



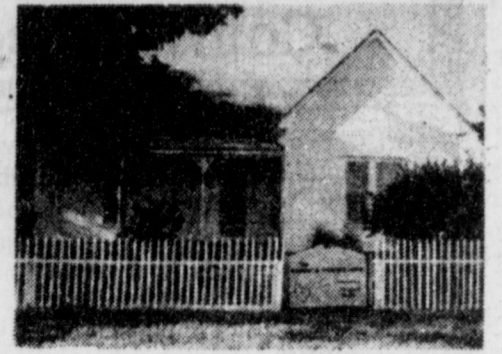
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The following Children's Letters to God were sent to me by a subscriber. Their original thoughts are very entertaining.

Dear God,
Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones You have?
Amy

Dear God,
If you watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes.
Mickey

Dear God,
I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.
Nan

Dear God,
Are You really invisible or is it just a trick?
Lucy

Dear God,
Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?
Norma

Dear God,
Who draws the lines around the countries?
Jan

Dear God,
I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?
Neil

Dear God,
Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.
Joyce

Dear God,
Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.
Bruce

Dear God,
I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying.
Elliott

Dear God,
Of all the people who worked for You, I like Noah and David the best.
Rob

Dear God,
The bad people laughed at Noah - "You made an ark on dry land you fool."
But he was smart, he stuck with You. That's what I would do.
Eddie

Dear God,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool.
Eugene

Author Unknown

Chamber to distribute flyers at Hunter's Feed

The Chamber of Commerce will be distributing flyers from the local businesses at the annual Hunter's Feed on Saturday, November. If you have information you would like us to hand out, please leave it at the Chamber of Commerce office by October 31.

Lord's Acre At FUMC Sat., Nov. 13

By VICKI DILLARD

Come One! Come All! Let's celebrate this beautiful fall season by attending the annual First United Methodist Church Lord's Acre on Saturday, November 13.

The Methodist Church graciously invites everyone to enjoy a scrumptious turkey and dressing dinner for only \$5.00 per plate. We will also offer a child's plate for \$2.50 (at the church only). The dinner includes generous portions of turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, dessert and tea. What a bargain!

We will also have a drive thru and carry out service from the Methodist parsonage on Highway 206. If you would prefer your meal delivered, please call 725-7694. Hours for carry out and delivery from the parsonage will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. The church dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Start your Christmas shopping early by paying a visit to "The Little Store" just inside the church. You will be delighted to find everything from home-made quilts to Jimmiee Payne's famous chow-chow. Our talented members display treasures of different hand-crafted items. Baked goods, crocheted items, holiday wreaths - just to name a few will be featured in "The Little Store". Hours for shopping will be 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be capped off with the Lord's Acre Auction. It will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. This usually proves to be fun and exciting for everyone. Items for the auction are available for viewing in the fellowship hall.

The proceeds from our Lord's Acre are used for various needs throughout the upcoming year. The First United Methodist Church is currently contemplating expansion of our church. We are in need of more space for Sunday School classes and a larger activity-fellowship hall. We have also been offered the opportunity to purchase some adjoining land for this future building project. In addition to these plans, we met many missionary goals with Lord's Acre proceeds this year. We plan to do the same next year.

Come and be a part of this years fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th. Visit the "Little Store" from 1:00-5:00 p.m., followed by the evening meal from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and the auction beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Report on Pioneer Project

By MAY JONES

Wow! What a Super Saturday we had. Thanks to all who supported us at our Quilt Show, Country Store, Art Show and Tour of Country Homes. It was a great success. We heard many favorable comments on our quilts and country homes.

By the sales of the food and crafts, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The art show attracted lots of lookers. We even got to vote on a People's Choice. We had visitors from places like Rule and Santo plus a lot of neighborhood and area folks.

"Thanks" again to all who helped with this project. A "big thanks" to all who attended. The money collected will go for maintenance and other club needs. Everyone is always welcome to come out and visit, or work, with us each Tuesday.

Junior Fall Festival Saturday, October 30

The annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 30 in the Cross Plains Gym. Doors will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 at the door. Tickets are 25 cents per ticket or 5 for \$1. Booths this year include: cake walk, football throw, pie throw, basketball

throw, jai, haunted room, chance game, fishing pond, and fortune telling, just to name a few.

The crowning of the Fall Festival king and queen will also be announced at 7:30 p.m. Come join the junior class as they celebrate a night of family fun!



Varsity Best young at heart — Brandi Richey

Brandi Richey named Buffalo Football Sweetheart

The Cross Plains Buffaloes presented a banner and flowers to Brandi Richey as their Football Sweetheart at halftime during last week's game.

Nine senior players, Clint Bailey, Larry Lee, Coby Richards, Kenny Callaway, Jaden Winfrey, Robert Walters, Jody Gosnell, Lucino Mauricio and Brian Mahler, escorted the sweetheart nominees, Jodi Payne, Vanessa Webb, Mary Jo Nickerson, Jennifer Turner, Tessa Wyatt and Candice Bailey.

Brandi is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richey. She is active in cross country, track, basketball and FFA. Miss Richey is a member of the National Honor Society and a varsity cheerleader.

Scouts Begin Popcorn Sales

The Scouts have begun selling their famous "Trails End Popcorn". The sale will continue through November 19.

The boys are reminded to pick up the order forms at Susan Schaefer's CPA office on Main Street. They will also be selling delicious Kathryn Beich candy.

If anyone was missed and would like to purchase some popcorn or candy from this fine organization, please contact Linda Reed at 725-6744 or Susan Schaefer 725-6747 office or 725-7140 home.

STANDARD TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING SATURDAY NIGHT

Cottonwood Homecoming Saturday

The Cottonwood Homecoming will be this Saturday, October 30 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center.

People are asked to bring cookies or sandwiches if they can.

Tuesday, November 2, 1999
Constitutional Amendment Election Callahan County Polling Places
Precinct #1 & #6 Clyde Lions Club Building
Precinct #2 & #7 Eula Lions Club Building
Precinct #3 & #5 Baird City Hall
Precinct #4 Cross Plains Community Center

Callahan County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 2 to help Texans determine the outcome of some 17 Constitutional Amendments. Polls Tuesday will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at four voting sites throughout Callahan County.

Early voting in the Constitutional Amendment Election in Callahan County is continuing now through this Friday, October 29 at the County Courthouse in Baird, the Justice of the Peace office on North First Street in Clyde and at the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office.

Callahan County Commissioners have agreed to combine several voting precincts for the Constitutional Amendment Election on November 2.

Voting Precinct #1 and Precinct #6 will vote at the Clyde Lions Club Building.

Voting Precinct #2 of Eula and Precinct #7 of Oplin will vote at the Eula Lions Club building.

Voting Precinct #3 from Baird and Precinct #5 in Putnam will vote at the Baird City Hall.

Voting Precinct #4 in the Cross Plains area will vote at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. has new owner



NEW OWNER—Rufus Higginbotham Duncan, Jr., of Lufkin has purchased Higginbotham Bros. & Company, a chain of north central Texas lumber yards and building material centers.

