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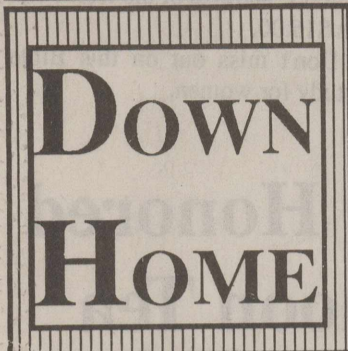


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"Need An Attitude Adjustment?"

By Vanda Anderson Creech  
Editor

Have you ever found yourself completely surrounded by insurmountable problems (so you've convinced yourself)?

You've laid awake at night trying to think of a solution or some way to "fix it", only to get up the next morning feeling exhausted and defeated.

During this time of trials, you have almost depleted your circle of friends asking for their advice. They probably cringe at the sound of your voice, thinking, "Oh, no, it's her again!!!"

Why do we do this to ourselves, when we could simply turn these problems over to the Lord? However, even if you engage all your friends who are prayer warriors into praying for your situation, their good efforts are futile if you don't let go and let the Lord handle the problem.

A dear friend handed me a Joyce Meyer tape and stated, "You know that old saying about you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink? Well, I'm offering you what you need, but you have to be willing to listen."

Talk about an attitude adjustment!!! Joyce Meyer is a straight-shooting lady who tells it like it is. After listening to the tape I realized what I had been doing. Then I remembered that my daughter, Blandye, had given me a set of four tapes for Christmas that I had listened to a long time ago. I got the set out and started listening to them on my way to work or where ever I am traveling.

If you are not familiar with Joyce Meyer, she has a television and radio ministry and she is a powerful speaker indeed. One of her tapes is on "Where the Mind Goes, The Man Follows". Just give that a little thought and it certainly makes sense. She makes it clear that if you don't keep your mind focused on the Lord, then Satan will control your thoughts. Your thoughts can make your physical body ill. I can testify to that. However, once you realize what your doing, you can change the direction of events.

On another tape she tells about a man who listed 10 things he was thankful to God for before getting out of bed each morning. The idea was starting your day off positive and laying the foundation for a wonderful day. It has been working for me. I've always known that happiness is a choice, but sometimes we caught up in ourselves and lose sight of all the blessings.

If you recognize yourself herein, remember not to lose faith, because undo worrying becomes a sin. Fight the good fight of faith.

## Project Pride Meets

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The public is invited.

Submitted by  
Bethany Parker

## New Livestock Compensation Program Announced by FSA

College Station, Texas-- September 20, 2002 - Beginning October 1, 2002, the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting applications for the new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP). According to John Fuston, State Executive Director, LCP will only be available to counties within the state that were designated primary disaster areas for drought in 2001 or 2002. LCP provides direct payments, per head to producers who suffered livestock losses as a result of severe drought conditions. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$752 million in LCP assistance nationwide.

"Eligibility for LCP is not a pasture loss issue, but rather a livestock loss program that provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who would otherwise have no opportunity for loss compensation," said Fuston. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in

conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to severe drought conditions," he said.

Eligible counties must have been named as primary counties under a Secretarial disaster designation or have been requested as such by the Governor no later than September 19, 2002 and are subsequently approved. A complete listing of all eligible Texas counties is being compiled at the state and national levels. Producers should contact their local county FSA office to confirm eligibility.

"LCP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who owned livestock for at least 90 days as of June 1, 2002," said Fuston. "Livestock meeting these requirements that have been sold or died after June 1, 2002 and prior to LCP sign-up would still be eligible for payment."

Eligible livestock under LCP provisions are beef, dairy cattle,

sheep, goats as well as buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle. However, swine, poultry, feedlot livestock and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm are not eligible for LCP payments.

"This program is 50 percent larger than any of the previous livestock assistance programs paying on a per head bases and not prorated for herd liquidation. All things considered, LCP is a proactive, responsive and producer-friendly program developed with the rancher's well-being and financial viability in mind," said Fuston.

For more information regarding Livestock Compensation Program provisions, payment rates and eligibility criteria contact your local FSA County Office or visit the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov> and FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## PIP Registration Deadline is Oct. 11th

The PIP (Players In Progress) program is ready for their 6th year in Cross Plains. This program is for students K-6th grade. The PIP program is a national program designed to teach kids basketball skills and tricks. This program is also designed to provide coordination skills, team skills and disciplines.

The cost for the program is \$50.00 per student. This will include a basketball, shirt and shorts. The program will start October 19th, with a camp in Cross Plains, given by the national headquarters. Practice will be announced and will be once a week for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. We will be performing a group routine at the varsity games in Cross Plains.

We also will perform at one college game.

This year the PIP headquarters are requiring 3 certified coaches to assist the coordinator. Stephanie Rockett, Dannes Turner and April Cowan will be attending a coaching course on October 19th. With the help of Greg Turner, the PIP staff have a lot of great plans for this year's group.

There is financial aid for those who are not able to afford the whole \$50.00. It is limited, so you must call as soon as possible. Please call Terry Thomas, PIP Coordinator, at (254) 725-6460 or one of the coaches for information. This is going to be an exciting year. PIP PIP PIP YEA!!!

## Memorial Scholarship Honoring Leif Hunter

A Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set up by Leonard Wilson, Principal of Cross Plains High School, in memory of Leifton Wayne Hunter, son of Ken and Terri Hunter who was recently killed in an automobile accident. Leif was a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

Those wishing to make a dona-

tion may do so at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains or by mailing their contribution to:

Leifton Hunter Scholarship  
P. O. Box 699  
Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.

For more information contact Leonard Wilson at (254) 725-6121 or Debbie Edington at (254) 725-6141.

## National Honor Society Students Adopt Local Highway for Clean-up

Members of the Cross Plains High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will be collecting litter along State Highway 279, beginning at noon on Saturday, October 5.

The Chapter adopted this 2-mile stretch of highway traveling towards the Callahan-Brown county line. The community is invited to participate and help beautify the "gateway" to Cross Plains.

Please help support these students this Saturday and everyday

by not littering along the public highways.

The National Honor Society is a service-based organization promoting excellence in academic achievement, and service and volunteerism in our community. The chapter will meet at the intersection of State Highway 279 and 206 at noon. They hope to see you there.

Should you have any questions, please call Melissa Wooten at the high school.

## Dressy School Reunion Set October 5th

The annual Dressy School Reunion is scheduled for October 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center on 1st Street.

All ex-students, teachers, and anyone interested are encouraged to attend. You may call Tommie Harris at (254) 725-7254 for further information.

## Cross Plains Musical Had a Large Turnout

Cross Plains Musical held on the 27th of September was a great success. We had talent and spectators represented from: Cross Plains, Coleman, Rising Star, Cisco, Eastland, Comanche, Ranger, Clyde, Brooksmith, Bangs, Olden, Brownwood, Abilene, Burkett, Carbon, Cleburne, Fort Worth and Houston.

The ages ranged from 15-year-old fiddler, Daley Anderson, of Cross Plains, to the fiddle player from Mel Tillis' band, Randy Elmore, to a couple celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary.

