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Down Home

"A Child's Message to the President"

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH

Last week Terri Mize came by the office to make a copy of a letter her son, Brice, had written to the President of the United States.

I asked her what his opinion was concerning the Lewinsky scandal and she gave me permission to read his letter. It was so cute that I asked for a copy to publish in the newspaper.

Brice is a third grader at Cross Plains Elementary and also the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Bowden of Cross Plains. His letter, exactly as composed, follows:

Mr. President

Well I'm telling the truth of my thoughts. I think you should take a test. I hope you have good luck on the truth test, on the Lewinsky mater. I hope you have good luck on everything you do and I hope you think before you act.

We all make mistakes but since your the president I believe you.

Brice Alan Bowden

P.S. September 11, 1998 age 9-10 my own writing
Town Cross Plains, Texas

My friend Pam Hutton read his letter and remarked, "Out of the mouths of babes!" Brice has some mature thoughts and a wonderful sense of forgiveness.

My church has been lifting up President Clinton and his family in prayer. We should include the Congress too, as they have a grave decision to make concerning the welfare of our country.

Regardless of what time of day you turn on the television, all we hear is more details about the President's misconduct. No wonder it is even on the minds of children. However, I find the adult language inappropriate for the youth. Just how far is this going to escalate?

Personally I can't make a decision on how I feel. Everyone has their own opinions and I can see their points of view. I would not want to be the one who had to resolve the matter. It is all such an embarrassment to our country. Don't you know God is disappointed with everyone involved.

The President should be the one setting a good example as a role model, but instead Brice gave him some common sense advice. Let's see what he does with it.



LOCAL MAN HONORED — Steve Mack was recognized as the 1998 ACU Young Alumnus of the Year. His family is pictured with him on his special day, Sandy Mack (back from left), Steve Mack, Katie Mack and Ryan Mack; Julieanne Mack (front, from left) and Will Mack.

Cross Plains Bank Pres. & CEO Honored as ACU's 1998 Young Alumnus of the Year

Steve Mack, president and CEO of Citizens State Bank of Cross Plains, was recognized and honored by Dr. Royce Money, ACU president; Dr. John Tyson, vice president for development; and Dr. Jack Griggs, dean of ACU's College of Business Administration, on Monday, September 21 at Citizens State Bank. Mr. Mack was surprised with the announcement of being chosen the 1998 Abilene Christian University Young Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Griggs noted that this honor was also a reflection on the community of Cross Plains.

The formal presentation will be made during ACU's Homecoming Weekend Saturday, October 17.

This annual award is given to an alumnus under the age of 40 who has shown professional achievement or distinguished service to ACU. He was chosen from a field of over 12,000 ex-students.

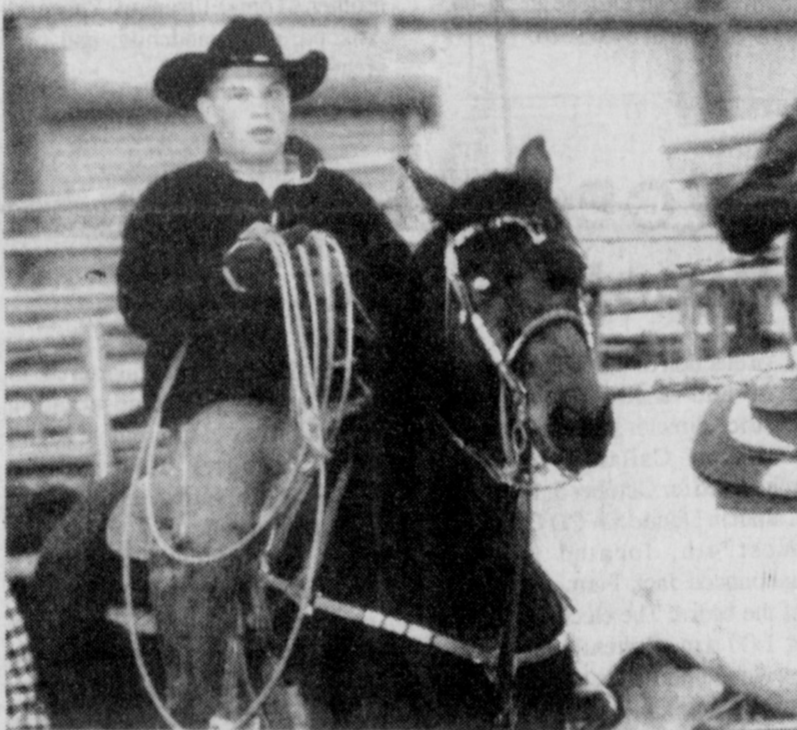
Along with his duties at Citizens State Bank, Mack is also vice president and director of Southwestern Bancorp, Inc. and a director of the Sanderson State Bank of Sanderson.

He has been involved in community activities as president and director of the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and as past president of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Mack is also a member of the Regulatory Liaison Committee for the Independent Bankers Association of Texas and the Governmental Relations Council for the Texas Bankers Association.

Steve's wife, Sandy, and their four children, Ryan, Katie, Julieanne and Will, were at the reception, along with his co-workers and a host of

friends. Everyone congratulated Steve and enjoyed refreshments. See additional photo on Page 2.



ROWDY DILLARD

Rowdy Dillard is Team Roping Champ

For the second year in a row, Rowdy Dillard has claimed the year-end championship for all of Central Texas in team roping.

The KJRA or KIX Junior Rodeo Association is sponsored by KXYL Radio in Brownwood, and has about 20 rodeos around Central Texas

You can make a difference during annual drive

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the life of someone? This is your chance.

The Annual Drive for the United Fund of Cross Plains is set for Friday, October 2. The United Fund contributes to local and area service organizations as well as helping residents of Cross Plains and the surrounding area with various needs they may have.

You can make a difference by being a part of the Annual Drive. Volunteers are needed. If you could spare about two hours to make a difference in the life of someone, please call Dannes Turner at 725-6141 or 725-7755.

Early out Sept. 25

The Cross Plains ISD will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 25 due to the football game being played in Rotan. Buses will run at this time.

Citizens group explores solutions to housing problems in Cross Plains

An organizational meeting was held on Monday evening, September 14, for the development of a non-profit organization to address the many housing needs of the Cross Plains Area. The meeting was well attended by members of existing organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, and Project Pride, with representatives of City Hall, the City Council, Citizens State Bank and other interested citizens.

Discussion focused on the well known fact that there is inadequate housing in Cross Plains, and that individuals have housing needs that cannot be met without assistance. The proposed non-profit Housing Corporation would be established to promote and encourage renovations of existing housing through programs that are available, but have

not been utilized for this area. The efforts of the initial steering committee for the group has already resulted in the USDA approving funds, totaling \$200,000 (low interest loans and grants) for housing needs in this area. Mary Graves can be contacted at 725-6563 for more information, or applications.

The attending members of the community elected a nine member Board to oversee the Corporation. Those elected to serve on the initial Board include: Richard Chaffin, Mary Graves, Linda Henson, Steve Mack, W.G. McCoy, Robert Noriega, Bob Pipes, Susan Schaefer and Jack Scott. They will work toward the goal of establishing an effective organization who's aim is to make improved housing a reality for citizens of our area.



