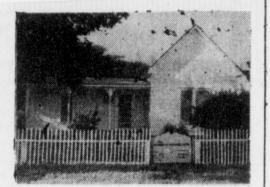


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"To Fly Like a Bird?"

By VANDA ANDERSON-**CREECH** Editor

Didn't you love the beautiful weather we were blessed with last Tuesday? I went home after work and just sat in my front yard, soaking up some sunshine and daydreaming.

In my neck of the woods you never know what wonder of nature you might have the privilege to see, and this time I watched a hawk. I think it was a red tail, but I'm not positive.

I first caught sight of him near the fence that borders our home. I followed him as he soared gracefully across the road to the brush line on my neighbor's Coastal field.

It occurred to me that even though man has developed all types of technical flying transportation, none compare to the flight of this hawk. He swooped close to the ground and weaved between the trees and thick brush with the greatest of ease, then flew straight to the top of a tall tree.

It must be great to have that range of motion. Can you imagine what his vision below must be? Oh, to be a bird for just one day!

I was talking to Jeannie Foller about writing on the subject of hawks and she told her hawk story.

Her husband, Kenneth, found a baby hawk when he was bulldozing and brought it home in an effort to save its life. They fed it rabbit meat and brought it back to health, but it had a difficult time learning to fly.

She said her husband kept encouraging Buzzard (its personal name) to fly and finally one day he did. They also had to let him learn to find his own food.

Jeannie said if you went into their backyard and called "Buzzard" the then full grown hawk would fly down and greet you. This created quite a stir with visitors. It would be a little scary.

They haven't seen Buzzard in a long time now, but he will never be for-

This year when the red tail hawks start migrating, Richard said he wanted to catch them on video. With several hundred in one field, it is truly an amazing sight!

Scranton Musical is Saturday

The Scranton Musical is Saturday, March 3, 200,1 at the Scranton Community Center. All area musicians are invited to play and may call Mark Ray, emcee, at (915) 692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. The music begins at 6:30 p.m. The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. Joanie Shrader is in charge of the kitchen and will be helped by the family. They will be offering a great meal; chicken and rice casserole, green beans, salad, hot roll and a drink of your choice. Donations of home made piss and sundwiches will be appreciated. They hope to see you there. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUP-PORT.



1ST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL SELECTIONS-Jennifer Turner (front, from left) and Candice Bailey; Cody Reed (back, from left) and Brandon Mahler.



2ND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL PICKS— Joseph Dillard and Tessa Wyatt.



HONORABLE MENTION ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL PICKS-Dani Marion (from left), Shena Thomas and Amanda Kitchens. (There were no boys this year.)

Girls Basketball All-District Picks 2000-2001 Announced

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The All-District selections for basketball in District 10-A for the Lady Buffs are Senior Jennifer Turner 1st Team, Junior Candice Bailey 1st Team and Senior Tessa Wyatt 2nd Team. The Lady Buff Honorable Mention list was: Junior Shena Thomas Senior Amber Wilsen, Senior Dani Marion and Sophomore

Amanda Kitchens. Kerbow, Baird M.V.P., Busby, May received the newcomer of the year honor. Joining Jennifer and Candice on the 1st Team were Henly and McDowell, Baird; Porter, Gorman; and Rothermel, May.

Joining Tessa on the 2nd Team was Horner, Baird; Clifton and Erwin, Ranger; and Murphree, May.

The girls had a good season and so many of the girls contributed in many different areas of the game. Our success was truly a group effort this year. They took a great deal of pride in how Other District members were they performed their duties on the court and that makes me very proud of their accomplishments.

Writing Contest Winners

Recently, the Cross Plains Public Library initiated its second writing contest -- this one for adults between 19-100. Although there were only 18 entries the quality was so good that plans are to continue the contest next year; hoping that more writers will get involved.

The three areas were short story, poetry and essay. Those entering were Carol Walt, Berna Lee Chick, Curtis Bullard, Curt Hoskins, Joe Coppinger, Irma Miller, Ginny Hoskins, Harold Strahan, J. Parcel, D.B. Gunn, James Nichols, Mary Ella Weaver, Judy Luter, Betty Beggs and Gaynell Callaway.

In the short story Curt Hoskins' "Cammo" won first place; Harold Strahan's "The Missing Squirrel Tragedy" second place; and J. Parcel's "The Patch" third place.

In poetry first place went to Carol Walt's "Aunt Mary Reid"; second place to Berna Lee Chick's "Empty Nest"; and third place to Curtis Bullard's "The Four Horsemen".

In the personal essay Ginny Hoskins won first place for "Ya'll Ought'a Get Some Goats. They're Not Much Trouble". Joe Coppinger's "Why Me, Lord?" won second place, and Irma Muller's "Inhabitants of a Tree Trunk" third place. Congratulations Ginny, Joe and Irma.

First place for each category will be published in the Cross Plains Review. We want to celebrate this beginning on Monday morning, March 5 at 10 come by the library at that time for refreshments. Papers may be picked up at that time.



LIBRARY LOT LOOKING GOOD- H.D. Weaver (left) and Richard Parr have been busy transplanting trees for the Cross Plains Public Library park/garden.

Cross Plains Public Library Park Becoming A Reality

Spring is in the air, and no where is it more evident than at the Cross Plains Public Library park site. If you've driven down Main Street in the last few days, you couldn't help but notice the lovely live oak and red oak trees that have been planted on this corner lot.

