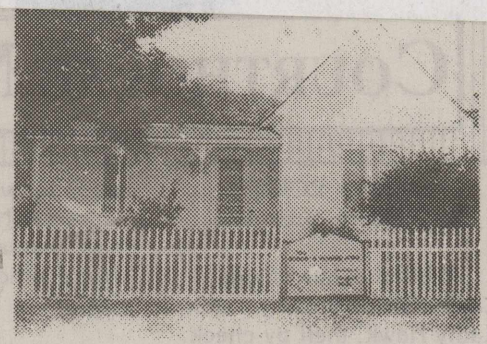


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"How About—The Rest of the Story"

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

Some of you may have been shocked by the personal information I shared with you last week, however, many of you already knew my story. I felt it was time to be honest with myself.

In my haste to complete the issue covering the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show, I failed to give you the most important information—how I survived the challenge.

During the three week hospital stay when I was first diagnosed manic depressive, I prayed almost continually and read from the Bible diligently. At that time Hendrick Memorial Hospital, as it was called, did not have a psychiatric ward or any specialized section for stress or depression patients, so it was like a brief vacation while they regulated the medication level.

I never had symptoms of depression, instead I was hyper from the effects of the excessive number of diet tablets. It felt like everything was going too fast.

At the time I thought it was one of the most terrible experiences of my life, but looking back I see that it was a life-changing event. It was the first time I had truly heard from God and I knew what my purpose on this earth was.

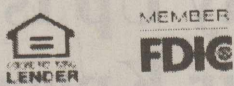
Part of my recovery included some self-therapy—finding a hobby for relaxation. In grade school I took poetry recitation classes from the late Gladys Garrett and I admired her artistic talent. So, I decided to take lessons in oil painting. The Lord led me to a very special lady, Ozella Huddleston, who became not only my instructor, but my mentor and best friend. What I gleaned from her was faith in the Lord. While we painted she talked about the Bible and I was fascinated by her knowledge.

The encouragement of many people helped me get through the years of anxiety attacks. Several local residents brought me books, pamphlets and articles with ideas of how to get past the problem. If you haven't experienced a panic attack, don't be too judgemental, as it could happen to you. Often you are treated as a hypochondriac, but if it runs your blood

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Rabies vaccine airdrop underway in Callahan County

The Texas Department of Health Oral Rabies Vaccination Program airdrop of rabies vaccine to immunize gray foxes began in West Central Texas, including Callahan County.

The week-long project in Junction began at daybreak Thursday, January 16 from the Kimble County Airport in Junction.

The Texas Department of Health assisted by Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, Texas National Guard and Dynamic Aviation Group conducted the rabies vaccine airdrop to continue to contain a rabies epizootic in gray foxes.

Some 1.8 million dog food-based baits containing an oral rabies vaccine will be dropped from specially-equipped King Air planes from Dynamic Aviation Group, flying at 500 feet. Baits will be dropped over portions of 36 counties in West Central Texas to immunize gray foxes against rabies and reduce the threat of the deadly disease to domestic animals and humans.

Baits will be air-dropped over portions of the following West-Central Texas counties: Bandera, Brewster, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Crane, Crockett, Eastland, Edwards, Gillespie, Glasscock, Howard, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Llano, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Sterling, Taylor, Terrell, Upton, Uvalde and Val Verde.

More information, including project updates, available on the Web at: www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/orvp.

After Junction, the bait drop will move to Fort Stockton around Jan. 23.

Semi-Pro Football Begins Season

The Eastland County X-Treme will host the Midland-Odessa Longhorns in a benefit football game February 1st, 6 p.m. at Wildcat Stadium in Rising Star.

The proceeds will go to the Rising Star Little League Association to help build a new baseball complex.

The team is a member of the West Texas Football League and was started in the fall of 2001. The team competed well in its first season and finished with a 3-6 mark in the 2002 season.

The Eastland County X-treme is a non-profit organization and is trying to raise money for local charities and organizations. The team consists of players from Eastland county as well as other surrounding counties in Central Texas.

Cost for admission is \$3 for adults, 12 and under get in free. So come out and enjoy some good football and help us get enough money so that a new baseball complex can be built for the kids.

This Saturday the team is traveling to Fort Hood to open up its 2003 season against the Central Texas Warriors. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. If you plan on traveling to Fort Hood you must have a picture ID (Drivers License, State ID, Military Id) and proof of insurance (if driving), to get on base.

Your Eastland County X-Treme players from Cross Plains are Jody Gosnell and Cory Switzer.

Co. Commissioners consolidate birth and death records

Callahan County Commissioners voted to consolidate the duties of registering birth and death records in Clyde from the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 to the County Clerk's office in Baird effective January 1, 2003.

