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DOWN HOME

"Some Home-Grown Philosophy"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

When I started to work at the *Cross Plains Review* fifteen years ago Jack Scott, former publisher and editor of the newspaper, informed me that I would learn a lot about human nature while being employed here.

He was certainly correct. I have met so many wonderful people and throughout the years I have collected some useful philosophies from various individuals and family members. I thought you might enjoy reading some words of wisdom that have stuck in my memory.

Wanda Anderson - "If it is worth doing at all; it is worth doing right." Now you know why I have the perfectionist characteristics.

E.G. Roby - "If you get upset with someone don't worry about hanging them, they will probably hang themselves." Makes sense.

Bob Golson - "If you marry the same person twice, you can count it as just 1 and 1/2 times." His theory sounded good to me.

Ethel Anderson - "There is no house big enough for two families." She probably learned this from experience.

Rosa Irvin - "You can get use to anything, even a sheep pill on your hat band." True indeed.

John Adams - "Easy life?" I think John has this conquered, but there was a time when he would ask me that and I felt like life was overpowering. He has stayed at me until I finally got the drift.

Don Tabor - "If you point out an error severe enough, the person will never make that particular mistake again." This one works on me.

Joe Watson - "Dads want children to grow up, leave home and be independent, but mothers know better." Don't you love it?

Julene Franke - "Happiness is a choice. You can choose to be happy or sad." This one took me a long time to accomplish.

Darwin Anderson - "What goes over your back, will come up under your belly." If you are not familiar with this, it means that whatever you do wrong will definitely catch up with you. He told me this a lot.

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DIRECTORS ELECTED—Three members elected to the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation

board of directors include from left to right: Ralph Cummings, Jim Berry and Steve Goldsmith.



FORMER DIRECTORS HONORED—Charlie Palmer, left, and Cathy Goldsmith, at right, were honored for their service on the

Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's board of directors during the corporation's annual meeting Monday, March 26 in Clyde.

3 directors elected to Callahan Co. Water Supply Corporation

The Callahan County Water Supply Corporation membership elected three members to the CCWSC board of directors during their annual membership meeting Monday, March 26 held at the water supply corporation's office in Clyde.

Elected as board of directors to the water supply corporation were Jim Berry, Steve Goldsmith and Ralph Cummings.

As during the annual meeting, two past board members received certificates of appreciation for past service. Cathy Goldsmith was honored for her six years as secretary of the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation and Charlie Palmer was honored for his nine years of service on the CCWSC board of directors.

Over 100 members and guests were treated to a fish fry before the annual reports were given. A total of 115 members were represented at the meeting or by voter proxy mailed in before the annual meeting.

Water supply corporation secretary Melba Miller presented the minutes from last year's annual meeting.

Also Randy Fitzhugh with Denson, Fitzhugh, Hettich & Morrison PCA present the annual independent audit report. Members were informed that CCWSC reported a \$7,253 increase in revenues over expenses for the fiscal

year ending December 31, 2000. The corporation had revenues of \$358,354 in 2000 and expenses of \$351,101 at the end of 2000. The corporation had a \$31,000 increase in revenues over the previous year. Callahan County Water Supply Corporation had net assets at the end of 2000 of \$2,283,593.

Callahan County Water Supply Corporation Board President Robert Warren spoke to the membership of a possible rate increase due to a pipeline construction project proposed from O.H. Ivie reservoir to Abilene. The City of Clyde and City of Baird, which in turn sell water to the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, both purchase treated water from the City of Abilene. Warren said a .68 cent per 1,000 gallon or .88 cent per 1,000 gallon water rate increase is being proposed by the City of Abilene.

The Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, formed in 1980, has a membership of 590 and 765 actual water members throughout rural Callahan County.

The corporation's board of directors include: Robert Warren, president; Billy Jackson, vice president; Melba Miller, secretary/treasurer; Steve Clark, Gene Cook, Kim Walton, Jim Berry, Steve Goldsmith and Ralph Cummings. The corporation's office manager is Bobbie Spitzer.



CANDICE BAILEY

Candice Bailey Selected to the All-Region Team

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches has selected Candice Bailey to its 2nd Team All-Region II Squad.

The team is composed of the top 20 players in Region II which consists of 82 schools in U.I.L. Region II. The 1st ten are 1st Team and the 2nd ten are 2nd Team.

Candice is a 5'7" Junior who averaged 15.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.2 steals while shooting 44 percent from the field and 57 percent from the free-throw line.

Candice is a 2-year Varsity basketball player who has also received All-District honors for both of those seasons.

Miss Bailey is the daughter of Robby and Peggy Bailey of Cross Plains.

She has grown and developed as a player over the last 2 seasons and should have a great senior season to look forward to next year.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender



A SILENT HERO—Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, at right, presents a Silent Hero certificate of achievement to Arlinda Williams, at left, dispatcher, jailer and 911 operator for the Sheriff's

Department. Williams was one of 72 911 call takers in Texas recognized as Silent Heroes by the Commission on State Emergency Communications.

Callahan dispatcher Arlinda Williams honored as Silent Hero

Callahan County Sheriff's Department dispatcher, jailer and 911 operator Arlinda Williams has been recognized as a Silent Hero by the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications.

Williams is one of 72 emergency 911 call takers selected this year to be recognized for outstanding job performance, exemplary attitude and devotion above and beyond the call of duty. The Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications will celebrate Williams achievement during the annual 911 Appreciation Day celebration being held this year on April 13 in Austin. Silent Heroes attending the 911 Appreciation Day activities will be introduced during the General Session, and are also invited to participate in a variety of other activities.

The Sheriff's Department dispatcher also received a certificate of achievement from the Commission on State Emergency Communications. The certificate reads, "SILENT HERO, certificate of achievement presented to Arlinda Williams in recognition of exemplary conduct in the field of emergency telecommunications. Your professionalism, dedication, positive attitude and tireless efforts to serve the public are an inspiration to all who strive for excellence." The certificate is dated April 2001 and signed by Carey Spence, Interim Director and Dorothy Morgan, Chairman of the Commission of State Emergency Communications.

Linda Dennis, PSAP Supervisor for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, nominated Williams as a Silent Hero.

Williams wears several hats for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, including dispatcher, jail, and 911 operator. She has been with the Sheriff's Department since September 1991.

As dispatcher, Williams holds down the 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. shift, directing radio traffic calls for the Sheriff's Department, as well

as directing radio traffic for the County fire departments and Citizens EMS ambulance service.

As a jailer, Williams takes care of the jail prisoners during her shift and as the 911 operator, she handles all 911 calls made during her shift. She said because Callahan County's population is so small, all three jobs (dispatcher, jailer and 911 operator) are combined by the dispatchers working in the Sheriff's Department.

Williams added she also fills in where needed when the other dispatch workers from the 3-11 and 11-7 shift want time off.

Before joining the Sheriff's Department, Williams worked one year for the Dublin Police Department and work for the New Boston Police Department between 1984 and 1990. New Boston is located near Texarkana.

Williams and her husband of thirty years, Raymond, have lived in Clyde since 1991. Williams husband has been employed by Central Freight Lines for 30 years.

