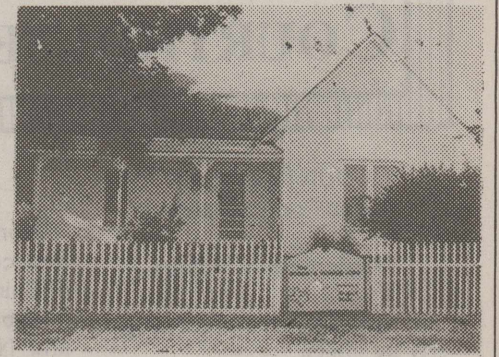


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EDITOR'S NOTE: The message in the story below is quite wonderful. It is truly how we should live, in accordance with the teachings of the Bible also. May you be enlightened by the words and live every day with zeal. Vanda Anderson Creech

"Tomorrow Is Not Promised"

Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there. They serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson or help figure out who you are and who you want to become.

You never know who these people may be: your neighbor, child, long lost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger, who, when you look eyes with the, you know at that very moment that they will affect your life in some profound way.

And sometimes things happen to you and at the time they seem painful and unfair, but in reflection you realize that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential strength, will power or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good or bad luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul.

Without these small tests, whether they be events, illnesses or relationships, life would be like a smoothly paved straight flat road to nowhere, safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet who affect your life and the success and downfalls you experience create who you are. And even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the poignant and important ones.

If someone hurts you, betrays you or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious to whom you open your heart.

If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally. Not only because they love you, but because they are teaching you to love and opening your heart and eyes to things you would have never seen or felt without them.

Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from it everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience it again...

Talk to people you have never talked to before, and actually listen, let yourself fall in love, break free and set your sights high.

Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself...for if you don't believe in yourself, no one else will believe in you either.

Create your own life and then go out and live in it!
"Live Each Day As If It Were Your Last...Tomorrow is Not Promised!"

Author Unknown

County Road damage estimated at \$1.5 M

Callahan County Commissioners estimated repairs totalling \$1.5 million are needed to the County Roads washed out by the Saturday, July 6 storm system which dumped over 10 inches of rainfall in some areas of southern Callahan County.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said Callahan County has been informed by FEMA officials that individual assistance has been granted to residents in Callahan County who suffered flood damage for the July 6 rains.

Judge Corn said Callahan County Commissioners will meet with other counties affected by the storm system in Coleman Tuesday afternoon, July 23 to obtain additional information about governmental assistance for the County.

Judge Corn said Commissioners reported a "rough estimate" of \$1.5 million in material and labor costs to repair the County Roads, of which the most damage was reported in the southern portion of the County.

Judge Corn said Federal Emergency Management Agency officials will be sending a team of inspectors to visit Callahan County during the initial phase of the assistance request.

During the Monday, July 22 meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court, Commissioners voted when government assistance is received those County employees involved in the clean-up will receive overtime pay at time and one-half.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners voted to sign the meeting minutes from July 8.

—There was no public comment received during time set aside at the meeting.

—Commissioners took no action on a funding proposal for the Citizens Emergency Medical Service after meeting with Tom Rummfield, Ron Young, William Cheek and Ronnie Broadus.

During the June 24 Commis-

sioners' Court meeting, Citizens EMS representatives presented the Commissioners with a letter from the Citizens EMS Board of Directors requesting a 22 percent increase in the monthly subsidy.

According to the Citizens EMS, the current three-year contract between Citizens EMS and the cities of Baird and Clyde and Callahan County will expire on September 30, 2002.

The Citizens EMS Board says the current subsidy of \$1,750 per month for each of the three entities is currently funding only 29 percent of the ambulance service's total expenses, which is down from the 36 percent at the beginning of the contract period three years ago.

"Due to continual rising of operating expenses and the decrease in payments from Medicare and insurance companies, we are asking for an increase of approximately 22 percent or \$390 per month, per entity, bringing the total to \$2,140 per month, per entity. This will bring us back up to the 36 percent range," according to the letter.

"We are also requesting a five percent increase in subsidy at the beginning of fiscal years 2004 and 2005. This will bring the monthly fees to \$2,247 for FY 2004 and \$2,360 for FY 2005. This will keep us at or near the 36 percent range over the three-year contract. At the end of the three-year contract we will then review the subsidy again," the letter from the Board of Directors stated.