Commissioners took the action Monday, January 13 during the Commissioners regular monthly meeting held in the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Commissioners voted 5-0 to consolidate the duties of registering birth and death records to the County Clerk's office in Baird. Former Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace Eston Shelnett and the County Clerk had agreed in a written memo dated December 30, 2002 and all the existing records were turned over to the County Clerk on December 30, 2002.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn and the minutes of the December 9, 2002 Commissioners' Court meeting were approved.

—There was no public comment received.

—On a motion by Commissioner Charlie Grider and second by Commissioner Holland, Commissioners voted 5-0 to appoint Clyde Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks as Judge, Pro-tem for 2003.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to appoint three public members to the County Salary Grievance Committee and also selected three alternates if the original three resign. The three appointed members to the committee were James Patton of Baird, Christopher Key and Charles DeShazo of Clyde. The alternates include Clayton Car-

penter and Curtis Cantrell of Clyde and Clarence Tennison of Cross Plains.

—Commissioners discussed bids for the County general liability, law enforcement, and auto insurance. Ron Bagley with Greenwood Insurance met with the Commissioners' Court to discuss partial coverage. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table the item until January 24 and Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Holland, Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve bonds and oaths for the newly elected County officials. Those officials include County Judge Roger Corn, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #4 Charlie Grider, District Clerk Sharon Owens, County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Roy L. Chapman, Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 Steve Odom, and Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 Rolan Jones.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve orders authorizing deputations. They are: Regina Barton, Donna Bell and Lynda Bennett with the County Clerk's office; Desma Cantine with the District Clerk's office; Jan Windham with the County Treasurer's office; and Mark Goetz, William Cheek, Jimmy D. Hall and Joy Jackson with the County Sheriff's office.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all current bills and on a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Texas Midwest Day in Austin February 19

A full day of activities will give community leaders from the region an opportunity for recognition with state legislators and state agencies as they demonstrate the importance of communities working together to accomplish what one community can not do alone.

"Generally speaking, rural communities are at a disadvantage when it comes to influencing state lawmakers. By joining together," says TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle, "a larger group of rural delegates gets more attention and presents a stronger voice in Austin"

TMCN encourages citizens throughout the region to take part in a special day of recognition, which includes resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives, a photo session with Legislators from the region, and a reception for Legislators and state agency representatives.

The more citizens attending from the region, the better the message will be heard for rural Texas. For the 2001 Session some communities in the region organized day-trips by charter bus. Others formed caravans to drive to Austin and back the same day.

TMCN identifies five important reasons to make the decision to

participate:

- Strengthen participation from our region in the legislative process.
- Honor the ten Legislators from this region.
- Bring attention to issues of concern in the region.
- Inform elected officials about the many positive attributes of the Texas Midwest.
- Demonstrate a strong voice for rural Texas.

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details, call the TMCN Office 915-676-0329 or contact your local city hall or chamber of commerce for the name of the TMCN Delegate in your community. Make a difference for rural Texas. Plan to participate on February 19th.

TMCN Member cities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, Sterling City, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

Library Writing Contest Open to All C.P. Students

For the fourth consecutive year, the Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades Pre-K through 12. In the past three years, the opportunity to enter was offered to students in the Cross Plains schools. Realizing that there are now many home-schooled students in the area, the Library Board decided the contest should also be open to them. Any home-schooled students who are eligible to attend the Cross Plains schools are encouraged to enter. Students may enter any one of the three categories: poetry, essay, or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank verse, haiku, etc. (For the sake of

the judge's eyesight: please, only one entry per student!)

If your student(s) would like to enter, you may pick up entry guidelines at the Cross Plains Public Library between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and return the entries there by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2003. The entries will be "blind" judged by a retired college level teacher of English. As in previous years, we will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each grade, and trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall. Additionally, the three best overall entries will be printed in the Cross Plains Review.

Contributed by Ginny Hoskins

Elaine Coleman Shares Her Story

Last Tuesday, January 21, at the Community Center, Elaine Coleman, author of *Texas Haunted Forts*, offered entertaining stories—and some "food for thought" to the crowd that came to hear her speak, courtesy of the Cross Plains Public Library.

Immediately after she'd been introduced, Ms. Coleman asked her audience, "What is a ghost?" No one raised a hand to answer. "Gee," Mrs. Coleman said, "The kids I talked to at school today did better than that! Here's what I think: a ghost is a memory."