In the next few weeks, sidewalks will be poured, and parking area will a.m. Hopefully, all participants will be paved at the rear of the lot. As the weather warms up, shrubs will be added as accents to the area, grass planted and benches will be situated in the park to allow full enjoyment of

this new environment.

The trees were donated by Richard Parr. He and H.D. Weaver moved and planted them just before the much needed rain last Friday. The sidewalks and additional landscaping are possible as a result of a generous grant from the Cross Plains Garden Club.

Future plans include the painting of a mural on the north wall, and renovation of the McCowen building into a Children's Resource Center.

All of this is possible only through the generosity of the members of this caring community.



CALF SCRAMBLE WINNER— Craig Rogers, AST Representative (from left), Charlie Rogers - Winner and Gary Nesloney, Scramble Representative.

Local Youth Catches A Winner at Houston Calf Scramble

HOUSTON, February 19, 2001 -In one of the most chaotic heartwarming and exciting events of the February 18, 2001, twilight performance, Charlie Rogers of Cross Plains, took the Reliant Astrodome spotlight as one of 14 winners in the popular calf scramble.

Charlie, a Cross Plains FFA student at Cross Plains High School, was one of 28 determined contestants who attempted to catch one of only 14 clusive calves, halter it and bring it into the winner's square in the middle of the 1.86-acre arena.

In exchange for successfully capturing one of the calves, Charlie will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate donated by Fisk Electric Company. The certificate will be used for

the purchase of a registered beef heifer which he will raise under the supervision of Roy Richey, his agricultural science teacher.

"Each calf scramble participant has worked hard to earn his or her place on the arena floor and each is a winner before the scramble even starts," said Tom Baker, chairman of the Calf Scramble Committee and one of nearly 13,000 volunteers who make the Houston Livestock Show and Rodco a success.

Those like Charlie who are successful in the scramble have a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity. For him, this is just the beginning of a year full of challenges, hard work and excitement," added Baker. "Many times the

See Scramble Page 9

Little League Baseball Meeting

Parents interested in Pee Wee, Little League, Pony League, or Sr. High League are invited to come to the Dairy Queen on Monday, March 12, 7:00 P.M.

For More Information Call Tony Wyatt (254) 725-7762

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Misdemeanor Filings

Marvel H. Vannup, harrassment. Guy E. Rister, possession of mari-

Robert McGuiness, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Guy Rister, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 30 days in jail, \$242.25 court costs.

Stephen Findley, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 3 days in jail, \$507.75 fine, \$242.2 court costs.

Stephen Findley, order releasing cash bond granted.

Richard Cardenas, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$65 restitution.

Brenda Carpenter, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$75 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$203.51 restitution.

Andrew Hist, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted. David Riddle, motion to dismiss

motion to revoke probation granted.

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Guy Rister, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$242.25 court costs.

Otho D. Noggle, motion to dismiss Ct. I attempt to transport anhydrous ammonia, Ct. II attempt to tamper with anhydrous equipment. granted. Defendant is serving time in prison on Taylor Co. case.

Todd Barr, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, \$237.25 court costs, \$77.34 restitu-

Marriage Licenses

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Willie Clay Daniels and Michelle Ann Daniels, divorce. Larry Ray Boatright and Debbie Diane Boatright, divorce.

Civil Minutes

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NICKI HARLE HONORED-Nicki Harle holds a framed Texas flag and Proclamation of Appreciation signed by Governor Rick Perry.

The presentation was made by Representatives David Counts, Rick Hardcastle, Jim Keffer, Bob Turner, Bob Hunter and Sid Miller.

Baird's Nicki Harle receives honor in Austin

Nicki Harle of Baird was recognized last week at the State Capitol with a Proclamation of Appreciation signed by Governor Rick Perry and a Certificate of Appreciation from several State Representatives who serve districts in the Texas Midwest.

As Executive Director for Texas Midwest Community Network, Harle was recognized and honored for her work in establishing the regional organization and working with community leaders throughout the region.

Founded in 1994 Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) is a non-profit regional organization focused on serving rural communities through marketing for economic development and tourism, networking for leadership training and community development, and enhancing legislative awareness and participation in the legislative process. TMCN has grown to include 42 member cities located in 23 counties surrounding Abilene.

When TMCN was launched, the organization's business and activities were conducted through Harle's home office. Last July the organization moved into an office at 1025 E. North 10th in Abilene. Harle oversees day to day operations, coordinates all TMCN programs and activities and serves as spokesperson for the organization.

On Feb. 21, 2001 more than 340 area residents traveled to Austin to participate in "Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol", the fourth such event sponsored by TMCN. State lawmakers representing districts in the Texas Midwest include Representatives Jim Keffer (Dist. 60). David Counts (Dist. 70), Rick Hardcastle (Dist. 68), Bob Turner (Dist. 73), Bob Hunter (Dist. 71), Sid Miller (Dist. 59), Suzanna Gratia Hupp (Dist. 54) and Rob Junell (Dist. 72). Also Senators Troy Fraser (Dist. 24), Tom Haywood (Dist. 30) and David Sibley (Dist.