Higginbotham Bros. and Company, a 118-year-old chain of north central Texas lumber yards and building material centers, has been purchased by the great-grandson of one of the company's founders.

Rufus Higginbotham Duncan, Jr., a Lufkin, Texas, businessman and owner of three lumber yards in East Texas, will acquire the building material centers in Ballinger, Brownwood, Cleburne, Comanche, Copperas Cove, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Gatesville, Glen Rose, Granbury, Gustine, Hamilton, Stephenville, Weatherford and Winters.

Drawing for Vintage Photo of Downtown Cross Plains Nears

An original photo of downtown Cross Plains from an earlier era will be drawn for during the first week of November.

Proceeds from the drawing will benefit Leisa Beauchamp, who is battling cancer. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The photo was framed and matted by Tom and May Dunn and is currently on display at Citizens State Bank. This would be a great addition to any home or office decor.

Remember to purchase your chances right away and help with this worthy cause.

The company will maintain its corporate headquarters in Comanche.

"We are pleased that we've been able to return as a family to a company that holds a special place in our family history," said Rufus H. Duncan, who will become chairman of the company. He was joined in the acquisition by several other family members.

Bill Robinson will remain as president of the firm and will maintain his offices in Comanche.

Duncan said the company will broaden its services to the Central Texas area, focusing on the communities where the company operates stores. "Higginbotham Bros. and Company has long enjoyed a special relationship with its customers, and we have strong plans for enhancing those relationships," he said.

Duncan owns three building material centers in Lufkin, Conroe and Pineland, Texas, which operate under the name Big Tin Barn. The operations department for these centers will be moved to Comanche.

The company's first store was opened at DeLeon in January of 1881 by brothers Boliver and Joseph Martin Higginbotham, the sons of Lucy Ann and John James Higginbotham. A second store was

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BUFFALO FOOTBALL
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Buffs vs Santa Anna
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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Filings

Noel Roberts Welch, theft of property by check.
Glenn S. Smith, Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)
Charles Clinton Carlile, Count I - DWI, Count II - deadly conduct.
Misdemeanor Minutes

David Mangus, order amending probation.
Charles Baxter, Jr., order amending probation.
James Henry Nelson, order revoking probation.
Travis Whitley, order revoking probation.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding
Civil Filings

Rhonda Lee Ann Pelletier and Gary Lee Pelletier, divorce.
Melanie Renee Shackelford and Thornton Glen Shackelford, divorce.
C.L. Gooch, Frances Carson, Ernestine Nelson, Elvie L. Clemmer, Juanita Clemmer, Nita Boyd, R.E. Clemmer, Jr., Sherrye Garrison, Billy Todd Clemmer, Don Gene Clemmer,

David Harris, Richard Harris, Floyd Clemmer vs. Verna Jo Gabbard, Choico Clemmer, partition of property.

Civil Minutes

Jo Anne S. Perez and Benito E. Perez, Sr., divorce granted.
Rigid Building Systems, LTD. vs. GCM Project Services, Inc., Mal Enterprises, Inc. and Lawrence Management Services. Order directing funds to be placed in an interest bearing account.
Christine Michelle Brown and Billy Brown, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Jason Travis Lee Knapp, order amending probation.
Laurie Lee Newson, order amending probation.
John W. Morris, order amending probation.
Cathy Dawn Lambert, order amending probation.
Joseph Daniel Grimes, plea of guilty to manslaughter, 10 years probation, \$5000 fine, \$259.25 court costs.
Earnest Palacio, Jr., order to dismiss, possession of controlled substance, case was adjudicated in Lubbock County.

ATTENTION: Earl Hughes listed in courthouse records is not William E. (Earl) Hughes of Baird.

Obituaries

James T. 'Jim' Baum

James T. "Jim" Baum, 85, died Thursday, October 21, 1999, at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Higginbotham Chapel with Dwaine Clower officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mr. Baum was born November 22, 1913, in Cross Plains to John and Etta Coffman Baum, and had lived there all his life except for four years as a child he lived in Oklahoma. He married Lessie Fae Teston Lowry April 24, 1952, in Ballinger. He was a welder for many years. He was a Mason and a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Lessie Fae Baum of Cross Plains; two sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon and Mary Baum of Louisiana and John and Pat Baum of Round Rock; one step-son and wife, Kenneth and Gayle Lowry of Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Verna and Clarence Valintin of Houston and Linda and Carroll Pringle of Cross Plains; 14 grandchildren, Gaynette and Lisa Baum; Mandy and Dennis Chasuland; David and Darell Valintin; Pam and husband; Rose and husband, Ron; Lorie and husband, Chuck; James and wife, Jeanette; Tasha; Terri and husband, Delbert; Chris and wife, Cathy; Ashia; Matt and wife, Susie and 10 great-grandchildren, Ashley, Kasey, Lacy, Camron, Maegan, John, Trenton, Anthony, Steven, and Joshua and many friends and relatives.

Pallbearers were Jack Watson, Mark Harris, Bob Brawley, Noah Johnson, Rolan Jones and Phillip Strength.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cross Plains EMS.

Oleene L. McLeod

Oleene L. McLeod, 94, died Monday, October 18, 1999, at her home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 21, 1999, at Smith-Rogers Funeral Home in Lovington, New Mexico. Burial was in Lovington City Cemetery in New Mexico directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mrs. McLeod was born October 19, 1904 in McClellan County. She was the widow of Syriel T. McLeod who passed away December 14, 1986 and John Irvin Humpreys on May 17, 1958. She was a teacher and a Baptist.

She is survived by her sister, Faye Johnson of Odessa and numerous nieces and nephews, including Sarah Austin and Martha Dillard both of Cross Plains.

HIGGINBOTHAM'S

established later in 1881, followed by a third store started as a partnership by brothers Rufus Wilson Higginbotham, the new owner's great-grandfather, Joseph M. Higginbotham, and Benjamin Higginbotham.

The Comanche store was opened in 1901 and additional stores were opened at Gustine and Cross Plains in 1911 and 1914, respectively.

From 1881 to 1917, the stores operated independently. In 1917, the business was reorganized under its present name and the company's principal offices were established in Comanche with a lumberyard and warehouses. The corporation offices were relocated on the Comanche town square in 1958.

Duncan said Higginbotham's customers consist largely of single-family home-builders, repair and remodeling firms, and a strong consumer base.

"We look forward to continuing the traditions and business practices which have made the company successful for the past 118 years, including a complete line of quality products and responsive customer service," Duncan said.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at Pioneer Baptist Church Monday, November 1

Pioneer Baptist Church WMU is hosting an evening meeting. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with snacks and fellowship time. The program "Celebrate the Promises of Christ" will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Barbara (Hooker) Clower, Southern Baptist missionary to Singapore. Barbara and her husband, Jerry, grew up in Cisco and Carbon. They served 12 years in Taiwan and the past seven years in Singapore. The Clowers

work with people who speak Chinese Hokkien dialect.

