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"Sugar Gliders?"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

Do you know what a sugar glider is? No, it isn't something you sit in out in the yard. Believe it or not, it is a miniature flying squirrel.

Last week Tricia Hopkins of the Sabanna Community was in the Review office and while we were visiting, I kept hearing this kind of hissing noise. I heard it about three times and Tricia finally said, "Do you hear my sugar glider?"

Dummy me, I didn't know what a sugar glider was. I thought maybe she had on squeaky shoes.

Tricia pulls these two little flying squirrels out of her shirt pocket. They were the cutest little critters -- grey with a black stripe down their back. Their body is about 3 to 4 inches and their long tail, the same length as their body.

She told me one of her friends raised sugar gliders and that is where she obtained the mother and two babies. The mother is about twice the size of the little ones.

The sugar gliders spread their body out and glide from one tree to another -- they don't actually fly. They would be fascinating to see in flight.

Tricia said she had the sugar glider family with her in the bank one day and the girls were petting them. All of a sudden the mother leaped onto Sandra Jones. I scared her and the sugar glider. I don't blame her, I couldn't stand for one of them to jump on me either.

The sugar gliders are marsupials, meaning they are a mammal which nurtures her young in a pouch (like a kangaroo). I guess that is why the babies were comfortable in Tricia's pocket. They didn't attempt to crawl out. She noted that they had grown familiar with her scent and thought she was their mother now.

Darrell Hargrove and his son were in the office at the same time and he remarked that a man had related seeing sugar gliders in the wild in this area.

They were probably someone's pets and they set them free. Don't be surprised if you see one. At least now you will know what they are!

Defensive Driving Course March 20 & 22 At CJC

A National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course will be offered at the Cisco campus of Cisco Junior College on Monday and Wednesday, March 20 and 22, from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m. The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$25 and must be paid at the time of registration. Students must attend both nights of class. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the National Safety Council/C1194, Provider/CP228, TEA License #763.

For more information, contact Charlotte Nix Speagle at (254) 442-2567, extension 115.



SHANE HUNT

Callahan Co. Republican Women to Host Candidate Reception

Members of Callahan County Republican Women will host Republican Primary candidates at an open meeting on Tuesday, February 29, in Baird at the historic T&P Depot.

The public is cordially invited to meet the candidates during an informal reception from 7 to 8 p.m.

Shane Hunt of Granbury is seeking the office of U.S. Representative for the 17th District. As Chief Executive Officer for Golf Etc. of American, Inc. he oversees operations for 46 golf retail/service centers across the United States. Hunt is a graduate of Tarleton State University and Harvard University School of Business.

Jim Keffer of Eastland is seeking re-election to the Texas House of Representatives for District 60. He serves as President of the EBAA Iron Sales, Inc. with locations in Eastland and Moran. Keffer is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

For more information, call (915) 893-5500 or (915) 529-3428.

Locally Known Groups To Perform At Central Texas Gospel Sing At Bangs

Central Texas Gospel Sing, a concert of Southern Gospel Music, will held Saturday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Bangs, 401 South Second Street, Bangs.

Local group "Rejoice", consisting of Myrna Mitchell, Twyla Felty, Jacque Childress, Sheri Bennett and Beverly Ross, and "In His Name", Wayne Bishop's group, are among those featured. "Harvest Time", "Ladies Rejoice", "Hill Country Gospel", "Harmony Baptist Church Quartet", "Blanket Baptist Church Quartet", "Blanket Baptist Church Trio", "First Bangs Men's Quartet" and "Glorybound" will also be performing.

Each group will perform two songs and all the singers will make a huge choir that will perform three songs together.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of Christian music.

For more information contact Emmet Mathews (915) 752-7234 or e-mail mathews@bwoodtx.com.

Gift Made to Local Library by Hamilton Woman

Upon arriving at work one day last month, librarian Cherry Shults and Bobbie Hinkle, noticed that the floor in the Texas Room of the library had collapsed!! To make a long story short, the insurance company was notified and the library learned that it would pay for damages from collapse in the amount of approximately \$1,800. In order to repair the floor right (so it wouldn't collapse further), we needed \$3,100 plus the cost of treating both buildings for termite infestation and damage.

Just when the Cross Plains Public Library was experiencing "that sick feeling you have when a major and unexpected repair becomes necessary", it was thrilled to receive a most generous gift of \$5,000 from Mrs. A.G. (Phelo) Thompson of Hamilton. "Mrs. Thompson and her late husband, A.G., have been major donors in charitable endeavors over the past twenty years that we have been friends," stated Mary Ann Chaffin, president of the library board. "They gave the land and partial financing for the beautiful

library in Hamilton...Mrs. Thompson recently bought a CT Scan machine for the Hamilton Hospital...they are generous with the New Horizons Center for emotionally disabled children in Goldthwaite...and many, many other philanthropic endeavors. We are so thankful for this generous, unrestricted gift from Mrs. Thompson!"

While we had hoped to be able to use a gift like this to begin remodeling the McCowen building which we recently purchased next door - and make a wonderful Children's Resource Center for our L.A.P. and Summer Reading programs - it now looks like much of Mrs. Thompson's gift will have to be used to repair the present building. But, isn't it wonderful that this gift came at a time when we had a "crisis" - and that someone who doesn't even live in our community - cares enough about a library in a neighboring town to make a gift such as this? Thank you, Phelo Thompson.

Submitted by Billie Loving

Food Pantry Update Told

By VICKI DILLARD

A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved these last two weeks in preparing for the opening of our own local food pantry. More and more interest is peaking from citizens and churches each day. We pray for every interested heart in Cross Plains to be touched by this endeavor in some way. The Lord works through his people. The idea of this much needed food pantry should strike a loving nerve and wake people up to this project to serve our community.

The pantry is partially stocked and we anticipate being fully stocked before the target opening date of March 6. We still need volunteers - anyone interested with time or food staples - please contact Betty Edwards at 725-6510 or Dr. Richard Chaffin at 725-7694. A 45 minute volunteer orientation is scheduled

for March 1. This orientation will explain duties and familiarize each worker with surroundings and policies. If you would like to stop by just to see what is involved in this program - please feel free to do so.

Our hours are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Grand opening is scheduled for Monday, March 6.

Applicants for use of the food pantry should bring a utility bill (i.e. gas, electric or water) with name and physical address to the Multi-Purpose center at the corner of Beech and 8th Streets Mondays or Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Jesus said, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Let's serve our fellow man the bread of life - so that he may realize the world in which we live is full of God's people who want to spread and share his undying wonderful love.

New school immunization requirements effective Aug. 1

The Texas Department of Health has made some changes in immunization guidelines recently.

Hepatitis B Vaccine
Children born between September 2, 1988 and September 1, 1992 must have proof of three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine within 30 days after their 12th birthday.

Children born on or after September 2, 1992 must have proof of 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

This is a 3 shot series that takes approximately 6 months to complete, so it is advised to start now.

CP Cemetery Meeting Mon.

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association will be having their meeting at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 28 at City Hall.