Comptroller announces Tax Holiday to five days

Carol Keeton Rylander today announced her proposal to expand the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days and add to the list of tax-exempt items safety equipment, school supplies and materials used to make kiddos' clothing. Comptroller Rylander's proposal would save Texas taxpayers an additional \$46 million from 2001

"The Sales Tax Holiday is a tremendous help to hard-working Texas families," Rylander said. "By expanding the holiday from three days to five and adding these items, the sales tax holiday will be less of a traffic jam and save Texans more of their hard-earned dollars for their families.'

The items added to the tax-exempt list are buttons, zippers and fabric for mammas who make the clothes; school supplies, including backpacks; and safety equipment, including bicycle helmets, elbow and knee pads, and baby and

"I want to make the Sales Tax

lies as possible," 'Rylander said. "The tax burden on working families is too high and the sales tax holiday provides Texans with much-needed relief."

In 1999, the legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first weekend in August each year, which coincides with back-to-school shopping. No state or local sales taxes are collected on tax-exempt items under \$100.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays, taxpayer, saved \$32.6 million In 1999 and \$37 million in 2000, Beginning last year, local taxing entities were able to opt out of the Sales Tax Holiday if they notified the Comptroller's office by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community southwest of Austin, chose not to waive its local

sales tax. For more information on the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at (800) 252-

proposal to expand Sales Holiday as beneficial to Texas fami-AUSTIN-Texas Comptroller

children's car seats.

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County Judge proclaims March 4-10 as Severe **Weather Awareness Week**

RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 4-10,

WHEREAS, We all have memories of the wide variety of disasters that struck Texas in 2000, from

wildfires to flash floods, and flood-

WHEREAS, Each year brings the potential for violent weather to our area; and annually large portions of our State, including Callahan County, can be devastated by

flooding and tornadoes, and WHEREAS, There is no part of Texas that is not susceptible to the impact of severe weather, and WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Texas, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and the Texas Department of Insurance each and together urge all citizens and visitors in Callahan County, to plan and prepare for severe weather, and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry has declared the week of March 4-10, 2001, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas, Now

THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I the undersigned do hereby affix my signature this 22nd day of February, 2001.

(s) Roger Corn County Judge Callahan County

Colonial Oaks Services

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 4, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

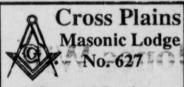
Remember **Love Funds** At the Bank

A Love Fund for Virginia Lane Childers is the most recent opened at Citizens State Bank. She suffered a brain anueryzm and her family would appreciate your contributions.

Love Funds remain open for Barbar Barnett, Linda Henson and the late Jerry Strickland as well.

Your donations will be graciously accepted at the local bank on behalf of these individuals.

Please continue to pray for Virginia, Barbara and Linda.



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Sunday Evening Worship......6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

.............................. By LINDA MERRITT

Minnie Swann was surprised on her birthday last Friday with a beautiful bouquet of red silk roses, a cute stuffed dog with a little red suit and cap, several birthday balloons and some candy. She was one excited lady. These gifts were from her niece from Denton, Lavena Peppler and her granddaughters, Linda and Latricia

Thoughts and prayers for Gladys Smith, June Hickman and Clifford King, who are in the hospital.

Appreciation to Albert Hughes for fixing our piano knob and to Michael Tollett for the tomatoes.

Erwin Clark, David Cloud, Walter and Barbara Thomason, Alice Clark and Wanda Mathews visited with Pauline Champion.

Mary Schull of Brownwood, H.D. Weaver of Cottonwood and Norma Strahan visited with Mary Weaver. Cord, Kimberly and Aspen Woerner

visited with Blackie Reynolds. Gilbert and Nena Alvarado of Big Springs, Luke and Sam McKenzie of

May visited with Carl McKenzie. Martha Switzer visited with O.B.

Mack's Memories: Prelude to future

articles. I will write some articles oc-

casionally or when wanted by the

Cross Plains Review about my child-

hood around Pioneer, Texas and Cross

Plains. I will also at times write about

I was born in 1930 in the old Ed

Curry house at Pioneer, just about 400

yards north of present Highway 36

and north of the Pioneer Cemetery. I

was the fourth of seven children born

to Charley and Ruby McCowen, 3

girls and 4 boys. Five of the seven

children were born in the old Curry

house which still stands today and is

in pretty good condition. We children

now lives with her daughter, Shirley.

Festivities will be held at Fairfield Inn

hosted by her children.

Effie Pearl Jones Will

March 4, 2001, in Midland where she many years. What a dedi

Celebrate 95th Birthday

Former resident Effie Pearl Jones Effie Pearl has kept a daily journal will celebrate her 95th birthday on of her life and general subjects for

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"A friend is someone who borrows your books -- and sets wet glasses

on them." That's what I heard someone say, but I think it was said in

sarcasm. If you value books as I so then you'll agree that a true friend

friends like that, who needs enemies?"! Now love may demand that I

truthful, we'd have to admit that "tricks" like that aren't going to foster

much real friendship. If a friend does something like that accidentally, that's different, but friends just don't do that -- are not that thoughtless

and inconsiderate. But on the other hand -- well let me share with you

at least five characteristics of a true friend. A true friend (1) seeks the

other's highest and best good (that's really the definition of love!); (2)

loves the other -- in spite of their shortcomings; (3) respects the other's

convictions; (4) will not forsake the other during a crisis; and (5) will

Can you imagine someone claiming to be you real, true friend (what

other kind is there?!) and not measure up to these qualities? Well let's

turn it around. Do we claim to be someone's friend -- and yet fail in

made know unto them all the things He had heard form His Father,

any one of these characteristics? One reason why Jesus qualified as a

friend (as well as Lord and Savior) to His disciples was because He had

Come learn more with us about Friend Jesus -- and how to be a friend.

help the other prepare correctly for eternity.

