL FEST COSTUME WINNERS—A.J. Carouth (from left), Melissa Luter, Shambry Sanders, Emily Harris, Mykea Douglass and Christin Hyles.

Lady Buffs Beat Baird -- Lose To Brooksmith

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday the Lady Buffs traveled to Baird defeating them by a score of 40-36. We jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the 1st quarter and led by a score of 24 to 12 at halftime.

The girls didn't shoot the ball very well in the second half and it allowed Baird to get back into the game late in the 4th quarter.

This win gave the Lady Buffs a 2-0 lead in the District 28-A standings.

Scoring were Laura Ricci 17, Mindy Mitchell and Whitney Giles 8, Jennifer Turner 6 and Ashley Beggs 1.

On Friday they traveled to Brooksmith to play the Lady Mustangs. Early foul problems and no rebounds got us off to a slow start.

We were down 24 to 11 at halftime. The Lady Buffs came out in the second half and made a couple of runs to cut the lead to 7 once and 8 another time, but we couldn't get any closer.

We played them even in the second half 21 to 21, but digging the hole early cost us this time. The final score was Brooksmith 45 and Lady Buffs 32.

Scoring were Mitchell 12, Giles 8, Ricci 6, Beggs, Brandi Richey and Turner 2.

This brings the overall season record to 15 and 8.

Jr. Varsity Basketball Update

The Junior Varsity girls play Monday at Hawley on January 5 and lost by a score 52-32. Scoring were: Thomas 7, Bailey 6, Barnett 6, Beaty 4, Francy 3, Hutchins 3, Clark 1 and Webb 2.

The girls played their first district game on January 12 and defeated Baird 34-13. They really hustled and out-played Baird. Scoring were: Bailey 12, Beaty 10, Thomas 4, Clark 3, Webb 3 and Barnett 2.

The J.V. girls played hard and smart and came out on top, defeating Brooksmith by a score of 33-24. Scorers were: Bailey 9, Stephenson 6, Clark 5, Tessa Wyatt 4, Beaty 3, Webb 3, Hartman 2, and Hutchins 2.

SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 29 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY — Sweet rice, toast, assorted juice and milk.
- TUESDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY — Cheese toast, assorted juice and milk.
- THURSDAY — Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice and milk.
- FRIDAY — STOCK SHOW

LUNCH

- MONDAY — Meat-cheese nachos, corn salad, blueberry crisp and milk.
- TUESDAY — Chicken patty on bun, later tots, pickles, peaches and milk.
- WEDNESDAY — Chicken nuggets w/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.
- THURSDAY — Turkey subs, chips, salad, fresh fruit and milk.
- FRIDAY — STOCK SHOW

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Junior High Basketball News Told

Junior High Girls Purple Team pulled off another win 23-15 on Monday, January 11, when they traveled to the Santa Anna Mountaineer gym. In the 1st quarter the girls were ahead by only 2 points (score 8-6). The 2nd quarter more mistakes and less hoops. The 3rd and 4th quarters the girls began to make more hoops.

Team points: Winfrey 12, Kitchens 8, Hartman 2, Dillard 1.

Saturday, January 16, the Cross Plains Junior High Tournament started at 8:30 a.m. The Gold Team played in a "Round Robin" with Coleman B Team and Baird.

The first game ended with Coleman victorious 17-11. This was a good game for the Gold Team.

The second game score was Baird 35 Cross Plains 10.

Total points for both games were: Rivard 14, Young 3, Callaway 2, S. Hyles 2.

The Purple Team won their first game 25-14 over Coleman B Team. This moved them into the winners bracket of the tournament. The girls lost to Baird 58-20.

The two game team points were: Winfrey 14, Kitchens 11, Rivard 8, Hartman 6, Dillard 4, and Bowden 2.

The Baird Girls won the tournament.

Monday, January 18, the Purple Team took on the Baird Cubs. This started out to be the best game these girls had played against Baird.

The first time they played Baird they beat Cross Plains by 23 points and the second time 38 points.

Now it looked like they had a good chance to stay close to Baird. The coaches had worked on a new play to get the ball down the court better and the girls showed lots of HUSTLE.

The 1st quarter C.P. had 4 points to 9, 2nd quarter 11 to 10. At halftime the score was CP 15 - Baird 19. Baird was ahead by only 4 points. This was great to be this close in points.

The Baird team came back after the half and TOOK CONTROL and Cross Plains lost control. Not a point was scored in the 3rd and 4th quarters. Final score was Baird 33 - Cross Plains 14.

