



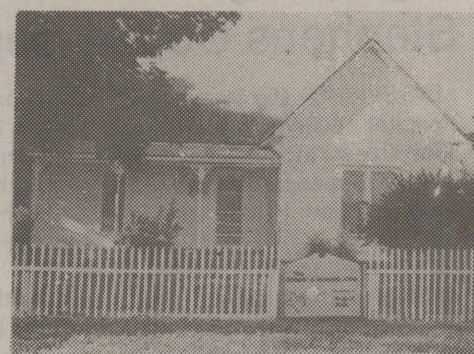
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DOWN HOME

"Wild Weather Last Saturday"

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

The weather last Saturday, March 30, was something else. Nearly everyone you talk with tells their version of spotting a tornado. They seemed to be all around us, Cottonwood, Pioneer, Rowden, Sabanno and Cross Plains.

We went to my sister-in-law's house for a little extra protection. Richard and Christy went to the front porch to check the skies and they became excited indeed. They said a tornado was coming down the road from the south and we had better do something NOW! I had to see for myself. Sure enough, this huge black funnel appeared to be coming directly down County Road 217.

They say not to try and outrun a tornado, but it was so close, and we felt like our chances would be slim if we stayed. We piled into the pickup and drove north away from the funnel. Luckily, it decided to take a sharp turn to the east and didn't follow us anyway.

We were afraid that our neighbors' houses to the south might be jeopardized. We watched as the tornado funnel moved up and down in its path. At one time we could see dust and debris at the base and assumed it was on the ground. Then the hail storm hit. Hail, even marble size, sounds terrible inside a pickup, and it continued for quite a while. The rain was pouring down, too.

When it seemed safe, we drove around to see if we could see any damage. I have never seen so many people on the normally deserted roads. Everyone had the same idea---looking for where the tornado hit.

We couldn't find any damage, but the next day Richard talked to some of the neighbors and discovered that it hit just east of Cowan Hutton's big coastal field on the Reed place. It took out some big oaks in the field. It was reported that cow hair was all in the fence and the cows had lots of mud on their heads. They must have been pushed around by the wind.

It is amazing how fast the creek rose that day. By 10 p.m. it was nearly level with the bridge. The water was moving fast as it came down from the mountains.

Melody McWilliams, my co-worker, lives just west of Cross Plains and they were between two tornadoes. One was two miles north of Joe and Jean McWilliams' former house on FM 2287 (Rowden area). The other one was on County Road 410 near the Silverbrook Ranch. They watched the tornado to the north and were unaware of the one behind them. The strange thing about this was they didn't receive any rain or hail at the McWilliams's residence (formerly the Bonner house).

It was reported that a set of pens on the Snyder place was knocked over. The UF Ranch later found fences and trees damaged by the tornado. Power lines were down and the electricity was out for about eight hours.

Well, we are appreciative to God for sending the needed moisture and protecting everyone during the stormy afternoon.

TRADE DAY Justin Dickson Baseball Benefit Saturday, April 6th This Saturday

Come by Saturday and take a look at the different merchandise, flowers, etc. at the Cross Plains Garden Club Annual Trade Day. There will be new and used merchandise, antiques, etc.

There will be something there for everyone, along with some great food.

Booth spaces are still available call Bob Powell (254) 643-2404 or Julene Franke (254) 725-7712.



PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, left, and Callahan County Child Welfare Board member Sue Sweeney, right, are pic-

tured during a proclamation ceremony held at the County Courthouse in Baird proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Callahan County.

April proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION WHEREAS, More than 28,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in the year 2001; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the busi-

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I Roger Corn, County Judge do hereby proclaim the month of April 2002 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Callahan County, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce neglect significantly in years to come.

Signed this the 1st day of April, 2002

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
Callahan County, Texas

Meet the Author Set for April 16th

Plan to be at the Cross Plains Community Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, when Dr. Kenneth H. Davis will appear on behalf of the Cross Plains Public Library.

Known as an entertaining speaker, Dr. Davis is Professor Emeritus at Texas Tech University and is the author or co-author

of numerous books and articles on Texas folklore and cowboy humor.

We'll tell you more about it next week, but be sure to mark April 16 on your calendar for another enjoyable Meet the Author evening.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

Project Graduation Meeting

Project Graduation steering committee will have a meeting Thursday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen. Junior and Senior parents are urged to attend and help us plan.

Project Graduation is a alcohol, tobacco free party for Cross Plains Seniors and a guest of their choice. The night is designed for

fun and safety. Cross Plains has provided Project Graduation on Graduation Night since 1989 and has been a great success!

If you wish to help but cannot attend, please call Connie Kirham at home 725-6500 or at work 725-6318. You may also contact Jean McWilliams or Lurene McNutt at 725-6121.

An action-packed, fun-filled day is scheduled on Saturday, April 6, to benefit Justin Dickson, a Cross Plains 7th grader.

Justin has been chosen as a member of an elite baseball team traveling to Australia this summer. He will be a member of the Coast to Coast Amateur Baseball Stars 13-15 year old team that will play 8-12 games against All-Star Teams in Australia.

The benefit will be held in the high school gym and foyer from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m. To start the day an over 25 Basketball Tournament begins at 8 a.m. Marty Callaway is in charge of the teams. Anyone interested in playing can contact him at (915) 624-5563.

A Silent Auction will offer lots of neat items to bid on, including a Sea-Doo Slalom Ski and 4 large round bales of hay, just to name a few. The Silent Auction will be set up and signing sheets will be ready at noon.

The Live Auction is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. in the gym. Some items to be auctioned include: a beautiful set of spurs handmade by Rick Trammel (retail value \$450); a ton of 18-10-5 fertilizer

donated by Home Plant Food; queen size Dutch Doll quilt hand stitched by 92-year-old Sabanno resident Ruth Green (value \$250); set of tires donated by Big State Tire Supply of San Angelo; automatic deer feeder valued at \$185, donated by Winfrey Feed, Rising Star; 40 feet metal round pen valued at \$385, donated by Evans Livestock Equipment of Rising Star. Another highlight of the auction will include delectable cakes and desserts baked by several local good cooks. Past auctions have proved to very interesting! Hopefully the auction bid spotters will be in good moods---don't scratch your head unless you intend to bid!

The concession stand will be open early with yummy homemade treats and drinks available

throughout the day. At 11 a.m. hamburgers and all the trimmings will be available.

A Prize-Walk (like a cake walk only with prizes) will start at 6 p.m.

Door prizes will be drawn every 30 minutes, starting at 8:30 a.m. You must be present to win.

A dunking booth is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. We have some "Special" people lined up to be in the dunking booth. Just who will be in it???? How good is your throwing arm?

Great fun should be in order for a good cause. Plan to spend the day. Bring the kids and grandma and grandpa!!!

We wish Justin and his family all the best! God luck in Australia--God's speed.

Submitted by Vicki Dillard

Immunization Clinic Set for April 6th

The Texas Department of Health will have an immunization clinic Monday, April 8th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beech, Cross Plains.

If your child has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children.

For further information contact Doylene Jobe (915) 754-4945.

Project Pride Meeting Next Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library on Main Street.

The public is invited.

Scranton Musical Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be Saturday, April 6 at the community center. The kitchen will serve from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Ann Etta Dunning and Helen Brashear will be the hostesses. The special is going to be a Chicken and Dressing plate. Sandwiches and homemade pie will also be available. The music begins at 6:00 p.m., with Mark Ray as emcee. All area musicians are invited to attend and may call 915-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader



CANDICE BAILEY

Candice Bailey Receives Post Season Honors

A week ago Sunday, Candice Bailey was named to the Big Country Class IA Abilene Reporter-News Basketball Team with honorable mention honors. This was a big honor with the Abilene Reporter-News only selecting 10 players, 5 members and 5 honorable mention players. This involves the entire Abilene Reporter-News coverage area with players 9 through 12th grade.

In the last couple of days Candice was also named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team. She was a 2nd team member in 2001 and this year she moved up to a 1st team selection in 2002. Cross Plains is listed a Region II in U.I.L. Basketball.

Candice started 3 years for the Lady Buffs and continued to improve her level of play each year. Her senior statistics were 19.6 points per game, 6.5 rebounds,

3.2 assists, and 3.2 steals. She shot 43 percent from the field and 67 percent from the free throw line. She also served as a captain for this year's squad.