John 15: 14, 15.

We really do care about you!

not get too angry at a person who would do that but I think, to be

wouldn't be that careless or thoughtless. As the old saying goes: "With

esting reading.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes

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later life happenings.

and Pauline Switzer.

Leo Thompson visited with Raymond McCowen.

Clara McInnis of Cottonwood visited with Jessie Casey. Kathy Purvis visited with Pauline

Farrell and Carol Stephens visited

with several residents. Bobby Jack McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen and J.C.

ACTIVITIES

Monday: Bingo winners were Jessie Casey, Delilah Goble (2), Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner and Minnie Swann. Singing with Dorothy

Tuesday: Art class. Exercise class. Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss. Friday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann, Vera Belyeu (2), Delilah Goble, Falba Shofner and Jessie Casey. Popcorn.

Sunday: Old Time Gospel Mission

Nothing Is Impossible To A Willing Heart.

BY BOBBY JACK McCOWEN

all are fortunate to be alive and well

The first wooden two-story school-

house I remember was located at or

on the present Highway 36, approxi-

mately 40 yards north of the Pioneer

Cemetery. This was the old, or first

Pioneer; before being moved approxi-

mately 3/4 miles north of present

Highway 36 to be near the railroad.

There was a two-story wood school-

house at the new location too. It was

in about the same spot where the

Some older readers may be able to

correct me occasionally, and I will

welcome any corrective comments or

don't you know that would be inter-

Happy Birthday Effie Pearl and may

God bless with you with many more!

present day brick school remains.

MACK'S MEMORIES

at this writing.

2. Withstand foot traffic.

Replenish mulch around landscap-

ing and sow most annual seeds to 10

weeks before last average frost date.

Plant lettuce, peas, beets, onions, corn

and potatoes as soon as the soil can

Get started on that emerald, carpet-

like lawn you dream about. Use a

lawn seed mixture that will give you

the best results for your lawn's grow-

1. Good drought, heat, cold toler-

be worked.

ing conditions:

By James Nichols

3. Use in sunny or moderately shady

For established lawns use a good

Indian Hawthorne

Sun or light shade. Spreading shrubs

to 3 to 4 feet occasionally taller. Ev-

ergreen with dark leathery foliage.

Dense growth requiring little shear-

ing. Flowers in spring, pink, rose or

white. Purple fruit follows flowers,

but is generally inconspicuous. Ex-

cellent shrub for mass plantings.

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Mary and Cecil Barton

Hi! Where did February go? I turned my head and missed most of it. Speaking of heads, turn yours west at N.W. 2nd Street and you'll see four more trees. The Library Lot is taking shape -- so much now that you don't have to look twice. If you walk by, you can see stakes where sidewalks

Please notice changes and let the library folks know you like what is happening. Encouragement goes a long way. I promise---you'll be proud when that corner is finished! Have a

Nostalgia Night at CJC

GARDEN TIPS

Night dinner, concert and dance. It will be Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Cisco. The jazz band will be performing music representing the eras from the 1930's through the 1970's including the tunes "Sin, Sing,

The menu includes chicken cordon bleu, baby carrots, roasted potatoes, tossed salad and cheesecake. Dinner will be served during an intermission followed with more music. Bring your dancing shoes and memories.

Friday and Saturday The Cisco Junior College Jazz Band Way You Are". Also performing will be the Wrangler Belles. will be hosting the annual Nostalgia

Sing", "Hello, Dolly" and "Just the

The cost of the evening is \$12. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (254) 442-2567.

Students Named to McMurry **Honor Roll**

The following area students were named to the 2000 Fall Semester Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll at McMurry University in Abilene. To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 our of 4.0 Grade Point Average during the semester.

Baird Meredith Holland Clyde Clara Aragon

Weldon Bailey Aaron Barr Elise Jackson Francisco Oaxaca Kelley Pearson Charles Titus Jeanne Wilson

Cross Plains Samuel Nixon May Amy Lewis.



March 5 - March 9

MONDAY -- Pork Chops, Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Pineapple Cake, Roll, Milk,

TUESDAY -- Taco Salad Cassarole, Mexican Corn, Pinto Beans, Corn, Strawberry & Peach Jello, Bread,

WEDNESDAY--Breaded Fish, Hush Puppies, Beets w/ Orange Sauce, Lemon Pudding, Bread,

THURSDAY--Meat Loaf, Brown Gravy, Potatoes Augratin, Peas, Peanut Butter Cookies, Crackers,

FRIDAY -- Salmon Patties, Copper Penny Salad, Pork & Beans, Bread Pudding, Roll, Milk

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"Reminiscing"

When memories come to you, don't be sad, don't be blue, just hold those memories fast and treasure each, it's part of your

Some of the memories; I hold most dear, I'm sharing here with temerity, So come with me as we follow the

When Mama sewed, she wore a simple thimble; and with fingers so quick so nimble, she sewed and sewed with that silver thimble.

Sometime it causes me to tremble when I think of Mama and her silver thimble.