Dalton Thomas, from Brownwood, opened the night, and closing out the evening was David Rodgers, of Comanche, singing Alan Jackson's tribute song to September 11, "Where Were You?"

Cross Plains will have a musical every 4th Friday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to come show their talent off or come enjoy the talent of others as a spectator.

**ABOUT NANCY ROBINSON MASTERS**  
Mark your calendars now for Tuesday evening, October 15, at 7PM at the Community Center. That's when the versatile Nancy Robinson Masters will be here for the fall book review sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library.

## Rob Beckham to Speak at Farm Bureau Meeting

The Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Saturday, October 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird School Cafeteria in Baird, according to Sam Snyder, county president.

A fish fry will be catered by Catfish Corner of Abilene to members prior to the meeting. Farm Bureau members and their immediate families will be served at no charge.

There will be a dessert contest

this year, and drawing for door prizes.

Guest speaker will be Republican candidate for Congress Rob Beckham.

The main purpose of this annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new directors will be elected at this time, as will voting delegates to represent our county at the state convention to be held in Corpus Christi, December 8-11.

Please call the office at (915) 854-1044 for reservations.

**C.P. Junior High vs. Baird**  
October 3, 2002  
6:00 P.M.  
Home  
J.V. vs. Baird  
Immediately following

**Varsity vs. Baird**  
October 4, 2002  
7:30 P.M.  
Baird

## Immunization clinic in Cross Plains slated October 7

The Texas Department of Health will be offering a childhood immunization clinic on Monday, October 7th at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center located at 701 Beech.

The immunization clinic will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. If your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox vaccine is now available and required for school children.

For additional information about the immunization clinic call (915) 754-4945.

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Marriage License

James Weldon Collins and Amber Cathleen Richardson, both of Putnam.

Charles Ray Deshazo and Cheryl Lea Henderson, both of Clyde.

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

### Civil Filings

Pamela Kelly vs. Phillip, Trever Hensley and ZC Speciality Insurance Co., petition and request for disclosure.

Russell Edward Speight and Kimberly Fowler Speight, divorce.

Kenneth Wayne Brock and Moria Catherine Brock as next friends of Aaron Brock, a minor

vs. Larry Fox, Loyd Fox and Weda Fox, damages.

State of Texas vs. \$1,364.00 US currency; 1999 GMC Suburban, Mexico LP# DUR9567, VIN# 3GCEC26R4XG194648, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

### Civil Minutes

Joe Wyatt, Jr. and Betty Joyce Wyatt, divorce granted.

Dortheie Anelle Free and Stephen McDonald Free, divorce granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Clarissa D. Sallila, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Timothy Wayne Skiles, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

## OBITUARIES

### Everett Linger

Everett Linger, 79, of Cross Plains, died Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2002, at the graveside with Jim Maxwell officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Everett was born October 5, 1922 in Boise City, Oklahoma to James Earl Linger and Jessie Wiona Bell Linger. He married Lorraine Trusty in Lubbock, Texas on April 24, 1943. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp.

Survivors include two sons, Allen and Everett Linger, both of Tye; four daughters, Debra Jean Linger of San Angelo, Carol Lee Babbitt of Flagstaff, Arizona, Kay Linger of Stephenville and Traci McGuire of Oklahoma; and one sister, Zola Breze of Clovis, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers and two sisters.

### Gerald Shepherd

Gerald Shepherd, 91, of Rising Star, died Friday, September 20, 2002, in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 24, 2002, in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Terry Simmons officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gerald was born September 22, 1910 in Hope, Michigan to George and Nellie (Henry) Shepherd. He married Laura Robinson in January of 1932 in Edenville, Michigan. Mr. Shepherd moved to Rising Star three and a half years ago, coming from South Carolina. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rising Star.

Survivors include his wife, Laura of Rising Star; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Rita Shepherd of Rising Star and Doug and Donna Shepherd of Woodstock, Georgia; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Neil Brown of Traverse City, Michigan; two brothers, Claude Shepherd and Ted Shepherd, both of Michigan; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Gerald also had numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Louis Shepherd, a brother, Max Shepherd, and three sisters, Donna Elmore, Crystal Swanton and Bella Bowman.

Memorials may be made to the Gerald Shepherd Memorial Fund, c/o People's State Bank, P.O. Box 67, Rising Star, Texas 76471.

### Alice Mae (Ford) Heath

Alice Mae (Ford) Heath, 77, a former Abilene resident, died Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at a medical center in Azle, Texas. Mrs. Heath resided in the Cottonwood community for several years.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2002, in Cottonwood Cemetery, with Matt McGowen officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Mrs. Heath was born July 7, 1925 in Cache, Oklahoma, the daughter of Herman Ford and Elsie Moore Ford. She was the widow of Harvey Carl Heath and a member of Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son and wife, Harvey Danny Heath and Quida, of Abilene; two daughters and husbands, Jerry Mae and Robert Allison of Prineville, Oregon and Carla Sue and Allen Hasty of Springtown; four stepchildren and spouses, Herbert and Margaret Heath of Potosi, Luther and Judy Heath of Abilene, Alice Faye Heath of Abilene, and Ruby Jean Bullard of Dallas; two brothers and spouses, J.B. and Blanche Ford and Charles Ford, all of California; 26 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and five great-great-grandchildren on the way.

## Proclamation

An estimated 13,100 Texas Women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002, and about 2,600 women will die of the disease. Nationally, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women.

Research shows that breast cancer mortality could be reduced by at least 30 percent if women followed recommended breast cancer screening guidelines.

All women have a chance of developing breast cancer. Women 50 or older are the most likely to develop breast cancer. African American women are the most likely to die of breast cancer than any other group of women. Getting a mammogram and breast exam only once is not enough. The American Cancer Society recommends that women get a mammogram and clinical breast examination every year beginning at age 40.

A woman has the greatest chance of successful treatment if breast cancer is found at an early stage. Early detection practices are part of a good breast health routine. A good breast health routine includes a yearly mammogram, clinical breast examination and monthly breast self-examination.

Further, Medicare helps pay the cost of a yearly mammogram for women 40 or older with Medicare Part B.

In recognition of the important lifesaving early detection

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## All Area Women are Invited to the Study "A Woman's Heart--God's Dwelling Place"

All area women, regardless of denomination, are cordially invited to attend "A Woman's Heart--God's Dwelling Place" by Beth Moore. The study will begin Thursday, October 10th, at the First Baptist Church with two sessions to accommodate everyone's schedule.

The first session will be led by Ellowayne Tatom from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The second session

(same information) will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. led by Sharolyn Walker.

You need to contact the church office at (254) 725-7629 or the leaders as soon as possible to sign up for the session you want to attend. The cost of the workbook is \$15.00.

Don't miss out on this Bible study for women.

## Local Lady Honored with Afternoon Tea

An afternoon tea was held in the home of Naomi McCowen of Cross Plains on Saturday, September 22. Bonita "Skeet" McCowen Horton and her daughter, Cathy Horton, both of Burke, Virginia, helped to host the event.

Attending the tea were Louise Brooks, Mona Wilson and Marby Fox, all of Rising Star, Charlene McGowen of Brownwood, Charlotte Montgomery and Garnette McKoy of Cross Plains.