The couple has two daughters, Mikka Fowler and B.J. Williams, who is living at home and attending college. They have two grandchildren, Caleb, age two, and Cassie, five months old.

She holds certification as a dispatcher, jailer and 911 operator. Williams said jailer must attend an 80 hour course and pass a state jail test before being certified. She also holds a Department of Public Safety certification through a 40 hour course and must recertify every other year.

Williams holds a 911 basic and advance certification after attending a three-day call taker class. She maintains all three certifications to continue to work for the Sheriff's Department.

Carey Spence, Interim Director for the Commission on State Emergency Communications said, "The 911 system works because of the people behind it, and we're pleased to be able to acknowledge excellent work."

Dalmation Quilt Displayed at Bank

This year the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has a "King Size Dalmation Quilt" that they will have a drawing for on the night of the Annual Fish Fry, Friday, May 12, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Tickets are \$1.00 and you may view the quilt at Citizens State Bank and purchase your ticket there or from any member of the fire department.

Project Pride to Meet Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. All members are encouraged to attend and the public is invited.

Progress reports will be given on plans for the Howard Days' festivities which are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, 2001.

Librarian Attends Texas Library Association Conference

The exciting news at the Cross Plains Public Library this week is that Cherry Shults, librarian, is back from The Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference in San Antonio and has enough excitement to give some to everybody. Meeting with publishers was one highlight of folks who are part of The Heart of Texas Literature Center at Howard Payne. The Cross Plains library participates in that group.

Simon and Schuster had a small dinner honoring three authors (or editors): Naomi Shihab and Paul Janeczko, eds; Amy Axebrod; and Elaine Scott. Each guest received the three books receiving awards, and the authors changed tables for each course in order to autograph all books.

The most special highlight for Shults was in General Session II in which the winners of the Texas Book Festival award were introduced. Cherry was introduced as representative of the Cross Plains library. The check came today --\$2,500.00 for children's books!

Come in; get excited; notice the library lot this week.

Submitted by Billie Loving

Colonial Oaks Services

Cornerstone Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 8, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Robin L. Denton, possession of marijuana.
Christopher M. Denton, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication or misdemeanor probation: Charles Clinton Carlile, Jonathan B. Dunn, Cathy Parker, Shawn Prather, Courtney Allan Sholar, Chris Yates, James Robert Gunn, Charles D. Reutter, Renea Louise Roberts, Georgia Wagley.

Victor DeLaCruz, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Chris Rhynes, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$84 restitution.

Kindra K. Smith, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Teresa Garcia, order extending probation granted.

Renea Trent, order extending probation granted.

Ivan Ernest Denny III, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Gilbert William Howell and Melissa Sue Engel, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Providian National Bank vs. Kevin W. Meier, default on note.

State of Texas vs. 1993 Nissan Sentra, 4 door, vin # JNIEB31PU226039, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

State of Texas vs. \$849 in US currency, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

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OBITUARY

Joyce Wilson

Joyce Wilson 62, of Paradise, Texas, died Monday, March 26, 2001 in the Wise Regional Health System in Decatur, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at 3:00 at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Robert Carter officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Joyce was born March 29, 1938 in Clifton, Texas to E.H. Pilant, Sr. and Edna Jewel May.

She is survived by one son, Walter Lee Wilson of Paradise; four daughters, Valerie Snodgrass and Edna Estella Coslett of Paradise, Joyce Carol Savell of Cross Plains, and Mary Alice Kelly of Colorado; one brother, Freddie Miral Pilant of Waco; four sisters, Essie Dean Karl of Clifton; Betty Ruth States of Gatesville, Louise Reynolds of Houston, and Floyee Smith of Clifton, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Several nieces and nephews.

Veteran's Town Hall Meeting in Abilene April 12

The staff of the West Texas VA Health Care System, Big Spring, and VBA Regional Office, Waco, will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday evening, April 12, 2001, 6:30 p.m., at the Sears Park Recreational facility located at 2250 Ambler Street, Abilene.

All area veterans are invited and encouraged to participate in this meeting. This meeting will be an opportunity to share the most current changes within both VHA and VBA.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 18, 2001 through March 24, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-64
Complaints-96
DWI-1
Possession of Marijuana-1
Fugitive Arrest-Theft over \$20.00 and under \$500.00-1
Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested on Outstanding Warrants

There were three outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$1,500.00 collected.

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INFORMATIVE GUEST SPEAKER— Keith Lawrence (right), associated with Lawrence Farm and Raach Supply, Inc., spoke to the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club on the local agricultural economy. The increased cost of fertilizer due to high natural gas prices will be a big influence on agricultural profits. Lawrence stated that different strategies will be necessary in different locations by different types of farmers to maintain a profitable operation. Keith was a guest of W.G. McCoy. You are invited to meet with the Kiwanis each Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn. Four new members joined last month.

Chambers of Commerce Invited to Lunch in April

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will sponsor a series of luncheons in April for Chamber of Commerce leaders throughout the region.

Luncheons are set for April 11 in Breckenridge, April 19 in Brownwood and April 24 in Sweetwater.

Chamber of commerce managers, secretaries, officers, board of directors and committee chairmen are invited to join neighboring chamber leaders at an 11:30 luncheon to share information on "Chamber of Commerce Challenges". Participants will identify common concerns and learn about successful activities that may work in their respective communities.

Select the most convenient location and make reservations by calling the host chamber of commerce: Breckenridge—254-559-2301, Brownwood—915-646-9535, Sweetwater—915-235-5488. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 915-676-0329 or 1-800-845-3563.

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awareness & promotion, education and political action. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone."

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Short Story Winner in the Library Writing Contest

This is the 1st place Fictional Short Story composition from the December 2000 Creative Writing Contest.

Cammo

By Curt Hoskins

Well ya see, the way all this came about was one day last year when my girlfriend came out to bring me something I had forgot. It was just after dark when she got here, and several of the bow hunters were coming in. She could see by the light of the campfire that their faces blotchy black, green, brown and gray.

Now, she's got an inquisitive mind, which is one of the things I really like about her, so a few days later she mentions it and says, "Why don't you guys get creative about this camouflage thing - I mean you could do your face like a clown would, only use green and brown and black, or you could make up like Al Jolson did when he sang "Mammy," or you could do a harlequin pattern," she suggested,

"Probably not," I said, "but it's a thought."

Sure enough, she got me a large size compact with all the different cammo colors and a mirror, so I could try out some of her ideas.

Well, I took a little ribbing, but the next thing you know, everybody in the bow hunting club had one. It beat crouching behind the rear view mirror, or the side mirror on the truck. The compact idea really caught on.

Anyway, one thing led to another, and several of the guys' wives decided that because deer can't see red, their husbands might as well use lipstick and rouge and eye shadow

and stuff; and well, I guess that's when things kinda started to get out of hand.

The next wrong turn happened when some of the wives got together and swapped compacts and the guys got out here with real lipstick, eye shadow, and rouge instead of the cammo stuff.

Also there was a note in each compact during the guy to put on her makeup as near as he could like she did - and just try it for once.

Well, the green eye shadow looked great, and the rest must have been OK, because, well, sure enough, George over there got a spike, and John got a three point. So everybody was feelin' pretty good and havin' a beer before supper when we saw the headlights about a mile off, headed for camp.