Time back then were lots simpler, as she sewed upon her quilting

That silver thimble.... to me is a symbol. as she sewed each stitch with love; whether she stitched a mitten, a sock

or a glove.

I'd like to build a temple with lines straight and simple; as a tribute with ringing cymbals to Mama and her silver thimble.

Don't tell Macys, don't tell Gimbles-

but now a secret I will share. Shamefaced I tell; my fingers are

'Cause I can sew, but not with a thimble.

My mama tried to raise me better but I confess, I just wouldn't let'er. I told Mama this; I said ...

sewing with a thimble to me, is just like bathing with your hat on your head.

When my children brought me their

I sewed it all but without a thimblehowever, I gave them all fair warn

No sewing when its time for Simon Templar.

The memories of Mama I'll always

for in my heart she remains so dear. She cooked, she sewed, she worked

she never failed to tote her load.

But I'm afraid as they reminisce my children are going to remember this,

Their mama sewed without a thimble,

and that really makes me tremble.

For you see, I'm filled with fear that when their kids clothes are torn

my children will remember me so dear; and mend their clothes with the

masking tape. For it's well known in history

that a nut seldom falls far from the

--- And with that my friend, I bring this to ----THE END!!!

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a family, attending high school, and

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Bailey will be in the community for ten 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.

Details on Credit by Exam Released by Cross Plains I.S.D.

Cross Plains I.S.D. students may receive credit for an academic subject in which the student has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced examination for acceleration in the course. Credit by Exam is offered for all elementary grades K-6 as well as for all courses 7-12. If such credit is given, the examination score will be entered on the student's permanent record and transcript; and the score will be used to compute class rank.

State law requires that three days between January 1 and June 30 and three days between July 1 and December 31 will be scheduled annually for the administration of the examination for acceleration. The Cross Plains I.S.D. school board has established the following dates as the days for credit by examination for acceleration in the summer 2001:

June 25, 26, and 27 July 10, 11, and 12. There is no fee for the credit for examination used for acceleration. The student interested in taking credit for examinations must submit a request to Leonard Wilson, High School Principal; Margie Sowell, Elementary Principal; or Vicki Campbell, Counselor; by April 13, 2001 for either testing session. Request forms can be obtained at either principal's office or the counselor's office.

After submitting the application for credit by examination, the student will receive the examination's review sheet, which will list the competencies tested on the test.

Tests will be administered on the established days, and the test will then be sent to Texas Tech University for grading. Students will be notified or the test results. For further information, please contact the principals or counselor at 725-6121 or 712-6123.

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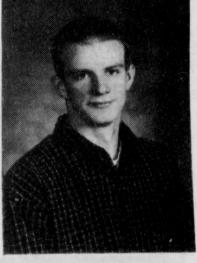
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Driving Towards Auto Deductions

Austin, The fast lane can be expensive, especially if your business requires you to put a lot of mileage on your car. For this reason, the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA) recommends that business owners make a concerted effort to keep track of business-related transportation. Qualified transportation expenses are deducted from your business's bottom line and reduce your overall tax bill. The key is to understand the rules and keep good records.

Business or Personal Mileage? When the odometer on your car reflects not only mileage for business-related transportation, but trips to the mall, the gym, and your vacation home, only the business-related miles you drive produce a tax deduction. According to Linda Stanley, CPA, President of the Abilene TSCPA Chapter, you must track the use of a dual-purpose vehicle and allocate your expenses based on your business and personal use.

Business-related transportation includes traveling form one job to another; and running business-related errands such as picking up supplies, going to the post office, or making a bank deposit. If you are an employee with a regular place of business and you are asked to work at a "temporary" business location, the cost of transportation between your home and the temporary location is deductible as well. On the other hand, mileage associated with commuting between your residence and your regular business location is nondeductible, unless your home is your principal place of business. In this case, you generally can deduct the cost of traveling from you home to any business destination.

Actual Expenses or Standard Millage Deduction? The tax code give you a choice of two ways to calculate and deduct business vehicle expenses: The standard mileage or the actual expense method. With the actual expense method, you can deduct business-related automobile expenses as-

sociated with operating your car for business including oil, gas, tolls, parking, towing, repairs, insurance, auto club memberships, plus an allowance for depreciation. To qualify, you must keep detailed records to substantiate each and every expense.

Instead of keeping a record of all your business-related mileage expenses, you can use the IRS standard mileage allowance to determine your deduction for the business use of your car. To claim the standard mileage deduction, which covers all the expenses outlined above, you would total the number of business miles driven over the year and multiply that figure by 32.5 cents, the rate allowed for 2000. (The rate for 2001 is 34,5 cents.)

Even if you use the standard mileage method, you still can deduct the business potion of tolls and parking fees. But if you overstay your welcome at a parking meter, don't look for Uncle Sam to pay the fee. Fines for all traffice violations, including parking violations, are not deductible under either method.

There is no easy way to determine which method will produce the greater tax benefit for you. Many factors can impact your decision, including the number of miles you drive each year, the type of vehicle you drive, and your willingness to keep detailed records.

