

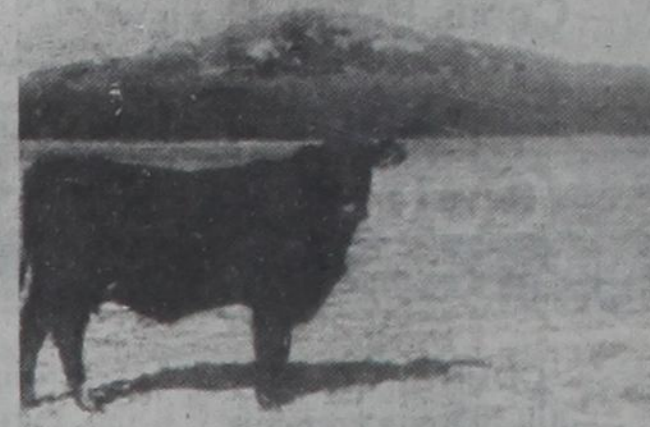


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MAY WE COOK FOR YOU TONIGHT—Donnel Clark (from left), Dr. Jim O'dell, Joe Hanke and Roy Stambaugh.

## Kiwanis Pancake Supper Tonight March 2, 5:30 - 7:00

Give mom a night out and bring the kids for a delightful pancake supper. Tonight is the Annual Pancake Supper at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Profits will benefit the

Children's Miracle Network and other local community projects. Tickets are still only \$3 each. See you there!!

## Update On School And City Elections

One candidate has filed in the upcoming trustee elections in the Cross Plains Independent School District. Mark Norris has announced his candidacy as three positions are expiring including those of Randy Foster, Ron Bagley and Barbara Sowell.

may be filed at the City Hall through March 22.

## A.A.R.P. Stew Supper March 8

By ESTER KERR

The regular monthly meeting of AARP was held February 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center.

Regular business was conducted followed by the music of Jerry Walker of Lake Brownwood. A covered dish luncheon was served to members and guests.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, March 8, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., a stew supper will be served to our community in the Multi-Purpose Center. The price will be \$2.50 per person and includes tea or coffee.

We invite everyone to come out and enjoy the food and the fellowship with our AARP people.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Lady Buffs Recognized In District

Coaches of District 29-A met on February 15 to select the honor teams for the 1994-1995 season. The boy's selections will not be announced until Cross Plains concludes its playoff run, but the All-District girls teams have been released and the Lady Buffs were well represented.

Senior Tonya Stover was a unanimous first-team selection. Stover, the 5'6" Lady Buff point guard, averaged 10.5 points per game, 1.7 steals per game, and 3.9 rebounds per game while serving as both team captain and a team leader throughout the season. Coach John Starcher commented, "We may not have had a lot of wins during the season, but Tonya kept the girls' spirits and hopes up in every ballgame. We will miss her leadership." Tonya also shot 67 percent from the free throw line while hitting 19 of 54 from the 3 point arc.

All-District second team honors went to

## Spaghetti Supper To Benefit Band Trip

The Cross Plains Buffalo Band will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper and Concert on Monday, March 6 to help raise funds for a trip to the New Braunfels Festival in April.

Serving will begin at the high school cafeteria at 5 p.m. and continue through 7:30 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea for \$3.00 per plate.

The concert, provided by all age divisions of band students, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased from any band student or at the door. Support these youths in their efforts -- attend the fundraiser Monday!

## Callahan Co. Child Protective Appointments

Alton Payne of Baird and Judy Lewellen of Eula have been appointed to the Callahan County Child Protective Service board of directors.

The action was taken Monday, February 13 by the Callahan County Commissioners during a regular commissioners' meeting at the county courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said the appointments of Payne and Lewellen to the board was on the recommendation of the child protective service board of directors.

Other items brought before the county commissioners included:

—Commissioners arranged for food commodity distribution on February 15.

—Commissioners voted to adopt a new personnel policy for all county employees. The personnel policy was distribution to all employees on Friday, February 24.

Judge Johnson said commissioners recently revised some of the policies. He added the county never really had a personnel policy for its employees.

—Commissioners also approved the minutes of the previous meeting and voted to pay all approved bills received.

