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## DOWN HOME

"National Tragedy Hits  
Close to Home for Some"

By Vanda Anderson Creech  
Editor

Last Tuesday, September 11, 2001, will forever remain in the memory of United States citizens. We all listened and watched in shock and horror as our country was attacked by terrorists.

We are not feeling the direct blow of the incident in our rural community, but it has had a very personal effect on some in our area.

Zora Mae Bryant's grandson, Kevin Baum, was in his office on the 32nd floor of 2 World Trade Center (South Tower) which was the second tower hit, but the first to collapse. He is employed by OppenheimerFund as a co-manager of the only commodities mutual fund.

Kevin recalls hearing and feeling the crash of the first plane into the 1 World Trade Center. The company he is employed by occupies approximately six floors and about 600 employees had to be evacuated down 32 flights of stairs.

Just as they were in sight of an exit, the second plane hit their building (18 minutes after the first explosion), and they were diverted to yet another exit.

All these individuals were able to escape with their lives. Kevin was able to call the Denver office of OppenheimerFund and asked them to call his family and tell them he was safe.

In the meantime, his mother, Barbara Baum, was in Cross Plains staying with Zora Mae following a recent illness. The two were unaware of any emergency when Zora's daughter, Terry Rogers of Dalhart, called and asked Barbara what building Kevin worked in. When she replied, Terry said, "You had better turn on the television now." Barbara said she would never forget the tone in Terry's voice. Sheer terror filled her when she saw what had happened.

Barbara remarked that the waiting seemed eternal. As her mind visualized the worst, they watched the two towers crash in a huge cloud of black smoke.

When the first call came from Denver they were relieved, but they were afraid he might still be in danger because they didn't know exactly when Kevin made the call. Maybe it was before he left his building? Until they heard from him directly they had several anxious hours. Zora Mae commented, "It seemed like half a century."

Jack Baum, Kevin's dad, was on his way to work when he heard the unbelievable report on the radio. By the time he arrived at Strategic Partnership, owned by Lynn and Mary Scott Nabers, he was visibly disturbed. A young man with whom he wasn't acquainted asked what was wrong. Jack told him about his son, and the young man replied, "I will pray for you and your son." The support of Mary and co-workers helped Jack get through the hours of waiting.

Kevin was now safe, but his wife, Kathy was out of the country on business and was stranded

in London. She is the Senior Account Executive for Ketchum, a worldwide public relations firm. Communicating with her throughout this ordeal was difficult, Barbara noted. You couldn't get through international lines and the cellphones use a lot of power receiving out-of-country calls. You can imagine the fear Kathy must have felt. She was able to fly into New York over the weekend and reunite with her husband. The couple reside in Old Greenwich, Connecticut but both are employed in New York.

Jack and Barbara have another son and daughter-in-law, Jeb and Kelly Baum of Keller, Texas, and a daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Ed Hendrix of Victoria, Texas.

Barbara related to me that their family was so thankful to God for sparing their loved one. Of course, they, like all of us, are saddened by the loss of so many innocent lives.

Brenda Hunt, a resident of Rising Star, called to tell me how fortunate her family had been. Her brother, Lloyd Turner, is a pilot for American Airlines and his plane was stopped at the end of the runway after a call from one of the hijacked planes was received. He will never know if there were hijackers on board his plane, and the plane taking off just ahead of him was the one that hit the Pentagon.

Brenda's sister, Jean Turner of Dallas, has retired as the head of the Civil Service (she worked closely with Colin Powell) and had planned to fly to her former office in the Pentagon to finalize some retirement paperwork. The flight she had previously booked was on the plane that crashed in Pittsburg. She cancelled her plans to take her little dog that Brenda had recently given her to the veterinarian.

Various family members had all contacted Brenda's mother, who lives in Osceola, Arkansas checking to see everyone was safe. Her mother's friend has a son who is remains missing. He was in the Pentagon and served in the military service. They request prayers on his behalf and all others still missing.

Had circumstances not have changed, this family would have lost two siblings. Brenda related that this close call had united their family.

Bonita McCowen Horton, sister of Bobby Jack McCowen, Naomi McCowen and Jim McCowen, all of Cross Plains, and her daughter, Cathy Horton, are employed in Washington, D.C. Bonita drives by the Pentagon every morning on her way to work. I called Naomi to see if they were involved in the disaster, and was grateful to hear that they were both fine.

Cross Plains may be a long way from the actual sites of terrorist attacks, but we and others all over the United States have personal contacts. The concern for fellow citizens have bonded the country together, and with the help of our dear Heavenly Father we will be able to endure. The declaration of a National Day of Prayer by President Bush was the first step in the right direction to return to our God for His perfect solution.

## Cottonwood Musical This Friday Night

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will have their Country and Western Musical on Friday, September 21, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving Ethel's red beans with corn bread, tea or coffee for \$3.00 a bowl, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment will commence at 6 p.m. with emcee, Mary E. Weaver.

There is no admission fee and everyone is invited for an evening of great food, fun and music!!

## 4-H Club to Hold Meeting September 25

The first regular meeting of the year 2001-2002 will be held Tuesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

The agenda for this meeting will be to fill out enrollment forms and a project overview. Last year's 4-H members are reminded that to stay enrolled, they must fill out a new form. All interested youth are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Submitted Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

## Bike-A-Thon October 20th

Memphis, TN— The Cross Plains "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on October 20, has been announced by St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Coordinator for this year's event is Mr. Frank O'Banion who encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort.

Four year-old Macarena Otogalli represents all of the patients who have received the benefits of St. Jude's research. Macarena was only 3 months old when she was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Since the tumor was discovered early, Macarena's chances of survival are good. She has been in remission for two years and has returned home to Argentina. She is a very bright child. She loves to draw with markers and play with wooden blocks. Doctors report that she comes to the hospital every six months for checkups and is doing extremely well. Thanks to all who support events like the "Wheels for Life," St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will always be available for children like Macarena.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for catastrophic diseases of childhood. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC).

St. Jude patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay. ALSAC covers all costs of treatment beyond those reimbursed by third party insurers, and total costs for families who have no insurance. For more information, visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).



DAY OF PRAYER—Approximately 50 Callahan County residents gathered around the United States flag pole at the Callahan County Courthouse in

Baird during Friday, September 14 National Day of Prayer and Remembrance after the terrorist attacks Tuesday, September 11, 2001 on New York, Wash-

ington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, in the foreground, is shown presiding over the ceremony at the Courthouse.

## Catch a Winner -----Join the Cross Plains Team Now

There is a lot of good things happening in Cross Plains. Two new murals were planned for the downtown area and both will promote Cross Plains' economic resources.

The hunting mural that is on the north side of Connie's Cuts and Curls was sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and 36 West Motel through the motel tax.

The Robert E. Howard mural will be sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library and a matching grant through the Texas Historical Foundation. Donations may be made to this project through the Cross Plains Library.

The Cross Plains Library is also undertaking a large project this year that will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.00 to enlarge its young children's program that consists of a new roof on the Library and annex building. This will be accomplished through a

grant from the Swalm Foundation that will be matched by the Library. You may help by making donations to the Cross Plains Library for this endeavor.

Cross Plains Library has finished their park area. A new sprinkler system was installed in addition to the sidewalks, cement benches, yard lights, parking area in back, and the old outhouse has been repaired and is now being used as a garden shed. Landscaping rocks are in place with crepe myrtle shrubs planted near the rock and newly sowed grass seed is coming up and growing nicely, thanks to the sprinkler system.

The Robert E. Howard (Conan Mural) on the north side of the annex building is in progress. Two painters received the bid and will start on the mural before this publication. It should be completed by the end of September.

All of this was made possible by grants from the Dodge Jones

Foundation of Abilene, Swalm Foundation of Houston, Cross Plains Garden Club, Texas Historical Commission, donations from the City of Cross Plains, Cross Plains Kiwanis Club, Project Pride, Beta Sigma Phi, Texas Heritage Bank, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc., Jones Real Estate, Higginbothams Brothers and Company, Cross Plains E.D.C. and many citizens of Cross Plains, too numerous to mention, who donated to this worthwhile cause. The total cost of this project exceeded \$11,000.00.

It is nice to know the organizations and people of Cross Plains and surrounding area have come together to improve the quality of life in Cross Plains. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the projects. I hope we can do it again next year.

Submitted by James Nichols

## 7 Callahan County Residents Leading Round-up for Rehab

Seven Callahan County residents are putting their brand of leadership on the 42nd Annual Round-Up for Rehab --- a program through which friends in the agriculture industry raise funds for West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Leading the local effort are Rodney Callaway, Murray Edwards, Douglas Ford, Steve Goldsmith, John Doyle Isenhower, Jim Snyder and Ken Welch. Approximately 150 other

community chairmen throughout Texas join them, along with general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene, and Carter Behrens of San Angelo. The message these volunteers are delivering to ranchers is simple: Let's help Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of an illness or injury. Ways ranchers can help include:

\* Donating livestock --cattle, sheep, goats or horses --to be sold at one of the special auctions this fall or sending a cash gift to Rehab if this is the wrong time of year to cut out livestock.

