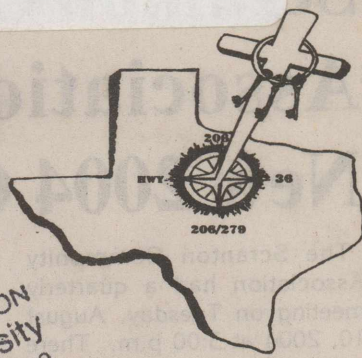


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EDITOR'S NOTE: An earlier rendition of the 23rd Psalm peaked the interest of several readers and Ray King of Cross Plains brought yet another version by the office. This one is for the oil field workers, and if you have ever worked in the oil patch you will definitely relate.

It is great to see more oil field activity as of late. If oil prices continue to rise, we may see another boom. Wouldn't that be something? Best of all, maybe we can increase production in our own fields.

I hope all you oil field workers enjoy this! **Vanda Anderson**

"The 23 Psalm of An Oil Field Worker"

The Lord is my Tool Pusher,
I shall not want.
He makes me to walk calmly
through the oil patch,
He leads me to sit down in the
dog house.

He restores my soul,
He leads me down the right
road of life for His name's
sake.

Yea, though I am in the top of
the oil derrick catching pipe,
I will fear no evil, for thou are
with me,
Thy tongs and thy wrench they
comfort me.

You have prepared a table
before me in the presence of
all mine enemies,
You pour oil over my head,
My thermos bottle runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall be with me all of my
days in the oil patch,
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Revised by Dr. Leon Green
VistaCare Family Hospice
Chaplain

Bon Voyage, Gracie and The Dinosaurs of Texas!

ABILENE (August 16, 2004)
— Is there a better reason to
celebrate than wishing a mil-
lions-year-old creature
goodbye?

Gracie, The Grace Museum
mascot, and all her Dinosaurs
of Texas friends are leaving
August 28. The Grace will send
its' most popular exhibit ever
off in style with a Dinosaur
Bon Voyage party August 26
from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The party will include free
admission, special games and
activities, the dinosaur dig,
discounts in The Museum Store
and Dinosaur Karaoke. Plus
get your photo taken with
Gracie! The party will end
when Gracie rides into the
sunset in her red convertible.

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shower and car, find your
best tropical outfit, and get
ready to party! For more
information about this
dinosaur day of fun at The
Grace Museum, call Heather
Kuhn at (325) 673-4587.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT— Dannes Turner (left) presented Andy Bennett (right) with \$1,000 scholarship.

Bennett Receives W. G. McCoy/ Texas Heritage Bank Scholarship

Andy Bennett, recipient of the W. G. McCoy/Texas Heritage Bank Scholarship, was honored on August 6, 2004 with a reception. Approximately twenty-five people joined Andy as he accepted the \$1,000 scholarship which is granted annually to a graduate of Cross Plains I.S.D.

The scholarship was established in 1995 in honor of

W. G. McCoy. Mr. McCoy has been associated with the bank since 1976. Currently Mr. McCoy serves as a Director and Consultant for the bank.

Andy Bennett, a 2004 graduate of Cross Plains High School, is the son of Phillip and Sheri Bennett and the grandson of L. D. and Sylvia Brown. Andy plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland.

High School Agriculture Science Teacher Receives VATAT Tenure Award

Abilene— The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas presented VATAT Tenure Awards at the annual Professional Development Conference for Agricultural Science and Technology Teachers of Texas in Abilene, Texas, August 2-6, 2004. Marc Morgan, a teacher at Cross Plains I.S.D., was among those recognized.

VATAT Tenure Awards are given in five-year increments to agriculture science teachers who have dedicated themselves to teaching agriculture.

The VATAT is very proud that

since our inception we have always had a very extensive awards program and are very proud of this year's award winners, comments Gerald Young, executive director of the VATAT.

In Texas, there is an estimated 1,500 agricultural science and technology teachers impacting more than 90,000 students enrolled in agricultural education classes at the secondary level. The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas is headquartered in Austin and aims to improve agriculture by teaching.

Community Bible Study to Begin September 1st at Eastland 1st Baptist

Community Bible Study is an interdenominational study with classes throughout the United States and in many foreign countries to provide a caring, in-depth Bible study for all who want to attend. Classes consist of small study groups followed by a lecture. Communities currently represented in the Eastland County class include Albany, Breckenridge, Carbon, Cisco, DeLeon, Eastland, Gorman, Olden, Ranger, Strawn and Woodson, with members coming from many different churches and denominations.

The CBS women's day class meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 - 12:00 noon in the First Baptist Church in Eastland, and has both nursery and preschool classes. There is also a

class for working women that meets at 12:00 noon til 1:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Eastland.

This year's 30-week study is entitled, "The Wisdom of Solomon and Pastoral Letters" will include the Books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 2&3 John and Jude. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. Registration is now being held. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be a part of this study, contact Linda Ferguson at 254-629-3143 to Leslie Keffer at 254-629-8002 to pre-register, or come on the morning of September 1st at 10:15 a.m. to the sanctuary of Eastland's First Baptist Church and register then.

Jim Hodges to Speak at Living Water Ministries this Sunday

Jim Hodges, president and founder of the Federation of Ministers and Churches, and his wife, Jean, will be ministering at Living Water Ministries on Sunday, August 22, at 10 a.m.

He is a graduate of Wheaton College and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and served ten years as Bible instructor and missions director at Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas.

Everyone is invited to come.

American Legion Meeting Tuesday

Members of the American Legion of Cross Plains will meet Tuesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn.

Leader W.D. Clark stated that all members are encouraged to attend this business meeting.

First Baptist to Host Blood Drive Tuesday, August 24th

First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, August 24. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Meek Blood Center is the blood provider for seventeen hospitals and medical facilities in this area.

According to Frances Baker, donor recruiter, only 5 percent of the population will need a blood or blood product at some time in their lives. Blood and blood products are used on cancer patients, accident or trauma victims, newborn babies, dialysis patients, surgical patients and new mothers following childbirth. "Blood is life to these patients, and blood donors are their lifeline," said Baker. "Blood donors are the true heroes of the community, because they give others another chance at life."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, in good health and free of illness or infection. There is no upper age limit. Most prescription and over-the-counter medications are acceptable. Those who have questions regarding eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798.

Each donor will receive an insulated lunch bag and a complimentary total cholesterol reading. Cholesterol results can be obtained two days after the blood drive by calling 325-670-2799.

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Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

Commissioners proposing decrease in County tax rate

Callahan County Commissioners approved the proposed 2004-2005 fiscal year General budget as well as the proposed 2004-2005 Road and Bridge Fund budget during the court's budget workshop held Monday, August 9 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The budget workshop was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn. The county commissioners are proposing a decrease in the county tax rate, however an increase in taxes is proposed due to a property appraisal increase.

Commissioner Tommy Holland made a motion to approve the 2004-2005 General budget and the proposed 2004-2005 Road & Bridge Fund budget. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded and the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The county's proposed tax rate will not exceed the Rollback Rate but will exceed 103 percent of the effective tax rate. The proposed Road & Bridge tax rate is \$0.1055 and the proposed General tax rate is \$0.3210 per \$100 of property value. Recording a voice vote for the proposed tax rate were Commissioners Harold Hicks, Bryan Farmer, and Tommy Holland and County Judge Roger Corn. Commissioner Charlie Grider was absent from the voice vote.

Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the proposed tax increase on August 23, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded and the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The budget workshop meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland and the motion carried 4-0.

The Commissioners' Court also held a second regular meeting beginning at 9:37 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Baird. The meeting was called to or-

der by Judge Roger Corn.

