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City Wide Clean-Up Date Sat., April 26

BFI and City Hall have set this year's annual clean-up date for Saturday, April 26. All items must be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on that date.

Project Pride, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club are joining in this community effort and encourage everyone to begin now checking yards and storage areas for unwanted items that are not ordinarily acceptable for BFI's weekly household trash pick up.

On this special day all solid waste will be collected except tires, batteries and chemicals. Paint cans will be

accepted if opened and the contents allowed to dry. Used oil and oil filters cannot be accepted. Appliances containing freon cannot be picked up unless the freon has been removed by a certified person and the appliance properly tagged that it is freon free.

If you have questions or need help in moving a large item to the curb you may call City Hall at 725-6114 for further information or assistance.

Let's all do our part and continue to keep Cross Plains clean and attractive.

Pre-registration For Kindergarten April 11

Parents are asked to pre-register their children who will enter Kindergarten next fall. All children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1997 may attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students.

Kindergarten screening will be conducted Friday, April 11 at Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's office at 725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and development growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their children's progress at the time of the screening. Parents are reminded that to enter school in Texas the student must have a state approved birth certificate and a current immunization record.

Immunization Requirements:

DTP/TD: 4+ doses with 1 on or after 4th birthday

Polio: 3+ doses with 1 on or after 4th birthday

Hib: 1 dose on/after 15 mos unless a series completed at 12 mos

Measles: 2 doses on/after 1st birthday

Rubella: 1 dose on/after 1st birthday

Mumps: 1 dose on/after 1st birthday

Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record, and social security number at the time of registration.

Early childhood screening will be conducted at the same time as regular Kindergarten screening. The early childhood program is to help those children age 3-6 who show to be developmentally delayed or handicapped in any way. If you have, or know of a child who might benefit from this service, please contact the elementary school office during Kindergarten registration. 1-21

Callahan County Population Up 6.1% Since 1990

Callahan County's population added another 272 residents between 1995 and 1996, according to population figures released Thursday, March 20 by the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Callahan County's population as of July 1996 was 12,580, an increase of 6.1 percent since April 1, 1990.

Census figures reported that Callahan County's population in 1995 was 12,308.

Most of the new residents drawn to Texas during the first half of the 1990's settled in the state's metropolitan counties. Between April 1, 1990 and July 1, 1996, Harris County remained the nation's third-most-populous county. Harris County added the most residents among Texas' 254 counties—about 309,000 people. Dallas County added about

150,000 residents, pushing its population to 2 million. It replaced Queens County, N.Y. as the nation's 10th-most-populous county.

Collin County, a suburban county of Dallas, grew 41 percent, adding 108,000 residents and ranked as the 26th-fastest-growing U.S. county. Collin was the nation's 148th-most-populous county in 1996; it ranked 279th in 1980.

"The fastest-growing areas continue to be in the suburban areas around central cities and along Texas' border with Mexico, said Steve Murdock, chief demographer of the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

Growth was also furious in suburban counties near Austin and Houston.

Williamson County, near Austin, was the 22nd-fastest-growing county in the nation, having grown 42 percent during the first half of the 1990's.

Not all Texas counties are booming. Fifty-nine counties recorded population decrease—rural counties located in the Panhandle and West Texas, continuing a longtime downward trend.

Hutchison County recorded the greatest numerical loss—more than 1,200 people between 1990 and 1996, according to the census.

Taylor County, with Abilene as its hub, experienced a population gain of 2.1 percent to 122,130 residents as of July 1996.

Other Big Country counties and their population increase or decrease from 1990 include: Brown, 6.9 percent increase to 36,746 people in 1996; Coleman County, 0.1 percent decrease to 9,700; Comanche, 2.0 percent to 13,645; and Eastland County, 2.3 percent decrease to 18,064 residents.

Also, Fisher, 8.1 percent decrease to 4,449 residents in 1996; Jones County, 13.4 percent increase to 18,692; Nolan County, 1.3 percent decrease to 16,370 residents in 1996; Runnels, 1.0 percent increase to 11,410; Shackelford, 0.6 percent decrease to 3,296 residents; and Stephens, 8.7 percent increase to 9,798 residents in 1996.

Early Voting For School Board Election Begins

Early voting for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustee election begins Monday, April 14, and ends April 29. Voters may cast their ballots at the City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Two trustees will be elected to

three-year terms. Donnie Dillard is seeking re-election and Wes Brown and Tony Wyatt are running for their first terms.

Election day is Saturday, May 3, and will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center.

CP Ex-students To Meet April 10

Cross Plains High School ex-students will meet Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

Invitations will be mailed by May 15, so former students may make

plans to attend the event. Classes celebrating 40, 50 and 60 years since graduation will be recognized at the business meeting. More details will be released at a later date.

T-E-A-M-W-O-R-K

The Secret to Scott Odom's Success

By EILEEN GRAHAM
ACHA Cuttin' Review

Teamwork may be the new "buzz word" as we reach the end of the decade of individuality, but it has always been the natural source of Scott and Sherry Odom's success. And success it has been for Scott Odom, aboard Hickory Boss, winning the 1996 World Championship in the \$5,000 Novice Non Pro!

Something about the '91 model bay gelding, by Doc's Hickory out of Bessy O'Lena caught Sherry's eye at the Gelding Stakes Sale when the colt was a two-year-old. Sherry saw something about the tall, lanky, and immature colt with the big, soft eye in which no one else particularly took notice. And Sherry was right. The colt fit right into the Odom family with his "boy-like" mischievousness and good nature. The Odoms trained Boss from the start, not rushing him for any aged event or starting point in his show career. They went at their own pace and hauled him to shows all through his four-year-old year, while Scott was showing Hickory's Poco Rio, and Sherry showing Tiana Molly. Scott showed Boss about four times toward the end of his four-year-old year, and Sherry started showing

Rio after the sale of her mare, Molly.

At the start of 1996, Scott had not planned on hauling Boss for any world titles - after all, he was still a little green. But the lanky bay just became more solid and more gutsy as the year progressed. They were just showing a couple of weekends a month, but Boss was becoming more seasoned and they were doing very well in the top ten. So in June or July, See ODOM pg. 5

Pray For Our Children Day April 13

April 13 has been declared by our government as a day to be set aside to pray especially for our children, as well as children throughout the world.

The very best thing we can do for children is to set good examples in all areas of our lives.

What is our hope and prayer for children? That they develop a deep faith and a strong commitment to God, family, and country? That they develop honesty, integrity, and respect? That they be free from the horrible consequences they would suffer from unwise choices? That their future spouses would have the same characteristics? That the world they inherit will be peaceful and safe?