"WEST TEXAS FAIR WINNER"—Carolyn Wilson of Cross Plains with her miniature horse "C Bar J Brenni's Angel Faline."

C Bar J Miniature Successful in West Texas Fair Competition

Carolyn Wilson of this city did very well at the West Texas Fair, American Miniature Horse approved show. The show was at Abilene on September 14 in the Griffin Arena, sponsored by the local West Texas Miniature Horse Club. The manager (co-ordinator) was Maxine Grissom and the judge was Mari Grimes.

Angel took second place in "Weanling Mares" and a second place in "Multi-Color Mares"

(where she was the baby in very large class). She also took second place in "Mare and Foal." The foal's dam is "Austin's Little Annie."

Carolyn was especially pleased, as in all three classes entered, that she received a second place behind Tony Graves of "Little America Miniature Horses." He is the owner of one of the largest miniature horse ranches in Texas and breeder of numerous National Champions.

Wilson was the sanctioned photographer again this year for the AMHA show.

Fibromyalgia Support Group to Meet Friday, September 25

The local Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet Friday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Allen and Brenda Weizer, 124 North Avenue D (across from the U.S. Post Office).

The group reported a good meeting last week and feel they are all benefiting from the sessions. If you suffer from fibromyalgia or know someone who does, please make plans to attend the support group meeting.

Staff development Oct. 5 - No school

There will be no classes on Monday, October 5, at the Cross Plains Schools due to staff development day for the teachers. Classes will resume at regular time on Tuesday, October 6.

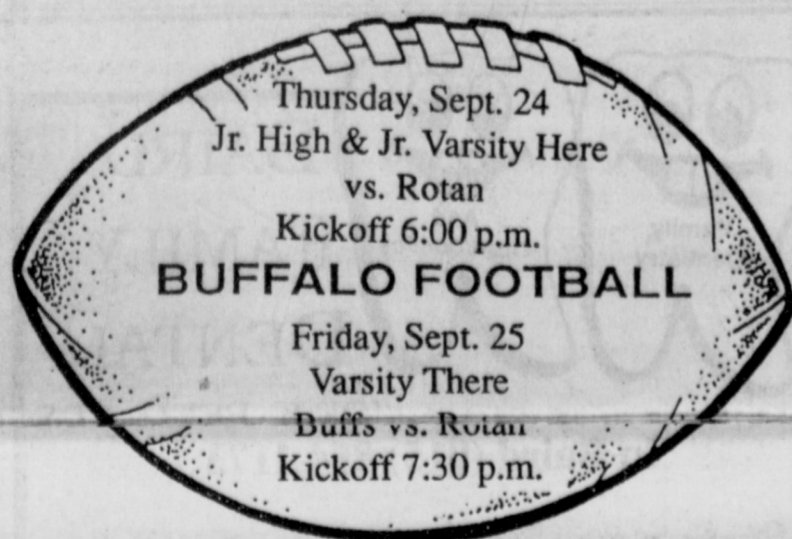
COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, September 27, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline for PIPs is Oct. 1

This year's Player in Progress program is ready to start again. PIPs performance group specializes in basketball skills, drills, and tricks. Kids eligible are grades Kindergarten through sixth grade. The PIPs program is an excellent opportunity for kids to stimulate individual work, self-discipline, and to build self-confidence. This year's camp is set for Saturday, October 10. All new PIPs K through 6th grades and last years returning PIPs grades 1 through 3 will attend the first session from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The second session will be held between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This session is for last years returning PIPs grades 4 through 6. Coordinator, Terry Thomas, is looking forward to starting up the PIP program. If you have any questions please call her at (254) 725-6460.

Deadlines
Articles Noon Mon.
Advertising Noon Tues.



Thursday, Sept. 24

Jr. High & Jr. Varsity Here

vs. Rotan

Kickoff 6:00 p.m.

BUFFALO FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 25

Varsity There

Bufs vs. Rotan

Kickoff 7:30 p.m.

Cross Plains Elementary Open House Tuesday

Cross Plains Elementary School will be hosting an Open House and "Meet Your Teacher" night on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All parents are requested to attend. There will be a short PTO meeting in the gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. Report cards will be handed out by the teachers after the PTO meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Darnell E. Montague, possession of marijuana.
 Lea Ann Cavage, criminal mischief.
 Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Carolyn Rose, Clark J. Ward, Jodie D. Ward, Lacye Armontrout, Tammy D. Martin, Margaret Brisco, Jennifer A. Galloway, Jalayne Williams.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Justin Martin Tigert, probation extended to 3-24-99.
 Tracy Patterson, probation discharged.
 Motions to revoke probations: Randy Dale Crow, Robert Wayne Schneider.
 Tammie Thornton, TPC, \$200 fine \$171.25 court costs, \$49.72 restitution.
 Tim S. Hargrove, TPC, \$500 fine plus court costs & restitution.
 Rick McGowen, TPC, \$100 fine 157 court costs, \$72.82 restitution.
 TR Clay Wheeler, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.
 BillyDewayne Smith, Hess Bail Bonds allowed to withdraw as surety.

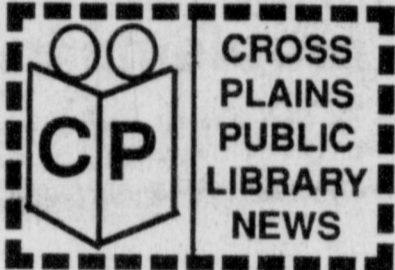
42ND DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filing

Divorce filed:
 Neeb, Frankie Joyce & Ramon Paul.
 Brewster, Thomas Lloyd & Celeste, and in the interest of minor children.

Felony Minutes

Timothy G. Baker, burglary of a habitation, \$1000 fine \$254.25 court costs, \$2415 restitution, 10 years at TDC probated for 10 years.
 Justin Lee Hobbs, probation revoked; sentenced to 1 year at TDC.



STUDENTS: Be involved, encourage your parents to get the Library Habit!

August 14-18:
 Cross Plains Books: 25
 Abilene Books: 11
 Audiocassettes: 7
Notice:
 Monday, October 5, 1998, Book Review at Lou Rodenberger at 7:00 p.m. at Cross Plains Public Library

Selected Scriptures
 I will keep on obeying your law forever and forever.
 Psalm 119:44
 Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

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OBITUARIES

Grady G. Wooten

Grady G. Wooten, 38, passed away Thursday, September 17, 1998, at his home.
 Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.
 Mr. Wooten was born August 21, 1960, in Brownwood. He was a laborer and a Baptist.
 Survivors include his mother, Juanita Wooten of Cross Plains; one brother, Johnny Wooten of Cross Plains; one sister, Anita Mays of Baird and several cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts and one uncle.
 Pallbearers were Robert Phillips, Tommy Phillips, Matt Strickland, Billy Whitely, Bobby Allen and Curtis Shields.