—The minutes of the July 26, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Commissioner Charlie Grider made a motion to accept and approve an Interlocal Agreement between Callahan County Precinct #4 and the City of Baird for cutting back trees on a city owned road leading to the 4-H Sports Shooting Range off Highway 18. Commissioner Tommy Holland seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The City of Baird requests that Callahan County Precinct #4 maintain the trimming and cutting back of trees and brush only on the City's Landfill Road which goes to the 4-H Shooting Sports Range and the City of Baird agrees to be responsible for the removal and cleaning up of the trimmed and cut trees and brush on the roadway.

—Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to adopt the Callahan County Resolution of Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Commissioner Harold Hicks seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Charlie Grider made a motion to accept the \$1,500.00 bid from Linda Slaymaker to purchase property held in trust by Tax Assessor Tammy Walker. The land is Lots 1-5, Block 38 Central Addition in the City of Cross Plains. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—County Judge Roger Corn made a motion to table accepting or rejecting bids for a car for the County Sheriff's Department until the next meeting. Commissioner Charlie Grider seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded and the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Rehab Supper and Musical at Cottonwood Friday, August 20th

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be hosting the West Texas Rehab Supper and Musical this Friday, August 20, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Roast beef and gravy and all the trimmings will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. Plates will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 years and younger.

Musical entertainment from a

host of past performers will commence at 6:00 p.m.

Mary E. Weaver will be the master of ceremony for the fund-raiser.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the West Texas Rehab Center.

Everyone is invited out for a great evening of great food and country and western music.

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Scranton Community Association Elects New 2004 Officers

The Scranton Community Association had a quarterly meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. There were eight people in attendance. Joanie Shrader, president, called the meeting to order. The minutes were read by Mark Ray and approved. Marie Starr reported a balance of \$2,437.26. There will be a complete report posted at the September musical. Since the last meeting, a wet/dry vacuum, a large stainless coffee urn and an evaporative water cooler have been purchased for the clubhouse.

The following were elected as officers for the coming year: President-Marie Starr, Vice President-L.D. Baird, Secretary-Mark Ray, Treasurer-Norris Starr, Trustee-Ann Etta Dunning, Reporter Joanie Shrader. L.D. Baird volunteered to continue mowing as needed. Volunteers are needed to help with the kitchen at the musicals the first Saturday of each month. Mark Ray is emcee. All musicians are invited to play. It is requested that musicians call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

Submitted by Joanie Shrader

OBITUARIES

Dixie Ingram

Dixie Ingram, 82, of Stephenville, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away August 7, 2004 at Community Nursing and Rehab Center in Stephenville. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Michael Ingram officiating. Burial will be in Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born July 11, 1922 to Robert N. and Maude Irene (Walker) McKeage in Erath County, Texas. She married L.W. "Bud" Ingram on November 4, 1968 in Eastland, Texas. They made their home east of Cross Plains. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by her three daughters, Joann Elston and husband, Rodger of Lingleville, Gloria Wagner of Stephenville, and Gayle Smith of Bryan; four sisters, Lorean McKeage of Stephenville, Doris Christopher of Frisco, Juanita Wallace of Dallas and Helen Little of Houston; brother, Bob McKeage of Stephenville; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bud, and a sister, Wayne McKeage.

Roy Clark

Graveside services for Roy Clark, 90, of Burkett, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2004, at the Burkett Cemetery Pavilion, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Clark died Saturday, August 7, 2004, in a Brownwood nursing home.

He was born September 22, 1913, in Beattie, Texas, a son of Charlie and Mandie Clark. He grew up in Texas and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. On March 31, 1957, he married Wanda Lee Hardaman in Las Vegas, and she preceded him in death on November 29, 1991. Roy lived in California for many years and moved to Burkett in 1997. He was a heavy equipment mechanic and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #12 in Pasadena, California.

Survivors include two daughters, Terri Bushnell of Burkett and Juanita Davidson and husband, C.L. of Burkett; five sons, Rodger Rolin and wife, Helga, Techachapi, California, Bill Rolin and wife, Frances, of Bakersfield, California, Glen Rolin and wife, Lucretia, of Burkett, Tom Rolin and wife, Pat, of Techachapi, California; 25 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mildred Coffey of Burkett, Lerah Cagle of Cleburne and Madge Coffey of Granbury.

E.B. "Bruce" Woody

E.B. "Bruce" Woody, 95, of Burleson, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at a Fort Worth hospital.

Graveside service was Saturday in Emerald Hills Memorial Park, 500 Sublett Road.

Bruce was born May 24, 1909, in Potosi. He was a member of Rendon Church of Christ for 30-plus years.

"Granddaddy, as all the children knew you, you told us how much you love us, not with words but with the way you treated us in all you did. Your bride of 70 years remembers all the joy and love shared with a true soulmate. Your loving hand is always on our shoulders as a gentle guiding force. You were a friend to all who knew you."

A wonderful man of few words, he was and still is our "Quiet Giant".

Survivors include his wife, Beth Woody; three sons, Don Woody and wife, Sheri, Rody Woody and wife, Nancy, and Darrell Woody and wife, Sondra; brother, Chuck Woody; sister, Jessie Casey; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a multitude of nieces and nephews, who loved their Uncle Bruce.

A.E. Fortune

A.E. Fortune, 79, died Saturday, August 7, 2004, at his residence in Sweetwater. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with John Pennington officiating. Burial follow in Sweetwater Cemetery.

A.E. was born August 20, 1924 in Callahan County, Texas.

He was a Methodist and was employed and retired from B.J. Hughes Oil Service Company after 30 years. He lived in Sweetwater since 1965 and was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Dunn and husband, Thomas, of Cross Plains, and Rebecca Martin and husband, Joyce, Jr. of Sweetwater; three sons, Wayne Fortune of Sweetwater, Kerry Fortune and wife, Elaine, of Anson, Ray Fortune and wife, Carla, of Arlington; one sister, Ruth Dorris and husband, Lonnie of Ozona; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Grace Webb, on April 28, 1990 and his second wife, Bessie Burleson, on September 10, 1993.

Memorials may be made to Ben Richey Boys Ranch, 501 Ben Richey Drive, Abilene, Texas 79602 or American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville Drive, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Pallbearers include Mike Fortune, Cliff Fortune, Cash Fortune, Thad Fortune, Blake Dunn, and Chase Bilbrey. Honorary pallbearers were Sam Jones and Jack Thompson.

Monte Ray Williamson

Monte Ray Williamson, 73, of Brownwood, died Tuesday, August 3, 2004, in Brownwood. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 5, in the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel. Randy Beggs officiated and burial followed in the Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Williamson was born August 1, 1931 in Eastland to Opal Houston and Sue Belle (Cox) Williamson. He was a graduate of Morton Valley High School, class of 1949. He married Flora Lee Hunter on April 4, 1953, in Lewisville, Arkansas. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952 in Korea, being discharged as a Corporal with 5 bronze stars. He was employed by El Paso Natural Gas for 31 years, retiring as maintenance supervisor in 1985. He worked 16 years at El Paso's Pecos River Plant south of Carlsbad, 38 months in Algeria, Africa on company projects and 16 years in Eastland, after he retired. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and fabricating with metal using a welder.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Houston Dale Williamson.

He is survived by his wife, Flo Williamson of Brownwood; two daughters, Connie Sue Carmichael of Brownwood and Lesa Bailey and husband, Keith, of Cross Plains; a granddaughter, three grandchildren, Meagan Nicole Pipkin and fiancée, Jesse Arnold, of Fort Hood, Danielle Suzanne Carmichael of Brownwood, and Hunter Allison Carmichael of Brownwood; and a sister, Darrell Weldon of Eastland.