## Carol Greenwood To Demonstrate Portrait Sketches

The Paint and Palette Club of Cross Plains will meet at the Multi-Purpose Center at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. Carol Greenwood, well known artist, will give a demonstration on portrait sketches.

If you are interested in painting be sure to attend.



Buffaloes Cut Down The Net After Bi-District Victory

(Photo Courtesy of Cindy Wood)

## Buffaloes Win Bi-District In Overtime

By COACH BILL BOYD

The Cross Plains Buffaloes squeaked by the May Tigers 65-60 in overtime last Friday at Brownwood High. It was a back and forth game that had seven lead changes in the fourth quarter alone.

The first quarter saw the Runnin' Buffs jump out to a 19-11 lead with Joseph Turner, Brock Walker and Donnie Dillard all having 4 points a piece. Jeremy Barnett gave the Buffs a big momentum boost at the end of the quarter with a beautiful 3 pointer from the top of the

key.

The second stanza saw May take advantage of numerous missed shots by the Buffaloes. The Tigers outscored Cross Plains this quarter but the Buffs took a 28-25 lead into the locker room at half.

May scored the first 8 points of the third quarter. After a Cross Plains time-out the Buffaloes established their inside game with Matt Reed leading the way. We struggled from the foul line this quarter hitting only 3 of 6 charity shots.

The fourth quarter was back and forth. Benji Blackstock hit two free throws

down the stretch. May tied the game at 51 with 28 seconds to play. Cross Plains took a time out and failed to execute a final set play.

The Buffaloes jumped out in overtime thanks to 10 of 12 from the free throw line. Our defense shut down the Tigers 3 point barrage in overtime and we survived with a hard fought 65-60 win.

Matt Reed had his finest game as a Buffalo. Matt had 20 points, an astounding 21 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists, 6 blocked shots and took 1 charge. Brock Walker followed with 16 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, and 5 assists. Donnie Dillard had 14 points, 16 valuable rebounds and 4 assists. The rest of the scoring was Joseph Turner with 6, Jeremy Barnett with 5 and Benji Blackstock with 4. Justin Richey and Jared Harris filled in at key times to help contribute to this playoff victory.

This is three out of four years that the Buffaloes have reached the Area game. This is a tribute to these kids' hard work and love for the game. Thanks to all the fans. The kids notice how much support they get. This brings our season record to 21 wins and 10 losses.

In other basketball game action, the Buffaloes defeated Jayton 66-51 and Rochelle 67-61. The last two years the Buffaloes have been undefeated in practice games for the playoffs. The teams we are playing are of course either a district champion or district runner-up.

The Buffaloes played Water Valley in the Coleman High School Gym Tuesday, February 28 in the area playoffs, but the outcome of the game was not available at press time.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Temple Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 5, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

two are a pretty good foundation for building on the future."

Of the first and second team members, only four were seniors in District 29-A. "Every school in our district is well-balanced in the Sophomore/Junior classification," Coach Starcher said. "All this means is every night we play, we must be ready!! I'm very proud for those who won the honors, but as a team we give everyone the credit. I hope they will continue to improve their skills for our future growth." A complete list of the teams are as follows:

1994-1995 District 29-A All-District Selections

MVP - \*Brandi Harris - Senior - Rising Star

1st Team:

\*Tessa Davis - Sophomore - Eula (#10)

\*Shawna Faircloth - Sophomore - Eula (#20)

\*Tonya Stover - Senior - Cross Plains

\*Tiesha Long - Junior - Rising Star (#20)

\*Kristie Collins - Sophomore - Rising Star (#43)

\*Mary Campbell - Sophomore - Gorman (#25)

Laci Sharp - Senior - Gorman (#32)

2nd Team:

Amy Collins - Junior - Rising Star (#33)

Marlena Guthery - Sophomore - Gorman (#50)

Ami Beal - Sophomore - Santa Anna (#24)

Amanda McGuire - Sophomore - Cross Plains

Cody Favor - Junior - Eula (#11)

Misty Strickland - Junior - Cross Plains

Brandee Jones - Senior - Eula (#23)

Honorable Mention: (Cross Plains only)

Whitney Kirkham - Junior

Malysa Sowell - Sophomore

\* Denotes unanimous selections

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT  
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