Dorothy Thomas

Dorothy J. Thomas, 94, passed away Saturday, September 19, 1998, in a Brownwood hospital.
 Graveside services were held at 5:00 p.m. Sunday in Cross Plains Cemetery with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Thomas was born in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, and was a homemaker. She was a Lutheran and was the widow of Archie Thomas, whom she married in 1929 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. He passed away August 27, 1990.
 Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Alton McCowen of Cross Plains; and several nieces and nephews.
 Pallbearers were Joe Hanke, Bob Rody, Bobby Jack McCowen, Jimmy McCowen, Alton McCowen and Hollis Schrell.



SURPRISE RECEPTION — Steve Mack (left) is being congratulated by Bob Gomez, Abilene Christian University facilitator, and Terry Jane Wyatt, Citizens State Bank co-worker.

Octoberfest in Rising Star slated for Oct. 10

The Third Annual Octoberfest will be held Saturday, October 10, in Rising Star, in the old Higginbotham Building with doors opening at 9:00 a.m. Those who have arts and crafts are invited to have a booth.
 There will be a parade beginning at 10:30. All antique cars and tractors are encouraged to participate.
 There will be a brisket, 1/2 chicken and ribs cook-off with a \$50 entry fee with 100% payback to winners. The bean cook-off entry fee is \$5 with a 40-30-20 split. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded.
 For more information on the cook-off you may call Coan at 254-643-1100. For more information on booth space call Earlene at 254-643-5009 or Ann at 643-3226.

Lillie Ila Ellison Husted

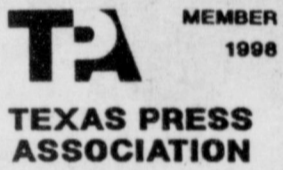
ABILENE—Lillie Ila Husted, 76, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 1998, in a local hospital.
 Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Elmwood Memorial Park with the Rev. Clayton Pennington officiating, directed by North's Funeral Home, 242 Orange.
 Mrs. Husted was born in Cross Plains and grew up in Elmdale. She married Orlan Husted in 1956 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and worked as a licensed vocational nurse. She returned to Abilene in 1998 and was a Baptist.
 Survivors include her husband, of Abilene; two sons, Clifton Hobbs of Oklahoma and Preston Husted of Myrtle Point, Oregon; two sisters, Vergie Mazy of Abilene and Bertha Pipin of Muskogee, Oklahoma; one brother, Tom Ellison of Phoenix, Arizona; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - No one should fear being at home

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In October, throughout Texas will be working to focus public awareness on the epidemic of domestic violence and encouraging all Texans to become part of the solution.
 Domestic violence has reached epidemic proportions. In the United States, two to four million women are physically abused each year by the men who promise to love them. And here in Texas in 1997, 102 women were killed by their intimate male partners and 181, 773 incidents of family violence were reported to law enforcement - up 17% since 1993.
 No woman should fear violence in her own home. No child should dread coming home. But help is out there. In October, domestic violence prevention advocates will be raising public awareness of domestic violence, providing people with ideas for action and letting women who are abused know that they are not alone and that help is available.
 Domestic violence affects all of us - every community, every workplace, every family. And we all have a responsibility to end domestic violence. Action can be as simple as contributing money or clothing to a local battered women's shelter. Some people might prefer to volunteer their time to a local program or shelter. Affixing a bumper sticker to a car requires only seconds, but sends a clear message that there is no excuse for domestic violence.
 There is no excuse for domestic violence; everyone must learn the facts and help stop domestic violence. If you have any questions, please call 512-794-1133, ext. 3115.

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SWCD Zone 1 & 2 Director Elections

An election of the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District director's serving Zones 1 and 2 of Callahan County is scheduled for October 5, 1998, at the Callahan Divide SWCD Office, 141 West 4th, located in Baird announced Jack Farmer, chairman of the board. The election will start at 1:00 p.m. Currently the director serving Zone 1 is Jack Farmer, Zone 2 is Joe Compton.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held, in this case Callahan County. The person must also live in the county and be at least 18 years of age.
 Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district director must own land in the zone he represents, be at least 18 years of age. Also the person elected as director must live in a county all or part of which is in the district. Soil and water conservation district directors serve four year terms of office.
 The purpose of the Callahan

Divide SWCD, headquartered in Baird at the Soil Conservation Service office, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm, ranches and individual properties within the district. Also the district serves as a voice for farmers and ranches on conservation matters. The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies as well as other organizations. The district has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes. All conservation assistance is available to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.
 Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this election who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf of hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille, are requested to contact Clint Rollins at 915-854-1349 at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

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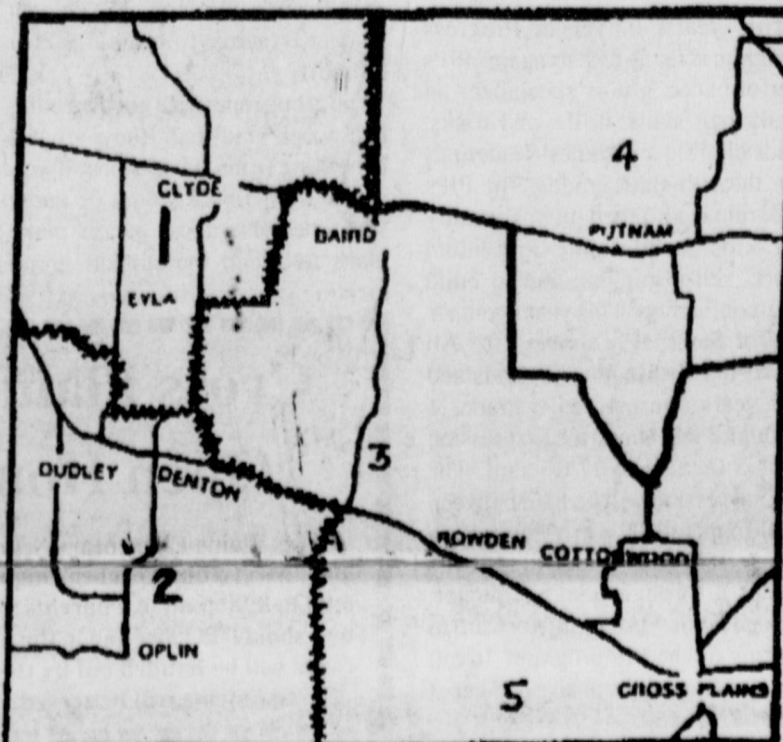
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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

This is the day for our Annual Art Show. Pictures are displayed and our judges, Betty Beggs and Debbie Griswold are looking them over. The participants anxiously wait to see what place their picture will bring. The results will be in next weeks paper.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dorothy Thomas. May the love of friends bring you comfort, and God's love give you peace.

Our love and prayers for a fast recovery are sent out to fellow employee, Becky Smith. Hurry back, Becky we miss you.

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

Michael Curry and Deborah Griswold visited Deen Haddox.

Brenton McNutt was here visiting everyone.

Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Arlington visited Louise Richardson.

Ray and Gloria Curry from Abilene, Kenneth Brooks from Arlington, Richard and Linda Wilson, Alva and Wanda visited with

Blanche Brooks and Howet Wilson. Vernon Simpson from Giddings visited Inola Wilcoxon and Alpha Wilson.

Buck and Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth visited Leila Montgomery.

