

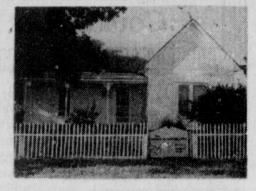
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a resume for Moms. You mothers will relate to all the requirements. My daughter, Blandye Crawford, sent me the information. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"Resume for Moms"

Position: Mom, Mother, Mommy, Mommie, Mama, Ma, MOM!

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Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 609 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf.

Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate productions of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the

Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

Possibility for Advancement and Promotion: Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

Previous Experience: None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

Wages and Compensation: You pay them, offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reversesalary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do

Benefits: While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right

Forward this on to all the MOMs you know, in appreciation for everything they do on a daily basis and let them know they are appreciated.

College Financial Aid Workshop Held in C.P. Jan. 10th

A free financial aid workshop will be held at Cross Plains High School at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 10. Corky Swanson, financial aid consultant, will present this workshop.

The workshop will be especially helpful to parents of current Juniors and Seniors. However, any person needing information on financial aid and/or assistance in completing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is invited to attend. Many schools use the FAFSA to award their own financial aid, including grants and scholarships.

Love Fund Established For Linda Henson

A Love Fund has recently been established at Citizens State Bank for Linda Henson. She will begin treatment at M.D. Anderson in Houston on December 27. This account will help defray medical expenses incurred.

Linda is employed at Citizens State Bank as a loan officer.

Your prayers on her behalf will be especially appreciated.

Experienced stuffed animals sought by Hospice Care group

Do you have stuffed animals that your children have outgrown? Would you like to donate them to children who are hurting?

RAINBOWS, an outreach program of Hendrick Hospice Care, is a nine-week program for children who have suffered a loss through death or divorce. Children attend weekly group sessions for peer support and bonding with others that have suffered similar losses. Parents meet with adult group facilitators during the same hour as their children.

If you would like to donate your used or experienced stuffed animals, or if you would just like information about the program, please call RAINBOWS Coordinator Sharra Sampson at 677-8516 or 893-5384. Your contribution may be dropped off at 1530 Stephens in Clyde, or at the Hendrick Hospice Care office located at 1682 Hickory St. in Abilene. If you are unable to bring your donation, pickup can be ar-

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HOME CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS - Randy and Sharlotte Montgomery. Contest sponsored by Project Pride.

Winter Texans offered propane safety tips and refueling sites on the Internet

AUSTIN-Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today advised Winter Texans visiting the Lone Star State that the agency offers propane safety tips, a statewide propane refueling directory, and other services on its Internet site: http// www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisons/ afred/safety/winter-texans.

"Technology has taken the place of cumbersome road maps and travel guides," said Williams. "Visitors to Texas now have information about propane safety, refueling sites, even state historical sites and RV parks right at their finger-

"Part-time Texans rely on propane as a full-time energy source for their recreational vehicles," said Matthews. "Having this information online will allow visitors to travel to their destinations with the peace of mind that a refueling station can be found literally a mouse click away."

The Internet offers the Railroad Commission another avenue for providing propane safety information." added Garza. "Winter Texans, as well as those who make our state their home year round, have this high-tech option to ensure the safe handling and use of propane."

The Railroad Commission website also features current road and weather conditions for travelers, as well as information on the safe storage, handling and use of LPgas containers, systems and appli-

For those who rely on propanepowered camp heaters, lanterns and stores or for those who arive recreational vehicles, the Railroad Commission offers a few basic outdoor equipment safety remind-

· Check propane camping appli-

ances periodically to make sure they are operating correctly. And always make sure your shelter or campsite is adequately ventilated at all times. Never turn in for the night with a heater, stove or lamp still burning.

· Propane cylinders should always be stored, moved and used in an upright position, unless otherwise indicated on the cylinder itself. And all cylinders and appliances should be kept out of reach of children at all times.

 Campground owners who have propane tanks on their property should contact their local supplier to have their propane delivery account put on automatic. By planning ahead, campground owners will never have to worry about having an adequate supply of propane no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the driving conditions.

Visit a qualified propane gas dealer or licensed RV repair facility for an annual checkup. The propane supplier or facility repair technician can check the system for leaks and the proper regulator settings, while inspecting the valves and fittings, too. It's also a good idea to check propane tanks for rust and dents,

Travelers who don't pack a computer when they're on the road can find many public libraries in Texas that offer Internet access. A list of libraries can be obtained by calling the Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) at 1-800-64-CLEAR [1-800-643-5327]. Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels. Research and Education Division (AFRED) is charged with researching and educating Texans about

propane and other environmen-

tally beneficial fuels.

