

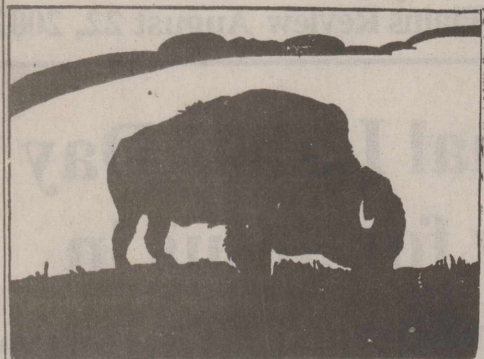
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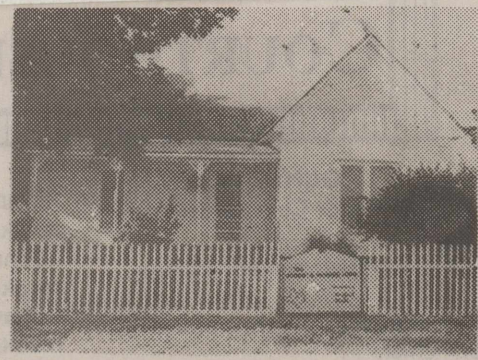
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## DOWN HOME

"Big, Big Tracks"

By Vanda Anderson Creech  
Editor

A trip to see the dinosaur tracks at Glen Rose has always been something I wanted to do, but I didn't have the opportunity until recently.

Leah, Chris and Kreede planned a day with friends, Michael, Gretchen and Bailey Allen, at the Dinosaur Valley State Park one Saturday and I was able to tag along.

The drive from Stephenville to Glen Rose was very pretty. I really like the landscape in this area. Everything was green and lush after the abundant rains.

I was surprised that the trees at the Dinosaur Park were mostly cedars. They had been trimmed in the picnic area to provide shade and so a little breeze could flow.

There were lots of folks with children camping and picnicking. The boys started the grill for hamburgers and they were tasty. Of course, everything always tastes better outside. Wonder why?

After lunch we packed up the food and drove to the area where the dinosaur tracks are visible. The best view was looking down from the bank of the river. There were one or two huge tracks that were easily distinguished.

When you imagine a huge dinosaur to match the size of the track it is amazing. I was trying to picture the creatures walking down through the river bed. Wow, what a sight that would be.

Chris, Michael, Gretchen, little Bailey, and I adventured down the steep bank to the river bed. Leah and Kreede remained in the air conditioned car. It was a hot day and the cool water felt great on your feet. It was so rocky that you need to wear tennis shoes to be able to get around.

There were dry spots and then areas with little waterfalls, plus deep holes of water. It was fun to weave your way around the rocks and water to see what was ahead.

I was ahead of the others when Chris called out, "Vanda Clair---the Trailblazer!" I was having a great time. I love walking through some beautiful scenic place exploring around the next bend.

At one point I couldn't decide the best place to cross the water so I asked a young man where he crossed. He replied, "We just jumped across right here." I told him jumping was not an option for me, and he said, "Let me help you across then." He took my hand and helped me walk through the fast moving water. It is refreshing to meet nice people everywhere you go. Most folks are glad to be kind and cooperative, if you let them.

Now, this is what living is all about! There are still so many sights in Texas that I want to see and I'm not getting any younger.

However, rafting down a river in Colorado is another experience I want to do before it's too late. I realize what Daddy meant when he said, "Don't wait to do things when you retire and have the time and money, because you won't feel like it then." He was so right! How often do we let existing get in the way of living? Go on an adventure!!!!!!



ICE CREAM SUPPER A BIG HIT—Homemade ice cream was served to all who came to "Meet the Buffaloes." (School photos courtesy of Teresa Koenig.)



FELLOWSHIP ENJOYED—Parents, grandparents, and fans visit at the "Meet the Buffaloes" event.

## Join the Cross Plains 4-H Club --Come Have Fun!!!

The Cross Plains 4-H club will have its annual membership drive and meeting on Monday, August 26th at 7 p.m. at the United Pentecostal Church. Anyone that is 9 years old or in the 3rd grade as of August 31 of this year is welcome to join. The club will be working on Foods and Nutrition, Citizenship, Veterinary Science, Livestock, Photography, Shooting Sports, and Public Speaking Projects.

If you are interested in any of the above projects please come help. Adults are welcome to attend with their children and any adults with skills in the above projects are welcomed to come assist as a volunteer leader. The club meets monthly, every 4th Monday evening at 7 p.m.. If you need more information call the club manager Nancy Randolph at 725-4226 or Robert Prietz, county extension agent, 915-854-1518.

## Memorial Service Set for Homer T. Griffin at Cottonwood Cemetery

Homer T. Griffin, longtime resident of Cross Plains, will be honored with a memorial service at the Cottonwood Cemetery on Saturday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Knox Waggoner, longtime pastor at Cottonwood Baptist Church, will officiate the service. Bro. Homer and his wife, Maggie, were pillars in the Cottonwood Church for many years. The couple lived in Cross Plains from 1974 until 1986 when they moved to Tool, Texas. Both were active in the Cottonwood Baptist Church where Homer served as deacon. Maggie passed away in 1996.

Homer passed away on May 28, 2002. He was survived by a stepson, W.C. "Dub" McCarty and wife, Jo Ann, of Tool; a son, Homer C. Griffin and wife, Shirley, of Long Beach California; four sisters, Nellie Hodges of Anton, Plumer Biggs of Paradise, Edna Hayworth of Big Spring and Kathryn Mason of Monahans; a brother, Jack Russell Griffin of San Antonio; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

All of their friends and neighbors are especially invited to attend the memorial service.