Hazel and Peggy Lee, Ector Mireles Jr., Katrina Mireles and Ector, B. Mireles Sr. visited with Pauline Region.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Howet Wilson (2), Minnie Swann, Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson (2) and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social. Dominoes.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (2), Louise Richardson (3), Vera Belyeu (2) and Minnie Swann. Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist Church

Love makes every day special!

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Mutt and Jeff (with whiskers)"
Back in the 1950's when we were younger...you will notice that I did not say "when we were young." Instead I said when we were younger; there's a world of difference when you add those two extra letters-e-r. It doesn't sound so far back in the past when you say younger instead of "when I was young."

Speaking of age, when our number 2 son was around 6 years of age, he came home from school with a question for us. We were living in Deming, New Mexico at the time. "The Question---?? He only wanted to know whether we had been living when Abraham Lincoln was President. Suffice to say, the answer was a big resounding "NO." We explained that when Lincoln was president not even his grandparents (the oldest people he knew at the time) had been born yet. It does kind of knock the wind out of you though when your six year old comes home with such a startling question. It causes you to trem-m-mble; and hasten to check in the mirror. Check to see whether you might suddenly have developed a lot more wrinkles since you saw your son off to school that morning!

Let's see now where were we? Oh yes, back in the 1950's when we were younger, it was our custom to gather downtown on Saturday afternoons. We lived in Baird by then; having moved there from Cross Plains. Every Saturday my sister and I with friends would gather at the local downtown movie theatre for the double feature matinee. Following the movie, a lot of us would go about 2 or 3 doors down to the drugstore owned by Jerry Loper or to the one on the corner across the street.

You see in the '50's there were no Dairy Queens, McDonalds, Burger Kings, Whataburgers etc. Almost every drugstore though was equipped with a soda fountain.

Usually 2 or 3 high school students were employed there to make cold drinks, ice cream treats etc. and serve them. So that's pretty much where the teenagers hung out. You could sit on stools at the soda fountain or in booths provided for that purpose. There were usually pimento cheese, or ham salad sandwiches available in bags, snacks such as potato chips, Frito's, peanuts and candy bars. To go with that, there was lots of conversation, chit-chat, laughing, joking, clowning around, gossiping, flirting -- etc... etc.

Along with all that there were fountain drinks, ice cream, milkshakes, malteds, frosted cokes, or floats as some called them, and other delicious delicacies. Some favorites were cherry limes, cherry cokes, vanilla cokes, vanilla Dr. Pepper and other creations. Would you believe today, that at that time a large milkshake would cost you a quarter -- yep, a whole 25¢. Quite a few soda fountain drinks had very unusual names such as: banana split, double dipper, etc.!

However, my favorite was a "Mutt and Jeff" or you could order a "Mutt and Jeff with Whiskers." That was two dips of ice cream in a dish, one dip vanilla and the other chocolate, with chocolate syrup poured over. With whiskers, they sprinkled malt overall. I especially liked vanilla milkshakes also.

Remember that old favorite, open a bottle of coke or Dr. Pepper and pour a bag of peanuts in it? There was absolutely nothing better.

Come to think of it, we've got some peanuts and I know where I can find a coke. Maybe there will be a movie on TV and I'll just get younger and younger and youn---.

My goodness, look at the time, I must have drifted off.

See you next column; if I'm not still a-drif-f-t-i-nn-g!!!!

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PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie and Mrs. Ed McAnally visited with Ed at Coleman's Holiday Hills. Enjoyed it very much. Then they visited with Mr. Wesley Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw. Friday Oliver and Frankie attended the Coleman musical. Saturday they went to Ranger and visited Mrs. Ruby Ainsworth and Dorothy Rogers. Oliver, Frankie and Dorothy Rogers went to Weatherford, spent Saturday night with Frankie's and Dorothy's sister, Yvonne Pidgeon. Enjoyed the visits very much.

Earlene Burge drove to Ascote to pick up her daughter Jessica Stultz. She and her husband, Jack, were on their way to Dallas and she stopped off to go home while Jack went on and returned home later that night to Brownwood. Jessica's son, Jon, came to Earlene's to take her on home. They got to have a good visit before she had to leave.

Earlene Burge and Laverne Hutton entered quilts and wall-hangings in the Gorman Peanut Festival Quilt Show last Friday afternoon. Saturday they went back for the festival. To their surprise they found that they had won ribbons. Earlene won 1st place on her "Lone Star" quilt. Laverne won 1st place on a quilted pillow, 3rd and 4th places on two wall hangings, 1st place on her "Pioneer Rose" quilt and 3rd on her "Scrap String" quilt. She won a blue ribbon on the "Wigg Rose" quilt she entered in the old quilt category. It was made by her Grandmother Gurley in 1931. The political parties of early America chose quilts to represent their parties. The Wigg Party Chose this rose pattern known as the "Wigg Rose."

Paul, Juanita and Vi Harlow of Lovington, New Mexico are visiting

with Jean Fore a week. Grasson and Myrtle Harlow of Arlington visited for a few days also. They attended the musical at Cisco Saturday night.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's children J.D. and Sandy, Danny and Trisha, Lynn and Pam and a grandson Robert had the noon meal with them on Tuesday. Laverne and Cowan attended worship services Sunday night at Brownwood Lake.

Helen Tillotson has returned home from California. She had a nice long visit with her daughter. It's good to have her home. We are all glad to know Donna Burleson is up and around again.

The community had a nice rain shower. It has made the surroundings look green and smell fresh. The cooler air was welcome.

The domino party will be Thursday night, September 24. Come on out and have a good time. There was a good crowd two weeks ago.

The Quilting Club has three beautiful quilts in Earlene's "Log Cabin," Eva Mac's "Shipwreck," and Frankie's "Quilt of Hearts." All members but one were present. We really miss Billie Freeman. Sure hope she is feeling better and will soon be with us. We had Juanita Harlow helping us quilt this week. It's always a pleasure to have her. Paul Harlow and Vi Harlow joined us for lunch. We had an excellent lunch. Our men folks joined us as usual. Our football team travels to Rotan this week. I am sure they appreciate all the support and encouragement we can give them. Go Buffs!!

Words of Wisdom #48: Before a man can wake up and find himself famous, he has to wake up and find himself.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By
BEVERLY BROWN

On Sunday, September 27, there will be a fellowship dinner following the morning worship services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Please bring a covered dish for the noon meal. A tree dedication ceremony will also be held following the meal at 1:15 p.m. This will be in memory of Blanche Moore and honoring Knox Waggoner for his 27 years of pastoring at Cottonwood Baptist. Members of the church cordially invite everyone to attend. It will be a busy day for the church

members on that day (Sept. 27) as they also will be having church services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home at 3:30 p.m. We urge all members to participate and visit with the residents.

Carlile Albrecht of the US Navy stationed in the Cuba area was home recently visiting with family members and Mr. Dan Childers.

On Sunday, October 4, at the Cottonwood Baptist Church the Lord's Supper will be held during the evening services.

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

One time when all of the children of Ma and Pa were of school age and still at home, a visiting neighbor child stopped by on his way home from school. The child was from a very, very large family and decided to stay and play until dark. They invited him to stay for supper and he accepted happily.

While the group was eating the meal, the child was asked if his

family knew where he was. He advised Ma that they did not know where he was.