Let's all join in prayer, not just this Sunday, but everyday for all children everywhere and particularly for our own children and grandchildren - that they might enjoy a peaceful, loving environment.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Pioneer Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 13, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



CROSS PLAINS EMS RECEIVES \$500 FROM HENDRICK HEALTH SYSTEM—EMS Coordinators Bob Pipers and Linda Strength accepted a check from Hendrick Health System for \$500 toward the EMS' new ambulance. Charles Stephenson, PA of First Med of Cross Plains, a service of Hendrick Health System, presented the check. The note balance on the new ambulance is lowered to \$12,611 with this donation and ones recently received in the form of memorials. The EMS is very appreciative of such help from Hendrick Health system and all others who have contributed.



STEPHENS FAMILY AND PRIZE PIG—Erin (from left), Garrett and Wade pictured with "Jock."

Erin Stephens Achieves Third Title With Hampshire Barrow

After being named Grand Champion Market Barrow at the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show, Erin Stephens, daughter of Wade and Pat Stephens of Cross Plains, took her pig "Jock" to San Antonio. Judge Dr. Jerry Hawton of St. Paul, Minnesota placed Erin and her barrow 2nd in the Heavyweight Hampshire Class and later designated him as the Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow of the

1997 San Antonio Livestock Show. All 1st and 2nd place barrows were sent to the Meat Science Department at Texas A&M University where they were judged as carcasses. Erin's entry was named Grand Champion Market Swine Carcass. Along with the other premiums and awards she has received, Erin will receive a \$6,000 scholarship for the Grand Champion Carcass.

Community Leaders To Meet Thurs., April 17

Community leaders are invited to take advantage of a networking opportunity Thursday, April 17, in Coleman, 11:30 to 1:30 at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 609 S. Neches.

City and county officials, chamber of commerce and economic development boards and community volunteers from the surrounding towns of Ballinger, Brownwood, Comanche, Cross Plains, Early, Rising Star, Santa Anna and Winters are encouraged to get together with their neighbors for lunch.

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) is sponsoring a series of network luncheons this spring. The Coleman luncheon is third in the series. Last month approximately 28 community leaders from Jones, Haskell and Stonewall counties met in Stamford. On May 15th the final luncheon of the series is set for Sweetwater.

Reservations are needed prior to each luncheon. To register for the Coleman luncheon, call 915-625-2163. Cost of the luncheon is \$10. A brief presentation is planned to update community leaders on the programs sponsored by TMCN and how towns in the region benefit.

TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle explained "the purpose of the luncheons is to enhance communications between town leadership through sharing ideas and success stories." She also pointed out "when folks from a neighboring town car pool to the luncheon, it gives them an opportunity to discuss activities and concerns in their own community so there's a lot of communicating that goes on before and after the luncheons as well."

TMCN, a regional organization founded in 1994, covers a 20-county area surrounding Abilene. The focus of the organization is to find ways the 35 member cities can work together, pool resources and organize mutually beneficial projects that one town could not do alone. Projects sponsored by the organization include tourism marketing, legislative issues, economic development research and workshops and leadership training. For information about TMCN call 915-893-2099.

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COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Leroy Whitt, Sr., DWI.
John E. Carrillo, DWLS.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Kathy Turner Harris, motion filed to revoke probation.
Robert Eugene Davis, DWI dismissed due to being convicted in another case.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Roy E. White vs Clarence Milliom & Sue Milliom d/b/a Country Critter, deceptive trade practice.
Francis L. Pruitt & C. J. Pruitt vs Alsip Enterprises, person injury.
Divorces filed:
Estrada, Tomme Colbert & Manuel.
Shipley, Alex Lee & Nicole Marie.
Pope, Janna Lee & Leslie Karl.
Wheeler, Pamela Denise & Hoyt Preston III.

Civil Minutes
Mark A. Urdialez, found to be \$2081 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments began 4-1-97.

Jamie Tijerina, found to be \$1642 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments began 4-1-97.

Roger Delorme, found to be \$8176 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments began 4-1-97.

Timothy Ray Doty, found to be \$8192 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments began 4-1-97.

Divorces granted:
Green, Marshall & Diane.
Martin, William & Belinda.
Doherty, Terry Lee & Joseph Francis.

Felony indictments
Joshua Charles Groessel, possession of cocaine.
Kenneth Wayne Childers, DWI.
Ramira Sieno Perez, DWI.
David Conrad Forcher, possession of marijuana.

Felony Minutes
Robert Ray Simons, probation discharged.
Billy Wayne Powers, DWI, 6 years at TDC less 129 days served.
Kenneth Eugene Flowers, probation revoked; sentenced to 7 years at TDC less 210 days served.

Donations To Cross Cut Cemetery Beautification Project

Those making donations to Cross Cut Cemetery Beautification Project for the month of March are as follows:
O.B. and Blanche Byrd \$50; James N. Byrd \$100; Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Byrd \$10; Jake and Julia Byrd \$25; John Teague \$10; don Chambers \$100; Sam and Chris Mendicino \$50; Doc and Nela Hounshell \$25; Billie Jean Harris \$25; Charles and Charlie Mae Kizer \$50; Scot Byrd \$25; Juanita Ann Byrd and Family \$100; Anna A. Reischman \$200; Roy and Marie Stambaugh \$100; Peggy Joyce Chambers (letters, postage, envelopes) \$86; John and Carla (Chambers) Limmer (thank you letters, postage, letters and envelopes) \$40.



On, sing to the LORD a new song! For he has done marvelous things; His right hand and his holy arm have gained him the victory. The LORD has made known his salvation; His righteousness he has revealed in the sight of the nations. Psalms 98:1,2
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

Alma Armstrong

Alma Elizabeth Armstrong, 91, was born July 2, 1905, in Eastland County to the late W.P. and Rosa Belle Armstrong. She departed this life Friday, April 4, 1997, in the Rising Star Nursing Center where she had been a resident for 10 years and nine months. Alma accepted Jesus Christ as a teenager and joined the Presbyterian Church. She was at one time a member of the Rebecca Lodge in Pioneer, of which she was a very active member until it disbanded.

Alma was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two sisters, Lorena Wright and Vida Balkum and husband John Howard, all of Cross Plains; four nephews, Ivan Clark and wife Maurine Clark of Cross Plains, Glenn Erwin and wife Alma and Eldon Ray Erwin of San Angelo, Billy Wright and wife Billie Gene of Clyde; five nieces, Hazel Young and husband Neal, Mildred Avery and husband Robert of Lubbock, Wanda Reynolds of Dallas, Bobbie Johnson and husband Noah of Cross Plains, and Wilma Haas of Orange, Florida; and a host of great nieces and nephews, as well as several great-great nieces and nephews.

Services for Alma were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 1997, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains, with Dr. Jim O'Dell, pastor of First Baptist Church, conducting the service.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Staci Lynn Newton

LEWISVILLE — Staci Lynn Newton, 28, of The Colony, passed away Saturday, April 5, 1997. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at Dalton and Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. Alex Thornburg officiating. Burial was at Bellevue Cemetery in Aubrey.