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Leonard Long

Leonard Long, age 94, of Brownwood, passed away Monday, August 15, 2004, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

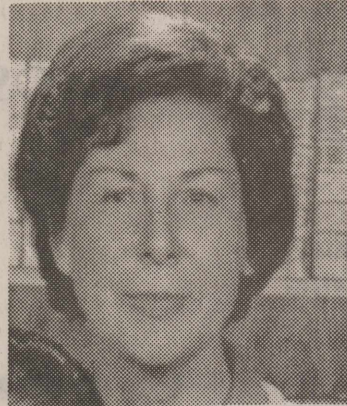
Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, 2004, at 10 a.m. at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating. Graveside service with Military Honors was held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 18th, at the Girard Cemetery in Girard, Texas, directed by Davis-Morris Funeral Home of Brownwood.

Leonard was born September 13, 1909 in Whitesboro, Texas the son of David Alexander and Susan Youngblood Long. Prior to moving to Brownwood in May 2004, he lived in Burkett, Texas, when he retired in 1972. He grew up in the Kent County farm community. Mr. Long built trails in the Grand Canyon for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. He also served in the U.S. Army forces who liberated Europe in 1944 and 1945. In the 1950's he joined El Paso Natural Gas Company to work in the West Texas oil and gas industry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Van, Bryan, Riley and Clifford, and his sisters, Myra, Louetta and Ida.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Christine Long of Brownwood; a daughter, Diana Gail Aiken of Carrollton; a son, Leonard Rodney Long of Rockville, Maryland; and four grandchildren, Shawn Aiken and Robin Aiken of Carrollton, and Laurel Long and Jonathan Long of Rockville, Maryland.

The family request that memorials be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, Texas 79605-9989.



Earline Sillix Peel

Earline Sillix Peel of Bryan died at 4:45 p.m. on August 12, 2004 at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan. She was 79.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 16, 2004, at Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan. Burial followed at College Station Cemetery.

She was born in Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas on October 2, 1924 and attended high school in Cross Plains. She graduated from North Texas State Teachers College (now North Texas University) located in Denton in 1945, with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

After graduating from college, she worked for the U.S. Army as a medical technician at Camp Bowie near Brownwood, and later as a chemist analyst for Texas A&M University, where she met and married Wesley E. Peel. He had just returned from Europe where he served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

She joined her husband whenever she could after he was recalled to active military duty in 1951, living in 13 states and 2 foreign countries during the next twenty-eight years.

She returned with her husband to Bryan in 1979, where they first met thirty years earlier, and has lived there for the past twenty-five years.

Survivors include her husband of fifty-five years, Major General Wesley E. Peel (U.S. Army Retired); her son, Robert Wesley Peel and his wife, Dr. Cindy Judice Peel, and her grandsons, David Peel, Matt Peel and Mike Peel all of Friendswood; her daughter, Linda Kay Ray and her husband, Jim Tom Ray, and her granddaughters, Sara Ray and Kelsey Ray of Everett, Washington.

Memorials may be made to the University of North Texas, Attention: Stan Walker, P.O. Box 305189, Denton, Texas.

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RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Everyone has been enjoying the nice weather. Some of the residents like sitting out on the patio.

We appreciate the pretty smiley face bouquet of flowers from Ann Madison and for the beautiful flower arrangements from the Ratliff family.

It's good to have Mildred Free back from the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers for Rozell Gary and Edward Petty who are

in the hospital.

We welcome our new employees to our nursing center. Catherine Gillespie-LVN, Crystal Padgett-CMA, Cheryl Wilson-RN, Brenda Hargrove-CNA, Rikki Bennett-CNA, Norma Ivie-CNA, Belinda Hernly-CNA, Jessica Ball-Dietary, and Maria Maldonado-Dietary.

The right attitude can change obstacles into opportunities.

LIBRARY NEWS



August 9-13

Behind the Books

It sure does get quiet around here when all the kids go back to school. Even as I miss them bopping in and out of the library, I wish them all every success in the coming school year. May they experience new learning adventures, new friendships and increased confidence in themselves. When the "big kids" go back to school, that means the wee little ones will soon be gearing up for "LAP SIT: and 'LEARN ABOUT'". And that's always so much fun.

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Statistics

Circulation:	
Books	86
Interlibrary Loan	1
Internet Users	36
Total	123
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Library Activity

Patron:	104
A.M.	58
P.M.	46
Programs:	12
Copies:	11
Reference:	13
Check In/Out:	31
Calls In:	7
Internet Users	36

GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

Diabetes—Obesity the next major disease on the horizon. It has already killed off a large majority of the American Indians.

Sugar and food that is deep fried in hog lard are considered to be the major culprit.

It is thought that people should return to the food of their ancestors—home grown vegetables such as green beans, summer squash, as well as winter squash, black-eyed peas, okra, and watermelon. Corn on the cob is a good choice, even a small part of the cob is good for you. Tomatoes and both sweet and

hot peppers are also good. Spinach, mustard green, turnips and turnip green are great choices.

In general, all of the old time vegetables and fruits such as plums, persimmons, etc. are good for your health. Lean meat such as chicken, fish, pork and beef that has had the fat removed is a healthier choice.

The secret is not to eat less, but to eat smarter.

If you have your turnip patch ready, you might think about planting a mixture such as spinach, mustard and turnip greens.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Famous Musicians to Reprise Cottonwood Musical in Support of WTRC

They are coming back—those musicians of the old Cottonwood Musical; Shorty STRENGTH, Dalton THOMAS, Cy TUCKER, Bill COMEAUX, Tim TURNBOW, Kenneth ROBERTS, Bonnie CLIFTON and Earl HILL.

Now that's a line-up that any musical would be delighted to have. But they can reprise only the playing. You have to show up to reprise the listening and the eating.

The big event will be Friday, August 20, at the Cottonwood Community Center. Serving starts at 5:30 p.m. and the music begins at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and strawberry shortcake.

Please keep this date open and respond by showing up to give your support to the West Texas Rehab Center and the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

Singer of One Song

I was fumbling around the other day in an old book I have quoted before. It is only half alive, the front half having been thrown away. Its pages are tattered and torn, brown with age and it looks bad upon the shelf. I started to throw it away.

However, in its pages, I found a poem I liked, written by Authur O'Shaughnessy. He was born in London on March 14, 1844, and died of influenza in his 37th year. He is known for a single famous poem and that one is never quoted in the form in which it was written.

O'Shaughnessy's poetry, so

goes the story, is facile; the kind of verse that is easier to write than to read. Even his "one poem" was written as an endless string of verses, nine in all. P.T. Palgrave, an anthologist of London, is responsible for the poem as quoted in my little "no-name" book of poetry. He cut the over-written poem down to three verses, quoted here.

"We are the music-makers,
And we are the dreamer of
dreams,
Wondering by lone sea-breakers,
And sitting by desolate streams;
World losers and world-forsakers,
On whom the pale moon gleams;
Yet we are the movers and shakers
Of the world for ever, it seems.

With wonderful deathless ditties
We build up the worlds great
cities,
And out of a fabulous story
We fashion an empire's glory;
One man with a dream, at pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer a
crown;
And three with a new song's
measure,
Can trample an empire down.

We, in the ages lying
In buried past of the earth,
Built Neneveh with our sighing,
And Babel itself with our mirth;
And o'erthrew them with
prophesying,
To the old of the new world's worth;
For each age is a dream that is
dying,
Or one that is coming to birth."

I believe I'll keep this old book
once again.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett about news or personal items for this column (254) 725-7474. E-mail csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail, 11093 County Road 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Burkett-Adams Cemeteries have received more donations as follows: Lucille Carmichael \$100; E. Marie Herring \$10; Donald and Kathy Tinney \$25; Norman and Cathy Lubke \$25; Jean Cox \$25; Mrs. Michael Sheedy \$50; Phil Cowan \$100; Virgil Adams \$25; Roland and Gale Wilson \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boyle \$25; Peggy Golson \$20; Virginia Shewmaker \$50; Verda Odom \$100; Kathleen Harvey \$25; Noel Weaver \$20; J. Pat DeBusk \$100; Evelyn Pitt (Hounshell) \$20; Kermit Diehl \$20; Shirlee West \$20; Kathy Leathers (Burton and Evans Family) \$20; James Younglove \$50; Charles Byers \$25; Zora Lico (In

Memory of Arthur and Mollie Hollon) \$5; G.E. Watson \$25; Zenobia Verner \$100; and Bonnie Barr \$20.