Make plans to join us for this exciting time of learning about missions and praying around the world for our sisters in Christ. Pioneer Baptist Church is located between Cross Plains and Rising Star, just north of Highway 36 on FM 374.

For more information about the November 1 meeting contact Angie Clower, at (254) 725-7574.

Colonial Oaks Services

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

Magi's Bazaar Planned for Nov. 6 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church

A Magi's Bazaar will be presented by Holy Rosary Altar Society at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 12th at F Street in Cisco. This is the first one in 30 years!

This special event is planned for Saturday, November 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gifts, food, furniture and flowers will be available at the Magi's Bazaar. Make plans to attend!

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Selected Scriptures

Through Your precepts get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Psalm 119:104

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

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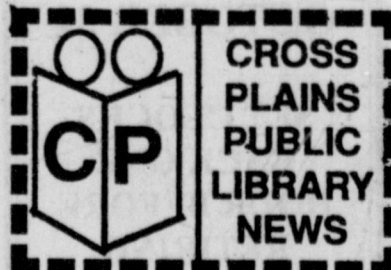
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Oct. 18-22

Get ready now for the next book review by an author. A number of Cross Plains folks can tell you about Elmer Kelton. He is a San Angelo writer who is probably known all over the world. Come to the library between now and February 22, 2000 to get ready for the review. Many of you will recognize The Time It Never Rained, The Wolf and The Buffalo, and The Far Canyon. Read several before the review.
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Lord's Acre Fall Festival Saturday, November 13

TURKEY DINNER
At Church 5-7 p.m.
\$5 Adult, \$2.50 child

TAKE-OUTS
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
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7 p.m.

BAMBI HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LOVE, REX

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

All of us here at Colonial Oaks are proud of our high school band. They qualified for Area competition after they received first division at Abilene. Congratulations.

To the family of James Baum, we wish to let you know that we are thinking of you and to express our sincere sympathies to you and yours at this time of sorrow.

Special appreciation to our anonymous friend for the baskets of beautiful mums that were sent to our residents, God bless you, to the McNutt family for the candy, to Best Med for the donuts and to Bobby Jack McCowen for singing and sharing his dancing Frankenstein doll with us, and to Pricilla Perry for the flower arrangement.

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

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Thoughts and prayers for Howet Wilson who is in the hospital.

Pam Porter and Janette Turner visited with Homer Turner.

Beth Meador visited with Nandell Stiles.

Lurene McNutt and Charlou Cowan visited Louise Richardson. Betty Mathews and Michael Ingram was here visiting everyone.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Ruby Harrell, Alpha Wilson, Maxine Crisp (3) and Falba Shofner (2) and exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, singing with Bob Wallace and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Bingo winners were Melba Crisp, Alpha Wilson (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Minnie Swann (2) and Ruby Harrell, exercise class and popcorn social.

Thursday: Manicures, ball toss and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace, sit-down-basketball and dominoes.

Sunday: Pioneer Baptist Church. A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you just the same.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"GRANNY ANNIE"

I have only one sibling. My sister, Ann.

She's always been healthy, good natured, pleasant and cute. Now when she was little she was "FUNNY" too!

I guess she must've been around 3 years old when she started to sport a red rash around her mouth -- turned out she was allergic (at that time) to fresh tomatoes.

At about 4 or 5 she wouldn't eat deviled eggs or devils food cake. Why? Because she'd been warned about that bad old devil at Sunday school. Like the late Flip Wilson she had a bad case of "The Devil made me do that!!"

Along about this same time, Ann being slightly rotund if not chubby (at the time) developed a strong liking for mama's homemade hot yeast rolls.

Oh and they were so good, piping hot and slathered with butter! Being at the age she was and with her big, brown eyes she sorta reminded you of a panda bear. She had a little roll of fat (chubbiness) around her middle going east to west and Ann well, she called that little roll; her "HOT" roll!!

Now Ann grew up to be a wife, mother and a school teacher also. Her "role" now tho', is as a "Grandmother" -- or as her three grandsons say she's "NANNY".



INTERESTING PROGRAM—Margie Sowell, Cross Plains Primary and Elementary School Principal, was guest speaker at the October 19 Kiwanis Club's meeting. Mrs. Sowell was the guest of Kiwanian Ray Womack. The Kiwanians expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Sowell for her years of dedicated service to the school, and especially to the children. Everyone is always welcome to the Kiwanis Club's meeting each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Cross Plains Roping Club Will Meet Tuesday, November 2

Cross Plains Roping Club had its monthly meeting for October. We are pleased to say we had a great turnout of old members and acquired some new members to boot.

New ideas to interest young and old alike are being fine tuned. We have leased roping steers for practice purposes, which will be open to members and non-members alike. The fee for practices will be \$10.00 a man. We are hoping to have practices on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. until we get tired. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to become a member or if you just need to renew your membership, please come to

the next meeting November 2. Meetings will be held at the CPRC Arena on the first Tuesday of each month, weather permitting. If weather is bad, we will meet at the Dairy Queen between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Officers for the 1999-2000 year: President - Frankie Hyles, Vice-President - Rod Middleton, Secretary/Reporter - Shelly Knight, Treasurer - Bud Dillard, Arena Director - Mark Harris, Cook Off Director - George Watkins and Dance Director - Jim Hargrove.

Come join us in some good old fashion fun.

Submitted by Shelly Knight

Cattleman's Roundup for Rehab

Three sales were held this week to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC) in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona. The Dublin sale, held on October 8, raised \$3,400.50, and the Stephenville sale followed on October 13, bringing in \$11,000. In Throckmorton, Rob Brown donated three bird dogs that sold for \$1,950.

These three sales bring the grand total to date for the 40th Annual Cattleman's Round-Up for Rehab to \$225,217.50. Chairmen for Erath\

County are Troy and Cheryl Moore, Stephenville Cattle Company, and Dale and Marla McKinney, Dublin Livestock Auction. Chairmen for Throckmorton County are Jody Bellah, Rob Brown, and Boley Cotton.

WTRC officials expressed their gratitude to everyone involved in making the Cattleman's Round-Up for Rehab such a success.

The next two sales scheduled for the Round-Up are in Junction on Monday, October 25 and Ranger on Thursday, October 28.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

NOVEMBER 1-5
MONDAY—German sausage, potato salad, Ranch Style beans, cinnamon baked apples, bread and milk.

TUESDAY—Ham, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, strawberry shortcake, cornbread and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Chicken & dumplings, green beans, garden salad, peaches, sugar cookie, roll and milk.

THURSDAY—Chef salad, ham, cheese, egg, baked potato, bacon bit, orange gelatin w/pears, crackers and milk.

FRIDAY—Salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, zucchini & tomatoes, rice pudding, roll and milk.

Library Bake Sale Nov. 5

Friday, November 5 is Library Bake Sale Time. The best cooks in Cross Plains and surrounding communities prepare their special recipes for the library sales. Thus pies, cakes, cookies, rolls, loaves of bread, preserves, jellies, pickles - all kinds of home-made goodies - are available. Please feel free to make your own specialty for this sale. Remember that more hunters are expected next weekend than at any other time. Make them want to come back. Donations need to be at the library on Thursday afternoon or as early as possible on Friday morning. The sale begins at 9 a.m.

