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"Antiques--True Treasures"

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH

Over the years I have collected antique furniture, items and glassware which belonged to family members and friends. The monetary value of the items do not interest me, only the sentimental. I am no antique expert. Jean Moore, a former antique dealer, pointed out one day at a church dinner that I had brought an antique glass bowl, which I didn't realize was valuable. It was just one of Granny Ethel's old bowls.

My favorite piece is a Murphy's bed which belonged to my great-great-grandmother, Ann Eliza Irvin who passed away in 1919, and I inherited it through my grandmother, the late Loma Atwood. The fold-out bed stands upright over six feet tall, including a separate mirrored top which houses shelves -- used originally to store hats. The front is wooden with beautiful sculptured accents which folds forward to make the bed. It weighs several hundred pounds and I have always said this kept my house from flying away during the tornado. It is a great conversation piece, as most people do not know what it is, but they are curious.

The antique bedroom suit which was Granny Loma's is now my daughter Leah's. It has the bevelled mirror on the dresser with floral etchings. The dresser has special meaning to me, as I remember sitting on the matching seat playing with music boxes, a box of assorted buttons and costume jewelry when I was a little girl. The dresser stands on carved legs with four large drawers.

The iron bedstead came from Uncle Bill Bounds, who old-timers might recall was a barber in Cross Plains. Leah and I worked for weeks removing coats of paint before repainting it white. I also have one of his spindle back dining room chairs which I refurbished years ago. When I think of Uncle Bill I recall him spinning me in his barber chair. He delighted in trying to make me dizzy. He lived beside me when I was about six or seven and had a barber shop in his front room.

Granny Ethel Anderson gave me lots of glassware, tin dishes, crocks, etc. which I have displayed throughout the house. She encouraged relatives to put their name on a piece of tape and place it on any item they wanted from her house and when she was gone, that would designate its owner. Several years before she passed away, she said to take what I wanted home with me, because I would display it, rather than storing it away. One of the most unusual items is a world map globe held on a brass claw-footed stand.

In my dining room I have an old wooden ironing board folded and leaned in the corner for decoration. My cousin, James Nichols, brought it by one day when Mother and her sisters were at the house and he announced, "You can all fight over this!" He knew we all appreciated antiques.

The late Cora Howland was a special friend and she gave me a tiny clear vase which she remembered as part of her housekeeping for 50 years, and she knew it was 50 years old when she got it. However, my treasured memento from Cora is a painting of two little children walking to See ANTIQUES page 4



KIWANIS CLUB HELP FINANCE DRUG DOG— The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains will donate \$1,000 toward the purchase of a drug dog for the community. Tim Sanders, Chief of Police for the City of Cross Plains, presented a program about the purpose and facts involved with having a drug dog available locally. Fred Tatom (right) was responsible for the guest speaker. If any individual or club would like to donate to the drug dog fund there is an account set up at the Citizens State Bank or make donations at the City Hall. Sanders noted that tickets may be purchased on a chance to win a rod and reel which will be drawn for in a couple of weeks. Joe Graves of Texas Side-winder donated the rod and Wal-Mart donated the reel. The Cottonwood Quilting Club ladies have donated a quilt to be raffled at a later time. You may contact Tim Sanders to purchase chances.

Friends of Daphne Fund-raiser and Blood Drive Sunday

In the spirit of old-time barn raisings and husking bees, Friends of Daphne are determined to help ...and have fun doing it!

From 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Brookshire's in Cisco, Friends of Daphne will help good neighbors help Daphne. In addition to music and entertainment, fabulous antique cars, food, drink and specialty items, there will be an opportunity to give blood in Daphne's name. There will also be a drawing for class prizes. The list of prizes grows daily. Prizes include Dallas Cowboys Pennant autographed by Bill Bates; \$135 Texas Ranger Tickets (4) and Outback Steakhouse Certificate; \$110 Night Out - Courtyard by Marriot, Chili's and 2 movie passes; \$86 Night Out - Hampton Inn, El Chico and Prairie Dog game; \$83 Night Out Fairfield by Marriot, Zapata's and Prairie Dog game; \$73 Night Out - Ramada Inn, Luby's and Prairie Dog game; \$70 Dallas Side Kick's tickets (2), Lowes-Lamp & Parts, America Car Stereo Speakers; \$64 Dallas Star's tickets (2), Pier 1 Imports - \$25; \$61 Putt Putt Golf-family package, 50's Classic Car Wash and Furr's Cafeteria; \$50 Prairie Dog tickets (4), Albertsons -

Cassette recorder and Abilene Funn Track-4 Go-Cart Rides; and \$40 Texas Rangers tickets (2) Beall's - umbrella.

For every \$3 you donate, your name goes in the hat for this special drawing.

Daphne Lunceford, fifteen-year-old Cooper High student, was babysitting nephews a few weeks ago and woke up dizzy. Her aunt, a nurse, sought medical help.

The response: "Get this girl to the emergency room immediately. Her blood work is very abnormal." Leukemia had disrupted another young life.

Daphne, daughter of Rising Star natives, Charlene (Maynard) and Jerry Lunceford, is undergoing chemotherapy and is responding well. She has a major battle ahead of her.

You can help. Make donations now so you will have a chance at those prizes. Join your neighbors Sunday, March 29 to both give blood and have fun.

Go by Wilks Masonry at 1843 Highway 206 in Cisco (between Cisco Pump and the White Elephant), or contact Ruth York at (254) 442-3530 for more information.

Hospice Training Offered in Cross Plains

Columbia Hospice in association with Brownwood Regional Medical Center will host a FREE training program in April. The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive training for Hospice volunteers, staff and family members who work with patients who are terminally ill.

The training program is designed to assist the participants in developing a clear understanding of the Hospice concept and philosophy, and to enable them to be effective caregivers for the patients and family. It brings together experts from all fields to give a complete picture of Hospice care. Some of these experts include Guillermo Minnhaer, M.D., Hospice Medical Director; Bob Harrell, Director Higginbotham Funeral Home; Dr. Norb Peil, Hospice Chaplain; and Melinda Fraley, Hospice Director.

