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## Down Home

"Great Set Of Rules"

By VANDA ANDERSON  
CREECH  
Editor

Someone is always leaving interesting information for me to include in my column and I don't recall who supplied the following. I am sorry that I can't give credit to the person, because this set of "Golden Rules" is a good example for everyday living.

You may have a teenager who could benefit from the list. Good luck on instilling the good habits.

I liked Toody Byrd's ideas on children cleaning their room which she expressed in her book "Toody Byrd Talks and Talks and Talks." You can either have a clean room and a child that won't talk to you or a child who still talks to you and a messy room. You can't have both.

It won't hurt to cut out the following set of rules and tape it to their bedroom door. You may create a new Mr. or Miss Clean!

**GOLDEN RULES FOR LIVING**  
(Author Unknown)

- If you open it, close it.
- If you turn it on, turn it off.
- If you unlock it, lock it up.
- If you break it, admit it.
- If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
- If you borrow it, return it.
- If you value it, take care of it.
- If you make a mess, clean it up.
- If you move it, put it back.
- If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
- If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
- If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

### Census Bureau in Need of Employees

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting applicants to work the 2000 Census. Testing is conducted every Thursday at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center at 1:00 p.m. Positions available include clerks, enumerators and crew leaders. Qualifications are necessary and you may learn these plus additional information by calling 1-888-325-7733 or locally in Abilene 915-672-2589 or 915-672-2599.

### Healthy Kids Launches Affordable Health Care Program State-wide

AUSTIN, TX, JANUARY 15, 1999 — The wait for affordable health care is over. The Texas Healthy Kids Corporation (THKC) announced today that it has awarded contracts to make affordable health insurance coverage a reality for children across Texas.

The non-profit corporation's board of directors this week awarded contracts to several health plan providers across the state, making health insurance available to uninsured children at a monthly rate between \$41 and \$77 per child. Dental benefits will be made available state-wide through Safeguard/American Dental and VHP Dental.

### 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.



**PROJECT PRIDE BANQUET SPEAKER DYNAMIC** — Dr. W.E. Thorn entertained the crowd with his humorous presentation. Connie Kirkham, Vice President of Project Pride, is pictured with Dr. Thorn.

### Project Pride Membership Dinner Leaves Crowd Teary Eyed

Project Pride held their annual membership dinner on Tuesday evening, January 21 at the Community Center. Activities for 1998 were recounted and an invitation extended to everyone to get involved in making 1999 a great year.

The program opened with the invocation by Rev. Wayne Lenz, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Following dinner, Joe Howser welcomed guests and introduced Billie Ruth Loving who gave comments and the review of the organization. Project Pride officers for 1999 were introduced as follows: president, Joe Howser; vice president, Connie Kirkham; secretary, Susan McNeel; and treasurer, Joan McCowen. Directors are: finance, Joe Hanke; membership, Betty Lewis; publicity, Era Lee Hanke; restoration, Alton McCowen; historical and Howard House hostess, Billie Ruth Loving; and projects, Margaret McNeel.

### Junior Livestock Show To Be Held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Cross Plains

The annual Callahan County Junior Livestock Show traditionally begins with the rabbit and poultry judging on Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The swine show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Friday featuring the breeding swine followed by the market barrow.

The lamb show will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday beginning with the breeding sheep, followed by the market sheep.

The meat and dairy goat show will follow the lamb show.

The steer show will begin Friday at 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. including steers and heifers in various classifications.

Beef cattle judging will take place Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Premium Sale is set for Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Award presentations for champions and showmanship will be presented at this time.

Everyone is invited to come out and see the animal projects exhibited by the youth of Callahan County and support them in their efforts.

### Get Your Photos Ready For Beta Sigma Phi's Contest in March

Beta Sigma Phi met January 25, 1999 at the home of Bobbie Johnston.

Our SPRING FLING, formally known as the Valentine Pageant, will be held March 27 in the Cross Plains Auditorium. Easter dress or similar attire is encouraged, and Easter Bonnets will be permitted.

We will also have the photogenic contest, however, this year there will be some changes. The contest will be open to family members of people from Cross Plains and surrounding area. Ages will be from birth to Senior in high school. Photos must be taken within the past year. You need not be present to win. Again, more details to follow.

Members attending were Elizabeth Hunsaker, Bobbie Johnston, Kelly Lafoon, Pam Cummings, Debi Bennett, Lovera Strickland, Addie Walker, Sarah Brashear, Janice Phillips, Kathy Anderson, Wanda Merryman and Nora Odom.

### Livestock Assistance Program Deadline February 5

The Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) provides payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered losses from natural disaster in 1998. This program is different from past feed programs, in that receipts will not be required, the date of application will have no bearing on payments and payments are based on animal units and grazing losses, not feed purchased.

Grazing losses are applicable to native pasture, improved pasture and haygrazer that was used for grazing only. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm.

Eligibility requirements for LAP include:

- \*Livestock must be owned at least 90 days before they become eligible for LAP benefits.
- \*Report eligible livestock and have adequate pasture to support livestock reported.
- \*Possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock or have financial risk in eligible livestock.
- \*Complete "person" determination forms.
- \*Certify conservation compliance with Highly Erodible Land/Wetland requirements.
- \*Be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident alien and.

See LIVESTOCK page 4



**WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF CROSS PLAINS AND AREA** — Robert Noriega (front, from left), Sue Daniels and Cheryl Reed; Steve Mack (back, from left), Mary Graves and Max Verzele are actively involved in the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative providing improvements for home owners.

### CP Area Housing Initiative Chili Supper -- Delicious/Informative

By VANDA ANDERSON  
CREECH  
Editor

A chili supper was hosted by the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative on Thursday at the Community Center. Sponsors for the event were the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Citizens State Bank and Higginbotham Brothers and Company. Community leaders were advised of the goals proposed by the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative and progress made.

A large crowd enjoyed the complimentary meal. Steve Mack, a board of director for the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative, explained that the Housing Initiative is a group of concerned citizens, incorporated for the purpose of upgrading and improving existing housing, as well as, making available new housing in the Cross Plains area.

The group will identify housing needs, and try to match those needs with available resources in the area, while enhancing the local job market. The corporation will make use of USDA grants, corporate grants, private donations, federal funds and any other sources that might become available to improve housing.

Volunteers will be needed for many projects, as well as, for the coordination of the use of funds from other sources.