Three types of tea were served along with tea sandwiches (cucumber, ham salad and cilantro chicken salad), petite quiches and bacon-cheese pastries, scones with Devonshire cream and strawberry jam, and a variety of cookies. To make the occasion more memorable, an overview of the origin, history and traditions associated with an afternoon tea was presented.

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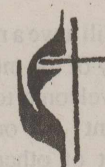
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Channel Catfish, Bass, Hybrid Bluegill, Fathead Minnows, Kol, Crappie and Triploid Grass Carp are now available for pond and lake stocking.

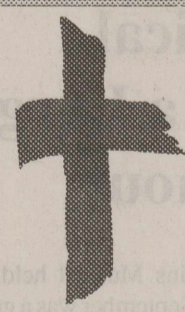
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## PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies are busy working on Christy Chesshir's "Postage Stamp" and Frankie Smith's "Flower Garden" quilts. We did get the Rehab top in the frame. It is a beautiful blue "Tulip" top. We will be working on these for a while.

The club is also working on our annual quilt show. We will have the data nailed down this week. We are targeting the last of October or the first weekend in November. Along with the quilt show, we have a bake sale--yummm-yumm. We also invite any vendors who would like to come out (no electric hook-ups). Everyone be looking for future information in next week's article.

Thursday Frankie Smith with her friends from Pioneer Baptist Church to attend the Cross Timbers association meeting at Milton Baptist Church. A great time was had with good preaching. The Calgary Singers and a choir of inmates from the correction center in Brownwood were there. It was all good music.

Friday Frankie and Jean Fore attended the Cottonwood musical. Saturday they traveled to the Brownwood musical, also.

Jean Fore has for her company Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harlow of Wolforth. Also, her sister, Vi Harlow of Cross Plains, visited with her a while. Jean always enjoys them coming to see her.

Tige Ezzell visited his grandmother, Olena, and aunt, Anna, and other members of the family in the area. Tige received his wings from the Marine Air Force in San Antonio, Randolph Air Force Base. Tige is now in North Carolina for three more months of training.

Linda Worly of Hewett and daughter, Misti Forbes, and Meagan of Temple, visited Olena and others in this area a while back. Homecoming was "Great"! Jackie Ezzell Fagan and son, Camden, and Kathy Ezzell Wakefield of Mansfield were here. Peyton and Lauren of Fort Worth enjoyed Homecoming in Rising Star. They are daughters of Skipper and Roberta Ezzell of Fort Worth and Rising Star. The kids enjoyed the "BIG PARADE"!

Earlene Burge's nephew and niece, Jessie and Linda Burge, visited Sunday. They had a nice visit and promised to come again soon. They have been living in Arizona but are buying a place in Cisco.

Charlene Chesshir and Christy Dallas went to Abilene again this Monday. Charlene saw her dentist. They got the lining and batting for our Rehab quilt. Sandy Hutton and Frankie Smith got the quilt in the frame.

Charlene's son, Jim, came Saturday to get the wheat sowed. He had a rough weekend with breakdowns. He stayed over and finished up Tuesday.

We can see a lot of plowing going on around here. A lot of farmers are getting their wheat in. Maybe we will get some rain, enough to get the wheat up and going. We can also see pumpkins being brought to the markets. It's time to get our yards looking like fall!

All you folks go out to the football games this Friday. Support your local teams. These boys work very hard. Also, the band and cheerleaders work very hard, too.

See you next week!!

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### Baptist Church Holds Successful Fifth Sunday Singing Celebration

The Cottonwood Baptist Church enjoyed a well-attended and happy crowd last Sunday night as the congregation hosted its Fifth Sunday singing festival. The congregation and visitors enjoyed hamburgers and trimmings after the songfest.

### Abilene Book Event Draws Cottonwood Attention

Charles and Lou Rodenberger, fresh from their recent nation's capitol adventure where Lou participated in the White House Symposium on Women of the West, spent most of the past week involved in West Texas Book and Author Festival. It was the second annual outing of this literary venue for readers, writers, librarians and other book lovers.

Lou's presentation at the Brown Bag Luncheon series on Wednesday concerned her editorial work on Lawrence Clayton's, "31," a collection of stories about West Texas and West Texans.

"Late Texas folklorist and historian Lawrence Clayton found beauty where many might see only mesquite and limestone; he found humor in unlikely places, and he found nobility in the hard lives of cowboys and rough-necks," wrote David Coffey in a foreword to the book. He is a former friend of Clayton's and a former editor of Abilene's McWhiney Foundation Press. Lou Rodenberger put the final touches of editing and writing on the publishing project after Clayton's death, and after David Coffey's move to Tennessee.

Dr. Lou Rodenberger, Professor Emeritus of English at McMurry University, was a long-time friend and professional colleague of Lawrence Clayton. She has written extensively about women authors and other western subjects.

Lou also served as moderator of a panel discussion and book-signing activity of the week-long literary festivities.

I was happy to journey one of the Brown-bag luncheons with my old friend, Jack Tunnel of

Cross Plains. We both enjoyed Dr. Lou Rodenberger's presentation on Wednesday.

Jack has written, designed and published a few copies of his own book about his experiences as a B-29 pilot during WWII. He has donated a copy of the book to the Public Library of Cross Plains, and has allowed me to read his personal copy.

If you want to experience feelings of sitting in the cockpits of several training planes and those of actual bombing raids over Japan; emotions of "sheer terror," and those of the extreme delight of walking away from "every landing" then this book by Jack is a good book to read. The book is well written, well organized and gives a blow-by-blow of each mission Jack and his crew flew.

### Cottonwood Will Be Setting Of October's Best Sights and Scenes

Mark your calendars. The quilting club will meet at the Community Center on Thursdays: Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 15, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31.

The Cottonwood Musical, October 18, will take place at the Cottonwood Community Center. In addition to the excellent musical fare of great entertainment, this night will be billed as a fundraiser for the upkeep of the Community Center. The Cottonwood Quilting Club will serve Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. So it will be a great time to bring the family out for a great meal, good entertainment and opportunity to help a very good cause.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control unity will meet on October 15, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is another opportunity for citizens of Cottonwood to exercise their freedom and volunteer for a good cause.

The Cottonwood Community Singers will hold practice on Sunday afternoon October 6. Time and place to be announced. Singers are needed and wanted to join this group and possibly sing for the fund-raiser on October 18. Call Norma Strahan (725-7635 or Jacque Childress (725-6866).

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Flowers for the month of October are Calendulas and Cosmos.

#### "A Cuppa Joe"

Once a long time ago---I heard a little tale, concerning an immigrant, which I thought was quite humorous.

It went like this: A young man (we'll call him Joe) named Joseph, an immigrant to America, could speak no English. He had just arrive in New York City.

You can just imagine how overcome he was with all the wonders and glamour there. After wandering the streets for two days, taking in the sights, Joe began to realize that he was hungry. The country from which he came was very poor and Joe wasn't used to eating very much or very often, hence, he was able to go sometimes three or four days without eating.

