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Down Home

Editor's Note: The following story was submitted by Gene Dillard. The author is unknown, but the message is timeless. With the beginning of a new year, everyone has dreams and great expectations, take heed of the words in the story - don't give up, you never know exactly what the Lord has in store for you! You might be surprised what one small prayer might bring -- I certainly was. **VANDA ANDERSON CREECH**

Once there were three trees on a hill in a wood. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with the intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said "Someday I will be a mighty ship, I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree, he said "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter," and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a chest.

At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to a shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on the way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I

don't need anything special from my tree, so I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn and she gave birth and placed the baby in the hay in the feedbox that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man and he stood and said, "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of all King's in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of the hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of a hill and be as close to God as was possible.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what he had prayed for, just not in the way they had imagined.

Historical Facts on Cross Plains Schools

Editor's Note: The following information appeared in the 1961 edition of the *Cross Plains Review* in the "Home Towner" column. Thelma Long said the Steve Jamison family, who purchased her former home, found the article and thought it of great interest. You will be amazed at the changes since this publication. **VANDA ANDERSON CREECH**

The Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum," meaning one out of many, which appears on coin of the realm, might just as fittingly be applied to Cross Plains schools.

Actually, 17 former school districts have been merged to form the present system here.

With modern facilities and a wide curriculum of fully-accredited courses, the school in Cross Plains is today a far cry from the way it first began here in the late 1870's.

Earliest pupils of this area attended a school located near Cottonwood in what was then called the "Cottonwood brakes." The building was of log construction with a sod roof and dirt floor. It had no windows but was provided with openings in walls to which wooden shutters on hinges were attached. Benches for students were made by splitting logs and placing them smooth side up, on pegs or arms driven into walls of the building.

When heat for the building was necessary, a spot in the dirt floor was scooped out and a fire kindled. This school was in operation about three months each year.

In 1833, a small boxed school house was built on land just west of Cross Plains Cemetery. Then in 1888 a two-story wooden structure,

24 by 40 feet, was built on the same site to replace the smaller building. In 1902 trustees added two more rooms to accommodate a growing enrollment. When this structure was abandoned for school purposes in 1912, it was moved to the corner of East 7th Street and Avenue C and remodeled into a dwelling, now occupied by Mrs. Mack Campbell.

Cross Plains first brick school house was built 49 years ago and it remained in use until 1927 when the first two buildings were erected on the present campus at the north end of Main Street.

More than a half million dollars worth of improvements have been added on the grounds since the high school and ward school buildings were completed. The local plant is now one of the well-equipped and superbly-staffed small town school systems of Texas.

Schools which have been merged with the one here to make the present set-up possible were those at Union Hill, Sabanno, Board Flat, Dressy, Comal, Cedar Bluff, Burnt Branch, Turkey Creek, Victoria, Atwell, Caddo Peak, Deer Plains, Pioneer, Cottonwood, Cross Cut and portions of Bayou and Burkett.

Instead of 10 square miles which the first local school district embraced, there are today approximately 375 square miles, and the little school which began with a single teacher now possesses a faculty of 26.

Local people are visiting their educational facilities this week as this community observes Public School Week and they can feel justifiably proud of their progress since that humble beginning in the long ago.



GLEN BARKER READY TO TAKE ON ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AT COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME JANUARY 1, 1999

Glen Barker New Administrator At Colonial Oaks Nursing Home

Glen Barker was born in Hollis, Oklahoma on January 5, 1941. The third son of an itinerant family. During his early years, the family moved frequently - chopping, pulling cotton and occasionally raising and selling garden produce. A sister was born in March 1944 and the family continued to move around Texas and Oklahoma.

The family finally settled in Megargel, Texas in January 1958 - a town of approximately 300 people which is located in Archer County. The town is approximately 48 miles southwest of Wichita Falls.