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## Show Your Support For AMERICA!!!!!!

A Hamburger Cook is planned for Saturday, September 29, to raise money for the victims and families of the "Attack on America."

Our show of solidarity as a small community in raising money is a symbol that even though we are

far from Washington, D.C. and New York, our hearts break and tears flow for them.

PLEASE CONTACT Vicki Dillard (254) 725-7275 if interested in helping.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

# COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Porcius Potter, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Carlos F. Ramirez, DWI.  
Kristopher Cole Biggs, DWI.  
Melinda Moore, DWI.  
Michael Anthony Hernandez, possession of marijuana.  
Jose Luis Hernandez, possession of marijuana.  
James M. Clark, theft of service.  
Amanda Gillett, theft of service.  
Billy Ray Lynn, Jr., theft of service.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Gregory Vasquez, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Judith Savage, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Bernard Don Nuar, Jr., motion to revoke probation granted.  
Anthony Isbell, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Dale Schwesinger, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$136.40 restitution.  
Janet Holley, motion to revoke probation granted.

**Marriage License**

Dennis Ray Hawley and Grace Ann Reays, both of Putnam.

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

**Civil Filings**

Paul Sue Newlun and Derrick Jason Newlun, divorce.  
Leticia Lynette Davis and Richard Calvin Davis, divorce.

Tracy French and Terry French vs. Mike Young, damages.

Michelle Leann Kile and Jimmy Don Kile, Jr., divorce.

**Civil Minutes**

In the estate of Ted Allen Gaunders, deceased, order disbursing funds granted.

Stuart Sowell and Barbara J. Sowell, divorce granted.

The State of Texas vs. 1993 Peterbilt truck/tractor VIN# 1XP5DB9X6PN334468; Lorcin .25 caliber semi-auto handgun, model L25, serial #313947, agreed judgment and order of forfeiture granted.

Francis Pruitt vs. Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc., final judgment in favor of plaintiff from defendant for the amount of \$30.

Nelson Martinez, motion to dismiss granted in the interest of justice.

Steve Dale Rhymes and Karen Kay Rhymes, divorce granted.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., on September 15, 2001 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings-95  
Complaints-94  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

**People Arrest On Outstanding Warrants**  
There were seven warrants issued for a total of \$2,275.00 collected.

# OBITUARY

**Pauline Warren**

Pauline Warren, 90, of Baird, passed away Friday, September 14, 2001, at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Baird.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Parker Funeral Home Chapel with Tom Merryman and Pastor Larry Gaumont officiating. Burial was in the Belle Plaine Cemetery.

Pauline was born November 4, 1910, in Baird. She married J. O. Warren on March 9, 1929, in Baird. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, James Oran Warren, Jr. of Friona; two daughters, Wanda M. Merryman of Cross Plains and Maricate Byrd of Snyder; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 724 Brookview Dr., Baird, Texas 79504.

## Cross Timbers Souther Baptist Association to Meet Tonight

The Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally will be hosted Thursday, September 20, at Milton Avenue Baptist Church, 702 Milton Avenue, Brownwood.

An Executive Board Meeting and WMU Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m. Music will commence at 7 p.m. featuring the Choir from Greater Faith Community Baptist Church of Brownwood.

The speaker for the evening will be Jerry Dennis, consultant on African-American Church Planting with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association consists of 34 churches located in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Hamilton, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens and Taylor counties. The Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information about the meeting or the Association, contact Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.



**GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB**—Bill Reed (right) gave a very informative presentation about the Hospice Program. He told the Kiwanis Club of his work with Hospice as a chaplain and volunteer worker. Carl Edington (left) was program chairman for the week. Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn and they welcome you to join them.

## Win a Dream Vacation of Your Choice

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club has chances for sale on a \$750.00 gift certificate with First Travel Agency in Brownwood. Winner of the gift certificate can travel to a vacation of your choice, such as Disney World, Las Vegas, Aspen, etc. In 125 chances of becoming the winner. Purchaser first picks a chance, which ranges from \$1-\$25 and then pays the amount on the ticket drawn with \$1 being the minimum and \$25 being the maximum. Five chances are the maximum number of tickets that can be purchased per individual. Contact Greg Turner to purchase your chance today at (254) 725-7755 after 5 p.m.

All proceeds go directly to the athletic department of the Cross Plains Schools.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, September 23, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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## Square Dance Lessons Offered in Brownwood

The Recyclers Club in Brownwood invites you to join in their square dance lessons. Each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 700 Main Street, Brownwood they will meet with their outstanding caller, Sid Perkins, to enjoy and learn square dancing.

They invite you to join them for fellowship, fun and exercise.

The first Friday of each month, the Brownwood Recyclers have their regular dance at St. John's from 8 to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join them. Call (915) 643-4155 or (915) 646-1367 for more information.

## Food Show Training Set for October 1st at Cross Plains School

While proving that "you are what you eat" may be difficult, 4-H members in the Food and Nutrition Program can certainly gain a better understanding of nutritious food that can contribute to healthful living.

The Food and Nutrition Program is one of the most popular projects in Callahan County. Those 4-H members who want to participate in this year's Food Show Training set for October 1st at the Cross Plains High School Home Economics Room. The training will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the cost will be \$3.00.

This training is developed to prepare youth for the County Food Show to be held on October 20. The training will help youth understand the importance of incorporating the Food Guide Pyramid into their daily diet, understand principles of nutrition and help youth acquire and demonstrate skills in planning, purchasing and serving tasty, attractive and nutritious meals.

If you have any questions, call the Extension Office at (915) 854-1518. Hope to see you at the training.

Submitted by Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

## Texas consumers report gas price gouging incidents to Attorney General

AUSTIN—Texas Attorney General John Cornyn today provided updated figures on the number of complaints made by consumers who suspected incidents of price gouging. The reports, which are coming in from all areas of the state, have focused on gasoline prices in the wake of Tuesday's tragic events on the East Coast.

"There is an artificial fear out there that our nation's fuel supply is in danger," said Attorney General Cornyn. "I find it despicable that some business operators want to profit from that fear. Texas consumers are on notice, and they are giving us helpful leads on unscrupulous business operators. Unscrupulous operators surprised if the phone rings and they find one of my staff members on the other end of the line."

As of 11 a.m. CST, more than 1,000 complaints had been received by the attorney general's consumer protection division

Investigators are following up on these reports and consolidating them where necessary. In most cases, the confirmed price gouging incidents are resolved with a phone call. However, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act gives the attorney general authority to take legal action when necessary. Price gouging violators could face fines of up to \$10,000 per incident, and be forced to pay attorneys fees and restitution.

Any suspected incidents of gouging should be reported to the attorney general's office at 1-800-337-3928 or 1-800-252-8011; complaints can also be registered on the Internet at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

Attorney General Cornyn also asks consumers to beware of unscrupulous groups and individuals who may try to scam generous Texans who think they're donating money to the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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**"Getting Help from God"**  
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Kevin & Kim Cassidy - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music  
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

**PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225**

## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

We are having our Annual Art Show today at 10:30 a.m. The participants are Victor Long, Falba Shofner, Ruby Harrell and Zelda Milam. Our judges this year are Lois Vaughn and Vanda Creech. All family and friends are invited to come. Cash prizes, ribbons and refreshments will be provided for all. Winners and their pictures will appear in next week's paper.

Words fail us as we think about the horrible tragedy that our nation has been engulfed in this past week. September 11, 2001 will be a day that none of us will ever forget. Jesus is the one who can see us through whatever comes. **Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

O.B. and Pauline Switzer will be having their 61st wedding anniversary Friday, September 21st. Congratulations to a very sweet couple. We hope you have many more.

Our prayers for a fast recovery are for Falba Shofner who is in Hendrick Medical Center.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Donie McCowen.

Appreciation to Dee and Bob Harrell for the okra.

Evelyn and Emily Harris visited with Frank Bartek.

Deborah Griswold of Hawley visited with her mother, Deen

Haddox.

Richard Lee of Comanche visited with Pauline Regian.

Lurene McNutt and Byron and Michelle Rudloff of Mansfield visited with Louise Richardson.

Netta and Jon Adams, Lisa, Crystal, and Michall Nias all of San Antonio visited with Doris Adams. Also visiting were Iris and Charity.

Lonnie and Martha Switzer visited O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Bobby Jack McCowen and Jo Rhodes were here singing.

### Activities

**MONDAY:** Bingo winners were Donie McCowen, Clifford King, Vera Belyeu (2) and Jessie Casey. Exercise class.

**TUESDAY:** Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

**WEDNESDAY:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Dean Brannan. Exercise class and Dominoes.

**THURSDAY:** Art Show. Ball toss. Dominoes

**FRIDAY:** Bingo winners were Clifford King, Jessie Casey, Ruby Harrell, Vera Belyeu and Donie McCowen. Popcorn and Dominoes.