He had a little money to hopefully take care of meals until he found work. So he began to notice all the food vendors, shops and restaurants and would stop and observe them. Finally he got up the nerve to go in a small sandwich shop, but they were unable to understand him since he spoke a foreign language. He left and went to sit on a grassy knoll in a park to think. Finally after several hours, he decided on a plan.

The next morning he stopped by the little sandwich shop and listomers placed their orders. At long last, the realization came to him that there was one item which seemed to be the favorite of many different people. Next he went out and walked around practicing saying it.

As he grew hungrier, the more he practiced. Before he knew it, the time had come when it was going to be now or never for him and his quest. Just imagine how very hungry he must have been. That evening right about 6:30 p.m. Joe went to the little sandwich shop again. This time he went up to the counter and confidently climbed up on the stool, ready to try for some nourishment. When the counter clerk asked for his order and he bravely responded, "Apple pie and coffee, please." He enjoyed the food and drink very much. Then every day he went there and had apple pie and coffee.

Soon he was able to find work loading pipe onto a large truck. He worked hard every day and saved some money back from his paychecks. Sure as clockwork every day and night he went to the little diner and had apple pie and coffee.

After a while he began to tire of the same items every day and night. So-oo-o, he began to listen once again to the orders of those around him. Finally he decided he knew enough to order something else for a change.

Soon the counter clerk came to take his order. Joe very confidently said, "Ham and cheese sandwich." The counter clerk said, "Mayonnaise or mustard; smoked or cured ham; Swiss, cheddar or monterey jack cheese; whole wheat, rye, white or pumpernickel bread?"

Joe considered all this for a few moments and then replied, "Apple pie and coffee, please!"

It might not be what he wanted in life, but sometimes we just have to accept the inevitable. Apple pie and coffee---Anyone?

## LIBRARY NOTES



September 23-27

Hi! Who doesn't know Elmer Kelton? Well, he was in Abilene for the West Texas Book and Author Festival. (So was I, but my Cross Plains Partners didn't tell!) The highlight was the A.C. Greene Award, presented to Walt McDonald. Will's War by Janice Woods Windle, the luncheon speaker, is an unforgettable historical novel about Will Bergfield and his fight for freedom, with the help of three strong women.

If poetry is your thing, Walt McDonald has a book just for you in All Occasions, a story in poetry. You will love it. It ends,

"I remember counting back, then odd confusion in a recovery room, like waking dazed in a cave

or casket, bright light and voices but whose?

And what were they saying, what happened?

And where was this, wondering why can't I rise,

And throw off these winding sheets and walk.

Then there was New Choices in Natural Healing for Dogs and Cats. If you have pets, this book will interest you, though you may have some better remedies than some of these. The book is worth having. Try it.

**Stats:**

**Circulation:**

Books 81

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Charles and Lou Rodenberger - books

Susan Hunter - books and audio.

## RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

By MACK WATSON-BUSH

Greetings.

Residents Veleta Aaron and Clifford King took leave this week for a visit to the Rising Star Elementary School for a visit with the kindergarten age children there. They presented the sweet, innocent, open eyed ones with gifts of the foam balancers, made in the image of the frog, made here at the center in one of the craft classes. Both had a marvelous time, they said. Gene Moore again performed for the residents with his piano and , again, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Sunday afternoon the residents were feted to a special piano presentation by our weekend RN, Linda Payne. Linda plays beautifully and gave the hymnals she interpreted an almost poignant touch; poetry, if you will, wafting through the air it was. In union with the voices of our residents singing along, the ambiance in the room was tranquil, soothing, and lovely.

Mid week the center was host to Skoeter, the clown, from the circus that is slated to perform in Cross Plains this week. Humorous and jolly, the residents enjoyed the foolery. Thanks to the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce for arranging that show. Gratitude we send to the ladies of the 1st Baptist Church congregation of Rising Star for providing the sweets for the birthday party

last week. To borrow a phrase, a big heaping, helping dish of thanks to Dottie Davis and Betty Thomas, daughters of resident Jake Childers. Dottie provided the center with a large basket of candies this week and then later brought a mountainous pot of food for all to enjoy. Betty provided a chocolate cake. The food was delicious, to write the least, and we appreciate these gals so much. Thanks ladies and thank you all.

Veronica and Lee Robinette have named their new daughter, Roberta, to honor her late father. The little one weighed almost nine pounds at birth and by all accounts is another beauty; aunt Mina Rodriguez proudly beamed with the news.

How much is the doggie in the window? Well, this doggie is on our porch, not in the window, and is free. He has lost his way. A rat terrier he is and we ask that whomever his owner is, to please retrieve him for we don't know what to do with the little guy. His collar was broken and he is heartbroken as well, longing for his owner to find him. Cynthia Hoggett has been nice enough to board him until you come and take him home.

Best wishes to all, have a great week.

Go Buffaloes and Wildcats! Good luck this week.

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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I used an illustration in my last Sunday night's sermon that I will share with all who read this weekly Breakthru: A man was walking down a dark street one night and saw a pinpoint of light far ahead, coming toward him - though in a faltering sort of way. He thought that the one with the light had to be drunk but as the one carrying the light got closer, he could see that the man who had the flashlight also had a white cane. Obviously he was blind!

"Why does a blind man carry a flashlight?" he thought - then asked the man. The blind man answered, "I carry a light, not so I can see, rather so others can see and not stumble over me. I can't help being blind, you see, but I can keep from being a stumbling block."

It is sad that the Man that came as the Light, John 1:1-9, to be "the Light" to the world, John 8:12, so we would not have to "walk in darkness but have the light of life," verse 13, was considered by some to be "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense," I Peter 2:8 (Isaiah 8:14). But Peter explains that the reason why Jesus was a stumbling block to some was because they were disobedient to the Word. What do we allow Him to be - the Light or a stumbling block?

And Jesus said that Christians are to be "the light of the world," Matthew 6:14, "to shine before men as a good example, and allow God to be glorified," verse 16. How's our light? Let us "carry" the Light, both in order to see and in order for others to be able to see.

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THURSDAY-- Chicken Pot Pie, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn, Sugar Cookies, Bread, Milk

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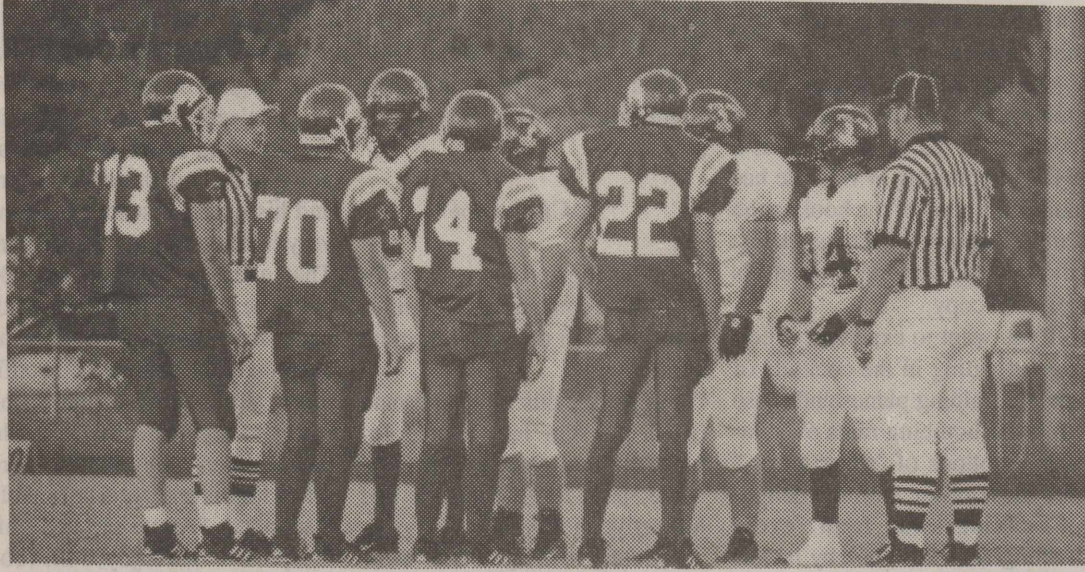
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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