BFI Announces Changes | Caution Urged For **Holiday Travel**

ABILENE - Transportation officials are urging motorists to use caution when traveling during the holiday season, one of the most traveled times of year.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is strongly urging motorists to refrain from drinking and driving. Thousands of Texans are injured or killed by drunk drivers every year. The legal limit for intoxication is now .08 blood alcohol concentration for those 21 and over. But for anyone under 21, it's zero tolerance - don't drink.

Motorists should always use safety belts properly. In addition to driver and front seat passenger riding in a car or light truck, Texas law also states that all children under 15 must be properly secured in a safety belt or child safety seat. Children 12 and under are safest when secured in the back seat.

TxDOT provides statewide road condition information at 800-452-9292. Information about TxDOT is also available through the department's World Wide Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

Texas teens are losing the oppor-

tunity to work all summer. School

holidays that have expanded as

summer vacations have shrunk also

can create problems for working

"Parents who must try to arrange

their work schedules around arbi-

trary school schedules can find

themselves in a real pinch,"

Rylander said. "They can pay extra

for someone to keep their kids,

take off work, or leave them home

families who rely on child care.

Comptroller says starting school earlier costs Texas millions every year

AUSTIN-Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced early and erratic school start dates are draining \$332 million a year from Texas' tourist-town economies in lost consumer spending, stripping \$27 million in direct income from thousands of migrant farm families, and may be costing Texas' public schools \$10 million more a year in bloated utility bills.

"Texas schools have been opening their doors earlier and earlier every year," Rylander said. "Our 50 largest districts started school in a three-week time span that stretched all of the way from Aug. 2 to Aug. 23 last year. It's a practice that is costing the state and school districts an enormous amount of money.

Rylander's office recently completed a study examining the economic impact of the growing trend toward earlier school start dates and the effect a new statewide uniform start date would have on Texas. Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville, a longtime advocate for reform, requested the report.

"Our research found shortened summer vacations reduced traveling time for Texas families and cost \$332 million a year in lost tourist activity," Rylander said. "Nearly 56,000 migrant families are losing another \$27 million in annual income and the earlier start dates also mean school districts have to run their air conditioning systems full blast during the hottest month in a Texas summer. That alone could be costing taxpayers an extra \$10 million a year.

Rylander said on average, only 52 cents of every dollar Texas spends on education goes directly into the classroom. "That's unacceptable-especially when you re wasting \$10 million a year in bloated utility bills," Rylander said.

The study also found earlier school start dates mean thousands of

alone. It costs them- one way or the other." Rylander's report also concluded earlier and irregular school start dates may be a factor in the lower mated 123,000 children of migrant families in Texas.

"Texas has the largest student population in the nation that migrates each season to other states," Rylander said. "There are any number of reasons schooling is harder for migrant children, and it looks like the scatter shot of earlier school start dates could be one of them."

Rylander also noted there is substantial public support for a uniform school start date, citing a 1999 Scripps Howard Texas Poll that found 64 percent of Texans were for it, and nearly half favored opening Texas schools after Labor

"Nothing is more important than education," Rylander said. "As a former school teacher and school board president, but most importantly as a mother and a grandmother, I have a deep and abiding interest in education excellence for all Texas children.

Texas school districts have been free to set their own start dates since state law was changed in 1991. Although historical information is limited, survey research shows a decided and growing trend toward earlier school start dates across the state.

Grand Ole Oplin Musical

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out this Sunday evening, December 31, 2000 to help bring in the new year.

Muddy Creek will be providing the dancing music beginning at 8 p.m. until shortly after midnight. Black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served but everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all

The Grand Ole Oplin is an alcohol and smoke free dance and is located at F.M. 604 South and F M 2926

Our regular scheduled dance, December 29, has been cancelled but will resume again on January 5, 2001 with Muddy Creek starting the month off.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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Misdemeanor Minutes

Matthew Tye Beall, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated - 2nd (DWI), 15 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$231.25 court costs.

Daniel Cherry, II, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$88.47 restitution.

Bonifacio Perez, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$155 restitution.

Cathy Parker, order extending probation granted.

D. J. Collins, motion to dismiss motion to dismiss probation granted. Duane Clark, order discharging

defendant from probation granted. Gerald Wayne Arnold, order releasing cash bond granted.

Marriage Licenses

Jarrod Wayne Page, Cross Plains and Susan Estella Staley, Granbury.

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

> > **Civil Filings**

Charles C. Holden and Karon Elizabeth Holden, divorce. Amber Marie Brown York and

Chad Kendall York, divorce.

Roger Sosebee, individually, and as Wespac Technologies Corp. vs. W.E. Vance, damages.

Sheri Kitchens and Walter Kitchens, protective order.

United Bank & Trust vs. Frontier Pacific Corp. and all other occupants of 6710 E. IH-20, forcible detainer.