"Those increases will aid Citizens EMS in providing continued Quality Service to the citizens of Callahan County," the letter concluded.

Judge Corn said no action was taken on the item because the Commissioners' Court is currently involved in its yearly budgeting process and will discuss the subsidy increase during the budget workshop.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and voted to adjourn the meeting.

Library/Sorority 2nd Annual Fund-raiser Set for Friday, Aug. 9

Got your raffle ticket for a Mixed Quarter of Beef? Better hurry! The Library's 2nd Annual Fund-raiser will be held Friday evening, August 9, at the Community Center, and we'll be drawing two winning tickets then. As they did last year, Dean and Vicki Dillard donated the beef, and Cross Plains Frozen Foods donated the processing. And that's just a handful of the good and generous folks we have in this community!

Once again, the ladies of Beta Sigma Phi will be serving a scrumptious Spaghetti Dinner with salad, hot bread and desserts from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is only \$7.00 per person (no tax, no tip), and proceeds from the meal will be used for BSP's charitable and community activities. Everyone who attended last year remembers what a great meal BSP provides: the spaghetti's meat sauce was hearty, the salad was fresh, the hot bread was hot, and the homemade cakes and cobblers were absolutely delicious.

The Board of Directors and Friends of the Cross Plains Library will have a Silent Auction with many great items you can bid on from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The

Live Auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include such items as two round-trip tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies, a beautiful king-size quilt (see it at the Library), a Cold-Keeper mini refrigerator, a Tony Lama rope bag and many other items, large and small. There'll definitely be something for everyone! And if you're not lucky enough to win one of the beef quarters when we draw for them you'll still have a chance to bid on two more during the Live Auction.

In addition to the Live and Silent Auctions and the Raffle Ticket Drawing, we'll be drawing for door prizes throughout the evening. So there's lots of ways you can come out ahead on Friday, August 9, and at the same time, contribute toward the Library's operating expenses.

Watch the paper over the next two weeks when more auction items will be advertised. If you'd like to donate an item for sale, please call the Library at (254) 725-7722, or Ginny Hoskins at (254) 725-7509. Carol Bennett's in charge of the dinner for Beta Sigma Phi, and you can call her at (254) 725-7474.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

Meeting Set in Abilene Thursday, July 25th, for Those Interested In the Oil and Gas Industry

By Earl W. (Bill) O'Neil
Abilene oil and gas producer

A century ago, two sisters transformed rugged land into our beloved Texas. The sisters were agriculture and oil and gas. They are the source of Texas wealth, producing billions of dollars in state revenues while creating an education system second to none.

Texas agriculture, a giant, producing cattle and soft cotton textiles, has suffered legislative actions flooding American markets with foreign goods. The pressure on Texas agriculture has devastated our rural communities.

Now under assault from its own government, the once mighty Texas oil and gas industry is dying and needs your help.

The 77th Texas Legislature—fully supported by the Texas Railroad Commission, the state agency overseeing oil and gas—passed a most repugnant and evil-spirited bill designed to effectively eliminate all small oil and gas producers beginning September 1, 2001.

More than seventy percent of the oil and gas industry in Texas is comprised of these small production businesses producing most frequently from stripper or marginal oil and gas wells. Three fourths of all oil produced in Texas comes from the stripper or marginal wells producing less than 10 barrels per month. SB 310 is a disaster and is death knell for these small producers. Our local state legislators, Rep. Bob Hunter and Sen. Troy Fraser, voted in

favor of Senate Bill 310--the most despised legislation in Texas today.

The story of Senate Bill 310 began to unfold when it passed hurriedly during the last days of the legislative session to satisfy sunset laws continuing the existence of the Railroad Commission.

The wording of the bill was drafted by the commission, the Legislature and Texas oil and gas trade associations. All three groups compromised on crucial elements and agreed to the preliminary draft.

There were three crucial elements:

* The draconian bonding and cash requirements of all oil and gas producers.

* The effective date of this new bonding policy.

* The effective date of the "sticky provision" in which oil and gas producers became stuck with the obligation to plug every unplugged well on their leases.