VARSITY BUFFALO CAPTAINS MEET TOLAR'S CAPTAINS

## Buffaloes Open District Play

The Buffaloes opened district play last Friday night against the Tolar Rattlers. The Buffs came out fighting. The Buffs' defense stood tall holding the Rattlers to zero points in the first half. The defense also forced two turnovers in the first half. The turnovers were a fumble recovery by Randy Duncan and an interception by Colby Barton.

The Buffalo offense came out and moved the ball down the field. The offense then put the first points on the board when receiver Andy Bennett caught an 11 yard touchdown pass from

Quarterback Dusty Dickson. The Buffs took this 7 to zero lead into half-time.

The Buffs came out strong again in the second half. Their defense created another fumble that was recovered by Sammy Gardner.

Then the Rattlers scored 28 unanswered points and held the Buffs scoreless in the second half. This brought the final score to the Buffs 7, Rattlers 28.

The Buffs showed a lot of improvement in all areas of the game. The offense picked up 199 yards on the ground and 16 in the

air, for a total of 215 total yards.

The Buffs will go on the road to take on the Baird Bears this Friday. So come and support your Cross Plains Buffaloes.

### Individual Stats

#### Rushing

Dusty Purvis 18-105

Dusty Dickson 15-75

Colby Barton 3-7

Jose Mauricio 3-12

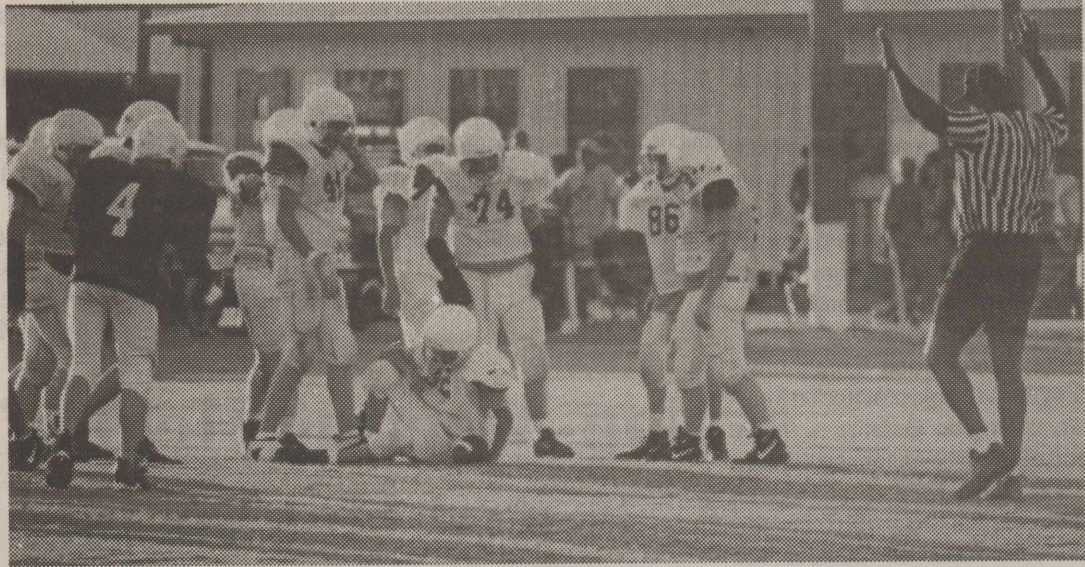
#### Passing

Dusty Dickson 3-10-2-16 yds

#### Receiving

Colby Barton 2-5

Andy Bennett 1-11



JUNIOR HIGH BUFFS END OFFENSIVE PLAY

## Buffs Get Bit By the Rattlers

Submitted by Teresa Koenig

The Junior High Buffaloes traveled to Tolar to take on the Rattlers. Captains were Colton Manley and Chris McBride.

The Buffs won the toss and elected to receive the ball. Saul Reyes made a 16 yard kickoff return and the 1st down was made on a quarterback keeper from Russell Thomas. The Buffs ended up punting.

The Rattlers got into the endzone on their second play, but the extra point was no good.

The kickoff from the Rattlers was received by Ricky Daniels and he moved the Buffs up to the 38 yard line. Quarterback Clay Koenig connected with Justin Dickson for a 13 yard gain. Then Thomas returned as quarterback and connected with Reyes for 64 yards and a TD. The touchdown was called back on a penalty. Sean Williams added one more 1st down before the 1st quarter ended. The score was 6-0 in favor of the Rattlers.

Thomas made a couple of

passes to Reyes and Koenig for a gain of 10 yards. Koenig stepped up and attempted a 48 yard pass that was incomplete. This ended the first half with the Rattlers leading 22-0.

If you have not seen a halftime performance of the Junior High Cheerleaders, you have missed out. They are doing a great job of entertaining. Thanks to Mykea Douglass, Karen Scott, Hallie Biggs, Macayla Cook, Christi Burrhus and Tiffany Walker.

Tolar came out with a new burst of energy and with a 80 yard kickoff return to open the 2nd half.

The Buffs ended up punting on their series of downs. Thomas couldn't get the punt off, causing a fumble. The ball was recovered by Jacob Melton. The Buffaloes were unable to get anything out of the series.

The Rattlers tried to pass on the 1st down only to be broken up by J.J. Callaway, as the buzzer sounded ending the 3rd quarter.

Keeping the Rattlers from scor-

ing, Thomas stepped up to pass the ball, but it was intercepted. The Buffaloes came back with a 70 yard touchdown late in the 4th quarter. Thomas made the two-point conversion. Tolar was victorious 42-8.

The Buffs will be at home this week against Baird. Remember to get your Home of the Buffalo signs from your favorite cheerleader.

### Individual Statistics:

J.J. Callaway - 2 tackles, 1 assist

Russell Thomas - 2 tackles, 12 carries for 145 yards

Saul Reyes - 2 tackles, 5 carries for 17 yards, 39 yards on returns

Sean Williams - 1 tackle, 6 carries for 42 yards

Clay Koenig - 6 tackles, 2 assists

Justin Dickson - 1 assist

Zach Bennett - 3 tackles, 1 assist

William Meador - 1 tackle, 1 assist

Jacob Melton - 3 tackles,

Joey Westerman - 2 assists.