Civil Minutes

Michael Freeman and Evdie L. Freeman, divorce granted.

Yisrayl Yaaqob-Mosheh Hawkins and Miryam Mosheh Hawkins, divorce granted.

Teresa Marie Dilno and Martin Clay Dilno, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Jason Travis Lee Knapp, judgment revoking probation granted.

Timothy Wayne Skiles, request to amend conditions of probation

Larry Don Griffith, plea of guilty to indecency with a child, 7 years in prison, \$143.50 court costs.



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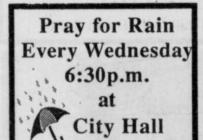
John Thomas Masey was born February 2, 1913 in San Saba. He passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2000 at Trinity Haven Healthcare in Midland. He was 87 vears old.

Services are scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 28, 2000 at Sunset Memorial Chapel with Mr. Don Mitchell of Westside Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Masey married Frankie Wilkinson on September 15, 1934 in Brownwood. They came to Odessa in 1945 from McCollough County. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for Portland Cement. He was a member of the Church of

Survivors include his wife, Frankie of Midland; daughters, Fayla Ward of Midland and Shirley Kleypas of Kerrville; a son, Harold Masey of Odessa; a brother, James Masey of Odessa; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Services are under direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.





I hate and abhor Lying, But I Love Your Law. -- Psalm 119:163

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we Lie and do not practice the truth.

-- I John 1:6

Paid Advertising-Irma Miller:

Travis Dale Crockett

Funeral services for Travis Dale Crockett were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2000, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Larry Ashlock officiated and Reverend Eric Seay provided the music. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Dale was born to Arthur Bane and Oma Mae Crockett on January 18, 1935, in Roswell, New Mexico. On April 10, 1959, he married LaVon E. Peacock in Brownfield.

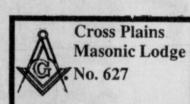
Mr. Crockett was in the Merchant Marines in 1956 and the United State Army from 1957-1959, in which he received an honorable discharge. He was employed by Continental Emsco from 1959-1968. Ortloff from 1968-1984 and in 1998, retired from Gould Pump after 11 years of service. After retirement, Dale and LaVon moved to Cross Plains, where they attended Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Dale was preceded in death by his

He is survived by his wife, LaVon of Cross Plains; two sons, Russell Dale Crockett and his wife, Cheryl, of Midland, and Rodney Glenn Crockett and his wife, Kathy, of North Richland Hills; his daughter, Rhonda Gay Mariott and her husband, Gary, of Midland; and his five grandchildren, Justin Crockett, Cali Crockett, Courtney Crockett, Cassidy Crockett and Cody Mariott; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were J.R. Looney, Dennis Looney, Micheal Wilson, Paul Click, Zane Herring and Heath Sossaman.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the American Heart Association.



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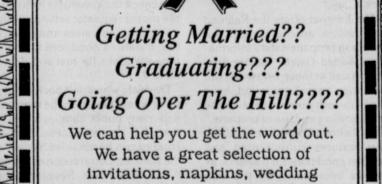
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Just looking at the striking differences between urban and rural Texas, it's clear that we must come up with solutions that have the potential to raise the spirits - as well as the status - of rural areas

One such solution is the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, which has been active in keeping agricultural businesses alive. While it's nothing new, we are now working to broaden its rural economic development scope. Under TAFA, we recently have devel-

oped a new program called the Rural Economic Development Finance Program. Basically, this new program opens doors for rural loans that aren't necessarily related to agriculture but help the local community.

Beyond the new program, we'll be seeking changes to TAFA in general in the coming legislative session. Such changes include issuing revenue bonds to provide financial assistance in rural areas for rural economic development, providing access for rural political subdivisions to the Rural Economic Development Finance Program, adding a new rural development loan project category to the Linked Deposit Program with a \$5 million allocation, and offering loan guarantees for the purchase of farm and ranch

In agriculture, we're always up for a challenge. And with programs like TAFA, many of these challenges turn into opportunities. We are looking forward to addressing some of the difficulties we share in agriculture and work collectively to boost the spirits and enhance the prosperity of our rural communities.

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You can call Social Security tollfree any weekday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

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Welcome!



Dear Editor,

The other day I went to a meeting with fellow agronomists and the subject of damage done by feral pigs came up. I suggested getting in touch with a bow hunters club and charging \$15.00 per day to hunt feral pigs. A man from the government said the charge should be \$500.00 per day. While \$500.00 per day is a reasonable charge for wealthy folks to hunt deer for their antlers, I am talking about bow hunters who want meat for their table and freezer.