Columbia Hospice is a family-oriented program which delivers comfort, care and support to Hospice patients and their family members, while focusing on quality of life. It

offers the hope of dignity and comfort, utilizing a qualified team of RNs, home health aides, the Hospice medical director, chaplains, volunteers, social workers, therapists and dieticians. Hospice provides appropriate medical and nursing care which does not insist on extraordinary means to prolong life. Continued support is given to the individual at home and during periods of hospitalization. Patients receive individualized care which encourages them to live life as fully as possible. Hospice allows nature to take its course and treats patient and family as a unit of care.

The program dates are April 2, 9, 16, 21 and 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center at 858 Main will be the location for the training program.

For more information about this FREE training program, please contact Charlene Burleson, Volunteer and Bereavement Coordinator for Columbia Hospice at (915) 649-2603 or toll free at 800-381-4663.

County Commissioners Raise Constables Fees and Turn Down Dog Catcher Offer At Recent Meeting

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Callahan County Constables received a raise in pay Monday, March 23, when commissioners adjusted the fees paid for the serving of citations inside the county.

Previously Constables were paid \$15 for papers served inside Callahan County and \$45 for serving papers outside the county line.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said there had been questions for some time as to the fee difference and after his investigation, found that Callahan was the only county in the area that separates fees. In looking back at courthouse records, the judge said he couldn't find any reference to when or how the fees were set. Johnson suggested one set fee, \$45.00, for all citations served by the Callahan County constables.

Motion made by Bryan Farmer and seconded by Harold Hicks to change the fees.

Clyde Mayor Merv Warrick met with commissioners and presented a schedule of fees the City of Clyde had prepared for animal control services for Callahan County.

Judge Johnson informed the commissioners that he had spoken with the Texas Attorney General's Office and was advised that the county could not hire an animal control service without a County Ordinance on animals, which does not exist at the present.

A county election would have to be held to approve such an ordinance and all dogs in the unincorporated area of the county would have to be registered. Without such an ordinance only dogs deemed vicious could be picked up.

No action was taken on the matter.

Other items on Monday's agenda: Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright presented his annual report. Almost 1,000 cases were closed out by his office during the past year.

Precinct 4 will advertise for bids on a 1986 1/2 ton Ford Pickup with utility bed. Bids will be opened April 13th.

Deputy County Treasurer Diane Alexander was approved to go to a school at Texas A&M University after a motion by Harold Hicks and seconded by Charlie Grider.

A petition, from residents on Wren's Way (south of Clyde off FM 2700) requesting county maintenance, was presented and will be acted on April 13th.

Bills were approved for paying with a motion by Tommy Holland and seconded by Bryan Farmer.

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Ballot Positions Announced for School Board Election

Six candidates have now filed for the three positions available on the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees. The terms of Randy Foster, Barbara Sowell and Rickey Carey are expiring.

Rickey Carey is the only incumbent, while Ronnie Pancake, Jimmy Joy, Charles Chesshir, Mark Norris and Leon Nixon have announced their candidacies. Charles Chesshir served on the board in the past, and the other four will be seeking their first term.

The ballot position drawing was held Monday, March 23 for the Cross

Plains ISD Board of Trustees and resulted as follows:

1. Rickey Carey
2. Ronnie Pancake
3. Charles Chesshir
4. Jimmy Joy
5. Leon Nixon
6. Mark Norris.

There was no opposition to the mayor and two council seats for the City of Cross Plains and there will be no election necessary. Ray Purvis will remain the mayor and Jerry Casle and Ray Womack will retain council positions.

Cross Plains Trades Day Is Saturday, March 28

DON'T FORGET! You still have time to put your name in for a 12'x12' space to sell or display your items on Trades Day sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club. For information call Barbara Powell at (254) 643-2404.

Early Voting For County Judge Runoff Election April 6-9

Early voting for the Tuesday, April 14 runoff election for County Judge between Roger Corn and Winford Hogan will be held April 6-9, according to officials in the Callahan County Clerk's office.

Early voting will be held during regular business hours April 6-9 at the Justice of the Peace offices in Clyde and Cross Plains and the County Clerk's office in Baird. Early voting will not take place Friday, April 10 due to the Good Friday holiday.

Registered voters wishing to vote by mail can now request ballots be mailed to them by contacting the County Clerk's office.

The Tuesday, April 14 runoff election will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at four locations in the county.

Voter Precincts #1 (Clyde) and #6 (Clyde) will be voting at the Clyde Lions Club Building.

Voter Precincts #2 (Eula) and #7 (Oplin) will vote at the Eula Water Supply Corporation building, which is located directly north of the Eula Lions Club building.

Voter Precincts #3 (Baird) and #5 (Putnam) will cast votes at the Baird Housing Authority Building.

Voter Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) will vote at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Special Concert at Cottonwood Baptist

Jerry and Sharon Lewis will be in concert at the Cottonwood Baptist Church on Sunday, March 29.

All are invited to attend this special event. Services will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

United Methodist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 29, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Gary Ray Kendrick, DWI
David L. Perryman, DWI
Victoria Martin Tigert, sale of alcohol to a minor.

Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Manual M. Salinas aka Mitchell Gutierrez, Lazaro Mirauda, Jr., Deborah Stoneman.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Agustine A. Barraza, motion filed to revoke probation.

Probations discharged: Nancy J. Chapman, Deresa Mobley.

Tristan Arlan Mealer, probation revoked; sentenced to 30 days in jail.
Kim Maxwell, TPC charge dismissed due to restitution having been made.

Richard Wayne Edgar, TPC, \$200 \$201.25 court costs, \$1157.57 restitution, 6 months probation.

Dennis Miller, TPC, \$50 fine \$201.25 court costs, \$190.71 restitution, 6 months probation.

Randy Dale Crow, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Fernando Ruiz, theft, \$350 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Amy Diane Puryear, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Joshua A. Higginbotham, hindering apprehension of prosecution, \$100 fine \$142 court costs, 6 months probation.

Edward L. Stephenson, theft, \$750 fine \$214.25 court costs, 1 year in jail probated for 1 year.

Fernando P. Pasillas DWLS, \$214.25 court costs, 25 days in jail.

