



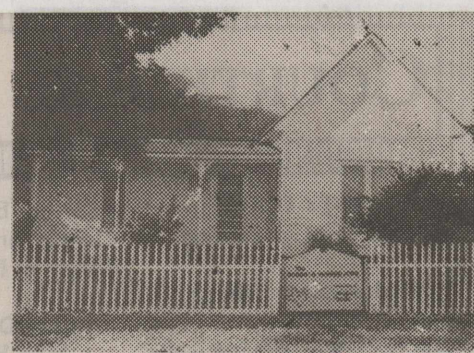
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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: If the following story doesn't move you with the desire to live and love, nothing will. Remember that wisdom comes "from the mouths of babes". Vanda Anderson Creech

"The Sandpiper"

By Robert Peterson

She was six years old when I first met her on the beach near where I live. I drive to this beach, a distance of three or four miles, whenever the world begins to close in on me. She was building a sand castle or something and looked up, her eyes as blue as the sea.

"Hello," she said.

I answered with a nod, not really in the mood to bother with a small child.

"I'm building," she said.

"I see that. What is it?" I asked, not really caring.

"Oh, I don't know, I just like the feel of sand."

That sounds good, I thought, and slipped off my shoes. A sandpiper glided by.

"That's a joy," the child said.

"It's a what?"

"It's a joy. My mama says sandpipers come to bring us joy."

The bird went gliding down the beach. Good-bye joy, I muttered to myself, hello pain, and turned to walk on. I was depressed, my life seemed completely out of balance.

"What's your name?" She wouldn't give us. "Robert," I answered. "I'm Robert Peterson."

"Mine's Wendy...I'm six."

"Hi, Wendy,"

She giggled. "You're funny," she said.

In spite of my gloom, I laughed too and walked on. Her musical giggle followed me.

"Come again, Mr. P.," she called. "We'll have another happy day."

After a few days of a group of unruly Boy Scouts, PTA meetings, and an ailing mother. The sun was shining one morning as I took my hands out of the dishwasher. I need a sandpiper, I said to myself, gathering up my coat. The ever-changing balm of the seashore awaited me. The breeze was chilly but I strode along, trying to recapture the serenity I needed.

"Hello, Mr. P.," she said. "Do you want to play?"

"What did you have in mind?" I asked, with a twinge of annoyance.

"I don't know, you say."

"How about charades?" I asked sarcastically.

The tinkling laughter burst forth again. "I don't know what that is." "Then let's just walk." Looking at her, I notice the delicate fairness of her face.

"Where do you live?" I asked.

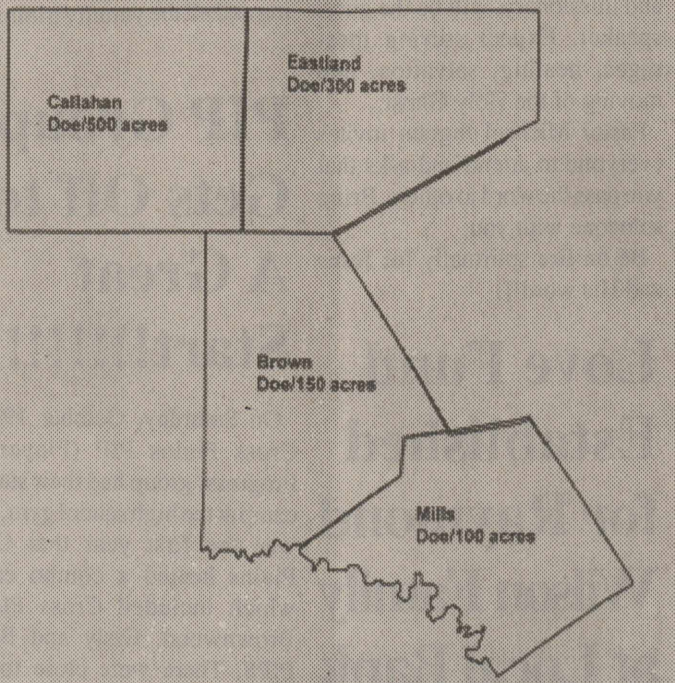
"Over there." She pointed toward a row of summer cottages.

Strange, I thought, in winter. "Where do you go to school?"

"I don't go to school. Mommy says we're on vacation." She chattered little girl talk as we strolled up the beach, but my mind was on other things. When I left for home, Wendy said it had been a happy day.

Feeling surprisingly better, I smiled at her and agreed.

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This map illustrates the recommended harvest rates for each county. These are general harvest recommendations, and may or may not reflect how closely what would be recommended on any particular ranch. For more information on how closely these recommendations apply to your land, contact the nearest Park and Wildlife Biologist.

Callahan County deer season open Nov. 2

Landowners and sportsmen are reminded that the general deer hunting season in Callahan County will begin on Saturday, November 2, 2002 and run through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

As in the past, no special antlerless deer permits or tags will be required for harvesting antlerless (doe) deer in Callahan County. Only the appropriate tag from the required hunting license will be necessary.

Annual fall deer surveys are conducted during August and September each year to determine overall deer density, reproduction and sex ratios. Because it is impossible to survey each individual ranch, standard survey lines are established and conducted each year. By collecting this trend information over a period of years, it is impossible to make density estimates and general harvest recommendations for a particular area.

It should be stressed that these harvest recommendations are

very general. Deer densities may vary greatly in a given area, even between adjoining ranches. A ranch which is overstocked, overgrazed, and/or over hunted will not support as many deer as a well managed ranch where selective harvest is practiced.

Therefore it is important for each landowner to look closely at his existing deer herd and decide how many deer need to be harvested, if any. The bag limits established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife department are intended to be used as broad guidelines, which will accommodate most areas of the county. Even though the legal bag limit in Callahan County is 3 deer limit 1 buck, there are several areas where few if any deer need to be removed. The landowner can and should make the final decision as to how many deer and what sex may be taken from the property.

If further information concerning recommended deer harvest or wildlife planning, contact Wildlife Technician, Danny Davis, in Brownwood, Texas.

Cross Plains man found guilty of assault on a child

A 37-year-old Cross Plains man was found guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child before 42nd District Court Judge John Weeks, according to Callahan County Attorney Allen Wright.

Timothy Dill, 37, of Cross Plains was set to go before a jury Tuesday morning, October 15 until pleading guilty to the crime and the jury was waived. Wright said although he pled guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child, Dill refused to stipulate the evidence presented against him and requested a presentence investigation.

County Attorney Wright said the evidence against Dill was presented to 42nd District Judge John Weeks and he was found guilty. Judge Weeks is expected to determine the sentence for Dill within the month. Wright said the evidence against Dill was presented to Judge Weeks by noon Tuesday. Shane Deel represented Timothy Dill before Judge Weeks.

Wright said no plea was offered at all to Dill after he was found guilty by Judge Weeks. Wright said the presentence investigation was offered because Dill would not meet the County Attorney's plea offer presented earlier.

Rich Richardson Hits Century Mark



RICH AND MOZELLE RICHARDSON

L. A. "Rich" Richardson was honored with a 100th birthday celebration last Tuesday, October 15, at the Senior Citizens' Center in Cross Plains. Approximately 100 people came by to visit with him and his wife, Mozelle, including twenty-five

family members. Sixty-four ate lunch at the center with the couple. Folks came from as far away as Colorado and New Mexico.

Rich was born October 15, 1902 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He moved to Texas in 1947 and

settled in Cross Plains in 1967. Rich married Mozelle Bryan on January 25, 1971.

Mr. Richardson has one daughter, Carole Lockhead of Terrell, a granddaughter, Jeri Devers of Plano, and two great-grandchildren.

He remarked, "I got started in the oil business when I was just a teenager." He retired from Texaco where he traveled 50,000 miles a year all over the United States.

Rich was a breeder and horse trainer of Arabian horses in his pastime. He was a steward of the Arabian Horse Show Association from 1967 to 1990 and served as judge for various horse shows for many years.

"I've met many interesting people in my years of traveling for Texaco and horse judging," L.A. noted.

His secret to a long life is a good cup of black coffee. Rich says he has a new goal of living to the age of 113 years. Maybe positive thinking also contributed to his longevity. To live an entire century is quite an accomplishment. Rich says, "It's been a good trip."

Co-authored by Kathy Anderson and Vanda Creech

Junior Class Fall Festival This Saturday, Oct. 26th

The Cross Plains High School Junior Class will host the school's annual Fall Festival at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. Come by and enjoy an evening of family fun!

General admission is \$1.00. Tickets for events and games may be purchased for 25 cents or five for \$1.00.

The Fall Festival King and Queen will be announced at 8:00

p.m. in the gym foyer.

Come dressed in your scariest or most creative costume. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume in various age groups and the winners will be announced after the King and Queen are throned.

The concession stand will serve hamburgers, pizza, chips, candy and drinks.

Events for the evening include a very scary haunted hose, a cake/

plant walk, a hayride, BINGO, a picture booth, and many other games and events for children of all ages. And, don't miss the PIE THROW booth because Mr. Wilson, the high school principal, will be the target!

Thanks for all your support and we hope to see you all there Saturday evening.

Submitted by Melissa Wooten, Sponsor

Cross Plains Musical at Skateworld This Friday

There will be a Musical at Skateworld, located at 141 Main Street, Cross Plains, on Friday, October 25th.

All area musicians are asked to call Ray Boles at (254) 442-1137 for a spot on the evening's entertainment program.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the music commences at 6 p.m. Concessions will be available.

Come enjoy an evening of music, fellowship and food.

Paint and Palette Club Meets Friday

The Paint and Palette Club meets this Friday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center.

Alma Graves, from Brownwood, will give a demonstration of her technique of oil paintings. This promises to be a delightful and informative afternoon.

Everyone is invited.

"I can read and I can write. I have power."

"I can read and I can write. I have power." This was the theme Nancy Robinson Masters used to keep her audience inspired and amused Tuesday evening, October 15, at the Community Center, when the Friends of the Cross Plains Library sponsored their quarterly Meet the Author evening.