The arrangement should be with the club members signing as individuals and as a group so they share responsibility clearly stated. As a rule, bow hunters are careful about where their arrows go and don't take "bush shots" at any bush that moves, so livestock and tumbleweeds should be safe. The hunt days should not be during deer or turkey season. The charge for taking away unwanted pigs is not for making money, but like Tom Sawyer charging kids an apple to let them whitewash the fence he was supposed to do.

> **Curt Hoskins** 7615 St. Hwy. 36 E. Cross Plains, TX 76443

Local and Area Students PET TALK (3-Cross Plains Review December 28, 2000 Recognized at Cisco Junior College for Fall Semester

Three Cisco Junior College students from Cross Plains and Rising Star are on the recently released President's List for the fall semester of 2000. Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system. The students making the President's List were Robert J. Hartman and Dena D. Purvis of Cross Plains and Lonnie D. Wende Rising Star.

Four Cisco Junior College students from Cross Plains are on the recently released Dean's List for the fall

and Roy C. Sliger of Cross Plains and Laura B. Bailey and Stacey R. Pena of Rising Star.

School Memories of O.B. (Prof) Edmondson Noted

By Bobby Jack McCowen

These are memories of O.B. (Prof) Edmondson and one of his agriculture classes in approximately 1943. This is a partially true story, and I vividly remember helping to cull the chickens in the below story and the exact location where we did

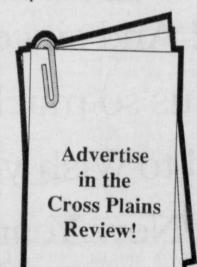
This is the way it goes. The late Ab Harris, a longtime barber years ago in Cross Plains, contacted Prof and told him he had 200 white leghorn hens and he was only getting about 100 eggs a day. He wanted Prof and his ag class to come up and cull the non-laying hens so he could sell the 100 non-layers and thus would get about as many eggs, plus save a lot of

The class with Prof went about 2 blocks east of Cross Plains High School and culled the chickens. Well, we must have gotten laying and non-laying hens mixed up. The story goes that after selling 100 hens; Mr. Harris never got another

With 15 or 20 boys going through a bunch of chickens I doubt if a laying hen would ever lay again anyway.

I didn't get to go to Prof's 90th birthday party, so I thought I would put this in the newspaper and maybe make him grin.

I also realize that if this is a true story, no one will ever want me to help cull their chickens.



semester of 2000. The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system. Those students include Dusty B. Anderson

Cats get fever, dogs get lethar-gic, cows don't give milk, horses can't walk.

But how do you know if your goldfish is sick?

That's one of the many ques-tions Dr. Ken Johnson is often asked in his role as aquatic animal disease specialist for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic

Laboratory at Texas A&M Univer-Johnson says the popularity of fish ponds, aquariums and tanks in Texas shows there is a keen

interest in aquatic life. Especially popular are ornamen-tal fish, which include goldfish and colored carp frequently seen in fish ponds at restaurants, hotels or

private residences. But like any other creature, they can get diseases and die, and often, owners don't know why their fish are dying and place calls to his

"A lot of times, there are no visible symptoms, and by the time the owner realizes something is wrong, it's too late," Johnson says.

The diseases affecting fish sometimes have noticeable signs. These are present on the fish itself, and from there, we usually figure out what the problem is.

Diseases that affect fish usually come from three sources, Johnson said: bacterial, viral or from

The anchor parasite is most common, he explains, and derives its name from the shape and way the parasite digs or anchors itself into the skin of the fish. These can be treated by removing them by hand or placing certain chemicals in the water.

Another type is called "ich," short for Ichthyophthirius, a parasite that also affects the skin.

A common bacterial disease is goldfish furunculosis which can cause surface lesions and sores. It's a disease, Johnson says, that can be systemic, meaning it gets into the system of the fish and spreads internally, causing infection.

Viral diseases are those which cause conditions similar to warts on fish, and some can develop

Pet talk is a service of Texas A&M University and its College of Veterinary Medicine. Email suggestions for future topics may be directed to kr@univrel.tamu.edu

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"My Claim to Fame"

In my immediate family, as I was growing up, I became a "legend in my own time." "For what?" you ask. My reply, "Why for my culinary expertise, in the kitchen," I answer.

One Christmas when in my early teens (about 14 years old), since my mother had to work on Christmas Eve, she asked that my sister, Ann, and me to bake a Christmas cake to take to my Grandmother Dennis the following day for Christmas dinner. My sister was to make the cake and our cousin Glenda (who was visiting) and I were to ice and decorate it.