## Lone Star Pony Club Meeting

The Lone Star Pony Club is a newly organized group of individuals who are interested in small horses and/or ponies. This club was formed to promote the small equine, no matter their pedigree or lack of.

Members are adults and kids who enjoy Miniature horses, Shetlands, Welsh ponies or small horses.

Eventually, the club would like to have "Little Horse" shows. Club members have already represented the club in parades and local open shows. The club is open to anyone who enjoys the small equine or wants to learn more about them.

The Lone Star Pony Club has set a meeting for August 25, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cross Plains Community Center. It will be a pot luck lunch. There will be door prizes and a silent auction to raise funds for the club.

For more information, please contact Amy Moerman (915) 356-1749 or e-mail wamxxd@itexas.net.

## FUMC Opens Its Doors to the Shiloh Quartet on Aug. 25th

On Sunday, August 25, First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains, Texas will host Southern Gospel Music at its finest when it opens its doors to the Shiloh Quartet in concert at 10:45 a.m.

Considered to be one of the premier groups "on the rise" in the world of Southern Gospel music, The Shiloh Quartet can together in late 1995, and has its roots in Arlington. Their desire from the beginning has been to spread the gospel of Christ far beyond the State's borders. While they have always known that if they keep their hearts and minds on Jesus Christ, God would take care of their ministry, they had no idea of all the avenues He would open to them! God has indeed given them a ministry that has reached far beyond Texas borders. A testimony of that impact was their selection and participation in

various ministry programs at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sidney Australia.

The group performs familiar hymns such as, "I Bowed On My Knees," along with several songs from their current project. Songs like "I Wanna Know," "Great Day," and an original song entitled "The Message Will Go On" - songs that not only appeal to a wide age - ranged audience, but have climbed the Southern Gospel charts, and have become listening favorites on radio stations across the country.

This morning of music and laughter is one the whole family will enjoy, so mark your calendar and plan to join First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains on Sunday, August 25 at 10:45 a.m. The concert is free to the public. A love offering to help with expenses will be taken.

## Mini Cheer Camp Set for August 24th at Old Gym

All Pre-K through 6th grade girls may come and learn a cheer, a chant, and a short dance for the 2002 football season at the Mini Cheer Camp set for August 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old high school gym. The Varsity Cheerleader will be conducting the camp.

You may pick up registration forms at the Elementary Office. Please have all forms turned in by

Thursday, August 22, in the Elementary Office. The cost of the camp will be \$25.

Lunch will be provided and parents may come watch the girls perform and attend the award ceremony at 1:30 p.m. August 24th.

The girls will also perform at the first home football game, Friday, August 30.

For additional information call (254) 725-6121.

## West Nile Virus (WNV) Advances Westward

A horse in Haskell County, about 50 miles north of Abilene, tested positive Wednesday, August 7, for the Mosquito-borne disease West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the 21st horse to test positive for WNV in Texas, and is the westernmost detection of the virus in the state.

"Previously, WNV had been detected only as far west as Travis County," reported Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division

of the Texas Department of Health. "The virus was confirmed in a dead blue jay submitted from southwest Austin on July 17." He noted that infected birds have been found in seven counties: Collin, Dallas, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant and Travis. Infected mosquitoes have been detected in Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Orange and Jefferson counties.

See Virus Page 3

## Reserve Football Seats On Sale

Reserve football seats go on sale August 30th at the Robert Lee game at Buffalo Stadium. A table will be set up at the game and all seats must be paid by August 30.

If mailing a check, address to: Cross Plains I.S.D., 700 North Main Cross Plains, Tx. 76443 Attn: Reserve Seats.

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6:00 p.m.

HICO

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# COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Harret D. Burch, criminal mischief.  
Dana Bailey, theft of property by check.  
Christopher M. Brock, possession of marijuana.  
Kennon H. Trew, assault.  
Charla Fowler, theft of property by check.  
Russell W. Palmer, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Joshua W. Haile, theft.  
Kent B. Fambro, DWI.  
Charla Fowler, theft of property by check.  
Jana Bergen, theft of property by check.  
Lorene Towle, theft of property by check.  
Rick Smith, theft of property by check.  
Tiffany Bryant, theft of property by check.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Michael Lowther, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$350 fine, \$243 court costs.  
Harrel Burch, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 6 month probation, \$100 fine, \$263 court costs, \$200 restitution.  
Darnell Eugene Montague, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Michael Lowther, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.  
Michael Waterbury, motion to withdraw as surety granted.  
Jalayne Williams, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Cecilia Algara, motion to dismiss to no drivers license granted, case dismissed for time served in Terry Co. jail.  
Kennon Trew, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$243 court costs.  
Arnold E. Yawn, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.  
Russell Fiscus, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$263 court costs, \$3000 restitution.

**Brandi Ketcherside**, motion to revoke probation granted.  
**John McDonald**, motion to revoke probation granted.  
**Shawn P. Spinks**, motion to revoke probation granted.

**Marriage Licenses**

James Brandon Wallace of Abilene and Michelle Renee Ely of Clyde.  
Lavon Dale Grice and Rhonda Elaine Colby, both of Baird.  
William Daniel Bowles and Fawn Nicole Smith, both of Clyde.

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

**Civil Filings**

W. Dawrmen Newton vs. Granbury Housing Exchange, damages.  
Hazel May Dorrough and Ray Eugene Dorrough, divorce.  
Larry Edward Ross, II and Joyce Ann Ross, divorce.  
Stephen Kenneth Epps and Judith Elizabeth Epps, divorce.  
Ruby Mae Williams and Floyd Gilbert Williams, divorce.