All members are urged to attend.

Varicella (Chicken Pox) Vaccine
Children born between September 2, 1988 and September 1, 1994 must have one dose of varicella vaccine on or after their first birthday or within 30 days of their 12th birthday; or proof of the disease.

Children born on or after September 2, 1994 must have 1 dose of varicella vaccine on or after their 1st birthday or proof of the disease.

For further information call your local health department or school nurse.

Submitted by Kim Reid R.N.

One Rabies Case Reported in 12 month period in 1999

Callahan County reported one positive rabies case, involving a rabid cat, during the twelve-month period of 1999, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Some 16 animals were tested for rabies between January 1999 to December 1999 and only one test came back positive.

The Texas Department of Health tested some seven cats during the year, with the one positive and six negative results. During the year, there were five dogs tests for the disease in 1999, with all coming up negative. One skunk, one raccoon, one bovine, one equine and one listed in the "other" category, all came up negative for rabies.

The Texas Department of Health tested some 9,861 animals during 1999 with 400 cases, just over four for every 100 cases, reported as positive for rabies. Positive skunk cases led the way for rabies with 192 cases of rabies. There were 90 bats tested positive, 56 fox, four

raccoons, 13 dogs, 21 cats and eight cows tested positive for rabies in 1999. The Department of Health reported nine horses tested positive for rabies in 1999, three goats tested positive, two coyotes, and two bobcats tested positive in 1999.

The 400 positive case reported in 1999 was up 93 from 303 reported positive cases in 1998. There were 266 positive cases of rabies in 1997 and 351 cases of rabies in 1996. Both 1995 and 1994 had 590 positive cases of rabies in Texas.

Freestone County, located in East Texas south of Corsicana, led Texas in the number of positive rabies cases last year with 45. Tom Green County and Limestone County (which borders Freestone County) reported 18 positive cases for rabies in 1999. Erath County reported 13 positive cases for rabies in 1999.



JODY KENT

Student Ag Teacher Introduced

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

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

Clyde Senior Bullriders Will Be In Clyde Sunday

The Professional Senior Bullriders Association sanctioned bullriding will be in Clyde at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 27, 2000. It will be held at the Lord's Pen Arena one mile south downtown Clyde right off of FM 604. This event is for cowboys who have turned 40 years old on or before January 1, 2000. The contestants' ages are currently running from 40 to 55 years old. You will see current champions from the Senior Professional Bullriders Tour, Hall of Fame Bullriders Only as well as former Pro-Rodeo cardholders. This group of men feel blessed by God above for the health they have to still compete in the bullriding event, which has been voted as the World's Most Dangerous Sport. Admission is \$3.00 per person with children under 10 years of age admitted free. Contestants will be coming from all over the state to compete in this first event of the year. We have booked 25 events with the Finals being held in October for the year 2000. Several of our events will be held in this area throughout the year.

Submitted by Jimmy Nail

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Cross Plains Garden Club plans Third Annual Trades Day

The Third Annual Trades Day, slated for March 25th will be held again on Main Street at the bank property north of the Dairy Queen. A fee of \$15 and \$5 for electricity will be charged for the 12'x12' spaces.

Call Bob Powell at 254-643-2404 for reservations. The fee may be paid when you come in to set up.

Submitted by Bob Powell

**PRAY FOR RAIN
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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Ruben Guerrero, assault.
Amand Drexler, criminal mischief.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Dina Burges, motion to revoke probation granted.

D. J. Collins, request for transfer from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Leellen Johnson, order extending probation granted.

Renae Roberts, order extending probation granted.

Ruben Guerrero, plea of guilty to assault, 6 month probation, \$100 fine, \$217.25 court costs, \$634.75 restitution.

Ray Raymond Mendoza, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Carey Don Haas, motion to revoke probation granted.

Eddie Roy Farris, motion to revoke probation granted.

Russell Wayne McCoy, motion to revoke probation granted.

Steve Williams, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Stephanie Cook, order releasing from probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

James Martin Eidson and Rebecca Dawn Slate, both of Abilene.
Timothy Dwayne Austin and Emily King, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. vs. Charles W. Brown and Bertha J. Brown, default on contract.

Seretha Diane Flick and Bradley B. Flick, divorce.

Marowm Paliy Hawkins and Yisrayl Hawkins, divorce.

Charles John Mantooth and Rebecca Eve Mantooth, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Billy Joe Hawk and Twila Lorraine Hawk, divorce granted.

Peggy Marie Sims and Raby Wayne Sims, divorce granted.

Obituaries

Bobby P. Dillard

Bobby P. Dillard, 67, died Friday, February 20, 2000, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bro. Wayne Lenz officiating, assisted by Bro. Joe Coppinger. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge.

Mr. Dillard married Eddie Faye Rouse on July 4, 1955 in Atwell.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father as well as his one brother and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Eddie Faye Dillard of Cross Plains; one son, Randy Dillard of Cross Plains; two daughters, Sharon Lewis and Bobara Burkett both of Midland; one sister, Von Dell Bailey of Cross Plains; four grandchildren, Jammie Lewis, Jae Lewis, Kristin Burkett and Jaret Burkett.

Anna Lois Wade

CAMERON—Anna Lois Wade, 81, of Cameron died Thursday, February 17, 2000, in a Cameron Hospital. Graveside funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star with Rev. Ted Gross officiating.

Mrs. Wade, a retired secretary for the Texas Department of Welfare, was born May 25, 1918, in Temple. She was a member of the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond A. Wade; and one brother, Charles R. Vance.

She is survived by one son; Charles Wade of Cameron; and one sister Doris Nell Sellen of Spring.

Marek-Burns-Laywell Funeral Home of Cameron is in charge of arrangements.

OIL NEWS

New Tests

Callahan

R.B. and B.K. Eubank of Cross Plains will drill No. 24 R.O. Eubank to 500 in the Callahan County Regular, 6 miles southwest of Cross Plains on a 154.91 acre lease. Spots are 1,912.5 FEL and 734 FSL, Section 181, Block 48, Comal CSL, A-107.

R.B. and B.K. Eubank will also drill No. 23 R.O. Eubank to 500 in the same field and on the same lease. Spots are 323 FSL and 1,462.5 FEL, Section 181, Block 48, Comal CSL, A-107.

CP Cemetery Assoc. Report

The following donations were made during the month of December 1999 to the Cross Plains Cemetery Association.