The funds from these sales are used to pay on-going expenses (utilities, etc.) for which no other funds are available. The Library Board and Friends appreciate the continued participation of this community.

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Charlene Chessie's son, Jim, came last Saturday and worked on the old pickup. He and Brad Bowden put up a satellite dish for Charlene. Jim's son, Dusty, brought a friend from Odessa for a weekend on the farm.

Otis and Charlene O'Kelly from Santo, visited Cowan and Laverne Hutton before and during the tour of homes Saturday.

Oliver, Frankie, Jean and Vi went to Cottonwood musical Friday night and ate a wonderful turkey dinner!

Saturday we had a great day at Pioneer Quilting Club. Monday Oliver and Frankie visited with Mrs. Ira Ainsworth and Mrs. Dorothy Rogers.

Earlene Burge's visitors over the weekend were her brother, Rudolph Brown and four of his grandchildren. They spent the night and we enjoyed the visit. Her granddaughter, Cindy Ochoa from Brownwood, came Saturday and went to the quilt show and tour of homes. She enjoyed it all.

D.P. and May Jones attended the Midway Island NAS reunion in San Antonio. Their son Skip of Corpus Christi joined them there. Several friend came home with them and

spent a few days. They included Charlie and Marylee Powers of Cape Guerioda, Nevada. Tom and Linda Wrobel of Cascade, Montana, Ole and Mary Greenwood of Great Falls, Montana, Bob and Asuko Strelch of Oak Harbor, Washington, also Randy Wrobel and daughters, Shalie and Keelie of Abilene visited. A "great" time was had by all. Lots of remembering back when!

The quilting club finished May's "Nine Patch" and Lou's "Flower Garden". We have Earlene's quilt in and we are working on the Rehab Quilt. Jean Fore was able to be with us for a while. Vi Harlow, Jean's sister, visited with us.

Our quilt show, country store, art show and country homes were a success. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Let's all pray for rain. Our earth sure needs the water. Our wells and stock tanks are very low.

West bound engineers are working on our water project. They are also talking with the Lake Hubbard folks. This will all take a while -- so everyone hang in there.

Words of Wisdom #96: Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength. Carrie Lin Boom

Stenholm supports important education legislation

Washington, D.C.— Today (October 21, 1999) Congressman Charlie Stenholm joined a bipartisan group of colleagues in the House of Representatives to overwhelmingly pass H.R. 2, the Student Results Act. The bill, passed by a margin of 358-67, reauthorizes Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which is the primary vehicle for federal assistance to elementary and secondary schools.

"Americans believe passionately in opportunity, and there is little that enhances opportunity more than education," Stenholm explained. "This bill goes a long way towards providing quality educational assistance to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. I was pleased to support it."

The legislation continues to build upon the successful reforms of the Title I program made in 1994. Schools in low-income communities will benefit from H.R. 2's concentration of resources to the most at-risk schools, as well as its determination to increase teacher and paraprofessional quality. H.R. 2 also adds a strong accountability aspect for schools receiving Title I funding, requiring tough state educational standards and assessments. The problem of teaching mediocrity in the classroom is addressed through language that requires all States to certify their teachers are qualified by the year 2003.

"While the strong standards and requirements that the Student Results Act demands will help raise the bar of education quality in this country, I was also pleased that the bill recognized the need for flexibil-

ity," Stenholm noted. "As you know, I believe that decisions about our children's education should be made as close to home as possible. This bill demands improvement and results, but allows local administrators to be innovative and creative in their approaches."

Congressman Stenholm also worked with members of the Blue Dog Coalition to make sure rural students were not forgotten in this year's education funding debate. A bill that Mr. Stenholm cosponsored, the Rural Education Development Initiative (H.R. 1868), was incorporated into the version of H.R. 2 passed by the House. This initiative directly targets the fact many small school districts cannot retain quality administrators and certified teachers, and often cannot qualify for federal programs because of their small enrollment size. By setting forth parameters that will increase a small school's chance to be eligible for federal funding, the Rural Education Development Initiative will provide students in the 17th District with increased learning opportunities through educational technology, professional development, technical assistance, teacher recruitment and retention, parental involvement activities and academic enrichment programs.

"In the education debate, it must be noted that our rural schools constantly face challenges such as shrinking local tax bases, high transportation costs, aging buildings, limited course offerings and limited resources," Stenholm added. "This legislation addresses those challenges, and provides answers."

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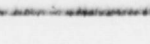
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It was ten years ago that I heard a Mansfield police officer, Bill Parrish, speak on some "wrongs" in our land that are fostered to a great extent by the songs of hard rock groups - "wrongs" like homosexuality, promiscuous sexual relationships, Satan worship and suicide. And many of these, if not all, are also promoted by other sources like TV, movies, and videos.

I read a poem again that addresses part of the problem - that of a lack of proper parental influence and guidance. It is by "Author Unknown," and is entitled "Influence."

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told —
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray,
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out in the meadows, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the good shepherd sought,
And back in the flock, safe into the fold,
'Twas a sheep the good shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger, if they go wrong,
They will lead the young lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray:
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long,
'Til the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep, we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today:
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost,
Some sheep will have to pay!

"...Fathers...bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

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School Board Minutes



FOOTBALL SWEETHEART AND NOMINEES — Candice Bailey (from left), Vanessa Webb, Sweetheart Brandi Richey, Jennifer Turner, Jodi Payne and Mary Jo Nickerson.

Cross Plains Jr. High Takes Victory Over Miles Bulldogs

This past Thursday the Junior High Buffaloes marched on to victory once again, bringing their record to 4-3 with just two games remaining in the season. The game was one that was dominated by the defenses. Each team gave up very few yards, but Cross Plains' defense was dominant. Great plays by Randy Duncan and Casey Pack kept the runners in check while others stepped up to make big stops.

The only score in the game was a short touchdown run by Jose Mauricio. However, a long touchdown was called back due to a penalty. Miles' offense never got on track as the Buffaloes swarmed to the ball, holding the Bulldogs to negative yardage for the game. Congratulations on a great win. Go Buffaloes.

After the game, a 5th quarter was played in which some of the younger players get the chance to play against kids their own size. It was a very successful quarter, as players such as Kyle Kitchens stepped up to be leaders on the team. Kitchens had several good runs putting the team in position to score. Justin Kelly and J.D. Cook had to learn new positions, as they were converted to linemen for the game. Great game.

The Junior High Football Sweetheart will be honored at the last home game.

See you next week as the Buffaloes take on Santa Anna.

October 19, 1999

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Ricky Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, H.S. Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell and guests Susan Hartman and Steve Mack.

Prayer was led by Ricky Carey. Minutes were approved as read.