**Criminal Indictments**

Christopher Meece, burglary of a building.  
Aaron F. Saenz, money laundering.  
Edward T. Walker, Ct. I, possession of child pornography, Ct. II, possession of a controlled substance.  
Justin R. Garrett, possession of a controlled substance.  
Tara A. Fowler, burglary of a building.  
William G. Reece, burglary of a building.  
Clifford R. White, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.  
Kory L. Nixon, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.  
John S. Renfro, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

# OBITUARIES

**Lucile Callaway**

Lucile Callaway, 94, of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, August 17, 2002, in the Comanche Community Hospital in Comanche.  
Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.  
Lucile was born March 2, 1908 in Eastland County, Texas to Clema Louallan Martin and Annie E. Merritt Martin. She married Henry Franklin Callaway in Cisco, Texas on May 17, 1928. She was a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ. She attended North Texas Teachers College in Denton after she graduated high school.  
Survivors include two sons, Benny Callaway of Cross Plains and Weaver Callaway of Coppell; a daughter, Doris Ann McBride of Comanche; 6 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.  
She was preceded in death by her husband, a brother, a sister, and three grandchildren.  
Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehab in Abilene, Texas.  
Pallbearers were Marty Callaway, Rocky Callaway, Jack Callaway, Dan Callaway, Jerry Callaway, C.V. Dickson and Jim Grubbs.

**Wanda Loyce Bible**

Wanda Loyce Bible, 63, of Rising Star, passed away Sunday, August 18, 2002, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.  
Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2002, in the First United Methodist Church with Lynn Starnes officiating. Burial was in the Romney Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.  
Wanda was born January 8, 1939 in Midland to Ernest and Eunice (Ware) Smith. She married Jerrell Bible on February 15, 1969 in Rising Star. Mrs. Bible lived in Rising Star for the past 18 years. She was an artist and a member of the Methodist Church.  
Survivors include her husband, Jerrell Bible of Rising Star; a daughter, Danetta Massimino of Copperas Cove; two sons, Jason Bible of Fort Polk, Louisiana and David Bible of Santa Anna; a brother, Carl Smith of Cross Plains; a sister, Frances Reeves of Denver, Colorado; and a grandson, Matthew Massimino of Copperas Cove.  
She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Kevin Joseph Massimino.

# Annual Labor Day Party for Jesus in Rising Star Announced

The Annual Labor Day Party for Jesus will be held at Colquette Williams Park in Rising Star August 30th through September 1st. On August 30th a Jam Session will begin at 7 p.m. Come on out and play, sing, or just enjoy the music. There will be music of all styles as all sing praises to Jesus. Justin Todd, Gary Childers, Jarrod Hoggett, Max Ratliff, James Adams and hopefully many, many others will be singing and playing for the Lord. August 31st the activities will begin at noon, and there will be lots of fun and games, including bean bag toss, Bible walk, sack races, Bible Bingo, fishing, football throw, and three-legged race. All games are free with lots of prizes. Hot dogs and Cokes will be available for 25 cents each. A talent show will be offered at 4 p.m. with a \$5 entry fee. All proceeds will be given to the winners. Call (254) 643-5502, (254) 780-2459 or (254) 643-1056 to register or contact any of the Faith Cowboy Church congregation.

Justin Todd Herod and his band will perform at 6 p.m. He is an awesome Country Christian recording artist and his love for the Lord shines in his music. Jerry Way, "The Cowboy Poet," will share his talent and Pastor Dan Haby will bring a message that evening, God willing. He pastors a church in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Hopefully Bro. James the homeless will share his testimony, as will others who have found true meaning of their lives through the love of Christ. The trough will be available on the hill at the park for baptism Saturday night and Sunday morning. About a dozen received the Lord last year. On September 1st breakfast will be at 10 a.m. and church services at 11 a.m. They hope to have Bro. James Adams bring a message and any others whom the Lord chooses to send their way.

## Deadline 2 Weeks Away to Apply for Disaster Assistance

SAN ANTONIO - Residents and business owners who have not yet registered for federal disaster assistance have only two more weeks to apply. September 2, 2002, is the last day to file applications for most disaster assistance programs, according to federal and state disaster recovery officials. Homeowners, renters, farmers, agricultural producers and business owners who sustained damage from the Texas floods of 2002 are encouraged to apply. Call the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) toll-free number, 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY: 800-462-7585 for the hearing or speech impaired to register. The telephone numbers are operational from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday. Applicants may qualify for assistance under several federal and state programs such as disaster housing assistance, grants to meet disaster-related needs, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans, or farm loans from the Farm Service Agency. SBA loan applications must be completed and returned to the SBA by September 2, 2002. Businesses applying for Economic Injury Disaster Loans have until March 3, 2003 to apply. Even after the deadline, if you have questions about your applications, FEMA will still be a telephone call away. Applicants may reach FEMA by calling the toll-free number at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY: 800-462-7585. Representatives are available from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., CST, Monday through Friday to answer questions about the assistance process or the status of applications.

## 3 cats test negative for rabies in June

Three cats tested negative for rabies in Callahan County during the month of June 2002, according to the Texas Department of Health. The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division performed the three cat tests during June. During the month of June, the Texas Department of Health reported 71 animals tested positive for the disease in Texas. There were 1,313 negative tests performed. Of the positive tests, 51 skunks tested for rabies, two fox, five bats, two raccoons, one dog, five cats, three bovine, one goat, and one wolf-dog tested positive for rabies in June.