My sister, age 12, baked the cake alright. It was just gorgeous. Well, Glenda, age 10, and I did ice and decorate it, too! We decided to use white icing and decorate with red and green coconut which we would color ourselves. Well, we did, only thing was, I guess I wasn't paying attention 'cause there were these little squares of colored paper stuff that you mixed with a little moisture and used that to color the coconut. Somehow I guess I must've been playing around and got hold of the wrong square of red. Now the green turned out just right, bee-u-ti-ful green coconut. Only thing was the red coconut didn't turn red, it was ORANGE, a beautiful orange, but ORANGE!

My sister was so mad, the cake she'd made was just delicious but the cake "looked" like a Halloween cake from the drunks at the O.K. Corral. It

was all green and orange. It looked just like carrot scrappings with little green patches in it. Now that took some extensive expertise.

Then there was the time I was supposed to use leftover mashed potatoes for potato patties for lunch. My sister wasn't home that day so I can't blame it on her (worst luck)!! -----Well, to shorten the story, I inadvertently expertised the gravy from the refrigerator and not noticing, made the patties with it. Somehow though, Mama and Daddy ate it anyway. Afterward Mama investigated ---- and the truth will find you out (well it found me alright).

There was the time I couldn't find the shortening to put in the cake I was baking so I substituted bacon grease instead. I'm sure you can figure out rather easily how that cake looked and tasted. I'm sure Mama despaired of me ever learning to cook anything fit to eat anyway.

Then there was the time my sister and I made green cookies. They looked awful and tasted even worse. So before Mama and Daddy came home from work, we fed those to Mrs. Holley's chickens (next door). We never did know if that was what made all their tail feathers fall out about two weeks later.

I guess I better not tell anymore cooking stories! These should be sufficient for a spell. (You haven't spotted any green tail feathers lately, have you?

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A well known physician and psychiatrist, Sigmund Freud, said that goals are dangerous because if you set goals and then don't make them you'll experience failure. But another says goals are great! In reality, it can indeed be quite dangerous if you set a goal and don't reach it and have a negative attitude regarding it. But not reaching your goal is not as dangerous as no having one at all.

Look at the Old Testament story of how God always kept a pillar of fire or a cloud before the people at all times -- to guide them and lead them forward. That's what goals do for us. And though it is important to reach most of our goals. if we always reach our goals, then we may be setting our sights too low. Reached goals can be expanded upon -- matter of fact, if we don't extend and expand them, we'll start dying. In other words, if my goals are not expandable, they will be expendable.

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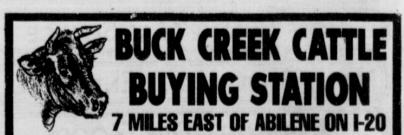




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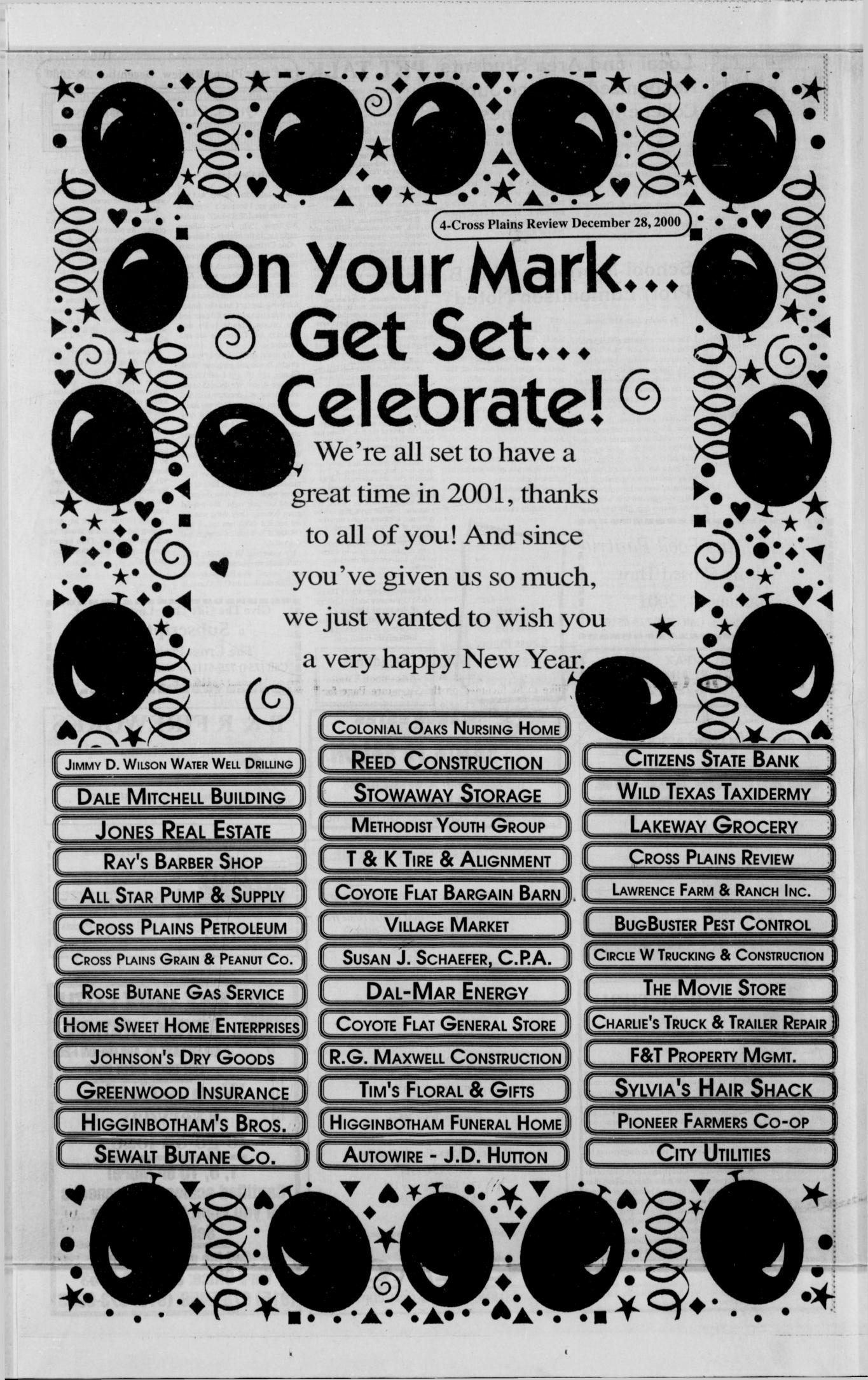