All the donations are greatly appreciated and will be used for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

Brenna and Kenzie Kleiber of Cross Plains spent a few days last week with their grandparents, Bob and Beth Kleiber.

Alma Wright and Juanita Cross of Lovington, New Mexico spent the weekend with Bill and Shirley Strickland. They also visited Bobbie Dodson of Coleman.

Caroline Sanders of Round Rock and Tommy Gene Burns of Breckenridge visited Lanette Burns over the weekend.

Fund set-up for Clyde boy hurt in scooter accident

A fund has been established at First National Bank at Baird/Clyde and Abilene to help with medical expenses for Issac Hargrove, age seven, who was seriously injured in an electric scooter/vehicle accident near Clyde on Wednesday afternoon, August 11.

Issac, the son of Deanna Mae Hargrove and Sam Hargrove, sustained a head injury after his scooter collided with a moving vehicle on South 4th Street in Clyde around 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11. He was care-flighted to Cook's Children Hospital in Fort Worth.

The fund account number is #11045469 and donations can be made at the First National Bank-Baird location or at the bank branch locations in Clyde and Abilene.

The family's pastor, Rev. Larry Hooper at Bible Baptist Church,

said doctors have told the family there is no medical hope for recovery and he remains on a ventilator. Pastor Hooper said the family was just waiting for the medication to diminish.

Clyde Police Chief Jerome Chaney said Issac was going north on Fairmont Street and had turned back west onto South 4th Street when he collided with a Buick driven by a Clyde woman. The Hargrove family resided on Ridgeway.

Chaney said the woman was travelling east on South 4th Street between 25-30 MPH. The police chief said the boy collided with the rearview mirror on the passenger side of the vehicle.

An eye witness was travelling in another vehicle behind the Buick at the time of the accident. Clyde PD Officer Chris Westbrook was the investigating officer at the scene.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Santos J. Apolinan, assault. Roxane Jimenez, fleeing to elude.
Raymond L. Hawley, assault. Clayton R. Warwick, possession of marijuana.
Gerald W. Arnold, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Jaime B. Loya, DWI.
Thomas Hunt, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Julius E. Williams, order releasing cash bond.
Arron Bushnell, order extending probation granted.
Adrian Andrade, transfer request from Knox Co. to Johnson Co. granted.
Billy M. Chaney, order extending probation granted.
Seth Bryan, motion to revoke probation granted.
Robert Walton, motion to revoke probation granted.
John Blake Taylor, plea of guilty to theft of service, \$50 fine, \$217 court costs, \$277.07 restitution.

James W. Meeks, motion to revoke probation granted.
Jason Mlenak, motion to revoke probation granted.
End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation; Melanie Hohmann, Jorge Ituarte, Michael Santos, Zemather Scroggins, Richard Townzen, MaryValencia, Arthur W. Wylie.

Julius Williams, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication; Kelly Digby, Misty Kelly, Brandi Ketcherside, Onjel Medford, J. P. Stockton.

Marriage Licenses

John Jacob Pruet of Baird and Mandi Michelle McElrath of Albany.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

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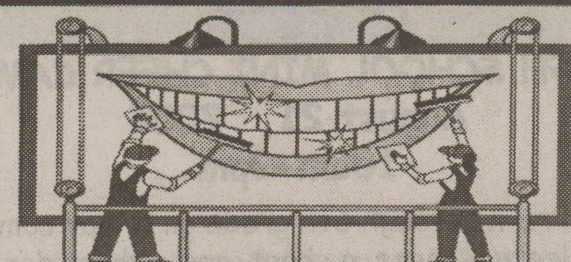
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Some of you knew that my wife, Patsy, went to her mother's in Alabama about two weeks ago. I explained to those who asked when she was coming back that she wouldn't until I decided to "meet her halfway." Well, I did. I met her in Monroe, Louisiana, where her brother and sister-in-law brought her.

We should be willing to meet people "halfway." Actually, Jesus taught that we should be willing to "go the extra (second) mile," Matthew 5:41. In those days, a Roman soldier could demand a Jew to take his (the soldier's) baggage one mile. Jesus said, "Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two."

Are we willing to "go the extra mile" with our mate, our children, our parents, etc.? God certainly did with us, didn't He? He went all the way...

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Buffaloes Have Their Concession Stand Workers First Scrimmage of 2004 Lists For Home Games

The Cross Plains Buffaloes hosted the first football scrimmage of the year with Roby and Rotan. The Buffalo offense was able to get inside the 10-yard line but failed to score. Rotan and Roby each scored once in the controlled scrimmage. In the game like conditions, Rotan was able to score twice and Roby scored once.

practice with more intensity if we are going to have a chance of being successful. We made several mental errors that we need to eliminate. It's a matter of "want to."

The Buffaloes travel to Tolar this Friday for their 2nd scrimmage. The scrimmage is set for 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Coach Hagler

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on August 19, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Prayer
1. Open forum
2. Minutes
3. Discuss and take action on Professional Development Appraisal System Calendar
4. Discuss and take action on contract with Global Training Academy for drug dog
5. Discuss and take action on

6. Discuss and take action on installation of sprinkler system for football field from donations
7. Discuss and take action on purchase or real estate
8. Discuss and take action on CPISD property insurance
9. Discuss and take action on Annual Investment Report
10. Personnel
 - A. Hire New Employees
 1. Technology Director
 2. Bus Maintenance Personnel
11. Financial Report/Review Bills
12. Adjourn

Notice was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent for the Board of Trustees.

Athletic Booster Club Ice Cream Social Saturday, August 28th

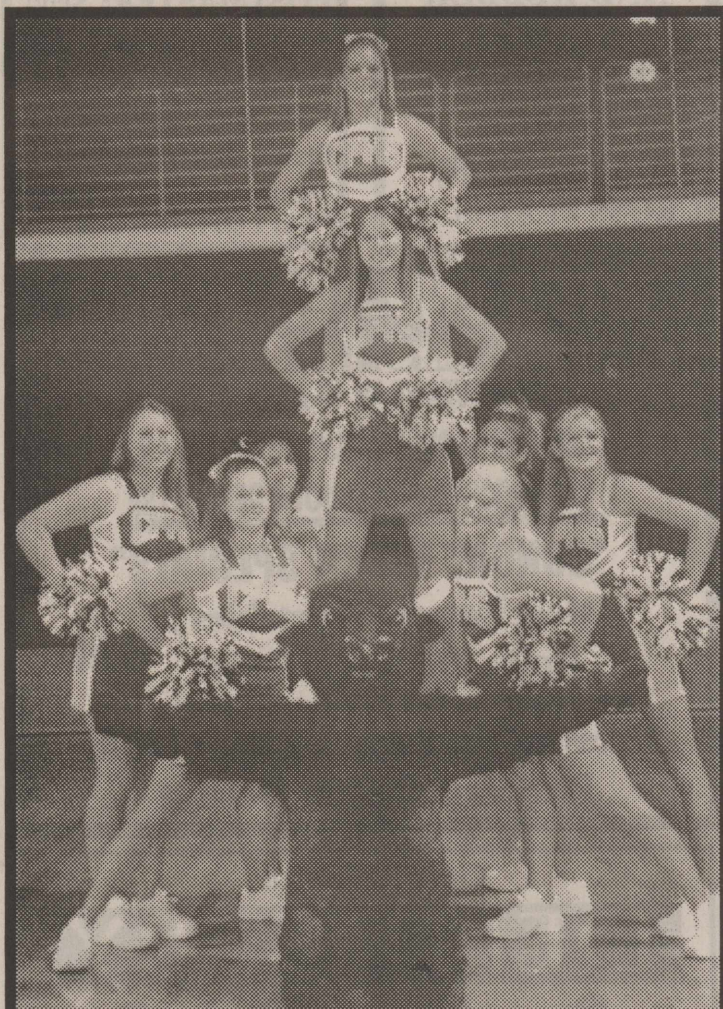
The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club would like to invite you to an **Ice Cream Social—Meet the Buffaloes** on Saturday, August 28, at 1:00 p.m. at Buffalo Stadium.