DONATIONS: M/M Glenn Payne \$50; Eva Byrd \$30; Welda Edington \$25; Doyle McMillan \$20; Jack Howser & E.M. Long Plots \$25; Paul and Juanita Harlow \$100; Anonymous \$100; C.A. & Lucille Barr \$50; CD Earn #7719 \$813.03; Interest added to acct. \$21.63; B. Dillard \$25 TOTAL: \$1,259.66

GRAVE OPENING PERMITS: GOP Leon Nixon \$75; Bailey Funeral Home - Graham Service \$75; Hadden Payne - 2 plots \$150 and B. Dillard - 2 plots \$150 TOTAL \$450

Byrd Began New Job At Cisco Junior College

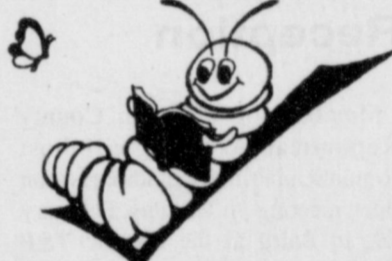
"The Lord wants me to give back, to help kids find the right direction" says twenty nine year-old National Football League (NFL) retiree, Israel Byrd, whose path to Cisco Junior College was a winding and interesting trail of experience through St. Louis, Utah, California, Europe and Nashville. Byrd just began his new job coaching defensive secondary and wide receivers at Cisco Junior College in January after an injury forced him into retirement from the game he loves.

The oldest of four children of a single mother reared in the ghetto of East Saint Louis, Byrd has a motto for his life, "Think about your goals every day, and don't let anyone take you off of that path. Focus on those goals everyday; see them become reality." Those thoughts and that focus saw Byrd through being bussed an hour one way to high school during the desegregation of schools in East Saint Louis, through junior college at Allen Hancock Community College and Utah State University before six successful football seasons with the New Orleans Saints, the Tennessee Titans and two European NFL teams, the Scottish Claymores and the Berlin Blade. Byrd's younger brother, Isaac, is in his fourth season as a wide receiver with the Tennessee Titans and was a starter in this year's Super Bowl.

Though Coach Byrd could have

accepted a position coaching for an NFL team, he chose to begin his coaching career at Cisco Junior College. Byrd went through the NFL Players Association for advice on his career after playing professional football, where he learned that CJC had a coaching position open. He knew that Texas junior college football has a reputation for being the best in the country, and decided to apply for the job. Excited about the opportunity to have someone with his knowledge and experience of the game, the CJC Athletic Director, Jeff Schaum, hired him after conducting a phone interview. Coach Byrd accepted the position without even visiting the campus. Byrd says that after he was offered the job he prayed about the decision to come to Texas and feels very content with his choice. "I am focused on helping the kids with their lives and their game...I know where these kids are coming from, I can relate to them. I want to help."

Byrd could easily afford to purchase a home in the Cisco area; however, because of his commitment to be available to mentor the students, he has agreed to live in the campus of CJC. When asked if he ever felt like his life was a wonderful dream, he smiles and simply says, "I know I was blessed." CJC has every right to be proud of their newest employee.



February 14-18

Hey! Here — on the check mark! I ousted those kids, but kept the book. We, the book and I, are now the logo for the library news. Cute, huh?

Library Board members recruited us for the newsletter, and right away we saw our chance to get in the local news. You'll find me also at the library. Lots to chew on there — something for every taste. Join me. I'll share!

Statistics:
Books:
Cross Plains 71
Abilene 6
Audio
Cross Plains 3
Abilene 3
Interlibrary Loan 2
LAP 28

TOTAL 113

Musical At Clyde Sat.

The regular 4th Saturday country and western musical will be Saturday, February 26th at 6:00. No admission.

All musicians welcome at Pizza House, South Access Rd. I-20.

Deadlines
Ads - noon Tues
Articles - noon Mon.

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I have done justice and righteousness; do not leave me to my oppressors. Psalm 119:121

...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:10

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Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 27, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

St. Jude Wheels For Life To Be May 6

Jeannie Chaney today called on Clyde and all Callahan residents to join the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels For Life Event slated for Saturday, May 6, 2000 time and location to be announced at a later date. Volunteer workers and participants are needed for this event to raise funds for the world famous research center in its battle against childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. "We're looking for participants and helpers who will contribute their time and talent to help children live. We really need lots of participants since they are the ones who can make this event successful," Jeannie Chaney said. In the Wheels For Life event participants ask sponsors to make a donation based on each mile completed. All participants turning in money will receive a certificate. Those who raise \$35 or more will receive a certificate and a special St. Jude t-shirt. When \$75 or more is raised, the participant receives a sports bag in addition to the certificate and t-shirt. "The real prize though is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life," Chaney said. Contact Jeannie Chaney at the Clyde Community Resource Center 915-893-3919 or contact her at her home 915-893-

2395 for details on participating or becoming a sponsor. St. Jude was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, was opened in 1962, in Memphis, TN, and operates primarily from public support. Treatment from ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital is provided at no cost to the family and all over the world. One example is three year old Macarena Ottogalli who represents all of the patients who have received the benefits of ST. Jude's research. Macarena was only 3 months old when she was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma. Since the tumor was discovered early Macarena's chances of survival are good. She has been in remission for two years and has returned home to Argentina. Doctors report that she comes to the hospital every six months for check-ups and is doing extremely well. Thanks to all who support events like the "Wheels For Life" St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will always be available for children like Macarena. If you know a child who may need services from St. Jude's contact 901-495-5300 in Memphis, TN.

Thank you all! Let's all make a difference! Become a sponsor, participant, or volunteer!

Submitted by Malinda Martin

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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

The residents celebrated their birthdays this month with some fine playing and singing by Bobby Jack McCowen. Those with birthdays were Minnie Swann, Ruby Harrell and Ralph Lee. Bob and Dee Harrell provided the delicious birthday cake for us, punch was served and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.

Our appreciation to our special friend for sending the residents the pretty Valentine baskets. Each one had some kind of stuffed animal, they were so proud of them. God bless you.

Deen Haddox sure looks pretty with her new perm. Minnie Swann had a nice hair cut and Ila Mae Marshall got her hair fixed pretty. We do appreciate Connie Kirkham and Lilly Dillard for keeping our ladies looking nice.

Falba Shofner was chosen as the winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Alton McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen.

Sharene Deshmukh from Stephenville, Lurene McNutt and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louise Richardson.

Jack and Pat Howard visited with

Boots Ferguson.

Garnette McKoy and Roylene Wilson visited with Howet Wilson and Raymond McCowen.

Lucia Woodley from Austin visited Docia Denton.

Joan Bullard from Clyde, Charleen McGowen from Brownwood, Mona Wilson from Pioneer, Ray Curry, Mark and Jesse Norris, Naomi McCowen visited with Kate McCarty.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Maxine Crisp (2), Falba Shofner (2), Minnie Swann and Vera Belyeu (2). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

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

Thursday: Manicures and ball toss.

Friday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Minnie Swann, Maxine Crisp and Vera Belyeu (2). Video time and Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal. Love...

**Bears all things,
Believes all things,
Hopes all things,
Endures all things.**

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

Do you not sometimes find it odd, as we struggle through life and its trials, mysteries, its summits and yes, even as we plunge desperately from time to time down, down spiraling into life's depths; that years later we look back on those times and remember them in a completely "different light?"

Uh Huh!! It seems that by then we tend to view them as "The Good Old Days."

Have you ever wondered why? It could possibly be, I suppose; that time has dulled the pain, taken the edge off our struggles and problems so to speak. Or...and this would be really sad; perhaps over time things

got worse, so bad in fact that it makes those "olden" days look really, really wonderful.