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Thinking it would be a small immediate family gathering, Gladys was surprised when between fifty and sixty children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews showed up.

Also attending were her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Nancy Barnes; Baby Laura, Hannah and Rose Barnes of Lafayette, L.A.; Jamie, Ricky, Brittany and Sheena Apple of Cross Plains; Bruce, Sandy, Sarah and Colt Barnes of Humble; Aaron Reusey, Jennifer

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Eddy Edmondson Twenty-Five Years

This November TNLA President Eddy D. Edmondson has completed 25 years with the Texas Green Industry's largest association. While everyone who has worked with NLA knows Eddy's welcoming handshake, and his ready smile we have rarely mentioned the career of TNLA's chief executive.

After graduating from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Agricultural Education, Eddy worked for the Texas Department of Agriculture in Dallas and Houston, in the marketing and regulatory divisions.

His career in the nursery/landscape industry began as an assistant to Executive Director Bill Fullingim. Eddy supervised the Texas Certified Nursery Professional (TCNP) program and participated in promotion and management of the TAN-MISSLARK Nursery, Garden, and Landscape Supply Show. He coordinated member committees which created the TCNP Manual and in 1989 worked to establish the Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional program.

Eddy was appointed President of TAN in 1990 when Bill Fullingim retired. Under Eddy's leadership as President TNLA has established an independent Education and Research Foundation. The Association's Trade Show, The Nursery/Landscape Expo (formerly the TAN-MISSLARK Show) has grown to over 1550 booths and draws attendance in excess of 10,000 annually.

In 1997 TAN presented Eddy with the Arp Award, the Association's highest award honoring service to the industry and in 1998 the Texas Society of Association Executives honored him with their Distinguished Executive of the Year Award. In 1999, he received the Professional Organization Award from the Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas Association.

Eddy's willingness to develop leaders is illustrated by the fact that

received the highest award given to professionals in their respective areas of association management.

The biggest accomplishment and challenge of Eddy's career was accomplishing the unification of the nursery/landscape industry when TAN and TALC came together to create the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association.

Eddy has been actively involved with the Texas Society of Association Executives and has served as chairman of the Personnel Seminar committee, the Trade Show Committee, and is a member of the Board of Directors and past Board member of the TSAE Foundation. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and past president of the Nursery Association Executives of North America. He is also active in the International Association of Exposition Managers and is a founding member of the Austin

In his capacity as President of TNLA, Edmondson has served on the Nursery/Floral Advisory Committee and Producer Advisory Council of the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Urban Forestry Council, the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and the advisory board of the Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Safety and Injury Prevention. He also serves as Executive Vice President of the TNLA Education and Research Foundation.

Eddy's wife, Gayle Pickering, is also an association management professional. How dedicated are these two to their jobs? When they decided to get married, they hopped off a bus during the Winter Seminar and took all of the attendees along to the chapel.

Eddy's family includes two children, a son Corbin and a daughter Colie and one grandchild.