David Loyd Knight, DWI.  
Charles W. Yocum, Jr., DWI & fleeing to clude.  
Darin G. Carpenter, theft.  
Donald Ray Turner, DWI.  
Joe Tom South, harboring a runaway & enticing a minor.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Clinton K. McElfresh, DWI, \$100 fine \$225 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Shelly R. Ziegenhagen, DWI, \$400 fine \$205 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.  
Riley A. Bailey, DWI, \$400 fine \$205 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.  
Chris Ridling, theft of property by check, \$10 fine \$173 court costs  
David M. Reed, motion filed to revoke probation.  
David Randall Cummings, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

NEW VEHICLES

Elvie Murphrey, Clyde, GMC PU.  
Linda & Woodrow Gordon, Abilene, Dodge Van.  
Michael Fisher, Ballinger, GMC PU.  
Peggy Buchanan, Clyde, Jeep 4 dr.  
William Carroll, Mineral Wells, Dodge PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Gerald Frazier, individual & as next friend for minor daughter, Kandi Frazier, vs State Farm Insurance, motor vehicle damages.  
Divorces filed:  
Armstrong, William James & Tina Ann.  
Weston, Margaret Louise & David

Brian.  
Purvis, Sandra Kathryn & Ronald Wayne, and in the interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes

First National Bank, Baird, vs Randall G. Tharp & Beverly Tharp, \$10,097.23 judgment for plaintiff.  
Peoples State Bank & John D. Collicie vs David E. Hudnall & Christy E. Hudnall, \$26, 264.87 judgment for plaintiff.

Divorces granted:  
Betha, Carolyn M. & Danny Carl. Castro, Gilberto & Alice.

Felony Indictments

Rodney Free, theft & misapplication of fiduciary property.  
William W. Harper, Jr., DWI.  
Stephen J. Martin, burglary of a building.  
Arvin H. Thornton, indecency with a child.  
Tino Valdez, DWI.

Felony Minutes

Paul L. Morris, theft, \$3500 fine \$137.50 court costs, 10 years probation.

"Single Again And Loving It" Mon., March 6

The Pastoral Care and Counseling Center will present a First Monday seminar on Monday, March 6.

Carol Fite, staff therapist, will present an hour-long seminar entitled "Single Again And Loving It!" It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Pastoral Care and Counseling Center, 1317 North 8th Street, and is free to the public.  
For further information, please call 672-2573.

OBITUARY

David Jacob Crockett

David Jacob Crockett, infant, died Wednesday, February 22, 1995.

Private family services were held Thursday. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Davy and Kimberly Crockett of Abilene; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.T. Crockett Jr. of Abilene, Midge Crockett of San Diego, and Dan and Laura Owens of Argyle; his great-grandparents, D.T. and Maxine Crockett Sr. of Cross Plains, and Myrtle Haynie of Argyle.

Harry Hugh Purvis

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA—Harry H. Purvis, 79, died February 25, 1995, at a Scottsbluff nursing home.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in Old Cottonwood Cemetery. A memorial service will be in Scottsbluff at a later date. Dugan-Kramer Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born July 12, 1915, in Cotton-

wood to L.M. and Sarah Ellen (Reed) Purvis. He received his education in Texas and moved to California. He entered the Army November 10, 1942, and was honorable discharged March 22, 1946. He married Betty Neeley June 20, 1946, in Longmont, Colorado. They lived in California until 1959, when they moved to Scottsbluff. He owned and operated Purvis Lock Co. for 32 years.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, a life member of Elks Lodge No. 1367 and a life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 33 of Bayard.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter and son-in-law Jodene and Harold Infanger of Thermopolis, Wyoming; son Jerry Purvis of Scottsbluff; brothers John Thomas Purvis of Cottonwood, Golden Purvis of Phoenix, Arizona and Richard Purvis of Cross Plains; sister Faye Evelyn Meehan, of San Marcos; sister-in-law Mildred Purvis of Midland; grandsons Jon Infanger of Rawlins, Wyoming and Kurt Infanger of Laramie, Wyoming; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers.