He graduated from Megargel High School in 1960. There were only four boys in the graduating class. During high school, he worked on a farm and ranch just outside Megargel. After graduation, he moved to Pueblo, Colorado with an uncle and worked briefly at the Pueblo State Hospital. In December of 1960, he moved back to Texas and started to work at the Wichita Falls State Hospital. For the next ten years, he continued to work there in various positions.

He married Carolyn LaMar (Megargel High School class of 1961) on August 11, 1962. A son was born on September 13 of the following year. During this time, he was going to college at Midwestern State University. He graduated from Midwestern in 1969.

In 1970, he left the state hospital and worked for the next two years in nursing homes in Houston and

Wichita Falls. In 1971, a daughter was born. In 1971, he went to work for the Texas Department of Human Services in Wichita Falls.

He and his family moved to Abilene in January 1976. They continued to live in Abilene until 1990, at which time they moved to Midland. They returned to Abilene in 1992 and in 1993, retired from the Long Term Care Division of the Texas Department of Health.

Since retirement, he has worked in nursing homes in Breckenridge, Coleman, Ranger and Abilene. He will become only the third administrator of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains on January 1, 1999. Mrs. Frances Wolf will retire at the end of 1998 after working there for 29 1/2 years. Glen wishes her the very best for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Glen and his wife will continue to live on ten acres of land just outside of Abilene. They now have two granddaughters, Amanda, born October 30, 1992 and Erica, born October 31, 1998. Their daughter lives in Abilene and their son lives in Fayetteville, Georgia.

In his spare time, Glen likes to read, especially to his granddaughter, Amanda, take care of a cow and two calves, feed his two cats, enjoys being in the country and especially loves going to auctions. He always buys things he just can't live without, gets the things home and can't figure out why he bought that junk.

CJC to register for spring semester

Cisco Junior College is making preparations to begin its 1999 Spring Semester.

Registration for night students and sophomores will be held on Monday, January 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Harrell Fine Arts Building. Registration for all freshman will be held Tuesday, January 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All students who have not conferred with their advisor about their spring schedule of courses should do so prior to registration. First time entering freshman and transfer students should report to the Vocational-Technical I Building, Room 33, on Monday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m., for assignment of an advisor.

Dormitories will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10. The cafeteria will open at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10.

Registration for the Abilene Center is scheduled for January 6, 7, and 8, 1999. On Wednesday, January 6 and Thursday, January 7, registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. On Friday, January 8, registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Students may come to the Administrative Offices at the Abilene Educational Center during office hours and pick up a registration permit for Spring 1999 Registration. This permit will allow the student to register for Spring 1999 classes at a pre-set time during regular registration. You will not be allowed to register without a permit. Permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Abilene Educational Center is located at 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. in Abilene.

Classes will begin January 13 at all locations, but late registration will continue through January 22, during regular office hours.

For more information, call Cisco at (254) 442-2567 or Abilene at (915) 673-4567. Offices have been closed due to the holidays and will reopen on January 4.

Scranton Musical Sat., January 2

The Scranton musical will be held on Saturday, January 2 at the Scranton Community Center. Mark Ray will emcee and invites all area musicians to come play. The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. and the ladies will have something good to offer. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. Start your year off by enjoying this event.

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DPS estimates 24 to die on Texas roadways during New Year holiday

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 24 people could lose their lives in motor vehicle traffic crashes during the 78 hour New Year Holiday weekend.

The reporting period will begin at 6:00 p.m. Thursday and will continue through midnight Sunday.

During the Christmas holiday reporting period 30 people died on Texas roadways. This is six less than predicted. According to DPS reports, of the 30 deaths, at least sixteen were not wearing seatbelts, eight were wearing seatbelts and two were not wearing motorcycle

helmets. Alcohol was a contributing factor in at least eight crashes.

In an effort to make sure your New Year is a safe one, all available troopers throughout the state of Texas will be working to ensure safe roadways are available for the holiday travelers.

Operation Motorcade is a combination DPS/Media effort to make the motoring public aware death does not take a holiday!

Be careful when out traveling and watch out for the other driver because he may not be watching out for you.