Recordkeeping is Key. As with other business expenses, CPAs say good recordkeeping is the key to maximizing your tax savings. In fact, regardless of the method you choose, the amount of your deductiond depends, to a large ex-

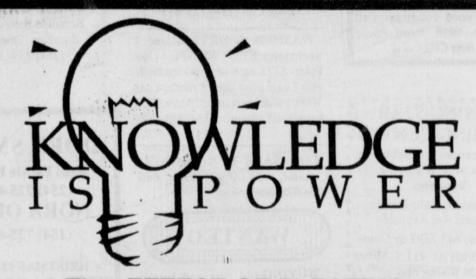
tent, on how good you are at saving receipts, keeping mileage records, and jotting down your costs throughtout the year.

The way you report business use of your car depends on whether you are self-employed or an employee. Self-employed taxpayers report transportation expenses on Schedule C, where they are fully deductible. Employees, on the other hand, must complete Form 2106, Employee Business Expenses, to deduct automobile expenses. Employees may claim unreimbursed transportation expenses as miscellaneous itemized deduction, which are deductible to the extent that they exceed two percent of adjusted gross income.

Although the fine print concerning the auto expense deduction can be tricky and the record keeping cumbersome, you can save valuable tax dollars by claiming qualified expenses. Ideally, each year, you or your CPA should compute you deduction under both methods and compare the results to determine which alternative gives you the largest deduction for that particular year.

About the TSCPA. The Texas Society of CPAs is a nonprofit, voluntary professional organization representing Texas CPAs. With a membership of 28,000 and a history of over 85 years, The society has one of the largest in-state memberships of any CPA organization in the nation. The Society promotes professionalism, ethics, and intergrity among CPAs, and is committed to protecting the interests of the public and its

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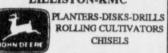
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TXDOT SAFETY AWARDS—Callahan county maintenance section employees attending the annual Abilene district

Safety Awards Banquet in Snyder are shown here following the presentation of awards. The Callahan county employees were honored

for having amassed 191 years of safe driving and 115 years of no work related injuries. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

13 Callahan County TxDOT employees earn awards at safety banquet

ABILENE-Thirteen Callahan county maintenance section employees were honored recently when the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held their annual Safety Awards Banquet.

The banquet was held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder and honored the district employ-

The Texas Midwest was well rep-

resented at the State Capitol last

week as some 340 area residents

traveled to Austin to meet with

lawmakers, visit the Governor's

Mansion and host a Tailgate recep-

tion in honor of Legislators from

Texas Midwest Community Net-

work sponsored "Texas Midwest

Day in Austin" on Feb. 21, 2001. A

record number of residents from

the region met in Austin to receive

and Senate, gather on the steps of

the Capitol for a photo session with

Legislators and enjoy an Open

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zation. The day marked the fourth

visit to the Capitol during a Legis-

In 1995, 1997 and 1999 the Texas

Midwest regional group organized

noon luncheon to honor lawmak-

ers from the region. This year an

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ees' outstanding efforts in the safe operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

The Callahan county maintenance section employees were recognized for combined totals of 191 years as safe operators and 115 years of no injury. Members of the maintenance section receiving

awards were Marvin Rogers, section supervisor; Raul Rodriguez. assistant section supervisor; Larry Cauthen, Jeffrey Holland, Pedro Cerda and Larry McIntire.

Also receiving awards were Bobby Henley Jr., Elmer Graham, Miguel Santos, Hector Aguirre, Billy Stennett, Thomas Crain and Ray

Texas Midwest Deadline goes to Austin Alternative ebrate the successful efforts of

Participants of "Texas Midwest Day" for Callahan County included from Baird: Roger & Barbara Corn, Sammy Edington, and Mike & Sandy Hanner; from Clyde: Lee Roy & Lorna George, Priscilla Gwilt and Steve Kniffen; from Cross Plains: Andy Anderson, Julene Franke, Sandra Jones, George Mathews, Yvonne Peevy, Terry

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Thomas and Dannes Turner. In addition to the full day of activities in Austin, TMCN delivered to lawmakers a list of issues focusing on rural concerns of economic development, telecommunications, health care and water.

During the next few months TMCN will sponsor network events for chamber of commerce leaders and economic development specialists in the region. Tourism marketing and promotion will be conducted through booth participation at the Dallas Vacation & Leisure Show and the Western Heritage Classic. The two TMCN web sites are also undergoing updates and expanded information. For more about TMCN, call 915-676-0329.

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Extension for Certification Program Told

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2000-2001 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers has been extended to March 9, 2001.

The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, further college course work and training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

 Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

• Attained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average overall OR 2.75 on the last 60 hours.

· Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP).

 Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region XIV Education Service Cen-

· Completion of an interview pro-

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades Pre-K-Grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's program contact: John Stevens at (915)675-8630.

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Texas Prison Study: Rehab Is Working

By A.M. Mac Stringfellow Chairman Texas Board of **Criminal Justice**

Recent independent studies have shown that Texas prison rehabilitation programs are working. In short, the programs are credited with significantly lowering the percentage of offenders who commit new crimes atter being released from prison.

This success is a modern-day phenomenon for Texas. It marks a maturing of programs and policies which effectively started only with completion of the huge prison expansion six years ago.

In those few years, the programs have been fine tuned in a constant evolutionary process as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice sought to make good on legislative mandates to do something better than simply insuring public safety by warehousing convicted felons.

The results of the rehabilitation efforts are measured by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, an independent agency answerable to the Legislature for analysis of the justice sys-

In the latest measure of rehabilitation success, the Policy Council told the Legislature that TDCJ's treatment programs are --- in the words of the Associated Press----helping more convicted sex offenders and drug abusers change their ways and stay out of prison.