In lue of flowers, donations to the Cottonwood Baptist Church is suggested.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

Cloudy Skies are resulting in light rain in the Rowden area. One way we know that spring is on the way is Saturday the early plants are in bloom. A plum tree at Moon place is in full bloom ant it looks like a big snowball. Some one remarked seeing a peach tree in bloom. According to the old saying, we'll have 6 more weeks of winter since the groundhog saw his shadow.

The home of Roger and Karen Blackmon was the place where two small grandchildren spent the weekend. The babies are Chandler, daughter of Cara and Jeff Harting of Carrollton and Nickolas, son of Janis and Gerry Uretsky of San Antonio. The grandmother said it was a happy weekend.

This writer had a phone call with a long time friend. She is Eva Starnes who lives in Tyler. Eva and this writer were classmates in the Baird school in 1929 and 1930. After completing high school, Eva married Henry Starnes, they have lived all these years in Tyler and had two sons. Eva is an artist and sells some of her pictures. As young friends, Eva visited in the Tabor home in Rowden many times and they wrote weekly letters. Eva did art work on many of her letters, the 4th of July was noted by an exploding firecracker in colors, one year. Thank you Eva for your friendship. Charles and Nancy Palmer of Clyde visited Joyce Odom Saturday.

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This last Monday in February is all over cloudy and cool. But February is considered a Winter month and spring is certainly quite distant. However, I just don't let the weather conditions bother me in the least.

The headlines in the morning paper are more serious and not too pleasant. But, as with other items, 'take it or leave it'.

Services at my church (First Baptist) were interesting. "Excitement in the Church" was the topic cited. There was a fairly good attendance. There were less than two hundred in Sunday School. We should have more children in attendance.

Betty Beggs was her usual gracious self this morning. Novella Barton visited her on Friday of last week. Betty attended the basketball games on Friday evening at Brownwood. She stated, "We won!"

Ms. Jewel Foster was in our Sunday School class Sunday morning. She is doing well, for which we all are grateful. I'm just grateful that her children are nearby and visit her often and also takes here where she needs to go.

My chat with Mrs. cole (Helen) Tillotson was interesting. Their guest this passed week was Mrs. Davis (Mildred) Schwab of California. They enjoyed her visit.

My daughter called to check on me last week. I'm always glad to hear from her. I had an interesting letter from my son. He gave me details of their activities. They plan to come to Cross Plains sometime in the near future. I'll be so glad to see him and his darling family (Karen and three daughters).

Roping Club Meets Monday, March 6

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 6 at the local arena. If the weather is bad, the meeting will be in the Buffalo Room of

the Dairy Queen. Plans for the Buck Out/Cook-off will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

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**KIWANIS SPEAKER SAYS "GET HEALTHY", TAKES "PRIDE" IN CROSS PLAINS**—What is 6'8" weighs 250 pounds and you listen when it talks: Big Ben Davidson. The former NFL (Oakland Raiders) player presented a very interesting and enlightening program on how to get healthy through a proper diet, and most importantly, a regular exercise routine using non-impact techniques that can be used anywhere and at anytime.

Besides presenting the Kiwanis program, Ben spent some time with Mrs. Billie Ruth Loving touring the Robert Howard home and the Library display related to Howard's life and writings. Mr. Davidson had a supporting role in the original "Conan" movie and was very interested in Howard, his story and in the work done by "Project Pride" to preserve a part of history and literature in our community. (Mr. Davidson is on the right in the picture).



**KIWANIS CLUB HEARS ABOUT 1995 FARM BILL**—Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains enjoyed hearing from Foy D. Mills, Jr. Ph.D., and Associate Professor of Agriculture and Environment at Abilene Christian University. Dr. Mills was invited to speak to the club by Steve

Mack. Dr. Mills discussed the expectations regarding the 1995 Farm Bill, particularly as it impacts the peanut program.

The scheduled program for March 7, will be presented by First Flight from Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher  
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"Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit..." So begins a familiar old saying.

A wise old man was taking a stroll through a forest with a youth who had a lot to learn. The man suddenly stopped and pointed to a tiny sprout of a tree just coming out of the earth and said, "Pull up this plant." The youth pulled it up easily — with just his fingers. The man then pointed to a plant that was a bit larger and had rooted itself better in the earth and said, "Now pull this one up." With slight effort the plant came up, roots and all. "Now pull this one up," said the old man, pointing to a small shrub. The boy pulled with one hand, then the other, and finally with both hands he was able to uproot the shrub-of-a-tree. Pointing to a well developed tree, the man said, "And now, let's see what you can do with this one." The youth grasped the trunk with all his might — but hardly a leaf even shook! "I cannot move it, much less pull it up," he exclaimed. "Just so, my young man, with bad habits. When they are young and small, we can cast them from our life, but when they are a bit older, they are difficult to impossible, to uproot," stated the older but wiser man.

"Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit..." Habits begin with thoughts acted upon one time too many. And sometimes one time is too many! Paul encourages us to think upon things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, Philippians 4:8. And as for actions, he says there is no law against love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23.

Join us in striving toward good habits. We really do care about you, too.

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Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



**NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY**— Lori, Wesley; and Lee (back) Rev. Bobby Haddox (front, from left).

**Cross Plains Relative Is New Pastor At Camp Inspiration**

Bobby Haddox, son of Deen Haddox and sister of Deborah Griswold, is the new pastor of Camp Inspiration Church of God in Eastland.

Bobby comes from Ira, a small community near Snyder. He is married to Lori (Arnold) Haddox and has two sons. Lee, 18, is a freshman at Mid-America Bible College in Oklahoma City and Wesley, 16, is a junior at Ira High School.

Bobby began preaching in 1991 and was ordained in 1994 in Kilgore. He credits the late C.E. Cox for helping him find God's plan for his life. While in the church at Ira, Bobby mainly worked with the teenagers. He has taken many teens to camp meetings at Camp Inspiration. He has taken youth to five state conventions and two international conventions. He currently serves as the state youth pastoral advisor for the Church of God in Texas.

Although Bobby loves working with youth, he felt strongly that God wanted him to pastor a church and share the

"Good News" with everyone. He is currently working toward a pastoral ministry degree from Mid-America Bible College.

His wife Lori loves working with the younger children and really does a fine job. She will be working at Camp Inspiration during the busy season assisting Darrell Basham.

Their goals for Inspiration Church are to provide a place where all will feel loved and welcome and hope to do things to build youth and also to have something for all ages.

Bobby and Lori are looking forward to living in Eastland and serving the people of this area in any way they can.

Anyone wanting information about the church should feel free to contact Camp Inspiration Church, P.O. Box 167, Eastland, (817)-629-1102.

Services are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

**Report Of The Callahan County Attorney's Office For 1994**

By Allen Wright

Last year was a busy year in the Callahan County Attorney's Office. Our office records reflect that the office disposed of over 470 cases during the year in traffic, hot check, criminal misdemeanor cases, felony cases, motions to revoke and investigations.

The office filed 124 criminal misdemeanor cases in 1994 and disposed of 178 cases which includes motions to revoke probation and investigations. 27 active criminal cases were pending in County Court on December 30, 1994.

In District Court the Callahan County Attorney's Office disposed of 109 cases during 1994 which includes motions to revoke and investigations. 38 active felony cases were pending at the end of the year. The oldest active felony case pending is about two years old. This compares to four years as the oldest active case pending when the current term began. We hope to have that time cut to a year or less by the end of this year.

Several of the disposed cases referenced were investigations handled by the office that were not filed. However, not all investigations were included in the records. The pending figures do not include cases where warrants were issued but the defendant's whereabouts are unknown. These are not listed as active cases.

Four Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus for release of convicted defendants and three appeals were handled by the Callahan County Attorney's Office during 1994. All four petitions were denied by the Court of

Appeals and the defendants remained in prison. Two of the three appeals have been dismissed and the defendants remain in prison.

Two forfeiture cases were successfully prosecuted by the office resulting in forfeiture of over \$50,000 in illicit drug money to the county and the prosecutor's office. The County

Attorney's share of this money was used to fund a full-time investigator and additional peace officer for the county.

Three felony trials and one misdemeanor trial were held during 1994 resulting in three convictions.

77 traffic cases were appealed to county court in 1994 and 79 cases, including cases filed in 1993, were disposed by the County Attorney's Office.

A total of 102 hot check warrants were issued in 1994 and a total of 105 hot check warrants were disposed of this number includes check cases filed in 1994 and also previous years. The Callahan County Sheriff's Office is to be commended for their hard work on issuing and serving these hot check warrants. It should also be noted that many hot check cases are collected and the funds distributed by the office without formal charges being filed.