The three groups mutually agreed upon September 1, 2004, to be the effective date of Senate Bill 310.

In the closing days of the legislative session, however, the three Railroad Commissioners—Chairman Michael Williams, along with Commissioners Tony Garza and Charles Matthews—supervised the rewriting of the bill changing the effective date to September 1, 2001.

Texas was hoodwinked!
Here's the damage report for Abilene and the Big Country. The

Texas Alliance of Oil and Gas Producers, Abilene and Wichita Falls, has estimated 3,000 or 8,000 statewide oil and gas producers will be forced out of business in the next 30 months. Texas will be hurt--badly!

I estimate this will be 50 percent of all independent Texas oil and gas producers. Because of either draconian bonding requirements along with the "sticky provisions," these producers will be forced into bankruptcy. The intention of the SB 310 to reduce the number of "orphan" wells will in fact cause exactly the opposite--the number of "orphan" wells will skyrocket due to operators abandoning their wells due to being forced out of business.

Rural Texas will lose five to 10 million barrels of stripper oil at a tax value of \$125 million annually. Our property taxes will soar to make up the tax difference. Rural unemployment will increase until area workers are forced to leave the area for jobs elsewhere.

With reduced taxes from oil-pressure will inevitably increase for a state income tax. Michael L. Williams says "Each Texas oil well pumps more than \$38,000 into our state's economy." Today the Railroad Commission wants to plug 17,000 wells. Using the Commissioner's own figures, the Texas economy stands to lose 646 million dollars.

The national impact of Texas Senate Bill 310 is disastrous. The Railroad Commissioners altered

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Gov. Perry Announces Federal Disaster Declaration for Callahan

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry announced July 17, 2002 that President George W. Bush has declared Callahan, Live Oak, San Patricio and Zavala counties a major disaster. The federal declaration comes following a request by Perry on Tuesday to immediate assistance to areas of Texas hit by severe storms and flooding in July.

"Quick response from FEMA has been key to securing federal emergency assistance to Texans during this weather emergency," Perry said. "We will continue to work with federal officials to get help to areas struck by floodwaters."

A federal disaster declaration by the president means that help may be available through a variety of state and federal programs to renters, homeowners and business owners who sustained losses as a result of the flooding. The primary aid programs made available by the federal declaration include temporary disaster housing assistance, low-interest loans for repair and replacement of property and grants to help meet serious disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by other assistance programs. Residents of all declared counties are eligible to apply for assistance.

Perry again urged residents who have sustained damage as a result of the recent storms and flooding, regardless if they are residents of

the 10 declared counties or not, to immediately call the FEMA Assistance toll-free number 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) or TDD at 1-800-462-7585.

To date, 31 Texas counties have been granted a federal disaster declaration as a result of July flooding. Damage assessments continue in counties previously requested by the governor for a federal disaster declaration. Counties may be added to the federal list by FEMA in the future.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Rhonda Daniel, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shannon Drew Herron, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
David Worley, transfer request from Travis Co. to Callahan Co. granted.

Barbara L. Hayden, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Evan Barton and Rebecca Yvonne Barton, both of Baird.

Tsephanyah Yisrayl Hawkins and Natasha Sophia Walker, both of Clyde.

Edward Lee Morris, Jr. and Michele Leann Kile, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jack Ball vs. Doug Williams, damages.

Firerock Company vs. First Fire Rock Energy Corp., breach of contract.

Civil Minutes

Bradley Fein and Carissa Marie Fein, divorce granted.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 14, 2002 through July 29, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-77
Complaints-77
Possession of Marijuana-1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia-1
Driving Under Influence of Alcohol-Minor-1

Vehicle Accidents

There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

There were nine outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$2,612.00 collected.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

Stated Meeting
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
www.cross-plains.tx-mm-org
www.gltexas.org

Sec. (254) 725-7530

OBITUARY

Cheryl Payne

Ms. Cheryl Denise Payne, age 35, of Abilene, Texas, died Monday, July 22, 2002 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born February 13, 1967 in Albany, Texas to John Limmer and Carla Chambers Limmer.