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Divorces filed:

Odom, Janet Daniece & Danny Lawrence, and in the interest of minor child.

Layman, Cindy Sue & Timothy Aaron, and in the interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes

Michael L. Hill, found to be \$15,000 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments to begin 4-1-98.

Felony Minutes

Thornton G. Shackelford, forgery, \$500 fine \$2065.72 restitution, 5 years probation.

Gregory D. Cullum, probation revoked; sentenced to 2 years at TDC.
Carie Ann Craig, probation revoked; sentenced to 2 years at TDC.

Joseph Lee Williams, probation revoked; sentenced to 5 years at TDC.

Cynthia Ramos Strange, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 90 days in jail.

Selected Scriptures

Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

Psalm 119:24

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

OBITUARIES

Verner Rose

Verner V. Rose, 88, passed away Sunday, March 22, 1998, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cross Plains Cemetery with Donald Strength officiating directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Rose was born in Silver Valley to Joe and Susie (Barr) Rose on May 15, 1909.

Survivors include one son, Eddie Rose of Cross Plains; one daughter, Dorothy Evans of Granbury; two sisters, Ruby Winn of Abilene and Faye Russell of Abilene; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Billy Rose, Richard Mitchell, Rodney Rose, Eddie Rose, Phillip Strength, A.M. Chance, G.W. Slayton and Harold Hinkle.

Beryl M. Lusk

Beryl M. Lusk, 81, passed away Friday, March 20, 1998, in the VA Hospital in Big Spring.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Joe Coppinger officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Lusk was born November 17, 1916 in Sabanno. He married Ruth Gary May 11, 1940 in Cross Plains. He was a farmer and a member of the Masonic Lodge #627. He also served in the United States Navy and was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Lusk of Cisco; two sons, Emory Lusk of Mansfield and Beryl Michael Lusk of Austin; one daughter, Sandra Moore of Cross Plains; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Carlton Patton, Jack Lusk, Alton Lusk, Lee Lusk, Johnnie Lusk and Jeff Lusk.

Hazel Ogilvy

ALBANY—Hazel Ogilvy, 87, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 1998, in an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, 1998, in the Albany First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Douglas Stenborg officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery directed by Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home.

Hazel was born February 4, 1911, in Cross Plains and graduated from Cross Plains High School and McMurry University. She was a school teacher for a short time and worked for Higginbotham's in Cross Plains. She later moved to Abilene and worked for Lintz Department Store and worked for Thornton's Department Store more than 30 years. She moved to Albany in 1984, and lived with her sister Helen.

Hazel was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene.

Hazel was the daughter of the late Alexander and Molly (McDonald) Ogilvy of Cross Plains. She was preceded in death by two sisters Grace (Ogilvy) Haley and Susan (Ogilvy) Reeder and three brothers, William Ogilvy, Ed Ogilvy and Alex Ogilvy.

Hazel is survived by one sister Helen Price of Albany and five nieces and nephews, Doris (Reeder) Connolly of Houston, Bertha Joyce Ogilvy of Del Rio, Jill Ogilvy of Kansas, Lanham Reeder and wife Jo of New Braunfels, and Buck Ogilvy and wife Judy of Odessa.

Pallbearers were Frank Leone, James Oden, Norman Law, C.L. Neff, Calvin Bradford and Lawrence Winkler.

Robert 'Marvin' Bird

Robert Marvin Bird, 91, of Ballinger, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 1998, in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger, with Rev. Ferris Akins officiating. Masonic graveside services followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Marvin was born November 25, 1906, in McLennan County. He worked for Exxon Corporation for 39 years before retiring in 1971. He married Ruth Seipp Moncrief on July 2, 1983, in Winters. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger and the Men's Bible Class.

He was a Master Mason in the Ballinger Masonic Lodge and a member for fifty-four years. He was awarded the Golden Trowel Award in 1992, the highest award that a Masonic Lodge can bestow on a member and the first ever given by the Ballinger Lodge. He was proficient in teaching all facets of Masonry for over forty years.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Ruth of Ballinger; a son, Bobby Bird of Austin; a sister, Fannie Bowden of Houston and a brother, Charles Bird of Perrin. He is also survived by a step-daughter, Linda Byrd and her husband, Coy, of San Angelo; a step-son, Joe Bob Moncrief and his wife, Emily, of Houston; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren and 2 step great-grandchildren.

Glenda Faye Russell

BLANKET—Glenda Faye Russell, 53, passed away Friday, March 20, 1998, at her home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating, directed by Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

Mrs. Russell was born in Cross Plains and lived in Brown County for many years. She attended school in Brownwood and married Raymond Edwin Russell in 1989 in Granbury. She worked as a nurse's aide and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, of Blanket; one son, Donald Kite of Sweetwater; her mother, Alta Beatrice Gaines of Granbury; two brothers, Ronnie Lee Barrington and Myrle Gene Barrington, both of Granbury; two grandchildren; and three aunts.

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Patricia Thompson

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Patricia M. Thompson, 74, formerly of Callahan County, passed away Saturday, March 14, 1998.

Services were held Wednesday, March 18, 1998, in Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Cottonwood and graduated from Baird High School. She attended John Tarleton College and lived in Clinton, Oklahoma, for many years. She then moved to Oklahoma City, where she worked as an apartment manager, and was the widow of Fred Wilson Thompson, whom she married in 1942.

Survivors include five sons, Victor Thompson of Edmond, Oklahoma, Phil Thompson of Moore, Oklahoma, Mark Thompson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Stephen Thompson of Chickasha, Oklahoma and Danny Thompson of Ponca City, Oklahoma; five sisters, Kathleen Rouse of Burleson, Lucibel Manion and Laverne McElrath, both of Baird, Ritchey Bellamy of Marble Falls and Ivadel Scarpelli of Burnet; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Cecil L. Goble

Cecil L. Goble, 83, passed away Monday, March 23, 1998, at Hendrick Medical Center.