Team points were: Dillard 7, Kitchens 4, Winfrey 2, Rivard 2.

Cross Plains' Gold Team was defeated by Baird 37-0.

The next game is Monday, January 25. They will play the Brownwood B team. HOOP IT UP!!!

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Also we wish to thank everyone for their phone call, prayers, visits, and those who sent cards, flowers, memorials and food. May God bless each and everyone as we have been blessed by your affection.
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Hale named Abilene district engineer

ABILENE—William L. "Bill" Hale has been named district engineer for the Abilene district, effective January 1, 1999. Wes Heald, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation made the announcement.

In his position of district engineer, Hale will be responsible for management and engineering oversight of all district activities to include transportation planning, operations, right of way, design, construction, inspection, maintenance, safety and environmental functions, as well as administrative and support activities for the 13-county district.

Counties in the Abilene district include Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor. Hale began his TxDOT career in May 1983 as an engineer assistant in the Dallas district. Prior to being selected to his present position, he was the area engineer for Southeast Dallas County in Hutchins. There, he oversaw all transportation-related projects and activities. His office's average annual workload for the past three years has been \$60 million in design projects, \$70 million in construction and \$4 million in maintenance.

In 1996, Hale received the prestigious Luther DeBerry Award for his work with local officials on several major projects in the Dallas area.

Before moving to his position of area engineer in 1992, Hale was as-



WILLIAM L. "BILL" HALE

signed to the Ellis county area office in Waxahachie. While there, he worked in a variety of areas including planning, design construction and maintenance. He was the assistant area engineer in Ellis county before his promotion to the Hutchins office.

Hale earned a bachelor of science degree civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He also received a masters in civil engineering from UTA. For the past six years, Hale has been a senior lecturer at his alma mater, teaching a graduate class in pavement design.

A native of Dallas, Hale and his wife DD have three children, Chris, Tyler and Tori. In his spare time, Hale says he enjoys a good round of golf.

CP SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	1998	1999
Total Yearly sales tax payments	\$ 4,639.13	\$4,662.04
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$4,639.13	\$4,662.04

CP sales tax slightly higher in 1999

Retail sales in the City of Cross Plains are 0.49% higher in 1999 compared to 1998, according to the city's sales tax rebate information received recently.

The state comptroller released the city sales tax rebates to the Texas cities Monday, January 11 including those in the City of Cross Plains.

State Comptroller for Texas, Carole Keeton Rylander delivered her first sales tax rebates, kicking off 1999 with a total of \$163.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,096 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 5.1 percent increase over the \$155.7 million allocated to cities and counties in January 1998.

"I am delighted to begin serving in the office of Comptroller as the State of Texas begins another promising year," Comptroller Rylander said. "Sales tax rebates to cities and counties are 5.1 percent higher this January than those for the first month of last year, as consumers continue to show their confidence in the growing Texas economy."

January's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November, at the start of the traditional holiday shopping season, and reported to the Comptroller in December.

Rylander said the City of Cross Plains reported that sales tax payments in 1999 are 0.40% higher than the 1998 payments. The city had received \$4,662.04 so far in 1999, while the 1998 tax payments to city totalled \$4,639.13.

The town's monthly payment for December was the same as the yearly total.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include: —The City of Baird is reporting 1999 city sales tax payments running 28.82% lower than the 1999 sales tax payments. Baird's 1999 sales tax payments have amounted to \$3,264.49, while the 1998 sales tax rebates were \$4,586.81.

The city's monthly sales tax check for December was the same as the yearly total.

—The 1999 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 11.41% above tax payments made to the city in 1998. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$9,392.92 so far in 1999. The 1998 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$8,430.77.

The city's monthly payment for December was the same as the yearly total.

—The City of Putnam is reporting the 1999 payments to the town totalled \$1,112.10, up 82.90% from the 1998 payments to the city in the amount of \$608.03.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of December was the same as the yearly total.

County-wide, sales tax payments for 1999 in Callahan County are running 0.91% above the 1998 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales

tax payments in 1999 amounting to \$18,431.55, while the 1998 payments to the county towns totalled \$18,264.74.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of December were the same as the yearly total.

Some area towns reporting sales tax payments for 1999 year-to-date and whether it's an increase or decrease over 1998 sales include: Albany, \$10,846.25 in 1999, 21.79% decrease from 1998; Anson, \$7,094.56 in 1999, 35.65% decrease; Stamford, \$31,280.18 in 1999, 22.54% decrease; Cisco, \$11,966.65 in 1999, 18.99% decrease; Eastland, \$44,006.92 in 1999, 1.47% increase; Merkel, \$14,183.16 in 1999, 57.65% increase; Ballinger, \$23,535.21 in 1999, 15.96% decrease; and Coleman, \$26,983.77 in 1999, 30.93% decrease.