In one example, the Policy Council tracked offenders who completed TDCJ's therapeutic treatment for substance abusers and found that only 13 percent of them re-offended within two years after release, compared to 21 percent in a comparison group who had not been treated.

The Policy Council identified similar positive impacts on recidivism from TDCJ's sex offender treatment program, finding that 13 percent of the program graduates were arrested for new offenses within two years compared to a 24 percent in a comparison group who were not treated.

Last fall the Council reported on prison education and literacy programs after tracing 25,000 released inmates for two years and concluded that teaching non-readers to read reduced recidivism by 37 percent among high risk young offenders.

The Council also identifies needed fine-turning and better targeting. It suggested that more education resources be concentrated on high risk young offenders and that post-release job placement services be strengthened. In substance abuse treatment the Council pointed out that two relatively new programs could be improved by refining inmate selection criteria and better staffing.

The programs don't succeed in a vacuum. TDCJ's linkage to the Board of Pardons and Paroles is critical. The track records of the various rehabilitation programs have given the Parole Board new confidence to grant parole to an increasing number of prisoners who successfully complete rehabilitation and treatment pro-

The TDCJ-Parole linkage has also matured greatly in the past five years. Parole makes it case-by-case decisions a year or more in advance to insure that TDCJ's resources can put the outgoing offenders through treatment before they leave prison. Many of the programs require from 9 to 18 months to complete. The two agencies also work in sync in selecting parole candidates who have a high potential of benefit from the programs, a recognition that parole incentives have a positive impact on treatment effectiveness.

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4—H CHAPTER SHOW GRAND CHAMPION — Jessica Faries is pictured with her winning medium wool lamb. She also won Reserve Champion at the Coleman County Show with her Southdown. She is the daughter of Monty and Lindra Beard of Coleman and the granddaughter of Janette Turner of Cross Plains.

"Heart of David" Conference Held Locally Mar. 2-3-4

By COLLEEN ANDERSON

Living Water Ministries will host The Heart of David' Conference March 2-3-4. Those ministering will be Jim and Jean Hodges, Bob Long and the worship team Judah.

Jim Hodges is founder of 'Federation of Churches and Ministers' and former teacher at Christ for the Na-

Bob Long is founder of Rally Call Ministries, an intercessory, spiritual warfare ministry.

These are dedicated to the further equipping of the church and serving the body of Christ through the anointings and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We believe God is placing the heart of David in His church, a heart that chases hard after the Lord. The heart of worship is being restored in His people and the glory of the Lord, His Presence is filling the temple. And we cry, "Yes Lord -- Amen."

Service times are March 2 at 7 p.m., March 3 at 7 p.m. and March 4 at 10 a.m. We welcome you and invite you to come expecting to receive! And come ready to praise and worship our Lord Jesus for He is worthy to be praised!

Scramble-

scrambler and his or her donor become lifelong friends because of the bond they have formed during the scramble year."

Although the scramble itself is entertaining, a serious side of the event begins once the Show is over. The heifer becomes the basis of yearlong project in which the scrambler must personally raise the heifer, groom, fit, feed and care for her. Next year, the scrambler will bring the heifer back to the Houston Livestock Show to participate in a special competition.

Throughout the year, the student must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the Show and the donor chronicling the heifer's development. The winner's agricultural science teacher or county extension agent must supervise the entire project.

Once Charlie has fulfilled his year of commitment to the scramble program, he will be awarded a \$250 cash prize toward covering expenses.

Each year, approximately 360 calf

purchase certificates are donated. Since the calf scramble was added to the Show in 1942, 15,350 youth have been awarded \$6,147,000 worth of purchase certificates for heifers.

Each year the Show benefits Texas youth through individual scholarships and endowments to Texas colleges and universities. During the 2000 fall semester, 1,486 students were attending 84 Texas colleges and universities on Show-sponsored scholarships. Since the inception of its scholarship program in 1957, the Houston Livestock Rodeo has committed more than \$77 million in educational support to the youth of Texas.

The 2001 Houston Rodeo runs February 13 through March 4 and features 20 action-packed performances. The Show offers a diverse lineup of concert stars, the world's largest and highest paying regular-season rodeo, the world's largest livestock show, a world-class horse show and educational exhibits. Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster outlets and the Reliant Astrodome box office.

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From ice to 80...

It goes from ice to 80 degrees overnight here in the Big County. People say we have no Spring that it bounces from Winter to Summer until Summer wins.

But right now, it is 8 o'clock in the morning, February 20, 2001, and it is Spring! It is an exalted seasonal moment, and I'm enjoying it as much as I can because it may be all we get. I'm out in it, soaking it up, wishing I could can it in a clear glass jar and store it on a shelf for another day.

Spring does make a valiant effort. She makes her appearance in darts and dashes, weaving as she runs to make herself a lesser target. She does what she can to elude the frosts, the ice storms, snow, drowning rains and high

She rises early, hoping to sneak far enough in before detection. She gets slapped down every time, but Spring is a scrappy child in West Texas. It is a treacherous path she walks, tying to ease between two ferocious opponents.

Still, somehow, a green shawl is laid upon the ground, daffodils emerge, fire ants whip up their frothy sand mounds, and baby critters are born.