Ma then asked if they wouldn't miss him and he replied, "No there are so many of us I won't be missed until I start stinking."

There was a prolonged silence, followed by a few members of the family leaving the table.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Norma Vandiver had a kidney removed Monday, September 21st, at M.D. Anderson. She came through the surgery well -- already sitting up and feeling fine. She and her family are appreciative of the prayers on her behalf from this community.

Norma's family treated her to a

steak dinner and all the trimmings prior to her surgery and she was thrilled.

If you would like to send her a card address it to:

P 7 Room 15
M.D. Anderson
1515 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030.

Hunters Feed at Cross Plains Anticipated

Has anyone noticed that camouflage dressed people were everywhere as of September 1st, the official day of dove hunting season?

This year KIX Radio Station of Brownwood will cook hamburgers for the hunters at J&L's lot at the red light on November 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anyone wanting to help sponsor the event can do so for a minimum of a \$20 donation. Your donation will entitle you to free advertising for your business on KIX FM in Brownwood and KSTA in Coleman through the month of October. That is a great advertising buy! The

deadline to participate is Monday, September 28th -- NO EXCEPTIONS!

The Hunters Feed will need donated gifts for the drawing. The hunters must come to your business to collect their gift and hopefully will purchase additional items. Be thinking of gifts to help draw potential customers to your place of business.

Contact Rusty Reed at (254) 725-7363, Joe Kemp at (254) 725-7158 or make your deposit in the Hunters Feed Account at Citizens State Bank.

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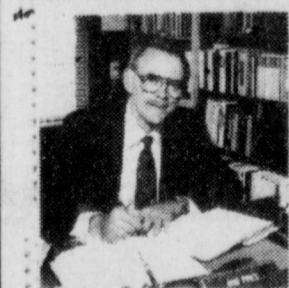
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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Last week I noted three things which strip marriages, leaving them bare and susceptible to "erosion," much like strip-mining in the past: 1) Taking each other for granted; 2) Becoming a workaholic, failing to save time for each other; 3) Avoiding communication because of the expensive investment necessary -- effort, emotion and time.

Now let me mention some things that will strengthen and build marriages, and prevent deterioration: 1) A commitment (or recommitment) of each to the other as a lifetime marriage partner. Call it "renewing your vows: if you like, but it's important for each to know of the other's lifetime commitment. 2) Put aside a time each week to be with each other in a special way. If you really want to add some "zip and spice" to it, call it a date! But whatever you call it and whatever you decide to do during this time, spend some time together (just the two of you) each week. 3) Continue to learn new and helpful information. You may do this by reading some good books on marriage, the role of each and your relationship to each other -- or you could attend a good "marriage enrichment seminar." Preface and/or complement these with a serious look at God's instructions for marriage in His manual on marriage, family and the home, the Bible.

Our marriages are not going to get stronger simply because we hope they will or because we live in the same house. They will get stronger when we give attention to it, work on it, learn how to improve it and put it into action. A marriage does not have to erode away by a continuous "stripping away of the top and leaving it bare."

Let's put more into it than is taken out.

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.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



Featured "Buffalo Band Members"



VARSITY CAPTAINS SHAKE HANDS WITH RANGER BULLDOGS



BUFFALOES OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Buffaloes Continue to Strive for First Victory

By CANDICE FRANCY C.P. Student Review Writer

On Friday night the Cross Plains Buffaloes were defeated by the Ranger Bulldogs by a score of 41-14.

Ranger selected to receive the football, but the 1st quarter consisted of punts and loss of the ball on downs. Neither team scored in the 1st quarter, but an interception by Ranger in the 2nd quarter proved to be the start of a Bulldog scoring drive. Travis Clifton of Ranger ran in for the touchdown with the extra point good.

The Buffaloes headed to the locker room down 7-0. The Buffaloes opened the scoring with a 31 yard touchdown run early in the 3rd quarter. Later a Cross Plains fumble set up a Ranger touchdown.

The Buffaloes' scoring was opened by a 40 yard touchdown run by Jody Pancake. Richards kept the ball on the 2-point conversion which was good.

After this scoring drive, Cross Plains attempted another kick which was fumbled by Ranger and recovered by the Buffaloes. This was capped by a touchdown pass from Richards to Kenny Callaway. The 2-point conversion was no good.

The Buffaloes kicked off and it was again fumbled by the Bulldogs, recovered by Cross Plains. A few plays later, a Buffalo fumble was recovered by Ranger. The 3rd quarter ended with the score Ranger 21 and Cross Plains 14.

The 4th quarter was opened by a Ranger touchdown run. After that, the game belonged to Ranger. Another TD run was made by the Bulldogs. Then, Cross Plains, fumbled the ball and Ranger recovered it. This set up yet another touchdown run by Ranger. The final score was Ranger 41 Cross Plains 14.

Even in this loss, the crowd was very enthusiastic and supportive. The Buffaloes travel to Rotan next week, seeking their first victory.



POWERFUL JUNIOR VARSITY OFFENSIVE LINE



JUNIOR VARSITY HAVING A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

JV on a winning streak Victorious over Ranger 20-0

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity challenged Ranger on Thursday, September 17.

The score at half was 6-0 with the Buffaloes leading. The 3rd quarter exhibited a 14-0 score and the final score board was 20-0. Nathan Hawkins scored 1

touchdown plus a 2-point conversion and Tim Butler scored two touchdowns.

The next game is Thursday September 24 against Rotan.

Submitted by Coach Larry Barte

Club Pig Sale Mon., October 5

The eighth annual Club Pig Sale benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center is set for Monday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn located behind the football field on Antilley Road in Abilene.

Don Richburg and Jimmy D. Smith of Roscoe are serving as co-charimen for the event. Only pigs purchased during this sale are eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show which will be Saturday, December 5, 1998, at the Wylie FFA Showbarn.

Last year there were 130 pigs donated to the sale, which raised over \$17,000 for the Rehab Center. Pigs have already been pledged this year by John Chumbley who donated the highest selling pig at last year's sale and by Salt Branch Farms of Merkel who donated the pig that won the Grand Champion at the Rehab Jackpot Show. Other pledges received are from Penner Hampshires, Plymouth, NE; Wilbert Branden, Midland; Bobby Lee, Wilson; Harvey - Schwertner, Miles; Clarence Schaefer, Rowena; and Schwartz Livestock, Wall. Co-chairmen Jimmy Dean Smith and Don Richburg have also donated pigs.

Richburg and Smith are asking everyone to make plans to attend the sale and come early for beans and cornbread and look over the pigs. They are expecting the same high quality of pigs again this year.

For more information about the sale or to pigs call the West Texas Rehabilitation Center/ 915-793-3507 (Abilene) or 915-223-6300 (San Angelo).

SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken patty on bun, tater tots, carrots, apple slices and milk.

TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/ gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Soft tacos, salad, corn, fruit crisp and milk.

THURSDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli w/cheese sauce, garlic rolls, pineapples and milk.

FRIDAY — Submarine sandwich, chips, pickles, salad, Rice Krispie treat and milk.

C P Cross Country Results

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

The Cross Plains Cross Country runners were at home this weekend for their annual run at Lakewood golf course.