That could be I suppose. But do you know what thoughts have occurred to me in the wee hours of the morning? It has occurred to me that as we were viewing the past in that "different light"; that -- SOMEONE turned out that light. That would surely explain it all; because, you cannot "look" back 'cause someone turned the light out and it's dark.

And EVERYONE knows you can't "SEE" in the dark!!! Right? Right! See you next column.

Gardening Tips

By James Nichols

Vegetable Gardening

Site Selection — it is not always easy to find the right spot for a vegetable garden particularly with today's more cramped urban lifestyle. Full sun is best, particularly for fruit-producing vegetables such as tomatoes, beans and peppers. Leaf and root crops can succeed in partial shade.

Good air circulation diminishes disease problems. Your site should be convenient to the house and to the water faucet.

Space — wondering how much space you should devote to your garden? The best advice is usually to start fairly small. You can always increase the size following initial successes. If you start too big, you may get discouraged.

Vegetable — plant vegetable your

family enjoy. Plant crops that give the best return. Plant types adopted to your area.

When to plant -- after the last average frost, March 31, is a good planting time for above ground crops.

Things to remember for March is to mulch around your landscaping. Do most pruning now. Plant lettuce and peas. March 8th is Ash Wednesday and March 20 is the first day of spring.

Flower of the Month

Daffodil "February Gold"

This flower grown in the sun or partly sun to the height of 6-18 inches, depending on the variety. It blooms from late winter until spring.

Earned Income Tax Credit Means Bigger Tax Refunds for Many Workers

DALLAS—Many Texans could end up with bigger tax refunds this year if they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. But many taxpayers who are eligible for the credit do not get it simply because they don't file a federal income tax return.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, in 1996 as many

SHANE DEEL FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

The office of Callahan County Attorney is a challenging position. It requires someone with courage, integrity, honesty and common sense. Those are qualities you either have or you don't. I have no doubt that I am the candidate who meets those criteria, and I look forward to being your next County Attorney.

My devotion to this county goes beyond what mere words can convey. It's like the feeling you have when you do some work for a neighbor. You take a little extra pride in your performance. That's how I will conduct myself as your County Attorney. I will dedicate myself to ensuring that our communities remain the kind of places where good people want to raise their families.

I also believe that experience is important, and the true value of experience is not in the volume of one's experience, but in the quality of that experience. My experience shows that I have had success in every endeavor which I have undertaken, from academic and extracurricular success at Baird High School, to graduating *Magna Cum Laude* from Texas Tech University, to winning my very first criminal trial against the Taylor County DA's office, to building my own successful law practice. That is the quality of experience Callahan County deserves from its elected officials.

Since winning that first trial, I have defended cases ranging from traffic tickets to frontloaders, at both the trial and appellate levels, and I look forward to prosecuting those cases for the citizens of Callahan County.

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as 1.2 million working Americans missed out on \$751 million in Earned Income Tax Credits by not filing a tax return.

Don't let this happen to you! Each Saturday, beginning January 29 through February 25, 2000, taxpayers qualifying for the Earned Income Credit can get free assistance. Visit the local IRS at 341 Pine St., Abilene, Texas 79601, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Earned Income Tax Credits is a refundable credit for hard-working people. It is designed for working taxpayers whose adjusted gross income is under \$30,580 with two or more qualifying children resulting in a tax credit as much as \$3,816. The credit could be as much as \$2,312 for working taxpayers whose income is under \$26,928 having one qualifying child. Working taxpayers, between the ages of 18 and 25, with no children whose income is under \$10,200 could walk away with a credit as much as \$347.

"For those who qualify," the IRS says, "you must file a return to get the refundable credit." Qualifying taxpayers are encouraged to bring original Forms W-2 or 1099s issued by their employers and valid social security cards for each person who will be listed on the return.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the IRS, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1-800-829-1040.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3
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INFORMATIVE KIWANIS PROGRAM—Former Cross Plains I.S.D. Counselor Ann Watson was guest speaker at the Cross Plains Kiwanis meeting Tuesday. Mrs. Watson is now principal and counselor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Havens Unit in Brownwood. She is holding Clyde, a stuffed doll, which was made by death row inmates. Her program was arranged by Kiwanian Roy Stambaugh.

Income Tax Assistance For CP

The AARP is sponsoring a Free Income Tax Assistance program for low to moderate income persons. All ages are welcome to participate. This assistance program will take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, February 14th through April 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

At least 4 appointments are needed, to justify the tax-aid counselors that live in Baird and Abilene to make the trip.

Please call for an appointment (254) 725-6521. You will need to bring a copy of 1998 Tax Return, Social Security card(s), W-2's and 1099's for 1999.

Sponsored by AARP-Tax-Aid Program

Randy Hunter Joined A-Town/Hi-Tech, Inc. Staff

Randy Hunter has joined the staff of A-Town/Hi-Tech, Inc. He will be in charge of insurance marketing and will adjust property claims for a major insurance company.

Hunter has 20 years of experience in insurance adjusting.

The Cross Plains native has lived in the Abilene area for 20 years.

He graduated from Cisco Junior College in 1977 and received a BBA degree in finance from Angelo State University in 1979. His wife, Sandy is a teacher in the Wylie school system.

OH BABY

IT'S A BOY

Marshall Creed Goode was born October 8, 1999. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Mom and dad are Mariah and Elvan Goode, Jr. of Cross Plains. He was welcomed by sisters Lauren, Katharine and Grace. Grandparents are Patsy and John Moran of Abilene and Elvan and Barbara Goode of Cross Plains and Richard Day of Ross, Oklahoma and Elizabeth Richards of Scottsburg, Indiana. Maternal great-grandmother is Madge Day of Salem, Indiana. Paternal great-grandparents are Joe and Wesley Ingram of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Goode of Jacksonville, Florida. Great-great-grandmother is Cloe B. Proffitt of Rising Star.

IT'S A BOY

Preston Riley Grayson was the New Year's Baby 2000 of San Marcus. He was born at 7:44 a.m. on January 1, 2000, weighing in at 10 pounds, 12.4 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Parents are Brooke Harris and Mathew Grayson, of San Marcus. Maternal grandparents are Sherry and Brad Harris of Lexington, Kentucky. Paternal grandparents are Marcia and John Grayson of Wimberley. Maternal great-grandparents are Joe and Wesley Ingram of Cross Plains. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of San Antonio. Great-great-grandmother is Cloe B. Proffitt of Rising Star.

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Aspirin Warning

The U.S. Surgeon General, the FDA, and the CDC recommend that aspirin not be given to children under nineteen years of age during fever-causing illnesses including the flu, chicken pox, colds, etc. It's important to tell your teenagers not to take aspirin during these illnesses because they often take them on their own. Research has shown an association between development of Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin.

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main At 12th
(254) 725-6117

All too often there seems to be a premium on common courtesy. Have you noticed? Join me in asking self, "Have I been rude and crude when it would have been just as easy (and far more pleasant and rewarding) to have been courteous?"