Services will be at 3:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Colleen Anderson officiating. Burial will be the Cottonwood Cemetery directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Cecil was born July 12, 1914, in Cottonwood. He married Delilah Wilcoxon April 26, 1939 in Putnam. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Deliah Goble of Cross Plains; three sons, David Goble, Stanley Goble and Lenley Goble, Jr. all of Cross Plains; one daughter, Naoma Wilson of Brownwood; one brother, J.D. Goble of Cross Plains; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Family will be receiving friends Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

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LAKWOOD NEWS

This is the week to get in on our membership drive. This means that in April the \$100 initiation fee will go back in our membership fee.

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Also, this weekend is the first scheduled tournament. Call or come by and sign up now!!!!

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SCHEDULE OF REVIVAL SERVICES

DR. IHSAN ARDHUERUMLY, SPEAKER

Sunday morning, April 5 - 10:45 a.m.

"In God We Trust...or do we?"

Sunday evening, April 5 - 7:00 p.m.

"From There to Here...or, God did it His way"

Monday, April 6 - 7:00 p.m.

"The Right Stuff, or Do you have what it takes?"

Tuesday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m.

"I Am the Vine, You are the Branches...and other Stuff"

Wednesday, April 8 - 12:00 noon

Ladies Salad Luncheon - Rev. Lillith Ardhuerumly

Wednesday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m.

"Would You believe that there Are More Questions than Answers?"

Thursday Morning, April 9 - 6:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - First UMC Fellowship Hall

A Children's Sermon will be presented at each service. Nursery will be provided.

Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Dr. E. Richard Chaffin, Pastor

Friday, April 10 - 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Sunday, April 12 - 10:45 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

Betty Baxter was honored with a cake for her birthday. Margaret Clark surprised her with a delicious ice cream cake. Everyone wished her a happy birthday and enjoyed cake and coffee.

Irma Deen Haddox and Myrtle Owen sure looks pretty with their new perms.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Verner Rose on the loss of their loved one.

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

Mona Wilson from Abilene and Joan McCarty from Clyde visited with Blanche Brooks.

Betty Montgomery from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery.

Pearl and George Pierce from Abilene, Eddie and Lona Hale from Clyde visited Jesse Harris.

A.L. Harrell from Malakoff visited Ruby Harrell.

Don and Frances Thornton visited with Myrtle Wilson, Juanita Thornton and Jo Boatright.

Mr. and Mrs. Ector Mirales, Hazel

and Peggy Lee from Pioneer visited with everyone.

Michael Curry and Deborah Griswold visited with Deen Haddox.

Violet Edwards from Cisco visited Lillie Childers.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Sylvia Smith (2), Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner, Ruby Harrell (2), Inola Wilcoxon (2), and Minnie Swann. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social. Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell (2), Louise Richardson (2), Minnie Swann (3), Inola Wilcoxon and Vera Belyeu.

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

Sunday: First United Methodist Church

God is like a Bayer Aspirin - He works Wonders.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"RHYMES"

Things that you do,
do with your might;
'cause things done by halves
are never done right.

Go figure. As for me, I figure the rhyme above must have been my Mom's favorite. She surely quoted it often enough as I was growing up. Of course that couldn't have had any bearing on the fact that I was somewhat remiss with my chores. You see I never like physical labor, consequently I was most apt to approach it with a more or less lackadaisical manner. I had a bad attitude concerning work and I showed a marked lack of enthusiasm for it. When Mama quoted that little rhyme she was trying to encourage me, not criticize me. She wanted me to learn that it was important to do a thorough job of anything I started and not to just halfway do it. Another line she was fond of quoting was "Anything worth doing is worth doing it right."

I reckon my favorite little rhyme is:
There was a little girls,
who had a little curl
right down the middle
of her forehead.
When she was good,
she was very, very good
But when she was bad,
she was horrid.
Apparently that rhyme must have fit me to a "T". Why else would I remember it such a long time.

It is my supposition that most everyone knows or has heard "Twas the Night Before Christmas" numerous times. It has been a popular verse for eons.

There is however, another Christmas rhyme which I have always liked. I imagine it probably came from Great Britain as the wording appears to be more or less "OLD" English. Another thing which leads me to believe this is the reference to a 1/2 penny.

To the best of my remembrance the verse went like this:
Christmas is coming
the goose is getting fat.
Please put a penny
in the old mans hat.
If you haven't got a penny
then a 1/2 will do.
If you haven't got a half
then God bless you.

Seems to me that rhyme is trying to teach everyone to be charitable. Long ago when the rhyme first was heard; there was no welfare system such as we have today. So people who weren't able to work or couldn't find employment would sit on the corner with their hat in their hand begging for money. Whatever the strangers and passersby put into the hat was all he had to subsist on. I guess if he got enough 1/2 pennies he could get a good meal for himself for Christmas.

The following rhyme I learned in the 2nd or 3rd grade. This rhyme will end my article for this week.

Pease Porridge hot.
Pease Porridge cold.
Pease Porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.
Some like it hot.
Some like it cold.
Some like it
in the pot
Nine days old.



Cross Plains Garden Club Meeting Held

Cross Plains Garden Club's March meeting was held at the Multi-Purpose Center. The program was "Everything you wanted to know about color," given by Joyce Odom and Barbara Powell.

Police Chief, Tim Sanders, gave an informative talk on the city's need for a drug dog.

Garden Club member, Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones, presented Joan McCowen, Library Representative, with a book titled "The Organic Manual" by Howard Garrett, noted authority on organic gardening.

The host and hostess was Allison Wilson and Marvin Mosley.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By
BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Historical Association will hold their annual business meeting and noon meal on Saturday, May 2, in the Cottonwood Community Center. The business meeting will commence at 10 a.m. The association will furnish barbecue meat. Please bring covered dishes to go with the dinner. We are looking forward to visiting and renewing old and new acquaintances.

Mark your calendar for clean up day at the Cottonwood Community Center for Thursday, April 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Your support and help will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Debbie Stewart, Megan and Christa of Garland was here visiting with Debbie's parents, Don and Faye Gillian during their recent spring break.

BURKETT NEWS

By
LOVERA STRICKLAND

The Burkett Baptist Church is hosting a church reunion Sunday, April 5. More details will be available at a later date.

Amy Louise Burkett, Virgil and Freeda Burkett's granddaughter, is visiting them. Amy plans to stay with them awhile.