Mrs. Newton was born March 11, 1969, in Waco.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Newton; daughter, Shelbi Rae Newton; son, Mitchel Wayne Newton; father and step-mother, Doyle and Nancy Oliver; mother Glenda Laster of Arlington; sister, Teri Malone; grandmothers, Katie Oliver of Mesquite and Lorene Jennings of Cross Plains; step-sister, Julia Thornburg; stepbrother, Alex Thornburg; and four nieces.

Louine Grace Parrish

CLYDE — Louine Grace Parrish, 80, of Clyde died Saturday, April 5, 1997, at her daughter's home. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Apostolic United Pentecostal Church with the Revs. P.A. Lindley and Jack Stevens officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m.

Tuesday in the Monahans Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Parrish was born in Nimrod in Eastland County. She married Jessie Marion Williams in 1934. He died in 1948. She married Willie George Parrish in 1979. She moved to Clyde from Cross Plains in 1983. She was a nurse's aide and had worked at Happy Haven Nursing Home in Abilene and the Deerings Nursing Home in Odessa before her retirement. She was a member of the Apostolic United Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by one son, Jesse Richard Williams of Cisco; two daughters, Ada Lois Herring of Abilene and Jan Rice of Clyde; two stepsons, Alvin Parrish of Clyde and George Parrish of Houston; four stepdaughters, Joyce Gwendolyn Smith of Abilene, Betty Jo Grigg of Ninnekah, Oklahoma, Mary Francis Graham of Abilene and Jeraldine Piskur of Vermillion, Ohio; one brother, Dan Notgrass of Cisco; one sister, Eunice Marsh of Comanche; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 25 step-grandchildren; and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country or the American Cancer Society.

Conclusion of Sign-up Successful For New Conservation Reserve Program

WASHINGTON, April 1, 1997 - Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today announced the successful conclusion of the sign-up period for the new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"Preliminary figures from the field show that we got approximately 301,650 offers for almost 26 million acres," said Glickman. "Of these, nearly 8 million are new and offered for the first time, and the remaining 18 million or so are currently enrolled in contracts due to expire in September."

Glickman cautioned the public that these figures are preliminary estimates only. Final numbers may vary somewhat.

According to Glickman, this large pool of offers will allow the USDA to enroll those acres yielding the highest environmental benefits. "That helps us get the biggest bang for the taxpayers' buck," he added.

"This was an outstanding effort on the part of the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and all the other agencies that contributed to this effort. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the employees who worked so hard to make the 15th sign-up such a success and the farmers for signing up in a timely manner" said Glickman.

The CRP is based on voluntary partnerships between government and members of the public. Agricultural producers receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for establishing various kinds of protective cover on suitable farm property to protect and improve air, water, soil quality, and habitat for wildlife. Rents are based on local market rates, and acres are chosen so as to yield the greatest resulting environmental benefit.

All land that is enrolled in the program must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefits index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all types of land. Producers will be notified by mid-June as to which acres have been accepted into the CRP.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials? Here are their addresses:

Austin
Geroge Bush, Jr., Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.

Washington
Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.

VETERANS NEWS

FORFEITED LAND FOR SALE - The Texas Veterans Land Board will open bids at 1:00 p.m. on April 29, 1997 for 117 tracts of land that have been forfeited by buyers. These tracts will be offered to Veterans only.

There is one parcel offered in Callahan County. 10,220 acres are located on the west side of FM 603, 1.1 miles north of Highway 36. The tract is long (1380 ft) and narrow (313 ft) and the minimum bid is \$16,872.88. Prospective buyers would be wise to check out water supply to the parcel.

More information is available by calling the Texas Veterans Land Board (1-800-252-VETS) and inquiring about Tract #7928.

MEDICAL EXPENSES -- Veterans or surviving spouses with

large medical expenses may be able to receive reimbursement for part of the expenses. A deductible of 5% of your annual pension is used and most all expenses over that deductible are allowed. This includes the cost of Medicare insurance, dental, optical, medical, prescriptions and supplemental medical insurance. Call 915-854-1520 on Mondays and Tuesdays for help with filing.

HOUSEBOUND & AID & ATTENDANCE -- Veterans or surviving spouses are eligible for increased pension when that person is confined to the home (housebound) or requires the assistance of another person (aid & attendance). The benefit applies whether at home or as a nursing home resident.

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By
LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Midge McCall reports that she had a surprise visit from her sister Lois Crist from Wichita Falls and her niece Bonnie Illingworth from Iowa Park. She said they enjoyed talking about their younger days.

Jackie Turner is recognized as the employee for this week. Congratulations Jackie.

We are happy to have Nora Golson home from the hospital.

Gertie Powell was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Jo Ann and Rodger Elston from Lingleville, Gloria Wagner from Stephenville, and Sally Davis visited with Dixie and Bud Ingram.

Naomi and Ruby McCowan and Charlene McGowen from Brownwood visited with Blanche Brooks and Gertie Powell.

Leo and Jewel Thompson visited Sylvia Smith and others.

Bonnie Illingworth from Iowa Park and Lois Crist from Wichita Falls visited Midge McCall.

Nealon and Hazel Young from Lubbock, Robert and Mildred Avery from Lubbock visited Lorena Wright.

Buck and Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth visited Leila Montgomery.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Gertie Powell (2), Sylvia Smith (2), Midge McCall (2), Vera Belyeu (2), and Ruby Harrell (2). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (3), Gertie Powell, Dorothy Thomas (2), Ruby Harrell (2), and Midge McCall. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Pioneer Baptist

Doing God's work pays little - but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"SPRING GARDENING PLANS"

What do you have on your agenda for Spring? Easter came early this year. As a matter of fact, Easter preceded a lot of the usual Spring flowers. We are also running late with our vegetable garden this year. Just haven't been inspired to get in the groove this spring. In fact you might even say "we're stuck in a rut."

I need to stop contemplating and start the spring planting. This week if weather permits we will sow our lettuce seed. It did really well last year, we enjoyed many salads from it. After that according to our plan we'll plant some radishes.

Later, some carrots, parsnips and then some collard greens will be in order.

Mostly, however, this year, both in our vegetable and our flower gardens, we plan to concentrate most of our efforts on herbs. We need to do some hoeing and some upgrading on our herbs already growing. The sage, rosemary, marjoram, parsley, fennel, mint, purple sage, both garlic and onion chives; plus the horse-radish all seem to be thriving. Though our annuals, thyme, dill and

basil we will need to replant those. Our oregano though alive, looks as though it needs to be rehabilitated and rejuvenated. We have three different varieties of garlic.