She is the daughter of Robby and Peggy Bailey of Cross Plains. Congratulations Candice!

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

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Easter Egg Hunt
Rescheduled Due to Rain
10:00 A.M.
Saturday April 6, 2002
On The Bank Lot Behind DQ
Prize eggs to be found!

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION
Last day for registration for Little League is Thursday, April 4, 2002.
Tryouts will also be that same day at 6p.m. at the Little League Field

Big Spring State Hospital adds Stephens County service area

BIG SPRING - Big Spring State Hospital recently became responsible for inpatient psychiatric care for people referred from Stephens County in North Central Texas.

Breckenridge is the county seat of Stephens County

Abilene's Betty Hardwick Center, which is responsible for community mental health and mental retardation services for Stephens County became responsible for inpatient care on March 1.

Big Spring State Hospital admits patients who are referred from the Betty Hardwick Center, which oversees services for mental illness and mental retardation in Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Taylor and Stephens counties.

The Betty Hardwick Center will operate a clinic in Breckenridge, said Jok Simons, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Operations and Marketing. "We believe they will serve an estimated 90 cases in that clinic," he said.

"Last year, Stephens County referred about nine cases to Wichita Falls State Hospital, so we don't expect many more than that to be referred to Big Spring State Hospital," Simons said. "Nevertheless, we are pleased that the Stephens County Commissioners decided to choose Betty Hardwick Center and Big Spring State Hospital to provide services to persons from their county."

Big Spring State Hospital serves people in 79 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle, giving the state-owned and operated hospital the largest geographic catchment area in the state

More than 2 million people in an area including populated cities, such as El Paso, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Abilene, Lubbock and Amarillo are treated at Big Spring State Hospital.

Despite the distance in travel for many patients, the hospital's Volunteer Services Council provides the Marilyn K Neveom Family Lodge for families visiting loved ones, said Kathy Salazar, LMSW, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Social Work Services.

"We receive many positive remarks from family members who are given a place to stay overnight to visit patients," Salazar said. "They are on campus and it is very affordable."

The family lodge provides bedrooms, a living area and kitchen space for a nominal fee.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 187-bed hospital with inpatient services, including a 75-bed Acute Care program; 24-bed Rehabilitative program; 24-bed Seniors program; 30-bed Medical program; 18-bed Youth program; and a 16-bed Multiple Disabilities program.

The hospital is Big Spring's largest employer with a workforce close to 700 funded positions.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Elinor Baze

Graveside services for Mildred Elinor Baze, 75, of Ira, was held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2002, at the De Leon Cemetery with the Rev. Wallace Bennett of Cross Plains officiating (retired Methodist minister). Mrs. Baze passed away Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were directed by Bell Cypernt Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Mildred was born March 3, 1927, to Charley and Kate Coats in Cottonwood, Texas.

She graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1944 and Texas Tech University in 1949. She was employed as a dietician at the following facilities: Old downtown Methodist hospital, Lubbock; Comanche County Extension Service; Battenfield Jones and Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder. She was a member of the Martha Ann Women Club, Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 450 and a member of East Side Church of Christ and Pathfinders Sunday School Class.

Survivors include a stepson, Darwin Baze, and his wife, Nelda, of Ira; a sister, Pauline Lawson of Cottonwood; four grandchildren, Jay Baze, Ward Baze, Katrina Humphrey and Laura Baze; thirteen great-grandchildren, Tyler, Jaeda, Tass, Brennen, R.J., Samantha, James, Audy, Vivian, T.J., Sabrina, Zachary and Chase; one niece and many nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Jack Sparks and James Victor Baze, and two brothers, Jim and Charles Coats.

Mildred felt that memorials are to honor the dead by helping the living. You may make memorials to Western Texas College Scholarship Fund, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549 or the charity of your choice.

Baird Baptist Revival Told

First Baptist Church in Baird will hold a revival April 7-10. On Sunday, April 7, our regular scheduled services will take place with a Fellowship following the evening worship service. During the week we will have Noon services with a free meal served each day. The noon service will conclude by 1:00 p.m. The evening services during the week will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Our evangelist for the week will be Randy White. He is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Pampa, Texas. The music minister for the week is David Parker. David is a sought-after praise and worship leader.

Everyone is invited to attend the services! For more information or a ride to the service, please contact First Baptist Church at 854-1574.

Charlene Metcalf

Charlene Metcalf, 83, of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2002, at the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Charles McAnally officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Charlene was born April 17, 1918 in Dressy, Texas to Carlos McDermett and Ida Elder McDermett. She married Charles Metcalf in Roswell, New Mexico on February 17, 1960. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, W.C. McAnally and wife, Frazee, and Charlie McAnally and wife, Sandi, all of Fort Stockton, and Gary McAnally and wife, Linda, of Alpine; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gay Free and husband, Rodney, of Cross Plains, and Sue McAnally Diebitsch and husband, Don, of Fort Stockton; a stepdaughter and husband, Melinda Nordburg and Eric, of Olivehurst, California; a sister, Emily Gray Foster of Amarillo; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Charles, and a sister, Leo Tutt.

William Ensor

William "Wild Bill" Ensor, 79, of Midland, a retired service station attendant, passed away Thursday, February 28, 2002, at Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.

Services were held at 1 p.m. March 4, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Chapel, Rev. Stacey Fox and Dub Jenkins officiated. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Sunset Memorial Funeral Home of Odessa.

Mr. Ensor was born on April 18, 1922 to E.E. and Virgie Ensor in Cross Plains.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Ora Hoover, Cora Hoover, Ioma Walker and Myrtle Byrd; and a twin brother, W.B. Ensor; and several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Thompson of Rio Vista and Kathy Harrold of Convention; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported abused or neglected every year. It's a tragic fact; take it personally.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. This is your opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised.

We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse--those in which a child died--Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk. Maybe it was a situation that people outside the family couldn't see. Possibly the child's parent didn't realize that their own action, or lack thereof,

put their child's life at risk. We all have to recognize neglect and take it personally.

Parents are not alone. Information and support is available to make communities strong and safe. The Web site www.itsuptoyou.org contains a wealth of information on how to prevent child abuse, where to go to get help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. Additionally, volunteers from Callahan County Child Welfare Board are in the community sharing information from Child Abuse Prevention Kits. Contact your local Child Protective Service office or Callahan County Child Welfare Board to get more information. It's up to all of us to prevent child abuse. We must take it personally.

Sincerely,

Callahan County Child Welfare Board

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 7, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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Matthew 13:3 - 4 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

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PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Ladies had a "great" day quilting on Tuesday. We got Laverne's "Parrot" quilt out. It is so beautiful. Earlene put in her "Barn Door" top. When one come out there is always one to go in the frame. We are also working on Jean Fore's hostess quilt. It is a "Bow Tie". If all goes well, we will finish the "Hands All Around" this week.

Earlene Burge was in Brownwood over the weekend. The newly weds, Cindy and James Fuller, had grandmother Earlene, mother Jessica, and brother Jon, and a friend for dinner Saturday. Jessica had a nice dinner for everyone on Sunday. They heard three good gospel sermons on Sunday. Earlene returned home Monday and went to game night in Cross Plains that night.

Paul and Juanita Harlow of Lubbock visited with Jean Fore and Vi Harlow for several days. They always have such a good time together.

Glenda Phillips and Charlene Chesshir visited Laverne Hutton Saturday in the Hendrick Medical Center. It was great to see her looking better. Glenda had lunch with Allen, Janice and children on Sunday. Emily Harris and

Terrah Ames spent the night with Krista Saturday and all went to church Sunday morning. Glenda and Kali went to see the Rising Star One Act Play Sunday afternoon. They did really well. The play was "Steel Magnolia". They competed at Brownwood High School last Monday night.

Will Alexander and his friend, Matt, of Richardson visited Will's grandparents, James and Jean Alexander. The boys enjoyed being out doing a little hunting and fishing.

Anyone who enjoys playing "42" and "84" should come out to the Community Center Thursday, April 4th. There will be lots of fun and food.

There was some pretty stormy weather around on Saturday. Some strong twisting winds tore up some barns north of Pioneer. We thank the Lord no one was hurt. We also had some hail damage in the community. Everything is really greening up, but we could still use some more rain.