**SATURDAY:** Family visiting. Movie time with snacks.

**SUNDAY:** Believer's Fellowship.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

### Fire Truck Gets New Tires

Thanks to David Clark of Cross Plains the Cottonwood Fire Truck has a new set of tires. The tires were purchased by CVFC and mounted by David, free of charge. Thanks to the many donors and volunteers who have made contributions in the recent past to make the Fire Control unit a successful force for good in the community of Cottonwood.

### Cottonwood Musical This Coming Friday

The ever popular Cottonwood Musical will unfold this coming Friday, September 21 at the Cottonwood Community Center. Food consisting of corn bread and red beans, served by the Cottonwood Quilting Club, starts at 5:30 p.m. Music starts at 6 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to get together as a community.

### Cottonwood Connections

Michael Bennett was caught last week in Houston by the closing of the air travel due to the terrorist abduction of aircraft and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

He has finally arrived in San Diego U.S. Marine Training Center, California, and will be going to Fort Sill, Oklahoma in the future to begin training as a meteorologist.

I have reported to you in the past that Bill and Barbara Wood have moved to Venita, Oklahoma. This coming Saturday will be their auction held at Barbara's Antiques in Baird.

Dayna Bennett entered her calf, "Roper" in the West Texas Livestock Show, Abilene, this past weekend and came home with two ribbons. She earned a Reserve Champion ribbon for the Angus Steer Class and one in Showmanship.

### America The Beautiful

One cannot ignore current events. We have experienced another day of infamy, September 11, 2001, that will live forever in our hearts and minds. These are, indeed, "times that try men's souls." Once again, we are at war; but now, more of us, including innocent men, women and children, as well as soldiers are placed in harm's way.

I sat glued to the TV last Tuesday, in shock, disbelief, and sadness. I was horrified and devastated as the terrorist attack unfolded before my eyes, and I, like you, probably, was on an emotional roller coaster as the terror grew worse as the day dragged on. Mental images of future terrorist attacks crept into

my mind. Where and when will it end?

At some point during the afternoon, I was in another part of the house not watching TV, when the strains of "I'm Proud to Be an American" started coming from the TV.

Somebody, in the background of the reporter's microphone, was tooting a tiny sounding saxophone and someone else with a gravelly voice started trying to sing the words. It was beautiful.

It was inspiring. It reminded me of our Independence Day celebration at the Cottonwood Community Center last July 4, and the spontaneous response to our hastily organized community event. Tracy Dillard, one among many volunteers, showed up with her puppet to sing that song.

For me the incident started a revival of the spirit. As fire fighters, police and individual volunteers started a massive response to help the victims, my revival grew. Then as our government leaders began to take hold of the situation and respond with definitive plans and actions to the terrorist attack, my spirit grew.

By bedtime, I knew that, like on the other day of infamy back in 1941, America had been wounded and Americans had been killed by sneaky people, but America would never die.

Since last Tuesday, I have heard many TV personalities and victims of the attack ask questions like, "Why?" "Why do they hate us?"

I can answer that question in one sense, for my own mind and heart. They hate us because they hate our spirit. America is an indomitable spirit of hope and solidarity. We are "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." And Americans care for one another.

Our enemies hate that spirit. They may sneak in among us to plan and destroy some of our symbols of finance and symbols of military might; but they cannot ever kill the spirit of America, and our dream of freedom and justice for all.

This morning, as the New York Stock Exchange reopened, a U.S. Marine Lieutenant sang, "God Bless America." This reopening ceremony was beautiful and inspiring. It was a symbol of our solidarity, and evidence that those attacks have not only revived, but riled the Spirit of America. God grant us the wisdom to be right and courageous in our response.

## 3-Cross Plains Review September 20, 2001

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

**Hint for this week:** Be sure and remember to harvest the remainder of your herbs for drying, as fall is coming soon. You don't want to leave those herbs out in the herb garden to FREEZE with winter's chilling blasts.

### "Of People, Plants and Critters!"

We visited relatives in July at Canyon Lakes, Texas, where the deer just come right on up into your yard by the dozens and eat up your flowers, just like they were supposed to; without so much as a by your leave. It doesn't appear to matter to the deer whether you wanted them eat your plants or not. They just come dine on them anyway. Apparently they reason that is why you are living there—to fertilize, water and care for those plants so they will have haute' cuisine to dine upon.

One plant however, which they refuse to eat is Mugwort. Mugwort is a rather fragrant, small bush or shrub, if you will, and it's foliage is a grayish green color. Mugwort is a herb and can be used in arrangements similar to the way eucalyptus is utilized. Now I said that Mugwort is fragrant and it is very much so. So much so that the honest truth is, it stinks to High Heaven as some people used to express it. But you know what, despite the fact that it smells like that, my sister

bought 6 or 8 of them and scattered them all around over her yard. You don't reckon it's because the deer won't eat it, do ya? There just could be something to that; whatya think? Well, I know so, for a fact that is the reason. They just really do not like the stuff. Also, for some reason they won't eat Crepe Myrtles either, so everyone has an abundance of them, including my sister. Crepe Myrtles are so pretty and green and have such beautiful blossoms on them.

We've had a couple of rabbits and some skunks visit our yard; a few squirrels, birds and the like and even some goats got out and wandered over. We however, have still not been lucky enough to be visited by any DEER!

My niece and her family live a few miles on up the road, about 30 miles to be exact, in New Braunfels. They bought their place about a year ago. They want us to come maybe next year and help her put in a vegetable garden. Right now they're doing a bit of remodeling on the inside of the house.

My niece, Belinda, is a drama teacher in New Braunfels and my sister, who retired once from teaching, is returning to the classroom after a four year hiatus and will teach in Seguin this year. Insofar as I have heard to date, neither of them have any deer in their classrooms, maybe the schools plant Mugwort, too!

## Class of 1961 Plans Reunion Locally

The Cross Plains High School Class of 1961 will be celebrating their 40th anniversary with a reunion on Saturday, October 13, at the Cross Plains Community Center.

There will be a coffee at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. If anyone knows addresses for

students from this class or change of addresses, please contact Pat (Ford) Albus at (915) 572-3041 or (915) 572-4991 or Alvin Hutchins (254) 725-7571 or (254) 725-7438.

All classmates, teachers and any interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

## LIBRARY NOTES

September 10-14

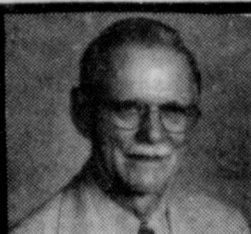
We know that hearts of the families of over 5,000 people are grieving now and will be for a long time. We know, too, that Americans everywhere will try to work through this tragedy and make it work for something positive for the future. Those of you who turn to reading for help will be welcome at the library. The librarians will help you find support with books from the **Bible to Chicken Soup for the Soul**. Other books are **Prayer Can Change Your Life**; **Lord, Let Me Love; Let Us Love**; and **The Burden is Light**, and many more.

As you leave the library, go north to the park. You can't miss

it. The artists are there, working on the mural. They tell me that it should be finished this month -- that is if it doesn't rain. We're hoping that the park will be a place to sit and think happy thoughts. Please come by. Check us out.

Now is the time to mark your calendars for October 16. That's Book Review time. Don Goldsmith is to be the speaker. We'll give you more info next week.

**Statistics** Books 47  
**Memorials** Bobbye Hinkle for Jay Kirkham and Helen Freeman  
**Donations** Sandy Doss - books  
Deana Terstegge - books



## BREAKTHRU

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

I was privileged to speak to the CP Elementary School, grades Kindergarten through Sixth, at their Monday morning assembly this week -- The administration, teachers, etc. were also present. The school has this wonderful Character Development Program in place and I shared how important the characteristic of trust is. I used Mrs. Sowell as an example of one who can be trusted she keeps her word, keeps her promises (even of disciplining?!)--and teachers, hopefully all of them I trust, as well.

I refrained from even mentioning the Bible but I did use the instruction of "a Man" who said, "When you say 'Yes,' mean it. And when you say 'No,' mean it." That is what trust is about -- keeping your word, keeping your promises, telling the truth.

We once lived in a day when a person's word was as good as a signature. Now, with some people, a signature is not even worth anything!

It was the decadence of the morals of the nation of Israel--Biblical Israel-- which caused God to deliver them into the hands of enemies on more than one occasion. Read the last chapter of Joshua and the first three chapters of Judges in the Old Testament and see what I'm talking about. Then read the books of prophecy, especially ones like Jeremiah-- well, most all of them. When God began to punish them at the hands of their enemies, they would "repent," and God would send them a deliverer-- a judge or a way to be delivered. They would be good for a while, then back to "doing evil in the sight of God." They were not at all trustworthy--but God was!

I hope we will be like Joshua who was trustworthy "through thick and thin"--not like most of the other Israelites who were fickle and untrustworthy to be faithful.