For my herb bed this year, I plan to add tarragon, coriander, chocolate mint, and some lavender, lily-of-the-valley and foxglove. Also I plan to plant more marigolds and some hot peppers.

In the flower gardens, we plan to add lavender, foxglove, lily-of-the-valley and marigolds. Others are Bells of Ireland, delphiniums, pink Canterbury bells, Virginia bluebells, mixed lupines, mixed liatris, and cinnamon geraniums.

Next year I would like to add a blacknight butterfly bush, some variegated hostas, Russian sage and to go into a large pot—a variegated weigela. Hope I get to add just a fraction of these.

The forget-me-nots I planted last year are looking good right now. Sure hope they continue to do well, can hardly wait for them to bloom. We are anticipating the Garden Clubs Flower Show April 26 and 27. Hope you will be able to attend also. Until next time "C" "U".



BETTY SANDERS OF CACTUS FLOWER GIFTS—Betty displays a beautiful collection of Southwest Pottery at the Cross Plains Garden Club Plant Sale on Saturday.

Airplanes Keep Today's Teams Alive

By NANCY ROBINSON
Ups and Downs
Abilene Reporter-News

"At one point this season we were in Dallas, Denver and L.A. within a span of 24 hours." — Jim Cleanoms, Dallas Mavericks coach.

They never made it to the national championships. In fact, if it hadn't been for Mr. Worthy and his Reo touring car, hotshot lady hoopster Ann "Shooter" Johnson and the rest of the Cottonwood High School girls' basketball team would never have made it to Clyde where the 1915 district championship pitted the black-bloomer Lady Cottonwood cagers against the Lady Rebounders from Baird.

The Reo (named for automobile mogul R.E. Olds) had a 35-horsepower engine and its wood-spoked wheels could roll at a top speed of 45 mph.

The entire girls' team — with an average height of 5-foot-5 — could fit into the back seat.

Today at 97 and still living independently in Baird, Ann Johnson Mayfield says the changes she has seen take place in the sport of basketball on the courts do not amaze her nearly as much as how "a team can play a game in Seattle one day and Miami the next."

"We thought going to Clyde and getting back home in one evening was really traveling. If we had had an airplane, we could have beat every team in the country."

According to National Basketball Association official Peter Land, "there is no way any team could play 82 games of basketball in a season without airplanes. That goes for baseball, football and all professional sports."

"Whether they own their own airplane, charter, or fly commercial airlines, an airplane is one of the most important pieces of equipment in professional sports today."

Equipment did not come easy for the Cottonwood High girls.

"We wore cheap canvas shoes, bloomer uniforms our mothers made, and we played on dirt courts," Ann recalls. "The rules were entirely different then for girls and boys. That's

why we lost that game to Baird, because the referee was using boys' rules and we didn't know it until the second half."

"The court for girls' basketball was divided into three sections. I played the goal section with Byrd Mitchell as my guard. She was a year or two younger than me. Byrd was fast; I could shoot. We were Coach Kuykendall's pride and joy!"

After Ann finished high school, Tom Coppinger's old Ford truck was used to transport the girls and Coach Homer Varner to games as far as Cisco and Winters.

"My dad hauled the team wherever they were playing," says Parker Coppinger, the only child still living of the 15 Coppinger children who all played basketball at Cottonwood.

"If the truck broke down, the girls would pile out and practice on the dirt roads until Dad got it running again. That might have been one of the reasons they were so good — they had a lot of 'on the road' practice."

Eight years ago, the Detroit Pistons became the first NBA franchise to own their own airplane for transporting the teams to games. Nearly 20 NBA teams now have their own planes, including the Dallas Mavericks who own a DC-9. Others like the San Antonio Spurs and Houston Rockets use private charters. All aircraft owned or operated by professional sports teams must comply with applicable aviation regulations.

The newly formed American Basketball League and the Women's National Basketball Association teams will depend on airplanes as much as basketballs to take basketball beyond the college gyms and into the world of professional women's sports.

Ann Johnson Mayfield says the idea of pursuing a career as a professional basketball player never crossed her mind as a teen-age girl in Cottonwood.

"It would have been as foolish as thinking about becoming an airplane pilot then," she said. "Now, those are both goals any girl can go for."

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PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

We are having a few beautiful days, and the trees and plants keep putting on bud's and flowers in spite of the cold fronts and blustery weather. The apricot tree in my yard is full of small apricots. I hope to get a few jars of jam from them this year. The bluebonnets are beautiful this year, but nothing compares to the delightful scent when standing in a field of bluebonnets.

The Quilting Club hopes to finish the "Log Cabin" this week. We have started on a colorful "Dresden Plate" for Jean Fore.

Paul, Juanita and Vi Harlow from Lovington, New Mexico are visiting Jean Fore for a few days. They all enjoyed the musicals at Putnam and

Sipe Springs and Frankie and Oliver Smith also attended the musicals. Skip Jones of Big Spring visited with his parents, May and D.P. They enjoyed his visit.

Earlene Burge enjoyed having her grandchildren Sunday. They were Jon and Cindy Ochoa, Andrew and Dee Ann and their son Cameron Chisholm, all from Brownwood and sister, Kathryn Brown from Fort Worth. They spent the day and all enjoyed the visit.

Shauna Hutton, daughter of J.D. and Sandy, will be going to the district tennis meet at Santa Anna Tuesday and Wednesday. She always plays a good game and we are all proud of her.

LAKWOOD NEWS

Lakewood is "gearing up" for another banner season this year. The March 15th "clean up" efforts are showing the results for a more beautiful and enjoyable place for family use. Bruce had kept the fairways aerated and greens fertilized and the recent rains have done wonders. All in all, Lakewood is ready for "YOU."

Last week, letters were mailed to all current members outlining the season's plans, etc. For the public and all past members, the following are some of the changes to be noted. Since 1986, the cost of living has increased an average 2 1/2 percent annually. Since that date, 10 years ago, one can readily see this has resulted in approximately a 25 percent increase; yet Lakewood's board members have strongly considered their member's interest and stayed with the \$30.00 plus tax, monthly dues.

Aside from the cost of living increase, all phases of expense involved in the upkeep of the club facilities has increased by the same proportions, or more. Gasoline and diesel used by the club's equipment has increased approximately 25 cents per gallon. The unbelievable cost of chemicals, motors and repairs, electricity, pool maintenance man, life-guard and general upkeep of the swimming pool, yearly taxes, club house insurance, golf carts and tractor payments; Bruce's salary to keep and maintain all the facilities and activities; all have necessitated some changes. Therefore effective April 1,

1997, the following changes have become necessary. Membership dues - new members \$100 initial fee plus first month dues \$36.12 (\$34.00 plus \$2.12 state sales tax).

Past members who have cancelled their membership, or for other reasons have been dropped from the membership roles and want to be reinstated and renew their membership on a 12 month pay basis will be governed by the same new member rates -- \$100 membership fee, plus \$36.12.