Words of Wisdom: Be strong! Be courageous! Do not be afraid of them! For the Lord your God will be with you. He will neither fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AWAIT THE EASTER EGG HUNT— All lined up, they are ready to watch the children hunt for eggs.



VISITING WITH THE LADIES— The children talk with the ladies in their Easter bonnets.



PRE-K STUDENTS HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS— Residents of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home watch with delight as the children scatter.

Last Friday morning everyone was up and getting ready for the Big Easter Hunt. With Easter bonnets on, we headed outside to watch the arrival of Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K Class. The ground was covered with pretty colored eggs. With the children all together, it was not long before they were off and running to fill their baskets. We all had a wonderful day.

Our thoughts and prayers for Pauline Switzer who is the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. She underwent surgery for a broken arm Monday, April 1st.

Appreciation to our special friend for the beautiful Easter Lilies; to the Key Club for the pretty sugar eggs; to Dorothy Tuttle for the delicious coconut cake; to Best Med for the basket of candy; and to Beverly Brown for the beautiful plant.

Sarah and Anita Bartek of Brownwood, Emily and Evelyn Harris visited with Frank Bartek. James and Deborah Griswold of Hawley visited with Deen Haddox.

Luke and Sam McKenzie of May visited with Blackie Reynolds.

Kim, Aspen, Thor and Zed

Woerner visited with Blackie Reynolds. Butch and Bennie Burke of Lufkin visited with Mary Weaver.

David and Theresa Adams visited with Doris Adams.

Charleen McGowen and Naomi McCowen visited Donie McCowen. Louise and Randy Foster visited with Nathan Foster.

Activities

Monday: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Lucky Taylor, Mary Wheeler, Donie McCowen and Rozell Gary. Exercise.

Tuesday: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds and Jackie.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Dean Brannan. Exercise class.

Thursday: Manicures, ball toss, dominoes.

Friday: Bingo winners were Jessie Casey, Clifford King, Donie McCowen, Ruby Harrell and Lucky Taylor. Popcorn and dominoes.

Sunday: Believers Fellowship

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Tornadoes Rip Through Skies Over Cottonwood Valley

How was it at your house last Saturday, about mid-afternoon? At our place, it was like a rained-out fish fry, as family and guests dashed around the porches trying to spot threatening clouds. We did locate at least two of the three tornadoes reported in the Cottonwood vicinity. Others were reported in the Cross Plains area.

One of the twisters we located was in the direction of West Caddo Peak and seemed to be heading our way. That was excitement enough, right there! Then another one appeared in the sky, just north of that one, as a long misty tube coming out of one cloud and swooping down to disappear into another one.

The KTAB-TV Chase Lab must have been somewhere near because they began broadcasting on TV the same scene that we were watching in person. Early the next morning CNN broadcast; national coverage for Cottonwood and Callahan County. (Is that to be Cottonwood's only 15 seconds of national fame?)

Oh well, so far there has been no reported injury or serious damage, so thank God for the rain that came with the excitement, and as the late Blanton Freeland, a former Cottonwood resident, might have said, "Thank God for those tornadoes that didn't hit us."

Mildred Coats Buried in De Leon Cemetery

Mildred (Coats) Sparks Baze of Snyder passed away on Friday, March 28, and was laid to rest in the DeLeon Cemetery on April 1, 2002. Mildred grew up in Cottonwood and Baird and graduated from Cross Plains High School in

1944. She is a descendant of two of Cottonwood's pioneer families, John D. and "Lum" Mitchell and John A. and Angeline Coats. Her parents, Charles and Kate (Mitchell) Coats lived four miles west of Cottonwood where her sister, Pauline Lawson still resides. Two brothers, Jim and Charles, preceded her in death. Mildred was buried next to her first husband, Jack Sparks of De Leon. Her second husband, James Victor Baze also preceded her in death.

Mildred wrote, before she died, "No flowers, please," but suggested, "memorials that honor the dead by helping the living." (See complete obituary in this edition of the *Cross Plains Review*.)

Other Cottonwood Connections
Gary Bennett of Flagstaff, Arizona, Jeffery Bennett of Alpine and John Bennett with son, Tye, of Arlington, visited with their parents, Wallace and Carol Bennett, this past week.

Cottonwood Community Calendar

These are the important dates for Cottonwood during April, 2002. Quilting Club meets on April 4, 11, 16 and 26. Call Ethel Champion for information (254) 725-6536. The Quilting Club will sponsor the Cottonwood Musical on April 19. Menu for this includes Sloppy Joe's, plus sandwiches, pies, coffee and tea. Food starts at 5:30 p.m. and music at 6 p.m. This a good opportunity to bring the family for supper, listen to good Country Western music, and enjoy chatting with friends.

(Please report news and personal items about the Cottonwood Community to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Garden Club Note: REMEMBER the Cross Plains Trades Day scheduled for April 6, 2002. The location will be behind the Dairy Queen, on the vacant lot belonging to Texas Heritage Bank, our local bank. If you are interested in a space for your booth, call Bob Powell at (254) 643-2404. Hope to see you there, next Saturday!!

"Origins"

Do you know your origins? No, an origin is not a witch doctor nor is it a native of Australia, those are aborigines, not origins. Another way of putting it is: what nationality are you? It sometimes seems as if you are being asked your breed or your pedigree. Or, what is your lineage?is another good way to put it.

Speaking of pedigrees or breeds....Once, while living in New Mexico, when his grade school class was studying lineage, origins etc., my oldest son told his teacher and his class that he was half French and half Chow. Yeah, Chow; he was confusing his nationality with our dogs breed. His teacher confided this to me at a parent-teacher conference. He was in the first grade.

Some of our children are adopted and some are not, so though some of our origins are the same, some however are different. Our family consisted of six persons. Two parents, and four children. Four of us are of French descent. Four of us are of American Indian extraction. But not the same four. Four are of Black Dutch descent, one is of English descent and one has some Spanish ancestry.

Before our daughters came along, one of our sons asked me the following question! "Mom, if me and Dad is Indians, then are you and Bobo cowboys?? He was about four at the time. But I explained the best I could. Of course he is the same son who a couple of years later asked me if I was living when Abraham Lincoln was President. I'm telling you, I was aging fast about then, apparently.

My origins are: I am half Irish, a quarter French and a quarter Black Dutch. Husband, Marvin is of Irish, American Indian and Black Dutch ancestry. If you list his and my ancestry together, do you think that's what you'd call: A Dukes Mixture???????

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.

To delete a name due to death or other reason send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call (254) 725- 6111.



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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A body came up missing from a morgue in Detroit once - a murder victim who went undiscovered until all that was left was his skeleton. His only identity became "Unknown Man #161." It was believed to be the remains of a James Parker, a transient from Alabama - but they really didn't know for sure...

Isn't it a shame that if there ever was a person by the name of James Parker that no one had made a sufficient enough attempt to find him to determine if this was him? When the chief medical examiner was asked about the "body's" disappearance, he said: "What do you think I do - go into the morgue and count the skeletons every day?"

Let us determine to not let anyone around us be so unrecognized, so unknown, so unnoticed! Let us determine not to let anyone become "just a skeleton"! Not at all! And if you are seemingly so unrecognized, unknown, and unnoticed, remember that there is One who knows you and cares. He knows when even a sparrow falls, Matthew 10:29, and the very number of hairs on your head, verse 30. Smile: God loves you and cares!

Join us at the "caring place" as we strive to better acquaint ourselves with the caring One. We really do care about you, too!

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

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March 25-29

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LAP 31
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Richard Illingworth
Donations:
Sheila Rhyne - books

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 8 - April 12

MONDAY-- Hungarian Goulash, Rice, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Cake, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY-- Ham & Pinto Beans, Turnip Greens, Hominy, Cheesecake, Cornbread, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Noodles,

Squash Casserole, Waldorf Salad, Jell-o, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY-- Meatloaf, Blackeyed Peas, Beets w/Orange Sauce, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Roll, Milk
FRIDAY-- Chicken & Dumplings, Peas & Carrots, Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Bread, Milk

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CROSS PLAINS FESTIVAL NEWS

By Jerry Biggerstaff

The Festival Committee met at the Dairy Queen on March 26. There were 13 members present.