The Junior Varsity brought home the win for the week --- the unsung heroes.

Students encouraged to apply for Service Academy nominations

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that he is currently seeking applicants for nomination to the United States Service Academies. Applications for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York may be obtained by writing to Congressman Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office.

Nominations are available to young men and women who will be at least 17 years of age, and not past their 23rd birthday, upon entry into the academy in July 2003. Nominees are selected by a competitive process, judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability, and community involvement.

The academies offer a four-year degree in a variety of areas ranging from Civil Engineering and Physics, to American Studies and Behavioral Science. While attending the academies, cadets and midshipmen will earn an annual salary from which expenses for books, uniforms and incidentals are taken. Tuition, room, board, medical, and dental expenses are paid for by the academies. Upon graduation from the academies, the cadets and midshipmen will serve as officers in the service for a minimum of six years.

Any persons who may be interested in applying for a nomination, or who would like to obtain additional information, should write to Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Applications must be submitted, and files completed, no later than December 1, 2002. Nominations will be made toward the end of December.

## ELEMENTARY EXTRA

BY NANCY RANDOLPH

The first six weeks ended with lots of fun. The students had lots of fun at the water parties for great behavior on Thursday, September 26, and the Pre-K on September 27. Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Nickerson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Tension and Mrs. Sowell did a great job of providing games. Everyone had a great time getting wet. The next six weeks will be a carnival/festival of games in November. Please encourage your child to follow rules in the classrooms, cafeteria and PE class. Do not forget to look at their behavior folder every Monday and sign it. This behavior folder also helps your child get a chance at being the water buffalo. Last week's water buffalo was Layton Turner.

The elementary is also selling spirit beads and Megaplaque at school and at football games. The beads are football shaped beads. The solid colored beads are \$2.00. The purple and gold multi-colored beads are \$2.50. The cheer beads with megaphone shapes are \$3.00. These are on sale on Thursday and Friday's before school in the cafeteria. The megaplaque are a clapper noisemaker and megaphone. They are \$3.00. This money goes into the elementary activity fund for parties and AR prizes.

Make sure your child is reading every evening for 15-30 minutes in an AR or library book. The amount of time depends upon your child's grade. Children need to be read too, read with, or encouraged to read independently

every night to build their reading skills and comprehension skills.

The Pre-Kindergarten will be studying keeping themselves safe this week. They will be discovering how to stay away from harmful substances, dial 9-1-1, never talk to strangers, and read safety signs. They will be attending the circus' program on endangered species.

Mrs. Purvis needs some flashlight bulbs, old flashlight bulbs, old flashlights, aluminum foil pie pans and Ping-Pong balls. During the first six weeks all of the students learned about energy and its forces. This 2nd six weeks will be spent studying electricity and physical properties of matter. The students in 3rd-6th grades will have electrical projects of various types due. The 3B-science class needs to be praised. They all turned in their book reports for the six-week on time! The candy they had was great! Do not forget to look for science articles each week.

The elementary is off to a great start. Look for the UIL contest to begin soon. The UIL meet will be held in late November. The students in grades 2-6 can participate in various contests. The PIPS notes were also sent out last week with the students. For more information contact Teri Thomas. The Girl Scout organization also sent out membership papers. Pictures will be made on Wednesday, October 2.

## Cross Country Results

Saturday, September 21 the Cross Country teams traveled to Brownwood for the 2nd Annual Brownwood Cross Country meet at the TYC facilities. Results are as followed:

### \*Jr. High Girls (4th place team)

\*8-Christi Burrhus

25-Brittani Libey

50-Kassie Milam

52-Christina Avants

54-Rence Byars

### \*Jr. High Boys

\*6-Justin Dickson

\*18-Chris McBride

28-J.T. Isbell

Saturday, September 28 the teams participated in the Coleman Cross Country meet at Hords Creek Lake. Results are as followed:

### \*Division I Jr. High Girls (10th place team - 136 runners)

19-Christi Burrhus

26-Brittani Libey

86-Starla Schaefer

93-Christina Avants

96-MaCayla Cook

103-Mykea Douglass

105-Karen Scott

115-Kassie Milam

121-Betty Mathews

122-Hailey Biggs

123-Rence Byars

124-Michaela Wallace

126-Jessica Kitchens

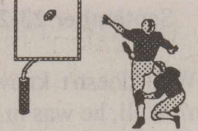
135-Brittany Stout

136-Tiffany Walker

### \*Jr. High Boys (4th place team - 74 runners)

15-F. Vasquez  
21-Justin Dickson  
41-Chris McBride  
42-Russell Thomas  
43-J.J. Callaway  
65-William Meador  
68-David Peters  
(\*medal winners)

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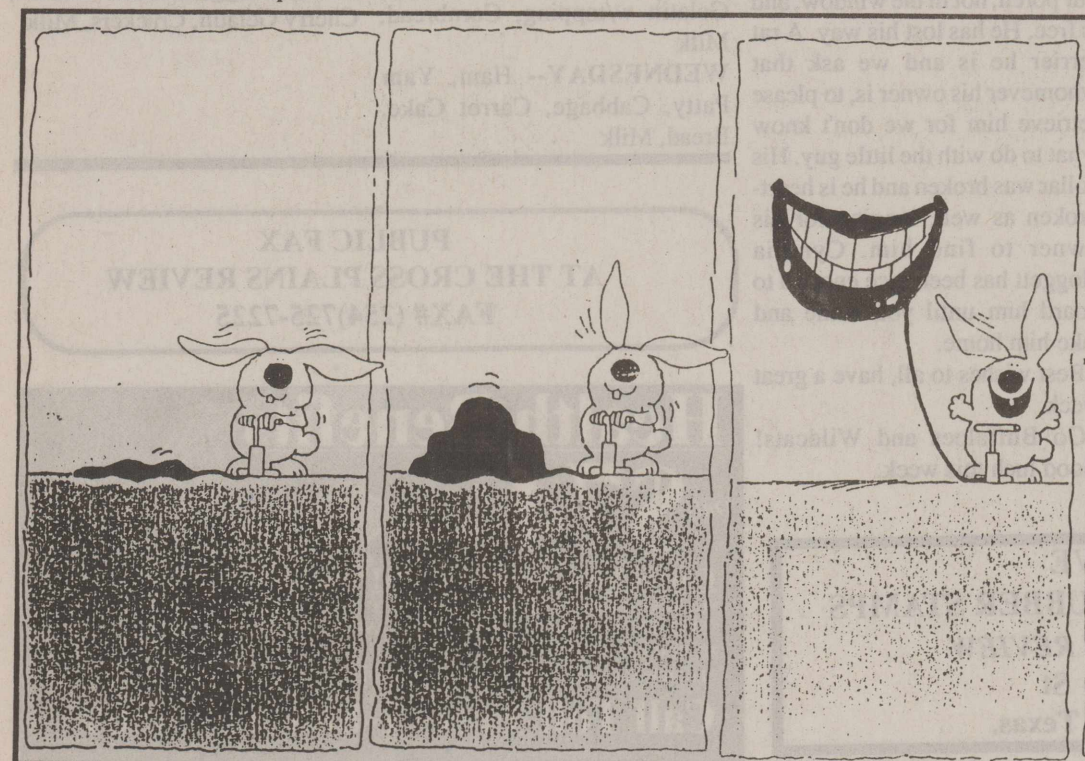
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## SCHOOL MENU