Discussion in open forum: Old gym floor, mascot for next year, decline in Special Education money and dual credit high school/college.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards to pay the bills for the month of September. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we okay the use of old gym by the Junior class for their Fall Festival. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that we amend policy on substitute teacher pay as follows: 1-10 cumulative days @ \$40 per day, 11-20 cumulative days @ \$60 per day, 21 days - following/with teachers certificate @ full teacher pay. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and

seconded by Wyatt that all students assigned to the alternative campus are ineligible for any UIL activity while assigned to the alternative program or upon return to the high school campus. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we table Update 61 until November board meeting. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Richards that we accept the bid of \$700 from Jimmy McNutt for 2.46 acres to be conveyed by Deed without Warranty from CPISD. For 6/Against 0

Bids opened for school van: Lawrence Hall \$22,091.26, Bayer \$23,180, Brownwood Ford-Lincoln-Mercury \$24,000. Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that we accept the bid of \$22,091.26 from Lawrence Hall for a school van.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we approve the waiver application for general state waiver. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we accept the resignation of Leisa Beauchamp. For 6/Against 0

Executive session declared at 9:06 by President Donnie Dillard. 9:58 out of executive session.

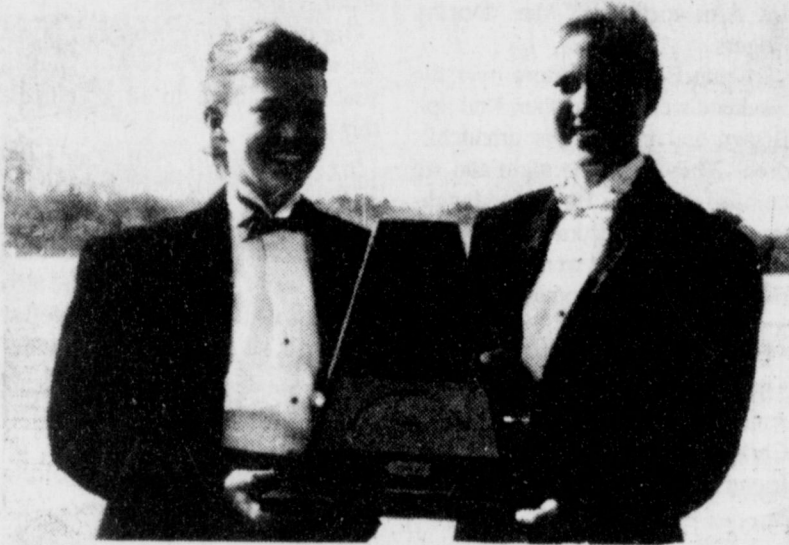
Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

9th Annual Club Pig Sale for Rehab Held Recently At Wylie Show Barn in Abilene

The 9th Annual Club Pig Sale for Rehab was held October 4, 1999, at the Wylie FFA Show Barn in Abilene, Texas. One hundred seventy-three pigs, a record for the event, were donated from all over Texas and as far away as Ohio, Oklahoma, and Colorado. Acco Feeds, Ezell/Key Feeds, and Moorman Feed also donated 45 sacks of pig feed for the auction.

The sale raised \$18,650 for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center (WTRC) with the high selling pig donated by Donald Love of Lamesa and purchased by Anderson Upton of Seminole for \$900. The \$18,650 is the highest single year amount raised in the nine years of the Pig Sale with a grand total for all nine years of \$118,410. A record number of 116 buyers registered for the event.

General Chairman Don Richburg expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers for their hard work on this project, with special thanks to the students and parents of the Wylie FFA Chapter for preparing the animals and helping conduct the sale. The WTRC would also like to thank Chairman Don Richburg and all the volunteers who participate in making the Pig Sale such a big success every year.



DRUM MAJORS ACCEPT TROPHY FOR DIVISION I AT UIL MARCHING CONTEST — Jody Payne (from left) and Angela Swift

Time is what children really need

HOUSTON—What do children really need?

It is a question frequently asked of clinical psychologist Dr. Michelle Forrester, head of preschool services at the Learning Support Center at Texas Children's Hospital. The answer, which she gives to parent groups in talks about the emotional development of young children, is usually very simple.

"Above all, children need time," Forrester stressed. "Our priorities get most of our time, and children know this. When children get undivided attention from parents, they feel important. It's the best ingredient for building self-esteem."

For this reason, the Learning Support Center at Texas Children's in Houston encourages a daily "floor time" session of at least 30 minutes with each parent, Forrester said.

"This is a structured playtime where the child is the leader and the parent is the assistant," she explained. "The child decides what to play and how to play it. This provides children with safe arenas for expressing themselves and what is vital to them to the most important in their lives—their parents."

Another component children want is discipline, said Forrester.

"Children want limits, and they need to know that the adults in their lives care enough to stop them from

unsafe behaviors, and that when they feel out of control someone can help them."

Without discipline, children are left to their own devices and repeatedly resort to testing limits to determine the real limit.

"Consistency is very important," she emphasized. "In other words: say it, mean it and follow through. If you don't mean it, don't say it."

Youngsters also need respect, Forrester added.

"Children are not little adults," she said. "They are children and should be respected for whom they are. They need encouragement to explore the world around them, to develop their creative capacities, and to learn to appreciate themselves and others. Children's ideas need to be taken seriously rather than laughed off as insignificant or simplistic views of the world. Adults can learn a lot from children, because they speak the truth as they see it."

Time, discipline and respect are interdependent, Forrester pointed out.

"It takes time to discipline rather than react or punish," she said. "It takes time to respond to children in a respectful manner and choose words wisely. Discipline requires that one respect and care enough about the other person to think creatively in setting limits and enforcing them."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This year, our school is participating in a fund-raiser that our entire community can get involved with—without a great deal of effort. It's called Box Tops for Education and it's sponsored by General Mills. The program helps accredited public, private, parochial, military and home school associations, K-8, in the United States and Puerto Rico, that have a 501 (c)(3) or 509 (a)(1) tax-exempt designation to raise money to purchase items not covered by shrinking school budgets.

We are asking parents, neighbors, relatives and friends to save Box Tops for Education logos from General Mills cereals, snacks, Betty Crocker fruit snacks, Yoplait yogurt multipacks, Yoplait Go-GURT, Lloyd's Barbecue Buckets and General Mills Foodservice products to raise money for our children's education. Our school will receive 10 cents for every Box Top that is collected. Please help support the children in our community and send in your Box Tops to our school at the address listed below. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lurene McNutt, Program Coordinator
Cross Plains Elementary School

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FIRST GRADERS WITH COUSIN IT

"Cousin It" Visits First Grade

Last week we enjoyed a visit from Cousin It, compliments of Mr. Jack Martin of Jack's Place Restaurant. Cousin It read the story The Grump by Gwen Pascoe. The children marveled at the two and a half foot tall robot. Cousin It shared with

Mrs. Hunter that he loves reading children's stories.

The holidays are fast approaching, so if you happen to have a children classic poem or story, please come and share it with us. We would love to hear it!

Band T-shirts available to order

Band T-shirts are available to order for band parents, boosters, or anyone who would like to show their support for the band. The T-shirts are the same as the band's travel shirts, carrying the logo, "Without the band, it's just a game."