Quite a bit of the meeting was dedicated to discussion and planning for the Festival, both at the Garden Club event on April 6. Aubrey Stout told the committee that he could get the brisket for the event from Cross Plains Frozen Foods for a good price. The membership approved the purchase of the meat. Jerry Biggerstaff offered as much cut and well seasoned mesquite as needed. Seems there is plenty of mesquite around the Cross Cut area.

The menu for the Festival Committee booth on April 6th will include chopped brisket sandwiches, pickles, onions, relish and iced tea. The sandwiches will be \$2.50 and tea 50 cents. Y'all come and enjoy Aubrey's great cooking while helping the Festival Committee raise funds for the scholarship program.

Bill Richardson and Jerry Biggerstaff have agreed to provide a queen-size customized western bed to be raffled by the Festival Committee. A picture of similar bed can be seen at Coyote Flat Bargain Barn. Tickets will be offered at the Garden Club affair on April 6, and may be purchased at Coyote Flat, as well. Kala Stout has agreed to assist in selling tickets through her Girl Scout group. Tickets are \$1.00 and the drawing will be held at the annual festival on August 31. You do not have to be present to win.

There was also discussion of the events to be held during the 2002 Festival. At this time, the events include a parade, a car show, a

tractor show and a motorcycle show. A petting zoo is being considered.

Anyone or any organization interested in a booth for the Festival should contact Charlsie Richardson at Coyote Flat or phone (254) 725-4033 or Chris Biggerstaff at (254) 725-4189 for information and applications. For food vendors, please understand that these booths are on a first come, first served basis. Duplication of food vendors is not usually allowed.

Contacts for events include Susan McNeel - car show; Cindy Payne or Bill Richardson - tractor show; Aubrey Stout - motorcycle show; and Bobbye Hinkle - parade. Feel free to contact these folks for information and entry forms.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be April 23, at 6 p.m. The meetings are usually held at either the Cross Plains Dairy Queen or Jean's Feed Barn.

The Barbarian Festival, Inc. doing business as the Cross Plains Festival, is incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas as a not for profit corporation. Effective February, 2001, tax exempt status has been granted to the Festival under IRS Code 501(c)3 as a publicly supported charity. Articles of incorporation, Bylaws and financial information are available for public review.

For more information about meetings or anything else regarding the Festival, please contact Keeka Byrd at (254) 725-6836 or Jerry Biggerstaff at (254) 725-4189 (email: jbiggestaff@texasinternet.com).

Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Rolan Jones was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held March 24-28 in San Antonio. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin.

The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Creating a Bias-Free Court, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Miscellaneous Hearing, Juvenile Law, DOT Regulations, Landlord Tenant Issues, Minor In Possession, Attorney and Pro Se Litigants, J.P. Office Procedure, Torts, Deed Restrictions, Media Relations and Financial Management.

The Justice of the Peace Seminar was hosted at the Omni Hotel and attended by over 300 judges.

This was the 16th Continuing Education Seminar attended by Judge Jones.

Burkett Resident Wins Dessert of The Month From Beta Sigma Phi

Charles Coburn of Burkett has his daughter to thank for buying his lucky ticket. No, not the lottery winner, but he is the monthly (March) winner of the Beta Sigma Phi's (BSP) Dessert of the Month drawing. He received a homemade chocolate cake made by Regina Hart of Cross Plains.

His daughter, Teri Coburn, lives in Irving but is in Cross Plains frequently to tend her property on Main Street. She has bought one of the empty buildings there and may be a future business owner in Cross Plains. Thanks, Teri, for supporting the sorority's drawing and your dad really thanks you too.

A drawing is held each month this year for a delicious homemade dessert and previous ticket buyers will continue to be eligible as will new purchasers.

Buy your tickets now for your dad (or mom or friend or someone special). Tickets can be purchased from BSP members, at the Texas Heritage Bank and at the Subway sandwich shop, at \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

The monies raised by Beta Sigma Phi support many community projects in Cross Plains.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 25, 2002 through March 31, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-55
Complaints-59
DWI-2
Driving While License Suspended-1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia-1

Vehicle Accidents
There were eight vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were two outstanding warrant issued for a total of \$600.00 collected.

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ELECTED TO WATER CORP. BOARD—Four directors were elected to the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation board of directors during the annual

meeting held Monday, March 26 in Clyde. Elected to the board include from left to right: Melba Miller, Robert Warren, Joe Clark

and Steve Clark. Other water supply corporation board members are Steve Goldsmith, Kim Walton, Gene Cook, Jim Berry and Bill Jackson.

Four Directors Elected During Callahan County WSC Annual Meeting

Callahan County Water Supply Corporation members elected four members to its nine member board, approved the audit report and heard a report on the ongoing drought conditions facing West Texas.

Members of the water supply corporation held its annual meeting Monday, March 25 at the corporation's offices located at 218 North Access Road of Interstate 20 in Clyde.

Before the meeting, a catered meal of brisket and all the trimmings was served by the Callahan County 4-H Shoot Sports program.

The annual meeting opened with the approval of minutes from the annual water supply corporation meeting in 2001.

Special guests, including Glen Campbell of the City of Clyde and Dwayne Hargesheimer, Director of Water Utilities for the City of Abilene, were introduced.

Elected to three-year terms included Robert Warren, president of the water supply corporation, Melba Miller, secretary/treasurer for the corporation, Steve Clark and Joe Clark. Joe Clark, who was appointed to replace Ralph Cummings on the board of directors after Cummings moved outside the County, will fill a two-year term on the board.

Other Callahan County WSC board of directors include: Steve Goldsmith, Gene Cook, Kim Walton, Jim Berry and WSC vice president Bill Jackson.

Hargesheimer spoke to members of the water supply corporation concerning the drought situation and critical water needs for the West Texas area.

Hargesheimer said the City of Abilene provides water to some 13 water supply corporations, such as the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation as well as the cities of Clyde and Baird.

The Abilene water official presented a 15 minute slide presentation outlining the water needs

for the City of Abilene. He told the audience that Abilene's main water supply sources—Fort Phantom Lake and Hubbard Creek Lake—were 50 percent below capacity. Fort Phantom Lake is at 43 percent capacity and Hubbard Creek Lake is at 36 percent capacity. Hargesheimer said a third water source for Abilene, O.H. Ivie Lake, is also well below its capacity. The Abilene water official said the pipeline and two storage tanks being constructed south of Abilene should be completed and on-line by this time next year. Hargesheimer said the City of Abilene's water pump station on O.H. Ivie Lake is being constructed in 83 feet of water.

Hargesheimer said a fourth Abilene water source also being considered is that of Possum Kingdom Lake in Palo Pinto County.

Callahan County WSC members approved the annual independent audit. The corporation currently has approximately \$107,000 in cash, \$49,000 in cash reserves and another \$140,000 in certificates of deposit.

For the year ended December 31, 2001, the corporation had revenues of \$365,013, which included water sales of \$345,472. Interest income earned was \$11,573.

The corporation had expenses of \$358,286 of which the cost of water sold was \$123,514. Operating expenses were \$193,703 and interest expense totalled \$41,069.

The corporation reported a net increase in assets of \$6,727 during 2001. Callahan County WSC had net assets of \$2,283,593 at the beginning of the year and net assets of \$2,290,320 at the end of the fiscal year.

Water supply corporation president Robert Warren spoke to the membership saying things were

going real good since he's been president of the corporation the last four years. "Our system is running as smooth as any around here and as good as those 20 years old," Warren said.

"I'm satisfied your board and employees are doing a real good job," Warren added.

During a question and answer session, one question from the membership arose as to why Callahan County Water Supply Corporation customers were being charged differently from the cities of Clyde and Baird.

The WSC president said Abilene has no contract with the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation. Callahan County WSC has contracts to purchase water from the cities of Clyde and Baird only.

Dwayne Hargesheimer, Abilene Director of Water Utilities, reported because the City of Abilene supplies water to several water supply corporations,

the City has been approved for a \$10 million loan and grant to help construct the water pipeline from O.H. Ivie Lake to Abilene. Hargesheimer said the City of Abilene has not yet received any loan or grant funding for the project and Abilene is currently paying for the water pipeline project through a \$61 million loan of which Abilene receives no additional funding for. Hargesheimer added that when the grant and loan interest loans are made, the City of Abilene will then pay off the \$61 million loan and refinance the water pipeline project again.