## Senior Citizens Dance at De Leon

A Senior Citizen Dance will be held at the De Leon City Hall this Saturday, August 24th, and also Saturday, August 31st. Both dances will start at 7:00 p.m. Country and western music will be provided by Buck Sutton and his Country Gold Band. Admission will be charged.

**The Living Word**  
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MARK 6: 37,38,39  
He answered and said unto them, "Give ye them to eat." And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?  
He saith unto them; How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.  
And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

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Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
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Sponsor: Pioneer Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

**Cross Plains Cemetery Association Report For The Month Of July 2002**

<b>Donations &amp; Earnings</b>	
Cade Reunion 2002	\$190.25
I/M of Kirkham Family	
By M/M Clyde Davis	50.00
Harold Womack	50.00
Interest Added to Acct.	4.01
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 294.26</b>
<b>Grave Opening Permits</b>	
Higginbotham Funeral Home- GOP for Kathryn Tunnell	\$75.00
Kimbrough Funeral Home- GOP for Marjorie Lacy	75.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>



# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



**BUFFALOES CHARGE AHEAD**—A strong line of Buffaloes played in the scrimmage against Throckmorton.



**DEFENSIVE ACTION**—The Buffaloes (in white) hold back Throckmorton's offensive line.

## Garden Club Offers College Scholarships

Cross Plains Garden Club, as a member of District VIII, Texas Garden Clubs Inc., is pleased to announce the availability of a \$500.00 scholarship, financial aid for the study of Agronomy, Botany, City Planning, Environmental Concerns, Forestry, Floriculture, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Land Management, Plant Pathology and/or related sub-

jects.

Anyone interested in making application for this scholarship grant is encouraged to contact any Garden Club member and/or Julene Franke, Chairman of local scholarship committee, at (254)725-7434 or 725-7712. Application deadline is September 10, 2002, so please hurry.

## Thomas Wins Back to School Tennis Tournament

Russell Thomas, a junior high student at Cross Plains I.S.D., participated in the Brownwood Back to School Tennis Tournament on August 9th. Thomas played excellent and won 1st place in the 8th grade singles.

His competitors and game scores are as follows:

Thomas/Zach Green (Brownwood) 6-0 and 6-0

Thomas/Wade Lowery (Brownwood) 6-4 and 6-4

Thomas/Devin Evetts (Brownwood) 6-2 and 7-5

Jake Maenius (Mason)/Cody Smith (Glen Rose) 6-1 and 6-2

Lowery/Evetts 6-2, 2-6 and 6-1

FINAL: Thomas/Maenius (walkover) Lowery/Smith 6-0 and 6-0

Consolation.

Thomas is the son of Jackie and Roxie Thomas and the grandson of Mack and Shirley McConal.

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

August 13, 2002

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a budget workshop with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt. Bryan Bennett was not present.

The following administrators were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison.

The Cross Plains School Board discussed the budget and proposed tax rate.

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guests, Nathan Joy and Vicki Campbell.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards.

Minutes were approved as read.

Donnie Dillard came in late.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Bennett to accept the investment report for 2001-2002.

For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Bennett that we approve acceptable use policy for technology. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Wyatt that we accept

property insurance in the amount of \$35,250 from Texas Association of Public Funds Property and Liability. For 6 Against 1 (Bennett)

Entered executive session at 9:17 p.m. and was out at 10:08 p.m.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Bennett that we accept the resignation of Linda Shoemaker. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Schaefer that we hire Tani Pointer as a cafeteria worker with a letter of assurance. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by V. Dillard that we adjourn. For 7 Against 0

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District was held on August 20, beginning at 6 p.m. at the high school board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Public Meeting for Budget Hearing and Tax Proposal.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on August 16, 2002, at 10 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on August 27, 2002, beginning at 6 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. Discuss and Take Action on Budget Amendments 2001/2002
3. Discuss and Adopt Budget for 2002/2003
4. Discuss and Adopt a Tax Rate for 2002/2003
5. Discuss and Take Action on Agreements for the Education of Non-resident Students Between Calhoun County I.S.D. and Cross Plains I.S.D.
6. Adjourn

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## Girl Scouting For: Every Girl, Everywhere

For nearly 90 years, Girl Scouting has offered girls in America a place. A place to make friends, try something new, experience a "girls-only" environment, and figure out where their ideals lie in the context of a greater world. Girl Scouting has been inclusive, striving to leave no girl out, regardless of her economic status, race, religion, or ability. Now, more than ever, Girl Scout volunteers and staff are committed to the effort of bringing Girl Scouting to every girl, everywhere.

Of course, Girl Scout volunteers, especially leaders, are key partners in delivering Girl Scout program to girls. Who are today's volunteers? Not all Girl Scout leaders are moms, grandmothers, aunts or older sisters. A good number are, of course, and do the same incredible job they've done for years. Increasingly, Girl Scout leaders are unrelated to the girls in their troops, work full time outside the home, are unmarried, and are sometimes dads, not moms. Today, not only dads, but grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, neighbors, and friends are taking active roles in Girl Scouting.

Troop leadership is not the only available position available for volunteers. As the demand on girls' time increases, the need for short-term programs also increases, along with the volunteers to facilitate these programs. Are

you willing to spend one hour a week for six weeks teaching a group of girls about golf? How about a six-hour course on vehicle maintenance? Other available positions could include such responsibilities as: helping organize troops in the fall, training other volunteers for their jobs, being a first-aid for troop trips, or being a member of the council's board of directors. If you have a particular talent or interest, there's a place in Girl Scouting for you.

Truly delivering on the promise of Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouts—that Girl Scouting is something for all the girls—will take the whole community: the girls, adults to fill all positions, donors to help fund the local program, as well as support of the Heart of Texas Council service center in Brownwood.