As we look around us and see areas in our nation stuck by our enemy(ies), we might wonder: "Did God allow this to happen, calling us to task?" And as we decide to not let the less important things occupy our minds, our time, will we revert back to so doing in a short while? As we determine to more follow truth and be trustworthy, in word and in deed, will we continue in all our days ahead -- or be like the fickle Israelites until taken into captivity? **May God bless America -- but only as we continue to live up to, "In God we trust."**

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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## Annual Cottonwood Homecoming Oct. 13

The annual Cottonwood Homecoming will be held Saturday, October 13, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Cottonwood Commu-

nity Center. All ex-students, former teachers and any interested persons are invited to attend.



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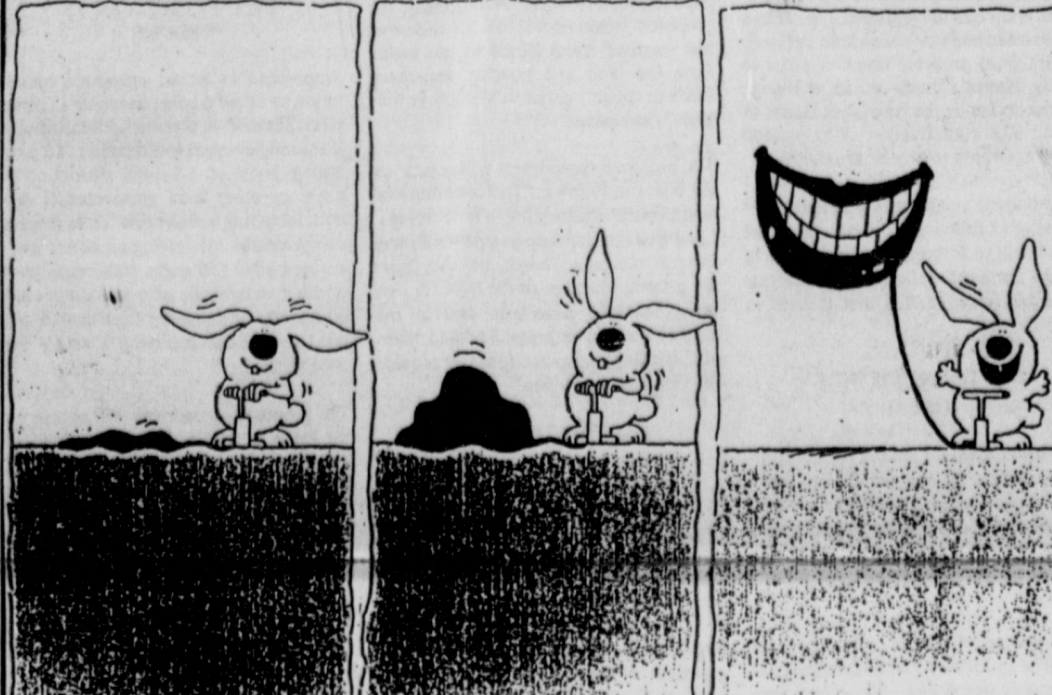
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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their opening meeting at the Multi-Purpose Center on Friday, September 14, at 2 p.m.

Bob Powell, president, welcomed the members and guests. He led them in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Mary Ella Weaver, program chairman, introduced Herman Weaver, aborist, who spoke on "Trees In the Home Landscape."

Herman gave detailed instructions on growing and planting trees, and consideration as to where and how the tree was to fit into the landscape. Tips on watering, pruning fertilizing and care for trees was presented. His main advice was "Don't plant a tree if you won't water it."

Weaver delivered a most educational program. Herman recommended using native trees as plantings in the fall or winter. He gave out red oak and liveoak acorns to be planted.

The business meeting followed. The correspondence was read including:

1. A note from Doris Purcell, flower show judge.
2. Notification of workshop.
3. Newsletter from District VIII Treasurer's written report handed out by Julene Franke.

## Donation Noted for Cross Cut Cemetery

Imogene N. Haun of Eastland recently contributed \$100 to the Cross Cut Cemetery in memory of R.P. Haun, Jr. (Buddy).

Donations to the cemetery are greatly appreciated and may be mailed to O.B. Byrd, Rt 2 Box 79, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.

## Social Security Rep. Schedule

A representative from the Social Security Administration, 209 S. Danville Dr., Bldg. A, Abilene, will be in Eastland at the Courthouse, First Floor, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. on October 23, November 27 and December 18.

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

## Dates are set for 2002 Western Heritage Classic

ABILENE, TEXAS—The dates for the 18th annual Western Heritage Classic are set for May 9-11, 2002. Cosponsored by Budweiser and the Expo Center of Taylor County, the Western Heritage Classic is a four-day weekend celebration honoring and preserving real life in the West. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 22, 2002. For more information call 915-677-4376 or [www.westernheritage-classic.com](http://www.westernheritage-classic.com).

Carefully selected events designed to reflect ranch life, the Western Heritage Classic's Ranch Rodeo will feature historic ranches competing in five events for top honors both Friday and Saturday nights. The highlight of the weekend, the Ranch Rodeo showcases the art and skill of the cowboys and their horses. The 2001 Champion was the Tongue River Ranch of Dumout, Texas, followed by Haythorn Land & Cattle Co. of Arthur, Nebraska placing second.

The Western Heritage Classic will also play host to the Invitational Ranch Horse Sale. The horses available for sale are registered Quarter Horses from participating ranches and will be presented Saturday, May 11, 2002. Numerous other events are held throughout the four-day weekend celebration. Included among those is the National

Finals for the Ranch Horse Association of America's (RHA) Working Ranch Horse Competition, Chuckwagon Cook-off, the World's Largest Bit and Spur Show, Matched Horse Races, Children's Events and Entertainment.

Mary Ella Weaver distributed the Year Books whose theme is "Share Your Garden." Mary Ella also conducted the door prize drawing for trees. They were won by Eva Fleming (red bud tree), Wanda Hammel (liveoak tree), Audrey Lovett (elm tree) and Mary Ella Weaver (Spanish oak tree).

Show and tell consisted of pictures made at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Garden Club; Trades Day - March 2001; and the Tour of Gardens - May 2001. They made a most enjoyable display.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hosts, Marvin and Kay Mosley and Betty Beggs. They consisted of pierogie (Italian cheese-filled pastry), crackers, cheeses, olives, mixed nuts and cookies. A tasty punch was served from a crystal bowl.

Members present were Bob and Barbara Powell, Audrey Lovett, Julene Franke, Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Marvin and Kay Mosley, Betty Beggs, and Joyce Odom, and guests, Herman Weaver and Wanda Hammel, who joined the club.

The next meeting will be October 12 at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Submitted by Joyce Odom

## Cisco Junior College Decreases Tax Rate

The Board of Regents of Cisco Junior College voted unanimously to adopt a new tax rate for the College at their meeting on Monday, September 10. The tax rate for Cisco property owners will decrease from \$.17930 to \$.17016 for the 2002 tax year.

Public records show that property tax rates for Cisco Junior College have consistently decreased during the last ten years, due to an increase in valuation of property. The taxing rate for CJC

in 1989 was \$.20. Property valuations for the district are certified by the Eastland County Appraisal District.

Tax monies collected for use at Cisco Junior College are used for general operating expenses at the College, according to Bobby Smith, Vice President of Business Services at CJC. Those expenses range from maintenance costs to partial payment of utility services.

## 5 Hour CEU Course Offered at CJC

For those private, commercial and non-commercial applicators needing CEU's, a 5 hour CEU Course will be offered Thursday, September 27, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department in Cisco.

Cost is \$5.00 per person. Topics will include Winter Pasture Management - Dr. Twin Butler, Agronomist TAEX, Herbicide Drift Manager - Dr. Twin Butler, Winter Pasture Insect Control -

Tony Driver Syngenta Co. and Pesticide Laws and Regulations - Mark Bill, Texas Department of Agriculture. Two (2) Hours in Laws and Regulations, 1 Hour Drift, 1 Hour General and 1 Hour IPM will be offered through this course.

Lunch will be provided at the CJC campus. Call the Eastland Extension Office (254) 629-1093 or 629-2222 and sign up for the course and meal.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
Special Election  
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

### PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonies. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

### PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

### PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

### PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans' cemeteries."

### PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$200 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

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## Deer Management Seminar September 25

With deer season right around the corner, many hunters and landowners are thinking deer. To assist in learning how to feed and manage deer, the Extension Livestock and Crops Committee has set up a DEER MANAGEMENT SEMINAR for Tuesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department.

Danny Davis with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will discuss deer biology and habitat, and growing large antlers.

Billy Henry with Purina Feed will cover feeding deer and East-

land County Game Warden Darrell Deweyer will discuss laws and regulations concerning wild-life in the county.

A FREE meal will be served by the Cisco Ag Boosters. The meeting is being sponsored by G&H Feeds of Gorman, Thorton's Feed Mill of Cisco and Eastland County Farm Bureau.