"All of us are in it together," Hargesheimer told the WSC membership, saying there was no way a supply corporation could pay a multimillion dollar loan back for the O.H. Ivie pipeline project.

The Callahan County Water Supply Corporation currently has a membership of 570 and 741 water connections to the system.

Annual Fire Department Fish Fry Told



QUEEN SIZE "FLOWER BASKET" QUILT — The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be drawing for the lucky winner of this quilt at their annual Fish Fry.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their Annual Fish Fry this year on Friday, April 26th, at the Cross Plains Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

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

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has a "Queen Size Flower Basket Quilt" that will be drawn for on the night of the Fish Fry. You may view the quilt at Texas Heritage Bank where you may also purchase tickets for \$1.00 each. Members of the fire department will also have tickets for sale.

Remember April 26th for a great evening out for a truly worthy cause.

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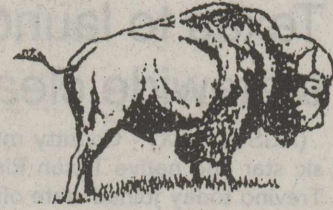
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Buffaloes 2-0 In District Play

The Cross Plains Buffaloes won their first 2 district games. The first game was a 14-0 victory against Baird. In that game Chuck Norris threw a 3 hit, 13 strike-out shutout. Offensively the Buffs scored 1 in the first with a single by Beggs, a stolen base and pass ball put him on third. Joseph Dillard had a fielders choice to drive in the first run. In the second inning Beggs drove in the second run after Kevin Scott got a hit. The third inning the Buffs exploded with 5 runs, with singles by Kevin Wilson, Josh Hopkins, James Ross and Kevin Scott. Mean while Norris was holding Baird in check. He gave up a hit in the second, and 2 in the fourth, then he retired the last 9 batters for Baird.

Then in the 7th inning the Buffs exploded for 6 more runs. Charlie Rogers and Hopkins both had singles, while Wilson, Dillard, Dusty Purvis and Dusty Dickson all hit doubles to make the final score CP 14 - Baird 0.

In the second game the Buffs defeated Gorman by a score of

12-2 in five innings. In this game the Cross Plains pitchers of Cole Koenig, Wilson and Casey Pack only gave up 3 hits and 2 runs which scored on errors. Gorman scored 1 in the first, but Cross Plains countered in their half of the inning. Beggs singled, then stole 2nd and advanced to 3rd on a ground out. Beggs then scored on a out to 1st by Wilson.

In the 2nd Inning CP scored 7 runs, with a double by Beggs, singles by Hopkins, Wilson and Dillard. Butler, Purvis and Dickson all were walked, and then Koenig drove in the final 2 runs in the 7th run of the inning. The Buffs scored 2 in the 3rd on back to back homers by Wilson and Dillard. In the 5th Cross Plains added 2 more runs on a single by Marcus Williams, then a double by Hopkins, who then on a passed ball scored the 12th run of game. The game was called because of the 10 run Rule. The Buffs played Ranger on Tuesday, with the report on that game to come next week.

Submitted By Coach Atchley

Notice to Parents:

EARLY OUT WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10

There will be an insurance meeting at 2:00 p.m. for all school employees.

Lady Buffs Finish 3rd at May Meet

The Lady Buffs finished 3rd at May scoring 62 points. Baird was 1st with 128 points and May 2nd with 82 points. There were 19 schools participating in the meet on Thursday afternoon.

The kids are really working hard and we are starting to see some big improvements on times on the track and in the field events.

Pole Vault- 1st E. Stephens 6'6"
High Jump- 3rd B. Dillard 4'8"
Shot Put- 2nd K. Richards 34'1"

4 x 100 Relay- 5th C. Bailey, K. Richards, A. Cook, K. Mosier 54.7
800 Run- 3rd S. Hyles 2:39.4
400 Run- 1st K. Moiser 64.1
300 Hurdles- 4th A. Cook 52.71
1600 Run- 5th S. Hyles 6:10.3
6th C. Hyles 6:17.1
Mile Relay- 3rd A. Swift, C. Bailey, S. Hyles, K. Mosier, 4:35.1
Also participating in the meet were M. Chesshir, K. Ross, S. Edington, D. Bennett.

Submitted By Coach Cavender

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Area 4 Shotgun Extravaganza will be held April 6, 2002 at the Abilene Gun Club Shotgun Range. Entrance to the range is located on FM 707 at the south end of Kirby Lake. Taylor County 4-H Shooting Sports will host this years event.

The Shotgun Extravaganza is open to all 4-H Shooting Sports members. This event is a fun-filled day of Shotgun Shooting for beginning and experienced shooters alike. Skeet, Trap, International Skeet, 5-Stand Sporting Clays and Walking Sporting Clays will be available. Shooters may choose to participate in any or all of these events.

Area 4 Shotgun Shooting Sports Coaches will be on hand to assist new shooters in all events. Spectators are welcome!

Area 4 is comprised of 94 counties in the Big Country Area, West and North. For more information and registration contact your County Agent or your 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders.

Sleep Well, Do Well

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

of Ft. Worth.

Misdemeanor Filings

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Knycie Q. Harbuck, possession of marijuana.
Charles W. Witte, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Brian A. Williams, possession of marijuana.
Wilford E. Williams, possession of marijuana.
Terry W. Barr, resisting arrest.

Civil Filings

Soris Financial, a division of Case Credit Corporation vs. Mike L. Winfrey, breach of contract.
State of Texas vs. \$11,965.00 (U.S. currency, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture).
Bradley Fein and Carissa Marie Fein, divorce.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jacquelyn Soto, order extending probation granted.
James Michael Tension, plea of guilty to official oppression, 6 month probation, \$100 fine, \$268 court costs, permanently surrender peace officers commission through TCLEOSE.

Christopher Yates, plea of guilty to making alcohol available to a minor, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$268 court costs.

Lucio Dominguez, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$268 court costs, \$845 restitution.

Shawna Lynn Wall, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Jeremy Martin, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Larry Collins, Osiel Gamez, Jr., Theresa Jones, Harold Thomas McMickel, James Alfred Morris, Jeffery C. Simon.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation; James Alfred Morris, Roosevelt Portee, David Vance Smith, Jr., Glenn Stewart Smith, Michael Williams.

Andrew Hist, motion to revoke probation granted.

Tony Harbuck, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

James Brannen Snyder, motion for early termination of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Scott Elliott McMahon and Stephanie Ann Darden, both of Omaha, NE.

David Lee Carroll and Nora Susan Williams, both of Clyde. James Walter Castner of Santa Anna and Deborah Carol Kelcy

Civil Minutes

Anita Louise Robinson and Johnny Wayne Robinson, divorce granted.

Sandra J. Hawkins, motion to dismiss granted.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Judy A. Drummond, final default judgment, plaintiff to recover from the defendant the sum of \$3728.52.

Karen Barton Vestal, order changing name of adult granted.

David Lee Carroll and Billie Kay Carroll, divorce granted.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Willard M. Vaughn, possession of controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Sharla Williams, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Tara L. Tucker, plea of guilty to credit card abuse, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$261 court costs, \$1560 restitution.

Andrew McGinnis, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$256 court costs, \$191 restitution.

James C. Gutkowski, plea of guilty to credit card abuse, 5 year probation, \$100 fine, \$285.25 court costs, \$6,200 restitution.

Cathy L. Gutkowski, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 7 year probation, \$100 fine, \$285.25 court costs, \$6,200 restitution.

Willard M. Vaughn, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 8 years in prison, \$206 court costs.

Democratic Party's County Convention April 6

Callahan County's Democratic Party will hold its County Convention Saturday, April 6 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the County Courtroom of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Democratic Party Chair Jon Hardwick invites all County Democrats to participate in the party's convention.

Democratic Party Precinct Chairpersons for Callahan County include: Silas Tucker, Clyde, Precinct #1; Patricia Logan, Clyde, Precinct #2; Harold Hass, Baird, Precinct #3; Sarah Brashear, Cisco, Precinct #4; John Dyer, Putnam, Precinct #5; Patsy Hogan, Clyde, Precinct #6; and Shirley Landers, Ovalo, Precinct #7.

Republican Party's County Convention Sat. April 6, 2002

Callahan County's Republican Party will hold its County Convention Saturday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Baggage House Restaurant in Baird.