T-shirts cost \$7.00 for sizes Small through X-Large. Sizes 2X and 3X

cost \$9.00 All checks should be made payable to the Cross Plains Band Boosters. T-shirts should be ordered by November 1. Anyone interested may contact Kathy Chesshir at 725-7119, Sheri Bennett at 725-6678 or Melissa Wooten at the high school to order.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Here are their addresses:
Austin
George W. Bush, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711
Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656

Washington
Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000
Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370 Russell Building Washington, D.C. 20510-4302
Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.



Guess Who's 40 and still hacking the Buffs! Happy Birthday Melissa Richards!!

SCHOOL MENU

NOVEMBER 1 - 5

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
TUESDAY—French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Muffins, assorted juice and milk.
THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY—Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Hot dog w/chili & cheese, crackers, mixed vegetables, orange slices and milk.
TUESDAY—Oven-fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Meat-cheese nachos, corn, salad, fruit cobbler and milk.
THURSDAY—Lasagna garlic sticks, broccoli, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

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Top 6 Lottery Retailers In Callahan County

Store	City	1998-98	1998-97	1997-98	1998-99
Thrifty's Food Mart	Clyde	\$421,177	\$451,382	\$521,341	\$335,031
Howle's Kountry Store	Clyde	Not in Top 6	\$320,740	\$444,317	\$307,374
Skinny's	Cross Plains	\$277,749	\$288,004	\$261,185	\$190,286
Lakeway Store	Cross Plains	\$286,473	\$399,277	\$431,043	\$172,808
Skinny's	Clyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$157,716
Wes-To-Go	Baird	Not in Top 6	Not in Top 6	\$250,351	\$145,364

Top 6 Lottery Retailers in Co. Announced

Lottery sales for 1998-99 in Callahan County have fallen off considerably from last year's totals, according to information provided by the Texas Lottery Commission. Lottery sales this year are over \$500,000 lower than lottery sales the previous year. Texas Lottery Commission fiscal year totals are calculated from September 1 to August 31. Clyde continues to lead all county communities with three of the top six retailers in terms of sales. Thrifty's Food Mart and

Howle's Kountry Store have been number one and two respectively for the past three fiscal years. Of the 12 total lottery retail sales accounts in Callahan County, six of them are located in the Clyde community. The Skinny's store in Cross Plains overtook the Lakeway Grocery Store in Cross Plains as the number three lottery retailer in the county. The top 12 retailers in the county by lottery sales include:
1. Thrifty's Food Mart, Clyde \$335,031

2. Howle's Kountry Store, Clyde \$307,374
3. Skinny's, Cross Plains \$190,286
4. Lakeway Grocery, Cross Plains \$172,808
5. Skinny's, Clyde \$157,716
6. Wes-T-Go, Baird \$145,364
7. Allsup's, Baird \$138,693
8. Allsup's, Clyde \$122,252
9. Lawrence Bro., Clyde \$97,730
10. Hitch-N-Post, Putnam \$18,401
11. Tally's, Clyde \$14,000
12. Red Barn, Putnam \$13,750

Texas Department of Health urges annual flu shots, especially for elderly

The trees begin to lose their leaves. Children try to remember where they left their sweaters and jackets. And adults begin to stock up on pain relievers and tissues.

It's fall in Texas; can the flu season be far behind? Much of the illness and death caused each year by flu - short for influenza - can be prevented by an annual shot. "Getting vaccinated, especially for those in the high risk populations, is the best prevention," said Neil Pascoe, influenza surveillance coordinator at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Although the flu itself typically lasts only a week or two, it can lead to more serious illness such as pneumonia, especially for the elderly and people with other health problems."

Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache and muscle aches and usually extreme fatigue. Complications from flu can lead to as many as 20,000 deaths in the United States annually. More than 90 percent of the deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza are to people over age 65. In 1997 in Texas, influenza and pneumonia accounted for 4,614 deaths, listed together as the seventh leading cause of death in the state. Of those deaths, 3,984, or about 86 percent, were to people age 65 and older.

Other high-risk groups of people include:

- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- People with chronic heart and lung disorders;
- Children with asthma;
- People with chronic metabolic diseases, diabetes, kidney or blood problems, or weakened immune systems;
- Children 18 and younger on long-term aspirin therapy, putting them at risk of developing Reye syndrome after influenza;
- Women in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season and pregnant women with a

medical condition that increases risk for flu-related complications.

Those who work or live with people in the high-risk categories also should be vaccinated. This group includes physicians, nurses and other hospital personnel; employees of nursing homes and chronic-care facilities; home health care providers; and people living with those in high-risk groups. A person can spread the flu virus a day before symptoms appear.

"We stress annual vaccinations because the influenza virus continues to change every year," Pascoe said. "This means the flu vaccine must be changed annually based on the current strains. Also, a person's immunity to the virus declines in the year following vaccination."

Pascoe said it takes about two weeks after a flu shot for a person to be protected. Most vaccinations are given during the six weeks from early October through mid-November for the flu season which runs through March. Illnesses from influenza usually reach a peak in January and February. "A single dose of influenza vaccine is recommended for adults and previously vaccinated children," Pascoe said. "Children 9 and younger who have not been vaccinated before should get two doses given at least a month apart."

Each year's influenza vaccine contains three virus strains, usually two classified as type A and one type B, expected to circulate in the country during the flu season. The vaccine for the 1999-2000 season include A/Sydney, A/Beijing and B/Beijing. The names signify where that particular strain of flu virus was first identified.

Can the vaccination itself cause the flu?

"No," Pascoe said. "The vaccine is made from killed influenza viruses. Although vaccination may cause soreness at the injection site or mild fever, the most serious side effect is a reaction in people allergic to eggs."

Influenza vaccine is made from highly purified viruses grown in eggs.

"Flu is a highly contagious illness of the respiratory tract," Pascoe said. "We really need to stress that pre-season vaccination, especially of people in high-risk groups, is the most effective measure for reducing the impact of influenza."

Dewhurst urges veterans to attend October 28 seminar in Abilene on improved state veterans benefits

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (TVLB), urges veterans to attend a Thursday, October 28 seminar on improved state benefits that many are eligible to receive. One of the most exciting changes to be discussed is the new low-interest \$150,000-maximum TVLB home loan, which Dewhurst proposed to the Legislature and Gov. George W. Bush recently signed into law.

The free seminar will be at the Abilene Civic Center, Conference Center 2, located at 1100 N. 6th Street in Abilene, and will cover TVLB home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a presentation at 6:30 p.m. After the presentation, a question-and-answer period is scheduled and the seminar will end with one-on-one discussions.

"Now, with our low-interest loans our brave Texas veterans can buy good homes and enjoy affordable monthly payments," Dewhurst said. "And this program doesn't cost the state of Texas one dime, but saves our veterans lots of money. I'd say that's a definite win-win for everyone."

Dewhurst said the higher maximum home loans—more than triple the old limit—make the program highly attractive, especially when combined with low-interest rates. A new program conceived by Dewhurst offers the TVLB's lowest interest rates for home loans to veterans, or their spouses, who either agree to become teachers, or agree to remain teachers.