Our dreams is attain a world where every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout has that opportunity: a world where adult volunteers are plentiful; a world where Girl Scouting is as contemporary, diverse, and unique as each girl we serve. Think of the difference you could make in a child's life—just by spending a little of your time!

If you have a lot of time or just a little, contact the Heart of Texas Council at (915) 646-1516 or 800-346-3215. The Girl Scouts are partially funded by the United Way.

## State launches Safe Routes to School program

ABILENE—With another school year right around the corner, the Texas Department of Transportation is unveiling a statewide program that will improve children's safety in and around school areas.

TxDOT issued the call for Safe Routes to School projects on Friday, Aug. 2. This competitive construction program is funded through state and federal funds and local contributions.

"The overall purpose of this \$3 million program is to improve safety of school age children in and around school areas," Roy Wright, Abilene district director of transportation operations, said.

Wright went on to say, "While Safe Routes to School is an overall concept that includes education, enforcement, and safety construction improvements, TxDOT's Safe Routes to School Program will only address safety construction improvements."

"This program gives us the ability to increase safety along routes students take to get to their school campuses," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT traffic operations director. "It can also help reduce the number of conflicts between students and motor vehicles."

Eligible projects include sidewalk improvements, pedestrian/bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, traffic diversion improvements, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and traffic calming measures for roads located off the state highway system.

Project submittals must be made by cities or counties. School district officials and other

interested citizens are encouraged to work with city and county governments to develop projects.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Safe Routes to Schools program is Dec. 6, 2002. Applications and the rules for submission and selection are available at the Abilene district office or on the following web site: [www.dot.state.tx.us/trafficsafety/srs/default.htm](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/trafficsafety/srs/default.htm).

Wright outlined the guidelines used to determine what projects can be submitted. They are:

- Projects may be located on or off the state highway system, but must be located on public property.
- Must be located within a two mile radius of a school.

- Federal funds requested will be limited to \$500,000.
- Projects can cover multiple school sites if similar work is performed at each site.

- Local project funding match of 20% is required unless the project is located on the state highway system in which case TxDOT will provide the match.

- A project on the state highway system will not be eligible if the district finds that the project interferes or disrupts any planned improvements or existing infrastructure.

The Safe Routes to School program is the result of House Bill 2204 passed during the 77th Legislature.

For information, contact Wright at 915/676-6805.

**School Zone Safety Tips**

- \* Obey speed limits.
- \* Watch for students walking and riding bicycles.
- \* Be prepared to slow down and stop when school buses flash yellow and red lights.

## SCHOOL MENU

AUGUST 26 - AUGUST 30

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY-- Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
TUESDAY-- Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
WEDNESDAY-- French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY-- Donuts, Assorted Juice

### LUNCH

MONDAY-- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy Applesauce  
TUESDAY-- Steak Fingers w/ gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches  
WEDNESDAY-- Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit  
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## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from August 11, 2002 through August 17, 2002 include:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Texas Needs A New Strategy for Mental Health Care"

By Joe Lovelace

The 1990's in America was known as the "Decade of the Brain." Neuroscience unlocked many of the mysteries of the devastating disorders of the brain such as schizophrenia, depression, manic-depression, and Alzheimer's disease.

Out of the laboratories came a series of "new generation medicines: which showed great promise in treating a wide range of mental illnesses and bringing hope for recovery.

Recent reports about the Dallas County Jail, which indicated prisoners with mental illness are routinely left untreated and unmedicated, offer evidence that our public policy for caring for persons with serious mental illness lags far behind science.

Texas is at a critical crossroads. The state's mental health care strategy is in need of repair, if not replacement.

The crisis is driven by many factors.

The U.S. Surgeon General found that one in five Americans is likely to experience a mental disorder. Texas' growing population means at least four million Texans could be in need of help.

Texas is the country's second largest state, but spends fewer dollars on mental health services than 46 other states. Under current funding levels, our public mental health system sees less than one-third of our fellow Texans who fall into a priority population that should be receiving care. There are waiting lists in virtually every community for mental health treatment.

Other warning signs in the system show that the state's jail and prisons have become the de facto mental health system that gives little hope of rehabilitation.

The Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council found that Texans who had a past contact with the public mental health system include at least 29,000 inmates currently in Texas prisons, 106,000 adults and juveniles on probation or parole and 15,000 adults in county and city jails.

It appears that Texas mental health policy has traded straight-jackets for handcuffs and a padded room for a jail cell. The trade off is neither humane nor cost effective. It is estimated that to house 29,000 prisoners at an average of \$40 a day would amount to \$423.4 million a year --or more than \$900 million in the state's two-year budget.

1st add mental health strategy

The biggest unanswered question is whether the lack of a strong public policy for persons with mental illnesses and inadequate treatment put these people in conflict with the law -- or whether it was simply easier to deal with them by sending them to jail.

The Texas taxpayer is footing the bill for an inadequate, if not failed, public policy for treatment of Texans who have a mental illness. It is money that can be better spent, for example, on programs to curtail teenage suicide or help families with a mental health crisis.

But money is not the only solution. Texas needs a new mental health strategy.

It must be based on a plan that would serve as a catalyst for change, set expectations, and establish responsibility for those changes. It should include a Texas mental Health Advocacy Commission to help lawmakers with data, science and ideas to tackle this problem.

A new strategy must be innovative.

Florida adopted a "partners in crisis" program that brings together law enforcement, judges, mental health and substance abuse providers, hospital administrators, public defenders, persons with mental illness and their families. The new strategy need to treat the whole problem not just the consequences.