The high school football season is here and our young athletes and coaching staff are looking forward to a great year.

The Booster Club is also excited about the new year in athletics and

with support of the athletes' family, the year will be a success. The Athletic Boosters will meet every Monday through football season and we look forward to meeting everyone who wants to be involved. If you have any questions, please call Marty Callaway at 1-325-324-5563.

Submitted by Marty Callaway



HIGH SCHOOL MINI CHEER CAMP August 21, 2004 10am-2pm

All Pre-K through 6th grade girls may come and learn a cheer, a chant, and a short dance for the 2004 football season.

Please have all forms turned in by Thursday, August 19 in the Elementary Office.

Lunch will be provided and parents may come watch the girls perform and attend the award ceremony at 1pm.

JUNIOR HIGH & J.V.

This year home games will start at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Workers need to be at concession stand by 4:45 p.m.

9/16/04 Play Eden

Joe Holland, David Estes, Mindy Estes
Tricia Hopkins, Gayla Creamer, Charlotte Lee

10/7/04 Play Goldthwaite

Joe Holland, Terry Jane Wyatt, Shannon Nichols
Susan Schaefer, Curtis Stahnke, Diane Stahnke

10/21/04 Play Evant

Hoyt Foster, Tonjia Foster, Keith Lawrence
Leslie Lawrence, Lenell Sliger, Susan Schaefer

10/28/04 Play Baird

Joe Holland, David Estes, Mindy Estes
Terry Jane Wyatt, Lenell Sliger

HIGH SCHOOL

This year home games will start at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. Workers need to be at concession stand by 7:00 p.m.

9/3/04 Play Winter

David Estes, Mindy Estes, Tricia Hopkins
Jim Harris, Rita Harris, Lenell Sliger

9/10/04 Play Santo

Keith Lawrence, Leslie Lawrence, Karen Lenz
Raquel Ramirez, Claudia Ramirez, Cesar Ramirez

9/24/04 Play Christoval

Bryan Bennett, Debbie Bennett, Phillip Bennett, Jana Rister
Raquel Ramirez, Claudia Ramirez, Cesar Ramirez

10/15/04 Play Gorman

Shannon Nichols, Terry Jane Wyatt, Tony Wyatt
Raquel Ramirez, Claudia Ramirez, Cesar Ramirez

11/05/04 Play Ranger

Bryan Bennett, Debbie Bennett, Phillip Bennett, Jana Rister
Raquel Ramirez, Claudia Ramirez, Cesar Ramirez

For safety purposes, no one under 16 years old will be allowed behind work counter of concession stand. If you are unable to work on these nights please call Lenell Sliger at 725-6582.

Teach children after-school rules for propane appliance safety

AUSTIN—With thousands of Texas students starting back to school in the coming weeks, Texas Railroad Commissioners are encouraging parents to teach their children about propane appliance safety when they're home by themselves.

Many children today spend afternoons at home alone, waiting for parents to return from work. The Railroad Commissioners, who are in charge of propane safety in Texas, stressed the need for parents to remind students to practice safety around propane gas appliances.

In addition to having a certified service technician examine the propane water heater and other appliances, parents can make sure children know how appliances work and the potentially harmful effects of carelessness. "As their children's best teachers, parents should encourage familiarity with propane appliances, as well as their proper use," said Commission Chairman Victor Carrillo.

Parents should remember major fire-safety tips as well.

"Parents must teach children to never turn on propane gas appliances without proper supervision and to keep papers and toys away from gas furnaces and fireplaces," said Commissioner Charles Matthews. "It is also important for children to stay away from propane tanks and to never play with matches or lighters." A certified service technician can examine your

propane water heater and other appliances and make sure everything is operating in tip-top shape. A propane supplier may also complete an appliance safety check in the home. Even after a technician checks out the home, however, it is important for parents to teach their children how to identify a gas leak.

"Propane gas has an odorant added to help identify any gas leak. Show children how to identify that 'rotten egg' smell by using a 'scratch and sniff' brochure available from your local propane supplier," said Commissioner Michael Williams. "If you smell gas, exit the home immediately and do not use electric switches or appliances. Children should go to a trusted neighbor's home to call for help."

Being prepared for colder fall and winter weather is another important aspect of being propane-safe. The Railroad Commission suggests parents guarantee an adequate supply of propane for the winter months by having their home propane delivery account put on "automatic." This ensures there will always be enough propane gas for heating and cooking no matter how cold it gets. Cold weather sometimes makes propane delivery difficult when treacherous road conditions keep propane delivery trucks from accessing major roadways.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) has a free brochure on basic grill safety tips, as well as information about other propane uses and rebates. Call toll-free 1-800-64-CLEAR (800-642-5327).

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

AUGUST 23 - 27 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Bacon, Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - Poptarts, Fruit, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce

TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY- Chicken Ranchero Crispudora, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit Oranges

THURSDAY- Crispy Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit Crisp

FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Pickles, Ice Cream

4-H Club Reports Awards and Winners

Four Callahan County 4-H members were awarded star awards at the 2004 Callahan County 4-H Awards Banquet held Saturday night, August 14 at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Star awards are the highest awards a 4-H member can obtain at the county level.

Callahan County Extension Agent Robert Pritz announced the star award winners at the close of the Saturday night banquet.

The Bronze Star Award, presented in the 9-11 year-old category, was presented to Clyde 4-H Club member Shala Wilson. Bronze Star Award winners must complete a 4-H record book and go before a judge to be interviewed for the award. The award is based upon the members leadership skills, project involvement and community service. Shala, a Clyde Junior High seventh grader, said the meat goat category was her most outstanding project this past year.

The Silver Star Award, presented to a 4-H member in the 12-14 year-old category, was presented to Baird 4-H Club member Kat Johnson. To receive the Silver Star, a 4-H member must complete a 4-H record book and go before a judge to be interviewed for the award. The award is based upon the members leadership skills, project involvement and community service. Kat has been involved in the 4-H club for five years. She said the swine category was her most outstanding project this year. Kat will be a freshman at Baird High School this year.

Pritz said the Gold Star Award is the highest county award a 4-H member can obtain in the 14 and over age category. Gold Star Award winners from Callahan County will attend the District Gold Star Banquet in October. The extension agent said because of Callahan County's growing 4-H memberships, the county is eligible to give two Gold Star Awards this year. Pritz said this is the first year Callahan County was eligible to present to Gold Star recipients.

Sarah Capra, a Eula 4-H Club member, said her gardening and horticulture projects were her most outstanding projects this year in 4-H. Sarah is a Bronze and Silver Star Award recipient. She will be a junior at Cooper High School this year.

Also receiving a Gold Star Award was Clyde 4-H Club member Whitney Hicks. Whitney said her meat goat project was her most outstanding project this year. Whitney, a 4-H Silver Star Award winner, said she hopes to attend Texas A&M University. Whitney will be a junior at Clyde High School this school year.

The 2004 Callahan County 4-H Awards Program was opened by Oplin 4-H Club member Brent Nichols.

The Pledge of Allegiance, 4-H Motto and Pledge and invocation was delivered by Shelby Nail.