Have you noticed, for instance, the difference it makes when a waiter or waitress is kind and courteous rather than grumpy and thoughtless about your satisfaction. And did you know this is another "two-way street" -- that it's just as important for the one(s) being served to be even more than just decent to the server? Doesn't the "golden rule," which is really a part of Jesus' sermon, Matthew 7:12, make sense: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? Someone simplified that even more this way: "Treat the other person as if the situation was reversed."

You see, one of the "habits of a loving heart," as Willard Tate points out in his book by that title, is courtesy. The apostle Paul, via God's inspiration (as well as his own common sense!), said it well in the great "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13 -- "Love suffers long and is kind," verse 4a. Though in modern society, rudeness seems to be "the sin that's in," God says that it is very out of style for the Christian who should possess a loving heart.

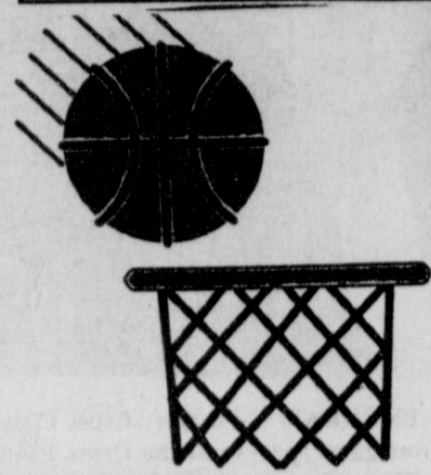
Albert Schweitzer stated: "Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate." How true and how practical in a day when all three of these need to be overcome.

Jesus' nature, the nature after which we as Christians yearn, was to show courtesy and kindness to others. It's the nature of a loving heart. Strive with me to make it more and more our nature...

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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Student Review



Lady Buffs Fall In Bi-district

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

We met Huckabay in Eastland for the first round bi-district game of the state play-offs. Huckabay was the district champion from 27-A.

We did a super job of handling their different changing pressure defenses in the first half. We stayed organized and attacked the basket after beating their pressure in the back court. At the end of the first quarter the score was 17 to 14 Huckabay. They put together a run in the second quarter and started to pull away, but we hit a run of our own and closed the gap 31 to 26 by halftime. We scored the first bucket after halftime to cut their lead to 3 early in the third quarter. Over the next 6 minute stretch in the third quarter, we began to struggle against their pressure and missed some opportunities that we didn't take advantage of to keep the game close. In the fourth quarter, we got back on track scoring 20 points, but the damage was hard to overcome at that point in the game. The final score was Huckabay 76 and Cross Plains 51.

We were outscored 23 to 5 in that third quarter and at this level you can't afford to have a bad quarter.

These kids came a long way this season led by seniors, Brandi Richey, Candice Francy, Christy Beaty, Vanessa Webb and Ann Stephenson.

I am very proud of what they accomplished as a team and as individuals on the court. The junior class consisted of Jennifer Turner, Tessa Wyatt, Amber Wilson and Danielle Marion. The sophomores were Candice Bailey and Shena Thomas and freshman was Amanda Kitchens. This was a total group effort from all the kids.

We won the Rising Star Tournament, was Runner-up in our own Cross Plains Tournament and Consolation Champs at Blanket, finished as District Runner-up in 28-A in order to advance to the State Play-offs and finished the season with a record of 20 and 11.

These kids have a lot to be proud of this year. One of the hardest things to maintain in any program is consistency and tradition of excellence. These kids did just that. I know they take a lot of pride in that accomplishment.

Scoring the points in our final contest were Francy 16, Turner 16, Bailey 10, Marion 4, Richey 2, Wyatt 2 and Beaty 1.

UTPB counselor visiting area high schools

Edia Hernandez, Admissions Counselor at The University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa will be in Callahan County visiting with the high school counselors. The purpose of the visit is to encourage recommendations and/or nominations for UTPB's Freshman Scholarships.

The University of Texas Permian Basin Admissions Counselor will be at Eula, Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains high schools on Wednesday, March 1.

Students ranking in the top 10% of their high school class are eligible to apply for the four-year \$14,400 Presidential PLUS and \$7,200 Presidential Scholarships. Students graduating in the 11% to 25% rank of their class may qualify for the \$2,000 Freshman Merit Scholarship and those graduating in the 26% to 50% of their class are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Freshman Grant.

For admission and additional information about the freshman scholarships, write the UTPB Office of Admissions, 4901 E. University, Odessa, TX 79762, or call 915-552-2605, or e-mail: admissions@utpb.edu.

School Board Minutes

February 17, 2000

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Terry Nixon, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richard and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, H.S. Principal, Elementary Principal and guests Annette Nickerson, Nora Odum, Kathy Anderson and Bob Pipes. Prayer was led by Charles Chesshir.

Minutes were approved with correction.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards to pay the bills for the month of February. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Richards that we allow a Key Club to be established by the local Kiwanis Club with school personnel as sponsors at Cross Plains High School. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Chesshir that we hire a staff personnel to write minutes for board meetings. For 2/Against 3 For: Chesshir and Childress Against: Dillard, Richards and Carey

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Chesshir that we move the monthly meeting to the high school library in order to accommodate visitors. For 2/Against 4 For: Chesshir and Childress Against: Nixon, Carey, Richards and Dillard

Motion was made by Chesshir and seconded by Childress that we table the agenda item regarding recording the meeting until the March 2000 meeting in order to get a written opinion concerning recording open meetings and closed meetings. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made Childress and seconded by Carey that we not place our policy manual on-line because of cost. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we purchase 2 additional policy manuals for each library in the district. One for the elementary and one for the high school library. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Nixon that we approve the Region XIV Inter-Regional Cooperatives food and commodity processing program. For 6/Against 0

Pipe railing around parking lot to address speeding through and parking lot was discussed. No action was taken pending administrative action to be taken by Mr. Tension.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Chesshir that approve a peer assistance leadership program at CPISD. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we approve the continuation of the work force initiative act. For 7/Against 0

The item for the proposed dress code changes will remain tabled until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Chesshir and seconded by Wyatt that we authorize Mr. Tension to get engineering specifications for elementary building H/A system in order to get appropriate and informed bids to upgrade the system. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we approve the campus and district improvement plans. For 7/Against 0

For the month of March pay teachers March 10, 2000 and have the school board meeting on March 20, 2000.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we approve the following with regard to 2000 school board election. Election May 6, 2000 at the community center. The election judge will be Barbara Sowell, alternate election judge Joyce McCoy, absentee clerk Debbie Gosnell and absentee site, city hall.

Donnie Dillard declared executive session at 9:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Donnie declared us out of executive session at 11:34 p.m.

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Carey that we extend athletic director Cord Woerner's contract by 1 year through 2001-2002. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards that we extend elementary principal Margie Sowell's contract by 1 year through 2001-2002. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that we extend Leonard Wilson as secondary principal for 2 years from 2000 through 2002. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0

Sign up for drivers education to begin

Students at Cross Plains High School need to sign up for drivers education class by March 1, 2000, in order to see if we have enough students interested in drivers education to offer the course.