Happy New Year

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New Legislative Chief for Texas Police

(AUSTIN) As the 1999 session of the State Legislature looms near, a new quarterback will lead the team of Texas police officers onto the field.

The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT) has named Charles B. "Charley" Wilkison their new Director of the political, organizing and legislative division.

In announcing the promotion of Mr. Wilkison, CLEAT president and co-founder Rondal G. DeLord said, "Texas police officers have never had a better friend or stronger advocate than Charley Wilkison."

CLEAT Chief of Staff Larry D. Watts added, "After hard-fought years in the field and in the capitol serving active and retired law enforcement professionals, Charley has earned our unquestioned confidence and trust. Our legislative

mission now rests in his capable hands."

CLEAT has long been a pillar in criminal justice reform and victims' rights efforts across the state and in the legislature. The Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation - honoring Texas' fallen heroes is a CLEAT project. Next spring, a monument to martyred officers will be dedicated on the grounds of the state Capitol.

"In recent years, Texas' elected leaders have considerably toughened the criminal code," Mr. Wilkison said. "For instance, in the last legislative session they enacted a CLEAT bill which closed a glaring legal loophole regarding the death penalty for murdering a police officer."

"In the 1999 legislative session, we need to get back to basics by strengthening local control of law enforcement and public safety issues."

The son of a minister, Mr. Wilkison and his wife Shelly, a newspaper reporter, have three children, ages 7, 5, and 2. He is a political science graduate of Texas A&M-Commerce.

OBITUARIES

Altus Butler

RISING STAR—Altus M. Butler, 90, passed away Saturday, December 26, 1998, in a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dick Williams officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mr. Butler was born in Gorman and moved to Rising Star in 1931. He was a peanut farmer. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was the widower of Ina S. Gilmore Butler, whom he married in 1929 in Rock Bluff.

Survivors include one son, Joe Butler of Abilene; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

W.C. 'Tubb' Harlow

COLORADO CITY—W.C. "Tubb" Harlow, 83, passed away Sunday, December 27, 1998, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Kerry Cain officiating. Burial was in Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Harlow was born in Cross Plains and had lived in Mitchell County for 54 years, working on the Thompson Ranch. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ. He married Mattie Beatrice Daniel in 1944 in Colorado City.

Survivors include his wife, of Colorado City; one son, Billy Harlow of San Antonio; one daughter, Sharon Gillenwater of Seattle, Washington; one brother, Bruce Harlow of Bella Vista, Arkansas; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 3, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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Selected Scriptures

I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies. Psalms 119:59
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and People of Cross Plains,

Very soon it will be time for our City Council to begin formulating the 1999-2000 budget which must be made available to the public before they approve the final draft at their March meeting - or at a call meeting before the April council meeting.

Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) was allotted in the 1998-1999 budget for street improvements. I do not know what this sum has been spent on but surely some of it could be used to resurface the Senior Center parking lot - or a part of the next budget could be allotted for such use. And surely funds could be reallocated from other next budget items to have

funds to paint the north wall of the Senior Center.

Doubtless, others of you can think of projects to improve Cross Plains that can be budgeted into some years budget - if not next years. A copy of the current budget is available at the city office.

The Council will notify the public of budget preparation meetings at which you can present your ideas on things that need doing besides the regular budget necessities. If items are not defined, with funds allocated in the budget, they cannot legally be enacted. So give your ideas some thought, present them to the council and plan on attending the budget preparation meetings and the final public "finished budget" meeting. March will be here soon!

Kathryn Tunnell

Vinnell Corp. Has Taken Over Dept. of Labor's Job Corps

The Vinnell Corporation, A TRW Company, has taken over the Department of Labor's Job Corps service contract for the Northern areas of the State of Texas from the Texas Workforce Commission effective December 1, 1998.

Mark Bottila, previously Texas Workforce Commission's Job Corps coordinator, has been hired to continue providing the program services of outreach, admissions, and placement.

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pate fully in an educational environment.