A total of 784 runners competed in 6 races.

Runners are slowly but surely fine tuning their running habits with all times on work-out routines and races are coming on down. At present biggest problem is the 100 degree heat during workout.

Volunteers for our home meet once again did an outstanding job in helping make this one of the best run meets in this whole area. We have a brand new set of parents this year who have kids running and they are very cooperative in helping us out.

Runners will be in Coleman to run on a beautiful course laid out on Hordes Creek Lake. Schedule of running events will be handed out. Thanks for all the good help.

Results are as follows:

Varsity boys - ran 3 miles - 95 runners

J. Hopkins - 49th - 20:24

Varsity girls - ran 2 miles - 93 runners

runners 10 teams - finished 7th as a team

L. Ricci - 20th - 13:53

B. Bennett - 26th - 14:10

E. McCarty - 37th - 14:40

B. Richey - 55th - 14:42

J. Turner - 75th - 15:29

JV girls - ran 2 miles - 78 runners

8 teams - finished 7th as a team

M. Nickerson - 20th - 15:16

W. Giles - 27th - 15:25

E. Stephens - 35th - 15:53

A. Swift - 57th - 16:56

M. Chessir - 73rd - 19:30

Jr. high boys - ran 1 mile - 86 runners - 8 teams - finished 5th as team

J. Mauricio - 11th - 5:54

B. Phillips - 14th - 6:00

R. Mack - 20th - 6:08

A. Bennett - 45th - 6:35

D. Dickson - 49th - 6:38

R. Duncan - 63rd - 6:51

B. Jones - 65th - 6:54

T. Jones - 81st - 8:18

Jr. high girls - ran 1 mile - 145 runners - 10 teams - finished 5th as team

C. Hyles - 2nd - 6:42

S. Hyles - 6th - 6:47

D. Eppard - 32nd - 17:17

B. Dillard - 40th - 7:25

S. Watson - 46th - 7:30

A. Rivard - 47th - 7:31

J. James - 56th - 7:38



JENNIFER HARTMAN

Jennifer is the daughter of Louis and Susan Hartman. She was born on September 30, 1982.

She has been in band for 5 years and has been with the Cross Plains band for 2 years. She has participated in All-Region band for the last 3 years. Jennifer is a clarinetist and a Woodwind leader as well as Loading Crew manager for the Mighty Buffalo Band.

She is currently participating in basketball, Spanish Club, Stampede Newspaper and Annual Staff.

MIKEY BENNETT

Mikey is the son of Phillip and Sherry Bennett. He was born on December 1, 1982. Mikey is a sophomore and has been in band for 4 years. He plays drums and made All-District band on tympani has freshman year.

He is in One-Act Play and Art. He also enjoys playing the guitar after school.

A halophyte is a plant that grows in salty soil where most plants would die. Asparagus is a halophyte.

CPISD School Board Minutes

September 15, 1998

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Rex Beggs, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards, and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Jackie Tennison, Elem. Principal Margie Sowell, and Guests Karen Dunaway.

Prayer was led by Rickey Carey. Minutes were approved as read.

In open forum, Karen Dunaway presented a proposal for Cats Gymnastics to use the gym for Saturday gymnastics program.

Motion was made by Carey and

seconded by Wyatt to pay bills for the month of September. For 6/Against 0

Report was given by Rondall Sanders and Margie Sowell for ISD Report Card and ACT - SAT scores.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we accept the resignation of Beverly Pope and Irene Sanders. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Beggs that we hire Teresa Koenig for Elementary PE Aide at \$5.15/hr. for 1998/99 school year. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Beggs that we adjourn at 10:18 p.m. For 5/Against 0

Athletic Boosters Meet

The Athletic Boosters will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the gym foyer. Come and be a Buffalo and Lady Buff supporter. It costs everyone to make it work. Memberships are \$5.00 a year. We will be selling memberships at every home game.

Annual Staff News

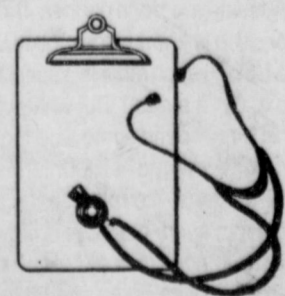
Fall Picture Day is Wednesday, September 23. All grades will have their pictures made for the yearbook. Pre-paid packages only, No Proofs will be sent.

Try Your Luck - Take a chance at a 30-06 Savage rifle. Chances are \$1.00 for 1 or \$5.00 for 6, they will be sold at every home football game. To be given away November 7.

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CROSS PLAINS JUNIOR HIGH BATTLIN BUFFS FIRE UP BEFORE RANGER GAME Photo Courtesy of Teresa Koenig.

Junior High Football Team Defeated by Ranger 32-0

By TERESA KOENIG

Captains leading the Battlin Buffs this week were Brandon Jones, Chris Harris and Klay Wilson.

The Bulldogs won the toss and elected to kick the ball. Ranger scored within minutes on a Buffalo fumble and the extra point was good.

The kickoff was received by #24 Marcus Williams placing the Buffaloes on the 27th to start their first possession. The Buffs were unable to make any yardage.

Jose Mauricio got off a 27 yard punt with the Bulldogs taking the ball on the 25 yard line. Ranger scored another 6 points plus an extra point.

Byron McNutt returned the kickoff with a gain of 6 yards. The Bulldogs dominated the Buffs by executing passes leading to another 6 points and 2 extra points.

McNutt received the kickoff gaining 5 yards and placing the Buffaloes on the 35 yard line. Ryan Mack handed off to Cole Koenig who picked up three yards. Koenig gained 5 yards on the next down. Mack carried on a quarterback keeper. The kicking team came in with Mauricio. The Bulldogs fumbled but recovered and ran out the clock for the 1st quarter.

At the beginning of the 2nd quarter the Bulldogs picked up play and the Buffs held them. On the 1st down Mack handed off to Koenig who was met by a pile of Bulldogs. Williams tried the next down, getting hit head on. A pass was completed to Aaron Lewis but Mauricio had to punt again.

At this point both teams put in their 7th graders. Several flags went

up on the Bulldogs as they moved up the field and they still had to punt. Thomas Stephens downed the ball on the 27 yard line with only 3:11 left in the half. The Buffs tried a passing game on the 1st and 2nd downs which were incomplete to Koenig and Williams. Koenig carried the ball past the 30 yard line on the 3rd down but Mauricio had to punt again. This completed the half.

The Buffs kicked off to the Dogs and Cross Plains took down Ranger on the 20 yard line. The Bulldogs made a 1st down but it was brought back due a penalty. The Buffaloes were holding on tight. With 1:38 remaining in the 3rd quarter Ranger made a TD bringing the score to 32-0.

Randy Duncan received the kickoff on the 23 yard line. The Buffs were stopped at the line of scrimmage on the 1st and 2nd downs and had a small gain on the 3rd down. The buzzer sounded for the end of the 3rd quarter.

Mauricio kicked off to the Bulldogs. The Buffs drew an offside penalty. Cross Plains held the Dogs with some great defensive plays from Harris, McNutt and Koenig. They kept Ranger from scoring the rest of the 4th quarter and the final score was 32-0.