Callahan County Republican

Party Chair Pat Chrane invites all interested parties to attend this convention. A short business meeting will be followed by Dutch treat meat at the Baggage House.

SCHOOL MENU

April 8 - April 12

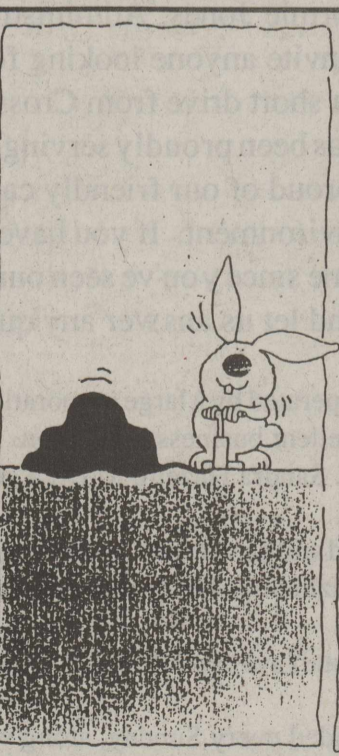
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY--Toaster Pastry, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY-- Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY-- Chicken Patty on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Pickles, Blueberries w/ Whip Cream
TUESDAY- Salisbury Steak, w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY-- Fiesta Salad, Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese, Salad, Rice, Pineapples
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"Frontier Folklore: Preserving the Lone Star Legacy" is the theme for this year's conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Abilene. This year's theme honors what is truly unique about Texas and its citizens—its folklore.

New this year is a training workshop for county historical commissions, tours of preservation projects designed to give participants ideas to take home and more sessions for small museums. Experts in archeology, downtown revitalization, heritage tourism and community assistance will be on hand to answer questions. Keynote speaker is Dr. Frank Vandiver, president emeritus of Texas A&M University and distinguished military historian.

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AUSTIN—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has a new brochure detailing the cultural and historic tourist attractions of a 35-county area in East Texas known as the Texas Forest Trail Region. Learn about the East Texas timber and oil industries as you follow the guide between sites that highlight the multicultural heritage of the region. Four national and five state forests give the region an acreage of piney woods that rivals New England.

Produced by the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program, the guide is the latest in a series that explores historic sites and areas of interest in regions across Texas. The program establishes partnerships between the preservation community and tourism industry to help protect historic and cultural resources and promote economic development, particularly in rural areas.

To receive a free brochure call 512/463-6255; write P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX, 78711-2276; or email thc@thc.state.tx.us.

TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL TOWN MEETING IN FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH—The Texas Main Street Center, Historic Fort Worth and the National Main Street Center will host the 2002 National Town Meeting on Main Street in Fort Worth April 7-10. The focus of the conference is downtown revitalization and is considered one of the best na-

tional conferences of its kind. The National Town Meeting has not been held in Texas since 1989.

The National Main Street Center chose Fort Worth for the event because of its downtown revitalization accomplishments and planned development. The event offers proven ideas and strategies for commercial district revitalization. Both small towns and urban areas benefit from the information and resources. More than 75 educational sessions, tours, field sessions and special events are planned. Day trips include visits to nearby Weatherford, Denton, Decatur, Albany and Grapevine.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has assisted more than 130 communities throughout Texas, resulting in the reinvestment of more than \$850 million, the creation of more than 17,000 jobs and the establishment of more than 4,600 new businesses.

For more information on the 2002 National Town Meeting on Main Street, visit www.mainst.org or call 202/588-6219. For more information on the Texas Main Street Program, call 512/463-6092 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

HERITAGE TOURISM HAS A NEW PARTNER

AUSTIN—The 10 Texas Heritage Trails become a regular feature in Texas Monthly magazine this month as Frost Bank features one every other month for the next two years in an effort to support and promote Texas tourism.

The coverage highlights the many historic and cultural sites in each of the trails that were designed in the 1960s by the Texas Department of Transportation and are now a part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program. The four-page, pullout trail maps include a sampling of numbered sites that correspond with historical area attractions.

The first trail featured in the April issue is the Texas Independence Trail Region. Other heritage trail regions that will be featured over the next two years include: the Forest Trail Region, the Fords Trail Region, the Lakes Trail Region, the Brazos Trail Region, the Hill Country Trail Region, the Plains Trail Region, the Mountain Trail Region, the Pecos Trail Region and the Tropical Trail Region.

For more information on the THC's heritage tourism program contact 512/463-6092 or visit the new THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

Texas to launch nation's first statewide clean air campaign

(AUSTIN, TX) - Country music star and native Texan Rick Trevino today joined state officials to help kick off a new ad campaign aimed at cleaning up the skies over Texas. The new ad campaign called Drive Clean Across Texas hits the airwaves tomorrow with a musical television commercial featuring Trevino in a message persuading all Texans to do their part to prevent air pollution.

"Improving air quality is something we can all be part of because it benefits us in many ways," said John W. Johnson, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "In addition to breathing cleaner air, improving air quality reduces the potential loss of federal highway dollars needed to keep Texans moving."

The television ad opens with a close up of Rick Trevino sitting in the Texas countryside as he plays his guitar and sings "Home on the Range." Between every bar of music, the country music star reaches for a hospital-style oxygen mask and inhales deeply. As the camera pulls back, the viewer sees that Trevino is not actually in the countryside but rather in the grassy area adjacent to a major urban Texas highway clogged with bumper-to-bumper traffic. The announcer then says, "Help keep the air in Texas clean. Maintain your vehicle. Combine errands. Carpool. And drive the speed limit." Trevino then sings the last stanza of the song, coughing and nearly out of breath, "...and the skies are not cloudy all day."

Robert Huston, chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the state agency co-managing the campaign, said that there are many ways that individuals, businesses and governments can make a difference. Referring to a special exhibit of cars at the Capitol, Huston said both individuals and fleet managers already can choose from several cleaner-burning cars and trucks on the market, with more options anticipated in the com-

ing months and years. For Texans who won't soon be shopping for a new car, the campaign suggests there are still many ways to help:

- Keep one's car in good repair, following the maintenance schedule in the owner's manual
- Carpool, vanpool or use public transit
- Drive the speed limit
- Combine errands
- At facilities with drive-thrus, walk in rather than idle in line

The Drive Clean Across Texas campaign is urging businesses to do their share too, including:

- Providing telecommuting options to employees
- Creating incentives for employees to carpool, vanpool, or take public transit
- Incorporating low-emission vehicles into fleets

"Most Texans simply are not aware that there is a link between the quality of the air we breathe and the health of many of our vulnerable populations," said Sharilyn Stanley, M.D., associate commissioner for disease control and prevention at the Texas Department of Health. "Many urban residents face the long-term risk of fatal lung cancer similar to that of someone living with a smoker."

While the campaign is statewide, special emphasis will be directed to nine areas of Texas - four metropolitan areas that have exceeded federal limits on air pollution and five that are nearing federal limits. The areas that have exceeded federal limits include Houston-Galveston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso. Areas nearing federal limits include Austin, San Antonio, Victoria, Tyler-Longview and Corpus Christi. Each of these areas has local coalitions involving environmental, business and government leaders all working to curb emissions.

The Drive Clean Across Texas campaign is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.



KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER—Randy Turner (right), KTAB Weatherman, was a guest of Jess Bigbee (left) on Tuesday, March 26th. He presented an overview of upcoming weather and how they arrive at the reports.

Pecan Grafting and Management Clinic

A Pecan Grafting and Management Clinic, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at Cisco Junior College.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with Eastland County Pecan Growers Committee. Introductions be by Herman Glueck at 9 a.m. followed by the program Hedging, Pruning, New Pecan Varieties by Tommy Thompson, USDA Pecan Research. There will be a break at 10 a.m. and Pecan Maintenance, Insect and Disease Control, Fertilization will commence at 10:15 with Mr.

Thompson. At 11 a.m. a pecan grafting video will be presented by Mike Ross, Chairman of Eastland County Pecan Growers.

A "Hands-On" Pecan Grafting is scheduled for 11:30 to 12:30 courtesy of the Eastland County Pecan Growers Committee Members.