Bill Strickland visited B.L. and Nadene Strickland in Midland weekend before last.

Visiting the Jack Strickland's were Jackie Strickland, Staci and Jacob. They came Friday night and went home Sunday. Monday, Deonna

Strickland and friends, Brandi and Kim of Somerville, came and spent a few days. They went home Thursday. Deonna also visited Jimmy and Virginia Payne in Cross Plains.

Charlotte Pickett, Hannah and Hillary of Garland and Barbara Condra of San Angelo visited Melba Walker weekend before last. Annie Merle Trent of Coleman spent Friday and Saturday with Melba. They visited with Andrew Walker, Bill and Addie Walker, Yuna V. Burkett and Virgil and Freeda Burkett.

In An Emergency Call 911

JUDDSON KENNETH "ZEKE" ADAMS BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Grandma Carolyn and Papa Rick Adams of Burkett are happy to announce the arrival of their grandson, Juddson Kenneth "Zeke" Adams.

"Zeke" was born Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 10:29 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches long. He is a very healthy baby. His parents, Doug and Dana Adams and big sister Zoe are very proud of lil' Zeke.

Rise In Diabetes Cases Blamed On Obesity

A sixfold increase in diabetes cases is being blamed on our population being more overweight and less active. About 90% of the people with diabetes have Type 2. Their bodies produce insulin but their cells are unable to use it. This insulin resistance develops as weight increases. Some eighty percent of Type 2 diabetics are obese. Diabetes increases risk of heart disease, kidney disease, and nerve and eye damage. Complications are preventable when people lose weight, increase physical activity and maintain healthy diets.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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Two birds were looking down from their lofty perch in the trees, and seeing people running frantically from place to place -- but really "getting nowhere fast" -- one said to the other: "What's wrong with those people?" The other replied: "One thing is for sure, they don't have the same Heavenly Father as you and I!"

How often we fret, worry, stew and agonize over where our daily food is coming from, how our clothes will be provided, and where we are going to live. And we run around like mad people, "spinning our wheels." Yet Jesus told us not to worry about these things, not because they are unimportant, rather actually because of the very opposite -- because they are important, and the Heavenly Father knows it.

The Galilean says, in essence, that having provided the more important, the greater -- life itself -- the Father will not let us down on those things necessary to sustain that life, Matthew 6:25-32. But there is a condition to assurance of His provision. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well," verse 33. "Seeking first His righteousness" is to put living according to His prescribed pattern of correct living paramount in our lives. Our priority list must go like this: God and His way, first and foremost! -- and then whatever is second, third, fourth, etc.

David said, "I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or His children begging for bread," Psalm 37:25.

What a breakthrough to turn "these things" over to Someone who is able and willing. But don't expect Him to "take care" if we are ignoring His kingdom and His righteousness.

Come learn with us about His kingdom and righteousness...

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

"AARP and Our Latest Project"

Our local AARP Chapter is embarking on a new community service project.

Joe Howser is the chairman of our recently instigated recycling project. Our purpose and main objective is to help keep Cross Plains litter free and to increase available space in the landfill.

Some items to be collected for recycling are: aluminum cans, news papers and possible glass bottles. If you have recyclable items saved, you may call Joe Howser at 725-7351 and arrange to drop your recyclables with him.

So folks, save those cold drink cans, newspapers etc., and when you have a load call Joe, he'll be expecting your call. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

The Cross Plains AARP Chapter met Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m.

We participated in a general group discussion. Among other items we discussed plans for future programs.

Our membership has recently grown and with it an interest in revitalizing our program structure. In addition to our quest for potential members we invite our present members to suggest programming ideas for future meetings.

We had very good attendance and invite you to join us for our next meeting, which will be April 6.

We are affiliated with the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. program and we meet at the Multi-Purpose Center the first Monday of each month, September through June. Come join us.

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Pioneer Relay Results

The Pioneer Relays were held at Cross Plains on Saturday, March 21. The results are as follows:

High School Girls Results
Discus—Francy - 3rd - 85'10 3/4" and Wilson - 6th - 80' 11 1/2"
Shot Put—Francy - 4th - 31' 7"
High Jump—Giles - 1st - 5' 2" and Ricci - 2nd - 5' 0"
Long Jump—B. Richey - 1st - 15' 0" and L. Ricci - 2nd - 14' 5 1/2"
Triple Jump—B. Richey - 1st - 32' 8 3/4"
3200—Bennett - 2nd - 15:19.76 and Wyatt - 3rd - 16:36.97
400 Relay—Turner, Wyatt, Webb, Giles - 2nd - 56.59
800 Dash—Besselaar - 3rd - 2:49.60 and Turner - 4th - 2:53.07
100 Hurdles—B. Richey - 1st - 16.52 and Reed 24.5 (p)
800 Relay—Payne, Butler, Webb, Ricci - 1st - 1:55.70
400 Dash—Webb - 5th - 75.67 and Beatty 74.16 (p)
300 Hurdles—B. Richey - 1st - 49.29
200 Dash—Payne - 3rd - 28.80 and Wyatt - 5th - 30.36
1600—Bennett - 2nd - 6:28.48; Besselaar - 4th - 7:05.71; and Wyatt - 5th - 7:15.78
1600 Relay—Ricci, Butler, Payne, Richey - 1st - 4:22.55
100—Reed - 17.08 (p) and Hail 17.10 (p)

TEAM TOTALS

- CROSS PLAINS - 181
- Ranger - 82
- Lometa - 77
- Evant - 62
- DeLeon - 45
- May - 34

High School Boys Results
3200—Wilson - 2nd - 12:44.56
400 Relay—Fortune, Ricci, Thomas, Purvis - 2nd - 44.86
800 Dash—Monrreal - 3rd - 2:18.64 and Dimitri - 6th - 2:23.52; Hopkins - 8th - 2:30.8
110 Hurdles—Ricci - 1st - 15.26 and Swift - 3rd - 16.40; Kitchens - 18.59 (p)
100 Dash—Nixon 12.56 (p) and Walters - 68.48 (p)
400 Dash—Mackey - 4th - 57.25
300 Hurdles—Swift - 1st - 43.22 and Kitchens - 2nd - 43.60; Harris - 50.93 (p)
200 Dash—Purvis - 3rd - 23.54 and Nixon 25.58 (p)