Anyone interested in improving their deer management skills is welcome. Call the Eastland County Extension Office (254) 629-1093 or 629-2222 before September 20 to R.S.V.P. for the meal.

## One Negative Case of Rabies Reported

The Texas Department of Health reported one negative test for rabies was performed on a dog during July 2001 in Callahan County.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division performed the rabies test on the dog during July and the report came back as negative for the disease.

The Texas Department of Health reported 51 cases of positive rabies was confirmed in the state in July 2001. There were rabies confirmed in 34

skunks, 12 bats, two raccoons, and three cats in July. The Zoonosis Control Division performed 1,110 negative tests for the disease in July.

So far in 2001, the Texas Department of Health reported 712 (8 percent) positive cases for rabies and 7,809 (89 percent) negative cases for the disease. There were 251 (3 percent) cases in which the animal was decomposed, destroyed, not tested, unsatisfactory or inconclusive.

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

### PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

### PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

### PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

### PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

### PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

### PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

### PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

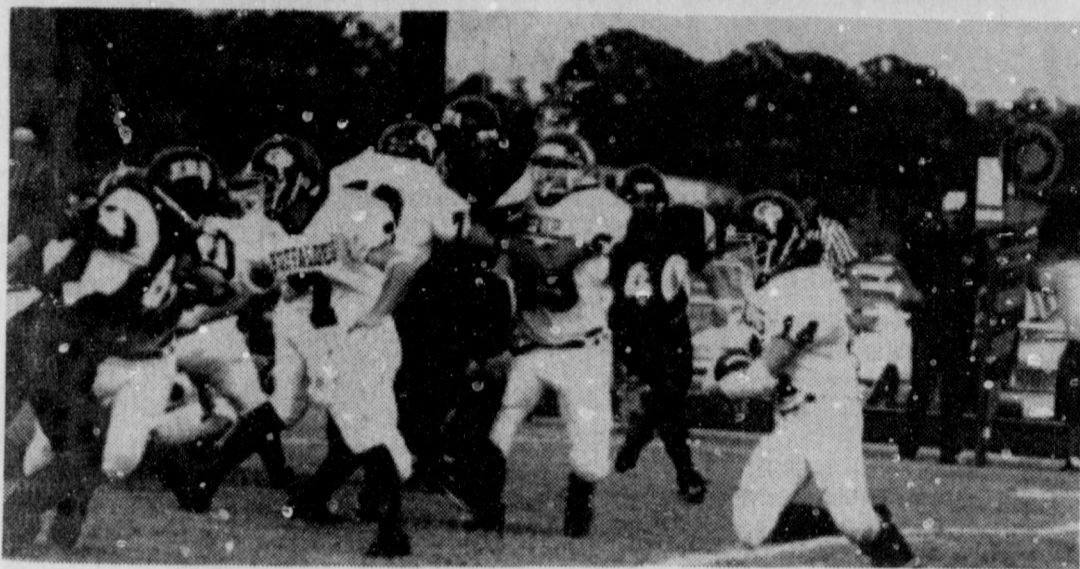
Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, puede solicitar una gratis por llamada al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



**BUFFALO OFFENSE LOOKING GOOD**—Quarterback Timothy Butler #7 handed the ball to Dustin Purvis #14, as Matt Nickerson #59 and other Buffs stands firm as offensive linemen. (Varsity football photo courtesy of Judy Butler.)

## Buffaloes Defeat Era Hornets 14-12

By KEVIN CASSIDY

On Friday September 14th the Cross Plains Buffaloes traveled to Santo to do battle with the Era Hornets. In a very exciting and spirited contest the Buffaloes defeated the Hornets by the score of 14 to 12.

After a scoreless 1st quarter the Buffaloes were first to crack the ice with a 1 yard run by quarterback Tim Butler. Butler's score was set up by a fumble recovery. After the turnover Butler found Joseph Dillard for a 14 yard completion down to the Era one. The point after kick was no good and the halftime score was Cross Plains 6 Era 0.

After a scoreless 3rd quarter the Hornets found the endzone on a 13 yard run. The Era point after was no good and with a little over five minutes to play, the game was tied at 6.

After a nifty kickoff return by Buffalo Josh Hopkins to mid field, the Buff's began their game winning drive. Facing a 1st and 10 at the Era 37, Buffalo Tony Beggs took a pitch and then lifted an airtight spiral to Hopkins for

the 37 yard strike. Klay Wilson's extra point run made the score 14-6.

Era however, was not to be denied. The Hornets came storming back and scored on a 39 yard pass with 2:12 remaining in the game. The Buff defense rose to the occasion stopping the Hornets two point try short of the endzone. The Era onside kick attempt was recovered by Beggs, however, the Buffaloes were unable to run out the clock.

Era in a last ditch effort for victory was intercepted by Chris Harris. Final score Buffaloes 14 Era 12. Great win Buffaloes!

This week the Buffaloes face the mighty Tolar Rattlers here in Cross Plains. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and back the Buffaloes to win #4.

Statistics					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
C.P.	0	6	0	8	14
Era	0	0	0	12	12

**Scoring Summary**  
C.P. - Tim Butler, 1 yard run (kick failed)

Era - Josh Aljoe 13 yard run (kick failed)

C.P. - Josh Hopkins 37 yard pass from Tony Beggs (Klay Wilson Run)

Era - Chancey Graves 39 yard pass from Josh Aljoe (run failed)

	C.P.	Era
1st Downs	13	12
Rushing Yds	41/145	41/122
Passing Yds	135	73
Comp/Att/Int	6/13/1	5/12/1
Punts/Avg	5/30	5/30
Fumbles/Lost	5/2	4/2
Penalties/Yds	11/103	4/5

Rushing	
Dustin Purvis	11-72
Tony Beggs	7-12
Klay Wilson	16-50
Tim Butler	6-10
Josh Hopkins	1-1

Passing	
Tim Butler	5-12-1 98 yds
Tony Beggs	1-1-0 37 yds

Receiving	
Joseph Dillard	3-83
Chris Harris	1-7
Tony Beggs	1-8
Josh Hopkins	1-37

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## High School Cross Country Action Told

This last Saturday Cross Plains hosted their annual Cross Country Meet. The boys team of Andy Bennett, Josh Hopkins, Cesar Rameriz, Brandon Phillips, Randy Duncan and Morgan Robinson won the Team Championship in the Boys Division.

The girls team of Shana Hyles, Amber Phillips, Candice Bailey, Angela Swift, Shena Thomas and Melanie Chesshir finished 4th in the Varsity Girls Division.

### Individual Results

#### Girls 2 Mile

S. Hyles, 14:18, 7th Place Medal  
A. Phillips, 14:18, 10th Medal  
C. Bailey, 15:32, 27th  
A. Swift, 15:42, 28th  
S. Thomas, 16:11, 29th

M. Chesshir, 18:13, 33rd

#### Boys 3 Mile

A. Bennett, 18:25, 2nd - Medal  
J. Hopkins, 19:22, 5th - Medal  
C. Rameriz, 19:36, 6th - Medal  
B. Phillips, 19:56, 8th - Medal  
R. Duncan, 21:12, 18th  
M. Robinson, 23:08, 23rd.

We would like to say thanks to Virgil, Shirley and Joe Clark for the use of their property and all their help. We would also like to say thanks for all the parents, booster club supporters, athletic members and TxDOT who helped make this meet possible. Everyone did a great job and we held a 1st class event.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

## TCA's Young Masters Scholarship Program

AUSTIN— The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA), the state agency responsible for arts education, arts funding, cultural tourism and other community assistance and services for the arts, today announced a new scholarship program made possible by a generous contribution from the SBC Foundation that will help promising young school-aged students in Texas to excel in the arts. The Young Masters Program will provide exemplary students that are engaged in arts studies in grades 8-12 with the financial help they need to pursue advanced study in the areas of visual arts, literature, music, theatre and dance.

The thirteen most talented young artists will receive the title of Young Master and will be granted scholarships of up to \$2,500 per year to further their studies in their chosen arts disciplines. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to three years, but they must reapply annually.

"At TCA, we believe that education in the arts is valuable to a well-rounded curriculum because it encourages critical thinking and enhances alternative learning techniques," said TCA Executive Director John Paul Batiste. "This new scholarship program helps promising young artists excel beyond standard curricula by giving them an unprecedented opportunity to express themselves and further develop their talents while receiving valuable mentoring that will help them to succeed."

All Texas students who are U.S. citizens and who are participating in a school-based program, a summer institute, or a specialized

course of study or who are receiving private lessons from a qualified professional instructor are encouraged to apply. In order to be considered, students must maintain passing grades in all academic areas.

A brief narrative describing an applicant's course of study and detailing how the student will use the scholarship to advance hi/her artistic abilities must accompany all applications. A budget indicating anticipated expenditures will also be required. Applicants must also provide evidence of their previous efforts in the arts by submitting a portfolio, a cassette tape, videotape, slides or some other representation of their creative work.