Any strategy must put an end to the state's reliance on the criminal justice system to house adults and juveniles with serious mental illnesses.

And, above all, a new strategy should not be developed in a vacuum.

Mental health advocates, consumers and their families, health experts and behavioral scientists must join hands with lawmakers, community leaders and other government officials to develop a system that is as effective as it is caring.

A consensus effort would be better than a lawsuit. A court-ordered plan wouldn't allow Texas the flexibility to design a policy that best suits the needs of its citizens.

At the same time, by doing nothing, we continue the senseless and costly tragedy that results from a failed mental health policy.

Mr. Lovelace is the public policy advocate for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Texas and is an attorney who lives with his family in Dripping Springs. He has members of his immediate family who live with a serious mental illness.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 6, 2002

July 2, 2002

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present except for Joe Ingram and Dean Dillard. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 91 calls for service, 1 criminal mischief, 2 assaults, 2 family disturbances, 4 thefts, 2 disorderly conducts, 1 burglary of a vehicle, 4 accidents, 1 assisted DPS accident, 2 thefts of anhydrous, 2 drug arrests, 1 prowler, 2 gas drive-offs, 1 telephone harassment, 1 warrant served, with 48 warnings and 65 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, presented the monthly Judge's Report. He reported 75 citations with 33 remaining outstanding for May. There are 12 citations outstanding for May, 12 for March and 8 for February. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Mr. Walter Thomason met with the council concerning the Senior Citizens Center. He reported that in January there were 535 meals served, 521 in February, 509 in March and 582 in April, which averaged 24 meals daily. Meals on Wheels averaged 21 daily. Thomason also discussed the leaks in the roof and the drainage problem in the back of the building. Discussion was held at length concerning the action needed to correct both problems.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Copies Made At The Cross Plains Review

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present except for Jerry Cassle. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 76 calls for service, 10 criminal mischiefs, 2 assaults, 1 warrant served, 1 gas drive-off, 1 prowler, 1 forgery, 2 trespassing, 1 sexual harassment, with 46 warnings and 65 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, presented the monthly judge's report. He reported 65 citations for June with 39 remaining outstanding. There are 10 citations outstanding for May and 9 for April. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Mark Norris discussed with the council the fact that the tapping fees for water and sewer are barely covering the cost of the parts. He asked the council to consider raising the tapping fees from \$125 to \$200 each for permanent structures and from \$250 to \$350 for mobile homes or vacant lots. Edwin Weiss so moved with James Nichols seconding and the motion carried.

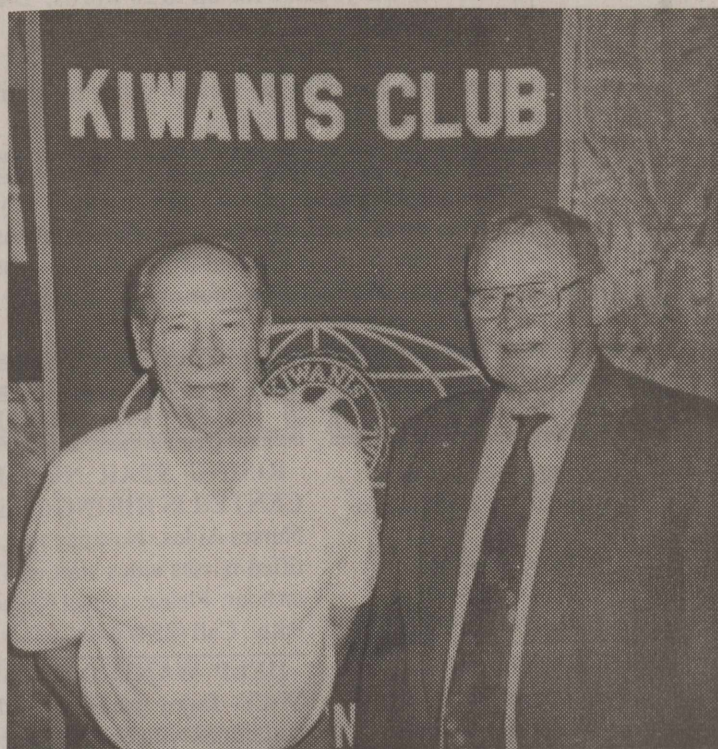
Greg Turner met with the council to discuss Phase I of the Park Project, and asked the council to consider completing the park this year instead of waiting until next year's budget. He informed the council that he has completed this year's phase and had a lot of good response on the park. By general consent the council agreed to get prices on a gazebo and sign for the park.

James Nichols moved to put another light on the north side of the sidewalk at the City Hall. Dean Dillard seconded and the motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to pay the bills. James Nichols seconded and motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn. Dean Dillard seconded and motion was carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary



KIWANIS MEMBERS HEAR STIRRING MESSAGE ON "OUR FLAG"—Wallace Bennett (right), was the special guest of Kiwanian Carl Edington (left) at the Kiwanis Club's August 13th meeting. Kiwanis members and guests heard a stirring message in regard to Mr. Bennett's thoughts on "WHAT OUR FLAG MEANS TO ME," drawn from experiences of his personal years of military service, the events of 9-11, and a couple of books he had recently read. Tears and pride filled the eyes and hearts of all who were in attendance, causing all to reaffirm our "pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands—one nation UNDER GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Cisco Junior College is pleased to announce that the CJC Wrangler Band and Belles have been invited to a rare eighth appearance in the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. A tour group will accompany the Band and Belles for the trip, which will include four days and three nights in the "Big Apple." You are invited to be a part of the exciting Thanksgiving week festivities! The group will fly from the Dallas/Fort Worth airport to New York City. Charter buses will transport the group to a four star hotel that is centrally located for shopping and entertainment.