After a pot luck dinner, three 4-H club members performed method demonstrations to the audience. Pritz said the demonstrations in which public speaking is highlighted.

Donald Capra, a Eula 4-H Club member, presented a method demonstration "Opening Doors to Education." Donald took fourth place at State and first place in the District Round-Up in

May. Paige Galinda presented her method demonstration on "Equine Colic." Paige, a Eula 4-H Club member, also won first place in her horse category at the District Round-Up.

The final demonstration was by Baird 4-H Club member Michelle Robbins. Robbins recited a poem "Boys Are Awful" by Phyllis McGinley.

Project award completion certificates were then presented to 4-H Club members. Sarah Capra presented the beef cattle, horse and livestock judging projects. Whitney Hicks presented the photography, rabbits and sheep project completion certificates. Shayla Lee presented the swine and meat goat project completion certificates. Ethan White presented the veterinary science completion certificates; and Kat Johnston presented the food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, and public speaking project completion certificates. Rebecca Hamilton presented the dairy judging, horticulture, field and stream and dog project completion certificates.

Shooting Sports leaders Kevin Meier and David Nichols presented the shoot sports project awards to 4-H members.

Year pins were presented to the four 4-H clubs in Callahan County by club managers.

Brent Nichols then presented special gifts to Extension Agent Robert Pritz and his administrative assistant Julie Cooper. Both received standing ovations from the audience for their work with the 4-H youth.

The program concluded with the 4-H prayer by Shelby Nail.

Banquet sponsors were recognized at the event including Peoples State Bank, First National Bank of Baird, Texas Heritage Bank of Cross Plains and Callahan County Farmer's Co-Op.

Those recognized for completing their 4-H Record Books and receiving pins included:

Beef Cattle Project: Brandon Black.

Gardening and Horticulture Project: Hannah Capra.

Gardening and Horticulture Project: Sarah Capra.

Food and Nutrition Project: Paige Galindo.

Meat Goat Project: Whitney Hicks.

Swine Project: Kat Johnston.

Beef Cattle Project: Shayla Lee.

Public Speaking Project: Michelle Robbins.

Meat Goat Project: Shayla Wilson.

Those recognized at the 4-H banquet included:

Baird 4-H Club

Khrysti Bair, Maegan Buchanan, Ivy Byram, Amber Clark, Brandi Dempsey, Russell Hess, Kat Johnston, Lacy Jones, Mackenzie Keller, Jessica King, Cameron McIntire, Peyton McIntire, Katelynn Mitchell, Allison Robbins, Michelle Robbins, Charcie Voigts, Cody White, Tyler White, Ty Rhodes.

Clyde 4-H Club

Barrett Ancinec, Donald Black, Russell Bradshaw, Cody Cedergren, Blayne Darnell, Reagan Darnell, Jagher Gray, Landon Hart, Lauren Hicks, Whitney Hicks, Jordan Juarez, Shayla Lee, Tyler Mayfield, Breanna Mayfield, Chanda Miller, Jakeb Miller, Kayleen Miller, Shelby Nail, Abby Nail, Janae Rouse, Trendon Rouse, Denise Shelton, Shala Wilson.

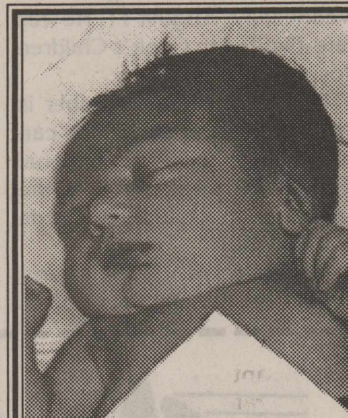
Eula 4-H Club

Evan Beasley, Donald Capra, Hannah Capra, Sarah Capra, Nicki Carroll, Brittany Chesser, Ashley Click, Angela Conway, Kaysi Dean, Kinsey Dean, Paige Galindo, Jarrod Hamilton, Jeremy Hamilton, Rebecca Hamilton, Elizabeth Morgan, Lorelee Reynolds, Garrett Scott, Ashley Slatton, Seth Thompson, Ethan White.

Oplin 4-H Club

Garrett Chrane, Troy Chrane, Brittney Johnson, Brent Nichols, Landon Nichols, Collin Nowell, Sierra Parker, Whitney Parker, Jessie Taylor.

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IT'S A GIRL!

Callie Nicole Sutton

Callie was born July 29, 2004 at 3:12 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Casey and Tabitha Sutton.

The very proud grandparents are David and Cindy Clark of Cross Plains and James and Kathy Sutton of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Jean Rose and Alice Clark both of Cross Plains; Marion Savell of Corpus Christi; the late Pat Savell of Big Spring; James and Louise Sutton of Sweetwater; and Nelda Lee of Decatur. Her great-great-grandmother is Martha Graham of Brady.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Difficulties or Thorns

No one enjoys difficulties emotionally, physically, or spiritually. They just are not "fun". We are by and large a generation who tries hard to avoid the unpleasant. It is difficult to understand how strength and blessings can be the end result of brokenness, but they often are. We seldom recognize the goodness of brokenness in the heat of suffering. This comes with hindsight and time. Someone has said that hindsight is 20/20. Have you ever caught yourself wishing things were like they were in the "good old days"? Most of us have. However, the truth is if we had a chance to travel back to another time, we would find that the same problems and trials we now face existed then, only in a varying form. Trials come, no matter who you are or what you do in life.

Paul, in the Bible, writes about what he calls a "thorn in his flesh" "Concerning this I explored the Lord three times that it might leave me and He has said to me". "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in me".

Pressure from without increases pressure from within. However, we can defuse our suffering by allowing God to handle the hurts we face. He is the Master Ecologist and does not WASTE anything, not even our suffering. I have what I call "recycled blessings". These are the good things that have come from those which seemed hurtful at first. If I had to give up all

the good things that have come as a result of my illness, I would not want to make the exchange.

Brokenness proves to us that we are not omnipotent. We become aware that there is a higher Authority than ourselves, Someone whose power and wisdom outranks that of human beings. We have access to a Savior—Someone greater than our greatest fear and who is able to meet all our needs. It is only through His grace that we learn the truth concerning suffering and the process of experiencing the immense love and fellowship of God.

I extrapolated from information which came "unidentified" over the Internet.

* From Second Corinthians in the Bible

Recycled Blessings

God, You are the Master Ecologist. You do not WASTE anything. Not even Parkinson's Disease.

When we allow. You to recycle our problems. Victories do result. Even though there is a refining process.

I think of the many times, Apart from You, I might have missed, Love reaching out to me.

I'm glad You are in charge of the universe. Please accept my thanks for recycled blessings.

Would You also send them to my readers and friends.

BHW

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

BY MELISSA RICHARDS

August 5, 2004

This was a called meeting of the Cross Plains Cemetery Association Board. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Members of the board present were James Oscar Koenig, Glenn Payne, Jimmielee Payne, Tonjia Foster and Debbie Gosnell. Von Dell Bailey came at 7 p.m.

Members of the public meeting with the board were Era Lee Hanke, Margaret McNeel, Roylene Wilson, Connie Kirkham, Rick Potter, Terry Lichty, Lucille Koenig, Susan McNeel, Mark Norris, Ronnie White and James Nichols.

James Oscar told the board that he has applied approximately 40 pounds of "Over & Out" fire ant killer on the new cemetery, and that it appears to be working. He stated that if continues to work, he would like to apply some to a portion of the old cemetery. Discussion was held concerning the fire ant condition and the need for treatment.

J.O. also told the board that sealer has been applied to the road at the new cemetery, and that it looks very good.

He advised the public that Clovis Simons is contracted to fill any graves that sink and that he has been in the process of doing that.