Naturally, everybody thought for sure it was the wives comin' to kid us, and see how we had done (over the past five years, we are the only ones that have been out here that I know of). So the fellas formed a chorus line- figuring the wives would go ape seeing a row of naked beer bellies saggin' over cammo britches with arms locked over each others' shoulders and holdin' beer cans sloshin' beer all over - and faces full of makeup, lipstick, rouge, and eye shadow - all lined up in a chorus line doing a high kick routine.

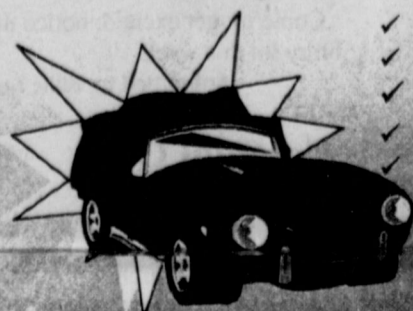
So we expected them to start pilin' out of the car, laughin' and all...

And then this car pulls up and the campfire lights up the side where it says "Game Warden."

Well, sir, like I said, all this started about a year ago when my girlfriend drove into camp to bring me something I had forgot...

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



PAULINE SWITZER

Pauline Switzer has been chosen as the resident for this month. She was born on July 8, 1916, in Concho County and is 84 years old. She shares a room here with her husband, O.B. The couple has two sons, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pauline enjoys music, talking on the phone and visiting with her family.

We are happy to have Jo Boatright back here with us. Welcome home Jo. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Julia Hedrick on the loss of their loved one.

Appreciation to Sheri Elrod for the chips and dip, also Laura Chastain and the Cassie family for the cake.

Thoughts and prayers for Raymond McCowen who is in the hospital.

Charlie Rogers, Mary Schulle and Norma Strahan visited with Mary Weaver.

Tim Evon visited with Myrtle

Owen.

James Switzer, Lonnie and Martha Switzer visited with their parents, O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Richard Lee from Comanche visited with Pauline Regian.

Charlou Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Cecil and Naoma Wilson visited with Delilah Goble.

Ann Belz from Brownwood visited with Allie Dickson.

Beth Sparkman of New Braunfels visited with Roy Gardner.

Charles and Tiffany McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Deborah Griswold from Hawley visited with Deen Haddox.

Lois Chalk from Cottonwood visited with Vera Belyeu.

ACTIVITIES

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

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

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Jessie Casey, Delilah Goble and Minnie Swann (2). Popcorn social. Skip-Bo games.

SUNDAY: Cornerstone Baptist

Jesus the Key to the Kingdom.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

PERSONALS

Three recent honors and big congratulations have been earned by Lou Rodenberger.

Dr. Lou Rodenberger has been honored twice in the past week. She was named as one of three new fellows of the Texas State Historical Association at a luncheon of the organization in Houston last week and was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters at a luncheon in Dallas this past weekend. That's two great honors.

Dr. Rodenberger is a prolific writer on historical themes and women literary accomplishments. And she will be honored at a special upcoming meeting of the West Texas Historical Association in Wichita Falls. For that meeting, she has prepared a paper to be read on the literary accomplishments of, recently deceased, Dr. Lawrence Clayton.

That's three great honors. So, a big congratulations to Lou Rodenberger, a former and current citizen of Cottonwood.

BILLIE KELLY BACK AT WORK

"Rain, shine, sleet or snow, the mail must go through," and Billie (Weaver) Kelly will be carrying it to the Cottonwood Community again.

Billie has had recent knee surgery and has finished a rehabilitation therapy course. She returned to work with the U.S. Postal Service this week. Her route includes the Cottonwood Community.

Billie started out as Post Mistress while the old Cottonwood Post Office building was still in use and has been a rural route mail carrier in the past few years. She has earned a 25-year service pin with the post office. Thank you, Billie.

QUILTING CLUB TO TAKE PART IN "TRASH-OFF DAY"

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will participate in the "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off Day" on Friday, April 6, 2001. The annual event is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation and is designed to beautify the entire state by enlisting local communities and organizations in a clean-up campaign to eliminate trash along roads and highways of Texas.

The Quilting Club members encourage other volunteer citizens of Cottonwood Community to join them at 10 a.m. this Friday at the Community Center with gloves and trash bags in hand. Let's go Cottonwood!

In other news, the Quilting Club last week welcomed visitors, Cody Hounshell of Sundown and Barbara Black of Atwell.

Barbara Black brought a newly finished "Americana" quilt to show club members, and Cody Hounshell displayed several finished quilt tops the club members might want to select for quilting. The "Americana" quilt was a beautiful display of Star, Stripes and flag colors," said Mary Weaver, spokeswoman for the club, "and we welcome all visitors for quilting and/or for lunch."

COTTONWOOD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Dorothy Woody of Clyde is planning to attend the annual meeting of the Historical Association on May 5th. She is expecting to visit with all former and current residents of Cottonwood.

R.T. Peevy is looking for a photograph of the old Cottonwood well. He is custodian of the association's memorabilia and wants all former residents to come and bring any photographs and other memorabilia of the Cottonwood Community to share with each other.

So don't forget! Annual Cottonwood Historical Association meeting, Saturday, May 5, 2001. Bring a covered dish (vegetable, salad or dessert), visit with old and new friends, visit the historic sites, enjoy a fresh new day in Cottonwood, furnished by the Association).

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

"Cloudy Days and Rainy Nights"

Cloudy days and rainy nights, I'm 'bout ready to see some lights. It matters little to me, Whether it's lightenin' bugs or thunderin' bees.

I'm just tired of all this dark, It's enough to pop your cork. Cloudy days and rainy nights, I'm most ready to see some lights.

Turn on the porch light, Now that would be great. Fry and try with all your might, To force this dark to dissipate!

Turned it on, now it's burned out! Makes you want to twist and shout! Seems tho', that's what lifes about. Of that I have little doubt.

It causes some folks to weep and pout, especially when the lights go out. Cloudy days and rainy nights, We sure could use lots more light.

Sure wish we could foster, a way to store all that moisture. It would be a great delight

and might even avoid a fight.

Cloudy days and rainy nights, We sure could use some sunshine bright. Sittin' here wonderin' if anyone knows, how to force the wind to blow.

Blow away all those clouds and make us doubly proud. When that sun shines bright, we'd sure welcome all that light.

Then those winds could surely blow, All those clouds back again. We can always use rain you know, Come on winds, blow that rain, back again.

Cloudy days and rainy nights, Guess we've 'bout seen all the sights. Tomorrow if the sun shines bright, We can say, we've seen the light.

Seen the light shining bright Seen the rain, oh what a sight! Felt the wind, and viewed the clouds, and praised the wind, which blows

Annual Fish Fry Set for April 27

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their Annual Fish Fry this year that will be on Friday, April 27, at the Cross Plains Community Center 5-8 p.m.

The cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. The

menu will consist of fish OR chicken strips, French fries, beans, coleslaw, tartar sauce and all the usual condiments, including ice tea and peach cobbler for dessert.

Carry-outs are available at the same price.