A total amount of \$40,566.57 was collected by this office in 1994 for hot checks of which \$25,923.62 was restitution collected for the hot check victims in the community. The rest of the fines and fees were distributed to State agencies and Callahan County according to the law.

In addition, several Justice Court trials were conducted for traffic offenses and prosecuted by the County Attorney's

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Office at that level.

According to County Treasurer's records, the office helped collect over \$84,000.00 in fees, fines, and court costs exclusive of fines and costs in justice court for fiscal year 1994.

The coming year also promises to be a busy one. In the first three weeks of this year the office tried two misdemeanor cases to juries, both trials resulting in guilty verdicts. The Grand jury has met twice and handed down eleven indictments.

The County Attorney's Office has two employees. Janece Tucker is the office secretary and legal assistant. She is the only county funded employee working in the office. Allen Wright is the County Attorney. In 1994 Monty Huddleston worked as investigator for the office and assisted in many of the cases. He now

works as a Community Corrections and Supervision Officer. His assistance to the office will be greatly missed. As County Attorney I want to publicly express my appreciation to Janece and Monty for their hard work and dedication to the job.

Although the County Attorney cannot represent individuals in private litigation many people from Callahan County have contacted the office about their problems or questions. We have always attempted to assist these persons where we can and answer their questions to the best of our ability and to the extent the law allows.

This office has an open door policy and the people of the County are always welcome. It is our duty and privilege to serve the people of Callahan County.

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# Veterans News

**D V A Budget**---Funding levels for the Department of Veterans Affairs will reach \$39.5 billion in the fiscal year 1996 budget submitted to Congress on February 6, 1995. The request represents an increase of \$1.3 billion above the 1995 budget, \$1 billion of which is targeted to V A's health care system.

Budget highlights include \$17 billion for medical care, \$17.6 billion for compensation and pension benefits, and \$514 million is included for the major construction program to improve access to V A's health care system and expand V A's National Cemetery System.

A new hospital will be built at Travis Air Force Base in California along with a hospital and nursing home in Brevard County, Florida. Of local interest will be a nursing home at the V A Hospital in Marlin, Texas, just south of Waco.

**V A Burial Benefits**---Veterans or their families who need information concerning headstones or grave markers can now call the V A National Cemetery Service hotline at 1-800-697-6947, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

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## 14th Annual Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced plans for the Fourteenth Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th District of Texas. Since it was first launched in 1982, the nationwide competition has generated thousands of local competitions, involving more than 650,000 high school students. One winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in the annual exhibition in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol, an area dedicated to the artistic talents of today's youth.

Students in grades 9 through 12 from Callahan, Haskell, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Abilene on Saturday, April 1. Entries may be brought to the Cooper High School Art Department and must be in place by Friday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.

Other regional shows will be held in Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo and Stephenville. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene on April 22. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honors brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" FRAMED (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are painting, prints, drawings or collages. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information, contact Stenholm's San Angelo office at 915-655-7994 or Martha Kiel in Abilene at 915-691-1000.

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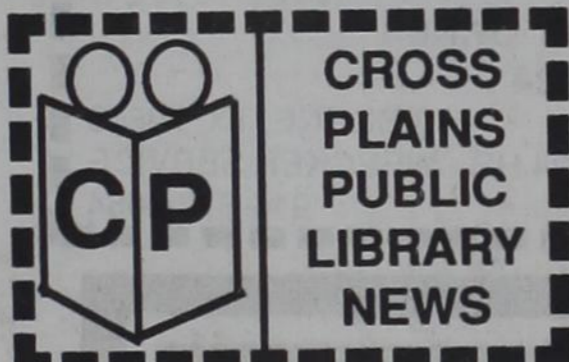
**A quote**---Doug Meador, the West Texas sage of the *Matador Tribune* put the situation in perspective when he wrote: "Gray hair was once a symbol of dignity, but somewhere in the vortex of customs it has become associated with senility. The producers of hair coloring may have started the rumor."

## Cisco Civic League Plans 22nd Festival April 29 - 30

Plans for the 22nd Annual Folklife Festival are now in progress according to Cisco Civic League. The festival will be held on April 29 and 30 at Cisco Junior College.