A student has to be 15 years old by May 15th or near this date to be eligible for the class. The cost last year was \$150 and should be close to the same this year. The course will be taught from 7:00 to 7:50 each morning until 32 hours of class have been complete.

Sign up at the high school principal's office if interested.

Cross Plains High School Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

7TH GRADE
DAYNA AUTRY
JIMMIE COOK
THOMAS DIMITRI
STEPHANIE EDINGTON
MEGAN FELTY
LORI HAIL
KATIE MACK
KALI PHILLIPS
KELSEE RICHARDS
KAREN ROSS

8TH GRADE
DALEY ANDERSON
BRITTANY APPLE
PHILLIP BENNETT
CANDICE DAVIS
LASKA DILLARD
RYAN MACK
JOSE MAURICIO
KATHERINE WOOTEN
JENNIFER YOUNG

FRESHMAN
ANDREW CAROUTH
KEALI EPPARD
JUDITH HARTMAN
NATHANIEL JOY
AMANDA KITCHENS
COLE KOENIG
DANIELLE RIVARD
BRITTANY ROGERS
KEVIN SCOTT
GEORGE TAFF
EMILY WINFREY

SOPHOMORE
GREGORY BLACK
MELANIE CHESSHIR
JOSHUA HOPKINS
BRANDON MAHLER
JUDITH MAURICIO
AARON NORRIS
STEPHANIE PARKER
JAMES ROSS
SHANE SHARPE
ANGELA SWIFT
SHENA THOMAS

Cross Plains High School Six Weeks "AB" Honor Roll

7TH GRADE
MISTY CALLAWAY
NICOLE CLARK
CODY HARRIS
LAURA JOHNSON
BRENTON MCNUTT
ROSS SIFUENTES
RAY WARD

8TH GRADE
RUSSELL ALLEN
DUSTY DICKSON
RANDELL DUNCAN
HAYLI-JO FOSTER
SAMMY GARDNER
PRISCILLA HYLES
SHANA HYLES
TRISTAN JONES
KIMBERLY MOSIER
JORDAN PANCAKE
BRANDON PHILLIPS
JANIELLE RIVARD
ANGELA RODRIGUEZ
DUSTIN SNELL
MARCUS WILLIAMS
JARED WOOTEN

FRESHMAN
JOSEPH ALBRECHT
LINDSEY ALLEN
BROOKE BOWDEN
ASHLEY COOK
TIFFANY GOAINS
CHRISTOPHER HARRIS
BYRON MCNUTT
CASSIA RATLIFF
MARIAN REED
CARRIE ROGER
CHRIS SLIGER
SUNNY WESTERMAN

SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Sweet rice, toast, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY—Muffins, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY—Cinnamon rolls, jelly, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, garlic sticks, mixed fruit and milk.

TUESDAY—Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Meat-cheese nachos, salad, corn, fruit cups and milk.

THURSDAY—Chicken & rice, peas & carrots, rolls, strawberries & peaches and milk.

FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, peanut butter cup and milk.

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Cross Plains Elementary Six Weeks "Principal's" Honor Roll

1ST GRADE
DELANY AMES
TONEI KEMP
SHAWNA LEWIS
SAMUEL ROCKETT
AUSTIN SPARKS
CHAD SWITZER
DILLON WHITELEY
HAYDEN WYATT

2ND GRADE
EMMA BENNETT
AMANDA DUNAWAY
EMILY FOSTER
TIFFANY HOLLAND
BRITTANY JOHNSON
AMBER PARKER

Cross Plains Elementary Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

1ST GRADE
DELANY AMES
TYLER AVANTS
ASHLEY COZART
CODY FORD
TONEI KEMP
SHAWNA LEWIS
SAMUEL ROCKETT
AUSTIN SPARKS
CHAD SWITZER
ROBERT WHEELER
DILLON WHITELEY
HAYDEN WYATT

2ND GRADE
EMMA BENNETT
MELISSA BLACK
NATHAN CREAMER
AMANDA DUNAWAY
EMILY FOSTER
JESSICA HALL
TIFFANY HOLLAND
BRITTANY JOHNSON
KAYLA LAWRENCE
COLE LUTER
WILL MACK
AMBER PARKER
KRISTAL PHILLIPS
CODY SLIGER
ZACHARY SNELL
LILIANA VASQUEZ

Cross Plains Elementary Six Weeks "AB" Honor Roll

1ST GRADE
KEVIN BAKER
PATRICK BORDER
SAVANNA GILBERT
JOEL HINTEN
JONATHAN HOLLIS
JANIESA HUTTON
KEIRSTEN JEFFREYS
JACOB MARSH
LEVI MARSH
CODY MILAM
LUIS MONRREAL
BRANDON STEPHENSON
SAVANA WYATT

2ND GRADE
TIFFANY BELL
THOMAS BURRHUS
FREDRICK CANALES
JERRAD EISENBACH
JACOB FELTY
JOSHUA FELTY
COLTON GALLAWAY
CIERRA ODOM
CAMERON PHILLIPS
BENJAMIN SCHAEFER

3RD GRADE
SHEENA APPLE
TERRAH AUGUSTINE
LACRISTA BEAUCHAMP
DOUGLAS BOWDEN
STASHA DRAPER
ASHLEIGH GALLAWAY
EMILY HARRIS
KATIE HUDDLESTON
ANTHONY HUTTON
KATRINA MIRELES
MANDY ROSE
RENEE SALAZAR
THOMAS STEPHENSON
BROOKLYN STRENGTH
CHARLIE VASQUEZ
FILIGONIO VASQUEZ
JOE WYATT

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SHANE SHARPE
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SHENA THOMAS

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THOR WOERNER

4TH GRADE
JULIEANNE MACK

5TH GRADE
DANIELLE FELTY
RUSSELL THOMAS

3RD GRADE
JOAQUIN MONRREAL
KRISTA PHILLIPS
THOR WOERNER

4TH GRADE
HAILEY BIGGS
JULIEANNE MACK

5TH GRADE
DANIELLE FELTY
WENDI LENZ
COLTON MANLEY
KAREN SCOTT
RUSSELL THOMAS

6TH GRADE
SAMANTHA HUTTON
RYAN PAYNE
REBA ROGERS
MARIA VASQUEZ

4TH GRADE
BRICE BOWDEN
DEAN BRAWLEY
JOSEPH CALLAWAY
PATRICK CLINE
MACAYLA COOK
BRITTANY FRANKE
JENNIE LEWIS
BETTY MATHEWS
MARKUS MAXWELL
VIRGINIA NEWSOM
BRYAN RIVERS
STARLA SCHAEFER
JERRY SIMONS
TIFFANY WALKER
JOSEPH WESTERMAN
BRETT WHEELER