Cheryl Denise Payne is survived by her son, Justin Long of Midland; parents, John and Carla Limmer of Abilene; Jack and Diane Lynch of Rowlett; brother, John Limmer, Jr. of Virginia; step-sister, Melody Parsons of Austin; grandparents, Peggy Chambers of Abilene; Florence Lynch of Albany; uncle, Don Chambers and wife, Martha; aunt, Linda Allman and husband, Bobby.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the Cross Cut Cemetery Pavillion with Ronnie White officiating. Burial will be in the Cross Cut Cemetery in Brown County, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains, Texas in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Cross Cut Cemetery Association, HC 30, Brownwood, Texas 76801.

The family will receive friends and relatives Friday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Cody Long

Cody Alen Long, age 14, of Clyde, Texas, died Monday, July 22, 2002 in Clyde, Texas.

He was born May 21, 1988 in Midland, Texas to Greg Long and Cheryl Denise Limmer Long Payne.

Cody Alen Long is survived by his father, Greg Long of Midland; brother Justin Long of Midland; half sister, Bailey Long of Midland; step brother, Hunter Aaron of Midland; grandparents, John and Carla Limmer of Abilene, Paul and Colena Long of Midland, Jack and Diane Lynch of Rowlett; great-grandparents, Peggy Chambers of Abilene, Alvin and Dean Long of Oklahoma, Marie Jennings of Oklahoma, Florence Lynch of Albany; as well as several aunts and uncles.

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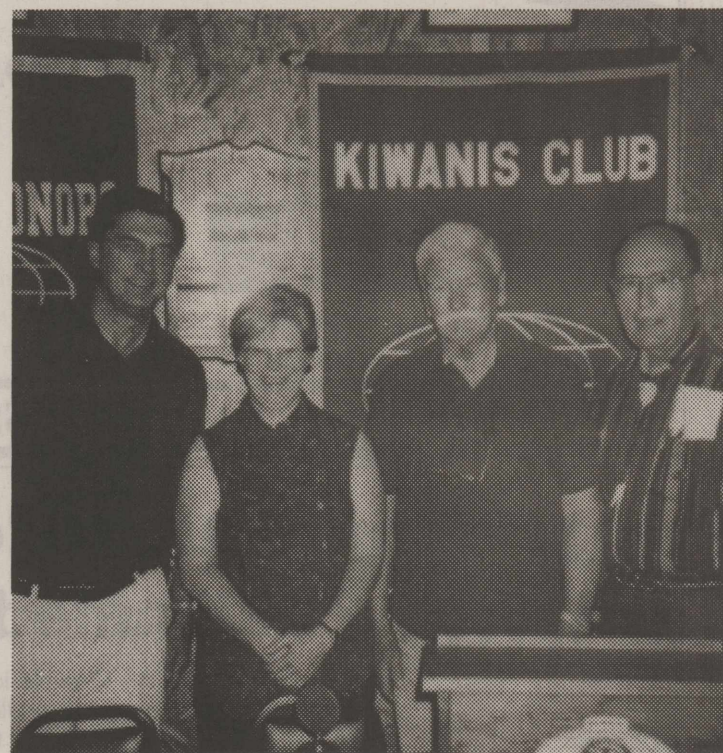
the draft to become effective September 1, 2001. Ten days later, on September 11, America witnessed a terrible tragedy unfolded in New York City and Washington, D.C. Americans saw the face of evil that day and realized America was not as secure as we had believed. While George Bush has accurately observed that our enemies consider oil embargo on the United States to be a weapon—the Texas Railroad Commission has assaulted and terrorized Texas oil and gas production and those who produce it, reduced tax revenues derived from production, both of which have devastated the income of producers, royalty owners and landowners, along with the oil and gas service industry. Senate Bill 310 has replaced production with destruction. Texas and all Texan's are damaged. In sum, SB 310 is a disaster for Texas!

Our national security is further jeopardized by forcing Texas oil and gas producers to leave untold millions of barrels of Texas oil in Texas soil to be replaced by purchase of foreign oil—often from our national enemies. Every barrel of foreign oil imported pays Texas no taxes and provides for no employment. Conversely, every dollar spent on Texas produced oil is recycled at least 7 times in Texas through income for producers, royalty owners, land owners and service companies, together with demand for business and consumer services created by them.