This young Buff team showed great improvement from last week. Thanks to our great cheerleaders for cheering their team on. Fans are encouraged to come out and support the team.

Tackles and Assists: #60 - 1; 74 - 1 assist; 28 - 2; 30 - 4; 40 - 2-1; 11 - 2; 8 - 1; 46 - 2; 45 - 2; 78 - 1-1; 10 - 1; 84 - 1-2; 44 - 1; 62 - 1; 36 - 1 assist; 20 - 3-1; 61 - 3; 75 - 1-2; 68 - 2.

Selective Service Registration can now be verified

For the first time, the Internet can be used to find out if a man is registered with the Selective Service System (SSS). "This will make registration verification easier for men in millions of computer households," says Gil Coronado, Director of the Selective Service System in Arlington, Virginia, the government agency responsible for conducting a draft in a national emergency. "It will also make it easy for officials dispensing federal and state benefits or privileges linked to registration to check and see if a young man is registered before he is deemed eligible for the benefit," Coronado said, noting that the Selective Service System celebrates its 58th anniversary during September. The Agency was formally created on September 16, 1940.

There are many federal and state benefits linked to the registration requirement. These include federal student assistance (Pell grants and college loans), job training under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and eligibility for jobs in the Executive Branch of government,

including jobs with the US Postal Service. Eligibility for citizenship to do so. Additionally, half of all the states have legislation supporting Selective Service. Several states deny enrollment in state colleges and universities to young men who are required to register, but have not done so. Many states refuse state employment to those young men not registered with Selective Service.

Anyone using a computer connected to the Internet can go to the Selective Service Web site at <http://www.sss.gov>, and they will find a link to "Check a Registration." By entering a man's last name, social security number, and date of birth, the SSS computer will research the data base and display on the screen the man's Selective Service number and effective date of registration.

"This new verification service will be enormously helpful to man who must provide their Selective Service numbers to obtain student loans or federal jobs," notes Coronado.

Young men must register within 30 days of turning 18 in accordance with federal law. More than 38 million men have registered since 1980, the names and addresses of men ages 18 through 25 on file in the Selective Service System date base, America remains ready to face any future threat.

4-H Food and Nutrition Project gets under way

While proving that "you are what you eat" may be difficult, 4-H members in the food and nutrition program can certainly gain a better understanding of nutritious foods that can contribute to healthful living.

Specific objective of the 4-H Food and Nutrition Program are these:

- * Learn the importance of incorporating the Food Guide Pyramid into the daily diet.

- * Understand the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness and appearance.

- * Learn about the wide variety of foods which may be included in the diet.

- * Understand the scientific principles of nutrition.

- * Acquire and demonstrate skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals and snacks.

The Food and Nutrition Program gives 4-H members an opportunity to gain life long learning experiences regarding a nutritious diet.

Those youth interested in participating in the 4-H Food Show will need to attend the Food Show Training Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, at the Clyde Home Economic Building. The training will be a new and exciting format which we hope to prepare the youth for the County Food Show to be held on Saturday, October 24. The County 4-H Food show is open to all 4-H youth. If you are not yet enrolled in 4-H they can enroll for 4-H at the Food Show Training or by contacting the County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Submitted by Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent

Baird ISD Semi-Annual Reunion Sept. 25&26

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

BAIRD—Baird Schools Semi-Annual reunion is this weekend and will have the 50 year reunion of the Classes of 1948 and 1949.

All members of these graduating classes are urged to attend the planned festivities on Friday and Saturday.

An outside pep rally will be held at Bear Stadium at 3:05 p.m. Friday and the game between Baird and Throckmorton will begin at 8 p.m.

The Class of 1949 will meet for breakfast at the home of Carroll Gillett's, at the corner of 10th and Cherry Streets across from Allsup's, at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Class of 1948 will meet for breakfast at the home of Bill Hart, located at the corner of 7th and Arch Streets, at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

After the Ex's business meeting all in the Class of '48 & '49 are invited to attend a "get-together" at the home of Jon Hardwick located at the corner of 6th and Cherry Streets.

A dinner for both classes will be held at the Baird Activity Center (the old light plant) beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Many other activities are planned for all Baird Ex's Saturday.

Anyone wanting more information can contact Jon Hardwick at (915) 854-1256, Bill Hart (915) 854-1732, Norma Barton (915) 854-1572, or Jackie Pruet (915) 854-1426.

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Kids and teachers set example

Students and teachers in 120 school districts were awarded an 'exemplary' rating by the Texas Education Agency as a result of their high scores on Spring 1998 TAAS* tests in reading, writing, and math, as well as high attendance in school and low dropout rates in the 1996-97 school year.

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	loaded, NEW VEHICLE, 36/36 GM warranty	
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Hospice officials wish more people knew about services

By LORETTA FULTON
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More people would take advantage of the services offered by hospice care if they knew about it, providers believe.

Even though hospice care as we know it today has been available in the United States since the 1970s, "there is still a void in the public's knowledge and a lot of misconceptions," said David Stephenson, executive director of Hendrick Hospice Care.

But every year more and more people choose to take advantage of the services provided by hospices. A common comment Stephenson hears is "we wish we had known about you sooner."

The Abilene area is served by both Hendrick Hospice Care and Hospice of the Big Country.

In order to be served by hospice, federal regulations require the referring physician to sign a certificate of terminal illness. The certification states that "if the disease follows its normal course," the patient's life expectancy is six months, Stephenson said. "That's the key."

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 puts hospice referrals under tighter scrutiny than before, Stephenson said, causing some physicians to be more cautious in signing the "six months to live" certification.

"We are getting them into the program for shorter periods," he said.

The reason for the crackdown is abuse of Medicare reimbursement, Stephenson said. A sweeping government inquiry into Medicare fraud has caused local doctors to delay referring patients to hospice agencies for pain relief, often waiting until it's too late for help, Stephenson said.

This has deprived patients and their families of professional help to cope with death in a comfortable setting.

Even so, hospice continues to grow in popularity, and insurance companies are realizing how much cheaper hospice care is than the traditional hospital care, Stephenson said.

Recent analysis shows that for every 66 cents that Medicare spends on hospice care, a stay in the hospital would have cost an additional \$1.66, Stephenson said.

Besides the savings, hospice provides services as in-home

nursing care, light housekeeping, chaplaincy service, emotional support, and social services.

Bettie Bowen, bereavement coordinator for Hendrick Hospice Care, said often those services are a godsend to the patient and family.

She quoted from a letter she recently received as an example of the frequent comments she hears: "When hospice walked through our front door, it was like God sent a band of angels."

As a condition of participation with the national umbrella organization, each hospice must offer bereavement services for up to a year after the patient's death, said Bowen, who recently was named Bereavement Coordinator of the Year by the Texas Hospice Organization, which also includes New Mexico.

Hospice offers a number of services, but perhaps most importantly, it gives the patient and family control, unlike a hospital setting, said Stephenson, the Hendrick Hospice Care director.

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INFORMATIVE SPEAKERS AT KIWANIS MEETING—Connie Ricci and Jacque Childress were the featured program at the last meeting of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club. They spoke on the accelerated reading program at the local elementary school. A grant of \$75,000 has been given to the school to help fund the program. \$20,000 of that money will be used to purchase new books.