Callahan County Tax Office Has Received Calls

Recently, numerous phone calls have been received by the Callahan County Tax Office concerning letters mailed from a company in Dallas. The letter begins "It appears you are overpaying your property taxes." It continues by giving the property address and value, and a statement that records do not reflect a reduction for the homestead exemption. This company will, for a fee, prepare papers for you to apply for the exemption. You may do this yourself for free at the Callahan County Appraisal District, if you qualify. The form and the process are simple. Most qualified homeowners are already receiving their homestead exemptions, but if you have any questions concerning your homestead exemption, you may contact the Appraisal District at 854-1165 or the tax office at 854-1020.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 9 - April 13
MONDAY--Salisbury Steak, Augratin Potatoes, Squash, Angle Food Cake, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY--Chicken Teriyaki, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY--Pork Chops, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese, Apple Crisp, Roll, Milk
THURSDAY--Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans Salad, Strawberry Shortcake, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY-- CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

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March 26-30

Statistics:
Circulation:

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LAP 54
TOTAL 144

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Lovera M. Cavanaugh and Dole Cavanaugh for Morris R. Cavanaugh (to be used for Garden/Mural Fund)

Donations:

Claire Jordan Edwards - Everton's Genealogical Helper - subscription
Hey! Be sure to read the library article on front page!

PIONEER NEWS

We had a great day quilting on Tuesday. We do miss our members who are out with family illnesses. We pray they are back soon. We are working on Frankie's quilt and Laverne's "Arkansas Troubles". Lou will be putting hers in the frame soon.

Earlene Burge spent a few days in Brownwood. Her daughter, Jessica Stultz, celebrated her birthday and her daughter, Dee An Chisholm, from Nacogdoches came and surprised her. They all had a great time. Those attending besides Jessica were Cindy Ochoa, Dee Ann Chisholm, Jon Ochoa, Jack, Jessica's husband, and Earlene. They all enjoyed the meeting at the 4th and Stewart Church of Christ. The meeting was about Evolution and Creation.

Glenda attended Kali's track meet last week. Kali did the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles. She also ran in a relay race. Glenda went with Allen, Janice and family to the 4th and Stewart Church of Christ meeting on Sunday night.

Laverne and Cowan's daughter, Wanetta, visited with them during the week. Tabitha, Larun and Sandy visited Monday afternoon. Lynn and Pam visited Monday night. Laverne

was a visitor in Cisco and Eastland Monday morning.

Glenda Phillips and Charlene Chesshir went to Eastland on Monday afternoon. Charlene took her little dog by Nancy's to get groomed. Dusty and Jim were weekend visitors at Charlene's. Dusty has the yard really looking good. Christy those tomatoes and black-eyed peas Charlene usually has!

Thanks to all the gals that brought those delicious baked goods and those who donated money for our bake sale. We had a very successful day. A great big "thanks" to all of you who bought our items. We will put the money to work on our building. Thank you "Garden Club" for making it possible to raise money for our club. Also, "thank you" to the Pioneer Coop for the use of your big table.

It is good to have Oliver and Frankie Smith at home. We pray Oliver keeps improving. WELCOME HOME< OLIVER!!

Rural Pearl- A man who buys what he doesn't need will often need what he cannot buy. Collie Brown

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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"Me first!" We've all screamed it before, haven't we? Yes, when there was a game to be played or a treat to be given, we'd holler, "Me first! Me first!" As we grow up we're not so apt to voice our selfishness as we once did - - at least we learn to soften our requests somewhat. But I wonder...have we really changed inside all that much? Our old nature whispers, "If you want something you'll have to get in there first." This goes close in hand with the idea of wanting to be the greatest and to be important, letting people know in our own subtle ways just how many good little things we do and how many important people we know - - and all the time forgetting the words of Jesus who said: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." And, "Many shall be last that are first, and the first that are last." And on another occasion: "Whoever would become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever would be first among you shall be your servant - even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Lk. 14:11; Mt. 19:30; 20: 26-28)

What a paradox of ordinary thinking, and what a contrast to the scream (whether actually verbal - - or more subtle): "Me first! Me first!" Let's try to pattern our lives and actions after the Master's and be last - - and then we'll really be "first!"

Come work with us toward being better servants. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



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Lady Buffs Finished 2nd at Mogul Relays at Munday

The Lady Buffs traveled way up north to Munday to participate in the Mogul Relays. It was a quality meet with numerous good track schools attending.

The girls were hampered by some injuries in the finals or we probably could have won the meet. They finished 2nd to Childress by 19 points and had to scratch 3 races in the finals that cost us a minimum of 22 points.

With district approaching on Friday, April 6, in May, we didn't want to take any chances with our minor injuries turning into a problem at district.

3200 - C. Hyles 13:46.4, 3rd
Triple Jump - Kitchens 31'0", 4th
Discus - Wilson 110'4", 3rd
Shot Put - Wilson 36'7 1/2", 2nd
Long Jump - Mosier 15'1", 3rd
400 Relay - Wyatt, Mosier, Thomas, Lewis 52.94, 4th
800 Run - S. Hyles, 2:41, 4th
Hartman 2:44, 5th
400 Dash - Swift 65.7, 4th
300 Hurdles - Hartman 51.5 Prelim time, 5th
200 Dash - Lewis 28.1, 5th
1600 - C. Hyles 6:07.0, 2nd
S. Hyles 6:12.6, 3rd
1600 Relay - Wyatt, Mosier, Hyles, Hyles 4:28.1, 4th

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Brownwood Tennis Tournament Results

On Friday, March 30th the Cross Plains tennis team traveled to Brownwood to compete in one of the largest tennis meets in the area. It consisted of schools ranging in size from 3A to 1A. The talent was very good and the Cross Plains players held their own against some of the best around.

In Boys Doubles C Division the Cross Plains team did very well. Aaron Lewis and Cory Phillips last in the first round but played the best match of the year. Nathan Joy and Chris Sliker did not blow out so easily, as Singles C Division was repre-

sented again by the outstanding play of Russell Allen. He admitted that he didn't know what it was making him play so well, but he eventually took the gold medal as well.

In Boys B Singles, Brandon Gilliam dominated the field by taking every match in convincing fashion. Gilliam took home the gold medal for Sarah Nixon all the way to the semifinals before bowing out of the tournament. The team will compete next Friday in the Abilene tournament, then next Tuesday for district at Hardin-Simmons University.

CP vs Baird March 30, 2001

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	RUNS	H	E
CP	2	3	0	2	1	0	X	8	5	1
Baird	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	3

PITCHERS	IP	K	BB	H	R	ER
W NORRIS	7	13	5	5	1	1

NAME	H	AB	R	RBI	K	BB	BASE HITS
BEGGS	1	2	2	1	0	1	0
KITCHENS	1	3	3	0	0	1	0
HAWKINS	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
WHITEHEAD	0	4	0	3	0	0	0
DILLARD	0	4	0	3	0	0	0
MATHEWS	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
REED	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
NORRIS	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MERRYMAN	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
HOPKINS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
ROSS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NOWELL	1	1	1	1	0	0	HR
WILSON	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

+ .600 ON BASE AVE. BEGGS 2 FOR 3, HAWKINS 2 FOR 3
KITCHENS 3 FOR 4, MATHEWS 2 FOR 3



DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING HIGH INDIVIDUAL—Joshua Hopkins of Cross Plains High School (center) was the third high individual in the Dairy Cattle judging contests at the 2001 State Wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. The top 20 individuals in each of 11 judging contests were presented with plaques and caps. There were over 600 students entered in the dairy cattle category. The Career Development Event is sponsored by the University's College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. Directors of the Dairy Cattle contest were Tarleton faculty members Dr. Sandy Johnson (left) and Dr. Tim Brown (right).