Board members are Richard Chaffin, Bob Pipes, Jack Scott, W.G. McCoy, Mary Graves, Linda Henson, Robert Noriega, Susan Schaefer and Steve Mack.

Short term goals for the first year include:

- \*Publicize the organization, and its purpose.
- \*Incorporate and obtain non-profit tax status.
- \*Raise "seed" money - \$25,000 goal.
- \*Develop a standard application and application procedure.
- \*Secure temporary office space.
- \*Obtain temporary/donated office equipment
- \*Christmas in April - clean up and repair 2 homes in Cross Plains with WTU funds and volunteer assistance.
- \*Clean up/repair 20 homes in the Cross Plains, utilize 100 percent of the USDA money.
- \*Provide a job market in the Cross Plains area.

Presently there is \$150,000 available in 1 percent loan money and \$50,000 grant funds.

Robert Noriega discussed the Christmas in April project, which he noted would be funded by West Texas Utilities the first year. Selected homes will receive

renovations that can be completed in one day with donated materials and labor. Breakfast, lunch and possibly dinner will be provided for the volunteers as they celebrate the day's progress.

Max Verzele, Community Development Manager for Rural Development, was introduced by Mr. Mack. He discussed eligibility requirements and monetary amounts available per home owner. It was noted that Cross Plains was very fortunate to have these funds. He introduced two members of his staff, Cheryl Reed and Sue Daniels, loan specialists.

Mary Graves, who has been taking applications at the Senior Citizens Center in Cross Plains on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., reported having submitted 17 applications. Two have been cancelled by the applicants and two closed and the work in progress. She feels that when the public witnesses physical progress there will be more participants.

Mack concluded the program by stating what those in attendance could do. He asked that everyone be positive about Cross Plains and its future; be a volunteer on one of the projects - taking applications or Christmas in April; or provide financial support for the project or administrative funding with donations of material/labor.

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### EDC To Hold Quarterly Meeting

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 2 at 3 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Daniel Bunch, theft.  
Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Christina R. Jimenez, Dawn K. Ridge, Ed McConnell, Melinda Norris.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

TPC charges dismissed due to restitution having been made: Larry Martin Fields, Connie Holder.  
TPC charges dismissed in the interest of justice: Tern R. Harrell, John C. Pate, Janice Underwood, Jessica Cato, Cynthia Walters, Alma Cerda.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Melissa Lucette Burch & Luz Ramirez Sanchez of Baird.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks presiding

### Civil Filing

Brian J. Kokonaugher & Levonda S. Kokonaugher vs Regina Hicks & Rebecca Sessions, petition to recover damages to real property.

### Civil Minutes

Divorces granted:  
Brewster, Thomas Lloyd, Jr., and Celeste.  
Warner, Belinda M. & Ronald Eugene, Jr.

### Felony Minutes

Steven E. McVey, criminal mischief, \$750 fine \$254.25 court costs, \$5000 restitution, 5 years probation.  
Bobby Lee Copeland, indecency with a child, sentenced to 5 years at TDC.  
Cathy Dawn Lambert, child abandonment, \$500 fine \$254.25 court costs, 6 years probation.

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## Selected Scriptures

*I am a companion of all who fear you, and of those who keep your precepts. Psalms 119:63*  
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

## OBITUARIES

### Mildred 'Midge' McCall

Mildred "Midge" McCall, 95, died Saturday, January 23, 1999, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 24, 1999, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Henry Grubbs officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Midge was born October 29, 1903, in Eagle Mills, Arkansas. She married Don F. McCall August 15, 1927 in Eastland County. She was active in the Girl Scouts of America as well as the Cross Plains Garden Club. She served as a Sgt. in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1944 to 1946. She was a housewife and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cross Plains.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, in 1983 and a sister, Alma Illingworth, in 1993.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Barbara Young and Sandra Jones of Cross Plains, Patty Turners of Hawkins, Carolyn Youngblood of Mesquite, Johnny, Donald and Tommy Illingworth of Dallas, Richard Illingworth of Desdemona and Robert Illingworth of Iowa Park. Pallbearers were her nephews.

### Mildred Carr Rapp Ford

Mildred Carr Rapp Ford, 90, died Monday, January 25, 1999, in the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home at Cross Plains.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Cottonwood Cemetery with Rev. Knox Waggoner officiating. Teri Brown, granddaughter of Mrs. Ford, will deliver her eulogy.

Born Mildred Loretta Carr on April 13, 1908, in Sharpville, Pennsylvania, to Fred R. Carr and Retta Scott Carr. She married Harry A. Rapp in Sharpville in 1928. Later, she moved to San Bernardino, California and married Homer J. Ford, Sr. in December 1947.

She was a member of the Sharpville Rebecca Lodge and the Theda Rho Girls and the Sharpville Fireman's Ladies Auxiliary. She was active in the Arrowhead Lodge in San Bernardino, California, and played a kazoo in a comedy band for many years. Mrs. Ford enjoyed sewing, Bingo and flowers. She retired to Winterhaven, California, in 1968, to fish, grow roses and tomatoes, relax and pet her kitty cats and Chihuahua.

In 1990, she moved to Cross Plains to be closer to her family. She was active in the Cottonwood Quilting Club and a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church and volunteered at Vacation Bible School. More recently, she had been enjoying the company of the residents and caretakers at the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains, who became a second family to her.

Mrs. Ford was preceded in death by her husband, Homer J. Ford, Sr., infant son, Harry A. Rapp, Jr., a sister Delma Carr, a brother Clarence R. Carr, stepson Bill Ford and granddaughter, Ginger Kay Uter.

Survivors include her daughters, Beverly Brown of Cottonwood and husband Wayne, Arlene Leonetti of Cody, Wyoming and husband, John; a sister, Vera Malsom of Hemet, California and husband, Edward; one step-daughter, Maxine Sneed of Azle and husband Jay W.; two stepsons, Raymond Ford of North Shore, California and Homer J. Ford, Jr. of San Bernardino, California and wife Imogene; seventeen grandchildren including Teri A. Brown of Houston; sixteen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Cottonwood Historical Association, c/o Ora Breeding, 148 George Scott St., Cross Plains, TX 76443.

### Delna Lorreta 'Rita' Rouse Wynn

Delna Lorreta "Rita" Rouse Wynn, 68, of Levelland died Sunday, January 24, 1999, at a Levelland nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Atwell Cemetery Shelter with Wayne Lenz officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wynn was born in Cisco and was a homemaker and a Baptist. She married Buell Wynn in 1972 in Juarez, Mexico.