There will be many of the same favorite attractions as previous years: Home-made bread, shortcakes, other food booths, Al Anderson's Musical Group, various demonstrations and many exhibitors with arts and crafts for sale. On Saturday there will be an Antique Tractor Exhibition in conjunction with the festival.

If you need more information about renting a booth for arts and crafts contact Nina Jo Anderson 817-442-4370 or Arlene Fry, 817-442-3550 or write to Cisco Civic League, P.O. Box 411, Cisco, Texas 76437. Food booth information is available through Geneva Webb 817-442-3550, P.O. Box 411, Cisco, Texas 76437.



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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

They are coming Back! If you missed last years Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Benefit fund-raiser, no doubt you heard all about it. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 8 for the groups second annual benefit. Can last years program be topped? You will want to come and see.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to family of Harry Hugh Purvis. Mr. Purvis passed away on Friday, February 24 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Graveside services were held in the Old Cottonwood Cemetery on Tuesday, February 28.

The early Sunday morning thunderstorm brought us some needed rain. Damage was reported of a building being toppled by the strong winds accompanying the storm.

Mrs. Curtis (Dena Jo) Hines returned to her home in Clyde on Saturday after undergoing surgery in Dallas on Thursday. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Her mother, Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Sr. has been taking care of the children during her absence.

On Sunday, February 19, the Nickerson

clan gathered at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Sr. for a surprise birthday party for Bill. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hines, Jeffrey and Julie; Mr. and Mrs. Randall Franke, Amie Kellie and Jermy of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nickerson, Jr., Willie, Kevin and Mary Jo; and Connie Potter, Rickey Jo, Porcious and April of the area.

Spring cleaning time is upon us. Here is a great handy hint I read in the Heloise column last year. Put 1 teaspoon of vanilla into a gallon of paint and stir well. This truly cuts the paint smell of fumes and odor. We tried it when painting the inside of the house with both flat and semi-gloss paint. It works.

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## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

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Teri Coburn from Dallas visited Clara Coburn.

Activities during the week:  
**Monday:** Bingo winners were: Ressa Glover, Vera Belyeu, Mary Keele, Suma Dill, Sylvia Smith (2), Allie Dickson, Dorothy Thomas (2), Gerie Powell and Elsie Porter. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Art class. Popcorn and dominoes.

**Wednesday:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Frankie Smith. Harmonica time with Vernon Falkner and Smoky Callaway.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were: Dorothy Thomas (3), Mary Keele (3), Ruth Pickett, Gerie Powell and Suma Dill. Exercise class.

**Friday:** Sit-down-basketball. Afternoon singing with Michael Ingram.

**Sunday:** Temple Baptist.

The friendship of those we serve is the foundation of our progress.

By LINDA EDINGTON  
Activity Director

Allie Dickson reports that she enjoyed going to Brownwood and staying over night with her niece Ann Belz. They had a good time visiting and doing some cooking together.

Sylvia Smith is looking good with her new perm.

Our appreciation to Terry Massengill for the doughnuts and to Merrilyn Golsen for the delicious hot rolls.

Virginia Callaway visited Bertha Wheeler.

Bill Wright from Clyde visited Everett Wright.

Betty Montgomery and Ruth Bush from Midland visited Leila Montgomery.

Ann Belz from Brownwood visited Allie Dickson.

Pam and Payton Porter visited Elsie Porter.

Sarah McCowen was here visiting ev-





*Selected Scriptures*

*My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. — Prov. 3:11, 12; Heb. 12:5b, 6*  
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West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) will file a rate review with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, as previously announced by the company last August. A similar filing will also be made with several of the cities WTU serves. After performing a study on the cost of providing service, WTU determined that a \$14.6 million increase was fully justified. If approved, such an increase would be spread over WTU's 52,000 square-mile customer service territory. The

average bill for a typical residential customer could increase by \$7, based on the average usage of 1,000 kwh per month. In a separate action, WTU announced a settlement offer to parties in the proceeding that could continue a base rate revenue reduction of \$5.9 million. Under the settlement proposal, the bill for a typical residential customer could be \$1 to \$2 less per month than their bill under the current permanent rates. The company established a period until April 17, to consider this settlement.