April 9 - April 13
BREAKFAST

- MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
- TUESDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
- WEDNESDAY--Muffins, Assorted Juice
- THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice
- FRIDAY--HOLIDAY LUNCH
- MONDAY--Chicken Patty on Bun, Salad, Chips, Pickles, Orange Section
- TUESDAY--Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Apricots
- WEDNESDAY-- Soft Tacos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit Crisp
- THURSDAY-- Chicken & Rice, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Pears
- FRIDAY--HOLIDAY



Varsity Baseball Games on Friday April 13 have Changed.

Game 1
VS.
Santo 12:00

Game 2
VS
Bartlett 2:00

Both Games at Santo

Boys and Girls Golf Compete in Eden Tourney

The golf teams traveled to Eden on separate days to compete in their last tournament before district play begins at Maxwell in Abilene.

The weather was a problem for everyone who participated. The conditions were cold and rainy. James finished 6th overall with an 82, Tim 94, Shane 102, Jordan 101, Andy 120, Dusty 125 and Marcus 145.

The team score of 386 didn't finish in the top 3 for team scoring.

The girls faced the same conditions 2 days later with Stephanie shooting 118 and Toni Mae 144.

District play begins Tuesday, April 3, at Maxwell with the tee-off at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Early Childhood Screening April 20

Cross Plains I.S.D. is providing Early Childhood Screening on Friday April 20, 2001 from 8:30 to 3:00 at the Cross Plains Elementary School.

The Early Childhood Screening identifies ages three through six who may be developmentally delayed or handicapped in any way. Children with disabilities are eligible for school services on their third birthday and continue through age twenty-one.

The screening will be held at the Cross Plain Elementary School and will take about sixty minutes. Parents are asked to please bring their child's birth certificate, shot records, and social security card to the screening. Each child's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability and developmental growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their child's progress as soon as the screening is completed.

If you have, or know of, a child who might benefit from this service, please contact the Comanche Special Services Co-Op at (254) 893-2130 or Cross Plains Elementary School at (254) 725-6123.

Senate education passes school start date bill with no opposing votes

San Antonio - Texans for a Traditional School Year today praised and thanked the Senate Education Committee for quickly passing a revised Senate Bill 108.

SB 108 would require school districts to start school no earlier than the week in which August 21 falls.

"My biggest concern is a little statistic that I received not too long ago that indicated 250,000 kids were absent the first day of school," said Senator Eddie Lucio (D-Brownsville), the bill's author. "SB 108 gives school districts a lot of flexibility while addressing the concerns of parents and teachers," he said. "This bill has changed during the last few months to reflect compromises stemming from the input I have sought."

In addition to low attendance numbers, according to Senate hearing testimony, the early-August school start date creates headaches, heartaches and hardships for Texas teachers, students and families. "When school is allowed to start earlier and earlier in the summer months it inhibits teachers' abilities to continue their education," said Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year, a state-wide grassroots organization.

"With all the discussion about the need for teachers to receive advanced training in specialized areas, it is more important today than ever to ensure teachers have a full summer to pursue advanced degrees," Bruno added.

"Starting school in early August also minimizes students' opportunities to gain workplace experience yet it gains no additional class

time or educational benefit to our students," Bruno said. Other Senate hearing testimony revealed that the early August school start date is adding to ozone-related problems, increased electric bills for schools and a possible decline in revenue for the state.

Among the other groups signing cards of support for SB 108 were the Texas State Teachers Association, the Weslaco Federation of Teachers, Rio Grande Labor Council and the Greater Houston Partnership.

A spokesman from the Texas Federation of Teachers said his organization was not taking a position on the legislation, but reported a recent survey by his group which revealed 68 percent of their members surveyed agreed school districts should be prohibited from starting classes prior to September 1.

Critics of the proposed legislation say it takes away local control from the school districts.

In response Senator Teel Bivins, (R - Amarillo) told the Amarillo Globe News, "While I am a strong supporter of local control, I feel there is a point where the state has a legitimate interest. He added that after studying school start dates he finds the bill to be a "reasonable compromise."

Senator Lucio added the bill simply sets a starting point for the school year. "School boards have total control in setting holidays, semester divisions and the last day of school," he said.

Senators Bivins, Zaffirini, Nelson, Sibley, Truan and Van De Putte all voted for the bill. Senator Shaprio abstained and Senators

Staples and Cain were absent with no vote.

In her closing remarks, Bruno asked the committee to ponder one last thought: "As a state we not only set the schedules for high school sporting events via the UIL - but we tell coaches how many days before the first game they can practice and how long those practices can be. When I asked coaches why they needed these guidelines their response was quick and simple: to ensure fairness in the game."

"The TAAS test is the academic game in Texas - yet kids taking that test can differ by as much as four weeks of instruction. Is it fair to judge our students on the same scale when not all have the same practice time? As a mentor of an at-risk student, I know the incredible progress she makes during one month. For many children, I am sure one month could mean the difference between passing and failing. If uniformity is important in sports to ensure fairness, shouldn't we work to return fairness to academics?" Bruno said.

Texans for a Traditional School Year is a grass-roots, non-profit organization concerned about the negative impact the early-August school start date has on students, teachers and families. Their mission is to raise public awareness about this issue and its direct impact on Texas youth and the education we expect them to earn.

For more information on the negative impact of the early-August school start date on teachers, families and students, contact Texans for a Traditional School Year toll-free at 877-531-9011.

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WHERE: CROSS PLAINS HIGH AUDITORIUM
WHEN: 6:30 TO 7:30 APRIL 5, 2001

CAST: A.J Carouth (Chris), Carrie Rogers (Patty), Marian Reed (Jennifer), Toni Mae Wyatt (Maggie), and Kandra Poole (Lisa)
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MUSIC COORDINATOR: Angela Swift
DIRECTOR: Ms. Jackson

Jr. High Girl Track Results

By COACH DILLARD

Due to a cold and rainy day the May Tiger Jr. High Track meet was changed for Tuesday March 27 to Thursday March 29.

The girls performed well in the cool weather they place 2nd in the met with 76 points.