Survivors include her husband, of Shallowater, one son, Bobby Dan Havens of Lubbock; three daughters, Debbie Lynn Field and Sandra Gay Ahrens, both of Phoenix, Arizona, and Cynthia Kay Terral of Lubbock; three sisters, Doris Wilma Goble and Eddie Faye Dillard, both of Cross Plains, and Elva Nell Dupriest of Rankin; 10 grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research, 4102 24th St., Suite 501, Lubbock, TX 79410.

### Lora Smith Pugh

Lora Smith Pugh, 91, died Monday, January 25, 1999, at Rising Star Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Houston under the direction of Metcalf Forrest Park Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ford was the mother of Mrs. H.D. Weaver of Cottonwood, Julian Pugh of Oak Ridge North Texas and Tommy Pugh of Cleveland; grand-mother of Carl Weaver of Oak Ridge North Texas, Chris Weaver of Conroe, Carol Rogers, of Jasper, Jay Pugh of Houston, Steven Pugh of Houston, Shawanna Pugh of Oak Ridge, Gregory Pugh of New Caney, Shannon Pugh of Houston; great-grandmother of Craig Rogers, Jr. Charlie Rogers and Carrie Beth Rogers of Jasper; Mason and Clint Weaver of Oak Ridge; Megan and Mallory Weaver of Conroe, Alex of Houston and Kaitlyn of Oak Ridge.

### Euil Margaret Bullard

COLEMAN—Euil Margaret Bullard, 92, died Monday, January 25, 1999, at Holiday Hill Nursing Home in Coleman.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Walker Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Evans, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bullard was born January 31, 1906, near Cross Cut to the late Luke and Rosa Edington. She married Vemon Bullard December 3, 1927 in Coleman. He passed away in 1970. She lived all of her life in Coleman and Brown counties. She was a housewife and a member of First Baptist Church of Coleman.

Survivors include three sister, Mrs. Evelyn Cowan of Nocona, Mrs. Modine McKinney of Brownwood and Mrs. O.R. Lawlis of Coleman; one brother, C.H. Edington of Burkett and several nieces and nephews including Mrs. Billie Williams and Mrs. Bonnie Barr both of Coleman.

**CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

"Will You Be My Valentine?"

Mark your calendar, February 9, 3:30 Store Hour with Sue Bennett.

A Big Thank You to these volunteers who have helped with automation and other library work: Dorothy Petty, Karen Pena, Sue Bennett, Babs Sherrill and Ethel Ames.

Donations: Claire Jordan Edwards, Ethel Ames, Ike and Sue Neal.

New Library Cards: Tiffany Aiken, Robert Daniels, Delilah Nieman and Priscilla Perry

Circulation: Cross Plains - 62  
Abilene Books - 17  
LAP - 116  
Audio Books - 4  
Total - 199

## COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

First Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 31, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

### William Bryan Sinclair

STRAWN—William Bryan Sinclair, 97, formerly of Strawn, died Sunday, January 24, 1999, at an Arlington care home.

Graveside services with Masonic rites were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Marion Cemetery with Al Mannon officiating, directed by Edwards Funeral Home.

Mr. Sinclair was born in Rockland and attended school in Woodville. He worked for T.P. Oil Company for 25 years and for Premier Oil Co. for 18 years, retiring in 1967. He was a member of Strawn Masonic Lodge 906 and Strawn Order of the Eastern Star 361. He was a life member, past Worshipful Master of the lodge and was District Deputy Grand Master of Texas in 1955. He was a Worthy Patron for Eastern Star. He had lived in Arlington since 1991 and attended First Baptist Church in Strawn. He was the widower of Ina Mae Hammond.

Survivors include four children, Edith Smith of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Norma Mannon of Shell Beach, California, Billye Sinclair of Rising Star and Ellen Turner of Carrollton; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Strawn Masonic Lodge.

## First Methodist Church hosts 4th Sunday Sing

Once again, Clint Kniffen and his band was a wonderful blessing for all those who attended our Fourth Sunday Sing, Sunday evening, January 24. Our thanks to this talented band, as well as, all the great local talent who shared favorites with us. And a special thank you to the gracious ladies who prepared refreshments for all.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, February 28, 7 p.m., to join us at our next Fourth Sunday Sing.

## Presbyterians Recognize "Souper" Bowl Sunday Jan. 31

Sunday, January 31, is Super Bowl Sunday. Sports fans are anticipating an exciting day of football. Presbyterians in Baird are planning to commemorate the day with a different kind of "Souper" Bowl celebration.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Baird plan to recognize January 31 by collecting cans of soup 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.

Collecting soup cans was inspired by a recent story of such an activity in South Carolina. As written about 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 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 way of 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.

## Living Water Ministries Fellowship Anticipating Interesting Speaker at Sunday Morning Service

Donna Lee of Abilene will be speaking and sharing her testimony Sunday, January 31, at 10:00 a.m. at Living Water Ministries Fellowship on West Highway 36 in Cross Plains.

Donna died from a heart attack and had an after death experience in which the Lord showed her many things to come.

She was brought back to life through a miracle and she is now sharing her testimony with the church.

"Everyone is invited to come and be encouraged in the Lord through this precious handmaiden," remarked Colleen Anderson.

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Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Mass:  
8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary ..... F St. at 12th ..... Cisco, Texas  
10:00 a.m. St. Rita (Rectory) ..... 1109 Blackwell Rd. .... Ranger, Texas  
10:00 a.m. \* St. Francis (Spanish) ..... 806 S. Halbryan ..... Eastland, Texas  
11:30 a.m. St. John ..... Hickory Street ..... Strawn, Texas  
Pastor: Fr. Vincent B. Inametti (254) 647-3167  
\* Deacon Jesus Ruiz (254) 653-2536

# NEWS

By  
**LINDA MERRITT**  
Activity Director

Pauline Region reports that she had an enjoyable visit with her son, Troy Sawyer from Brownwood.

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Midge McCall and Mildred Ford. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Our prayers are for June Culvahouse who is in the hospital.

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

Oliver and Frankie Smith, Bob Wallace, John Howard and Vida Balkum was here visiting everyone.

Bonnie Alexander from Sweetwater, Savannah and Roseann Yarbrough from Nolan visited with Julia Hedrick.

Violet Edwards from Cisco visited Lillie Childers.

Sharene Deshmukh from Stephenville, Charlou Cowan and

Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Kenneth Brooks from Pioneer visited Blanche Brooks.