Lunch will be served directly courtesy of Herman Glueck and Robert Wright. The use of Cisco Junior College facilities are also appreciated.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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New Regulations Mean Short Time-Frame To Secure NAP Coverage

COLLEGE STATION—March 19, 2002—Federal regulations published today set the stage for better risk protection for growers of non-insurable crops, but leave only a short time for producers to take advantage of the benefits available for crop losses in 2001 and 2002. Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices stand ready to accept applications from producers for coverage available through the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP).

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

"The new regulations governing NAP give producers the opportunity to purchase affordable protection against crop losses," says John Fuston, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "It's critical that producers file their 2001 and 2002 applications for coverage and pay their service fees by April 18, 2002. Like crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone," he says.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-pocket expenses for any producer will not exceed \$900, even if production occurs in more than three counties. Service fees may be

waived for eligible limited resource producers.

"The new, streamlined program has already begun to benefit Texas growers. To date Texas has dispersed more than \$212,000 for NAP crop losses incurred in 2001," Fuston says.

Under the previous NAP program, coverage was only available when catastrophic losses occurred in a widespread area. New provisions allow for individual coverage tailored to meet a producer's specific needs and allow for customized crop protection plan. With the elimination of area crop loss provisions, each qualifying individual loss can be addressed based on its own merits.

"Because FSA has the ability to protect against individual losses, response time is quicker and payment to the producer will be at the end of the growing season," says Fuston.

As outlined in the regulations, maintaining eligibility for 2001 and 2002 crops requires producers who otherwise would be late in filing the application apply and pay service fees within 30 days of publication of the rule. NAP continues to require reporting of crop acreage, yields and production as a condition of eligibility. In addition, producers are required to report losses the earlier of 15 days after damaging weather occurs or the date loss becomes apparent.

"Good record-keeping by producers is becoming increasingly more important. This is especially true for NAP because accurate records ensure producers receive the best coverage available under the program," says Fuston.

Fuston explained, if producers timely filed a notice of loss for the 2001 crop year they may be eligible for NAP benefits. However, if this notice of loss was not filed within 15 calendar days of the disaster or the loss became apparent, then the producer is not eligible for 2001.

In addition to filing applications for coverage and paying fees within the next 30 days, NAP crop producers have the opportunity to certify their 2000 crop production to both support their proven yields and submit 2001 crop production records to substantiate loss claims.

"The window of opportunity for NAP coverage for 2001 and 2002 is now down to less than 30 days. So I would encourage interested producers who timely submitted notices of loss on 2001 crops to apply for coverage by April 18, 2002, and encourage 2002 NAP producers to heed this deadline as well," Fuston states.

For more information about NAP and other FSA administered programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

TDHCA to hold public hearing in Abilene on applications for 2002 Tax Credit Program

(AUSTIN)—The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) today announced that it will hold a series of eight public hearings in April to accept public comment on applications received for the 2002 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program allocation. The hearings are scheduled for Dallas, Austin, Abilene, Lufkin, Victoria, El Paso, McAllen, and Conroe.

In addition to accepting comment on the 2002 LIHTC Program, the hearings to be held in Abilene, Lufkin, and Victoria will also allow for public comment on all other programs administered by TDHCA.

The LIHTC Program is the state's primary means of directing private capital toward the creation or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily rental housing. Developers use the credits to offset their federal tax liability in return for the development of rental properties that lease at below-market rents. The LIHTC Program has helped create more than 96,000 units of affordable housing since its inception in 1987.

The hearings will provide citizens an opportunity to comment on 143 applications received by TDHCA for the 2002 allocation, as well as Department LIHTC Program practices and procedures, at the following locations and times. TDHCA will also accept comment on all Department programs at three of these hearings, and each is denoted below with an asterisk (*):

- Monday, April 8
Abilene*
3:00 p.m. West Central Texas Council of Governments, 1025 E. North 10th St, Abilene.
- Tuesday, April 9
Lufkin*
1:00 p.m. City Council Chambers 300 E. Shepherd
- Wednesday, April 10
Victoria*
11:00 a.m. Golden Crescent Reg. Planning Commission 568 Big Bend Dr.
- Wednesday, April 10

El Paso
10:00 a.m. City Council Chambers, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor

Thursday, April 11
McAllen
Palmview Community Center, 3401 Jordan

Friday, April 12
Conroe
11:30 a.m. City Council Chamber, 300 West Davis

A submission log of applicants for the 2002 LIHTC Program is available on the Department's website at:

www.tdhca.state.tx.us/lihtc.htm. The public comment period concerning the 2002 allocation closes on May 15, 2002. All comment should be directed to Brooke Boston, LIHTC Program Acting Co-Manager, and may be provided to the Department by any of the following methods:
Facsimile: 512/476-0438 or 512/476-0764
E-mail: bboston@tdhca.state.tx.us
Regular Mail: TDHCA LIHTC Program P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941

Citizens wishing to provide comment on all other Department programs may do so by writing to the attention of the TDHCA Housing Resource Center (HRC) at the address above, by faxing the HRC at (512) 475-3746, or via e-mail: info@tdhca.state.tx.us.

Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for the public hearings should contact Gina Esteves, ADA Responsible Employee, at 512/475-3942 or Relay Texas at 800/735-2989 at least two days prior to the meeting to ensure appropriate arrangements can be made.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, public and energy assistance programs, and colonia activities. The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$400 million, the majority of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants, and federal tax credits.

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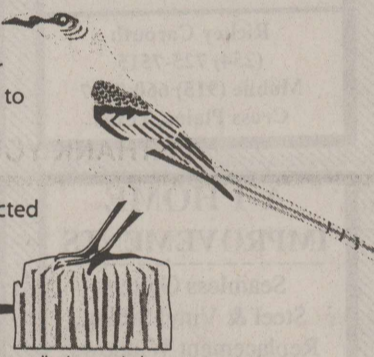
To hear a mockingbird

Although the state's official bird, the Northern, or Common Mockingbird, can be seen in the state year-round, its songs are more often heard in the Spring and early Summer.

The mockingbird has been the state bird of Texas since 1927. Its scientific name *Mimus polyglottos*, is translated as "many-tongued mimic" and highlights the mockingbird's amazing talent for mimicking the songs of more than three dozen bird species.

In *To Kill A Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee wrote that it is "a sin to kill a mockingbird."

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, it is also against the law—mockingbirds are a protected songbird in the United States.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and <http://www.wildtexas.com/wildguides/mockingbird.htm>.

Scranton Meeting Saturday Afternoon

The Scranton Community Center will meet Thursday, April 6 at the community center at 3:00 p.m. Joanie Shrader, president, says the meeting is for the purpose of planning the homecoming musical dinner and any other matters that need to be discussed. Please attend to give your help and suggestions.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

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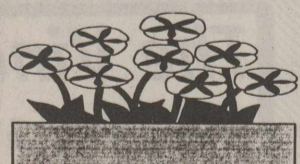
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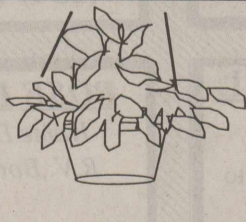
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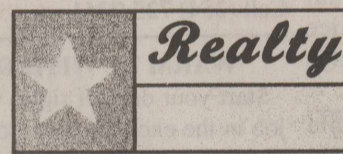
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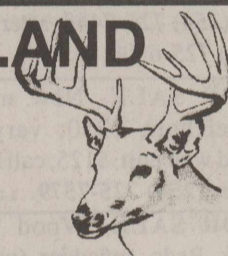
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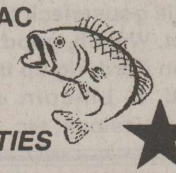


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All interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Public Notice

The Cross Plains Independent School district is accepting sealed proposals with bond (bid bond and performance bond to be supplied within 10 days of awarding of contract) for tear-out and replacement of gymnasium floor. The district requires the minimum specification of the 82 foot by 98 foot flooring to be #3 maple or better. The district requires two parts to the proposals. Part A to be the tearing out the old floor/ Part B: Installing the new maple flooring. All sealed proposals must be sent in writing to Mr. Jackie Tennon, 700 North Main Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 by April 17, 2002, no later than 5:00 p.m. The Cross Plains I.S.D. reserves the rights to refuse any and all sealed proposals. For more information you may contact Jackie Tennon at (254) 725-6121.

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The family of Richard Illingworth would like to thank everyone for all of the calls, cards, prayers, and inquires during his illness.