FIELD EVENTS:

Shot- Richards - 2nd- 31' 8"

Clark

Bennett

May

Discus- Richards

Clark

Hail

May

High Jump- Adams - 4'4"

Long Jump- Mack - 12'8"

Edington

Ross

Triple Jump- Mack - 3rd- 27'9 1/2"

Edington 23'10 1/2"

Ross

RUNNING EVENTS:

400 Relay 4th- 58.69- Edington,

Richards, Phillips, Adams

800 Relay 3rd- 2:03.72- Edington,

Hutchins, Richards, Adams

1600 Relay 2nd- 5:04.75- Isbell,

Hail, Ross, Mack

800 Run Mack- 3rd- 2:53.6

Norris -

Clark

100 Hurdles- Richards- 3rd- 19.34

Edington 21.34

Phillips 22.44

100 Dash- Adams- 2nd 14.03

Hutchins- 15.22

Callaway 16.12

400 Dash- Mack - 3rd 70.53

Isbell 76.19

Ross 80.28

300 Hurdles- Phillips 64.78

200 Dash- Hutchins- 32.47

Callaway- 34.25

Bennett - 35.20

1600 Run- Norris

Clark

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LOCATION'S OF POLLING PLACES: Cross Plains Community Center, 108 Beech Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.
 Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week-day at Cross Plains City Hall, Cross Plains, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001 and ending on May 2, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Debbie Gosnell, c/o Cross Plains City Hall, P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001. Issued this the 5th day of April, 2001.

Donnie Dillard, Presiding Officer.

BID NOTICE

Baird ISD is currently accepting sealed bids on two dressing rooms that will be attached to the existing gymnasium. These dressing rooms will be metal building with 1 1/2 in. insulation with wire support.

Dressing Room 1 Dimensions 12X40 foot.
 Dressing Room 2 Dimensions 32X40 foot.

A copy of Plan can be obtained from the Superintendent's office. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon on April 19, 2001. The bids will be opened and discussed at the Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2001 at 7:30 in the School Library.

Bids must be marked "Dressing Room Bids" The Baird ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Contact: Lacy Hogue, Superintendent, Baird ISD P.O. Box 1147, Baird, TX 79504. Phone (915) 854-1400, fax (915) 854-2058.

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Taylor Electric Cooperative customers to see high fuel charges on their April electricity bills

Taylor Electric Cooperative customers have been, and will continue, to experience higher than normal costs due to the pass through for under recovered fuel from power suppliers. These charges are strictly a pass through and Taylor Electric does not profit from the fuel charge, this revenue is paid directly back to their power suppliers. When the cost of fuel to generate electricity exceeds the contract amount with their power supplier, that additional cost is passed to Taylor Electric and in turn must be passed to their cus-

tomers. Recently this under recovery has exceeded twice the contracted amount. This could create a situation for a customer that is doing their best to conserve electricity and yet their costs remain higher than normal.

Taylor Electric customers will see an extremely high fuel charge on their April bills and possibly their May bills. Taylor Electric customers, by continuing to conserve electricity, can maximize their utility dollars until the fuel costs stabilizes.

Beef Field Day Set for April 17 at Ranger Auction Barn

The Eastland County Beef Field Day will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at the Ranger Auction Barn in Ranger beginning at 6 p.m. The annual Field Day is planned by the Eastland County Livestock, Forage and Crops Committee.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. You need to pre-register by calling the Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-1093 or 629-222 by April 12th, so they can get a good count for the FREE Meal! Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program commences at 7 p.m.

Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension

Feed Specialist from Stephenville will address Bull and Cow Selection Breeds that Sell Well in the Market. Ken Stokes, Extension Economist from Stephenville will give us a market outlook. Derek Thamm, Feedlot Manager from Lubbock will discuss what kind of cattle the feedlots are looking for and doing the best for them. Mike McCraw will give an update on the Beef Check-Off.

We hope all cattle producers small and large will attend this very informative program. REMEMBER..... R.S.V.P. to Eastland County Extension Office by April 12th.

Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day Set for Sunday, April 22nd

Each year, more than 50 percent of American men and women will donate their time to help nonprofit organizations. Often these faceless heroes get little or no recognition. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. has set April 22 as Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day. Girl Scouts of the Heart of Texas Council understands how important girl and adult partnership is to a girl's development. Without dedicated adults, we would not be able to provide Girl Scouts of the Heart of Texas Council salutes the following Cross Plains leaders: Troop leaders - Emma J. McKenzie, Rita Purcell, Sue Neff and Tracey L. Bowerman; Assistant Troop Leaders - Mary S. Hogrell and Cheryl A. Hollis.

Jan Cate, CEO of the council, says "Many people know of the great service that Girl Scout troop leaders provide, but few know of the many other

dedicated volunteers who also help make Girl Scouting possible. We want to acknowledge all the other wonderful volunteers in the Girl Scout organization who do everything from mentoring girls to serving on the council's board of directors. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers in our area."

Mrs. Cate continues, "Today, volunteers are needed more than ever, and while our Girl Scout council serves approximately 2,000 girl members, many girls await volunteers to serve as leaders and mentors. I encourage more people to follow in the footsteps of current volunteers by volunteering with the Girls Scouts or with other nonprofit organizations in this area. With the help of committed adults, Girl Scouting will continue to be a positive force in the life of every girl."

49th Annual Eastland County Pecan Budding/Grafting School

The Eastland County Extension Pecan Committee and Cisco Junior College are coordinating the 49th Pecan Budding & Grafting School to be held on April 11th with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department, north of Cisco. Pecan tree management, pecan varieties and budding & grafting will be the topics for the day. Three (3) CEU's will be available to all private applicators in attendance.

Speakers will include Larry Don Womack, Womack Nursery-DeLeon; and Dr. Chip Lee, TAEX Plant Pathologist- Stephenville. Grafting wood will also be avail-

able for sale. If you need further information, please contact the Eastland County Extension Agent, Bob Bailey at (254)629-1093.

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4th Annual Big Country Beef Short Course Dates Announced

The 4th annual Big Country Beef Cattle Short Course will be held on three consecutive Mondays beginning April 9. All programs will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The April 9 session will feature Dr. Billy Warrick, area agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Billy's topic will be forage and hay production, with an emphasis on summer annuals such as sorghum. He will also address the production of high quality hay. 2 CEU's, 1 IPM and one general, will be given on this date.

April 16, Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, will give a presentation on herbicide updates. With the new generic products coming onto the market this year, this will be a timely presentation. In addition, control of salt cedar will be discussed. 2 CEU's, 1 IPM and one general, will be given.

The April 23 session will be held at the Knaus Ranch. Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife

specialist, will address range conditions and wildlife. A major part of this session will be plant identification and how wildlife and livestock can co-exist. The session will also review the brush control plots which were created last year utilizing GPS technology. 2 CEU's will be awarded, 1 IPM and one general.

The cost of the three night short course is \$25.00 if registered by Wednesday, April 4. After that date the cost will be \$30.00 per person. Individual sessions will be \$15.00 per person. For this price, you will get 6 CEU's, three meals, and a great deal of information. Contact the Taylor County Extension office at (915)672-6048 for registration information. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodation are asked to contact the Taylor County Extension Service at (915)672-6048 one week in advance of the program.

Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

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April proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Thousands of cases of child abuse and neglect are confirmed in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, Law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, Y2K means "Yes to

Kids" and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and considered helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Roger Corn, County Judge do hereby proclaim the month of April 2001 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Callahan County, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce and neglect significantly in years to come.

Signed this the 2nd day of April, 2001.