A pilot and writer, Ms. Masters is the author of numerous books for adults and children. She grew up on a cotton farm in Jones County during the drought of the 1950's. She says much of her success today can be credited to the values, patriotism, and work ethic she learned during those hard years. Certainly, she learned to laugh at trouble, for many of her funniest and most inspiring stories are about being "...not just broke—we were poor people!" She remembered that their house had one light bulb, and when it burned out, there wouldn't be another one—there was no money. Every evening, though, that light burned for one hour while the family read books from the local library.

One of Ms. Masters' best stories is about her first day at school. Her mother had said they had no money to buy school supplies that year. Young Nancy could already read and write and had her own library card, so her mother told

her to go to the library and check out the biggest, heaviest book she could carry, and take that to school on the first day. "If anyone teases you about not having school supplies, you hold up that book and say, 'I can read and I can write, and I live in the United States of America, and I'm rich!'"

Of course, one little boy just had to pipe up, "Hey, Nancy Robinson, where's your school supplies?" Nancy did as her mother had told her, then went to the blackboard and wrote her name in cursive. She sat down next to the little boy, who whispered, "Nancy, if you'll show me how to write my name in cursive, I'll give you a pack of crayons." Then a little girl offered a tablet, another pencils, etc. for the same demonstration. By the end of the day, Nancy had her very own school supplies. "I learned about the free enterprise system!" she said.

Ms. Masters demonstrated with a sheet of paper how few people worldwide can read and write—only about 1/32 (just over 3 percent) of 6.2 billion people are literate. "If you can read and you can write, and you live in the United States of America, you're rich!"

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins



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John Weeks, presiding

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End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: William Robert Henley.

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OBITUARY

C. Seldon Tomlinson

Mr. C. Seldon Tomlinson, 90, of Coleman, passed away Sunday, October 20, 2002 in Coleman County Medical Center.

Services were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Sean Coultas, of the First United Methodist Church of Coleman officiating. Interment followed in the Gunsight Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. and Martha Tomlinson, Mr. Tomlinson was born December 17, 1911 in Stevens County, Texas.

He grew up in and went to school in Cisco, Texas. Mr. Tomlinson married Viola Meglasson on November 17, 1933 and she preceded him in death. He was a rancher and farmer until moving to Coleman when he opened the Poly Clean that he owned and operated from 1947 until 1967.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Frank Orr of North Richland Hills, Tonia and Joe Burrage of Coleman and Sandra and Ted McKeehan of Cross Plains; one brother, Kenneth Tomlinson of Tucson, Arizona; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Van Burrage, Shawn McKeehan, Allan Orr, Gary Orr, Michael Orr, Tracy Ball, Scott Bland and Robert Brewer. Honorary pallbearers will be Charlot Brewer, Tera Ball and Becky Bland.

Old Time Gospel Mission Hosting Revival in New Church Building

The Old Time Gospel Mission will be holding an anointed, spirited, true word REVIVAL beginning Sunday, October 20 through October 23rd (or longer). Services begin at 7 p.m.

The revival will be held in the new church building (just south of the Rock Church), located at 716 East 1st Street, Cross Plains.

Billy McCannon, evangelist and missionary, will be the guest speaker. Expect stirring messages, healing, salvation, and moving of the Holy Ghost.

Pastor Michael Ingram invites everyone to attend and asks that you pass the word to others. Bring someone with you.

Be on fire spiritually for Jesus and His word!!!

Love Fund Established for Raymond Wilson Family at Local Bank

A Love Fund has been established for the family of Raymond Wilson at Texas Heritage Bank. Raymond and his wife, Sally, had savings put back for their retirement when Sally was diagnosed with cancer. She was winning the battle, but they lost their savings while fighting it. Then last Wednesday Raymond passed away in his sleep.

Raymond worked for Cross Plains Grain and Peanut for 37 years. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. He was one of the hardest working and most honest people you could be lucky enough to meet. He would have helped anyone who ever needed him, and so would Sally.

Now, it is our turn to help them. Any donation that you would like to make would be greatly appreciated. All contributions will go toward funeral expenses. You can make donations at Texas Heritage Bank, Account #876186 or make donations at Cross Plains Grain and Peanut (donations will be deposited daily in the established account).

We greatly appreciate any help you can offer. Our greatest thanks.

Friends of Raymond Wilson

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Lord's Acre Set For Saturday, Nov. 9th

Go ahead and mark your calendars for November 9th. Plan for you and your family and friends to attend the annual Lord's Acre at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

For those who don't know what the Lord's Acres is... here's a definition:

Good Food - Turkey and dressing and all the yummy trimmings.

Good Fun - An auction and a "Little Store" for early Christmas shopping. A variety of crafts and home baked goods!

Good Fellowship - What's more enjoyable than sharing a good meal with friends and family in a warm loving atmosphere?

All proceeds will go to the local and away mission work. Look for more details next week!

PIP Group Gets Off to A Great Start!!!!!!

On Saturday, October 19, the Cross Plains PIP (Players in Progress) group had their start up camp at the high school gym. This was the first year that Cross Plains hosted a combo camp, which included Cross Plains, Brownwood, Early and Bangs PIPs. There were close to 200 kids who attended and it was a huge success.

This could not have happened without the help of all of the volunteers who made the great event possible. I would like to thank my certified coaches, April Cowan, Denise Turner and Stephanie Rockett, for all of their extra hard work.

We also had parents, junior high and high school volunteers who were there to register kids, work in the concessions stand, and work with the kids on the court. What a great group of people to work with!

I would also like to thank Mr. Tension, Mrs. Sowell, Coach Randolph, Netha Carouth and Buel Neff for helping prepare the facilities for Saturday. I am so grateful for everyone and most of all the kids who are in PIPs. They worked very hard from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. What a great start for the new year. PIP PIP PIP YEA!!!

Submitted by
Terry Thomas,
PIP Coordinator

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

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Halloween Dance

The Grand Ole Oplin wants to remind everyone that this coming Friday, October 25th, we'll be holding our annual Halloween dance and costume contest. So gather the family, dress-up in the silliest or scariest costume you can come up with and come on out. Prizes will be awarded in four different age groups, from the youngest of goblins to the eldest of goblins and a grand prize for the best (or worst) costumed couple. Muddy Creek will be playing all of your favorite tunes beginning at 7:30 p.m. and admission to the annual monster mash is only \$3.00 per person. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. So put on your dancing shoes (underneath your costume of course!) and come on out we'll all have an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

We also want to remind you that the Clyde Senior Citizens Center will be holding their annual Meals on Wheels fund raiser on Saturday, November 9th here at the Grand Ole Oplin. So be sure and mark your calendars and come out and support a great cause.

On April 5, 2003 the Oplin

Community Center will be hosting a community-wide garage and crafts sale between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in setting up a booth please contact Liz Boggess at (915) 529-4303.

The Oplin Community Center and the Grand Ole Oplin appreciates everyone's support. Our center is located at F.M. 604 and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

Robert E. McCool Attorney at Law

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Commissioners approve 10-year lease with Department of Human Services

Callahan County Commissioners voted to enter into a new 10-year lease agreement with the Texas Department of Human Services for office space in the Callahan County Annex Building located at 124 West 4th Street in Baird.

The County Annex Building (old Callahan County Hospital building) is located directly west of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioners approved the new lease agreement during the Commissioners' Court meeting held Friday, October 11 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

The new agreement between the Texas Department of Human Services and Callahan County is for a period of 120 months from August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2012. The Texas Department of Human Services will have a 90 day cancellation clause only in renewal periods and only after the completion of the first year of the specific renewal option.

Other agenda items considered by the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners voted to sign the minutes of the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—During time for public comment, County Judge Roger Corn presented Commissioners with a letter from Callahan County

Extension Agent Robert Pritz recognizing October 15 as National Resource Field Day.

—Commissioners voted to approve an order designating the second and fourth Monday of each month on which the Commissioners' Court will convene in regular session.

—Commissioners voted to designate the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

—Commissioners voted to approve the salary of the Court Reporter for the 42nd District Court proportional share of the counties comprising the 42nd Judicial District. Callahan County's portion of the Court Reporter's salary is \$3,482.88. Coleman and Taylor counties also comprise the 42nd Judicial District.

—Commissioners approved entering into an agreement with the West Central Texas Council of Governments for a Hazard Mitigation Grant that will affect 18 of the counties in the region.

—Commissioners voted to approve granting right-of-way to WTG Gas Processing, L.P. in Clyde Commissioner Precinct #1. The commissioners stipulated that no cost to the County will be associated with damages to the County Road system.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and voted to adjourn the meeting.

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PIONEER NEWS

The ladies had a good day quilting Tuesday. Charlene Chesshir got her quilt top in. They are working on our Rehab quilt and Frankie Smith's quilt.

Jim and Betty Browning from Tennessee visited Cowan and Laverne Hutton last Thursday and Friday. Their daughter, Wanetta, visited them Friday.

Charlene Chesshir attended a school homecoming at Turkey last weekend. She didn't go to school there, but James did, and she got to see a lot of old friends. Her friend, Mrs. Holland of Abilene, went with her. Mrs. Holland has a sister at Flomat and Charlene's friend, Tommie Cruse, lives nearby on a farm. Tommie is the daughter of Mr. Donna Browning

of Rising Star. She and her son, E.J., both spent Friday night with Tommie. It was an enjoyable trip. Frankie Smith, Jean Fore and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Blount traveled to Coleman to the musical. Friday Jean and Frankie traveled to Ranger to visit Mrs. Dorothy Rogers. Saturday they went to the Cisco Musical. A great time was had by all.

There were nine people who gathered on "Game Night". They all had a good time.

Do not forget November 2nd. That will be the day of the Quilt Show, Bake Sale and Doll Exhibit. Come out to the Pioneer Community Center on that date. See you next time!

Deer Hunt Raffle to Benefit C.P. Volunteers

The Lamb Ranch of Cross Plains will provide a Guided Management Buck Hunt and a Youth Doe Hunt on December 14 and 15th to be raffled off for two local volunteer agencies. The two hunts have a value of \$2,000.

One dollar from each ticket sold will be donated by The Lamb Ranch to the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. The drawing will be held on Saturday, November 2, at 9 p.m. at Mike and Ed's Smokehouse, following the Hunters' Feed. You do not have to present to win.

Sponsors for the event are:

Jones Real Estate, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc., Cross Plains Grain and Peanut Company, J&L Sales, Taste of Texas, Texas Heritage Bank, Cross Plains Frozen Foods, Mike and Ed's Smokehouse, Higginbotham's, and Wild Texas Taxidermy. Tickets may be purchased from one of the sponsors of the raffle.