They reported that since the program began in February of this year, many young people have been involved in the reading program and all are enjoying and profiting from it immensely.

Pictured above with Connie and Jacque is Ron Bagley, program chairman for this week. The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday, 12:00 noon, at Jean's Feedbarn.



INTERESTING GUEST SPEAKER — Kiwanian Benny Callaway (left) invited his son, Marty Callaway, to speak about two trips he made to China as a representative of his employer, Kohler in Brownwood.

Here's looking Ah-choo! It's time for your flu shot

Now is the time to get your flu shot, especially if you're older than 65. The ideal time to get the inoculation is from October through November to give your body time to build up antibodies to the virus which usually strikes Texas around Christmas and lasts until February.

Preliminary reports say that this season's outbreak is expected to be more severe than in previous years, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia.

"The shots may help prevent you from getting influenza, or at least may minimize your symptoms if you do catch it. In other words, you can still get the flu. But typically, it will be a milder case," said John Carpenter, M.D., Scott & White physician specializing in treating infectious diseases and professor at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic is the state's largest multidisciplinary medical center with 500 physicians, 18 regional clinics and more than 1.1 million patient visit each year. It is also affiliated with the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

"If you wait until the end of December to get your flu shot, it may be too late. The vaccine needs about two to three weeks to take effect," Dr. Carpenter said. "The month of October is the best time because it allows your body time to build antibodies (natural defenses) to the virus before you are exposed. The shot helps prevent influenza in 70 to 80 percent of the population and minimizes its symptoms and duration in others."

The immunity lasts from six months to a year. Influenza strains change each year, which is why most people need annual shots. This year, the vaccine will have antigens for three influenza strains - A/Sydney, A/Beijing and B/Beijing. Last year type A accounted for 99.5 percent of the influenza isolates reported by the World Health Organization, according to statistics released by the Centers for Disease Control.

Unlike colds, which can occur at

any time during the year, influenza is usually a winter ailment. Symptoms include rapid onset of high fever (102 to 104 degrees), chills, mild shortness of breath, severe muscle aches, fatigue, severe headache, congestion, chest discomfort, dry cough and sore throat.

Medical researchers have found no antibiotic that will cure the flu although medical researches have developed medicines that can shorten the duration of Type A flu and decrease the severity of symptoms. High-risk persons with chances for prolonged exposure may even be candidates for the medicine as a preventive measure once the flu season begins. These people should talk to their physicians about this medication.

Most other medications - either by prescription or over-the-counter - attack only the symptoms associated with the flu. Cough medicine and decongestants are frequently used by patients to manage the symptoms. "Thus, the best treatment is prevention by getting a flu shot," Dr. Carpenter added.

Flu can also lead to such complications as pneumonia, sinus infection and other related conditions, he said. "A common cold, on the other hand, occurs year round, is less severe and develops more slowly than does influenza," Dr. Carpenter added.

Who should get a flu shot? Physicians recommend flu shots for the following:

- * People 65 years or older
- * People with chronic medical conditions such as diseases of the heart, lungs or blood or diabetes.
- * People who work with the public, such as school teachers and health-care workers.
- * People who live in group homes or institutional facilities, such as nursing homes or school dormitories.
- * People whose immune systems are weakened by cancer treatment or because of AIDS.
- * Children and teenagers (6 months to 18 years) who take long-term aspirin therapy and who may be at risk for developing Reye syndrome after influenza.

1998 Fiesta de la Paloma Set For Sat., October 3

It's Fiesta time in Coleman! The Annual Fiesta de la Paloma is set for Saturday, October 3. This annual festival is always packed with super activities including Arts & Crafts, Flea Market, Food Vendors, Classic Car Show, Pet Show, Miss Coleman County Pageant, and lots of entertainment under the Big Top Tent. Activities are held in downtown Coleman with hours set for 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Handicap parking will be available. Free admission to the Fiesta. A dance will be held that evening at the Coleman National Guard Armory featuring Kelly Spinks and Miles of Texas Band. The dance price is \$5.00 for all ages.

The Fine Arts League of Coleman County will also hold its 7th Annual Art Show. Artists are invited to enter their paintings and photographs. Registration will be September 28, at 216 Commercial Ave.

Annual Bluegrass Reunion Oct. 2-4

Oakdale Park, in Glen Rose, will host its 24th Annual Bluegrass Reunion during the first weekend in October. The three-day event will run October 2-4. Bluegrass musicians, both professional and semi-professional, will perform on the outdoor stage.

Musicians will arrive in Oakdale Park as early as a week prior to the show. Bluegrass jam sessions will be held nightly beginning September 25. Various activities, including pot luck meals and a bluegrass performance at the nursing home, are scheduled the week prior to the show.

The stage performance will begin Friday, October 2, at 7:15 p.m. and will run until midnight. On Saturday, October 3, an Open Stage will be set up. All area bands and musicians are invited to sign up for a time to entertain on stage. The official program will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until 11:45 p.m. Sunday stage hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Featured performers for this year's program are nationally-known bands, The Lewis Family and Silver Cloud Tradition. Favorite groups returning to the Oakdale stage are Otis and Clovis, Twice As Nice, Concho Grass, and WST Bluegrass. New to the Glen Rose area are Good News Band and Amanda and Company.

In addition to the posted stage hours, music can be heard throughout the park as musicians gather in small groups for informal jam sessions. Park guests are welcome to walk from jam session to jam session and enjoy the music performed by the various musicians.

* Household members (including children) of high-risk persons.

"Some patients should not receive the vaccine," he added. "These include people who are severely allergic to eggs and those with a current illness that produces fever. Women who are pregnant or who think they may be pregnant should consult with their doctors before getting the shot."

The flu shot usually produces minimal side-effects, such as soreness at the injection site. Some people who receive the shot may experience mild flu-like symptoms such as slight fever and muscle aches from six to 24 hours after getting the vaccination, but these symptoms fade away. "It is certainly easier to put up with that than being sick with the flu for a week or more," Dr. Carpenter said.

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from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Show time will be Saturday, October 3. Numerous cash gifts and gift awards will be given. A cash prize of \$400.00 will be given for best show.

Cook-off contestants will be vying for cash and trophies in the Dove Cook-Off. Entry fee is \$30.00.

The Arts and Crafts Fair will feature a great variety of hand crafted items just in time for Christmas shopping. There is also a large selection of food and commercial booths. Children will have lots of games, train rides and other activities to keep them busy. A Classic Car Show will also be held.

Don't miss the Annual Fiesta de la Paloma October 3, in Downtown Coleman. For more information call the Coleman Chamber of Commerce at 915-625-2163 or FAX 915-625-2164.

7th Annual Art Show in Coleman Set For Oct. 3

The Fine Arts League of Coleman County invites you to enter their 7th Annual Art Show Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration is at 216 Commercial Avenue, Monday, September 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Checkout will be Saturday October 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Artists must have their claim ticket. **NO EARLY CHECKOUTS.**

Entry fees are \$3.00 per entry for adults. Youth entry fee is \$3.00 for the first entry, additional entries free.

There will be over \$1,100 in cash awards with Best of Show receiving \$400.

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