Dewhurst urges fellow Texas veterans to also take advantage of TVLB land loans up to \$40,000, and home improvement loans up to \$25,000. He said it's possible to simultaneously make TVLB home, land and home improvement loans, and to get additional loans once previous ones are paid in full.

"We live in the greatest nation on earth with an unmatched level of personal freedom," Dewhurst said. "We should never take that freedom for granted; it was won and retained with enormous personal sacrifice from our loyal veterans."

Dewhurst urges veterans to call (800) 252-VETS for loan details and eligibility requirements. Detailed information is also available at the Texas General Land Office Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us.

Deadlines
Ads - noon Tues
Articles - noon Mon.

MADD, Big Country Chapter, Takes Fright Off Roadways This Halloween, Reminds Americans to Drive Safe and Sober

Halloween ranks as one of the deadliest holidays for drunk driving

This Halloween, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) calls on the nation to drive safe and sober during the Halloween holiday weekend by designating a non-drinking driver before the trick-or-treating begins. MADD also reminds party hosts, restaurants and bars not to serve alcohol to people under the legal drinking age of 21.

MADD National President Carolyn Nunnallee notes the Halloween has become more than a "trick-or-treat" outing for kids, but also a popular evening for parties among adults. "Halloween is a time for fun, but it has also become a riskier time to be on our roadways," said MADD National President Carolyn V. Nunnallee. "Deaths and injuries resulting from someone's illegal decision to drink and drive are 100 percent preventable. Treat yourself by designating a non-drinking driver this Halloween."

Halloween is one of the deadliest holiday, based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. More than half, or 113 of the 200 people killed in traffic crashes during the 1998 Halloween holiday time period, were involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes.

As part of its "Designate A Driver" campaign, MADD encourages Halloween party hosts to offer a variety of non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers and also to ask guests to designate a sober driver before the merriment begins.

MADD also stresses the importance of not serving alcohol to people under the age of 21.

"We have seen too many tragedies due to underage drinking," said local Chapter President Edwina Hopper. "Alcohol is killing six and a half times more of our nation's youth than all other illicit drugs combined."

"In light of the fact that alcohol is the No. 1 drug of choice among our nation's youth, the alcohol industry has worked to turn a traditional children's holiday into a drinking holiday," said local Chapter President Edwina Hopper. "If we are going to solve the rampant problem of underage drinking, we must begin to change the environment that promotes alcohol to our children at every turn and connects alcohol consumption with traditional youth-oriented holiday. This Halloween we ask young people, parents and all citizens to join us in sending a clear message to alcohol advertisers to stop targeting youth!"

MADD has also focused on grassroots efforts such as asking grocery stores and other retailers to halt irresponsible alcohol beverage displays that use jack-o-lanterns and other symbols that appeal to children.

We ask restaurants and bars to practice responsible beverage practice by not serving alcohol to patrons who are alcohol impaired, providing safe transportation for intoxicated patrons who are alcohol impaired, providing safe transportation for intoxicated patrons and not serving people under the legal drinking age of 21," said Chapter President Edwina Hopper.

The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is to stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. For information on MADD or how to become a member, call (915) 673-5441 or 1-800-200-MADD. You may also visit online at www.madd.org.

Recommended Deer Harvest

Landowners and sportsman are reminded that the general deer hunting season in Callahan County will begin on Saturday, November 6, 1999 and run through Sunday, January 2, 2000.

As in the past, no special antlerless deer permits or tags will be required for harvesting antlerless (doe) deer in Callahan County. Only the appropriate tag from the required hunting license will be necessary.

Annual fall deer surveys are conducted during August and September each year to determine overall deer density, reproduction and sex ratios. Because it is impossible to survey each individual ranch, standard survey lines are established and conducted each year. By collecting this trend information over a period of years, it is impossible to make density estimates and general harvest recommendations for a particular area.

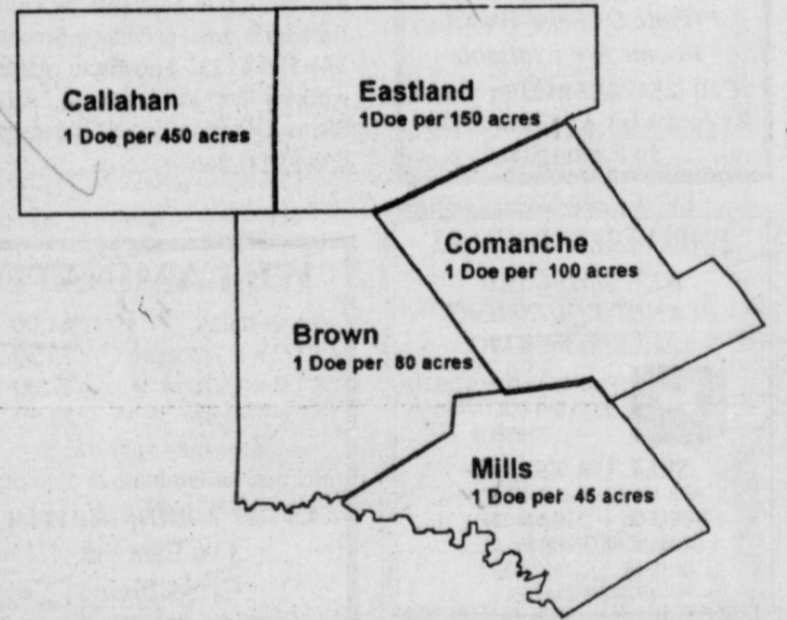
It should be stressed that these harvest recommendations are very general. Deer densities may vary

greatly in a given area, even between adjoining ranches. A ranch which is overstocked, overgrazed, and/or over hunted will not support as many deer as a well managed ranch where selective harvest is practiced.

Therefore it is important for each landowner to look closely at his existing deer herd and decide how many deer need to be harvested, if any. The bag limits established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife department are intended to be used as broad guidelines which will accommodate most areas of the county. Even though the legal bag limit in Callahan County is 3 deer limit, 1 buck, there are several areas where few if any deer need to be removed. The landowner can and should make the final decision as to how many deer and what sex may be taken from the property.

If further information concerning recommended deer harvest or wildlife planning, contact Wildlife Technician, Danny Davis, at 915/643/5977 in Brownwood.

1999-2000 COUNTY HARVEST RECOMMENDATIONS



This map illustrates the recommended harvest rates for each county. These are general recommendations, and may or may not reflect how closely what would be recommended on any one particular ranch. For more information on how closely these recommendations apply to your land, contact Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist Danny Davis in Brownwood at (915) 643-5977.

Environmental Initiative Puts Compliance Assistance Specialists in Communities

Small businesses and local governments in Texas have new resources to turn to with environmental questions and problems. And those resources are located right in their own communities, thanks to an initiative of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to focus environmental assistance at the point of need.