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

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

**Wednesday:** Art class. Exercise class.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Inola Wilcoxon, Alpha Wilson, Melba Crisp and Louise Richardson.

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

**Sunday:** First Baptist Church Love is the master key that open the gates of happiness.

## Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

### "Rip Van Winkle???"

Just sittin' here a thinkin', you know sometimes that can be almost a dangerous activity.

I said "sometimes" O.K. Anyway, I just been thinkin', you know lotsa people investigate their ancestry or trace their family tree. I suppose just to see if they're a chip off the ole block or a splinter, or maybe just sawdust. I was just-a-a wonderin' and a-figurin'. Do you reckon--well, let me put it another way. How many of you remember the story of Rip Van Winkle?

As you may recall he was the dude who slept a thousand years we-ll-I-ll; maybe it was 10,000 years he slept. Or maybe he snored and it just "seemed" like 10,000 years. Do ya 'spose old Rip Van Winkle coulda been one of my ancestors? 'Cause I sure do like to sleep real late "every" day. I've heard all my life that the acorn seldom falls far from the tree.

So see, I speculate that would mean that I'm the acorn and old Rips the tree. Of course if you looked at it from another angle, I guess that would make me a NUT? Well, if Ol' Rips the tree and boards are made from trees, I guess that would make Old Rip, "as solid as a board." I must say I'm not surprised a bit; anyone who slept for that long a period of time oughta be Rock Solid! It certainly looks to me like anyone who was laying there a sleeping for that long and being so still would without a doubt atrophy or at the very least turn from a tree into petrified wood! Nothin's harder than that besides maybe being a nut. A nut? I'm not so sure I wanta be known as a NUT.

If I must be a nut I believe I'd rather be either almonds or pistachio's.

Anyway, I'm turnin' in and going to sleep. If I gotta be a nut I'd rather be a rested nut.

## The Way It Was

By CLARA NELL SPENCER

### "One Day at School..."

My teaching career began at nineteen at a two teacher school where I grew up. I had "the little room" which consisted of the first four grades (1-4).

"The Big Room" contained the principal and grades 5-9. Both rooms had wood burning stoves which we had to fire and clean up along with the rest of the room. We had to buy our own chalk or any other supplies we needed for teaching. But my pay was \$70.00 a month, so money was a problem!!

I was scared to death the first day I faced sixteen boys - no girls (for the two years I taught there). I asked, "Do you know my name?" One answered, "Yeah, you're ole' Siter McDermitt!"

They later called me "Miss Clara Nell". That sounded very "old maidish" to me who dreaded the thought of being "an old maid schoolteacher". Later in my life, I decided that was what God intended for me.

In the first grade, there were two little boys, L.J. and L. C. One was skinny and the other fat. L.J. acted miserable. He finally came to my desk and said, "If you are going to whip me, why don't you go ahead."

I said, "Honey, I'm not going to whip you; you haven't done anything wrong." He said that the men who hung around the country store told him that I would whip him the first day of school! So much for country humor!

L.C. and L.J. were joined daily by a five-year-old whose parents ran the country store which was about three blocks from school. He was a darling blonde curly-haired boy who was very bright. He took his school

work seriously until he got sleepy, then he went home.

My second grade had three very different type boys: one "all boy" typical all-American, who grew up to be a deputy sheriff. He was a good B student who had to have help with his reading. One was the youngest of twelve children who wanted to sit in my lap all the time, and the other one was beautiful child in every way - very smart with a wonderful personality. He was beloved only child with a brilliant future. He was killed at 12 in a car accident. Such a loss to the world!

Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, there was Harvey - about 5 feet tall and weighing about fifty pounds with an IQ that matched his weight. He wore overalls that struck him mid-calf and looked like they would cut his stride into. He moved like a big bird and would hop upon his desk at a moment's notice.

For a breather, I would say, "We are going to play a number game." I would back up to the black board and write a number behind my back. I would say, "This number is between 1 and 10. The one who guesses it can be "It" next time. Harvey, what do you guess?"

Harvey would always say, "14." I'd say, "No, that's not right!" He'd hop on his desk and say, "Oh, sh--!"

I'd take him to the cloak room and give him a lick!

The rest of the boys were fourth graders. Two of them were very smart. One had great poise and dignity. I knew he'd be a congressman or at least a judge (he became a barber, but a good one). The other boy was smart, good-looking, likeable, until he got mad! (He ended up in the pen.)

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ware from Childress Tuesday and Wednesday. Oliver and Frankie and Jean Fore attended the Cottonwood Musical Friday night. Oliver attended a Wild Game cook-out at Nimrod Baptist Church. They had a great time.

Earlene Burge was a guest of her granddaughter, Cindy Ochoa. They attended a production of "Driving Miss Daisy" in Brownwood, produced by Sage and Silo Theater of Fort Worth. It was an excellent play with great actors, who received a standing ovation at the end. Earlene and Cindy enjoyed it and so glad they were able to attend.

A repeat of last weeks news, Cowan and Laverne went back to Fort Worth Monday and met their friends the O'Kelley's and the Winder's for lunch in Weatherford. There is quite a bit of excitement in

Huttonville today, Tuesday the 19th. Tamara and Payton Young are new parents of a 6 pound, 9 ounce baby girl named Rachel Lynn. Grandparents are J.D. and Sandy Hutton, great-grandparents are Cowan and Laverne Hutton. Congratulations to Tamara and Payton Young on the birth of their little girl from the Pioneer Community. God bless you all.

The club did finish Jean Fore's "Nine Patch." We are still working on the "Dutch Doll" and "Card Tricks." The third quilt will be put in this week.

Our community would like to say "Happy Birthday" to Bessie way out in New Mexico. She is Jean Fore's sister. Have many more.

**Words of Wisdom #60:** The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayers, but unoffered prayer. Philip Melanckton

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

By RON RICCI

Last week at the Cross Plains Senior Center, Sears Home Health came and gave free blood pressure checks, sugar and cholesterol tests. They will be back on February 18 again. Come to the center for the free tests and eat lunch with us.

Our meals are served from approximately 11:30 to 12:00 noon. Not only are they nutritious, but delicious, too.

Meet your friends at the center and play games prior to lunch. Your attendance is always appreciated and you will benefit also. Call if you need a ride.

## MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

Joe Atwood Watson, a cousin of mine, had started dating and was going with a young man who always tried to use large words. He thought that this would impress people.

Joe's young suitor, upon bringing her home one Saturday evening, after a small disagreement, insinuated that she had a large derriere'.