"As part of the proposal that would position WTU for the future, we are introducing new pricing structures to help us attract and retain business in West Texas," said Travis Williams, area manager.

Under WTU's proposal, new pricing structures would result in some customers experiencing an overall rate decrease greater than the current interim reduction of 3.25 percent. At the same time, some customers would experience an overall rate decrease of less than 3.25 percent. But, with the exception of standby customers, no customer would see their overall rates increase above rates in effect prior to October 1.

However, WTU said it won't know what the final outcome will be until after the conclusion of either a settlement or hearings in Austin.

WTU's base rates have not increased since 1987. Since that time, the Consumer Price Index has increased 34.2 percent and postage stamps have gone up 44.5 percent.

"WTU has a mutual interest with our cities in seeing West Texas grow and prosper. Because of our continuing competitive initiative, we have presented a proposal to maintain the overall base rate revenue at the reduced level of 3.25 percent," said Williams.

"We believe this proposal will ensure continuing economic growth and prosperity in West Texas," Williams added.

**PIONEER COMMUNITY NEWS**

By LAVERNE HUTTON

As I write, it is Monday morning, the 2nd day of a new week. Wednesday will be the beginning of March, a new month.

This past week I've heard the crows cawing, red birds chirping, doves calling, field larks making their melody and the little wren singing her special little song. I've seen robins hopping, plum thickets blooming and even some of the fruit trees. The handy work of God declares that spring is on its way, even though there will be more cold weather before spring truly arrives. Are we human beings making melody in our hearts to the Lord?

Nell Fleming called this morning. She said she, Jim and Charlene and her granddaughter Jolena had supper with JoVeta and Bill at Brownwood Lake Sunday evening.

Donna Pickett had all her grandchildren over the weekend, Shelli, Kyle and Cory from Bakersville and Brenda and Gregg and their children, Ashlee, Jarrah and Blake.

Billie and H.A. Freeman attend the Pioneer game nights held every other Thursday. The dates for March will be March 2, 16 and 30. Everyone is invited to come. Billie said they had an inch of rain. The Hutton's had four tenths.

Jewel Foster said after 3 weeks she was able to go to church Sunday.

Jean Fort went with Frankie and Oliver Smith to Ranger to visit Frankie's aunt and sister. Friday night they attended a musical at Rising Star and one at Echo Saturday night.

Novella Barton's visitors were Betty Beggs and Nell Fleming. Her son Cecil came Saturday.

Barbara and Bob Powell visited in Austin recently with Michael, the little grandson that stayed with them for some time last year. A little boy we all grew to love. Both Bob and Barbara are enjoying painting. John and Irma Miller visited them Sunday and Nell Fleming was there during the week.

Grandchildren Jamie and Mary Hutton and little daughter Janeisa had lunch with Cowan and Laverne on Sunday. Cowan and Laverne visited friends in Abilene on Friday.

Trish and Sandy Hutton and girls were visitors in Abilene this past Friday.

The Quilting Club finished Jean Alexander's beautiful "Log Cabin" quilt this past week. Hope to finish Laverne Hutton's "Log Cabin" this week. We began quilting on Low Griders "Joseph's Coat of Many Colors". Earlene Burge's quilt is in the frames ready to begin quilting on this week. It is a quilt top pieced by her mother Agnes Brown.



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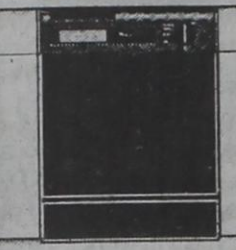


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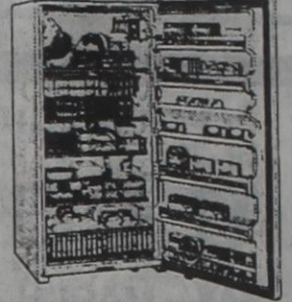
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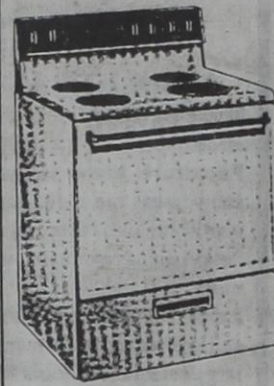
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