Statewide, sales tax payments in 1999 are 5.66% ahead of 1998 rebates, according to Rylander's figures. The state comptroller has sent out checks totalling \$150,551,556.71 so far in 1999, while the 1998 payments to the state's cities amount to \$142,482,592.32.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax. Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains all collect 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the cities and 0.50% allocated to the communities economic development corporations.

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

Girl Scouts' National President To Visit Central Texas January 23

Elinor Johnstone Ferdon, National President of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., will be the special guest and speaker at the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council's 50th annual meeting January 23. The council will be honoring Mrs. Ferdon with a reception Saturday afternoon at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Mrs. Ferdon is from Alpine, New Jersey and was elected to the office, the highest volunteer position in Girl Scouting, in October 1996.

Mrs. Ferdon is currently a member of the board of directors and audit committee chair of Summit Bancorp and Summit Bank, headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey.

Proudly describing herself as a "volunteer professional," she has served in various capacities in Girl Scouting for more than 30 years. She has been on the Girl Scout National Board of Directors since 1978, most recently serving as First Vice President and Executive Committee Chair. She also has held position on the board of directors of two local Girl Scout councils, including three terms as president of the Girl Scout Council of Bergen County, New Jersey.

Mrs. Ferdon has been involved in Girl Scouting on the international level as well. Prior to becoming national president of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., she served five years as president of the World Foundation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Inc., which seeks to foster world friendship by supporting Girl Guide and Girl Scout projects around the globe. She has represented Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. at World Conferences in Kenya, Denmark, and, in 1996, in Nova Scotia, where she was the presiding officer of the conference.

Mrs. Ferdon is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts International Centre, Our Chalet, Adelboden, Switzerland.

Her volunteer activities outside Girl Scouting are extensive. In addition to serving as a member of the board of trustees and Chairman's Commission on 21st Century Affiliate Standards and Attributes of the National Urban League, she is vice chair of the board of trustees of Liberty Science Center. Mrs. Ferdon also sits on the United Way of America Board of Governors and the board of directors of the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Social Welfare Organizations.

Mrs. Ferdon has been honored many times for her volunteer work and community service. She was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is also a recipient of the Thanks Badge Two, Girl Scouting's highest recognitions for adults; the Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scout Council of Bergen County; the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award from United Way of America; the community Leadership Award from Family Service of America; the New Jersey Woman of Achievement Award from Douglass College and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs; and the Volunteer Leadership Award from Leadership New Jersey.

She and her husband, attorney Robert E. Ferdon, have three daughters and four grandchildren.

National Women's Heart Healthy Day Brings Free Health Screenings for Women

Hendrick HeartSaver Network and Hendrick Women's Health Network will be celebrating National Women's Heart Healthy Day by presenting health screenings for women. Community members can receive free screenings on February 1 at Vera West Women's Center, 1850 Hickory Street, Abilene. The screenings will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Screenings available include: coronary risk appraisal, cholesterol, blood pressure and body composition.

"We are so pleased to offer these screenings for women," stated

Stephanie Jones, administrative director, Cardiology. "Heart disease takes the lives of many women each year. If we can help prevent heart disease and encourage healthy heart habits, we feel we can help women in this community."

Also, at Noon, Laurie Rush, dietitian, Hendrick Medical Center, will be presenting a free lunch seminar on "Heart Healthy Nutrition." Lunch will be provided, however, seating is limited and reservations are required (for luncheon only). For more information, please call (915) 670-3950.

Hendrick Cancer Center: Specially Designed Dedication To Be Held

Much thought and dedication to patient care had been included in the design and development of Hendrick Cancer Center. Many hours of volunteer work, community commitment and financial resources have helped to form our world class cancer center. The public open house and dedication will be held, February 9, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Hendrick Cancer Center is located in the Shelton Building, 2000 and Pine Street, Abilene.

One of the rooms designed specifically for cancer patients is the room where patients will receive their chemotherapy treatments. The chemotherapy room creates a comfortable atmosphere during the treatment process. Amenities for this unique include specially designed chairs, a pleasant view (opens to an outdoor courtyard) and availability of television, videos and music to provide distraction during lengthy treatments.