Joe, not wanting to be rude, thanked the young man and he went on his way.

Upon entering the house, she immediately looked the word up in the dictionary. It was said you could hear all through the house as she referred to him as being the north end of a south bound horse.

## Cross Plains Garden Club Met Recently at Franke home

By BARBARA POWELL

January 8th, on a cold blustery day, the garden club members toured a portion of Julene and Leo Franke's property. Only garden clubbers would have ventured out over areas that in the old days would have been traversed only by horseback. But, since this is modern world, we rode comfortably in Julene's suburban and Floyd Wood's van.

Several of us braved the cold and dug through piles of weathered wood to drag home some real treasures. We excitedly filled up all available space with lovely curved branches and interesting stumps.

Joyce Odum spied a tree trunk she

wanted so bad she could taste it. The problem was, it was so large only a dozer could have moved it.

Rocks were in abundance. I would have loved to have taken just a few. All of us reacted as if we had discovered a gold mine.

Ms. Franke then welcomed us into her charming home. Hot coffee and cookies were a welcome treat.

Our meeting was very productive. Plans were made for our upcoming "Second Annual Trade Day's" to be held March 20.

Everyone was pleased that we had braved the elements and went home with wonderful memories of a day well spent.

## Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative

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## HOSPITAL NOTES

Wanda Cave, former Director of Nursing at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home and Worthy Matron of Order of Easter Star, has had a heart attack and is in Shannon Medical Center,

6th floor Room 667 in San Angelo. Cards, letters and prayers will be greatly appreciated during her recuperation.

## 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.

For further information you may call (254) 725-7160.

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher  
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Jesus had an interesting confrontation and conversation with a woman of Samaria at a well near Sychar, John 4:3-42. Jesus broke tradition by traveling through Samaria in the first place since it wasn't "kosher" for Jews to travel through the country of such "half-breeds." And it certainly wasn't "kosher" for a man, especially a Rabbi, to talk to a woman -- especially in public! (This is the reason why Jesus' disciples so marveled.)

Jesus turned the conversation from the physical to the spiritual, talking about "living water...a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." When He indicated that He knew of her past marriages and present sinful living arrangement, she shifted the conversation to worship -- where one ought to worship. Jesus tried to help her understand that the place is not the issue; what's important is that worshipers realize that "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must do so in spirit and in truth" -- in other words, with the right attitude and according to God's instructions.

During Jesus' ministry, He talked about "vain worship" -- "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men," Matthew 15:9. Paul addressed the matter of "ignorant worship" as he preached to the Athenians -- religious people who worshipped, but without knowing God, Acts 17:22 ff. And in writing the Christians at Colosse, Paul spoke of some who practiced "self-imposed worship" which had "an appearance of wisdom" -- but was obviously not of God's wisdom because it was not of His way, rather "according to the commandments and doctrines of men," Colossians 2:22-23.

Obviously there is a right attitude and a wrong attitude, a right way and a wrong way, in which to worship. But only worship "in spirit and truth" results in worshiping God who is Spirit. It would be good for all worshipers, then, to reconsider the importance of how to worship, just as the woman was made to reconsider the unimportance of the "where" to worship.

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

## Ruby McCowen to celebrate 98th birthday Friday, Jan. 29

A birthday celebration will be held for Ruby McCowen on Friday, January 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at her home on East 8th Street in Cross Plains. Ruby will be 98 years young.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend the come and go

reception hosted by her granddaughters, Garnette McKay and Sharlotte Montgomery.

Come and wish this lovely Christian woman a glorious day. Your presence will be a wonderful gift.

## ZACHARY REED ROBERTS RECEIVES PGA AWARD???

Golf fans were cheering with joy when news broke that Zachary Reed Roberts received the coveted PGA (Parent's Greatest Achievement) Award.

The award was given after Zachary's first tee off which occurred on Thursday, November 12, 1998, at 3:10 a.m.

Caddies John, Denise and Tanner Roberts said Zachary finished the front nine screaming and kicking for joy. Zachary's only comment was, "I expect to overcome water hazards in the near future."

The jubilant caddies expect the back nine to be loaded with just as much excitement and happiness.

Zachary's biggest fans Ray and Jewel Newman of Waco, Ronnie and Brenda Roberts of Abilene, Rose and Ken Welch of Searcy, Arkansas, Ruby Brooks of Cross Plains, and Jack and Dot Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colorado said his statistics were outstanding.

The 19 1/2 inch rookie weighed in at 15 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, his favorite club is the putter, his only handicap is the sand trap, and longest drive was home from the hospital.

# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

**Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball Teams Will Play Borden County at Merkel**  
**Tuesday, February 2**  
**Beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

## 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 MENU

FEBRUARY 1-FEBRUARY 5  
 (Subject To Change)

### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** — Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY** — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** — Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY** — Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY** — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

### LUNCH

**MONDAY** — Hot dog w/chili, tater tots, crackers, peaches and milk.  
**TUESDAY** — Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, spinach, rolls, honey and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** — Soft taco, salad, corn, cobbler and milk.  
**THURSDAY** — Lasagna, broccoli, garlic sticks, pears and milk.  
**FRIDAY** — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

## Lady Buffs Beat Ranger and Gorman Dist. Record 4-0

By **COACH MIKE CAVENDER**

On Tuesday, January 19, we played Ranger at home defeating them by a score of 69 to 41. We scored 31 first quarter points and lead at half time by a score of 45 to 24. We came out in the third quarter and held them scoreless until the fourth quarter.

Scoring the points were Mitchell 17, Giles 20, Ricci 8, Fleming 7, McCarty 5, Turner 3, Beggs, Richey, Hutton and Wyatt 2 each and Dillard 1.

On Friday, January 22, we traveled to Gorman defeating them by a score of 47 to 16. It was a very slow paced game with Gorman holding the ball on offense at times. The halftime score was 23 to 9. We played a much better game in the second half with defense and rebounding.

Scoring the points were Giles 12, Fleming 11, Ricci 8, Turner and Mitchell 7 and Francy 2.

This brings our season record to 17-8 and our district 28-A record to 4-0.

## Update On Boys Basketball

By **LARRY BARTEE**

The Junior High Boys 7th Grade Team played Baird on Monday, January 19, and were defeated 32-10.

Scoring were: M. Williams 4, R. Duncan 2, D. Dickson 2, R. Mack 2. The 8th Grade Boys were defeated 27-19 by the Bears.