Roger Corn, County Judge
Callahan County, Texas

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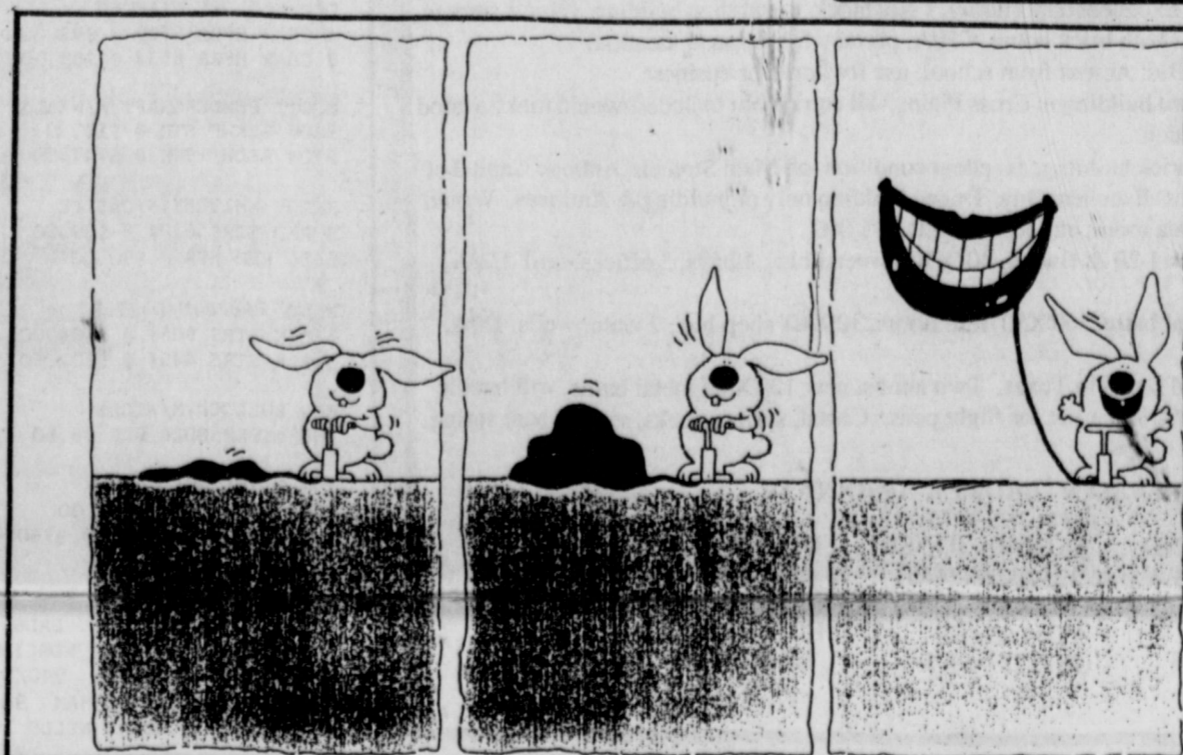
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LADIES IN RED VISIT THE CAPITOL—On March 22, 2001 nine women from the Callahan County Republican Women's Club attended the TFRW Legislative Day at the capitol in Austin. Republican women from across the state participated in the activities and were very identifiable, as they all wore red. Pictured here, in front of the capitol building, are Betty Johnson, Jamie Belz, Sandy Hanner, Ashley Shipley, Nicki Harle, Liz Mullican, Pat Chrane, and Ginny Roden. (Not pictured is Denise Coulter). Special thanks to Mike Hanner for volunteering a Dodge van and his services as

driver for the trip. The day consisted of visiting the offices of Representative Jim Keffer and Senator Troy Fraser, touring the capitol building, attending a luncheon and participating in seminars. Representative Keffer most graciously joined the ladies for lunch. Guest speakers included Commissioner Tony Garza, Governor Rick Perry, Texas First Lady Anita Perry, NFRW President Marian Miller and Keynote Speaker David Horowitz. Topics of discussion at the seminars were, The Constitution, Grassroots Fundraising, Protecting our Freedoms, and a Redistricting Panel Discussion.



COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN AT LEGISLATIVE DAY LUNCHEON—Callahan County Republican Women attending the Legislative Day luncheon at the state

capitol in Austin March 22 include from left to right front row: Denise Coulter, Ginny Roden, Betty Johnson, Ashley Shipley and

Sandy Hanner. Back row left to right are: Nicki Harle, CCRW President; Pat Chrane, Liz Mullican and Jamie Belz.



REP. KEFFER MEETS WITH COUNTY WOMEN—Representative Jim Keffer joined the Callahan County Republican Women at the Texas Federation of Republican

Women luncheon in Austin March 22. Pictured left to right are: Pat Chrane, Representative Keffer and Callahan County Republican Women President Nicki Harle.

Scranton Musical Sat. April 7th

The Scranton Musical will be Saturday, April 7 at the community center. All area musicians may call (915)692-2057 to reserve a time to perform. Ruth Snoddy and June McCullough will serve in the kitchen from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. The music begins at 6:30 p.m. Come out to enjoy the fellowship and benefit from the new outdoor lighting. We hope to see you. Thank you for your continued support.

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Don't Be an April Fool: Take Note of These Tax Tales

All Taxes Are Not Created Equal
Austin—When it comes to responding to inquiries from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), your best offense is a clear understanding of the tax rules. To help you stay on the offensive and avoid becoming an April fool this tax season, here are some tax tales for the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA).

The Right Research can lead to a Tax Credit

According to Linda Stanley CPA, President of the Abilene TSCPA Chapter, you needn't make a major scientific breakthrough to claim the research and experimentation tax credit. That's what one company learned after the IRS initially denied it the credit. The company had developed and sold commercial accounting and tax return preparation software and claimed the research credit for its development cost. After taking the IRS to court, the tax court ruled in the company's favor, stating that the requirement is not to science, but that it be technological, new to the taxpayer and not freely available to the general public. *Tax and Accounting Software Corporation, DC N.D. OK., 2000-2 USTC 50,672*

Fishing for Deductions Can Pay Off

The IRS is strict about tax rules pertaining to hobbies: Income from a hobby is taxable, but expenses are deductible only to the extent you have income. Any other money you lose from your hobby is considered nondeductible personal losses. However, if you can demonstrate that your hobby had a profit motive, it may qualify as a business and enable you to deduct more of your expenses. Take the case of recreational bass fisherman who began promoting fishing tournaments. He incurred five years of losses that he deducted on his tax return. Claiming the fisherman was deduction hobby expenses, the IRS denied the deduction. However, the tax court ruled in the fisherman's favor viewing his work on tournaments as a business because he had clearly demonstrated a desire to produce a profit and had the documentation to back it up. He kept detailed accounts and mailing lists and even consulted with outside professionals. What's more, his business turned a profit in the sixth year, further indication that he had a profit motive. *Tommy W. Busbee, TC Memo 2000-82*

Married couples are generally liable for all the tax due on a joint return, regardless of how much each individual spouse earns. Similarly, should one spouse fail to report income subject to federal taxes, both spouses will be held liable for any taxes that are due. However, the same is not true when it comes to FICA (Social Security and Medicare taxes).