5TH GRADE
JOSEPH BAKER
ZACHARY BENNETT
MYKEA DOUGLASS
MATTHEW HALL
MELISSA LUTER
DAVID PETERS
CHRISTINA WARD
KRISTIN WELLS

6TH GRADE
BRITTANY ADAMS
RAINEY BACON
WILLIAM BEAUCHAMP
FORREST CREAMER
NAOMI ISBELL
JESSE NORRIS
MACI PHILLIPS
JEREMIAH SNELL
GARRETT STEPHENS
CLAYTON THOMAS
MEGAN THOMAS
SARA WELLS
LEVI WOOTEN

JUNIOR
JENNIFER HARTMAN
LARRY WHITEHEAD

SENIOR
CHRISTINA BEATY
KENNETH CALLAWAY
STEPHANIE CHILDRESS
CANDICE FRANCY
JODY GOSNELL
CHRISTAL MCGINN
MARY NICKERSON
COBY RICHARDS
BRANDI RICHEL
VANESSA WEBB
JADEN WINFREY

Bufs Begin Playoffs

By COACH CODY CHANDLER

On Friday the Bufs played their last practice game for the playoffs. Hamlin, a 2A school, came to town, and presented us with a challenge we had not faced before. They had size, strength and better shooting ability than anyone else we had previously played. After spotting a 8-2 lead to start the game the Buffaloes began to relax, and the first quarter ended with the Bufs trailing 20-17. The second quarter went much differently as the Bufs scored 31 points in the period, while holding Hamlin to 20 again. The halftime score was Cross Plains 48, Hamlin 40.

The second half was a different story as Hamlin continued to put points on the board. The Buffalo offense sputtered and the lead was cut to 3 points by the end of the period. During the fourth quarter Hamlin continued their hot shooting by a 5'3" point guard. The little guy hit 9 threes in the game including 3 in the fourth quarter. The Buffaloes could not fend off their opponent, and the final score was Hamlin 78, Cross Plains 70.

With a win on the 22nd against Huckabay, the Buffaloes will advance to take on the Graford Bulldogs. This game will probably be played at Eastland on Friday, February 25. Call the school for information.



CHISHOLM TRAIL DISTRICT DERBY WINNER—Local cubscout, Zack Snell received 3rd in the championship race; 1st in the Wolf division and 1st in Aerodynamics.

Scouts are winners

By PHILLIP SCHAEFER
Cub Master

Four cub scouts from our local Pack 281 reced in the district pinewood derby race-off last Saturday, February 12, 2000. The Chisholm Trail Council District held their yearly pinewood derby race at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch in Abilene. Cub scouts from a 100 mile area came to compete in the race.

Four boys from Cross Plains were able to attend: Zack Snell, Louis Walker, Dalton Carpenter and Markus Maxwell. Louis Walker and his RED BARON competed very well until finals and was eliminated. Dalton Carpenter and Markus Maxwell did not place, but raced with enthusiasm.

Our local race car winner was Zack Snell. He competed against 43 other

race cars in the Wolf division, then competed in the finals of the other divisions. Zack place 1st in the Wolf division and also 1st in Aerodynamics. Going into the finals, he placed 3rd in the Championship Race.

We are very proud of all of our Cub Scouts. They have been working very hard this year on earning their achievements. Last week I stopped by the Boy Scout District Office and the employees were just "buzzing" with compliments for our Cross Plains Cub Scouts. The 1st and 2nd place winners of the derby were also from different small town cub scouts. The outcome of the race has truly upset the Abilene boys, because they have always been the winners. It seems to me that the "Country Hicks" have just shown the "City Slickers" how to "Grab The Bull By The Horns!"

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Big Country Home and Garden Expo March 4 & 5

Announcing the Big Country Home & Garden Expo, brought to you by the Big Country Home Builders Association in partnership with *Abilene Reporter-News*, Beal Appliance and Parts Center, Hamilton Supply Company/Husqvarna, KTXS TV, Lamar Corporation, Sunburst Media Stations/KEAN; co-partners Morrison Supply Company/U.S. Brass, Payless Cashways Inc., TXU Gas & Electric, West Texas Utilities and Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

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admission, 12 and under free when accompanied by parent or guardian. Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Sunday 12 noon until 5 p.m.

Grand prize drawing for a Kitchen Appliance Package valued over \$1,900 will be held 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Need not be present to win. Educational seminars held both days of Expo. See robot lawn mowers in action, Bobby Labonte's show car and souvenir trailer, plus get all the latest information on building or remodeling!

For more information, contact the Big Country Home Builders Association, 915/698-4232 or 1-800-657-9069.

Campaign signs not allowed in highway right-of-way

ABILENE, Texas — As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right of way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. Campaign signs erected on highway right of way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right of way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

"The law is intended to keep highway right of way clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety

of the traveling public," said Wes Heald, TxDOT executive director. "It means you can't place signs on trees, utility poles, traffic signs or other objects in the highway right of way."

Campaign signs can be placed on private property with the landowner's permission if they meet certain restrictions. Signs must be made of lightweight material and be no larger than 50 square feet. They can be erected no sooner than 90 days before an election and must be removed 10 days after the election.

Signs within city limits may be subject to local ordinances.

Persons wishing to check on the correct placement of their signs may contact Kristy Gardner in Abilene at 915/676-6829.

4-H Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports 2000 season starts February 26th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We will be having registration for new and current members between the ages of 9 and 18. Disciplines in safety, leadership and responsibility in shotgun, light rifle, black powder and archery.

Season cost per year is \$5.00 per family. Parents are encouraged to attend and help our certified 4-H coaches watch our youth develop safety and skills in the above mentioned disciplines.

For more information contact: Jary Perrotta 893-2440.

Submitted by Jay Perrotta

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 13, 2000 through February 19, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-93
Complaints-90
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Callahan County Oil & Gas Production		
	Oct. 1999	Nov. 1999
Total Oil Production	22,873	21,686
Total Gas Production	112,277	105,678

County oil and gas totals fall in November

Oil and gas production figures for November 1999 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production were both lower compared to October 1999 totals.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of November 1999 was 105,678 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of November was 21,686 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during October 1999 was 22,873 barrels of oil. Total gas production in October was 112,277 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months for Callahan County include: November 1998 with 28,367 barrels of oil, December 1998 with 27,019 barrels, January 1999 with 26,349 barrels, February with 24,211 barrels, March with 21,948 barrels, April with 24,787 barrels of oil, May with 23,023 barrels of crude, June with 23,322 barrels of oil, July with

23,231 barrels of oil, August with 22,238 barrels of crude and September 1999 with 21,222 barrels of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for November 1999 include: Brown, 134,394 MCF of gas and 9,448 barrels of oil; Coleman, 163,851 MCF of gas and 30,504 barrels of oil; Eastland, 369,443 MCF of gas and 27,744 barrels of oil; Jones, 59,857 MCF of gas and 61,064 barrels of oil; Runnels, 127,471 MCF of gas and 45,206 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 305,731 MCF of gas and 80,736 barrels of oil; Stephens, 757,261 MCF of natural gas and 249,653 barrels of oil; and Taylor County 30,824 MCF of gas and 52,368 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing county in October was Gaines with 2,770,571 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in October was Webb with 23,827,119 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in November came from 143,800 oil and 52,626 gas wells.