"This room was very important in

the design of the center because patients will be involved for long hours," state Sandi Saringer, administrative director, Hendrick Cancer Center. Patients may receive daily, weekly or monthly treatment. Some treatments may continue for several weeks or months, which makes comfort and care very important. During the treatment patients are encouraged to bring family or friends for support and to enjoy music, crafts, reading or other hobbies. Coffee, juice and snacks are also available.

"The staff of Hendrick Cancer Center is dedicated to helping patients through their treatments. Specially trained nurses provide assessment, education and support during chemotherapy. We hope this special room will help make the treatments patients receive more tolerable," continued Saringer.

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1999 Little League Elections To Be Held Soon

The first meeting of the 1999 Cross Plains Little League season will be held at the Dairy Queen on February 2, at 7:00 p.m.

The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be the election of officers for the 1999 season. We invite everyone to attend.

Cross Plains Little League had a great season in 1998 and they are sure that 1999 will be even better with your help. I urge anyone with an interest in Little League Baseball to attend this meeting.

Let's make 1999 the most memorable and fun season yet for the youth of Cross Plains. For additional information call (254) 725-7640.

Registration Continues at CJC thru Jan. 22

Cisco Junior College's Dean of Admission, Olin O. Odom, III, reminds area residents that registration is under way and will continue through January 22 at the Cisco campus and the CJC Abilene Educational Center. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as January 22, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes began on January 13 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 or at the Abilene Educational Center at 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. during regular office hours. For more information call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco (254) 442-2567 or Abilene (915) 673-4567.

Cub Scout Troop 281 Pinewood Derby Races Held Recently

By DEBORAH GRISWOLD

On Monday, January 18, Troop 281 held their annual Pinewood Derby Races.

Nine excited participants weighed in their masterpieces as they gathered for the annual event.

James Oscar Koenig and Rickey Carouth sure had a tough time deciding the winners in each of the three categories. Finally the moment of truth arrived. After much deliberation the winners were announced.

In the Best Design category, Ben Schaefer won 1st place, Michael Curry 2nd and Cody Sliger 3rd.

In the Most Original category, Levi Wooten received 1st, Lewis Walker 2nd and Jake Snell 3rd.

In the Most Unusual category, Will Mack ran away with 1st, Dean Brawley 2nd and Zach Snell 3rd.

The excitement got more intense as the races began. Family and friends, as well as the participants, cheered as each car was carefully placed on the track two by two and released. After the dust settled, it was down to the wire. The last two competitors pitted brother against brother. Who would win the Pinewood Derby Race of 1999? Everyone held their breath in anticipation as the cars were released sending them down the track. It was a close call, but Jake Snell won by a slim margin. Coming in 2nd was his brother, Zach Snell, and Dean Brawley came in 3rd.

The troop would also like to thank everyone for their participation in the recent popcorn sales. If you were unable to buy popcorn from the scouts and would like to do so, you can go by Citizens State Bank and buy some popcorn and help the scouts.

County's unemployment rate drops to 3.8% in November

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of November dropped one-tenth of one percentage point to 3.8%, according to jobless figures released Monday, January 11 by the Texas Workforce Commission. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in November 1997 was 3.5%.

Of the 6,437 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,195 were employed during November 1998 and 242 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.8%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.9% in October 1998. Of the 6,495 civilian labor force in the county during September, 6,241 had jobs while 254 or 3.9% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.3% in September 1998, 4.1% in August, 4.6% in July, 4.2% in June, 3.5% in May, 3.0% in April, 3.6% in March, 3.7% in February, 4.2 percent in January and 3.0% in December 1997, according to the unemployment figures.

Big County area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for November 1998 include: Brown, 3.8%; Coleman, 7.4%; Eastland, 4.5%; Jones, 2.9%; Runnels, 7.1%; Shackelford, 5.4%; Stephens, 4.1%; and Taylor County, 3.4%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for November 1998 was 4.5%, down from the 4.6% unemployment rate reported in October. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in November 1997 was 4.9%.

Of the 10,218,300 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,758,300 in November. Total unemployment in November 1998 was 460,000.

The United States unemployment rate was 4.5% in November 1998. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of October was 4.6%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in November 1997 was 4.3 percent.



WINNERS OF PINEWOOD DERBY—Jake Snell 1st place (from left), Zach Snell 2nd place and Dean Brawley 3rd place.



BEST DESIGN—Ben Schaefer 1st place (from left), Michael Curry 2nd place and Cody Sliger 3rd place.



MOST UNUSUAL—Will Mack 1st place (from left), Dean Brawley 2nd place and Zach Snell 3rd place.



MOST ORIGINAL—Levi Wooten 1st place (from left), Lewis Walker 2nd place and Jake Snell 3rd place.

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