Scorers were: J. Mauricio, C. Koenig 7, J. Pancake 2, C. Harris 2.

The Junior Varsity team played Ranger January 20, and were defeated by a slim margin of 33-29.

Scoring were: A. Norris 7, L. Hill 6, J. Hopkins 5, J. Peters 3, T. Butler 2, L. Mauricio, T.J. Harris 2, L.D. Whitehead 2.

## Superintendent's Contract Extended by Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees

**BILLY HARRIS**  
 Special Writer

The Cross Plains School Board extended the superintendent's contract and tabled the hiring of a special education aid during their regular meeting Thursday, January 21.

Superintendent Jackie Tennison had his contract unanimously extended to the year 2002 by the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Tennison declined to ask for a pay raise until the school district is notified of the amount of state funding they will receive.

The motion to lengthen the superintendent's contract was made by Rex Beggs and seconded by Leon Nixon.

Tennison has been the head of Cross Plains I.S.D. since 1996.

The hiring of a special education class aid was tabled by the board until the next meeting with a motion by Rickey Carey and seconded by Nixon.

Other items on Thursday's agenda:

\* Bills were paid with a motion by Tony Wyatt and seconded by Carey.  
 \* The Junior Class will be allowed to use the gym for the Harlem Thrillers Performance March 8 and the Beta Sigma Phi was given permission to use the auditorium on March 27 for an Easter Pageant.

\* The motion to approve the use of school facilities was made by Monty Richards and seconded by Beggs.

\* The 1998/99 budget was amended to add \$980 to the "English As A Second Language" supplies. A motion by Wyatt, seconded by Carey, brought a unanimous approval.

## Boy Scouts Attend College January 23

Troop 281 from Cross Plains visited McMurry University in Abilene on January 9th for a merit badge seminar.

Scouts attending were Jared Wooten, Dustin Snell and Randy Duncan worked on First Aid and Indian Lore merit badges.

They will go back to McMurry on January 23 to complete their merit badges. The seminar will be followed by Scout Night at The Hanger. Jared, Dustin and Randy will join other scouts from Chisolm Trail Council to see the Abilene Aviators tearing up the ice. Way to go guys!

## Webeloes Pack 281 receive Merit Honors recently

On Monday, January 18, Webeloes Pack 281 received their merit honors at the monthly pack meeting at the United Methodist Church.

Fifth grader, Jake Snell, received his Bobcat badge, Artist badge and Popcorn badge.

Fifth grader, Levi Wooten, received his Bobcat badge, Artist badge, Athlete badge, Citizen badge, Family Member badge, Handyman badge, Readyman badge and Popcorn badge. Levi also was recognized as the third top seller of popcorn earning him an addition Popcorn merit badge; as well as a third place trophy which will be awarded at next month's pack meeting.

## ATTENTION New Meeting Time For Webeloes

The Webeloes Pack 281 will begin meeting the FIRST and THIRD Monday nights of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut.

On February 1st the pack will be making Valentine's which will be distributed to the residents of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home the following week.

Don't forget to bring your twenty-five cent pack dues and also bring six aluminum cans for the can drive.

## Chronic Tax Troubles to get free R<sub>x</sub> from the Internal Revenue Service

DALLAS — The Internal Revenue Service is offering free help to anyone with a tax problem that they have not been able to get resolved through normal IRS channels.

On Thursday, February 4, 1999, the IRS office in Abilene will host a Problem Solving Day from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. at 341 Pine St., in Room 2113. Taxpayer advocates will be available to listen and help people iron out unresolved federal tax problems.

Since the IRS North Texas District started holding Problem Solving Days in October 1997, a total of 1,319 people have received special, one-on-one help through the program. Chronic tax problems dealt with at the events ranged from working through the collection process, asking for audit reconsideration to setting up

monthly payment plans.

"We realize that some people are frustrated with the system and feel that they're getting nowhere when they contact us. That's why we're going to conduct a series of face-to-face meetings with North Texas taxpayers," said North Texas Taxpayer Advocate Mark Zuverink. "What we want to do is to have all of the decision makers in one place to cut through the red tape and help people solve their tax problems, once and for all."

All help from the IRS is free. While Zuverink encourages people to schedule an appointment, walk-ins on February 4 will receive service on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 915-676-5709.

Next month, the agency travels to Midland to conduct a Problem Solving Day on March 6.

## LIVESTOCK

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\* Meet the \$2.5 million gross revenue limitation for each person in an operation, in the 1997 tax year.

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## What Gets Tested Gets Taught

By **DR. MIKE MOSES**  
 January 1999

Texas students and teachers are making impressive annual gains on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests, and Texas is one of two states realizing the largest average gains on reading and mathematics tests administered by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), known as "the nation's report card." Even though we are succeeding, we must not become complacent. We can expect even more of our schools, and our schools can expect more of their students.

On December 4, I announced my proposal for expanding our state's student assessment program to raise the bar of academic achievement for Texas students. My proposal calls for expanding the assessment program at both the elementary and secondary students.

I have recommended moving the exit-level test to the 11th grade and expanding the exit-level test to include science and social studies in addition to reading, writing and mathematics. Additionally, I propose eliminating the four end-of-course exams (algebra, biology, history and English) and incorporating the content of those exams into the 11th grade exit-level test. My plan calls for testing in all five-core subject areas at 10th grade and assessing reading and mathematics at ninth grade. This expanded assessment at the secondary level will provide Texans with a much broader panorama of student performance in high school. As I travel throughout the state,

many business leaders and parents of high school students have advised me that it's time to raise the performance bar to ensure that young Texas adults of the 21st century are prepared academically for further education and for the world of work.

My recommendations also call for adding social studies test at fourth grade, a science test at fifth grade and a writing test at sixth grade. We need to provide our younger Texans with a solid foundation in reading, writing, math science and social studies upon which they can build throughout their academic careers.

As you can see, the proposal that I have outlined increases the amount of state testing. We must remember that TAAS increased the amount of testing over its predecessor exam, the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS), and our students and teachers rose to the challenge. With TAAS we have seen double-digit gains in the performance of students of all ethnic groups and economic backgrounds.

I must point out that the states of Texas and North Carolina - both of which have comprehensive assessment programs - surpassed all other states in performance gains on NAEP, as noted in a report entitled *Exploring Rapid Achievement Gains in North Carolina and Texas* that was released recently by the National Education Goals Panel.