VISTA Volunteers needed

AmeriCorp *VISTA Volunteers attended the Corporation of National Service, Early Service Training (EST) in Austin, February 2-4. EST provides training workshops to take back knowledge to projects. Attending were: Lesa Baker-Brown County, Jeanie Gilley-Callahan, Paula Martinez and Anita Olivera-Coleman. Sponsored by Central Texas Opportunities, *VISTA Volunteers are developing a community volunteer program to help the disabled and seniors, coordinate transportation services, and create a tutoring program adapted to rural communities and families in a multi-county area.

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For Callahan Attorney Allen Wright

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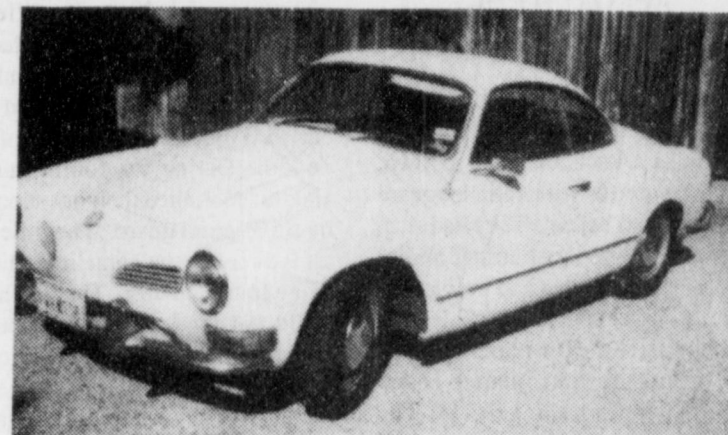
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Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm
February 18, 2000

"Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act"

On Wednesday, February 16, the House Agriculture Committee reported out the "Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act." This legislation would establish a loan guarantee program within the Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service, to provide local broadcast television signals in unserved and underserved rural areas.

This bill passed the Committee with broad support and actually compliments a law passed last year allowing satellite companies, for the first time ever, to retransmit a local network signal back into the same local market area.

As a result of that law, cable wireless providers are able to compete with local cable providers by offering the same service, giving consumers greater access to network television stations. With increased competition, consumers benefit through lower prices, better service and more choice in cable and wireless television service.

Echo Star and DirectTV are the only satellite television providers in the U.S. and, unfortunately, they claim they do not have the capac-

ity to provide local-into-local network signals for the nation's 210 television markets.

In fact, by the end of this year Echo Star and DirectTV will offer service in only 30 of the largest television markets. These companies, incidentally, have no plans to expand beyond the top 30 markets anytime soon.

The legislation reported out of the Agriculture Committee earlier this week was introduced to help provide local-into-local network broadcast services to the other 180 television markets. The loan guarantee program will fund projects to provide local broadcast television signals into small and rural markets.

People living in rural areas deserve to have access to the benefits of local programming—local news, weather, sports and most importantly emergency information service. Since local television is one of our most vital safety information resources in times of natural disaster or other emergencies, this legislation has the potential to improve quality of life and save lives.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Sweet conversation...

The girls and I were on our way to the grocery store. Sweet Pea and Peanut thought it was a good day to talk Gramma into treats. They talked about treats from the end of our County Road all the way into town.

On our way through the parking lot, I reminded the girls we didn't have to choose the first thing we came to. We could go up and down the aisles and select the very best goody for us today. We were at the automatic sliding doors by then. The slush sound of the doors closing behind us masked our slurp in unison.

While we filled our grocery basket with the weekly list of regular items, we discarded some choices. It was easily agreed among us that it wasn't chocolate bars we were craving, nor oranges, nor graham crackers.

The candy aisle was difficult. I wasn't going to buy three bags of hard candy. "If we decide on hard candy, we'll all have to agree on the same choice," I told them.

The same thing happened at the cookie shelf, escalating into noisy bickering. I shushed the girls quiet, and we went on. "We can always come back to the cookies if that's what we settle on," I said.

"Maybe we really want something salty," Peanut suggested. We picked up round crackers, square crackers, flaked chips, puffy chips, whole grain healthy bits, and worm-shaped cheesy things, dismissing each with, "Nah, maybe next time."

For a minute it was almost chips and bean dip, until we got to the frozen treats. We considered ice cream for awhile, reviewing all the chocolate toppings. It was one of those shivery days, so we put that choice on hold for another day.

We rolled our basket through the meat department. "I have a great idea," I said.

"What?" they asked.

I smiled. "Liver strips!"

The looks I got in return assured me that was not it.

The bakery section got their attention. "Oooh, how about that pie right there!" said one. I wanted pumpkin, and the other wanted apple. Sweet Pea dismissed it with a flick of her hand and turned her back on pies.

"Oh, look over here!" she said. "Doughnuts!"

"Yum," agreed Peanut.

"Ah, this is a good idea," I said. "We can each pick our own favorite."

One reached for an apple fritter, but drew her hand back to reconsider. We stood before the case, our eyes roving back and forth across the shelves, our chins pocketed in our hands, true signs of deep consideration.

Peanut had almost decided on a cherry filled tart, and I was reaching for a twisty cruller, when Sweet Pea pulled out a cream filled Hot Chocolate Long John. I drooled and picked up the next one. So did Peanut.

All that fuss and we all chose the same thing!

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Jordan Cattle Auction - Brownwood

February 15, 2000

Receipts totaled 844 head. Conditions and quality remain the main factors in determining prices as we are starting to see some spread on fleshy individuals compared to the dried out kinds. Most light & medium weight steers & heifers carrying ideal condition are still selling steady to strong. The heavier weight calves & yearlings that are dried out, remain steady while the fatter kinds are finding few friends. Stocker bred cow calf pairs sold steady in good demand. Packer cows sold steady to \$2 lower. Bulls remain steady.

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AUSTIN—Recruiting teachers from other countries and paying court fines online--just some of the innovative programs featured in the February issue of *Texas Innovator*, a monthly newsletter published by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

School districts nationwide are facing serious teacher shortages, and some cities are going global to find teachers. Chicago public schools are recruiting teachers from foreign countries to teach math, science and foreign languages to help fill 400 vacancies. New York City schools hired 31 math and science teachers recruited from Austria in the last school year.

The foreign teachers will receive temporary teaching certificates and must complete requirements for a standard state teaching certificate within four years.

Texas Innovator also features a Website called *SchoolCash.com*, which helps schools raise money by returning portions of each purchase from participating online retailers to the school selected by the consumer.

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Also featured in *Texas Innovator* is *E-Court, Inc.*, and Austin-based software company that developed software to pay court fines online. *E-Court, Inc.* has contracted with several municipal courts in Texas,

including Laredo. Laredo city officials expect the software to cut down on staffing needs and allow them to collect health fees and delinquent property taxes online.

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