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Successful graduates are recruited from the centers by local and national employers.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Job Corps they can make an appointment to talk to Mark Bottila at (915) 672-4361, ext. 220, or call 1-800-977-3634.

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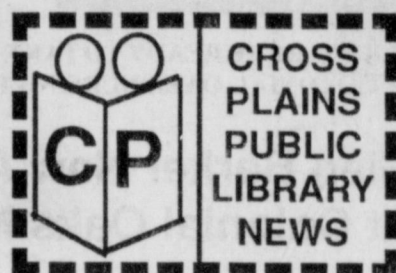
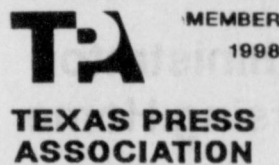
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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME

NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

Several of our residents reported that they got to go home with their families Christmas Day. Louise Richardson, Nash Tucker, Falba Shofner, Ruby Harrell and Pauline Region said they had lots of good things to eat and really enjoyed being with their loved ones.

This week is a sad one for us. Frances Wolf, our administrator, is retiring and Friday will be her last day. We will truly miss her. Frances was not only our boss but a close friend, other wise known to us as Mama Wolf. We love you Frances.

Appreciation to Best Med for the cheese and meat platter, to Merrilyn Golson for the biscuits and to Ann Belz for the candy.

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

Eddie, Cindy and Ryan McAnally from Snyder visited with Ed McAnally.

Travis and Alice Lockhart from Austin visited Myrtle Owen.

Don and LaVern Ballinger from Cisco, Delilah Goble visited Lillie

Childers.

Zayla Trojeak from Abilene visited Myrtle Wilson and Jo Boatright.

Peggy Lee, Ector Mireles, Sr. and Elizabeth Rose Mireles visited Pauline Region.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Nash Tucker, Ruby Harrell (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Howet Wilson and Louise Richardson. Exercise class.

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

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

Thursday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson (2), Falba Shofner, Louise Richardson (2), Vera Belyeu (2), and Howet Wilson (2). Bean bag toss.

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

Sunday: Believer's Fellowship

Happy New Year

We all wish everyone love and happiness and God's blessings in the New Year.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"I Chew, I Do; A--Choo, Adieu" That's what is, I believe usually called a tongue twister. Try saying the words of the title of this column as fast as you can as clearly and plainly as possible. Good Luck! I sure hope you don't get your tongue twisted around your eye tooth and can't see what you are saying.

Now repeat very rapidly, "I Chew, I Do, A--Choo! Adieu, Eye Tooth." Some words and phrases are extremely difficult to articulate especially at a rapid rate of speech.

On many occasions, I feel sure that one or two of these well known twisters of the tongue, have appeared on your horizon. Some old timers are: How now brown cow, or The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain. Another Oldee-Goldee -- If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, how many pickled peppers did Peter Piper pick? Now that is a difficult one to say, and most

who attempt it usually do wind up getting their tongue twisted, not to mention getting a tattered tongue to boot.

However, I believe the tongue twisting-EST one I have ever attempted; I saw in a movie when I was extremely young. Try this one on for size:

RUBBER BABY BUGGY BUMPER. Now try reading it about 4 or 5 times in rapid succession. My experience has been that on about my third try I usually come out with something like:

RABBER BUBBEE BOOGIE BIMPER. If you attempted it, how did yours come out? I was told once that for it to come out correctly, it was necessary to be inebriated.

Well -- BLUBBER, BUBBY BAGGY BLOOPER -- "Bye!" And to you and yours a Happy New Year!!

'Back to Basics' Approach Works As a New Year's Diet Resolution

If you're going to make a New Year's resolution in 1999, how about one that says you're not going to buy any new fad-diet books to help you lose the extra pounds you put on during holiday excess?

Instead, resolve to take a "Back to Basics" approach to losing weight.

That's a resolution that's not only easy to keep, says Belinda Boshell, RD, LD, president of the 4,000-member Texas Dietetic Association, but also one that saves you money. The reason is that fad diets don't work.