In addition, the Goals Panel asserted that "gains in academic achievement in both states are significant and sustained." Currently Texas' state testing program requires, on average, two or three days of testing per year, and we assess in the five core areas only

at grade 8. My proposal will increase the number of tests that some students have to take, but I believe that this increase is worth the price both in terms of higher standards we will establish and the greater academic "bang for our buck" that we will receive. I believe that my proposal for an expanded assessment program will allow us to set high, but not unattainable, standards.

Some critic may balk at the fact that my plan increases the number of state-administered tests. However, we have suggested eliminating the four high school end-of-course tests, which will streamline assessment at the high school level and will actually reduce the number of tests that some of our tenth graders take currently. Critics may assert that this new proposal will be more costly than the current assessment program. Though the costs will increase, we must remember that the testing program in Texas constitutes substantially less than one percent of all of our spending on public education. Most assuredly, we obtain a wealth of information about the performance of our schools and students for this expenditure on assessment.

During my tenure as commissioner, I have fully comprehended that what gets tested gets taught. Testing is an integral part of the learning process. All of us are tested every day at work and at home. The state tests that our students take in school mirror the curriculum that they must learn. When students are learning their daily lessons, they are preparing for tests. Teachers are not expected to just "teach the test." However,

teaching children the objectives over which they will be tested is fair and appropriate.

Assessment is a key component of education since it confirms what we know and points out where we need to learn more. Given the societal and academic expectations of the 21st century, we must prepare our students. We must arm our students with the advanced level of learning that they will need -- whether they assemble computers, teach children or serve as corporate CEOs. Paving the way for our children's future is our job; ensuring their success is our legacy. It's time to raise the bar.

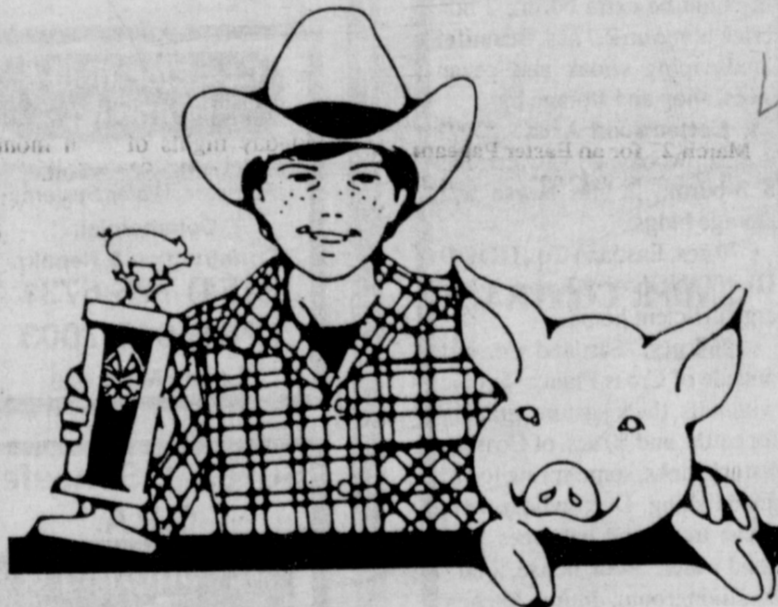
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According to Consumer Reports magazine, last year an estimated 55 million Americans traveled at least 200 miles, round trip to shop at outlet malls. Outlet malls are a collection of company-owned, company-operated "factory stores" that sell their own goods for less than full retail and have become popular places to shop.

To make the most of your outlet shopping trip, the Better Business Bureau offers the following tips:

- \* Ask questions about the quality and age of the merchandise.
- \* Look for items whose sewn-in label has been cut or marked. Usually, such items have come from the maker's retail boutique and

aren't outlet knockoffs.

\* Out-of-season merchandise will be priced lower than in-season goods.

\* Consider purchasing items marked irregular. Many flaws are practically unnoticeable and should have no bearing on durability.

\* Find out if you can return items to the full-price branch of the store. That's especially important if the outlet is far away.

\* Join the frequent shoppers program for bonus savings and get on store mailing lists for advance notice of sales. This is particularly helpful for stores you patronize often.

\* Visit the center's management office or call in advance about non-advertised promotions and to request a coupon book. Bus tour groups usually get coupon books automatically, but managers may be willing to give one to an individual as a goodwill gesture.

\* Ask upfront about the store's refund and exchange policy.

## Two new surgeries help women avoid hysterectomies

HOUSTON—Two new minimally-invasive surgeries can help women who experience heavy bleeding during their menstrual cycle avoid having a hysterectomy.

The procedures, uterine balloon therapy and bipolar hysteroscopic cautery, are appropriate for two different groups of women.

Uterine balloon therapy is a procedure performed when tests determine polyps or fibroids are not found in the inner lining of the uterus. A probe containing a heating element surrounded by a balloon is inserted into the uterus through the cervix. The balloon is inflated with water to match the contour of the uterine cavity.

"The water is heated to 188 degrees Fahrenheit for eight minutes," said Dr. Robert K. Zurawin, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The lining of the uterus, the area that sheds every month during a woman's period, is thermally destroyed and reduced to a level where it can no longer regenerate."

Of the women who will undergo

this procedure, about half will experience light bleeding or a normal flow, and about 30 percent will have no bleeding at all.

The other procedure, bipolar hysteroscopic cautery, is performed when polyps or fibroids causing abnormal bleeding are found in the uterine cavity.

"A thin telescope about the size of a drinking straw is inserted through the cervix and into the uterus," said Zurawin. "The small scope is much less traumatic to the uterus. The bipolar cautery uses a safer, lower electrical current to remove the polyps and fibroids in the uterus."

Both surgeries are not recommended for those women who still want to have children. Most women will experience pain equivalent to menstrual cramps for about a day after surgery, and are usually able to return to work or school within a couple of days.

"Women were faced with a needing a hysterectomy to correct abnormal uterine bleeding now have new alternatives that do not require major surgery," said Zurawin. "These are very exciting advances in women's health."

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The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$25 and must be paid no later than 3

p.m. on the first day of class. Students must attend both nights of class. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the National Safety Council - TEA License #763.