1600—Nickerson - 1st - 5:09.75 and Monrreal - 4th - 5:21.70; Wilson - 6:04.94
1600 Relay—Swift, Purvis, Thomas, Ricci - 2nd - 3:32.40 **NEW SCHOOL RECORD** (Old School Record 3:33.75 by Justin Whitsitt, Earl Meroney, Bucky Williams and Jody Brown in 1992)
Shot Put—Switzer - 36' and Carey - 29'
Discus—Switzer - 105' and Carey - 90'
Triple Jump—Kitchens - 7th - 36' 5 1/2" and Swift - 35' 8 1/2"
Long Jump—Macky - 7th - 17' and Swift - 16' 8"

TEAM POINTS

- Baird - 150
- CROSS PLAINS —108
- Rising Star - 106
- Lometa - 62
- Ranger - 33
- Richland Springs - 24

Jr. High Girls Results
Discus—Scott - 2nd - 32' 11 3/4"
Shot Put—C. Scott - 2nd - 26' 3" and Nixon - 4th - 25' 4 1/4"
300 Hurdles—Kitchens - 1st - 54:95
1600—McClure - 5th - 7:11.30
1600 Relay—3rd - 5:00.55

TEAM TOTALS

- Baird - 225
- Ranger - 52
- Albany - 50
- CROSS PLAINS - 44
- Blanket - 43
- Richland Springs - 30

Jr. High Boys Results
High Jump—Beggs - 2nd - 5' 2" and Dillard - 3rd - 5' 0"
Pole Vault—Tie 3rd - Hopkins and Beggs - 8' 6"
2400—Hopkins - 1st - 9:18.32
400 Relay—1st - 49.54
800 Dash—Chastain - 4th - 2:41.50 and Ross - 6th - 2:41.83
400 Dash—Fortune - 2nd - 59.57
300 Hurdles—Dillard - 1st - 48.48
200 Dash—Beggs - 1st - 25.64
1600—Hopkins - 2nd - 5:54.20
1600 Relay—4:10.45

TEAM TOTALS

- CROSS PLAINS - 114
- Panther Creek - 103
- Albany - 56 1/2
- Baird 52
- Ranger - 48
- Lometa - 43

SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 30 - APRIL 3
(Subject To Change)

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WEDNESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Cinnamon rolls, assorted juice and milk.

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THURSDAY — Turkey w/gravy, rice, green peas, rolls, fruit salad and milk.
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We always ask the Lord Jesus to watch over our house when we are gone. I am so glad He watches over it -- while we are also in the house! Thank you Lord!

Marlene Cowan

Parkinson's Support Group To Meet

The Big Country Parkinson's Support group invites you to become a part of their support group. They meet on the first Thursday of each month, except for July and August, at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 12th and Minter Lane in Abilene. Signs will be posted on the East side of the church. Materials are available for both the patient and the caregiver and membership is free.
 The speaker for the April 2 meeting is Daniel Vaughn M.D. and Joan Bacchus, M.D. a husband and wife neurological team. There will a question and answer period following the program.


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Cross Plains Tennis Tourney Successful

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

Cross Plains' Tennis Tournament was a huge success again this year. Since Coach McConal was sick, David Robinett, head coach and athletic director of Santa Anna, took over and ran the tournament off. Over 11 schools were entered. Results of Cross Plains players are as follows:

Girls Singles
 B. Hutton beat Panther Creek (8-0); lost to Eastland (5-8)
 M. Mitchell beat Eula (8-1); beat Cisco (8-1); Finals beat Early (6-3) (6-4) Mindy won 1st place.
Girls Doubles
 Clark/Fleming beat Eastland (8-1); beat Rising Star (8-0); beat Santa Anna (8-2) Finals lost to Santa Anna (4-6) (3-6) Won 2nd place
Boys Singles
 J. Richards beat Eastland (8-2); beat Santa Anna (8-0); beat Panther Creek (8-2) Finals beat C. Richards (6-1) (6-2) Won 1st place
 C. Richards beat Albany (8-2); beat Ballinger (8-1); beat Ballinger (8-3) Finals lost to J. Richards (1-6) (2-6) Won 2nd place
Boys Doubles
 Hill/Whitehead lost to Ballinger (5-8)
 Reed/Turner lost to Ballinger (4-8)
 Nixon/Gilliam lost to Rising Star (3-8)
 Brame/Hopkins beat Ballinger (8-1); beat Panther Creek (8-2); beat Santa Anna (8-2) Finals lost to Ballinger (3-6) (6-1) (5-7) Won 2nd place

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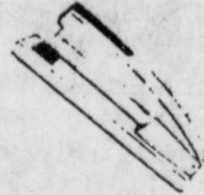
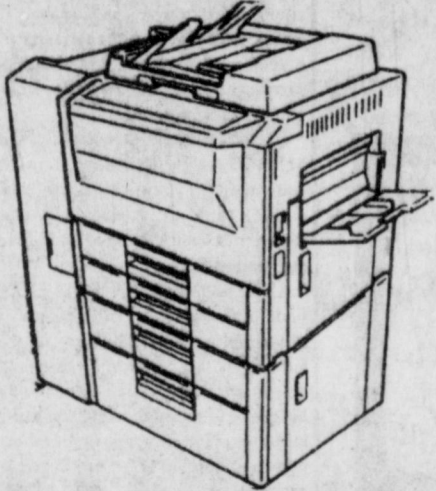
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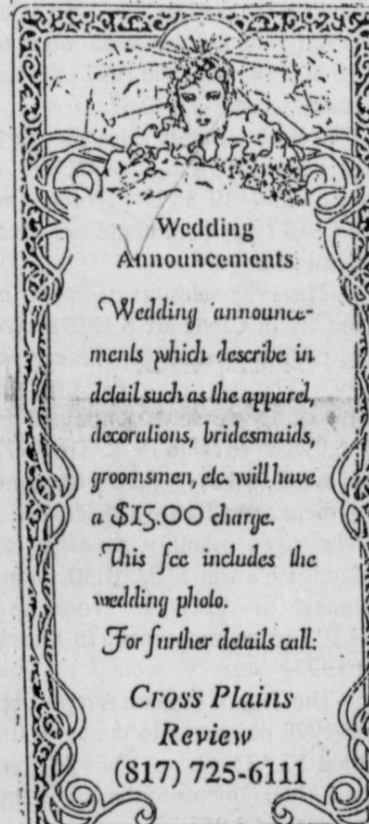
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ATTENTION! Rural Resource Team Report Now Available

The report is in from the Rural Resource Team who conducted interviews with individuals, businesses, and various entities in the community between February 10 and 13. Their findings will be published in the *Cross Plains Review* over a period of weeks as the report is quite lengthy.