When one spouse who filed a joint return didn't report tip income, and IRS agent considered holding the other spouse liable for unpaid FICA tax owed on it. However, the IRS issued a legal opinion to the contrary, stating that "joint and several liability," which makes each spouse liable for all the tax due on a joint return, applies only to income taxes. Because FICA tax is a separate liability of each wage earner, one spouse can't be held liable for the other's FICA tax. *IRS Legal Memorandum 20016018*

Don't Be Afraid to Ask for a Refund

If you've been overzealous and overpaid your taxes, you can amend your original return and obtain a refund. Generally, you must file your claim for a credit or refund within three years after the date you filed your original return or within two years after the date you paid the tax, whichever is later. Keep in mind that a return filed before the due date is treated as filed on the due date (generally April 15).

In one case, the IRS allowed a refund even though the tax payer had originally defaulted on his taxes. The taxpayer didn't file a tax return and was sent a deficiency notice. At first the individual failed to respond, but then later paid the tax due. Soon after that, he died. His widow then learned that the notice had overstated the tax owed, so she asked for a refund. An IRS agent questioned the request because of the default on the notice. The IRS ruled that defaulting on a deficiency notice does not bar a taxpayer from later requesting a refund, but only from suing for a refund in tax court. *IRS Field Service Advisory- 1997-34*

Errors can happen, both on the part of taxpayers and the IRS. If you want to avoid becoming an April

Fool when it comes to your taxes, CPAs advise that you double check the accuracy of your tax return. And if you're the recipient of an IRS notice, be sure that it is accurate and reply in timely fashion.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

The runt...

Pansy looked up at us with pride. Within the curl of her body were eight round, warm, wriggly puppies. They all looked about the same — healthy, husky little critters. Weeks later, five bouncy littermates found families to adopt them, and we were down to three. One was decidedly smaller than the others, and very sweet natured. We decided to keep her for a pet.

Pepper, the runt, got all our special attention while we continued to seek homes for the other two. The kids gave her special treats, and she could usually be found in someone's arms or sitting on a lap. She grew fat and sassy, very sassy.

Pansy Mama groomed the pup as her favorite, keeping it cleanest and letting it nap closest to her. That sealed Pepper's position as Honorable No. 1 in the family, so the runner-up, Squeaks, became the runt.

Squeaks played her role well, got skinny and gaunt, whined a lot, and wouldn't join in the puppy play. She skulked around, stayed in the background, and backed away from the food dish when the other puppies approached. We began to sneak extra treats to her. Squeaks soon filled up her loose skin.

She got brave enough to barge into the family food bowl. I'd even let her help finish up the leavings of our old dog, who was on a special diet of lean meat and liver. Squeaks filled out and found a socially acceptable spot in the puppy hierar-

chy. She was no longer at the bottom, so Scaredy-Wiggles took over the job of being the runt.

Scaredy-Wiggles was the best runt of all. Stretching out our fingertips to her, she would inch toward us, bowing and scraping as if we were royalty. She'd crawl to us, somehow ending belly up at our feet. She loved it once we got hold of her, but she wouldn't come willingly when it was her turn to be runt.

This puppy avoided the evening puppy heap in front of the TV. The farthest she would venture was through the doggy door, past the sink, around the refrigerator corner, to the dog food dish. She'd grab a quick bite to eat if no other dog was there, but scooted away if the others even glanced toward the dish like they might be hungry. The other puppies bullied her by standing close to the dish in a dominant pose. It looked like they snickered at her timid behavior and the power they had over her.

Scaredy-Wiggles was the very best runt anyone could imagine. There's just one thing about Scaredy-Wiggles being the runt that didn't fit. She was the biggest, strongest puppy of the bunch! She was the only one who didn't know it. The puppy's image of herself as runt was stronger than her muscles. I told her she needed to see herself in a mirror.

People are like that, too. There are times when each of us need to stand before a "mirror" and assess our gifts. We might be much more than we thought.

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Oplin Community Center Fund-raiser

Listen up everyone! The Oplin Community Center needs your help. On Saturday, April 14, 2001, the Grand Ole Oplin will hold a fundraiser to help us all stay a little cooler this summer. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. For a scant \$3.00 you will be served either chili or stew along with all the fixings. Dessert will be available for an additional charge. After dinner, Muddy Creek will entertain us all beginning at 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Admission to the dance will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 11 and under. All proceeds from this benefit will go towards the purchase of new air conditioners for our building.

We look forward to seeing you all come out and give your support. With your help we will all stay a little cooler while dancing to your

favorite bands.

And don't forget to come out and join us for our regular Friday night dance. On April 6, we will be featuring Muddy Creek and on April 13, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will entertain us. On April 20, Pay Pack and L.C. Agnew will be playing your favorite tunes and closing out the month on April 30, we welcome back Muddy Creek.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at F.M. 604 and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. Everyone is urged to bring snacks to be enjoyed by all during the band break. Alcohol beverages and smoking is not allowed. Admission is still just \$3.00 to our Friday night dances. So put on your dancing shoes and come on out for an evening of good food, good music and good friends.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

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Doug Weiss
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Adam "Bubba" Anderson

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Jan.	Feb.
	3.6%	3.5%
Total Labor Force	5,749	5,742
Total Employed	5,543	5,543
Total Unemployed	206	199

Unemployment rate drops in February

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of February 2001 dropped one-tenth of one percent to 3.5 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, April 2 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 5,742 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,543 were employed during February 2001, and 199 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.5%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in February 2000 was 4.4%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.6% in January 2001. Of the 5,749 civilian labor force in the county during January, 5,543 had jobs while 206 or 3.6% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 2.9% in December 2000, 3.3% in November, 3.6% in October, 3.6% in September, 3.6% in August, 3.8% in July, 4.5% in June, 3.8% in May, 3.7% in April and 4.1% in March, according to the unemployment

figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for February 2001 include: Brown, 3.2%; Coleman, 4.8%; Eastland, 3.2%; Jones, 2.6%; Runnels, 4.5%; Shackelford, 2.4%; Stephens, 2.8%; and Taylor County, 3.6%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for February 2001 was 3.8%, down three-tenths of one percent from the 4.1% unemployment rate in January 2001. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in February 2000 was 4.6%.

Of the 10,400,900 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,414,000 in February. The total number of unemployed in February 2001 was 430,500.

The United States unemployment rate was 4.6% in February 2001. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of January 2001 was 4.7%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in February 2000 was 4.4%.

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month as determined by a presidential proclamation. Every year Prevent Child Abuse America provides Child Prevention Month kits that include samples for local blue ribbon campaigns.

By wearing a blue ribbon every day in April you will invite questions about its significance which will allow you to remind everyone that children are hurting and it must stop.

Wear a blue ribbon, provide them for you staff, civic group, church and anyone else who might commit to wearing one.

If you do not have access to blue ribbons, please call Janice at the Parenting Place in Abilene at 672-2721. You can pick them up and tour the center or we can mail small quantities.

It will take all of us to prevent child abuse. Please do your part.

Submitted by Melanie Copeland

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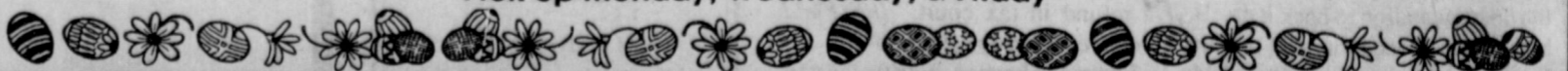
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