As a nation, we need every barrel of domestic oil more today than ever before in the history of our country. Oil is a strategic asset and a national treasure to be preserved and nurtured. Texas Senate Bill 310—so destructive to Texas independence in oil production—assures that one day, our children will be fighting and dying in the Middle East, protecting America's reliance on foreign oil. Michael L. Williams, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, advocates a dire need for a strong domestic oil and gas industry. Energy independence translates into greater state and national security.

A meeting focused on Senate Bill 310 and proposed solutions to the problems created by it will be held at the Ramada Inn, 3450 Clack Street, Abilene, Texas on Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. to be adjourned after 9:00 p.m. for informal exchanges between attendees. Governor Rick Perry, as well as State Representative Bob Hunter, Senator Troy Frazier and Candidate for Railroad Commission, Sherry Boyles are invited to be present and respond to your questions. Class Action Litigation as well as individual lawsuits will be discussed.

Concluding the meeting, I will formally call for the immediate resignation of all three Railroad Commissioners.



GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS—Richard I. Mack, from Provo, Utah (from left), hosted by Ginny and Curt Hoskins with Kiwanian Charles Rodenberger, told the Kiwanis Club July 16th about his experiences getting the Brady Gun Bill overturned by the Supreme Court. Later he reviewed his three books on the responsibility of law men to uphold the Constitution to the Meet the Authors' audience at the Community Center sponsored by the Friends of the Cross Plains Library. Ginny Hoskins is a Director of the Library Board. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Christmas in July Celebration in Baird

We are now on day 203 of 2002, with 152 shopping days until Christmas Day. Does the thought of Christmas shopping conjure up images of crowded stores and over stacked isles?

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tween 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and let them help you get a jump-start on your Christmas shopping.

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

July 22, 2002

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennon, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell and guests, Matthew Sowell, Linda Reed, Nora Odom, Netha Carouth, Judy Luter, Kathy Anderson, Larry Thomas, and Susan Hartman.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Minutes were approved as read.

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that the Booster Club make a down payment and order new band uniforms. The school will pay all costs above \$8,000. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that they build a School Marquee Garden using donations as far as possible. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Bennett that we accept the student insurance catastrophic program. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Vicki Dillard and seconded by Cook that they approve the unemployment compensation program with TASB. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that they accept the drug dog contract with Global Training Academy, Inc. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Bennett that we accept the bid from Gandy's for the milk contract. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Cook that we take the Texas Primary Reading Inventory off the table. The Texas Primary Reading Inventory was presented by Margie Sowell. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Bennett that we approve the PDAS calendar presented by Margie Sowell for 2002-2003. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Schaefer that no more wills or prophecies be presented at the Junior-Senior Banquet. For 7 Against 0

Leonard Wilson presented preliminary report of End of Course Scores. Discussed Student Handbook and items 14-19. Discussed changes on #20. To be reported on later.

Executive session began at 11:01 p.m. and ended at 12:04 a.m.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard that we accept the resignation of Peggy Bailey. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Bennett that we accept the resignation of Cliffadean Hargrove. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard that we hire Edward J. Wilcoxen, Jr. as a teacher/boys basketball coach on a 1 year probationary contract with a \$5,000 stipend. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Wyatt that a letter of assurance be given to Matthew Sowell to be band director aide. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook that we raise the substitute pay to \$42 per day. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook that all aides, Tonya Walker, Annette Nickerson, Marilyn Tennon, Carolyn Morgan, Carol Meador, Debra Childress, Natoschia Tennon and Chris Kitchens, be given a 60 cents per hour raise.

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Bennett that Patricia Cook be given a 60 cents per hour raise. For 6 Against 0 Cook abstained.

Reviewed bills
Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard that they adjourn. For 7 Against 0

Two Rabid Skunks Reported in Cross Plains As of Date

Two separate cases of rabies were reported in the Cross Plains area of Callahan County during May 2002, according to the Texas Department of Health.

The Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division reported two skunks tested positive for rabies in Callahan County during May and one cat was diagnosed as negative for the disease in May.

Dr. Curtis Creach, Jr. with the Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic reported both rabid skunks came in to his office about one month apart in May. Dr. Creach said one rabid skunk was found inside a chain link fence near the city limits during the daytime.