Hopefully, this will become an annual event, bringing even more hunters to the Cross Plains area to help stimulate the local economy.

Be sure to read the brochure available at all sponsors' businesses for more details about The Lamb Ranch.

OH BABY



Seth and Katy Morgan of Cross Plains are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Beth. She was born September 17 at 2:15 p.m. at Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 3.4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her big brother is Chase Daniel Morgan. Grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Morgan and Janice Ratliff of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Jewel Barnett and Elaine Eakin Pancake both of Cross Plains; Michael and Nell Ratliff of Blanket and Samantha Pete Simmons of Bangs.

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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I remember the "firing range" when I was in the army. That was back when we used M-1 rifles and the targets were quite a distance from where we were firing our weapons. Those on the firing line were only a few feet apart (10-15?) so the targets were the same distance apart — but a hundred or more yards down range. It was not too unusual for someone to get mixed up at which target was theirs and be aiming at, thus hitting (or missing!), the wrong "bull's eye."

Remembering last week's "Breakthru," for those who claim to love God, it should be our number one aim to please Him. It's like in shooting at that target — our number one aim is to hit the "bull's eye." And in worshipping God, our number one aim is to please Him — that's "hitting the bull's eye." Pleasing Him is actually our aim in regard to all of life, including our private/personal and public/corporate worship.

But at least two problems sometimes stand in the way of pleasing God — even "aiming to please God": 1) We are tempted to shoot at pleasing ourselves rather than pleasing God — sometime without even realizing it. 2) We may think we know what pleases God when it doesn't really please Him. It may be because we are "shooting at the wrong 'bull's eye.'" Just because something pleases me doesn't necessarily mean that it will please God and the only way that we can know what pleases Him is for Him to tell us through His Word — let His thoughts be "clothed in His words."

In a day when entertainment seems to be the thrust of so much worship, and in a day when "What can be done is worship to please me — even draw big crowds?" — we need to stop and ask again: "What can be done in worship to please God?"

Come worship God with us as we strive to please none other than Him by doing it His way rather than "doing it our own way," thus missing the "bull's eye." We really do care about you, too.

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Red Hats Visit Cottonwood

If you did not notice the sprinkling of red hats in the "full-house" audience at the Cottonwood Musical last Friday night, you missed a treat. If you don't know why they wear them, you are missing another treat. Joan Murdock, Ester Kerr, Barbara Black, Barbara Powell, Barbara Robinson and Wanda Edwards were in the crowd sporting "Red Hats".

The Red Hat Society is a national movement with a unique philosophy, or so I'm told. But the next time you see one, don't be afraid to ask, "Why do you wear the red hat? It doesn't go with anything else you have on!" Or ask me. I will tell all if I can ever get a straight answer out of one of the members.

The Cottonwood Musical did play to a full house and presented a variety of music, musicians and other entertainment. The Cottonwood Community Chorus, directed by Sonda McGowen, made their second public appearance, and Herman Weaver, Cottonwood's resident poet, favored the crowd by reciting two poems, "Hell-Bound Train" and "The Touch of the Master's Hand".

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will use funds gained from preparing and serving the Thanksgiving meal for the care and upkeep of the building. If you did not get there, it is not too late to make a donation to the Quilting Club. Please do!

Cottonwood Connections

I did notice several out-of-town visitors who have Cottonwood roots in attendance at the musical. Among them were Victor and Laverne (Bennett) Nigar of Clyde, and Joy Brown and family of Clyde, whose family roots go deep into the soil on the banks of Turkey Creek.

Gorman and Lou Parrish were also there and reported they have bought Cliff and Mary

Vanderlinden's place north of Cottonwood. So they have moved back home. Welcome back to Cottonwood Gorman and Lou.

Wilcoxon Reunion

The family and friends of Eugene and Nelda (Woody) Wilcoxon got together last Saturday at the Cottonwood Community Center. "We didn't have a big crowd, but we sure enjoyed getting together," reported Nelda. From Cisco came Violet Edwards, Laverne Ballinger and Melvin Wilcoxon, and Everett Wilcoxon from Ranger. R.D. and Sharon Childress, playing the fiddle and guitar, entertained the family with music.

Eugene has promised to tell me a story about the beginnings of the Cottonwood Musical. I will certainly share it with you when I can go to Abilene and get it out of him.

OOPS!

Well to edit is to err, I'm told. So here is my latest error. In last week's column I referred to Bill Robinson as Judge Robinson, which is wrong. J.H. "Judge" Robinson, was Justice of Peace of Cottonwood for many years, and was Bill Robinson's father.

If you missed Nancy Robinson Masters' presentation last week at the Cross Plains Library's "Meet the Author" series, you missed the best of them all (in my opinion). Nancy, as many of you know, is a popular writer and columnist for the *Abilene Reporter-News*. She is also the granddaughter of "Judge" Robinson and spent much of her youth in Cottonwood. You will probably hear more about her in coming months. So stay tuned to this column.

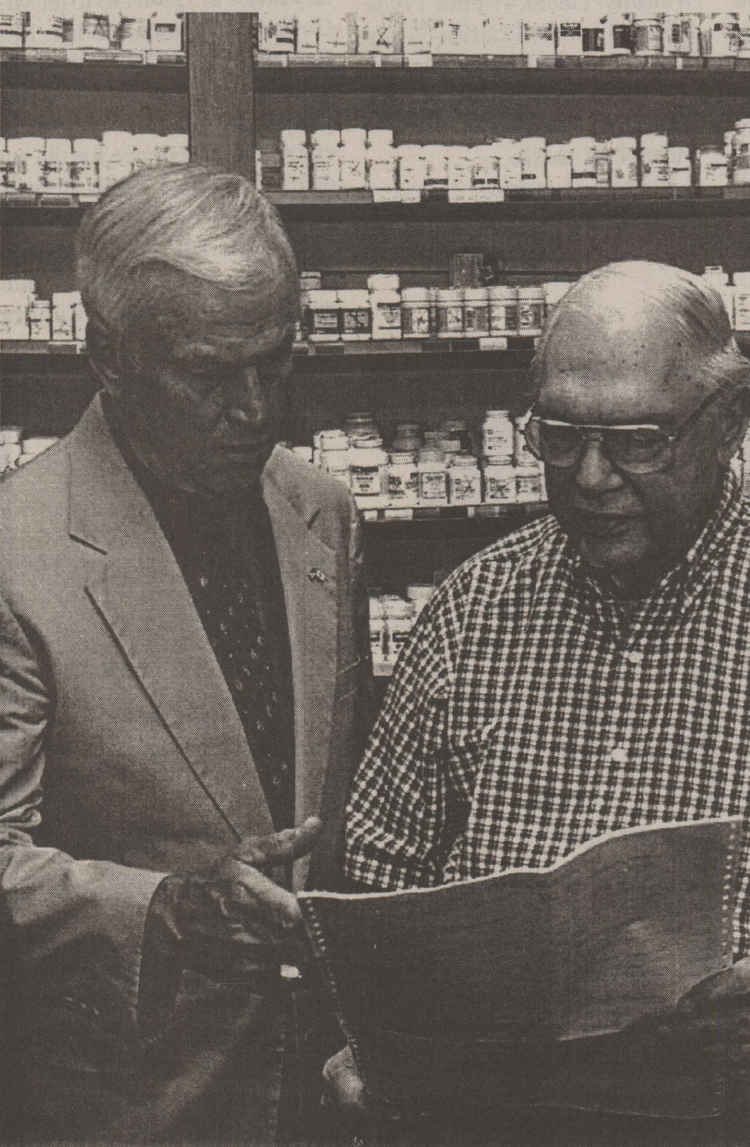
(Please report community events, coming attractions, Cottonwood Connections, and other personal items to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.)

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

October 28- November 1

MONDAY--Lasagna, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Baked Apples, Garlic Bread, Milk
TUESDAY--Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Rice, Birthday Cake, Crackers, Salad, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Hamburger, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Pickles, Apple Cobbler, Milk
THURSDAY-- HALLOWEEN - Chicken Fried Steak w/gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Veg., Mixed Fruit, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY--Pork Chops w/gravy, Corn, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit, Cookie, Bread, Milk

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: We've brought all of our pot plants into the house now for the upcoming winter months. Some days when it's nice and warm outside for a day, we will put them back outside for a day of sunshine and fresh air. We celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary this month. We went out to celebrate with Marvin's parents. A good time was had by all.

Of Hallowe'en and Other Things!

It's pumpkin weather already. Kids, spooks, ghosts and goblins are already getting their thinking caps on and planning those Hallowe'en costumes. Each hope to come up with the best costume for trick or treating, and of course all hope to collect gobs of goodie, candy, etc. for their efforts.

Another fun activity during Hallowe'en is pumpkin decorating contests, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons awarded to the winners. I have seen some colossally artistic decorated pumpkins in my days. Mostly when living in Lubbock, they have a big deal about it every year in Floydada, which is fairly close to Lubbock. At that time my niece was teaching drama in the Floydada school system.

Bobbing for apples is another hilariously entertaining game---

guaranteed to liven up the party. You pretty much have a wet face and some wet hair and possible a wet shirt front to verify that you did bob for apples.

Naturally, Mom and Grandmother and Great Aunt Suzie gotta have lots of pumpkins to create all those delicious pumpkin pies, pumpkin bread and cake, pumpkin custard and other pumpkin dishes. There are lots of different dishes that can be made from pumpkin. There is a pumpkin soup made with among other things, onions, pumpkin and peanuts. Our next door neighbor in Deming, New Mexico, Mrs. Mirebal, would make the most delicious pumpkin empanad'oes.

Thoughts of fall fast bring to mind colored dry leaves, chrysanthemums, deer hunting, roast turkey and pies, pumpkin, pecan, apple chocolate, you name it, we'll get it cooked. Mince meat pie has always been a favorite of our family.

While the squirrels are busy scurrying around storing up acorns, pecans and other nuts and grains, the Daddies, Granddaddies, Big Brothers and Big Uncles are rushing around buying anti-freeze and getting their cars ready for winter. DON'T forget to go to the store and stock up on pumpkins and anti-freeze. If one fails you, maybe the other will save the day.

RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By MACK WATSON-BUSH

This week we had Ty and LaRaye Kelly of the New Hope Ranch at the center. The Kellys were professional entertainers who are semi-retired now. They have a ranch in Mullin, Texas where they help mentally disabled adults learn to lead productive life-styles. Several of their "Ranchers" came with them to sing. The residents and staff really enjoyed the show.

In the craft department, we

made tissue paper ghosts to decorate the center. Remember to bring your little trickster by the center between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 31st.

Some sad news to report, residents, Ruth Murphy and Hal Michaels, passed away. Our condolences to their families and friends. Clifford King and Marjorie West are still in the hospital and we hope they get to come home soon.

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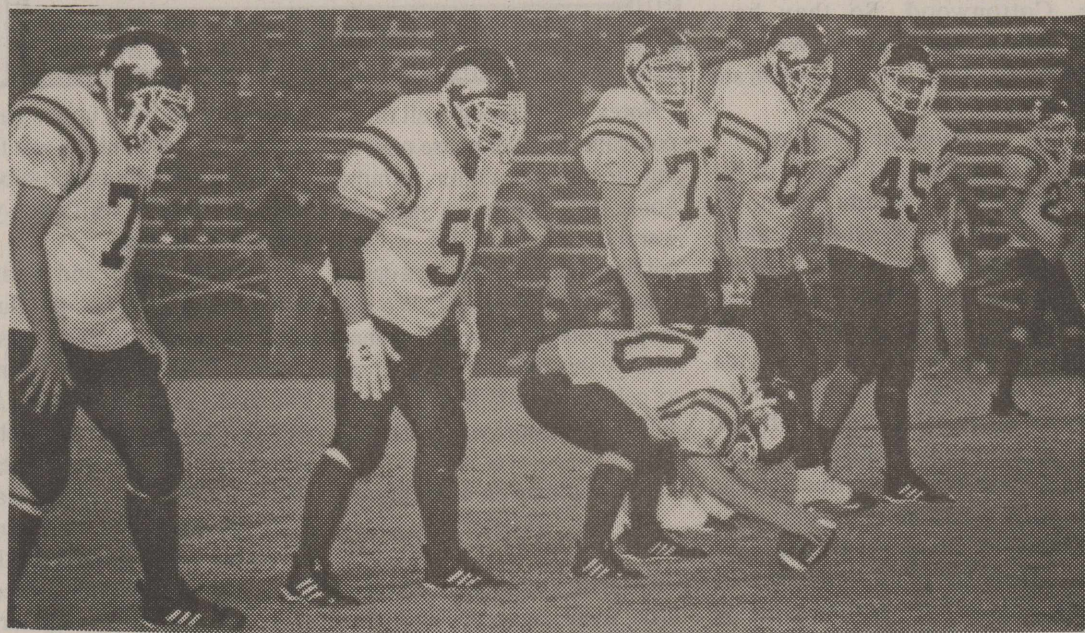
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



VARSITY BUFFALOES OFFENSE READY FOR ACTION

C.P.H.S. Buffs Battled the Cats Last Friday Evening

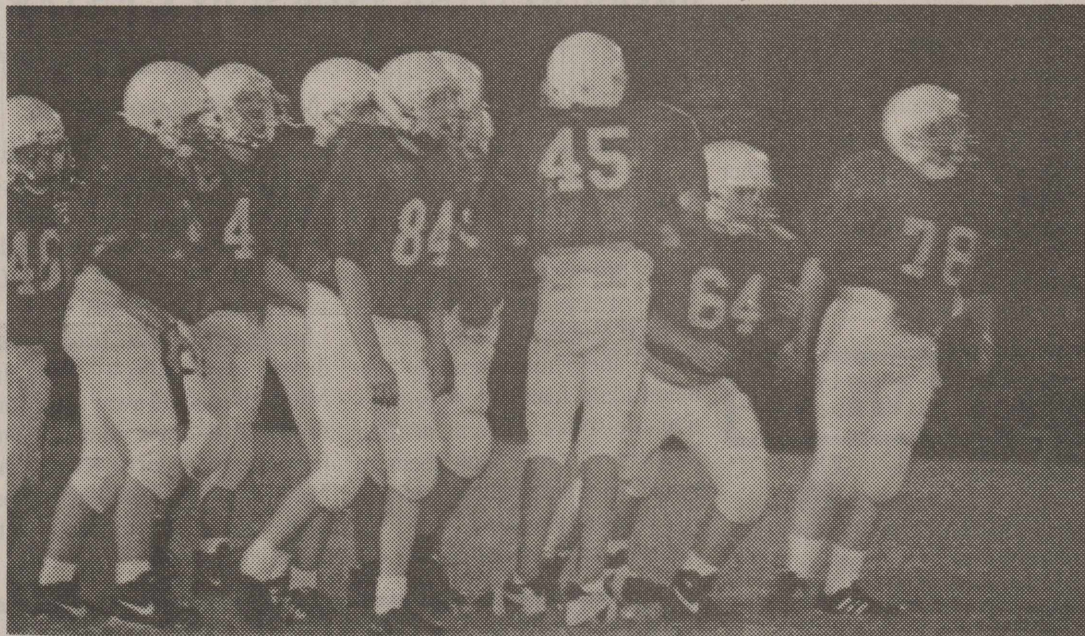
The Buffaloes traveled to Rising Star last week to take on the Wildcats. The Buffs came out on the short end with a 29-12 loss. The Cats scored in the first quarter to take a 7-0 lead. The Buffs' defense created a fumble just before the half that was recovered by Dustin Snell. This set the offense up at the Wildcats 46 yard line. With seconds remaining in the half, the Wildcats intercepted the Buffaloes' pass attempt. The Cats took a 7-0 lead into the half. In the second half, the Cats scored on their first drive. After the missed extra point the Cats led

13-0. The Buffaloes answered with a score on their second drive of the half. Dusty Dickson hit Chris Harris down the middle on a 46 yard reception. To move the ball down inside the Cats' 10 yard line, Dickson then carried the ball in for the 2 yard touchdown. The Cats led 13-6 to start the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Cats scored twice to take a 29-6 lead. The Buffaloes answered with a score in the fourth quarter when Dickson connected with Colby Barton on the 8 yard touchdown with 1:42 remaining in the game.

The pass attempt for the 2-point conversion was incomplete. This brought us to the final score of Cats 29, Buffaloes 12.

Individual Stats
Rushing
 Colby Barton 7-25
 Dusty Purvis 8-23
 Michael Allen 2-3
 Dusty Dickson 9-7
Passing
 Dusty Dickson 7-11-2-103 yds
Receiving
 Colby Barton 3-20
 Dusty Purvis 1-5
 Chris Harris 2-50
 Casey Pack 1-28



JUNIOR HIGH BUFFS BREAK FROM HUDDLE

J.H. Buffs Played Wildcats

Captains for the Junior High Buffs last week were Steve Garrett and Dalton Carpenter.

The Buffs lost the toss to the Wildcats and the Rising Star scored on the first play, but couldn't add the extra point.

On the Buffs' first possession there were a couple of failed passes from Koenig to Dickson and they were forced to punt with 2:35 left in the 1st quarter. The Wildcats went in for another TD and the score was 14-0. Koenig completed a pass to Dickson for the 1st down but the buzzer indicated the end of the quarter.

Gonzales caught an 11 yard pass from Koenig for another 1st down. Koenig hooked up with Dickson for a 1st down. The Buffs fell short of the 4th down and the Cats took over on the

Buffs' 25 yard line. They were able to score on the first play, bringing the score to 20-0.

Koenig passed to Dickson for 9 yards and handed off to Thomas. That was as far as the Buffs got. The Wildcats took possession on downs and scored again. They were leading 30-0.

The Cats kicked off to the Buffs in the 2nd half. The Buffs had to punt on their first possession. Halfway through the 3rd quarter Gonzales forced a fumble and recovered the ball for the Buffs. The Buffs in turn fumbled the ball, but Buff Dalton Carpenter recovered on the Cats' 40 yard line. The Wildcats took over on downs. With 1:00 left in the 3rd quarter and scored on the first play bringing the score to 38-0.

In the 4th quarter Koenig con-

nected with Dickson for 12 yards, but the Buffs were forced to punt again. The Cats made their final touchdown and the game ended 44-0.

Individual Stats
 Thomas - 2 tackles, 2 assists, 9 carries - 26 yds
 Callaway - 1 tackle, 1 carry-8yds
 N. Garrett - 1 assist
 Daniels - 1 tackle
 Williams - 1 assist, 4 carries-17yds
 Baker - 1 tackle, 4 carries-36 yds
 Koenig - 2 tackles, 1 assist, 2 keepers - 4 yds
 Dickson - 3 tackles
 Meador - 1 tackle
 S. Garrett - 1 tackle
 Gonzales - 3 tackles

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

October 15, 2002

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, H.S. Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guest, Larry Thomas.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Bennett that the Junior Class be allowed to use the old gym for the Fall Festival. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by V. Dillard that they name Robert Pritz as adjunct faculty member. For 6 Against 0 Monty Richards came in at 7:40 p.m.

Reviewed bills. Executive session began at 7:44 p.m. and ended at 8:13 p.m.

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

ELEMENTARY EXTRA

The elementary is finishing the last three weeks of the second six weeks period. The end of the six weeks will bring the next Character Counts assembly and Behavior Party. This six week Behavior Party is a carnival of fun. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, small prizes or give some monetary help, the elementary would appreciate it. We will also need volunteers to help man the booths during the carnival. It will be held Friday, November 8.