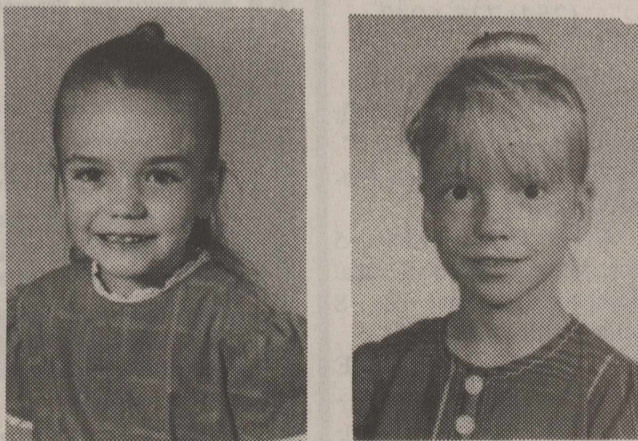
The group will be guided on a sight-seeing tour of the major New York attractions. On Thanksgiving Day, everyone in the group will be treated to a full-course Thanksgiving Dinner on the "M/V Spirit of the Hudson Cruise." Each tour participant will receive a ticket to the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, the world's largest indoor theatre and home of one of the

most elaborate shows to be seen anywhere. Participants will also have the opportunity to view a Broadway show during their free time and at their own expense.

New York is a wonderful place to experience. The trip will be Tuesday-Friday, November 26-29, 2002. During the seven prior trips to the big parade, CJC has received numerous compliments on the organization and content of its tours, and the 2002 version will be quite similar.

Places are available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Make reservations as early as possible by sending your deposit of \$300 per person to Debbie Baker, Cisco Junior College, Route 3 Box 3, Cisco, Texas 76437. Please send in your deposit by Monday, September 16, 2002, in order to be assured a place on the tour. Reservations received after that date will be accepted as space is available. Final payment for the trip is due Tuesday, October 15. For more information, please contact Debbie Baker at (254) 442-2567, ext. 140 or Kyle Viertel, ext. 125.

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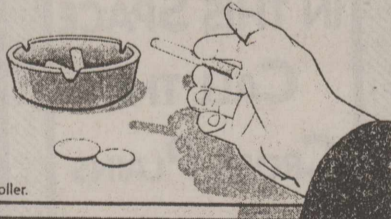
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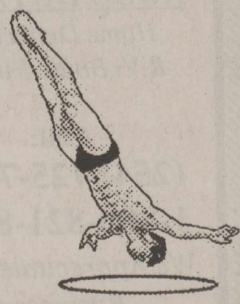
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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## Three Island Crossing...

One of my vacation days with my sister was spent at river's edge, watching covered wagons cross the Snake River at Three Island Crossing in Idaho.

After much waiting, a murmur went up from the crowd of 3,000 onlookers as the first team appeared in the gap between two hills. The oxen looked the size of ants in the distance. The crowd shaded their eyes to watch the slow descent to the riverbank.

At the crossing, there was more waiting while processional order was determined. As with cattle drives, the horses went first; some carrying riders or packs. Then the wagon stock follows more readily.

We began to see right away this was not a comfort ride. One pack horse thought it would be easier to ford this waterway without his bundles. Then he thought it would be even smarter not to go across at all. There was thrashing and splashing and some unexpected dunkings while riders insisted there was only forward — no going back. We watching heard the twang of reality. For the actual pioneers, those many decades ago, whatever happened along the way, there was only straight ahead.

The commentator told us over the loudspeaker that history etched deep in the community of Glenn's Ferry, Idaho (population 1,300) and that this was their 17th year re-creating the historical crossing at this spot.

As the wagon teams pulled closer to the bank, he explained the nature of this particular crossing. The wagon trains had already rolled across the wide plains, the Platte River, and the Rocky Mountains by the time they came to Three Island Crossing. It was not a point at which they could ford straight across the river, but the geography dictated a crossing that was referred to as a "hook." We watched while the "actors" performed.

The wagon train was pulled by mule teams, horse teams, and ox teams, some more reluctant to enter the water than others. They waded downstream, close to the bank, toward the first of

the three islands. They passed along the island, still headed downriver, to the second island. Observers along the shore didn't understand what a "hook" was until the riders took to shouting and whistling. They turned the critters sharply, forcing them to swim a short distance upstream, then driving them up onto a wide sandbar and past the crowd.

Two of the teams got confused by the change of direction in the middle of the river, and spun around a couple more times while the wagons teetered. The drivers struggled to keep everything afloat and untangled. The wagon train paraded onto dry land to wild applause and some tears. The crowd shivered as one being. For a moment the wide river of time closed the hundred year gap.

The commentator explained that in years past, wagons have tipped over, packs have been lost, horses and wagons have been dragged downstream by the fierce current.

It was a cloudless 95 degrees at the river, and no shade. We sat on bleachers and lawn chairs, covered with hats and umbrellas. We wore sunglasses, bug spray, and sun protection rated 30 or 45. We drank chilled beverages and carried cell phones. What a contrast to the sweating, shouting, surging passage we had just witnessed.

More and more re-enactments are being added to the Oregon Trail, along with museums and interpretive centers. Highway rest areas display exhibits that tell the story and reveal the hardship with quotes from pioneer diaries. For adventurous souls, there's even an annual trek that retraces the Trail from Independence, Missouri, to the wide Willamette Valley in Oregon.