Dr. Creach stated a third skunk has been sent to the Department of Health and is pending on the outcome. He said that

skunk was killed just one block away from a positive skunk report near the city. The veterinarian said the skunk was reportedly chasing the owner around the yard.

During May, the Department of Health's laboratories reported 84 positive cases of rabies and 1,076 negative reports of the disease. The majority of the rabies cases involved skunks in which 62 turned up positive for rabies in May. There were four positive reports for fox, seven bats, one raccoon, three dogs, two cats, three bovine, one equine and one bobcat.

So far in 2002, the Texas Department of Health has tested 5,047 animals of which 528 or ten percent tested positive for rabies.

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1 Pr. Sharp 5" Fiskars Scissors
1 Wooden Ruler
1 - 8oz. Elmer's School Glue
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1 Large Plastic School Box
1 Spiral Notebook 70 ct. Wide-Ruled

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2 Pink Erasers
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1- 175 ct. Kleenex Tissue
1 Lg. Plastic School Box
1 Pink Eraser
2 -50ct. 9 X 12 Manila Paper
1 Can Playdough
1- 9 X 12 White Dry Erase Board
2 Dry Erase Markers-Green-Fine Tip
6 Purple Pocket Folders
1 Hardback Vinyl Binder 11"
1 Box Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
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1 Ream (500 ct.) Writing Paper 3/4" Rule 8 X 10"

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1 Wooden Ruler
1 Pr. Sharp 5" Fiskars Scissors
1 Pkg. Wide Rule Filler Paper 200 ct.
1 Box 4" 12 ct. Map Coloring Pencils
1 - 8oz. Elmer's School Glue
1 Pkg. 12 X 18 Manila Paper 50 ct.
2 Poly Binders 1/2" (Red & Yellow)
1 Pencil Case 5.5 X 10.5
2 Spiral Notebooks 100 ct. Wide Rule

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1 Box 48 ct. Crayons
10 #2 Pencils
2 Spiral Notebooks Wide Rule 100ct.
2- 200 ct. Wide Rule Filler Paper
4 Pocket & Brads Folders (Yellow, Orange, Green, and Blue)
2 Red Pens
1- 8oz. Elmer's School Glue
1 Pr. Sharp 5" Fiskars Scissors
1 Wooden Ruler
1 Pink Erasers
1 Pkg. 9 X 12 50 ct. Manila Paper
1 Box 175 ct. Kleenex
1 Map Coloring Pencils 7 in. 8 ct.
2 Plastic Pocket Folders (Red & Blue)
1 Pkg. Asst. Construction Paper 9 X 12" 50ct.

FIRST GRADE

12 #2 Pencils
2 Pink Erasers
2 Boxes 24 ct. Crayons
1 Box 8 ct. Crayons-Small
4 Glue Sticks
1 Pr. 5" Fiskars Sharp Scissors
1 Plastic School Box
1 Pkg. 12 X 18 Manila Paper 50 ct.
2 Boxes 175 ct. Kleenex Tissue
1" Yellow Poly Binder
1" Green Poly Binder
1" Red Poly Binder
1 Red Pocket Folder
2 Red Checking Pencils w/Erasers
1 Crayola Washable Watercolors
2 Writing Tablets 45 ct. 3/4 in. Ruling
Red Baseline 9 X 12"
2 Blue Pocket Folders
2 Pkgs. 9 X 12 Manila Paper 50 ct.
1 Zipper Bag 8 1/2 X 11"
1 Pkg. Cap Erasers
1 Pkg. Crayola Classic Markers-Wide
1 - 9 X 12 White Dry Erase Board
1 Black Dry Erase Marker Chisel Tip
1 Asst. Construction Paper 9 X 12, 50 ct.
1 Asst. Construction Paper 12 X 18, 50 ct.

SECOND GRADE

1 Pink Eraser
2 Boxes 24 ct. Crayons
1 Pr. Sharp 5" Fiskars Scissors
1 Zippered Pencil Bag 8 1/2 X 11"
12 #2 Pencils
4 Red Checking Pencils w/Erasers
1 Box Kleenex 100 ct.
2 Wide Rule Filler Paper 200 ct.
1 Crayola Washable Watercolors
1 Blue Plastic Pocket Folder
1 Red Plastic Pocket Folder
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Participants sought for Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Pageant

The Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen Pageant will be held Friday evening, September 6th for horsemanship, September 7th the parade, speeches and style show will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 8th, personal interviews will conclude the contest.