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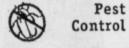
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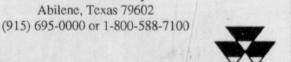
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NEW LISTING--794/A in Brown County, 18 stock ponds, excellent grass, hunting & fishing. Large brick home,

shop, barns, pens, hunting camp mobile home on Turkey Creek. NEW LISTING--8.32/A, approximately 1,200 sq. ft., home, barn, waterwell, trees, 5 miles from town.

NEW LISTING--3bd/1 bath home on 5/A, waterwell, landscaped, on pavement, close to town.

* 3bd/3 bath, brick on 5/A, firepalce, large trees, workshop and barn--Call Pauline.

* 210/A in Comanche County, stock pond, 4 waterwells, 80/A in Coastal, deer hunting cabin, large barn--Call

* 112/A, 3bd/1 bath, brick that the track of the track point and improved pasture...

* 3bd/2 bath, brick, CHND ERICE ON, ERDA CIEns, good waterwell, NW of Rising Star.

* Nice remodeledhome on 2.30 wooded/A & pavement, good location, good waterwell, near Cross Plains. * 2bd/2 bath, fireplace, garage in Rising Star--Call Pauline.

*3-2 brick, CH/A, on 96/A fer Dement, lots of trees, garden spot, fruit trees. This one won't last long! Just what everyone is looking for! Nearly new, approximately 2,000 sq. ft. 3-2w/sun room, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, large shop building, good water well, spectacular view on 38/A.

NEW LISTING--1,428 sq. ft. nice brick home on Main Street in Cross Plains, CH/A, brick, excellent location. NEW LISTING--3bd/1 LINDER GONT BACK GOOD location, storm cellar, waterwell NEW LISTING--Comfort LINDER (COMPACT BACK) bath home on Tom Bryant. Large fenced yard,

double garage, new a/c an. NEW LISTING--0 DOWN, \$1,000 Move in - 3bd/2 bath, 3 years old, CH/A, in town - nice.

NEW LISTING--House in Rising Star, near church-4bd/2 bath, large lot, very nice place--Call Pauline.

NEW LISITING--1bd/1 bath house in Rising Star. Metal shop, big trees & carport--Call Pauline.

NEW LISTING--3bd/2 bath, large lot, fruit trees, Liveoaks, in Rising Star--Call Pauline. NEW LISTING-4bd/2 bath, brick on large lot, big pecan trees in Cross Plains.

NEW LISTING--2bd/1 bath here being Star, large trees, garden spot.

NEW LISTING--2bd/1 bath, frame, large trees, on 2 lots in Cross Plains, reasonably priced.

NEW LISTING-2bd/2 bath, brick, fireplace, landscaped, on 4 lots, large pecan trees, cellar, waterwell, carport

*2bd/1 bath, carport, metal shed, 10'x16' metal workshop, screened in porch, 2 garden spots, near school in Rising Star--Call Pauline.

* 2bd/2 bath, fireplace, garage in Rising Star--Call Pauline.

Nice 3bd, brick, CH/A, lar () in Jom Bryant Addition.

3bd/2 bath on large lot, 16 pecan trees in Rising Star--Call Pauline. * 2bd/1 bath on approximately 1/A, large trees in Rising Star--Call Pauline.

* 3bd/2 bath on large lot, 16 pecan trees in Rising Star--Call Pauline.

* 2bd/1 bath, on large lot, garden spot, pecan trees, a homestead in town.

* 2bd/1 bath, close to school, good condition. ready to move in.

* REDUCED-2bd/2 bath home, with glassed in porch. Also 1bd/1bath apartment w/shop building on South Main. GOOD BUY!

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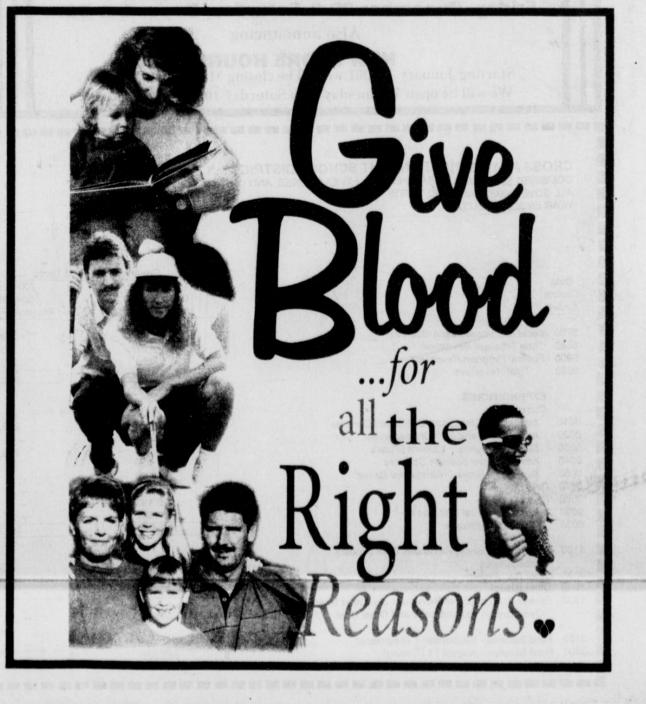
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New Look and Flavor Mark Start of