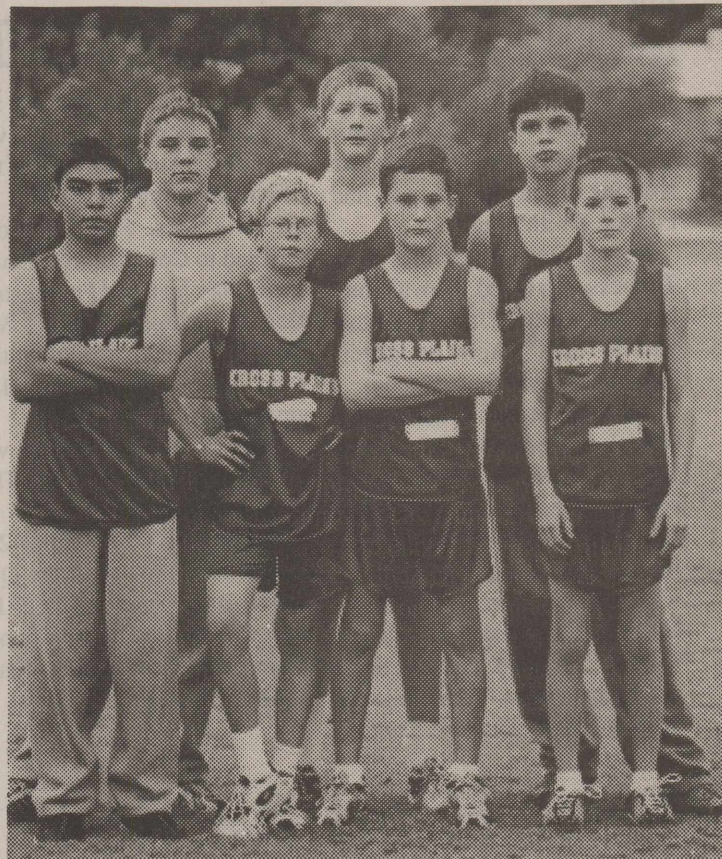
The Water Buffalo was awarded to Brice Robertson last week.

The teachers will be working on UIL events in the coming weeks. The UIL contest will be held on November 19 and 21 at Baird. Students are encouraged to try out for an event. The practice sessions will be held Tuesday through Thursday morning at 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. in the Primary Building in Room 109. Come join us if you like math.

The Pre-Kindergarten is finishing their study on safety by helping people. We will be reading the Little Red Hen. We will discover things that we can do to help at home, school and our friends.

Mrs. Randolph would like to bring the two Pre-Kindergarten classes to businesses in town to trick-or-treat on Halloween. If your business would like the class to stop by, please call the elementary office at 725-6123 to let Mrs. Cowan put you on the list. Mrs. Randolph would like to thank the businesses that allowed last year's class to come. It was an enjoyable experience for the students. Thanks to Texas Heritage Bank, Connie's Cuts and Curls, Village Market, Tim's Floral and Gifts, One Source Health Center and Higginbotham Funeral Home for calling.

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JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY BOYS

District Cross Country Results Announced

12 A District Cross Country was held at the Shade Oaks Country Club, two miles west of Baird. The teams who participated were Christoval, Eden, Ranger, Bronte, Mertzon, Miles, Baird, Albany, Menard, Gorman and Cross Plains.

The C.P.H.S. Boys Team won 2nd place and will advance to Regionals in Arlington on November 2nd.

Individual placings are as follows: * Indicates Top 10
 *5th - Cesar Ramirez
 *7th - Andy Bennett
 23rd - Dusty Dickson
 24th - Dusty Cooper
 29th - River Dillard.

The C.P.H.S. Girls Team placed 5th. Individual placings are as follows:

12th - Shana Hyles
 18th - Christin Hyles
 23rd - Judith Hartman
 32nd - Jennifer Young
 35th - Amanda Rivard
 39th - Naomi Isbell
 47th - Karen Ross.

The Junior Varsity Girls Team won 2nd place. Individual placings are as follows:

*8th - Emily Winfrey
 *9th - Bree Dillard
 12th - Rainey Bacon
 13th - Kelsee Richards
 15th - Dayna Bennett
 17th - Jesse Norris
 18th - Kati Wooten
 19th - Kali Phillips
 20th - Stephanie Edington
 21st - Dani Rivard

23rd - Vecy Carpenter
 24th - Cassie Galloway
 Good Job High School! "Go" Katie and Ryan!

12 A District Junior High Cross Country Results

The Cross Plains Junior High Boys Cross Country Team won 2nd Place.

Individual placings are as follows:

*4th - Fili Vasquez
 *7th - Justin Dickson
 11th - Chris McBride
 12th - Russell Thomas
 13th - J.J. Callaway
 18th - William Meador
 21st - David Peters.

The Junior High "A" Cross Country Team won 4th Place. Individual placings are as follows:

17th - Brittany Libey
 18th - Christi Burrhus
 24th - Kessie Milam
 25th - Starla Schaefer
 27th - Mykea Dougllass
 28th - Karen Scott
 32nd - Macayla Cook.

The Junior High "B" Cross Country Team won 4th place. Individual placings were:

16th - Brittany Stout
 17th - Renee Byars
 18th - Michaela Wallace
 20th - Bryanna Santos
 21st - Jessica Kitchens
 22nd - Tiffany Walker.
 Good Job Junior High!

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

SCHOOL MENU

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice	MONDAY--Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Crackers, Salad, Pinapples
TUESDAY--Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY-- Chicken Strips w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY-- Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY--Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Oranges
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY--Beef -Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Cake w/ frosting
FRIDAY--Donuts, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY-- Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, Fries, Cookie

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C.P.H.S. CROSS COUNTRY BOYS TEAM—ADVANCED TO REGIONAL



C.P.H.S. CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS TEAM



JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS TEAM

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4-H Meeting Monday, October 28th

The 4-H Club of Cross Plains will have its October meeting Monday, October 28, at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Officers will need to be at the church at 5 p.m. for a short meeting. Please attend.

CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BIG BUCK CONTEST



2002 CONTEST RULES

All State, Federal and Local Laws Must Be Obeyed

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST REGISTER AT THE CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEFORE SEASON STARTS. Entry fee is \$20.00. (Deadline: By Sundown of opening day of deer season.)

Game must be killed in Brown, Eastland, Coleman or Callahan Counties and entered by person who made the kill. The entire deer must be taken for scoring.

Deer killed from High Fenced Areas are not eligible to win.

All measuring and scoring will be done by the following locations during the hours of 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM.:

- Cross Plains Frozen Food - NE 2nd Street & Avenue D. - (254) 725-7571
- Mike & Ed's Smokehouse - 10718 St. Highway 36E - (254) 725-4444
- Wild Texas Taxidermy - 416 South Main - (254) 725-4200

Winner will be scored by adding the inside spread of the main beam at the widest location to the number of points. All points must be a minimum of one inch long to be counted.

Ties will be decided by the draw from a hat.

Members of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, members of the Big Buck Contest committee and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.

Decision of judges is final.

Prizes: Grand Prize winner will receive a Remington BDL 270 Rifle and the Runner-up will receive a Scope. For more information, contact the Chamber office at (254) 725-7251, or the Committee members, George Mathews, Bud Dillard, or Jimmy Long.



4-H FOOD SHOW—Callahan County 4-H participants in the County 4-H Food Show held Saturday, October 19 at the Baird School Cafeteria include: Bottom Row, Left to Right: Landon Hart, Charlie Voigts, Teagan Fortune, Kelli Sue Bennett, Amanda Dunaway, Emma Bennett, Ashley Cozart, and Sammie Tollett. Second Row, Left to Right: Landon Nichols, Jeremy Hamilton, Jarrod Hamilton, Paige Galindo, Katelynn Mitchell, Kristen Burns, Michelle Robbins, Shelby Randolph, and Shayla Cozart. Back Row, Left to Right: Meghan Chrane, Krysti Bair, Whitney Parker, Rebecca Hamilton, Rachel Wallace, Cassie Burns, Brittney Johnson, Brentt Nichols, Sarah Wallace, Joe Dalton Wyatt, Tracey Randolph, Breanna Patterson, and Weston Hamilton. Not Pictured: Delany Ames, Shelby Ames, Brittany Reeves, Shelby Nail, and Ashlen Murff.

36 participate in Callahan County 4-H Food Show Saturday in Baird

The Callahan County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, October 19, at the Baird School Cafeteria. A special thanks goes out to Lawrence Brothers IGA - Clyde for sponsoring this year's Food Show. Thirty-six 4-H members participated in four food divisions according to age. The first place winners in each division, except the Sub-Junior division, will advance to District competition on November 16th in Abilene, Texas. The entries were as follows: *denotes advancing to District

Senior Division (14-19 years old)

Main Dish

- * Meghan Chrane
- Fruits/Vegetables
- * Lance Feidler

Intermediate Division (12-13 years old)

Main Dish

- Cassie Burns
- * Joe Dalton Wyatt
- Fruits/Vegetables
- * Tracey Randolph
- Breads/Cereal
- * Rebecca Hamilton
- Krysti Bair
- Brentt Nichols
- Nutritious Snacks
- * Weston Hamilton

Junior Division (9-11 years old)

Main Dish

- Charlie Voigts
- Landon Hart
- * Emma Bennett
- Katelynn Mitchell
- Kristen Burns
- Whitney Parker
- Breanna Patterson
- Fruits/Vegetables
- * Shelby Randolph
- Sammie Tollett
- Breads/Cereal

- Sarah Wallace
- Delany Wallace
- Ashley Cozart
- * Paige Galindo
- Brittney Johnson
- Nutritious Snacks
- Jarrod Hamilton
- Brittany Reeves
- Shelby Nail
- Michelle Robbins
- Ashlen Murff
- * Amanda Dunaway
- Shelby Ames

Sub-Junior Division (8 years & under)

- Main Dish
- Shayla Cozart
- Fruits/Vegetables
- Jeremy Hamilton
- Teagan Fortune
- Breads/Cereal
- Fruits/Vegetables
- Landon Nichols
- Nutritious Snacks
- Kelli Sue Bennett
- Rachel Wallace



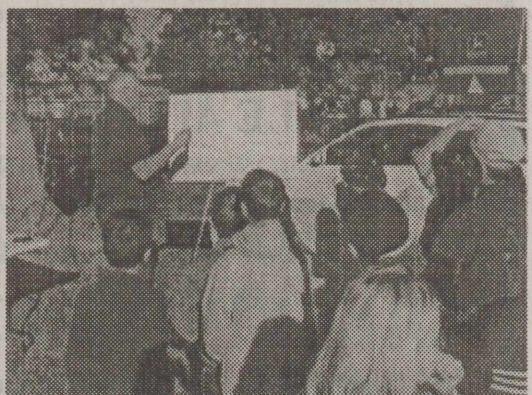
JACK FARMER DISCUSSED WHEAT PRODUCTS



NRCs TALKED TO STUDENTS ABOUT SOIL EROSION



GREG GERNGROSS COVERED BEEF CATTLE MANAGEMENT



DON THARP TALKED ABOUT THE WATER CYCLE AS IT RELATES TO WATER QUALITY

Ag Field Day promotes agriculture to local youth

On Tuesday, October 15th, local county fifth graders were invited to learn the value of agriculture in the county through an Agriculture & Natural Resources Field Day. Fifth graders from Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains, Eula, and Hamby took part in this year's Field Day.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Field Day is sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Executive Board and the Callahan County Farm Bureau. A special Thank You goes out to Miller and Marian Scott for allowing us the use of their facilities for the Field Day.