He stated that contributions have been slow. Discussion was held concerning the time of year and other problems the cemetery association faces.

J.O. asked Debbie to give a financial report. She reported that we currently have \$87,938.62 in CD#7719, \$8,623.72 in CD#8190 and \$2,365.40 in our Now Account. J.O. advised the public that donations were staying pretty steady in order that we meet our monthly expenses. He did note that we had to transfer \$2,500 from CD#7719 to cover the extra expenses such as the sealing.

James Oscar advised the public that the reason for the meeting was to discuss the possibility of putting up nice entrances at both the old and new cemeteries, as well as add some plantings. Discussion was held at length concerning the public's thoughts

on the improvements. All the comments made by the public were very supportive of the endeavor. It was suggested that we advertise the project in the newspaper, and have anyone interested in submitting a drawing or sketch of possible entrances. Jimmielee pointed out that the fence is in poor condition and that we needed to focus on fixing the fence as well. It was decided to discuss this with Clovis and ask for a bid. It was also pointed out that repair to the fence would be a general maintenance project and should be done out of regular maintenance funds and not out of the funds that will be donated for the improvements planned.

Terry Lichty suggested that we not use any of the cemetery's current funds to fund this project, due to the fact that this is what the cemetery operates on, but instead have any donations for this project be specified and applied to these specific projects and a "beautification fund" be set up for the new improvements.

Jimmielee Payne moved to put an article in the newspaper explaining what we are proposing to do and to specify the project as a beautification fund. Debbie Gosnell seconded and motion carried.

Debbie is to get letters ready to go out. Discussion was held concerning the possibility of placing a drawing on the letters so the people could see what we have planned. The bank has offered to pay the postage.

Lucille Koenig suggested that we have a plan to complete the project and not just start with one stage, but in fact have a plan that when one stage of the project is completed the board would have a plan in front of them to continue as long as donations are available.

Another meeting was set for August 26th, at 5 p.m. at the City Hall.

Discussion was held concerning the cost of lots. It was noted that our lots are the cheapest in the country and that we may need to increase them to \$100.

Susan McNeel stated that she thought the whole concept was a "GREAT IDEA"!

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
Melissa Richards

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Job creation initiative showing tremendous results

By Gov. Rick Perry

Just a few years ago, as other states were implementing new, aggressive strategies to foster economic development, Texas was resting on its laurels. We had the attitude that jobs will come our way because of our business climate, while other states aggressively courted new employers and started attracting projects with the right mixture of incentives. We were fighting with one hand tied because we had a shortage of effective tools to bring jobs and employers to the state.

And while no one seemed to notice this shortfall during the tech boom of the 1990's, it became readily apparent during the tough economic times that soon followed.

That's why last year I worked with Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick to create the Texas Enterprise Fund, a job creation initiative that is bringing thousands of new jobs to communities across the state.

With the one-year anniversary of this fund approaching, I want Texans to know it has been a stunning success leading to the creation of 15,000 jobs and investments totaling more than \$6 billion by employers relocating to, or expanding in, our state. And all of this was made possible because we were wise enough to invest \$295 million in this job creation fund that has begun distributing nearly \$172 million in grants.

A 3,500 percent return on the state's investment sounds pretty good in my book. And we still have \$123 million available to continue to attract employers and create jobs.

The Texas Enterprise Fund is having an impact all across the state, from our largest metropolitan areas to smaller and mid-sized towns as well.

In Austin and New Braunfels, Home Depot is creating over 800 new jobs for Texas families and investing more than \$800 million in our economy. In Houston and Corpus Christi, Citgo Petroleum has announced a new investment of \$828 million and a commitment to hire 820 new employees. In the Dallas area,

Texas Instruments and Vought Aircraft combined will create 4,000 new jobs while pumping more than \$3.5 billion into the state's economy. Grants from the Enterprise Fund have also helped seal deals in smaller cities like Ennis, Buda and Brownwood.

The Texas Enterprise Fund plays a key role in our job creation successes, but there are other factors cited by employers as reasons that contribute to their decision to relocate or expand. Low taxes, a skilled workforce, good schools, a reasonable regulatory climate and historic lawsuit abuse reform all send a message to the world that Texas is wide open for business and job creation.

Texas has experienced nine straight months of job gains, with 112,000 new net jobs since September. Last year, Texas landed nine of the top 20 business investments and six of the top 15 job creation projects nationwide. And while the number of job creation announcements declined in all other states in 2003, Texas' nearly doubled.

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2004 Big Country Wheat Conference slated August 19

The Big Country Wheat Conference will be held Thursday, August 19, 2004 at the Big Country Hall which is located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. Beginning with registration at 7:30 a.m., this year's program will focus on topics which will affect the 2004-2005 wheat crop. Dr. Travis Miller will discuss plant growth and development impacted by planting date. Dr. Chris Sansone and Dr. Gaylon Morgan will present scouting

techniques, wheat insect management and wheat disease management.

Dr. Dirk Hays of Texas A&M University will speak on the impact of heat on wheat/grain development. Small grain opportunities/alternatives/genetics will be discussed by Dr. Gaylon Morgan. Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, Texas A&M research station in Vernon, will present a report on integrated forage systems. Just prior to lunch, Dr. David Worrall of Agri-Pro Wheat will present a program on quality seed systems and marketing.

Following the lunch break, Stan Bevers will discuss the mechanics of marketing. This will be followed by a panel discussion by area producers of the producer perspective and production cost. Dr. Billy Warrick will then present a session titled "Is it Herbicide Resistance or Timing & Coverage?" Gary Bomar will be speaking on the field bindweed research data. The conference will conclude with a producer panel discussing conservation tillage.

The cost of the conference is free if registration is received by August 13. After this date and at the door, the cost will be \$15.00 per person. To register, call the Taylor County Extension office at 325672-6048.

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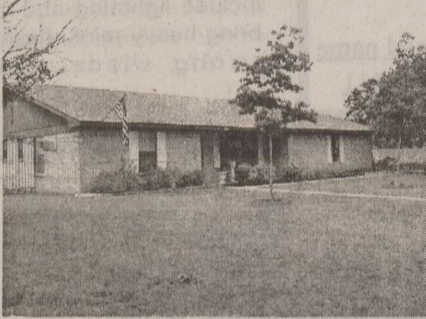
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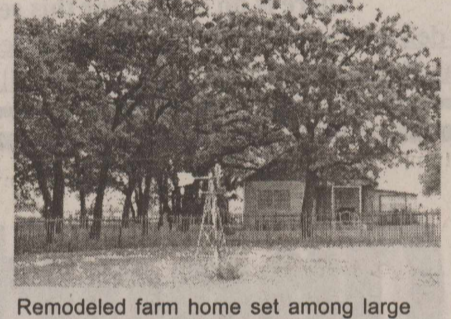
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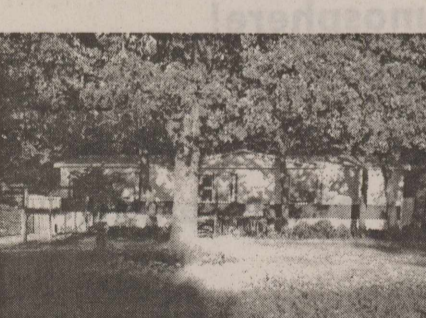
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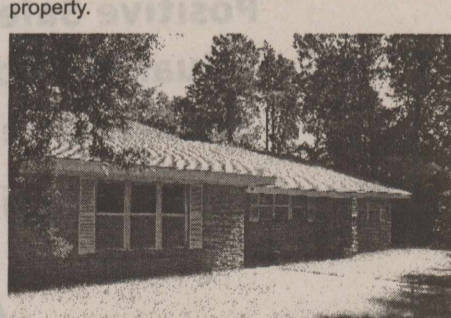
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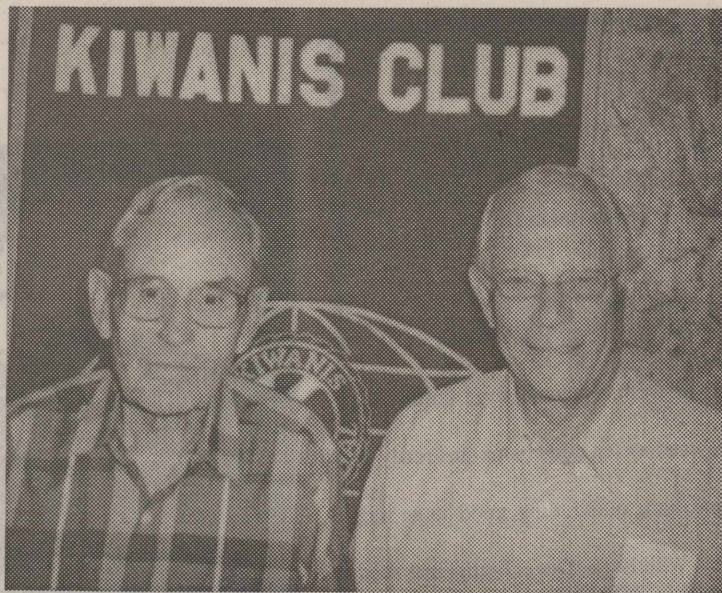
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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—John Fred Phillips (left) of the Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club spoke recently to the local Kiwanis Club about his years of officiating athletic games in West Texas. He was introduced by Don Clark. The local Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