Everyone falls for the ruse but the mesquite trees who are never fooled. Their wisdom and caution is there for all to see and emulate, but no one ever learns.

Same with me. I round up the dogs and rush into the arms of this warm morning. We go for a walk around the field, just to feel the first kiss of Spring. I let the dogs lead. They are full of vigor and joy, for it is smells that lead them. I think about planting seeds in warm, fragrant earth, knowing that I will plant too soon, and have to plant

The dogs run ahead. Gretchen marks the skunk trail at intermittent spacing, so the skunk will know whose property it is. Pansy sniffs out the wasps still wrapped in Winter hibernation below ground. She teases them up until they are so mad they come up raging. She looks to me to settle the fight. I just laugh at her. I laugh because it is Spring and it feels good out here.

I stop for a bit, listening to the season's new melody. It is a still calm moment, a pearl nestled in a shell. The sun holds every living thing in its warm embrace, and while the breeze speaks in whispers, we all succumb to its allure.

This moment, this fragile moment, I hold close to my chest. Last week's thermometer rose to a sweaty 76 degrees, then dipped to a chilly 25. Waiting for the freeze to pass, we were pummeled with rain and hail and tortured by a deceptively cold sun. We waded in our black boots through soggy fields, broke ice for the critters, and carried buckets of warm water to the goats. We are always grateful for the moisture, however it comes, even while we mope through a few grey days.

Right here, right now, it is Spring. A gentle Spring, brought to us wrapped in the velvet lining of a jewelry box, and clutched in the arms of innocence caught between two furious, battling warriors.

Tomorrow it will be gone. The weatherman has already said it is destined to be another cold day listed under the category of Winter. There will be more ice and wind and rain and thunder.

So, for now, I turn up the volume on my appreciation dial. The next several dozen choices might be only Winter or Summer, but right now, this instant, IT IS SPRING! © Ginny Greene 2001



DONNIE DILLARD AND TAYLOR BENTZ

Bentz-Dillard Engagment and April Wedding Announced

Uhl, to Mr. Donnie N. Dillard, Jr. of in Stephenville. Cross Plains. Donnie is the son of Donnie is a 1996 graduate of Cross Donnie and Barbara Dillard.

odist Church in Stephenville. Recep- Stephenville. Stephenville.

Terry and Jackie Bentz of Taylor is a 1998 graduate of Duncanville would like to announce Duncanville High School, attended the engagement and approaching Tarleton State University, and is presmarriage of their daughter, Taylor ently employed with The Rock House

Plains High School. He is currently a The wedding will take place Satur- senior at Tarleton State University day, April 21, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. in majoring in Physical Therapy. He is the evening at the First United Meth- employed by The Rock House in

tion will follow at the Cafe Trifles in All friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

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MARCH 2 Lucile Callaway Norma (Lee) Lawson Tony Wyatt L.B. Jones Lois Minton Gary McIntosh Jan (Neal) Bradford Jack Webb Baum Mrs. Leroy Brooker **Betty Helms** Stephen George Friend Mrs. Effie Pearl Jones

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Rising Star Couple's Daughter, Stephanie Cook, Advances in U.S. Army

Army Pvt. Stephanie Cook has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The solder was trained in the skills and knowledge required to receive, store, issue, ship and account for sub-

sistence supplies. The training included ration breakdown and commissary functions such as price changes, inventory, displays and se-

Cook is the daughter of Kathy and Dale Wolf of Rising Star.

Texans Are Invited to **Explore University of Texas** on Saturday, March 3rd

By LARRY R. FAULKNER

The University of Texas at Austin belongs to the people of Texas. In that with interactive multimedia exhibits. the biggest open house in Texas. You founder Paul Allen, is the world's are invited to join us Saturday, March 3, 2001 from noon to 6:00 p.m. as we open the doors of our classrooms, popular music and its history. laboratories, libraries, and collections to visitors of all ages.

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simulator in our Aeronautical Engineering Department.

*Attend a Shakespear workshop, dents in UT's celebrated Shakespear at Windedale program.

*View volcanic eruptions in a documentary film on Mt. St. Helens pre- of the University of Texas at Austin. sented by the Geology Department.

In addition, we will host the Experience Music Project's (EMP) Electric Bus, a touring music museum spirit, we are sponsoring Explore UT, EMP, conceived by Microsoft colargest collection of Jimi Hendrix artifacts and celebrates American

Tours will include our state-of-theart visualization laboratory, UT's re-This is an opportunity to roam the nowned collection of European ba-UT campus and meet some of the roque and renaissance paintings, world's leading scholars in a relaxed computer labs and the Texas Memosetting. It's an opportunity to experi-rial Museum, with its extensive paleence a world of discovery at the ontology exhibits. We will also host multiple collegiate and high school athletics competitions, including *Learn Spanish, French, German, baseball, basketball, diving, tennis, and volleyball.

Children, families, and teachers are especially welcome. Some 30 Explore UT sessions have been authorized for Professional Development Credit for public school teachers and licensed education professionals.

The UT Austin campus, with its thousands of young people, magnifi-*Learn to land a plane using a flight cent architecture, towering oaks, and rich intellectual life, evokes the power of knowledge. It reminds us all of the unlimited potential of our state and including scenes performed by stu- our people. Come join thousands of fellow Texans and be a part of Explore UT on March 3rd.

Larry R. Faulkner is the president

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