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 11	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice	MONDAY--Chili Peans, Cheese, Crackers, Salad, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY-- PopTart, Yogurt Assorted Juice	TUESDAY-- Salisbury Steak w/ brown gravy, Green Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY-- Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY--Beef-Veggy Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Strawberries & Bananas
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice	THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Apricots
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# BOOK REVIEW

## A Service of Cross Plains Library

When you read books written by members of the Western Writers of America, you can count on their historical accuracy. I have just finished reading *Thin Moon and Cold Mist* by Kathleen O'Neal Gear. This novel is set during the Civil War and Robin Walkingstick Heatherton is a 25 year old woman with Cherokee blood, married to a southern aristocrat, over the objections of his mother. They both serve the Confederate States, he in the service and she as a high level spy. Gear argues in her prologue that over 400 women served as combatants in the armed forces during that war on both sides. Robin infiltrates the Northern forces disguised as a young black man by coloring her skin. In this way she is able to discover plans of battle and forewarn General Lee.

The knowledge of her exploits causes great concern in the Yankee security forces and one Colonel blames her directly for the killing of his brother in battle and plans a personal vendetta against her. When her husband is captured as a spy and summarily executed while she watches from hiding, she takes her six year old son and on instructions from her husband before he died, she flees to the West taking a new identity. Along the way she wins a gold mine in a poker game on a riverboat. She slips away by swimming ashore with her son and makes her way to her claim, with authorities and men she had scammed in hot pursuit.

When Lincoln is assassinated, she is charged as a conspirator and now has the Union Army looking for her. She is saved from her plight by a former Union Major, that her son calls a damned Yankee. This is an adventure filled book with narrow escapes, emotional stresses caused by war experiences and political intrigue almost as good as Clancey's novels.

Written in 1995, this book inaugurated the Women of the West series, historically accurate tales of women who lived before 1880. Gear has written other books with her husband Michael Gear. They are both trained archeologists and have written some fascinating novels about the prehistoric American Indians. I have read most of them and they all have extensive bibliographies, but are written as the stories of real people so that you don't know you are getting a history lesson at the same time. Their prehistory book titles all start with *The People of the-* followed by *Wolf, Fire, Earth, River, Sea and Lightning*. They also have a new series on the Anasazi Indians of the West. Michael's books are also excellent historical novels of the early 1800s.

You can find these books and other fascinating Westerns, romances, history and biographies at your Cross Plains Public Library as well as internet service for the public.

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## Many USDA programs available for rural Texans

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

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

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

Some examples of eligible types of community facilities are:

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

Safety Services such as fire stations, fire trucks, rescue vehicles, equipment, etc.

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

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

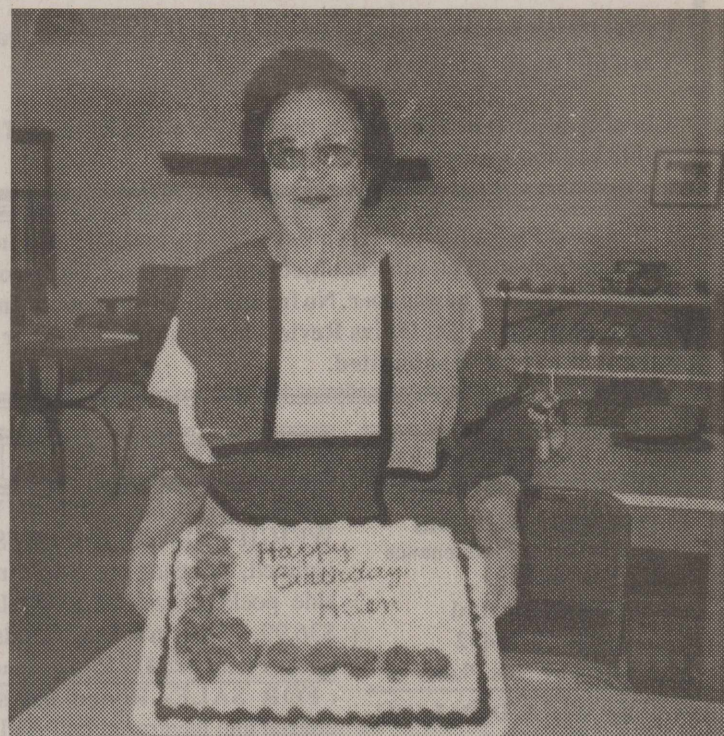
The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) offers aid for several different programs relating to business programs. Population limits for RBS assistance range from very small towns to cities up to 50,000. The majority of RBS loans are guaranteed loans which are made in conjunction with a private lender;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

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

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

For more information regarding these programs, please contact the Rural Development office at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite 4150, Abilene, TX 79606 or call (915) 690-6162 extension 4. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY HELEN**—Helen Walker celebrated her 84th birthday at lunch Friday, September 27th, at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center. Her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and T.J. Lewis, of Brownwood, presented her with a beautiful cake decorated with red roses. Everyone at the center sang "Happy Birthday" to Helen and enjoyed the delicious cake. Helen remarked, "I don't feel any different than I ever did." She looks great and has good health. What a wonderful blessing!

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## The Grande Ole Oplin Schedule Announced

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their band line-up for the month of October. Starting off the month on Oct. 4th we welcome Muddy Creek playing all your favorite tunes. On October 11 we're proud to have Roland Smith and the Roadrunners; they'll get you up and dancing. On October 18th, Cross Country will be here to entertain everyone with their special blend of country music. Closing out the Month on October 25th, Muddy Creek will return and play for our Halloween dance and costume contest.

So you all have plenty of warning for our Halloween dance and costume contest. Prizes will be awarded in different age groups and a grand prize for best over-all costume. We'd like to make this our best costume contest yet!

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our dances start every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So gather your family, friends, and neighbors, put on your dancing boots and come on out for an evening of good music, dancing and a real good time. The Grand Ole Oplin welcomes you.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

## Federation of Women's Club to meet in Merkel

Mesquite District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will meet Saturday, October 5th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship hall, 301 Locust Street, Merkel, Tx, with the Fortnightly Club of Merkel as hostesses.

Early registration will be \$10.00 and may be sent to Louise Massey, 411 E. McHarg St., Stamford, Tx. 79553. Phone 915-773-3520. by October 2, 2002. Registration at the door will be \$11.00.

Registration and coffee will be at 8:30 a.m. with executive committee meeting at 9 a.m. During this time club members may visit the boutique tables which will have homemade jams/jelly, baked goods, or white elephants (books, pictures, handiwork, unique dishes, etc.) on display to be purchased with all proceeds to benefit the district expense fund.

Formal opening will be at 10:00 a.m. with special introductions, recommendations from the Executive Committee and reports of Mesquite District Officers, followed by Club Presidents Roll Call. At 11:30 a.m. guest speaker Dr. Christe McAdams Leedy, will speak on her Angel Smiles program. Ms. Leedy serves on Governor Rick Perry's Governor's Commission on Women.