"From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day we're deluged with a series of feasts, parties, snacks and other calorie-laden opportunities," Boshell said. "According to the Calorie Control Council, the average person puts on between 5 to 10 pounds."

Unfortunately, most Americans look for quick-fix answers once the holidays end. They seek out the latest diet that claims to produce rapid, short-term weight loss. Some may have temporary results. Boshell said, but none is the answer.

"At any one time, 50 million Americans are on some kind of weight loss," Boshell said. "But only 5 percent of those keep off any weight they may lose."

And even if fad diets did work there are other reasons to avoid them. Most fad diets promote fast, unhealthy weight loss (more than 2 pounds per week) which in the long run can work against your metabolism, making it easier to regain the weight. Another reason is that these diets eliminate various foods. And since all foods are there for a reason -- mainly to provide us with nutrients -- cutting out any food may

cause dietary deficiencies that can affect daily performance and long-term health.

"For instance, we all need iron to stay healthy," Boshell said. "Although fruits and vegetables contain a lot of important nutrients, they are not typically rich sources of iron. For example, you'd have to eat 10 1/2 cups of raw broccoli or 21 cups of cooked corn to get the same amount of iron as in a 3-ounce serving of cooked sirloin steak. And combining vegetables with protein is a better, more balanced option."

Boshell said that the "Back to Basics" approach is based upon eating all foods in moderate, balanced form. Here are the components of TDA's "Back to Basics" plan to get your physique where you want it after the holidays:

- **Eat a variety of foods.** Enjoy foods from all food groups.
- **Choose the leanest cuts of meat.** For example, lean cuts of beef can be found by looking for the word "round" or "loin" in the name.
- **Cook it right.** Use low-fat cooking methods such as roasting, broiling and grilling.
- **Enjoy a 5 a day.** Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily.
- **Get active.** Work toward 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week.
- **Plan your snacking.** Bring health, low-fat snacks such as pretzels, yogurt or fruit to work to eat at a specific time.

Avoid the candy jar. "For my own purposes, I've reduced these tips into my own ABC's about nutrition," Boshell said. "It helps me remember what is important. They are:

- All foods can fit. Just don't overdo the amounts.
- Balance a variety of foods with physical activity.
- Make Conscious choices at mealtime and snacktime.

"Back to Basic is an ideal way to reach or maintain a healthy weight," Boshell said. "We know from years of experience that restrictive diets don't work. But with Back to Basics there's no extremes and it can fit into anyone's eating plan."


Keeping an eye on Texas

New Texans
The top 10 names for babies born in 1997 included Jose for boys and the top girls name of the decade: Ashley.

| Most popular names for Texas babies in '97 | |
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| Boys' names | Girls' names |
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| Michael | Emily |
| Christopher | Jessica |
| Jacob | Sarah |
| Joshua | Alexis |
| Matthew | Jennifer |
| David | Hannah |
| Daniel | Samantha |
| Jonathan | Victoria |
| Brandon | Taylor |

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Health.

OH BABY



IT'S A BOY
Keenan Dodge Honea was born Saturday, November 28, 1998, at Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene. Dodge weighed 7 pounds, 13.2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Ben and Shanna Honea of Cisco. Grandparents are J.D. and Sandy Hutton of Cross Plains, Angie Honea of Cisco and Stanley Honea of Scranton. Great-grandparents are Lester and Jewel Linney of Rising Star, Cowan and Laverne Hutton of Cross Plains, Jesse and Georgia Bilbrey of Cisco and Juanita Campbell of Cisco.

MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

On a bright sunny day, with only the naked eye and a hand covering his brow, the late Bill Dillard could spot a day-old calf at a hundred yards, bedded down in a twenty acre patch of love grass. "See those ears sticking up over there," he would say.

wouldn't leave the house without a cap and his glasses.

I finally decided that antlers were harder to see than ears, after two or three years of wondering through post oak thickets where few squirrels and no rabbits would go, looking for that dead deer that got up and walked off.