We would also like to thank Higginbotham Funeral Home for their special care and help to us, The First Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality and noon meal, and to everyone for the cards, prayers, flowers, and food. God Bless each of you.

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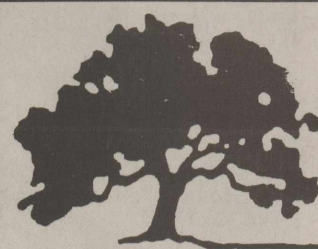
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Pact with spiders...

Many years ago I formed a pact with the spiders determined to share my abode. In the Pacific Northwest there's nothing crawling that's too dangerous, so I permitted some corner lurking, but absolutely prohibited interference with my life. If they stayed to their corners they were safe, but venture into my territory and zowie - bam - splat - they were gone.

We had ceiling spiders. I'm sure they had a bug name, but I have no idea where they fit in the classification of eight-legged creatures. All I know is they were big, they were black, they had furry legs, and they were easy to catch if you got a stool, stepped up and grabbed the thing in a big wad of tissue. Hesitate and you lost, but more importantly the spider escaped. That meant the bug had a second chance to scare the wits out of its human cohabitants.

In addition to ceiling spiders there existed in my corners an assortment of floor spiders, as well as underneath and behind spiders. Many of my most memorable spiders were window sill spiders. Under the terms of our pact, in peace I watched many spider lives spin out while washing dishes.

A large spider happened along one early autumn morning that was too big to trust to any pact. It had thick barbed legs. The body was smooth and shiny, and more than an inch in diameter. It was almost too heavy for the web string spun out behind it. Several times during construction it fell off the web, dangling until it caught its balance.

Locomotion was slow and halting, but the creature had a will to live and managed to slither into a crevice as whack after whack with my broom missed the mark.

No one really believed my description of its size. All winter I

kept watch on the spider's escape hatch, but I didn't expect to see it again.

One spring day it was suddenly there, anchored an inch or two below its winter bed, with a goody to attract prey swinging back and forth from its fishing line. My hiding spider was finally seen - and believed.

Eyes went wide, you could even say bug-eyed. There was much flailing with mop, broom and baseball bat. The spider was finally knocked to the ground, along with some of the woodwork and a curtain, and SQUISH - that was the end of that.

The mess left behind was too gory to talk about, but I was finally vindicated. For weeks the battle was reenacted in great detail. Everyone talked about the size of that spider, wondered how it got so big, and if there were any more of them around. Truth be told, I myself thought I was exaggerating until face to face again with the gruesome thing.

The spider world has never quite forgiven me for breaking the pact. Our next house generated spiders in proliferation among the wood beams of the living room ceiling. I was forced to carry a broom with me at all times, swiping twice daily at the webs that could have us bound and gagged within a week.

By now, my perfidy is so widely known, our current spider population has taken to dropping in on me unexpectedly. They parachute from the ceiling after I've settled into a comfortable chair. A soft sudden "plop" sends shivers through my spine and sets me off in a spastic frenzy. I'm absolutely sure there exists a taunting spider laugh that human ears cannot detect. No pact I know of can be considered binding once this starts.

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50 YEARS TOGETHER— Jr. and Judy Livingston

Couple To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary April 14

The children and grandchildren would like to invite you to a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception honoring their parents and grandparents, Jr. and Judy Livingston of Gustine, Sunday, April 14th, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Gustine Community Center.

The couple was married April 12, 1952 in Gustine.

Judy is the daughter of Daisy and the late W.B. Holcomb of Cross Plains.

Everyone is cordially invited. Your presence will be gift enough.

Grand Ole Oplin April Lineup Set

The Grand Ole Oplin has a special lineup for the month of April and we hope everyone will come out and join us for a really enjoyable Friday evening.

Muddy Creek will start the month off on April 5th and will be playing all your favorite tunes. On April 12th, the Grand Ole Oplin will host a benefit dance, auction and bake sale for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smoot of Clyde to help with expenses during his cancer treatment. The Smoot's are two of our favorite dancers and have been long time supporters of the Grand Ole Oplin. Muddy Creek, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners, and CrossCountry will be providing all the entertainment for the evening. This benefit dance will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the bands will take turns playing until 12:00 midnight. Admission to this dance will be \$5.00 per person. Donations for the auction or bake sale would be

appreciated and can be made by contacting Judy Campbell at (915) 529-4301. Be sure to bring your usual snacks to be shared by all during the dance. On April 19th, we will return to our regular schedule and welcome back CrossCountry for your entertainment, and on April 26th Muddy Creek will return to close out the month.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at FM 604 S. and FM 2926 in Oplin. The usual Friday night dance begins at 7:30 p.m., and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

So gather the family and friends, put on your dancing boots and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and good times. See y'all there!

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

Callahan County AAH Groups To Participate In 17th Annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off

ABILENE—Texans enjoy boasting that they are the biggest, the best and the first at so many things. Those bragging rights extend all the way to the highway, where the innovative Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) volunteer program is another Texas first. The program began in Tyler in 1985 and has since spread worldwide. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off celebrates this legacy annually.

Two Callahan County AAH groups have already signed up to join 53 other AAH groups across the Abilene district and more than 28,000 AAH volunteers across the state to clean miles and miles of adopted highways on April 6. Another 47,000 Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers will launch community cleanups on the same day, making the Trash-Off Texas' largest one-day litter pickup event.

Locally, the AAH groups participating in the 17th Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-

Off are the Baird Chamber of Commerce and the Baird High School Student Council.

"Each year the department spends millions of dollars on litter pickup," Marvin Rogers, Callahan County maintenance section supervisor, said. "These funds could otherwise be spent on maintaining and beautifying roads if people would just stop littering," he added.

The Trash-Off is part of TxDOT's litter prevention program, which includes Don't Mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. These programs work together to change the attitudes and behavior of would-be litterers.

For information on participating in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, contact Rudy Rodriguez at 915/762-3310 or Mary Beth Kilgore, the district AAH coordinator, at 915/676-6806.

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Spring 2002 Trail Ride for Rehab Set

The Spring 2002 Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled April 20-21 for the Lambshead Ranch near Albany.

Registration will begin after 5:00 p.m., April 19 and continues April 20 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on April 20 and a shorter ride on the morning of April 21. Three meals will be served. Weekend activities will include an auction of numerous items and a Sunday morning worship service.

The historic Lambshead Ranch was founded in 1870 by J.A. Matthews and is located north of Albany in Shackelford and Throckmorton Counties. The Matthews & Reynolds families settled in the area in the 1850's and 1860's. This working ranch is known for raising Hereford cattle, and for many years being the home of legendary rancher, Watt Matthews, who recently passed away. The ranch contains some 40,000 acres along the Clear Fork of the Brazos River and once was part of the route in the 1850's for The Butterfield Stage Line which connected St. Louis & San Francisco. The AV

Brand used by the Ranch was first registered in 1855.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to see and explore a historical ranch which is normally not available to the public," Hicks said. "It should be a great ride."

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' fees will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Tim and Joyce Piland Custom Saddles, Greathouse Foundation, Chalmers Exploration Company, Morris Concrete L.P., Easley Trailer Manufacturing/Sammy Cockrell, The Tommy Morris Agency, Thomas Hicks Construction and Kelly Gill funding provides additional underwriting.

Cost for the trail ride is \$40 minimum per adult and \$15 minimum per child 12 years younger. Preregistration and a \$25 deposit are required. A negative Coggins test also is required.

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact Danny Isbell, Abilene, (915) 793-3507; Eva Horton, San Angelo (915) 223-6300, or after 7:00 p.m., Mac Sayles, Tuscola (915) 554-7884.

Community Leaders Meet for Lunch in April

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will sponsor a series of network luncheons in April for county officials and community leaders throughout the region.

Luncheons are set for April 10 in Anson, April 11 in De Leon, April 17 in Bronte and April 18 in Colorado City.

"The luncheons are for community stakeholders... for the people who work for the future of their community," according to TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle. "This year's series of luncheons will focus on issues of concern in our region that will be addressed in the next Legislative Session."

Interested participants are en-

couraged to select the most convenient location and make reservations by calling the host city: Anson (915) 823-3259, De Leon (254) 893-2083; Bronte (915) 473-3105 and Colorado City (915) 728-3403. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN office at (915) 676-0329 or 1-800-845-3563.

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