Applications for the Young Masters program may be obtained beginning Monday, September 24, 2001, by calling TCA at (512) 463-5535 ext. 42334 or by visiting <http://www.arts.state.tx.us>. All applications and support documents must be postmarked by Thursday, November 1, 2001. Applications will be accepted from the student, their parents and the student's instructor. All applications will require the signature of the parents, the instructor and the student.

Students will be selected by a citizen panel of experts from across the state based on financial need, level of potential, level of commitment and quality of their proposed plan of action. Disbursement for the first class of Young Masters will begin in January 2002.

TCA was organized in 1965 by the Texas Legislature to develop a receptive climate for the arts in Texas.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Tuesday, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Prayer
  2. Open Forum
  3. Read and Accept Minutes
  4. Report on C.P.I.S.D. Account ability ratings
  5. Approve Dyslexia Plan for C.P.I.S.D.
  6. Review and Approve IPM Plan
  7. Set Credit by Exam dates for C.P.I.S.D. Students
  8. Update ESL Report
  9. Financial Report/Pay Bills
  10. Adjourn.
- Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

## Cross Country Results --- J.H.

The Junior High Cross Country Team competed Saturday, September 15 at the Cross Plains Meet held at "Turkey Run" (old Lakewood). The results are as follows:

### Junior High Boys - 2nd Place Team - Out of 54 Runners

3rd - River Dillard, 6:06:35  
14th - Justin Dickson, 6:26:74  
22nd - Chance Watkins, 6:45:50  
36th - Chris McBride, 7:09:24  
38th - Russell Thomas, 7:11:13  
47th - David Peters, 8:14:48

### Junior High "A" Girls - 8th Place Team - Out of 67 Runners

17th - Maci Phillips, 7:00:78  
20th - Naomi Isbell, 7:07:02  
44th - Rainey Bacon, 7:33:93  
55th - Jesse Norris, 8:21:12  
56th - Melissa Luter, 8:22:50

### Junior High "B" Girls - No Teams - 53 Runners

45th - Mykea Douglas, 9:28:56  
46th - Jarrah Hutchins, 9:29:49  
47th - Amber Duran, 9:30:09

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**JUNIOR HIGH BUFFALO FOOTBALL TEAM**  
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**JUNIOR HIGH OFFENSE IN ACTION**

## Junior High Football Update of the Season

The Buffs traveled to Eden to take on the Bullpups for their season opener. Captains that night were Chance Watkins #45, Aaron Phillips #64 and Roy Smith #40. There were some great carries from Chance Watkins, Russell Thomas and River Dillard. The defense had some positive moves, led by Clayton Thomas. Unfortunately the Buffs came up short and the Bullpups took the win 36-0.

Last Thursday the Buffs traveled to Godley to take on the Wildcats. The 1st quarter was back and forth with the ball, but at the start of the 2nd quarter a pitch out from Russell Thomas to Chance Watkins earned them a touchdown, plus the extra 2

points. After the kickoff and trading penalties, the Buffs ended up deep in Wildcat territory. The Wildcats fumbled and Clayton Thomas recovered.

The Buffs took back over on the first play when Russell Thomas pitched out to River Dillard who ran in 35 yards for 6 points. The Wildcats scored 6 points as the 3rd quarter ran out leaving the score 14-6 with the Buffs leading.

In the 4th quarter Chance Watkins scored again and Russell Thomas added the extra 2 points. The Buffs took the victory 22-6.

The Buffs will travel to Tolar to take on the Rattlers Thursday. Come out and show your support.

Submitted by Teresa Koenig

## Legislative leadership appoints select committee to study public school finance in Texas

AUSTIN—Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff and House Speaker Pete Laney on Wednesday announced they have appointed a joint select committee to study the public school finance system in Texas. "Once again, the time has come to examine the way Texas pays for public education and look at alternative methods that will meet constitutional muster," Ratliff said. "The dynamics of state funding and local property taxes are changing. We must ask ourselves if there is a better way to pay for our schools."

Ratliff and Laney said they have charged the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance with conducting a comprehensive review of the structure of the Texas public school finance system, including facilities and transportation issues; the method used to fund public schools, and the criteria used to determine state payments to school districts.

The legislative leaders also have instructed the select committee to carefully consider all of the equity issues that govern public school finance and fully examine all of the revenue resources for funding public schools, including the state's property tax system.

"Texas has been well served by the school finance system in place since 1993, but economic and social changes over the last few years require us to take a new look at how we fund our schools," Laney said. "The makeup of this committee shows the importance of public education as the top priority of state government. Its members will evaluate what's good about

the current system and what problems it presents, focusing on equality and fairness for both taxpayers and school districts."

Ratliff has appointed Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, Sen. Steve Ogden of College Station, Sen. Florence Shapiro of Plano, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, and Sen. Royce West of Dallas to the committee.

House members appointed by Laney include Rep. Paul Sadler of Henderson, Rep. Harold Dutton of Houston, Rep. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington, Rep. Scott Hochberg of Houston, Rep. Rene Oliveira of Brownsville, and Rep. Todd Smith of Bedford.

Public members appointed by Ratliff and Laney include Kent Caperton, former state senator and shareholder in the Austin law firm of Winstead, Sechrest and Minick, P.C.; Will Davis, former member of the State Board of Education; Craig Foster, cofounder, special adviser and former executive director of the Equity Center; Lyndon Olson, former chairman of the State Board of Insurance and former U.S. ambassador to Sweden, Mark Stiles, senior vice president of Trinity Industries of Dallas and former member of the Texas House of Representatives, and David Thompson, partner with the Houston law firm of Bracewell and Patterson, L.L.P. specializing in school law.

Sen. Bivins and Rep. Sadler will serve as co-chairs of the committee.

The Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance will report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature for consideration in the next Regular Session in 2003.

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September 24 - September 28

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**SALE # 2 Sun. Afternoon Sept. 23, 2001 1 pm VIEW: Noon @ Baird Activity Center, 228 Walnut, Baird, Tx. 3 blocks East of Barbara's Antiques.**

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## A good neighbor speaks out

Dear Don:  
I received the following via e-mail, and thought I would pass it along to you. You might want to print it in the paper.  
I agree this is a wonderful message. Just for the record, this speech was written in 1973 by Mr. Sinclair, who is now deceased, as a heartfelt response to the criticism USA was getting for pulling out of the Vietnamese War.

Lee Loper  
Baird, Texas

### TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

This, from a Canadian newspaper, is worth sharing. America: The Good Neighbor.  
Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:  
This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possible the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American Communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC1077? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technology, and you get radios. You talk about German technology, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technology, and you find man on the moon - not once, but several times and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are ere on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tire of hearing them get kicked around. The will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those.

Stand proud America!

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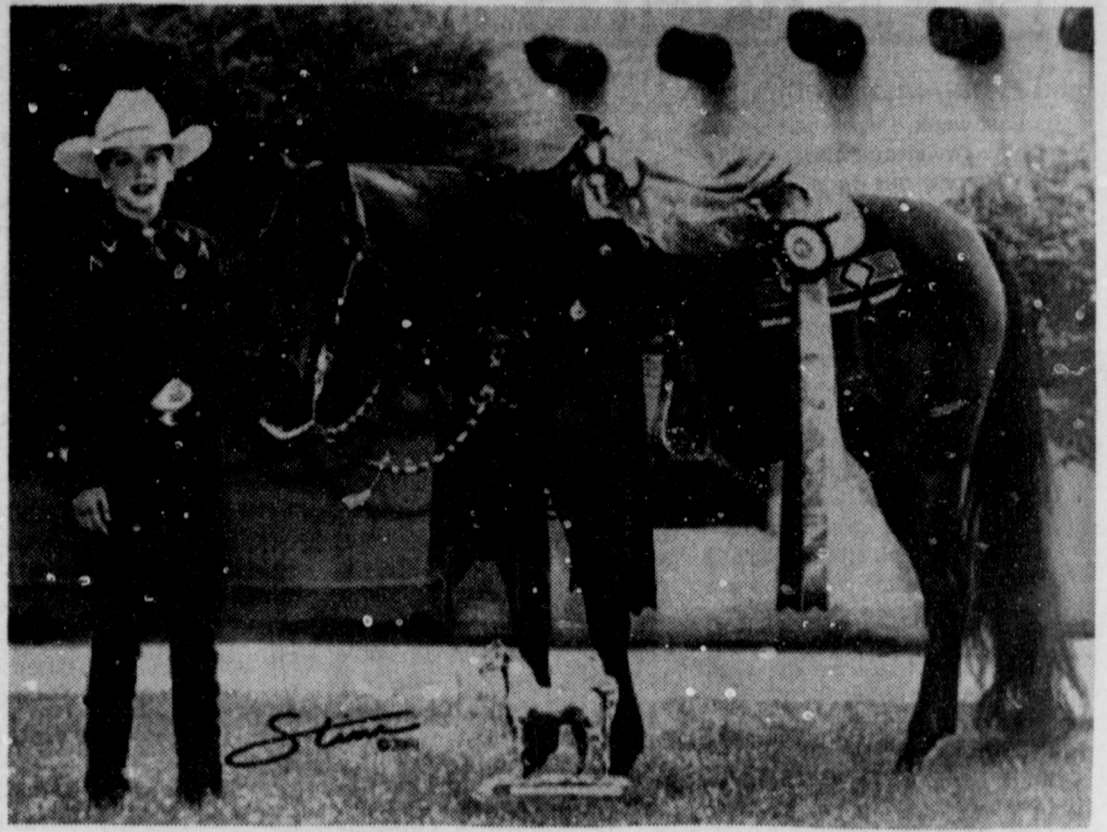
\* Joining the bidding on livestock or novelty items at one of the special sales.