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for young ladies interest in the 2002 pageant. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office by 5:00 p.m., August 16th.

Winners will reign over the 2002 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo September 10th-14th. The winners will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio, Texas in June of 2003.

Age limits for the "Miss" division are 19-24 years of age and for the "Teen" division they are 14 - 18.

Entrants must live within a one hundred mile radius of Abilene.

Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at (915) 677-4376 for entry forms or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene, Texas.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

A "maze"ing...

Six hours of driving got us past the Texas boarder. Ahead of us droned the miles of desert and plain through New Mexico. Peanut wanted to stop at the maze, but I was eager to push onward to Idaho. I told her we might forego a rest area stop on the way back home to take in the maze.

We talked about the maze for hours. Peanut thought it was a great location, and a good diversion - something to break the monotony of miles. I thought it was one farmer's ingenious plan to make his grain field a cash crop.

Waking up in Idaho a couple of mornings later, Peanut and I opened the curtains to the river that flows beside my sister's summer place. The three of us were ready to skate, ready to shop, ready to explore lava beds and ice caves. We chose shopping.

First stop planned was the auto dealership for an oil change. Peanut and I were to follow my sister to Twin Falls so we'd have a car to drive while hers was laid up. It's an hour's drive and we lost her before we got two blocks away.

I turned out of the gas station and followed the white car disappearing down the highway. It made three turns behind the grocery store and pulled into a driveway a few block down.

Ooops.

Peanut and I decided to try finding my sister in Twin Falls because we knew she'd be captive at the service department waiting room.

The route was an amazingly straight route through the city and turn a hard right at 7th, but that's not how we got there.

Everyone we asked knew the dealership, but not how to get there. The streets in that district are triangles and diagonals bisected by a Main Street. Further, they are numbered 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, east and north, while the cross streets are 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th west and south.

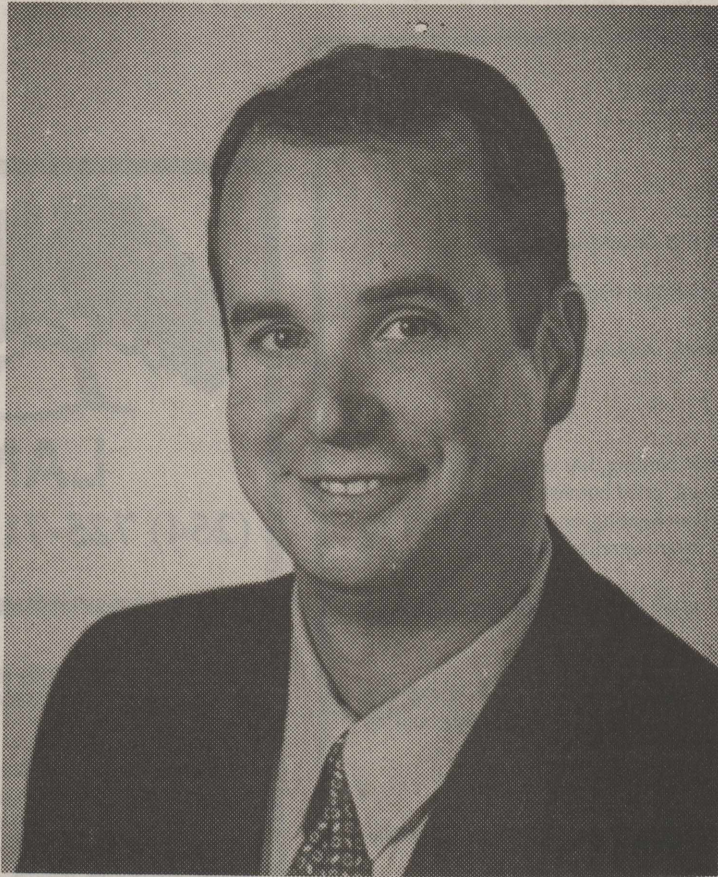
At the intersection of 4th and 4th, Peanut and I were stymied until a pedestrian in the cross walk pointed to a big flag. He said when we find that flag, we'll be there.