Annual Girls Scout Cookie Sale

For the first time in nearly a decade, Girl Scout cookie boxes have a whole new look. Inside the new packages, consumers will also find a brand new cookie called Aloha Chips with Macadamia Nuts. Aloha Chips is a distinctive and exotic-tasting cookie containing creamy white fudge chips and, of course, crunchy Macadamia nuts.

As Girl Scouts gear up to use the decision-making, moneymanagement, and goal-setting skills they learn as a result of participating in the Girl Scout cookie sale, They will have a new marketing tool -- the boxes themselves. Emphasizing the investment consumers make in a girl's future by purchasing Girl Scout cookies, each box now says, 'You'd be surprised what a Girl Scout cookie can build: strong values, strong minds, strong bodies, strong spirit, strong friendships, strong skills, strong leadership and strong community.'

"Since they first began, the Girl Scout cookie sales have focused on helping girls to learn real skills that help them succeed in life," said Girl Scout historian, Mary Levey. "Many of today's successful women credit the Girl Scout cookie sale with helping them develop their business and communication skills."

Soon after Juilette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, Girl Scout leaders and girls sold cookies in order to be self-reliant and to fund their own troop activities. In those early days, girls baked the original shortbread cookies at home and held neighborhood bake sales to raise money for troop activities. By 1934, several Girl Scout councils were using commercial bakers to assist in their endeavors. During the 1940's, Girl Scouts sold fewer cookies during World War II due to limited supplies of flour, sugar and butter. By 1947, a total of 29 bakers

throughout the nation were licensed to create Girl Scout cookies, but by 1980, the number was streamlined to four bakers (now two licensed bakers) to ensure lower prices, and uniform quality, packaging, and distribution. During the 1980's, these same bakers could choose from designs that depicted scenes of Girl Scouts engaged in contemporary activities, and decide which image to put on their boxes. With the unveiling of new packaging in 2000, there are now eight concepts for the same or similar cookie varieties for easier brand identification and promotion.

"The Girl Scout cookie sale is an invaluable learning experience," said Jan Cate, Council Executive Director. "This voluntary program activity helps girls develop selfconfidence, self-respect and a strong sense of community.

"This year, some of the troops may ask customers to purchase extra boxes to be donated to various charities. Each troop chooses whether to participate in this community service project and the charity to whom they want to donate the cookies. When asked, we encourage customers to help area girls learn the importance of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves."

Girl Scout cookie sale orders will be taken from January 5 to January 22. Cookies will be delivered between February 12 and March 5. Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem

in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls

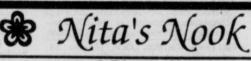
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CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

Totals (Memorandum Only) **Governmental Fund Types** Data 500-599 100-199 August 31, **Debt Service** August 31, Control General Special 1999 Fund 2000 Codes Fund Revenue Funds REVENUES: 864,862 766,669 Local and Intermediate Sources 41,064 36,123 689,482 2,027,023 53,310 2,242,299 State Program Revenues 2,109,197 79,792 290,135 226,635 Federal Program Revenues 226,635 3,182,020 94.374 3,235,603 5020 **Total Revenues** 2,798,679 342,550 **EXPENDITURES:** Current: 1,861,479 0010 1,977,392 Instruction & Instructional Related Services 1,762,355 215,037 156,771 0020 Instructional and School Leadership 161,144 161,144 435,425 428,604 0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil) 298,294 130,310 185,363 0040 Administrative Support Services 197,529 197,029 500 262,289 0050 266,538 Support Services - Nonstudent Based 266,538 90,330 92,780 0070 92,404 Debt Service 2,074 171,089 199,192 0080 Capital Outlay 199,192 40,706 49,002 Intergovernmental Charges 0090 49,002 3,205,902 90,330 3,371,805 6030 **Total Expenditures** 345,847 2,935,628 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) (23,882)4,044 (136, 202)Expenditures (136,949)(3,297)7020 202,355 9,009 Other Resources 199,058 3,297 (3,297) (9,009) 8030 (3.297) iency) of Revenues and Other Resources (23,882)Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses 4,044 62,856 58,812 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) 564,023 15,877 540.141 524,264 540,141 19,921 602,997 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) 583,076

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