The Field Day was designed to teach Callahan County fifth graders the importance of some of the agricultural products produced in Callahan County and how important agriculture is to the economy of the county. The goal of the Field Day was to give kids a chance to see how they are impacted by agriculture, even if they don't live on a farm or ranch. The program was taught through a series of Agri-



VANCE WALLACE, GAME WARDEN DISCUSSED WILDLIFE AND HUNTERS SAFETY

cultural topics presented by local producers, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality. Topics included Beef cattle, Wildlife, Wheat, Natural Resources and Water. This Field

Day was presented because it is so important that all young people realize the importance of agriculture and Natural Resources as they grow up and become our leaders for tomorrow.

Submitted by Robert Pritz County Extension Agent

Texas launches unprecedented, hard-hitting anti-DWI campaign

ABILENE, Texas - Starting this week, 23-year-old Jacqueline Saburido is appearing in the hardest-hitting anti-DWI television PSA ever aired in Texas.

Formerly a self-described "average college kid" who enjoyed swimming, flamenco dancing and spending time with family and friends, Jacqueline survived a fiery drunk driving crash in Austin three years ago which left her badly burned and disfigured. Because she passionately wants to make a contribution to reducing drunk driving crashes, she agreed to appear in new television commercials sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) that began airing statewide on Monday, October 7.

"Texas still leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities," explained TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Steve Simmons. "And that's why, even though some may find these images disturbing, we are grateful to Jacqui for her willingness to help grab the attention of Texas drivers, especially teens and younger adults, and get them to focus on the frightening consequences of drinking and driving."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 1,800 people were killed on Texas streets and highways in 2000 in crashes involving alcohol.

The DPS reports that on average, one person is hurt every 21 minutes in an alcohol related crash, resulting in more than 25,000 injuries every year. Arrests in Texas for driving while intoxicated top 90,000 annually.

"Teens and young adults are the most likely to be involved in drunk driving crashes," said

John Posey, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Heart of Texas Chapter. "Underage drinking is also a serious problem, and that's why we support this new campaign and applaud the courage and conviction of Ms. Saburido."

The new TV PSA is chilling in its power and simplicity. Jacqui is sitting in a chair holding up, in front of her face, a framed photo of herself prior to the crash. By any standard, this is the picture of a beautiful young woman. Continuing to hold the photo in front of her face, she says: "My name is Jacqueline Saburido. This is a picture of me before I was hit by a drunk driver, before the car caught fire, before two of my friends died, before I needed more than forty operations. This was me when my life was just like anyone else in college." Then she lowers the photo, revealing her now badly burned and disfigured face — nose and ears missing. She then says, "This is me after being hit by a drunk driver." The commercial finishes with the announcer saying, "Don't drink and drive...ever."

TxDOT also has set up a special Web site for parents who want pointers on how to talk to their kids about drunk driving or about the new television commercials. The Web address is www.texasdwi.org.

The anti-DWI campaign will also include radio and billboard messages as well as posters distributed to schools and workplaces across Texas. The campaign is cosponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texans Standing Tall, the Partnership for a Drug Free Texas and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Early voting for November 5 General Election now underway

Early voting for the Tuesday, November 5 General Election in Callahan County is now underway at voting locations in Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains.

Callahan County Secretary Jeanie Bohannon, who also serves as early voting clerk, reported that early voting is underway now at the Callahan County Courtroom #107 in Baird, at the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde and the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains and will continue through November 1. The JP office in Clyde is located at 318 North First Street and the Cross Plains JP office is located at 424 South Main in Cross Plains. Early voting hours at the Baird station will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Early voting at the JP offices in Clyde and Cross Plains will take place weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and

from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 29, 2002, according to Bohannon. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to: Jeanie Bohannon, 100 West 4th Street, Suite 104, Baird, Texas 79504.

The Tuesday, November 5, 2002 General Election will take place at seven voting precincts throughout the County including: Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club; Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club; Precinct #3, Baird Housing Authority; Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center; Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center; Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church; and Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center. The November 5 General Election voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Betty Hardwick Center Awarded Contract

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) recently awarded the HRC Substance Abuse Service, a program of the Betty Hardwick Center to provide services to individuals with Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance use Disorders (COPSD). Vickie Copeland, LPC, has been hired as the COPSD specialist. Vickie has a Master's Degree in Family Psychology from Hardin-Simmons University.

The philosophy of COPSD is to meet and deal with clients at their particular "point of time". The

development of a trusting relationship between the counselor and the client is critical to success. All counseling is delivered on an individual basis. Clients can be seen daily, up to nine hours per week, at a location of their preference, and services can be provided for an extended period of time. Transportation problems will not be a barrier to receiving services. No one will be denied services due to inability to pay.

For more information, call (915) 690-5147 and request to speak with someone about the COPSD program.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 2002

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present except for Joe Ingram. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read with the following correction. The August minutes stated that the budget was approved as presented and should have read that the audit was approved as presented.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 90 calls for service, 5 criminal mischiefs, 1 prowler, 7 assaults, 2 thefts, 2 accidents, 2 gas drive-offs, 2 terroristic threats, 1 missing person, 9 family disturbance calls, 1 sexual assault, 2 dog attacks, with 52 warnings and 72 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, presented the monthly Judge's report. He reported 72 citations for August with 37 remaining outstanding. There 10 citations outstanding for July and 9 outstanding for June. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Walter Thomason met with the council to report the number of meals served at the Senior Citizens' Center for the past 3 months. He reported 314 meals for May, 347 for June and 359 for

July. The Center averaged 19 meals at the center and 18 for Meals on Wheels. He also discussed the roof is still in need of repair. Also discussed was the fact that the Seniors have priority over use of the building and asked the council to consider how to help establish that they will have priority over other events being held. Discussion was held at length concerning the matter and he and Debbie are to get together and try to plan ahead on booking the Senior Center for Senior events.

Debbie Gosnell presented the council with two proposals from Dub Meador and Porcius Potter, that have been presented to the Economic Development Board. The EDC has met with the applicants and have approved the applicants for funding. Debbie asked the council for their approval. James Nichols moved to approve the two proposals with the stipulations that all equipment will be put up as collateral. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

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

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

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

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Come join us and help American Cancer Society.
Submitted by Rosalie Holden

One skunk tested positive for rabies in Callahan County

The Texas Department of Health reported one skunk was diagnosed with rabies during the month of August 2002.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division tested one skunk, one dog, two cats and one equine during the month for rabies. The skunk was the only animal to turn up positive for the disease.

During the month of August statewide, 77 animals were reported positive for rabies with skunks and bats reporting the most rabid reports. There were 34 skunks testing positive and 30 bats testing positive for rabies in August. The Department of Health also reported six fox, one dog, three cats, two bovine and one bobcat tested positive for rabies in August.

Happy Birthday!

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Travis Bailey
Lynn Koenig
Eddie Koenig
Jimmy Dennis
Laticia Chandler
David Goble
John Larkin
Ricky Burks
Joyce Klatts
Gene Thornhill
Dick Glider
Mrs. Louise Strickland

OCTOBER 27
Suzi Gray
Morgan J. Robertson
Glen McNeill
Chris Ray Connelly
Eddy Glen Connelly
Lanny Kellar
Walter Pope
Randall Thornton
Melissa (Pancake) Richards
Brook Walker

OCTOBER 28
Lu Ann (McConal) Sandahl
Alvin Parrish
Lyn Fleming
Debra Kunkel
Kevin Dwayne Wilson
Janice (Clark) Kelly
Patricia Twiner
Johnny Harris
Dennis Ray Kelly
Tammy Hutchins
Doyle Oliver
Terry Shults
Melinda Hinkle
Shelly Vineyard

OCTOBER 29
Gregory Pancake
Mrs. Don McCall
Barabara (Renfro) Sowell
Mack Ingram
Troyce Breeding
J.W. Morgan
Mrs. Jim Morgan
Mrs. W.C. Carey
Charles Holden
Greg Robertson
Maci Phillips
Daley Anderson

OCTOBER 30
David McGowen
Dean Roger
James Whitton
Judy L. Foster
Clowie N. Johnston
Billy Walker
Carl Smart
Sam Nixon
Pamela Barnett
Jo (Mrs. J.O.) Taylor
Lee Meador
Dustin Purvis

OCTOBER 31
Denese (Whiteley) Watts
Shawn Michael Lusk
Donald Pope
Ronald Pope
Brandi Lee
Ken Post

NOVEMBER 1
Billy Hargrove
Robert Edward Markham
David Bull
Charlie Grider
Fred Canales
Sharelyn Bell
Erica Barron
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Submitted by Gene Kniffen

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Governor	RICK PERRY
Lt. Governor	DAVID DEWHURST
Attorney Gen.	GREG ABBOTT
Comptroller	CAROL KEETON RYLANDER
Land Commissioner	SUSAN COMBS
Railroad Commissioner	MICHAEL WILLIAMS

District Candidates

U.S. Congress Dist. 17	ROB BECKHAM
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81% of Texans have registered to vote

AUSTIN—The Texas Secretary of State's office has announced the official figure for the number of registered voters eligible for the November 5th general election. The certified number of voters is 12,569,738, meaning that 81% of Texans over the age of eighteen are now registered. This is an increase of 351,574 over the official tally for the March 12th primary election. By way of comparison, 12,365,235 Texans were registered to vote in the November 2000 general election. Between March and November of 2000, 752,474 new voters were added to the rolls.

"I am delighted that eighty-one percent of eligible Texans have made the decision to register to vote. Voting is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I fervently hope that Texans will now follow through and take those voter registration certificates to the polls," said Secretary Gwyn Shea.