Members are asked to bring items for the boutique to help with the district expense fund. Also to bring new club members and if extenuating circumstances new members cannot be present, to present their names. Club presidents will be asked to give a 2 minute talk on the goals and plans of their clubs. Meeting will adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

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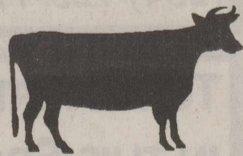
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We appreciate Joe Coppinger holding the funeral, the coaches and all of Leif's brothers for sharing special memories, and for Dustin Meiron for providing the beautiful music. During a time of such loss, our family has felt comforted by the shared stories of Leif. He was such a special person to us all and an important part of our family.

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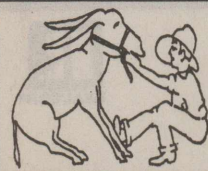
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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## In the drip line...

Life under the pecan tree is a different life altogether. Our pecan tree is rooted at the property line, placed so that it is part of the artwork in each morning sunrise.

The rush of morning is over. I'm standing on the porch thinking that each summer morning is the same trick and I fall for it every day. I welcome its arrival, enchanted by colorful costuming and the beauty of the dance. Too late. Now the sun is up and it is just hot.

I call the dogs and head out to the big pecan tree. Compared to the known age of groves in the area, our pecan tree is a white-bearded patriarch, growing up before the proliferation of groves, before Burkett figured out how to make the shells paper thin and fatten out the nut shape.

Some say the tree must be at least 100 years old. Its ancient branches reach out as far as they can, sweeping the ground, bowed down under the weight of each annual nut crop. Stark in winter, it reminds me of a Chinese painting against the rosy peach-yellow background of the rising sun. In summer it is an umbrella of dense foliage.

I like to go out there. In the heat of summer it is a getaway place, the only reprieve from a relentless sun. I consider it a handy destination resort.

Within the drip line of the canopy is an isolated biosphere. The space beneath the branches creates its own environment. The tree itself manages the humidity, temperatures, and breezes. It fashions barriers and baffles which shield its few square inches from the influence of sun, wind and rain.

Under the leafy branches of the pecan tree grow luxuriant short grasses, several species of shrubs, a tangle of blackberry

vines. The vegetation draws its strength from the soft ground. Mulched into the thickness laid down year after year are twigs blown down in the wind, leaves dropped at the end of summer, shells from decades of unharvested nut crops.

Near the sturdy trunk of the tree is a messy heap of cracked nut shells. I picture a squirrel hiding high above, biting its nails, while the dogs and I take our few minutes of refuge exploring the haven under the tree. When we go away, the squirrel will leave a big sigh of relief behind our backs, scramble down the tree and regain his idyllic peace. It's a funny picture, thinking of him leaning casually against the trunk all the day long, sitting in the midst of plenty, flinging empty shells to right and left.

Just outside the canopy ring are the vast, flat, brown stretches of the West Texas desert. Inside the circumference is a unique environment, almost a desert oasis. The tree draws a circle and paints it green, keeping inside the lines. The only shelter from the sun, the only relief from the parched countryside, is within the bounds of the drip line.

Life is brave under the pecan tree. With even the slightest warming of the earth or the lightest rain, seeds take nature's promise at its word and send up green things that don't grow in the pastures and fields around it. Blackberry vines loop and weave among the grasses with a confidence they wouldn't find outside the circle.

Life under the pecan tree, it seems to me, is like growing up in a family. Within is a tight circle of experience and a season of safety before venturing "out there" into the wide, wide world.

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## SBA economic injury disaster loans available for disaster victims

FORT WORTH, TX — Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for disaster loan assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to eligible small businesses that suffered a substantial loss of income as a result of severe storms and flooding that occurred June 29- July 31, 2002. These loans are not intended to cover physical damages resulting from the disaster. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

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Loans are available for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are three and one half percent (3.50%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA size standards. Businesses that can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans; however, they may be eligible for disaster assistance from other Federal agencies.

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# Tuff Hutchins' Family Reunion Well Attended

The family of the late Tuff Hutchins held a reunion September 13, 14 and 15 at the Beach Lodge at Brownwood Lake.

Attending were Ferne Hutchins of Cross Plains; Bertha Lee Calderon and husband, Jim, and their son, Miguel Calderon and his wife, Lorie, and Lorie's sister, Mia Cairo, all of San Antonio; Jay Hutchins and his wife, Beverly, their daughter, Kelly, and son, Kevin, all of Odessa; Larue Williams and husband, David, of Abilene, their son, Darren Williams and his wife, Myra, of Houston; Alvie Hutchins of Abilene; C.B. Hutchins and his wife, Claudia, and their children, Nichole, Nathan and Vanessa, all of Edgewood, New Mexico;

Ronnie and Ruth Hutchins and their children, Clint, Katharine and Kyle, all of Potosi.

Other relatives included B.F. and Elsie Hutchins of Atwell; Irene Hutchins of San Angelo; Joy and Hamp Brown of Clyde; and Ann Giles of Baird.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard and Vanessa's boyfriend, Solomon, all of Edgewood, New Mexico; John and Donna Burleson, and Helen Tillotson of Cross Plains.

Three grandchildren, Jiame Calderon and Melody Calderon, both of San Antonio, and Shona Bea Williams of Dallas, were unable to attend.

They reported having a wonderful time.

# Big Country Revue

The Cisco Junior College Fine Arts Department will present its Big Country Revue on Saturday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m. in the Harell Fine Arts Auditorium. This will be a part of the CJC Homecoming activities for the day.

The Big Country Revue is a variety show with something fun for everyone. The CJC Jazz Band will play a few numbers, including "Blue Skies" and a novelty piece called "The Chili Pepper

That Got Away". A vocal ensemble, under the direction of CJC Choir Director Sandy Abel, will sing pop and show tunes. There will also be an Ainsworth's acting class performing classic circus clown routines. Mark Sanders, a talented pianist who is a senior at Albany High School, will play some selections on the piano.

There is no charge for admission, and everyone is invited to attend.

## Ovalo Bar-B-Que & Tractor Show

The second annual Ovalo Bar-B-Que and Tractor Show will take place Saturday, October 26, 2002 in Ovalo, Texas.

The free tractor show will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., while the bar-b-que will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The bar-b-que and tractor show will take place next to the Ovalo Community Center and tabernacle located on FM 614 in Ovalo. The event will benefit the Ovalo Community Center.

Bar-b-que tickets are \$6.00 for adults in advance or \$7.00 at the door. Children tickets are \$3.00. See a member of the community center to purchase tickets. A concession stand and entertainment for the kids is planned as well.

The public is invited to spend a day of old fashioned fun for the whole family and to help the Ovalo community upgrade their community center.

## Scranton Musical Saturday

The musical will be held at the Scranton Community Center October 5, 2002. The kitchen serves from 5:30 to 9:00. L.D. Baird is host in the kitchen. Your contribution of sandwiches and/or pies is appreciated. The music begins at 6:00 with Mark Ray as emcee. All musicians are invited to play and may call 915-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

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