"The TNRCC is staffing each of our 16 regional offices with compliance assistance specialists from our Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section to serve as an immediate point of contact and liaison with the regulated communities," announced TNRCC Chairman Robert Huston. "With this hands-on, one-on-one approach, we can answer questions as they occur, before they turn into problems, and ensure the continued environmental protection and economic prosperity of our communities."

Many of the technical specialists are seasoned agency veterans, and all have undergone extensive training in water, air and waste issues, pollution preventions, regulatory compliance, recycling and environmental outreach.

David Hudson is the compliance assistance specialist for the TNRCC's Abilene region, which includes the following counties: Archer, Baylor, Brown, Callahan,

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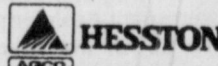
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Caramel apple time...

It happens every October. One of the kids will say, "Gee, Mom, remember how we all used to get together and make caramelized apples with our cousins?"

I always smile and say, "Yes, Dear, didn't we have some wonderful times?"

Making family traditions has always been fun for me. We had another autumn ritual—the leaf kicking ceremony. It was a time to drive into the Northwest woods with the family, find the perfect maple tree, and kick crisp leaves around.

We'd bask in the color of Fall and enjoy the brisk breeze chilling our faces. We watched squirrels and chipmunks with bulging cheeks, and sniffed the heady smell of wood smoke from a cabin fireplace. We kicked dry leaves and cast a backward glance over the memories of the past year, in tune with the nostalgia of the season.

The four cousins grew up close. My sister and I spent a lot of time together with our children; two apiece, each about three years apart.

Late in October one year, I sacked up apples, a bagful of caramels, wooden sticks, and the kids, and drove to my sister's house. It was a grand old three-story house overlooking Puget Sound.

The kids scurried about the house with their toys and games, running from room to room, racing upstairs, downstairs, outside.

Laying out the ingredients, I looked around for a child to set out sticks, and another to wash apples. They were up two flights of stairs, making so much noise they couldn't hear me holler.

I washed the apples myself and set out enough sticks for everyone. Then I went looking for the child

who would most enjoy unwrapping caramels. The kids were way upstairs, staging a fashion show with a chest of discarded "dress up" clothes.

All by myself, I unwrapped the caramels and waited through the slow melting process.

Following the noise, I climbed the stairs again to find the child who wanted to poke the sticks into the apples. They were all huddled around the TV in outrageous costumes and makeup, watching a movie.

I stabbed the apples and set out cookie sheets with squares of waxed paper.

Not wanting any of them to miss dipping the apples, I went in search of all four kids. I pictured the little darlings with sticky fingers, shining Norman Rockwell faces, and big smiles, watching the last long drip fall from the bottom of an apple held high above the kettle.

The kids just about bowled me over in their mad dash down the stairs and out the door to the swings in the back yard.

I griped to my sister. "I thought they'd love this, but they don't seem to care. Maybe we should just forget it." My sister and I dipped apples and set them on the wax paper squares to cool.

Suddenly, there was a noisy group of kids around the table, testing for doneness.

That's why every October when I hear reminiscence about the childhood memory, I always reply, "Yes, Dear, didn't we have some wonderful times?"

Then, I bite my lip and turn away quickly so they can't see me stifle a bursting chuckle.

The cousins not only think "they" did it, they think it was an annual event.

It really only happened once.
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AF Airman 1st Class graduated aerospace maintenance apprentice course

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jeremy A. Barnett has graduated from the aerospace maintenance apprentice (C-5) course at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

After completing the fundamentals course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, the student was transferred to Dover Air Force Base to receive additional training in technical orders, general occupational safety hazards; airframe, electrical, hydraulic, fuel, landing gear, flight control systems; engines, auxiliary power units and utility systems, and ground handling principles relating to the C-5 heavy-cargo transport aircraft.

Barnett's parents are Allen and Barbara Barnett of Cross Plains.

His wife, Amy, is the daughter of Charles and Linda Strength, also of Cross Plains.

The airman is a 1997 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

Pvt. Shaun Fox graduated basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood

Army National Guard Pvt. Shaun B. Fox has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Fox is the grandson of George L. Fox and son of Stephen B. Fox, both of Rising Star.



Texas was an independent country for ten years before becoming a state in 1845.



KIWANIS CLUB INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS — Bob Pipes (from left) sponsor of Dr. Curtis Creach, Kathy Chesshir sponsor of Dr. Charles Rodenberger, Carl Edington, sponsor Jack Scott (not pictured) and Sue and Ike Neal, sponsored by Richard Chaffin.



NEW KIWANIS MEMBERS WELCOMED — Jack Scott (from left) sponsored by Kathy Chesshir, Mark Harris sponsored by Carl Edington, and Joe Coppinger sponsored by W.G. McCoy.

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Jordan Cattle Auction - Brownwood

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Receipts totaled 1217 head. The market was very active with a large buyer interest. Most all the choice steer calves and yearlings sold \$1 to \$3 higher and up to \$4 on the 500-600 lbs. Heifers all sold steady to \$2 higher. The plainer kind sold with less demand with only selective bidding on this kind. Bred cows were very active instance \$25 to \$50 higher. Packer cows and bulls sold steady.

Representative Sales

Lee Sanderson	Lubbock	1 Blk Str 345 @ 110.00
John O Holloway	Voca	1 Blk Str 405 @ 104.00
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Ross Rowlett	Brownwood	1 Gry Str 690 @ 76.50
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Weight	Steers Price	Heifers Price	Slaughter Bulls
150-300	88-1.10	80-96	41-49.50
300-400	85-1.10	80-92	Slaughter Cows
400-500	82-1.04	74-86	27-38.00
500-600	74-90	70-83	Bred Cows
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700-800	68-77	61-71	Pairs
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Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	June 1999	July 1999
Total Oil Production	23,322	23,231
Total Gas Production	111,587	115,646

County oil production lower, gas production up

Oil and gas production figures for July 1999 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production is lower, while natural gas production was higher compared to June 1999 totals.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of July 1999 was 115,646 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of July was 23,231 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during June 1999 was 23,322 barrels of oil. Total gas production in June was 111,587 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months in Callahan County include: July 1998 with 26,462 barrels, August with 28,923 barrels of crude, September with 30,904 barrels of oil, October with 30,116 barrels, November with 28,387 barrels of oil, December, 1998 with 27,019 barrels,

January 1999 with 26,349 barrels, February with 24,211 barrels, March with 23,948 barrels, April with 24,787 barrels of oil and May with 23,023 barrels of crude.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for July 1999 include: Brown, 145,909 MCF of gas and 8,684 barrels of oil; Coleman, 193,228 MCF of gas and 28,484 barrels of oil; Eastland, 449,203 MCF of gas and 29,353 barrels of oil; Jones, 62,906 MCF of gas and 71,155 barrels of oil; Runtels, 155,368 MCF of gas and 50,729 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 359,541 MCF of gas and 86,094 barrels of oil; Stephens, 906,737 MCF of natural gas and 271,114 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 47,077 MCF of gas and 52,182 barrels of oil.

The top oil producing county in July was Gaines with 2,872,586 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in July was Webb with 25,947,843 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in June came from 149,060 oil and 52,756 gas wells.

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