Texas enjoys one of the highest rates of voter registration in the nation. The state pioneered motor-voter and instituted online access to printable registration applications, both aimed at increasing voter registration rates.

Secretary of State Shea serves as the Chief Election Officer for the State of Texas. In that capacity, she implemented a year-long strategy to increase voter awareness and participation. In the spring, she spoke to graduating seniors and distributed voter registration cards to every high school in the state. This past summer, she visited military installations across Texas, exhorting young soldiers, sailors and airmen to register to vote. She also spoke with employees of various Texas businesses, urging them to make time in their busy schedules to participate in the upcoming election.

"The people we elect in November will be representing Texans and their families on the federal as well as the state and county levels. We as a nation, and a state, are going to face difficult decisions on a range of issues during the coming year. Folks need to understand that by not voting, they are letting someone else make the decisions for their family," Shea said.

Early voting began October 21st in Callahan County, and continues through November 1st. On Election Day, November 5th, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Secretary Shea will be issuing a voter turnout projection towards the end of the early voting period.

Placement of campaign signs regulated by law

ABILENE—With the election only a couple of weeks away, the only thing proliferating faster than campaign rhetoric is the number of campaign signs popping up like wildflowers on Texas rights of way.

Political supporters should choose their candidate's sign locations as wisely as they choose their candidates as Election Day approaches say Texas Department of Transportation officials.

"Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way," Marvin Rogers, Callahan County maintenance section supervisor, said. "Violators can face fines of up to \$500 per sign. However, it is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission," Rogers added.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs must be removed within 10 days after an election.

Officials with TxDOT say the laws are intended for the safety

of the traveling public.

"These laws increase safety on Texas roads," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "They help save lives by limiting the number of potential distractions and obstacles along state roads."

Callahan County maintenance personnel may immediately and without prior notice remove a sign placed on state highway right of way, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs found to be potential safety hazards will be removed immediately. Violators may also be charged for removal of illegally placed signs.

Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under federal law, if the state fails to control signs visible from interstate and other federally funded highways, Texas may be subject to loss of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

If you have questions as to where you can legally place campaign signs in Callahan County, contact Rogers at 915/854-1353.

Fruit Shortcourse

Everyday new people move into the Central Texas area and one of the first things they want to do is plant some sort of fruit crop. It may be as simple as growing a few strawberries to as complex a project as planting 50 acres of peaches. All these people have two things in common, they like to grow things and they want to learn. The Cross Timbers Fruit Shortcourse will meet both needs, put people together who want to grow fruit crops as well as provide some of the best education on fruit growing in the state of Texas.

The Fruit Shortcourse will be held in DeLeon, Texas located at the crossroads of Highways 6 and 16. Interested fruit growers or potential fruit growers will meet together on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 3:45 p.m. for registration at the DeLeon City Auditorium located on Hwy. 16 in downtown DeLeon, Texas. After registration, about 4:00 p.m. everyone will depart for a short walking tour of Womack's Nursery facilities located on Hwy. 16 just outside DeLeon, then return to the auditorium for a meal and to finish the shortcourse program. The cost of the Fruit Shortcourse program, meal and handouts is \$5.00 per person, kept low by generous local sponsors.

To preregister for the program and the meal everyone is asked to call the Comanche County Extension Office at 915-356-2539. The Fruit Shortcourse will cover all aspects of growing fruit from site selection to types of

fruit crops and varieties to insects and disease control methods. Speakers will include Larry Don Womack of Womack's Nursery who is a third generation nurseryman growing fruit and nut trees for orchard plantings. Jim Kamas, Extension Horticulturist from Fredericksburg, to lead off the program. Dr. Larry Stein, Extension Horticulturist, Texas A&M Center in Uvalde will also be on the program. Dr. Stein is an expert in fruit growing having worked as an Extension horticulture specialist for 20 years as well as being recognized for his excellent articles on fruit growing in many gardening publications. Dr. Stein will discuss all aspects of fruit crop growing.

No program on fruit growing would be complete without a discussion of the pests of fruit crops. Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist, Texas A&M Center of San Angelo will bring everyone up to date on the insects that are good and bad for fruit crops and discuss the integrated pest management approach to growing fruits. Dr. George Philley, Extension Plant Pathologist, Texas A&M Center in Overton will give his advice on disease prevention and control measure that will help insure success.

The Cross Timbers Fruit Shortcourse is open to all fruit growers from the small backyard enthusiast to the large multi-acre orchard owner. Don't forget to pre-register by October 29 to guarantee a meal.

Submitted by Robert Pritz

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Aug. 4.2%	Sept. 4.2%
Total Labor Force	7,193	7,142
Total Employed	6,893	6,846
Total Unemployed	300	296

County's unemployment rate drops to 4.1%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of September 2002 fell one-tenth of one percent to 4.1% from August's 4.2%, according to jobless figures released Monday, October 14 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 7,142 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,846 were employed during September 2002, and 296 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 4.1%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in September 2001 was 3.8%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.2% in August 2001. Of the 7,193 civilian labor force in the county during August, 6,893 had jobs while 300 or 4.2% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.4% in July 2002, 3.9% in June, 3.1% in May, 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, and 3.6% in October, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties' unemployment rates for September 2002 include: Brown, 4.2%; Coleman, 6.6%; Eastland, 3.6%; Jones, 4.2%; Runnels, 3.9%; Shackelford, 3.6%; Stephens, 6.2%; and Taylor County, 4.4%.

The Texas actual series unemployment rate continued its decline for a second consecutive month by dropping three-tenths of a percentage point from a July rate of 6.6 to 6.3 percent in August. August's rate is the highest Texas has experienced for the month since 1994 when it also reached 6.3 percent as Texas was emerging from the 1991-92 national recession. The over-the-month decrease matches the average three-tenths of a percentage point reduction that is typical between July and August. Nationally, the United States unemployment rate dipped by three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.7 percent in August after remaining unchanged the previous two months. This is the fifth consecutive month that the state rate has tied or been higher than the national rate.

Of the 10,747,400 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,074,100 in August. The total number of unemployed in August 2002 was 673,300. The state's unemployment rate during the same month last year was 5.2%.

The United States unemployment rate was 6.6% in August 2002. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of July 2002 was 6.0%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in August 2001 was 4.9%.

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National School Bus Safety Week Oct. 20-26 Promoted by DPS

National School Bus Safety Week runs from October 20-26 as school districts and law enforcement combine to highlight important safety issues.

In many locations this year, DPS troopers will be running special enforcement operations targeting dangerous driving around school buses. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated.

"A school bus is carrying our most precious cargo, and other drivers should treat them accordingly," said Charley Kennington, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation.

Statistics show that students are most likely to be injured or killed when boarding or getting off school buses. Three

students died while getting on or off school buses in 2001 and 2002.

"This also is a time for school districts to reinforce safe bus driving and loading and offloading procedures," said Kennington. "Nearly half of all students hit are struck by the bus shortly before, during or after boarding or exiting the bus."

Even with 1.4 million Texas children riding school buses daily, they remain one of the safest forms of transportation—accounting for less than one-half of one percent of all traffic crashes.

There have been no student fatalities on Texas school buses since 1991, but the numbers of injury producing wrecks during that same time period increased 41 percent, while injuries rose 63 percent.

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Best Students Name The Best Teachers

Austin, Tx —A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics...their former students, in the seventh edition of *Who's Who Among American's Teachers, 2002*.

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, or The National Dean's List*, publications which recognize 5 percent of our nation's high school and college students respectively. Parke Davis, publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* said, "There is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication. In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by the best students."

The students were requested to nominate the one teacher from

their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level. One student wrote about her teacher saying, "she made education something pleasurable, instead of a dreadful ordeal by letting me spread my wings and showing me the best way to fly."

Local educators honored in *Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2002* include Michelle Smithson Beasley, formerly employed at Cross Plains High School; Meredith Ann Cole, Lory Ann Owen, and Sherry Hart Scoggins, all of Clyde High School.

Tobacco Use Decreases Ecstasy Use Increases

Tobacco use by Texas students decreased significantly since 2000, according to a survey released today by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Use of tobacco has continued to decline over the past four years. The percentage of students reporting they had used tobacco in the month before the survey fell 19 percent since 2000 and 31 percent since 1998.

"The survey demonstrates that the state's efforts to reduce teen tobacco use are working," said Dr. Dave Wanser, executive director of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

However, use of the club drug Ecstasy, which is popular on the rave scene and with young people, is cause for concern due to the risks associated with it. In the short term, Ecstasy causes chemical changes in the brain that lead to severe depression and memory problems. There is growing concern that long-term use of Ecstasy could lead to permanent brain damage. Individuals who use Ecstasy are also at fairly high risk of heart or kidney failure. Since 2000, Ecstasy use has increased by 63 percent. TCADA has planned a campaign for the spring of 2003 targeting Ecstasy use.

"I am quite concerned about the explosion of Ecstasy use in the past two years," said Wanser. "We must find ways to educate Texas teens and their parents about the dangers associated with this drug. Our awareness campaign was already in the planning stages, but the results of this survey underscore the need for it."

About 238,000 Texas students in grades 4-12 participated in the survey, the largest of its kind in the nation. TCADA has been conducting the statewide survey every two years since 1988. Among other findings:

- Alcohol continues to be the most widely used substance among Texas students in grades 7-12 with 71 percent of students reporting they had used alcohol at some point in their lives. This percentage has remained relatively steady in recent years; past month use dropped 4.4 percent since 2000.
- Marijuana remained the most

commonly used substance among students after alcohol and tobacco. 32 percent of all 7-12 graders in 2002 reported having smoked marijuana at some point in their lives, the same as in 2000. Past-month use of marijuana was 14.4 percent in 2002, compared to 13.7 percent in 2000.

- The percentage of 7-12 graders reporting they had ever used any illicit drug remained stable in 2002.

- Among 7-12 graders, inhalants declined for lifetime use but remained steady for past-month use. The overall rate for lifetime use in 2002 was 18 percent and the past month use was 7 percent.

"The survey shows us that some teen drug use has declined while some has remained relatively steady," Wanser said. "While we did not see the same level of reductions as we did in 2000 and even gave a little ground in a few areas, it is important to note that overall substance use by teens has decreased 19 percent in the last 10 years, driven by reductions in tobacco and alcohol use."