Swimming pool rates will remain the same as last year -- \$2.50 per person. Children of members who pay annual dues (all 12 months) will be allowed to swim free.

Green fees (weekdays) will remain the same \$8.00. Weekend rates will change from \$8.00 to \$10.00. These rates allow for playing 9 holes, 18 holes or all day.

The board of directors have spent long hours in arriving at the difficult decision to make these changes. They trust the necessary changes will be understood and accepted by both new and past members.

We invite "all" to visit "your" facilities to see and join in our community efforts in providing the best family oriented place in our area for your enjoyment.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our first Thursday's weekly scramble will begin April 17. Tee time is 6:00 p.m. This will be our usual ABC and D draw to determine teams. Hope to see you there!

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Precaution For Fosamax Use

Physicians at Mayo Clinic report that using Fosamax incorrectly could lead to a harmful but preventable side effect. Some patients have developed serious ulcers in the esophagus, the tube leading from the mouth to the stomach. When the tablet lingers in the esophagus or is washed back into it from the stomach, injury can occur. To reduce the risk of injury they recommend taking the drug with at least 6 to 8 ounces of water when you get up in the morning. They also recommend that you remain upright for at least 30 minutes after using the drug and until you eat your first meal of the day.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Some little boys got together on a vacant lot to play baseball. Two of the boys were selected as captains and the big brother of one of them was selected to be umpire. A man who was standing near said to the other captain: "Don't you think that will cause problems -- for the umpire to be the brother of one of you?" "No," replied the boy, "He's his brother, but he's my friend!" Well, "brother" and "friend" may not be exactly equal, but one thing about umpires is that they must be equal to both sides or they can't be fair.

More than 3500 years ago, a man named Job, beset with many problems, cried out for an umpire -- someone who could stand between him and God. But those who came were unfair and inadequate.

1600 years later, then, an angel came to a virgin in Galilee and promised her a son who would be the "umpire" or mediator between God and man. His father was God himself, but He had to be born of woman -- had to be both human and divine -- in order to understand both man's case and God's case, and help man to know He understood both sides and that He would be fair in His dealings.

We would like to share much more about this Man from Galilee with you -- even as early as this Sunday -- or even sooner if you will give us a telephone call!

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

OH BABY

EMILY ELIZABETH POPE
BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Sarah, William, Justin, and Jordon Pope of Odessa are happy to announce the birth of their sister, Emily Elizabeth. She was born Saturday, March 8, 1997, at 9:46 p.m. in an Odessa hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

"Children are blessings from God and should be treated as such." These little blessings belong to Billy and Becky Pope of Odessa. Billy is a former resident of Cross Plains.

Grandparents are Walter and Beverly Pope of Cross Plains and Barbara Pope of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Bill and Virginia Pope and Mel Strength all of Cross Plains.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

District Track Meet Fri., April 11

The District 10A Track and Field Meet will be held Friday, April 11 at Santo. The running prelims are at 9:00 a.m. Field Events are scheduled for 11:30 with the running finals set for 3:00 p.m. come out and support our boys and girls track teams as they continue their excellent year. Meet results from Dragon Relays in Bangs are as follows:

GIRLS RESULTS

800 - Besselaar - 2:52.80 - 1st
 100 hurdles - Richey - 16.50 (p)
 16.73 (f) - 1st; Beggs - 18.67 (p)
 18.27 (f) - 3rd
 100 - Beggs - 14.28 (p) 14.43 (f) - 6th
 400 - Beaty - 75.69 (p) 71.22 (f) - 7th;
 Webb - 77.90 (p) 75.88 (f) - 8th
 800 relays - Beggs - 29.17; Giles - 30.37; McCarty - 29.54; Butler - 29.87 = 1:58.95 - 1st
 300 hurdles - Richey - 52.18 (p)
 50.53 (f) - 1st
 200 - Butler - 28.8 (p); 28.70 (f) - 2nd; Beaty - 31.9 (p)
 1600 - Besselaar - 6:48.52 - 2nd
 1600 Relay - Richey - 65.11;
 McCarty - 70.80; Giles - 69.63;
 Butler - 67.54 = 4:33.08 - 1st
 Long jump - Richey 15' - 1st;
 McCarty - 13' 7" - 3rd
 Triple jump - Richey - 32' 6 1/2" - 1st;
 McCarty 29' 6" - 4th; Webb - 27' 3" - 6th
 High jump - Giles 4' 8" - 1st; Beaty - N.H.

H.S. Boys & Girls Finish 4th at District Golf Meet

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The district golf meet has taken place over the last three Mondays at Mineral Wells, Clyde, and Abilene.

The boys team members are Kenneth Ratliff, Joseph Turner, Jeremy Barnett, Jackson Worsham, Jarad Richards, Kenny Callaway, and Riley Allan.

The girls team members are Ashley Beggs, Whitney Giles, Holly Butler, and Liz McCarty.

Teams scoring for the boys 1st, 2nd, and final round:
 Kenneth Ratliff 91-95-87 for 273;
 Joseph Turner 99-87-94 for 280;
 Jackson Worsham 98-94-91 for 283;
 Jeremy Barnett 106-95-100 for 301;
 Kenny Callaway 105-102-104 for 311;
 Jarad Richards 105-111-104 for 320; and Riley Allan 117-116-115 for 348.

Team scoring for the girls 1st, 2nd, and final round:
 Holly Butler 126-120-109 for 355;
 Whitney Giles 122-119-120 for 361;
 Ashley Beggs 134-131-126 for 391;
 and Liz McCarty 137-137-124 for 398.

The district finish was determined by combining the three round totals for individual medalist. The team totals were arrived by designating 5 team members to combine their individual scores and drop the highest score of the five, you only add the best 4 per round.

The boys team score was created from Kenneth, Jackson, Joseph, Jeremy, and Jarad's scores. Kenny and Riley participated as individual medalists.

The girls team score came from Holly, Ashley, Liz, and Whitney. The girls were at a disadvantage because they only had 4 members, so all their scores counted every round. They didn't have a fifth player to kick out the high score.

We had lots of fun and I hope they continue to improve for the future.