Religious Have Lower Blood Pressure

Another study has linked good health to religion among older people who have faith. Attending religious services lowers blood pressure more than turning into religious television or radio. People who attended a service once a week and prayed or studied the Bible once a day were 40% less likely to have high blood pressure than those who didn't. Previous studies showed religious people are less depressed, have healthier immune systems, and deal better with addictions than the non-religious.

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With a new year beginning tomorrow, we think of new beginnings. "New year's resolutions" are in order -- you know, the ones we made last year about this time and failed to keep. I'm hoping that we broke tradition and kept some of them, at least worked toward improving in some. Regardless, it's O.K. to try again -- but let's try harder and more sincerely.

John tells of a time when a ruler of the Jews, a Pharisee -- and you must remember that these were some of Jesus' worst critics, even considered Jesus a fraud -- but Nicodemus came to Jesus, by night, and said to Him: "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher straight from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs You are doing if God were not with him."

Had it not been for the fact that Jesus "knew all men" and "knew what was in a man," John 2:24-25, Jesus might have been surprised that Nicodemus would make such a statement. It certainly was not in line with common Pharisaical Jewish acknowledgment! But knowing Nicodemus' heart and thinking, Jesus cut through all the periphery and said, in essence, "Nicodemus, what you need is a new beginning!" -- "unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," John 3:3. And then Jesus talked to him about the new birth.

I suspect that a lot of people in Cross Plains and the surrounding communities need this kind of "new beginning." And yet they -- you? -- may be wondering as much as Nicodemus was in regard to the "new birth," this being "born of the water and the Spirit" that Jesus talked about, John 3:5. Peter said "the same thing a different way" on the day of the church's beginning, Acts 2:38 -- "...be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Paul assures that "as many as are baptized into Christ, put on Christ," Galatians 3:27, and "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new is come!" II Corinthians 5:17.

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The team played in the Rising Star Tournament December 10, 11 and 12, where they played really hard but came short of winning. Sidney defeated them 56-46 and DeLeon by a mere 2 points, 42-40.

Scoring total of two games were: Francly 28, Bailey 19, Tessa Wyatt 10, Clark 10, Thomas 10, Fleming 4,

Stephenson 2, Webb 2, Beaty 1. J.V. Girls played hard and smart and came out on top, defeating Zephyr 44-30. Scoring were: Francly 12, Bailey 10, Clark 7, Beaty 7, Tessa Wyatt 6, Webb 2.

The girls were victorious over May 40-24. Scorers were: Beaty 10, Francly 8, Clark 8, Tessa Wyatt 6, Hutchins 4, Bailey 2 and Webb 2.

Come and watch the Lady Buffs and Buffaloes on Saturday in Cross Plains beginning at 1:00 p.m. Four games will be played in the local tournament.

New Statewide Hotline For Youth & Families

AUSTIN -- On Tuesday, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith.

"The Texas Youth Hotline and the agency's Texas Runaway Hotline are answered 24 hours a day and provide prevention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," Smith said. "Hotline counselors will talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, abuse and neglect."

Smith said statewide television and radio ads, billboards, movie theater ads and 50,000 pieces of public awareness materials for schools, social service agencies, law enforcement and youth-related organization are aimed at bringing the troubled youth problem to public attention and to make youth and parents more aware of the services available. The toll-free number is 1-800-210-2278.

The Senate Interim Committee on Gangs and Juvenile Justice recommended increased outreach to improve accessibility to intervention and prevention services.

Members of the committee include: Committee Chairman, Senator Royce West (Dallas); Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock); Senator Chris Harris (Arlington); Senator Jon Lindsay (Houston); and Senator Mike Moncrief (Fort Worth).

In response to the need for greater focus on juvenile prevention and intervention services, TDPRS has initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline. Hotline staff and volunteers will provide callers with crisis intervention, telephone advocacy and referrals to local community services.

SCHOOL MENU

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