When we showed up at the dealership, my shocked sister told us she was miles down the highway before she realized the white car that followed her out of the gas station wasn't us. She kept going because she had an appointment time to keep.

After all that, we didn't miss even a minute of shopping time.

Peanut was encouraged. She thinks we'll do really well when we get back to New Mexico and the maze in the farmers field.

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David Taylor

David Taylor, Honored With Prestigious Award

David Taylor, son of Sue and Ike Neal of Cross Plains and Onis Taylor of Rowden, has just returned with his wife Jennifer from New York City, where he was honored by Hearst Newspaper with its prestigious Eagle Award. Annually, Hearst Newspapers Corporation presents the award to outstanding employees of their newspaper chain across the United States. Among others receiving the Eagle Award this year were Helen Thomas, the well-known Washington journalist, and Leon Hale, popular *Houston Chronicle* columnist.

David, a 1989 graduate of Cross Plains High School, received this citation in the Eagle Awards booklet featuring its winners:

"David began his career with Associated Publishing Company in 1996 as a Yellow Page customer account sales rep. During the next two years, he earned membership in the elite President's Club as one of the top 10 sales performers. After being promoted to sales manager in

1998, he was responsible for reversing negative sales trends in the company's smaller telephone directory markets, producing double-digit sales increases in both. This past year, David assumed management of the company's largest and most mature market, with a four-year history of flat or reduced sales. David and his colleagues were responsible for turning that market around in 2001, producing a significant increase in sales. His enthusiasm, tenacity and dedication to the team concept have earned David the respect and commitment of his associates. For his leadership and success, he is deserving of the Eagle Award."

David and Jennifer met the other 2002 Eagle Award winners in New York, where they attended a Broadway show, visited the World Trade Center tragedy site, and enjoyed several days of sight-seeing. He and Jennifer, who now live in Midland, are parents of two-year-old Ashley.

4th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament in Baird

The Fourth Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Baird Chamber of Commerce will get underway at 1:30 p.m., this Saturday, July 27th.

Entry fee for the four person scramble at Shady Oaks Golf Course is \$30 per person plus cart and green fees.

There will be prizes for tournament winners, contest prizes and a hot dog supper following the tournament, according to Susan McCool who is chairing the tournament.

Tournament sponsors include T&B Mechanical, Taylor Electric, Henson Antiques, First National Bank of Baird,

Harle Enterprises, Parker Funeral Home, Lawrence Bros. IGA, Baggage House Restaurant, Thrifty's, Dairy Queen of Clyde, Sonic Drive In, Big Country Dodge and Bob and Susan McCool.

Contest prizes were donated by Academy Sports and Outdoors, Athletic Supply, Golf, Ect. and West Texas Discount Golf.

Information and entry forms are available at the Chamber office, phone 854-2003. Entry forms may also be picked up at First National Bank of Baird, Baird Drive-In Grocery and The Old Shoppe.

Hico 15th Annual 5K Run/1K Walk July 27

The Hico Fifteenth Annual 5K Run and 1K Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, July 27th. The 1K will start at 8:15 a.m. and the 5K at 8:30 a.m.

All 1K participants receive a race packet, containing race shirt and other "goodies" and a ribbon at the finish line.

A total of \$500 prize money will be awarded in the 5K, plus the top three in fifteen age divisions will receive awards.

Every entrant will receive a race shirt and packet, along with refreshments at the finish line and numerous door prizes.

For additional information and/or race entry form contact:

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C.P. Roping Club Offering Barrel Racing Clinic

Butch Bonine will be holding a clinic Saturday, July 27, at the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena on Highway 36.

Bonine is a pro barrel racer and

will be instructing on barrel racing techniques.

The local club is paying \$100 for club members. If they want, they can bring a guest.



IT'S A GIRL



Hi! My name is Haley Michelle, born on July 2, 2002, at 5:25 p.m., weighing in at 5 pounds 4 ounces and 17 3/4 inches long. My mom and dad are Jason and Candace (Meador) Clark. I have a big brother, Bryan.

My grandparents are James Meador from Santa Anna; Randy and Cheryl Chamblee from McKinney; Sherri Clark from Plano and Clyde Crain from Wylie.

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