BAND NEWS

Month of April

April 13 - UIL Pre-Contest - 3 p.m. (in Uniform) [Aud]
 April 17 - UIL Concert Contest (Hamlin)
 April 25 & 26 - Spring Trip

TEAM TOTALS

CROSS PLAINS - 134
 Santa Anna - 79
 Rising Star - 69
 Zephyr - 65
 Richland Springs - 63
 Eden - 35
 Early - 30
 Gorman - 28
 Lohn - 26
 Bangs - 18

BOYS RESULTS
 3200 - Chesshir - 11:34.65 - 3rd
 800 - Richey - 2:12.43 - 2nd; Walters - 2:59.13
 110 hurdles - Bailey - 19.83 (p)
 100 - Nixon - 12.31 (p)
 300 hurdles - Bailey - 48.42 (p)
 200 - Richey - 23.86 (p) 23.47 (f) - 1st; Nixon - 25.13 (p)
 1600 - Walters 7:27.98
 Shot - Cory Switzer - 42' 10" - 3rd;
 Benji Switzer - 36'
 Long jump - Nixon - 16' 7"

TEAM TOTALS

Rising Star - 102
 Eden - 94 1/3
 Breckenridge JV - 82
 Gorman - 54
 Junction - 53
 Coleman JV - 40 2/3
CROSS PLAINS - 30
 Panther Creek - 20
 Early - 19
 Lohn - 10
 Santa Anna - 10
 Rochelle - 9
 Hico JV - 5
 Cherokee - 4
 Bangs JV - 4
 Zephyr - 0

Cross Plains Baseball 2-0 In District Play

By COACH CORD WOERNER

Fridays game vs. Baird was rained out and was made up Monday, April 7. We play Panther Creek at home Tuesday April 4. There will be no game on Friday, April 11, due to the district track meet.

We played Sidney on April 1, and the team didn't score many runs, but won the game 4-1 to put us 2-0 in district.

Joseph Turner pitched an almost perfect game. He went all seven innings allowing one hit and walking one. Joe struck out 14 batters, two in every inning.

Hitting the ball were Jarad Richards who went 2 for 2 with a home run and Jeremy Barnett went 2 for 3 with a double. Also getting hits were Coby Richards with a double and Cory Switzer with a single.



CLINT ASKINS

Clint Askins Begins Student Teaching

Clint Askins, senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student teaching in the Cross Plains Public Schools. He is under the supervision of Roy Richie and Marc Morgan, agricultural science teachers.

Clint will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching. This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Cross Plains, Independent School District, and Tarleton State University. The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, he will receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University.

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 14 - APRIL 18
 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Oatmeal, toast, grape juice and milk.
TUESDAY — Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Cereal, toast, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, grape juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Doughnuts, orange juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, slice bread, cake and milk.
TUESDAY — Chili beans, corn bread, salad, cheese sticks, apricots and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Turkey w/ gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.
THURSDAY — Tamale pie, corn, crackers, pineapples and milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza burger, fries, salad, ice cream and milk.



Tea that has been steeped too long or has been refrigerated may become cloudy. A small amount of boiling water added to the container should clear it up again.



PARENTING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS—Shanna Hutton (bottom, from left), Christy Beaty, and Brandy Hutton; Seth Morgan (top, from left), Scott Hutton, Nikki Free, Coby Kelly.



STUDENTS WITH FLOUR BABIES—Melissa Clark (bottom, from left), Tabitha Clark, Jadeana Nolan, Connie Stout, Brittany Bennett, and B.J. Reed; Michael Tatom (back, from left), Hugo Mauricio, Dusty Hargrove, Scott Brame, and Brook Callaway.



MORE STUDENTS WITH FLOUR BABIES—Melinda Richardson (bottom, from left), Donna Besselaar, and Chandra Heath; Charles Copher (top, from left), Constantino Reyes, Adam Anderson, Robert Hutton, and Jaime Mauricio.

High School Students Complete Parenting Project

By DIANNE HAIL

The Parenting and Child Development students carried "Flour Babies" recently at the high school. The purpose of the five day project is to help students better understand what is involved in the day-to-day care of a baby. 24-hour a day responsibility became clear and was expressed as a "small" problem for most of these students.

Carrying books and a "Flour Baby" to every class was a challenge. Baby-sitters were allowed, but only if absolutely necessary.

The "Flour Babies" were individu-

ally constructed out of domestic with a 5 pound bag of flour inserted into the body. Student's complete the appearance by drawing or sewing on the face and hair, and by dressing it in baby clothes and a diaper.

The students provide the proper care and attention for the baby and insure that it remain healthy. Daily diaries are kept concerning experiences and reflections on the activity.

Having twenty-six "Flour Babies" at school was a sight to see, but by the fifth day all were ready to just be students again. Parenting should happen at a later date.

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DPS Kicks Off Parent Taught Driver Ed. Program

Parents or guardians who want to teach their children to drive using a state-approved course may pick up request forms at most DPS driver license offices starting Monday, April 7.

Previously, only schools and instructors certified by the Texas Education Agency could provide official driver training courses. The Texas Legislature amended state traffic laws in 1995, however, allowing parents to train their own children. The DPS developed administrative rules and curriculum materials to implement the new program. Successful completion of the course allows teenagers to obtain licenses at age 16.

Parents must follow procedures and curriculum guidelines set by the DPS.

* The first step is obtaining a driver education packet request form at a local driver license office. For your convenience, please call the nearest office ahead of time to confirm request form availability.

* Parents must fill out the form and include the address of the driver license office where the student will undergo testing, since a driver education certificate must be mailed to that office in the student's name.

* The completed form must then be mailed to DPS headquarters along with non-refundable \$20 fee for the materials packet. The packet includes instructions, necessary forms, a Texas Drivers Handbook, a model curriculum guide and a resource list for textbooks and other materials. When other course curricula are approved, information about obtaining them also will be included.

Generally, requestors who pay the \$20 fee should receive their instruction packets by mail within three weeks. However, delays may occur during the program's start-up phase. DPS will provide the packets by mail only and will not set them over the counter.

The approved curriculum requires at least 32 hours of classroom instruction and 14 hours of in-car instruction. Parents must use state-approved textbooks in addition to materials provided by DPS. The DPS packet includes a list of approved textbooks and sources for obtaining them. Parent should pay close attention to the copyright dates on the textbooks since newer editions haven't been approved for use in Texas. No special classroom or vehicle equipment is required.

At least six hours of classroom work must be completed before students may take the written drivers' test and receive permits, which allow them to drive when accompanied in the front seat by a licensed driver at least 18 years old. After successful completion of all training, students may take the driving portion of the test and become fully licensed at age 16. Parents may choose to waive the driving portion of the licensing test.

Parents who have been convicted of criminally negligent homicide or driving while intoxicated or who are disabled due to mental illness do not qualify for this program. Children can begin the course at age 14 but must not complete the classroom portion and cannot take the written test until they turn 15.

Stenholm Announces 1998 Academy Cycle

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 1998 United States Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. Congressman Stenholm, along with Congressmen Lamar Smith and Henry Bonilla, will again sponsor an Academy Day orientation for all high schools students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire an education at one of the academies. The Academy Day will be held Sunday, April 13, from 2-4 p.m. at the University Ballroom on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Parents, counselors, and friends of students are welcome. To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. citizen. Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. Senators from Texas, and from the

Vice President of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually. Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidates high school record, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process. The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and a videotape of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and parents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives. Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Charles Stenholm, 33 East Twohig, Suite 318, San Angelo, Texas 76903, for further information.