Process For The Development Of This Plan

The Texas Rural Development Council (TRDC) has provided a resource team to assist the City of Cross Plains and surrounding communities in evaluating the area's assets and liabilities and in developing suggestions for improving the environment, perception, and economic future of Cross Plains and surrounding communities. The City of Cross Plains requested a community assessment from the TRDC and preliminary calls were made between Ronnie Boston, Coordinator with RC&D; Cheryl Hinckley, Executive Director TRDC, and Denise Coulter, EDC Coordinator for the City of Cross Plains. This group laid out the parameters of the process and gained commitment from the City of Cross Plains to see the process through completion. Resource Team members were then selected to visit Cross Plains, interview citizens, business, and community leaders; and develop a plan of recommended action for the city and surrounding communities. The team members were carefully selected based on the fields of expertise that Cross Plains officials indicated would be needed to respond to the problem areas identified.

The Resource Team toured the city and interviewed 210 individuals over a three and one-half day period from February 10-13, 1998. The team interviewed representatives from the following segments of the Cross Plains and surrounding communities: Agriculture, Parents, Housing, Real Estate, and Construction, Civic Clubs, and City and County Government/Law Enforcement, Outlying Areas, Education, Utilities/Oil and Gas Production, Business and Retail, Health Care, Banking and Financial, Senior Citizens, Churches, and Youth. Each participant was asked to respond to four questions designed to begin communication and discussion, and to serve as a basis for developing an action plan.

Upon completion of the interviews, the team met to compare notes and to share comments following the three days of intense study. The team then agreed that each team member would carefully analyze the things said, synthesize what they heard with their knowledge of programs and resources, and prepare their notes and suggestions, and forward these items to be combined into TRDC's final report to Cross Plains and surrounding areas.

The oral report was presented to the people of Cross Plains and surrounding areas on February 13. Cheryl Hinckley, Ronnie Boston, Joe McFarland, and Tom Mann represented the team. Many of the citizens of Cross Plains and surrounding areas who participated in the interviews were in attendance. More importantly, many who were not a part of the interview process were present to hear the comments and recommendations.

Following the oral report, a formal written report was prepared and presented to Cross Plains. Cross Plains will provide the follow-up after the report is finalized which include:

1. Providing 10 copies of the report to the Texas Rural Development Council.
2. Distributing the report to all community participants and anyone else that wishes a copy.
3. Having copies of the report available at a central location such as a Chamber of Commerce Office, Economic Development Corporation, City Hall, County Court House, or Library.
4. Prioritize five concerns and start implementing a work plan.
5. Developing an action plan within a year after the initial resource team.

6. Hold a town hall meeting at least twice a year to up-date community of progress since the resource team visit.

7. Provide the initial facilitator, such as the RC&D Coordinator, and the TRDC office with a short paragraph of what has happened since the Resource Team visit. This needs to be done on a quarterly basis. This community progress report may be faxed, emailed, or submitted by mail to the facilitator and the TRDC office. The TRDC email address is: trdc@onr.com

Executive Summary

There appears to be a strong desire within the city of Cross Plains to develop and maintain a relationship with the surrounding areas. This is a major step for your economic base as no one can go it alone.

Cross Plains needs to do some things to identify and promote its uniqueness, develop sound strategies to expand its economic base, and improve city services—all which will greatly help Cross Plains citizens to feel good about their town. There is too much truth in the statement that "despair breeds despair." Cross Plains needs to turn this around to "success breeds success." Start small, with easy steps that can be accomplished rather quickly. At the end of each successful step, celebrate! Publicly recognize what's been accomplished. Surrounding communities need to identify one thing about their community to be included in an area promotion.

The elements are all here for Cross Plains and surrounding towns to have a successful future. To become a growing, vibrant community takes only a few people willing to roll up their sleeves and to work. Once this nucleus begins to exert effort, it will begin to show some successes. Then this nucleus needs to expand to include more and more of the community until the entire community is involved. But the work is not on big jobs; it is on small ones that can be achieved quickly. The big ones come later after Cross Plains and surrounding communities have seen the results of the smaller efforts and see that they can accomplish things.

Cross Plains' and the surrounding communities' problems have evolved over a period of time, and it will take both time and a plan to accomplish your desires for your area. A plan must have small, easily accomplishable steps, with tangible results that can be measured. The plan must encompass the entire community in its design and implementation.

There are a number of short term, accomplishable recommendations that the review team has provided. As noted above, the most important thing is to get the entire community involved in trying to find ways to accomplish its goals. We want to repeat, "success breeds success." A few celebrations at the successful conclusion of an activity which has involved a large number of citizens will lead to a feeling of accomplishment that will carry over into other activities. Look through the short-term suggestions, pick out one that you know that you can do, and get started!

Each of you individually must decide what it is that you want to do—what kind of project you want to tackle. There are enough tasks for everyone. Each small step, every accomplishment, no matter how limited, is movement in the right direction toward achieving Cross Plains' and surrounding communities' goals. It can be done! There is no problem facing your area that cannot be solved by the people living in the community. It is your choice, your decision; you can do it. The Texas Rural Development Council can only help you to help yourself.

Next Week: We will begin *What Was Said At The Interviews*.

Copies of the report are available at the EDC office inside the subway building.