For more information, contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at (254) 442-2567, extension 121.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD

Beginning on the 1st day of October A.D. 1998

AND

Ending on the 31st day of December A.D. 1998

CASH	BALANCE	RECEIVED THIS QUARTER	PAID OUT THIS QUARTER	BALANCE
<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>				
Payroll Clearing	1,000.00	294,306.41	294,306.41	1,000.00
Lateral Road	.00	22,628.98	13,367.83	9,261.15
Bad Check Processing	1,260.77	3,458.54	3,670.60	1,048.71
Dare Project	5,381.80	.00	1,583.43	3,798.37
Abandoned Automobiles	447.70	4,575.00	4,335.66	687.04
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #1	24,777.55	15,088.13 5,000.00 (Tr) 20,088.13	43,854.55	1,011.13
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #1 Money Market Dep. Acct.	91,286.51	620.65 (Int)	5,000.00 (Tr)	86,907.16
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #2	6,880.50	21,584.72 65,000.00 (Tr) 86,584.72	93,046.35	418.87
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #2 Money Market Dep. Acct.	258,435.46	1,412.78 (Int)	65,000.00 (Tr)	194,848.24
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #3	9,216.04	20,855.98 15,000.00 (Tr) 35,855.98	42,305.09	2,766.93
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #3 Money Market Dep. Acct.	321,528.53	2,401.63 (Int)	15,000.00 (Tr)	308,930.16
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #4	9,706.60	21,085.66 30,000.00 (Tr) 51,085.66	56,778.27	4,013.99
Call.Co.Comm.Prec. #4 Money Market Dep. Acct.	165,049.14	1,089.13 (Int)	30,000.00 (Tr)	136,138.27
Call.Co. General Fund	14,421.57	185,000.00 (Tr) 318,350.82 172,804.04 (Tr) 676,154.86	483,901.91 23,000.00 (Tr) 172,804.04 (Tr) 679,705.95	10,870.48
Call.Co. General Fund Money Market Dep. Acct.	47,156.81	202,023.01 (Tr) 505.79 (Int) 202,528.80	185,000.00 (Tr)	64,685.61
Call.Co. General Fund Certificate of Deposit	200,000.00	2,023.01 (Int)	202,023.01 (Tr)	.00
Call.Co. Hospital Fund Money Market Dep. Acct.	13,480.09	93.76 (Int)	.00	13,573.85
Call.Co. Unemployment Fund Money Market Dep. Acct.	3,230.95	20.77 (Int)	375.18	2,876.54
Indigent Health Care	587.63	23,000.00 (Tr) 851.59 23,851.59	21,049.02	3,390.20

### MINUTES OF CALLAHAN COUNTY FINANCES

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<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>				
Historical Commission Money Market Dep. Acct.	4,047.13	30.72 (Int) 116.00 146.72	25.99	4,167.86
Historical Commission Certificate of Deposit	13,000.00	.00	.00	13,000.00
Call.Co. Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund Money Market Dep. Acct.	6,088.63	3,219.36 47.62 (Int) 3,266.98	1,252.85	8,102.76
Call.Co. Attorney's Forfeiture Fund Money Market Dep. Acct.	10,287.81	975.84 79.59 (Int) 1,055.43	600.00	10,743.24
Call.Co. Seizure Fund Savings Acct.	32,587.80	187.98 (Int)	4,024.20	28,751.58
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS</b>	1,239,859.02	727,097.03 697,827.05 (Tr) 8,513.43 (Int) 1,433,437.51	1,064,477.34 697,827.05 (Tr) 1,762,304.39	910,992.14
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>				
NONE				
<b>BONDED INDEBTEDNESS</b>				
NONE				

SIGNED: Dianne Alexander CO. TREAS.

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CRYSTAL CAROUTH & BRENT MCDANIEL

**Carouth - McDaniel announce wedding plans**

Crystal Diane Carouth and Brent McDaniel will be united in marriage on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at New Life Tabernacle, 306 W. 17th St., in Cisco with Rev. Dan Smith and Rev. Nathan Hurst officiating. The bride-elect is the daughter of Rickey and Netha Carouth of Cross Plains and the granddaughter of Andy and Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains and Martha Carouth of Rising Star. The groom to be is the son of Wesley and Kathy McDaniel of Texarkana and the grandson of Joe and Louise Davidson of Longview

and Virgil and Maudie McDaniel of Hallsville. Crystal is a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School and she attended CJC last fall. Brent received his GED in 1998 and is currently employed by Texarkana Door and Window. After a wedding trip to Ft. Worth/Dallas, the couple will reside in Texarkana. In lieu of personal invitations, family and friends are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and reception following at the Best Western Inn in Cisco.



**CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER QUARTERLY MEETING**—Dannes Turner and Roxie Thomas presented a very informative program about the Y2K (year 2000) problem to the quarterly meeting of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was held at Collum's Restaurant last Thursday, January 21 at lunch. Ms. Turner and Ms. Thomas are supervising Citizens State Bank's Year 2000 readiness project.

**Weide commissioned as second lieutenant**

David L. Weide has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force through the ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program after graduating with a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University, San Angelo. Weide was a distinguished graduate of field training and ROTC. He is the son of Gregory A. and Mary J. Weide of San Angelo. His wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of Morris and Bettie Cavanaugh of Cross Plains. The lieutenant received an associate degree in 1995 from the Community College of the Air Force.

**Resident among those named to university's Dean's List at Harding**

SEARCY, AR.—John P. Chesshir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Chesshir of Cross Plains, is among the 1,067 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester at the university. The Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.50 minimum. Chesshir, a junior majoring in mathematics, attended Cross Plains High School before entering Harding. Harding had a record enrollment this year of more than 4,300 students from 50 states and more than 40 foreign countries. It is the largest private university in Arkansas.

**HEALTHY KIDS** from pg. 1  
 Texas Legislature and began enrolling children into the program in August 1998, with initial availability in 58 counties in South, East and Central Texas, the Houston area and the Coastal Bend. The new contracts mean this innovative program will be available state-wide.

Parents can learn more about the program or enroll their children by calling (toll-free) 1-877-WELL-KID. "Our challenge today is to spread the word to all corners of the state to ensure that all parents who need insurance for their children have an opportunity to enroll," said Hamilton.

Enrollment for the newly covered counties will begin on February 15 and run through May 15. A second enrollment period for the previously covered 58 counties will run January 15 through April 15. Callahan County insurance provider is Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Texas Inc. - Region 2 for \$69.65.

**Still taking windbreak tree orders**

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is still taking orders for windbreak trees. Orders can be placed through February 10, 1999, or until supplies run out whichever comes first. Each year the District offers these windbreak seedlings to the general public on a first come, first serve basis at a very inexpensive cost. All of the following species are still available.

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For more information on planning, planting, and maintenance of a windbreak tree, or how to purchase low cost seedlings, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Baird at 1-915-854-1349.

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