Hospice of the Big Country, Elmwood Memorial Park & KTAB-TV To Host National Bereavement Teleconference

Helping families to cope with the loss of a loved one after prolonged illness will be the focus of a live-via-satellite interactive teleconference April 16 at Abilene Civic Center. Hosted by Hospice of the Big Country, Elmwood Memorial Park and KTAB-TV, the program will feature a national panel of experts who will discuss bereavement issues surrounding grief during and after such illness as cancer, AIDS, and Alzheimer's. Hospice of the Big Country, Elmwood Memorial Park and KTAB-TV are some of more than 2000 organizations in the U.S. and Canada hosting "Living with Grief: When Illness is Prolonged." Broadcast from Washington, D.C. and moderated by ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts, the event will be the fourth annual program sponsored nationally by the Hospice Foundation of America. "This professional development program is especially designed social workers, teachers, students in health and social work, and other caregivers interested in grief and bereavement issues," said representatives from Hospice of the Big Country, Elmwood Memorial Park and KTAB-TV. "These are the people that need to know how to help survivors with the unique process of grieving a lost following a prolonged illness. During the teleconference, viewers

will be able to participate by telephone with comments and questions for a panel of bereavement experts, including Dr. Betty Davies, professor of nursing at the University of British Columbia and the author of many books on grief and bereavement, including *Fading Away: The Experience of Transitions in Families with Terminal Illness*; Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., professor of gerontology at the college of New Rochelle, participant on past hospice foundation of America teleconference panels, and the author of such books as *Living with Life Threatening Illness: A Guide for Patients, Their Families and Care Giver*; Dr. William Lamers, Jr., a founding father of the American Hospice movement; Dr. Therese Rando, Clinical Psychologist, Executive Director of the Institute for the study and treatment of loss, and participant on past teleconference panels. After the national program's conclusion, Lillie Campbell, LMSW-ACP, will moderate a one-hour workshop featuring a local panel of caregivers and community leaders. The teleconference is set from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Abilene Civic Center. Participants are asked to arrive by 12:15 p.m. Professional continuing education credits will also be offered through the Hospice Foundation of America for a \$15.00 fee. For more information or a reservation, call (915) 692-0655.

ODOM

Odom decided that as long as it was going well, they might as well haul. "Boss has really taught me a lot about when and where to ride," says Scott. "Showing an older, solid horse for so long, and then getting on a young horse can be quite an experience."

The Odoms were both so proud of Boss for pulling through for Scott at the last show of the year in Belton. Odom was about \$90 in the lead, and anything could have happened. They team placed third and first at the three-day show, where Boss showed how solid he'd become and held really tough cows.

"He is just a smart, cowy individual," says Scott. They won the three-day circuit and came out \$90 ahead for the year-end!

Scott showed both the young bay and his long-time teammate Rio at the 1996 ACHA World Show. He cut soft on the colt and made it to the 2nd go, but was just one point from the finals. However, aboard Rio, Scott advanced to the finals in the \$25,000 Non Pro.

"Rio just got better and better as the week went along," says Scott. The team went on to win World Show Reserve Champion \$25,000, with a 217.5!

The Odoms have been competing in cutting since 1992. Scott's first show was also the first show for his partner, Hickorys Poco Rio. Odom trained Rio himself and they competed in the \$250 Novice Novice. For many cutters, progressing in cutting as rapidly as the Odoms have means going through several horses, finding ones that suit more advanced needs. But amazingly, Scott and Rio have advanced together!

"They are quite a pair," says Sherry. "When I showed Rio, even when I did well, I just didn't think I showed him like Scott. They just click."

Scott and Rio held consecutive year-end championships in several NCHA affiliates, as did Sherry and Tiana Molly. They became feared competitors from the \$2500 Novice to the \$50,000 Amateur in just a few short years, all while keeping their own horses tuned, getting advice here and there from those in the business whom they admired.

Scott and Sherry Odom are truly a team. They work horses together at their home, outside of Clyde, Texas, almost every evening, rain or shine. They help each other in the practice pen, they help each other get their horses ready at a show, and occasionally they turn back for each other. There is a never a show with Scott present without Sherry and vice-versa.

Scott, who is the Executive Director of the Callahan County Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, and Sherry, the general office manager of Bayou Operating

Company, an oil company in Abilene, both say that cutting is something that they can enjoy together. Both Sherry and Scott were raised in the Big Country, born into ranching families. Among all of their other endeavors, the Odoms find time to also run yearlings. They both enjoy the great atmosphere of the ACHA shows. "We can just go have fun," says Scott. Odom is currently serving his second year as Vice-President of American Rolling Plains Cutting Horse Association.

When asked if Scott got nervous, Sherry quickly responded, "He is cool as a cucumber when it gets down to the wire." But where this team is concerned, they seem to get more nervous for each other than for themselves.

"I couldn't have accomplished what I did this year if it hadn't been for all of my great help," emphasizes Scott. The Odoms expressed how valuable their help has been to them, both in the arena and in the stands. Another important example of teamwork - competitors helping and cheering for each other, which makes for good cutting.

Look for the Odoms in '97 on the ACHA trail. Scott and Rio are currently leading the \$25,000 Non-Pro, while Sherry and Boss are leading the \$10,000 Novice Horse/Non Pro!



On caring for new woodwork: rub linseed oil into new woodwork once a day for a week, once a week for a month, once a month a year, and once a year from then on.

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County Oil & Gas Totals

Oil and gas production figures for December 1996 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production were both higher than the previous month's production, according to the totals.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of December was 148,571 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of December 1996 was 35,485 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during November was 33,213 barrels of oil. Total gas production in October was 138,746 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months in Callahan County include: December 1995 with 35,276 barrels, January 1996 with 34,480 barrels, February with 32,678 barrels of oil, March with 31,437 barrels, April with 34,858 barrels, May with 31,109 barrels, June with 34,158 barrels of oil, July with 35,372 barrels of oil, August with 37,040 barrels, September with 35,205 barrels of crude and October with 33,393 barrels.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for December 1996 include: Brown, 163,164 MCF of gas and 12,967 barrels of oil; Coleman, 223,153 MCF of gas and 31,994 barrels of oil; Eastland,

544,757 MCF of gas and 37,909 barrels of oil; Jones, 71,521 MCF of gas and 89,654 barrels of oil; Runnels, 188,841 MCF of gas and 71,593 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 507,621 MCF of gas and 96,868 barrels of oil; Stephens, 858,344 MCF of natural gas and 322,492 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 43,922 MCF of gas and 82,752 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing counties rank by December 1996 preliminary production figures were: Gaines, 3,090,768 barrels; Andrews, 2,564,707 barrels; Yoakum, 2,355,377 barrels; Ector, 2,240,318 barrels; Hockley, 2,096,110 barrels; Gregg, 1,485,455 barrels; Crane, 1,155,263 barrels; Midland, 1,084,671 barrels; Upton, 954,687 barrels; and Kent, 933,598 barrels.