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KIWANIS CLUB MAKES DONATION — The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club donated \$500 to prevent iodine deficiency through a coordinated effort of Kiwanis International. This contribution will be responsible for preventing mental retardation; deformities such as cretinism and goiters; all caused by an iodine deficiency found in approximately 10,000 people world wide. Dr. Richard Chaffin, club president, (left) presented the check to Jimmy Stiles, Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor of Graham (right).

Montgomery 'Conservation Rancher'

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The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District recognized John D. Montgomery as the 1998 "Conservation Rancher" of Callahan County in annual banquet ceremonies at Zentner's Daughter Steak House in Abilene Tuesday night.

Montgomery's 912-acre cow/calf operation is about 6 miles northwest of Cross Plains.

His ranch includes 246 acres of pastureland and 650 acres of rangeland.

The Cross Plains rancher has farmed and ranched his entire life and has been owner and operator of that ranch for more than 40 years.

Montgomery has been a cooperor with the Callahan Divide SWCD since 1961.

In much of the past, Montgomery's operation consisted of planting his fields to a grazing crop such as wheat or haygrazer—and then simply rotating his cattle between his cropland and rangeland.

But during the late 1980s, Montgomery became concerned about declining production on his cropland and the cost of maintaining his grazing crops each year.

In 1992, Montgomery entered into the Great Plains Conservation Program with the Soil Conservation

Service with the main goal of converting his entire cropland into permanent grass.

Since that year, he has planted about 155 acres of former cropland to several species of permanent grass -- including Coastal Bermuda, WW Spar bluestem, Kleingrass, Wilman lovegrass and native grass mixtures. These provide good forage for livestock -- and by having different types of grass available in each pasture -- Montgomery can now provide his cattle a better year-round forage supply.

The outstanding conservationist fertilizes each pasture and controls weeds. Since 1995, he has also grubbed about 135 acres of cedar-infested rangeland. He also has treated prickly pear and tasajillo infestations.

Montgomery has improved grazing efficiency of his cattle with two miles of cross fences. And to make sure livestock have ample water, he constructed ponds and installed water pipelines in each pasture.

The seasoned rancher uses a three-herd rotation system in all his pastures to give each pasture long periods of rest between grazing cycles.

"We congratulate John D. Montgomery on his outstanding leadership in the conservation of natural resources of Callahan County," USDA Conservationist Clint Rollins said.

CJC to offer computer classes

Cisco Junior College will offer a series of non-credit computer courses at the Cisco campus, beginning in April and continuing through June. Cost for each course is \$43, which includes instructional materials. Enrollment in the classes is limited. Early registration is encouraged. Registration is complete only upon receipt of the registration form and fee.

Classes will meet in room 31 of the Vocational-Technical I building. For more information or to register, please contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at (254) 442-2567. Courses to be offered include:

WINDOWS '95 - Monday March 30, Wednesday, April 1 and Monday, April 6

WORD - Thursday, April 9, Thursday, April 16 and Thursday, April 23

ACCESS - Thursday, April 30, Thursday, May 7 and Thursday, May 14

EXCEL - Tuesday, May 19, Thursday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 26

INTERNET - Thursday, May 28, Thursday, June 4 and Thursday, June 11.

CROSS PLAINS TAX PAYMENTS

	1997	1998
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$21,839.04	\$21,938.36
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$8,230.62	\$6,061.12

Sales Tax Totals Are Up

John Sharp, State Comptroller for Texas, reported retail sales in the City of Cross Plains are 0.45% higher in 1998 compared to 1997.

The state comptroller released the city sales tax rebates to the Texas cities Monday, March 16, including those in Cross Plains.

Sharp said the City of Cross Plains reported that sales tax payments in 1998 are \$21,938.36, while the 1997 sales tax rebates were \$21,839.04.

The town's monthly payment for March 1998 was \$6,061.12, a decrease of 26.35% from the \$8,230.62 payment made in March of last year.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payment include:

—The City of Baird is reporting 1998 city sales tax payments running 6.72% above the 1997 payments of the tax. Baird's 1998 sales tax payments have amounted to \$20,309.58, while the 1997 sales tax rebates were \$19,030.37.

The city's monthly sales tax check for March 1998 was \$4,029.99, a decrease 39.35% from the \$6,644.17 payment made in March of last year.

—The 1998 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 8.18% above tax payments made to the city in 1997. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$35,998.17 so far in 1998. The 1997 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$33,273.46.

The city's monthly payment for March 1998 was \$10,001.50, an increase of 22.06% from the \$8,193.16 payment made in March of 1997.

—The City of Putnam is reporting the 1998 payments to the town totalled \$2,533.87, up 10.89% from the 1997 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,285.02.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of March 1998 was \$700.26, which was 43.21% above the \$488.95 payment made in March 1997.

County-wide, sales tax payments for 1998 in Callahan County are running 5.69% above the 1997 payments in the county. Callahan County towns have received sales tax payments in 1998 amounting to \$80,779.98, while the 1997 pay-

ments to the county towns totalled \$76,427.89.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of March were \$20,792.87, which was 11.73% below the \$23,557.89 collected in March 1997.

Some area towns reporting sales tax payments for 1998 year-to-date and whether it's an increase or decrease over 1997 sales include: Albany, \$54,161.92 in 1998, 2.40% increase from 1997; Anson, \$41,291.49 in 1998, 8.49% increase from 1997; Stamford, \$137,502.90 in 1998, 6.20% increase from 1997; Cisco, \$59,883.79 in 1998, 2.16% increase from 1997; Eastland, \$163,003.56 in 1998, 10.67% increase from 1997; Merkel, \$40,900.43 in 1998, 12.67% decrease from 1997; Ballinger, \$154,290.11 in 1998, 5.25% increase from 1997; and Coleman, \$134,429.19 in 1998, 6.00% increase from 1997.

Statewide, sales tax payments in 1998 are 10.58% ahead of 1997 rebates, according to Sharp's figures. The state comptroller has sent out checks totalling \$557,410,468.19 so far in 1998, while the 1997 payments to the state's cities amounted to \$504,067,361.67.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax. Cross Plains, Clyde and Baird all collect 1.50% in local sales tax.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on January sales and reported to the comptroller in February. Businesses file sales tax payments either monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the amount of sales tax they collect.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, Sharp said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

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