At 70 miles per hour it takes only minutes to cross bridges, and mere hours to drive through mountain passes that took days. Sometimes we need to get out of the car and put our hands in the ruts carved by wagon wheels a century past.

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MR. AND MRS. MARK NORRIS

## Bishop-Norris Wed August 6th

Rachelle Lea Bishop and Mark Anthony Norris exchanged wedding vows Tuesday evening, August 6, 2002, at the fountain in the new park beside the City Hall. Ronnie White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, officiated. Jesse Norris, daughter of the groom, stood up for the couple. A reception was held following the ceremony at the same location.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Leslie (Cissy) Horan of Cross

Plains and the late Larry Bishop. The bridegroom is the son of Z.L. and Joan Bullard of Clyde and the late Gene Norris.

Mark is employed by the City of Cross Plains and Rachelle is attending Hendrick School of Radiology. The couple will reside in Cross Plains.

Mark and Rachelle would like to thank everyone for sharing in the beginning of their new life together.

## Happy Birthday!

### AUGUST 23

Kenneth Given  
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Andy Meiron  
DeAnna (Besselaar) Zell  
Brandon Self  
Steven Nickerson  
Roy Larkin  
Verna McCowen  
Jordan Duran

### AUGUST 24

Bobby Dale Payne  
David Morales, Jr.  
Debra Ann Hollis  
Kathy Chesshir  
A.S. Harlow  
Barbara Ann Black  
Mrs. Lester Mannering  
Eddie Neizke  
Sherry Sheryl Erwin  
Harold Reed  
Dr. Toby Irwin  
Cory Barron  
Alicia Duran

### AUGUST 25

Mrs. Morris Odom  
Benny Free  
Dorothy Johnston  
Mrs. James W. Lindsey  
Belinda Hefner  
Rick Hines  
Daynelle Johnson

### AUGUST 26

Mrs. James Hall  
Charles Lee  
Dee Perry  
Mrs. Edwin Weiss  
Brenda Lewis  
Rocky Callaway  
Kevin Shane Singleton  
Bertis Letney  
Homer Turner

### AUGUST 27

Elizabeth (Cavanaugh) Weide  
Michael Cowan  
Mrs. Doyle Lovell  
Monty Champion  
Vicki Dillard  
China Dillard  
Bea Kay (Bell) Jackson

### AUGUST 28

Rex Tackett  
Aaron Jason Pope  
Billy Dolgener  
Wade Odom  
Dawn (Strength) Hilburn  
Mrs. Freddy Tatam  
Kim Gregory  
Marcia Hoover  
Jamie (Guerra) King

### AUGUST 29

Grady Christensen  
Susan Coppinger Cohn

### AUGUST 30

Steven Lanc Cox  
Marty Callaway  
Chuck Woody  
James Scott  
D.T. Crockett, Jr.  
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Donald Wilson  
James Ross  
Carl Blutworth  
Allen Barnett  
Brian Clare  
Kory Hartman  
Jesse Brooks  
Ryan Glenn Payne

## Albert and Dorothy Lovell Celebrated Their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Albert and Dorothy Lovell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 11th, with all their children visiting and attending the morning worship service at the First Baptist Church. Everyone was present except for one grandson who is living at Mathis and a granddaughter's husband, a fireman with the San Angelo Fire Department in Andrews, who was on duty.

Those attending were Eric and Joyce Lovell of San Saba and their daughter Dana Lovell of Abilene; Allen and Phylis Lovell of Paint Rock and their daughter, Amber Lancaster of San Angelo; and Bobby and Gail Lovell and

children, Aaron, Andrew and Ashlyn of San Saba.

A large lunch and an afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Albert Lovell and Dorothy Fore were united in marriage at the Baptist Parsonage in Cross Plains on August 9, 1942 with Rev. E.C. Poe officiating.

The couple lived in Baird and Cross Plains most of their married life. Albert was Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Appraiser for more than 25 years before retiring in 1986. The Lovells have lived in Cross Plains for the past 8 years and are active members of the First Baptist Church.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	June 3.9%	July 4.4%
Total Labor Force	6,586	6,858
Total Employed	6,331	6,553
Total Unemployed	255	305

## County's unemployment rate jumps to 4.4%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of July 2002 rose to 4.4% from June's 3.9%, according to jobless figures released Monday, August 5 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 6,858 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,553 were employed during July 2002, and 305 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 4.4%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in July 2001 was 4.1%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.9% in June 2001. Of the 6,586 civilian labor force in the county during June, 6,331 had jobs while 255 or 3.9% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.1% in May 2002, 3.3% in April, 3.5% in March, 3.8% in February, 3.8% in January 2002, 3.3% in December 2001, 3.6% in November, 3.6% in October, 3.8% in September, and 3.9% in August, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties' unemployment rates for July 2002 include: Brown, 5.4%; Coleman,

7.5%; Eastland, 4.8%; Jones, 3.5%; Runnels, 3.9%; Shackelford, 4.1%; Stephens, 5.4%; and Taylor County, 4.5%.

The Texas actual series unemployment rate increased by nine tenths of a percentage point from a May rate of 5.9 to 6.8 percent in June. This is a smaller than expected May-to-June change, as a normally rises by an average of 1.1 percentage points. The United States unemployment rate rose by five-tenths of a percentage point from May's rate of 5.5 to 6.0 percent in June. June is the second consecutive month that the state rate has been higher than the national rate.

Of the 10,820,300 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,082,400 in June. The total number of unemployed in June 2002 was 737,900. The state's unemployment rate during the same month last year was 5.6%.

The United States unemployment rate was 6.0% in June 2002. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of May 2002 was 5.5%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in June 2001 was 4.7%.

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