West Texas Utilities' Thunderstorm Tips

HOUSTON (August 16, 2004)—With the most severe thunderstorm activity typically impacting Texas August through October, WTU Retail Energy L.P. offers the following information and electricity-related precautions to help customers stay safe during a thunderstorm.

Lightning and Thunderstorm Facts:

On average, lightning causes 93 deaths and 300 injuries nationwide.

Texas is second only to Florida in the number of lightning-caused casualties.

You are not only in danger when the storm is overhead; any time you can hear thunder you are in danger of injury or damage by lightning.

A person who has been struck by lightning does not carry an electrical charge that can shock other people. Provide assistance immediately and call 9-1-1.

Thunderstorms always include lightning and can also bring heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds, hail and

tornadoes.

Safety Tips

Install surge protectors on all major appliances—If lightning strikes your home, the charge can destroy appliances that are plugged into wall outlets, including TV's and computers. Proper surge protectors are inexpensive, easy to install and stop the charge before it reaches valuable equipment.

Check for hazards on your property—Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and injure someone or damage your home or power lines during a severe thunderstorm.

Do not handle any electrical equipment and do not use the telephone except for an emergency—An electric charge from lightning could be transmitted through the wires. Television sets are particularly dangerous during a lightning storm.

Do not take a bath or shower and avoid water faucets—Water and metal pipes can conduct electricity.

Stay away from damaged or downed power lines—Report power outages and downed or damaged power lines by calling 1-866-223-8508.

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DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 8, 2004 through August 14, 2004 include:

- Cases Investigated**
Warnings—130
Complaints—209
DWI—2
Public Intoxication—1
Fugitive Arrest—DWI—1
Fugitive Arrest—Aggravated Robbery—1
Fugitive Arrest—Blue Warrent—1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1

Vehicle Accidents
There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Texas joins national crackdown on impaired driving

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Nation—From August 27 until September 12, Texas will join the You Drink & Drive You Lose national crackdown on the criminal offense of impaired driving, according to Regional Administrator Georgia S. Chakiris of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"The effects of alcohol can slip up on any driver all too quickly. During this national crackdown, impaired drivers are likely to take a detour to an unpopular travel destination: jail. If you are going to drink, plan ahead. Pass the keys. Jail is not a good place to be," she said.

Traffic Safety Director of the Texas Department of Transportation Terry Pence said, "In 2002, 47 percent of the state's crash fatalities were alcohol related. Troopers and local law enforcement officers will be out to enforce the state's laws to prevent the crime of impaired driving during the Labor Day weekend

and beyond. It's a crime that the people of Texas and the nation cannot afford in terms of personal suffering and economic impact."

NHTSA data show that alcohol-involved crashes resulted in an estimated \$50.9 billion in economic costs for the nation in 2000. Such crashes account for 22 percent of all crash costs. Overall, nearly 75 percent of the costs of roadway crashes are paid by those not directly involved — primarily through insurance premiums, taxes and travel delay. In 2000 these costs, borne by society rather than individual crash victims, totaled \$170 billion.

Ms. Chakiris said, "Impaired driving is a completely preventable crime. It's time to stop the killing."

For more information on impaired driving prevention and resources communities can use to reduce deaths and injuries, visit www.stopimpaired-driving.org/.

George W. Bush childhood home listed in national register of historic homes

The George W. Bush Childhood Home in Midland was recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) assisted in the nomination of this property for inclusion in the National Register in recognition of its importance to the history of Midland, Texas and the nation.

The George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 W. Ohio Ave., is currently under restoration as the representative childhood home of President George W. Bush. The home is where George W. Bush lived the longest during his youth, and is the house most often recalled in family memoirs. His formative years there included playing baseball, supporting his parents through the tragic death of his sister and welcoming the first two of his three younger brothers. From early 1952 to late 1955, this otherwise unremarkable house was the home of two people who would one day become president of the United States. The house was listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the

National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect our historic and archeological resources. The National Register includes more than 2,000 listings in Texas. Listing affords properties a measure of protection from the possible impact of federally funded projects, as well as access to technical expertise and grant funds to facilitate their restoration and preservation. Income-producing properties are also eligible for federal tax benefits for sympathetic rehabilitation work.

"Listing in the National Register follows a tremendous amount of preparation," said Larry Oaks, THC executive director. "Many individuals contribute to the nomination of these properties, including the owners, local preservation organizations, our staff and our professional review board."

The citizens of Midland can be very proud of this accomplishment."

For more information contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512-463-5853.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

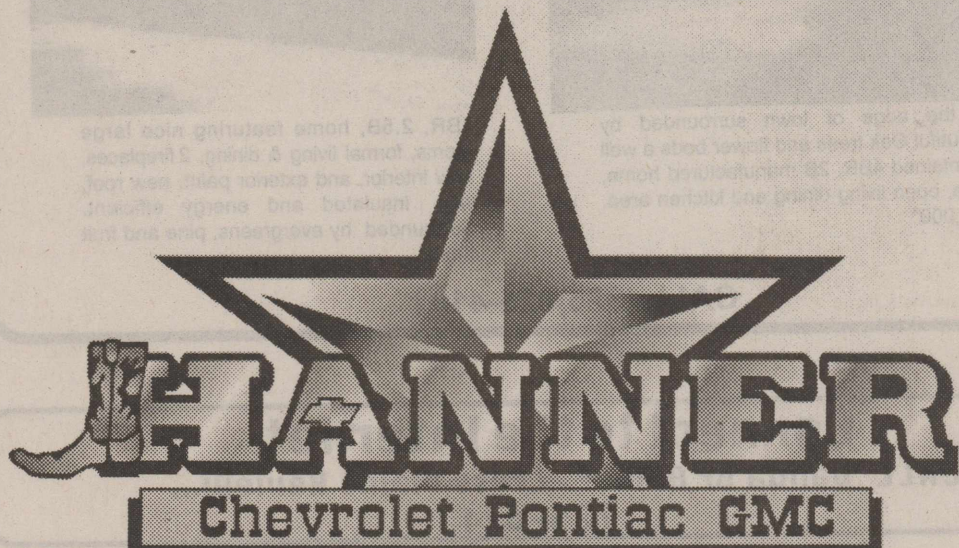
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