The state's top gas producing counties rank by December 1996 preliminary production were: Panola, 21,474,660 MCF; Zapata, 23,938,986 MCF; Webb, 23,089,359 MCF; Hildago, 18,443,793 MCF; Pecos, 17,775,948 MCF; Starr, 15,284,245 MCF; Crockett, 13,154,385 MCF; Crane, 9,196,111 MCF; Yoakum, 8,355,209 MCF; and Harris, 7,615,835 MCF.

Texas production in December 1996 came from 162,050 oil and 49,958 gas wells.

Callahan County Sales Tax Report

The City of Clyde reported an increase of 4.41 percent in retail sales from last year, according to the city's one and one-half percent sales tax rebates announced by the State Comptroller's Office, Monday, March 24.

John Sharp, State Comptroller, said 1997 sales tax payments in Clyde are 4.41 percent ahead of tax payments made to the city in 1996. He said the sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$33,273.46 so far in 1997. The 1996 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$31,865.77.

The city's monthly payment for March 1997 was \$8,193.61, down 13.96 percent from a check amounting to \$9,523.41 reported in March 1996.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 1997 are 5.24 percent lower than the 1996 payments. The city had received \$19,030.37 so far in 1997, while the 1996 tax payments to the city totaled \$20,082.81.

The town's monthly payment for March 1997 was \$6,644.71, up 12.64 percent from the \$5,898.56 reported in March 1996.

—The City of Cross Plains is reporting 1997 one and one-half per-

cent city sales tax payments running 7.30 percent below the 1996 payments of the tax. Cross Plains 1997 sales tax payments have amounted to \$21,839.04, while the 1996 sales tax rebates were \$23,559.15.

The city's monthly sales tax check for March 1997 was \$8,230.62, up 30.51 percent from the March 1996 amount of \$6,306.38.

—The City of Putnam is reporting the 1997 payments to the town totaled \$2,285.02, up 12.09 percent from the 1996 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,038.38.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of March 1997 was \$488.95, down 32.82 percent from the March 1996 check of \$727.84.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 1997 in Callahan County are running 1.44 percent behind the 1996 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1997 amounting to \$76,427.89, while the 1996 payments to the county towns totaled \$77,546.11.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of March 1997 were \$23,557.89, up 4.90 percent from the \$22,456.19 reported in March 1996.



Watermelons consist of about 93 percent water and can weigh up to one hundred pounds.

Bee Traps To Determine If African Bees Established Here

BAIRD—Texas A&M Apilary Inspector Bill Baxter was in Callahan County Wednesday afternoon, March 28, setting up "Bee Traps" around the Baird area so it can be determined if a hive of Africanized honey bees found east of Baird was an isolated case or if the imported bees are established in the county.

Baxter set the blue boxes, labeled Caution Bee Traps, in trees along several roadways around Baird and will check them about every two weeks. These traps are really just artificial hives for bees to make a home in, Baxter explained. An attractant, which has a very strong citrus smell, is placed in the boxes to entice the bee's to locate there, he added.

Texas A&M's bee "Trap Line" has previously run between Temple and San Angelo and, partly due to the Africanized bees being found east of Baird, will now be moved north, Baxter said. He will be setting out traps along Highway 6 from Waco to Old Glory and then the line will run down US Highway 380 to Plains, near the New Mexico border. The Blue Boxes (bee traps) will become a familiar sight through Eastland and Shackelford counties.

Baxter stressed that people don't need to go out and start killing wild hives. Bees are necessary for plant and fruit tree pollination and wild numbers are down due to Varroa Mites, a seed tick looking parasite, that has killed out bees all across

the United States. These mites are expensive to treat and bee keepers have to bear this added expense as part of their operations.

If anyone has a hive that they would like to have tested to see what kind of bees are in it can contact Texas A&M or their County Agent and they will be glad to come and test the hive, Baxter said.

A&M also has many informational hand-outs about Africanized bees along with an educational video program. These materials can be obtained by writing to: Bee Fact Sheets, News and Public Affairs, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2112 or call (409) 845-2889.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

First Med of Winters Opened Wed.

Hendrick Health System officials and Winters community leaders had a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m., to celebrate the opening of First Med of Winters, Hendrick Health System's ninth regional healthcare clinic. The clinic, located at 7771 Texas 153, will open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Kay Millican, RN, FNP-C, will serve as the family nurse practitioner at the clinic. Y.K. Lee, M.D., of winters, will serve as the medical director. The clinic telephone number is (915) 754-5440.

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The largest prehistoric insect was believed to be the dragonfly. Fossil remains indicate a wingspan of up to 27 1/2 inches.

Pfc. Payne Completes Basic

Marine Pfc. Monica Payne, a 1996 graduate of Rising Star High School of Rising Star, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina and was meritoriously promoted to her present rank. Payne successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Payne and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Payne spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They per-

formed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Payne and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Payne and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began. Payne joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

State Budget Approved By Senate

AUSTIN—Lt. Governor Bob Bullock said Tuesday that a two-year state budget approved by the Texas Senate would hold spending below projected inflation while covering the bills for record school enrollment and growth in the criminal justice system and health and human services programs. "The budget keeps the scales balanced between the state's most critical services and the taxpayers' demand for leaner government," Bullock said. "And it focuses on the idea that the state's job begins in the classroom." The Senate plan recommends spending \$83.3 billion for 1998-99,

including outlays of \$52 billion from the general revenue account, an increase of only five percent from the current biennium. "The five percent increase in general revenue spending is half of the 10 percent increase adopted by the Legislature two years ago. At the same time, growth in spending would fall below the expected rate of inflation, which is projected to be 2.8 percent in 1998 and 2.8 percent in 1999," Bullock said. "The Senate budget leaves \$1 billion on the table for possible property tax relief or items not included in the budget at this time."



CHRISTOPHER ORUM & LEAH KING
...plans May 17, 1997 wedding

King-Orum Engagement and Approaching Wedding Announced

Vanda and Tommy King of Cross Plains would like to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Leah Paige King, to Christopher Orum, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orum of Brownfield. The bride-elect is a graduate of Cross Plains High School. She attended Cisco Junior College in Abilene and is currently a student at South Plains College in Lubbock. Her fiancé is a graduate of Brown-

field High School. He is a student at South Plains College in Levelland and will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall. Leah and Christopher will be united in marriage on Saturday, May 17, 1997, in the gazebo at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kirkham in Cross Plains. The ceremony will commence at 6:30 p.m. with a reception following. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

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