\* Notifying Rehab or a local chairman now of intent to have an auction house cut a check to Rehab for one or more animals sold later in the year.

With the first sale weeks away, five businesses have already made a commitment to Round-Up for Rehab by putting a total of \$25,000 into the program. These corporate underwriters include Federal Land Bank, Leonard Water Services, Lone Star Beef Processors, Wrangler and First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services.

"To be able to launch Round-Up with such great underwriting is very valuable to Rehab, said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "Not only is the dollar amount deeply appreciated; the confidence these business leaders are demonstrating they have in both our programs and our stewardship is a source of great pride to all of us at Rehab."

The fall schedule of Round-Up sales includes cattle sales on September 20 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 25 at Abilene Auction. Speciality sales are set for October 3 in Coleman, October 10 in Stephenville, October 15 in Junction, October 19 in Dublin and November 1 in Ranger. For more information call a local chairman or Rehab Centers in Abilene, San Angelo or Ozona.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS —Meredith Foster and her Arabian mare, O'Fire Angel

## Locally Known Young Lady Wins National Title at Arabian Horse Championship in Albuquerque

Meredith Foster, 12 years old, of Friendswood was named National Champion at the ninth annual Youth National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show, produced by the International Arabian Horse Association and held July 22-28, 2001 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was riding her beautiful mare, O'Fire Angel, in the West-

ern Pleasure JOTR 13 years and under class.

As one of the largest youth horse shows in the nation, the Youth National awards close to \$85,500 in scholarships. At this year's show, close to 1,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses competed in more than 90 classes.

Meredith has been riding Ara-

bians since she was 8 years old. This was her 4th year to qualify to compete at Youth Nationals and she has won numerous Top Ten Awards. Meredith and her horse train at Doug Thompson Training Center. She is the daughter of David and Nancy Foster and the granddaughter of Barbara Swinney of Cross Plains.

**GO  
Buffaloes!!**

## VETERANS NEWS By TOM IVEY

**OFFICE CLOSED**—Your Cellaahan County Veterans Service Office will be closed September 24 & 25 for annual training as required by the State of Texas. Back open for business on October 1.

**STATE VETERANS HOMES**—All four of the new State of Texas Veterans Homes are now open. These are located in Big Spring, Bonham, Floresville and Temple. These homes are most modern and exceptional in every respect. For more information please call 1-800-252 VETS (8387).

**ATTENTION ALL VETERANS AND ALL VOTERS**—The November 6 election ballot will include an issue very vital to all Texas Veterans. Proposition 7 would allow the Texas Veterans Land Board to sell up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds for the Veterans home loan program.

Under this program, qualifying Veterans can apply for a

below-market interest rate loan up to \$150,000. Many of Texas' 1.6 million Veterans have taken advantage of this program to fulfill their dreams of home ownership. By casting your vote this November, you can help many more Veterans realize that dream.

Proposition 7 is also a reflection of the Texas commitment to honoring our Veterans and their lives of service. Proposition 7 would also allow the state to use assets generated by Texas Veterans in certain land and home loan programs to fund the development, maintenance and operation of a State Veterans cemetery program. This program calls for establishment of seven state cemeteries at the beginning.

All Veterans are urged to exercise the right they fought for and vote November 6th. Early voting begins October 22 and ends November 2. The last day to register to vote is October 9.

## Power Wheelchairs Available to Qualifiers

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LOOK WHAT'S NEW—The Cross Plains Public Library's mural will soon be complete. Bobby Golson (left) and Jim Dunn (right) are shown working together. Watch the progress!

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## Many programs available for rural Texans

USDA Rural Development has numerous programs that help rural residents to be able to buy or build a home, repair and/or improve their existing home, go into business for themselves, live in a decent and affordable apartment, drink clean water and have a dependable sewer system, or have updated community facilities - such as fire trucks, hospitals, or community centers.

The Rural Housing Service (RHS) offers loans and grants to very-low, low, and moderate-income persons in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. There are several programs offered under RHS with varying requirements to aid qualified persons to buy a home, repair their home, or build/maintain multifamily housing units.

RHS also administers the Community Facilities programs that provide Loans and Grants to Governmental Entities (such as towns, cities, counties, hospital, schools, or fire districts, etc.), Nonprofit Organizations and Indian Tribes to construct and improve facilities providing essential community services, and for the purchase of major equipment (such as X-ray machines, fire trucks, etc.) which will provide an essential service to rural residents.

Some examples of eligible types of community facilities are:

- Health Care Services such as hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehab centers, group homes, visiting nurse and home health care providers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.
- Community, Social or Cultural Services such as schools, libraries, community centers, social services, buildings, museums, theaters, day care facilities, etc.

- Fire, Rescue and Public Safety Services such as fire stations, fire trucks, rescue vehicles, equipment, etc.

- Transportation Facilities such as streets, buses, airports and hangars, railway spurs, etc.

- Industrial Park Sites (only land acquisition and site preparation).

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) offers aid for several different programs relating to business programs. Population limits for RBS assistance range from very small towns to cities up to 50,000. The majority of RBS loans are guaranteed loans which are made in conjunction with a private lender; however, there are other programs which offer direct loans and even some grant funds.

A community's needs for safe and sanitary water and sewage treatment may be met by the Rural Utility Service (RUS) which offers aid to rural communities of less than 10,000 in population. Public bodies, non-profit corporations, and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance. There is also a program for aid in emergency situations where a rural community has had a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to the occurrence of a natural disaster.

Rural Development has a very diverse mission area for the purpose of helping improve the quality of life of rural Texans.

For more information regarding these programs, please contact the Rural Development office at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite 4150, Abilene, TX 79606 or call (915) 690-6162 extension 4. Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider and Employer.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, sent your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service.

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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## A day in September ...

Last week, I wrote about zucchini. Trivial stuff about my life, MyKeeper, our dogs — simple family life here on our County Road.

The next day, the words looked ludicrous against the headlines of Tuesday, September 11th.

My youngest daughter was raised safe, warm and comfortable in a free country. The next day she and the entire nation were having a tough time dealing with a cruel world. In an email, Precious wrote from Kentucky, "Perhaps after the attack on Pearl Harbor many people felt the same way that we feel today. Perhaps many people feared that this was 'the end' that has been predicted."

Searching for comfort, she said it made her realize that it was an end, the end of the way things had been up until the day before. That pivotal moment in time became the beginning of a new world for this generation. She wrote that she found on the news and on the internet an "absolute outpouring of love from the masses. The majority of the world is mourning with us." She said of the perpetrators, "these people have not managed to bring down a nation as they hoped. They have united the world!"

I heard from my e-pal, Willy, who lives in New York. One of his sculptures was recently unveiled - a bronze statue honoring firemen. One day he was ice skating, playing the piano, writing, settling his belongings into

a new house. The next day he emailed me to say, "...it made me want to join up again the instant I heard of the horror." Imagine! Our war Vets, even our WWII Vets in their 70s, are made of the most amazing stuff.

I've written about spilled spaghetti, worms, typing lessons, driving lessons, and things I've learned watching my kitchen. You saw flour powder the critters when my grandkids baked cookies, and watched us one silly time as we tried to pick a sweet treat at the grocery store. You were there when our truck called us on the phone, when I fumed over a fence that didn't keep the goats in, when MyKeeper tried to spread peanut butter on brittle crackers. You sat with me through a scary storm and you've met the neighbors among us who grew up drinking clabbered milk. You waited while my sister and I climbed ungracefully out of a lava cave, and you always laugh politely while I roll on the ground over the outrageous doings of chickens.

Trivial daily life makes the world go around. September 11th made America stop for a minute — a minute that reminded us we are spiritual beings, a minute that gathered the nation as one. We know by now the world, our country, our very home life will never be the same.

Next week, I will write again about the simple things of life on our County Road.

But we will not forget September 11th in New York City, U.S.A. © Ginny Greene 2001

## New Post Office Personnel Changes to Expedite Mail

Cross Plains Post Office Officer in Charge Lewis Alambar has recently been detailed from Abilene to Cross Plains until a new Postmaster is appointed. Samuel Bien, past local Postmaster, is now the Postmaster in Blanket.