Particularly promising declines were noted among students in grades 4-6. Use by this age group decreased for all substances. The following results were seen among elementary students:

- In 2002, 15.9 percent of students reported they had used alcohol in the past year, a 21.3 percent decrease from 1998. Alcohol use among this age group has shown a steady decline throughout the past decade.

- The percentage of students who said they had used tobacco in the past year decreased 34 percent in 2002 to 4.8 percent from 7.3 percent in 2000.

- In 2002, 1.7 percent of students said they had used marijuana in the past year, a drop of 19 percent from 2000. Marijuana use among this age group has fallen 35 percent since 1998.

- The percentage of students who said they had used inhalants fell 17 percent from 2000 to 6.5 percent in 2002.

For more information contact Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 1-800-588-8728.

CJC Minimester Registration Told

Cisco Junior College on-line registration is now underway for the Abilene Christmas Minimester and the spring 2003 semester. On-line registration for Christmas Minimester ends December 12, and on-line registration for the spring 2003 semester ends December 18.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Commercial feast...

A TV commercial was filmed on-location at a landmark property MyKeeper and I were visiting. Until then, I figured ad filming took about five minutes.

Early in the morning, the production crew advanced. Trucks pulled up to the curb. And cars, dozens of them, and vans. Within a half hour, busy people swarmed the place. They didn't just fit into the background, they took over the place. A kind of chaotic order ruled the day, composed of crew, directors, actors, props, and scenes.

A huge semi brought a selection of glittering new cars - the stars of the "show." Actually, a bevy of stars from which to pick one.

The chuckwagon arrived first, flanked by a couple of carloads of cooks and waiters. That was our first clue this was more than a five-minute production.

All morning long, while the mid-day feast was being prepared, costumes were shaken out, actors rehearsed, scenes were set, directors sat in their chairs, lights and cameras and cords and wires were placed and tested and tested and tested.

After logistics were checked over and over, the first car was lowered to the ground like a breakable ceramic. Drivers took turns making trial runs. Technicians marked critical increments of acceleration and speed and timing along the roadway. The mood was festive. Activity was broken by frequent waits for revisions and adjustments. In constant motion were the fine arts shovellers and sweepers who sculpted the stretch of road to perfection.

Suddenly all joviality ceased. The entire set was focused, serious, ready. A mock "take" was in process. The scene was directed, stop watch in hand. The set went silent. The driver watched for the start signal. A

crewman reached out to polish a smudge on the glistening fender. The countdown began anew—three, two, one—the director's hand went down. The car moved, built up speed and BOOM! A firebomb billowed red a second behind the car.

Cameras caught three angles of the shoot. A few more test runs were shot before the final take, complete with the explosions that echoed for miles and drew the curious.

Lunch was the only lure strong enough to break their concentration. The food was sumptuous and exotic, served on decorated tables shaded under huge canopies. MyKeeper and I ate with the company, talked with them. It was a long lunch hour and a noisy, glamorous time.

After lunch, a few more changes were made. Production settled to a hum, a rush to finish matched with a care to timing and safety.

I can't watch a commercial anymore without imagining all the casting, set design, scripting, prop gathering, travel and lodging arrangements it took to get to the one long day of filming. A commercial is a major production requiring the same planning and detail as a whole movie, a costumed ballet, a weekend parade and festival.

Months later, we saw the commercial on TV. That day on the property had been only one of four on-location sites spliced in the cutting room. The zoom and the boom from our shoot appeared as a two-second flash on the screen.

I know the ad was designed to sell cars, but all it does is activate my salivary glands. In me, it jogs the memory of the feast in the middle of the long day that created the two-second spot in a one-minute commercial.

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JASON AND NIKKI HIGGINS

Local Couple to Renew Wedding Vows Nov. 2nd

Jason and Nikki Higgins request your presence at the renewal of their wedding vows in a Christian celebration of their love.

Everyone is invited to join them Saturday, November 2, 2002, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 301 North Main Street, Cross Plains.

DOWN HOME

Three weeks later, I rushed to my beach in a state of near panic. I was in no mood to even greet Wendy. I thought I saw her mother on the porch and felt like demanding she keep her child at home.

"Look, if you don't mind, I said crossly when Wendy caught up with me, 'I'd rather be alone today.'"

She seemed unusually pale and out of breath. "Why?" she asked. I turned to her and shouted, "Because my mother died!" and thought, why was I saying this to a little child?

"Oh, she said quietly, 'then this is a bad day.'"

"Yes," I said, "and yesterday and the day before and---oh, go away!"

"Did it hurt?" she inquired. "Did what hurt?" I was exasperated with her, with myself.

"When she died?" "Of course it hurt!" I snapped, misunderstanding, wrapped up in myself.

I strode off. A month or so after that, when I next went to the beach, she wasn't there. Feeling guilty, ashamed and admitting to myself I missed her, I went up to the cottage after my walk and knocked at the door.

A drawn looking young woman with honey-colored hair opened the door.

"Hello," I said, "I'm Robert Peterson. I missed your little girl today and wondered where she

was." "Oh yes, Mr. Peterson, please come in. Wendy spoke of you so much. I'm afraid I allowed her to bother you. If she was a nuisance, please accept my apologies."

"Not at all--she's a delightful child." I said, suddenly realizing that I meant what I had just said.

"Wendy died last week, Mr. Peterson. She had leukemia. Maybe she didn't tell you."

Struck dumb, I groped for a chair. I had to catch my breath.

"She loved this beach so when she asked to come, we couldn't say no. She seemed so much better here and had lot of what she called happy days. But the last few weeks, she declined rapidly..." her voice faltered, "She left something for you...if only I can find it. Could you wait a moment while I look?"

Inodded stupidly, my mind racing for something to say to this lovely young woman. She handed me a smeared envelope with MR. P printed in bold childish letters. Inside was a drawing in bright crayon hues--a yellow beach, a blue sea, and a brown bird. Underneath was carefully printed:

A SANDPIPER TO BRING YOU JOY. Tears welled up in my eyes and a heart that had almost forgotten to love opened wide. I took Wendy's mother in my arms. "I'm sorry, I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry."

I muttered over and over, and we wept together.

The precious little picture is framed now and hangs in my study. Six words--one for each year of her life--that speak to me of harmony, courage, and undemanding love. A gift from a child with sea blue eyes and hair the color of sand--who taught me the gift of love.

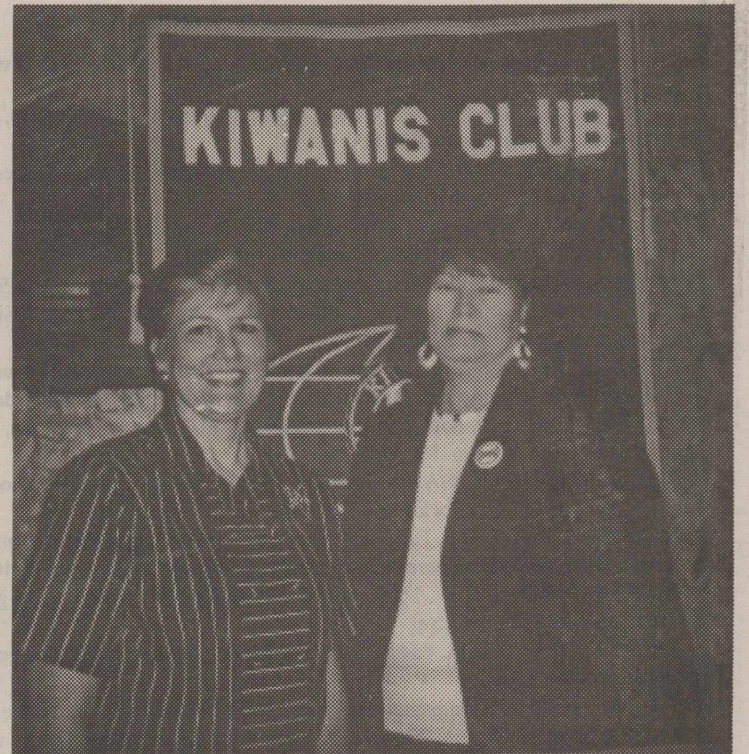
NOTE: This is a true story sent out by Robert Peterson. It serves as a reminder to all of us that we need to take time to enjoy living and life and each other.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from October 13, 2002 through October 19, 2002 include:

- Cases Investigated
 - Warnings-63
 - Complaints-69
 - DWI-2
 - Public Intoxication-1
 - Vehicle Accidents
- There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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KIWANIANs HEAR FROM NANCY ROBINSON MASTERS—Mrs. Masters, an author from Abilene, spoke to the Kiwanis Club on October 15 giving them the four rules from Top Gun school, that she was privileged to attend. Her writings about aviation has taken her from the Antarctica to Alaska and the pipe lines to Cottonwood. She was introduced by Jacquie Childress, on the left, a director of the Cross Plains Library.

Pioneer Community Annual Quilt Show, Country Store and Doll Display Upcoming

The Pioneer Community Annual Quilt, Show, Country Store and Doll Display will be held Saturday, November 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in bringing quilts for display are welcome. The quilts can be either hand or machine quilted, old or new. There is no entry fee.

A ribbon will be given for the one chosen as "People's Choice". Please bring your quilts between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. the morning of the show, and pick them up at 5 p.m.

Nelda Dean of Clyde will exhibit her doll collection. She makes these dolls that include beautiful baby dolls to Grandma and Grandpa dolls. This will be a real treat for everyone.

The sale of goods from the Country Store each year helps

with the upkeep of the Pioneer Community Center. They will be selling handmade items and crafts. Best of all, there will be plenty of fresh baked cakes, pies, breads, etc.----goodies to buy and freeze for the upcoming holidays. Anyone wishing to donate items for the store may bring them to the Pioneer Community Center between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29th.

There is no charge for outside spaces (with no electricity) for vendors who would like to set up a booth. Just leave the grounds clean.

The Pioneer Community Center is located one mile north of Highway 36 on FM 569 between Rising Star and Cross Plains. For further information, call (254) 725-7321 or (254) 725-7359.

LIBRARY NOTES

October 14-18
Circulation:
 Books 99
 Audio 1
 TOTAL 100
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