Alambar wants to share with the Cross Plains community some important factors to help expedite their mail. A large number of postal customers are not using their correct mailing address. If the correct address is not used the mail may be delayed in arriving to its destination.

To avoid delays in getting your mail, you may pickup free address change cards at the post office and mail them to the customers, colleagues and businesses that send you mail.

If you have submitted a change of address recently, your First Class Mail, Priority Mail and Express Mail will be forwarded to your correct address for 12 months. Newspapers and magazines will be forwarded for 60 days.

Many customers have a post office box and a box at home to receive home delivery; customers can receive mail as addressed at either places or request all mail delivered to their P.O. Box only.

Most of the mail is received automated from Fort Worth, if you use your street address then your mail will be distributed to our two rural routes. If you have a P.O. Box then your mail will be distributed to the P.O. Boxes. Automation is here and we really need to use our correct mailing addresses to expedite delivery.

To send your mail faster, print addresses in **UPPERCASE LETTERS** so that the machines reading the address can distinguish the address and route the piece of mail to its correct destination. Also use ZIP+4 codes on all addresses. You can find ZIP+4 code listing at [www.usps.com/moversnet](http://www.usps.com/moversnet).

Where needed, include suite (STE) number, PO box or rural/highway contract route and box number; and indicate N (North), S (South), E (East) and W (West). Use standard abbreviations: AVE (Avenue), DR (Drive), RD (Road), LN (Lane), PL (Place), ST (Street), etc.

Print **ONLY** the city, state and ZIP+4 on the last line of the address. Don't forget to print your return address in the upper-left corner of the envelope.

Also Post Office Box customers are reminded that they need to use their PO Box keys to access their box. If everyone is allowed to receive their mail without their key, then it will become impossible to secure customer's mail. Customers requesting their mail without a key will need to be an authorized representative on the PO Box application. Valid identification may be required if a postal employee does not know the customer.

Post Office window retail hours are 8 AM to 4 PM Monday - Friday and closed on Saturdays. The latest mail can be dropped in the outside mailbox is 4:01 PM Monday - Saturdays.

Submitted by Lewis Alambar

## ON THE CORNER

BY DON TABOR-PUBLISHER

Friday night a little before 8, I was sitting in front of the TV getting more depressed by the minute watching the endless retelling of the horrors of September 11.

"Why don't you go to the ballgame?" my wife, Betty Joe, asked.

I was so down in the dumps, my first reaction was negative, but then I thought "what the heck" and got up and drove to Bulldog stadium.

There was a big crowd, with homecoming and all, and I had to park about three blocks away.

As I slowly walked to the stadium, I nearly backed out. I thought: "Well, I need the exercise anyway."

So, I bought my ticket. Inside, my spirits began to lift almost immediately.

The Clyde stands were full and people had lined up two-deep in lawn chairs at the north and northwest corner of the field and there was a big crowd standing behind them. There was also a good crowd from Goldthwaite.

I felt that in a matter of minutes I had been transported from the depression of my living room to a place where there was enthusiasm, cheer, excitement and hope.

They had a memorial ceremony beforehand, but I felt like the people there were determined that the events of three days before weren't going to knock them down.

The cheerleaders and crowds were cheering, stuff was selling like crazy at the concession

stand, ex-students were slapping each other on the back, friends were greeting and hugging, the young kids were running around as rambunctious as ever, coaches were coaching, players were playing, the bands were tooting their tunes.

My old friend, Bill Hawk, a long-time schoolmate of many years ago, walked up. We watched the entire game standing on a foot-high slab of concrete at the north end of the field. We didn't talk about the events earlier in the week, but instead offered our "expertise" on what the Bulldogs should do to make their attack better.

Another old ex, Preston Poole, an attorney who lives in Post, walked up. There was much hand-shaking and back-slapping and great remembrances and lies about the old days and Preston, a tennis player and big fan of that game, got to meet Bill's great-nephew, Brandon Hawk, another Clyde ex who is a tennis pro and the only person from Clyde who has played at Wimbledon.

Clyde won the game, but you know, I really don't think it would have made much difference if the Bulldogs had lost. We were there as a community. We were not going to let this bring us down. And I'm sure this happened all over Texas, all over America.

Maybe it's my imagination, but as I walked to my car, I felt my steps were a bit lighter.

## Grand Ole Oplin "Hill Billy" Dance This Friday

The Oplin Community Center would like to invite everyone to the Grand Ole Oplin this Friday night, September 21, for our first annual "Hillbilly Dance". Wear your favorite hillbilly clothes and bring along hillbilly vittles to be enjoyed by all during the band break.

Brushy Creek will be playing all your favorite dancing tunes between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. So gather the

family, wear your favorite hillbilly dancing shoes and come on out for an evening of good music, good food and lots of good friends.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the corner of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. See ya'll there!

Submitted by: Pam Ruffield

## Applicants denied 1998 crop loss disaster assistance may now be eligible

BAIRD, Texas—Producers who previously did not qualify for benefits under the 1998 Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program (CLDAP) may now be eligible, according to Scott Odom, Callahan County Executive Director. Eligibility for CLDAP benefits under the multi-year option required crop losses by producer identification number in at least three of five years from 1994 through 1998.

"The revised legislation gives individuals previously ineligible for multi-year program payments the opportunity to submit their application and potentially receive CLDAP benefits," said Odom.

The deadline for applicants to submit a completed CCC-540MY, Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program Application form for multi-year benefits is September 14, 2001. No applications for benefits will be accepted after this date. Completed forms should be submitted to: USDA/Farm Service Agency, Room 3643-S, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250-0511. Envelopes with applications enclosed should have "Multi-year Revised Eligibility Determination Request" legibly and boldly marked on the front. As the program deadline nears, applications can be faxed to (202) 720-4941 and must have "Multi-year Revised Eligibility Determination Request," written on the fax cover sheet.

Applications will be accepted from individual producers only. Joint operations or entities are not eligible. The revised eligibility requirements provide that producers that otherwise would have qualified for the 1998 CLDAP multi-year benefit in the absence of restructuring of their farming operation, or may have operated under multiple entities in the years 1994 through 1998, may qualify for program benefits. As the program deadline nears, applications can be faxed to (202) 720-4941 and must

have "Multi-year Revised Eligibility Determination Request"

Eligible producers include those that either previously filed an application and did not meet eligibility requirements; or producers who received a payment for single-year losses, but did not initially qualify for multi-year benefits. Additionally, producers who restructured their business or changed their farming operations from an individual to an entity, changed identification (ID) numbers, or had crop losses, but operated under different ID numbers in the years 1994 through 1998, and did not meet the minimum crop loss history requirement necessary to receive a multi-year benefit might qualify for CLDAP benefits as well.

According to Odom, "Recalculation of payments to producers who received multi-year payments under the prior CLDAP allocation is not an option under these new program provisions."

Applicants will be required to provide proof of crop insurance indemnities received for each farming operation identified in the qualification process. The applicant must also provide evidence of ad hoc disaster payments and Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) benefits received during the 1994 through 1998 timeline. Payments issued under the 1998 CLDAP are not to exceed \$80,000 per "person" and are subject to a national payment factor of .849.

"FSA recommends that any producer who suspects that he or she might qualify for CLDAP program benefits contact the office immediately to confirm their eligibility, considering the window of opportunity for application is very short," Odom.

For more information regarding Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program eligibility, contact the Callahan County office at 915-854-1049, ext 2 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## 20th Annual Comanche POW-WOW This Weekend

The 20th Annual Comanche County POW-WOW is set for September 22 and 23 (always the 4th full weekend in September). Although not a Native American Pow-Wow, the Indian theme is used. This event is packed with super activities including an Arts and Crafts Fair, Cook-off, Frontier Town, Classic Car Show, Antique Tractor and Engine Show, Horseshoe Tournament, Talent Contest and lots of entertainment. The Community Center houses the Art, Photography and Craft contests and exhibits.

Most activities are held in Comanche's City Park with hours on Saturday set for 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the park is \$1.00 per person per day, age 6 and up. Get your hand stamped to leave and return the same day. Featured entertainers include Jill Jones and The Lone Star Cho-

rale, Tricky Ricky Henson, Shiloh Quartet, Sahawe Indian Dancers and The Conchos. The new Frontier Town will also present entertainment, demonstrations and reenactments throughout the weekend.

The Barnie McBee Memorial Cook-off includes brisket, ribs, chicken, beans and chili and gets underway Friday evening with trophies and awards presented Saturday afternoon.

Fun activities include a gyro, bounce, rock climbing, power jump and a giant inflatable slide, in addition to a ventriloquist and magician.

The Annual Car Show and the Antique Tractor and Engine Show are on Saturday only.

For more information, call the Comanche Chamber of Commerce at (915) 356-3233 or send a fax to (915) 356-2940 or e-mail [chamber.edc@texas.net](mailto:chamber.edc@texas.net).

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