Ms. Coleman said she'd been writing since she was in grade school, and like all who write, longed to be a published writer. She had collected recipes from her great-grandparents and other early pioneers and put them together in a "historical" cookbook. She offered the idea to an editor at Republic of Texas Press—who showed absolutely no interest. Instead, the editor wanted a book that had something to do with "ghosts". Having grown up near

Fort Phantom listening to her grandfather's stories of the early days, on the spur of the moment, Ms. Coleman said, "OK, how about Texas Phantom Forts?" The editor loved the idea, so Ms. Coleman began researching and writing.

She explained that the history presented in *Texas Haunted Forts* is very well-documented. "I'll stand behind the facts." When it comes to the legends and stories of hauntings, "I don't know how true they are. You'll have to go to the forts and decide for yourself." She said there were times she'd get a very eerie feeling, and then her research would reveal this was a place where a massacre or kidnapping had occurred. "I don't know," she said, "You go and decide for yourself."

Having achieved good sales with a book she never intended to write, Ms. Coleman's happiest news is that a publisher is now showing interest in her historical cookbook.

Submitted by
Ginny Hoskins

Commissioners Okay Installing Culverts for Public

Callahan County Commissioners voted to set policies and guidelines for installing culverts for the public during the Commissioners' Court regular meeting held Friday, January 24 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The following rules were approved for installing culverts for the public and will go into effect immediately.

#1 Commissioner must approve the size of the culvert with a minimum size of 20 feet.

#2 The public will pay for the culvert, \$100.00 for two loads of material, and \$100.00 for labor. If the need for material goes over two loads than an additional charge of \$50.00 per load will be charged.

#3 The money for the installation must be paid in full before the project will be started.

#4 Commissioners will have 30 days after payment in full to

complete the project.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

—There was no public comment received.

—Commissioners voted to accept the bid from the Texas Association of Counties for the Callahan County general liability, law enforcement, crime and auto insurance. Judge Roger Corn said the bid from the Texas Association of Counties will save the County \$17,000 over last year's bid.

—Commissioners voted to advertise for bids for a loader in Commissioner Bryan Farmer's Precinct #2.

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

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Carl McGown, theft by check.
Kathy Hawk, theft by check.
C. J. Greigo, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Dominique McNeal, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Michael Lowther, order extending probation granted.
Shonna Brunson, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Billy Qualls, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Daniel Fry, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Shanna South, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Morris Chavez, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Jacquelyn Soto, motion to revoke probation granted.
Robert Davis, motion to revoke probation granted.
Melissa A. Smith, motion to withdraw as surety and appli-

cation for warrant granted.
Jessie A. Nash, motion to dismiss to assault granted, victim signed affidavit of non-prosecution.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings
Lexi Lanise Croft and Buddy Andrew Croft, divorce.
Mark Stallings vs. Jim Hill and Cara Hill, damages.

Civil Minutes
The State of Texas vs. \$1,364.00 in U.S. currency, 1999 GMC Suburban, Mexico LP# DUR9567, vin # 3GCEC26R4XG194648, default judgment.

Criminal Minutes
Corky G. Wristen, motion to dismiss to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container granted due to insufficient evidence.
Judy B. Stuard, motion to dismiss to forgery granted due to defendant sentenced to prison on other case.

C.P. Senior Dance Saturday, Feb. 1st

A Senior Country and Western Dance will be held Saturday, February 1, at 141 South Main, Cross Plains. All ages are welcome. The musical entertainment begins at 7 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m. and the admission is \$4 per person.

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pressure up to the stroke level, you'll get the hospital employees' attention.

Actually I think my determination not to lose my independence helped me conquer the panic attacks. Driving a vehicle was one of the most devastating tasks, but I wasn't about to give it up. Going to the grocery store was another agonizing chore. Now I actually enjoy buying groceries, but my children shopped for me for years. They became great shoppers and they would stick to the list.

Anxiety is sometimes related to some deep fear you have. Someone explained that I couldn't have

well-known vocalist, James Russel rhythm guitarist, and Charles Lawson drummer.

This band has been to several local musicals and dances at Coleman and Cross Plains receiving many compliments on their talents. They put on a fantastic show last Saturday, so come see for yourself. All ages are welcome!!!

faith in the Lord and remain so fearful. It made sense. Here again, lots of prayers helped me through the bad days. Remember nothing can take away your joy, unless you allow it.

The last two days I've listened to a Christian television program about what stress does to your emotional and physical body and it was amazing what science has discovered concerning their connection. What you think truly determines what you are. The professionals' solution was to slow down the pace and spend some time in God's word. Sounds good to me—let's give it a try!

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OBITUARIES

Harry Anthony Pfoh

Funeral services for Harry Anthony Pfoh, age 94 of Cross Plains, Texas were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2003 in the Post Oak Cemetery near Cross Roads with Rev. Jerry Williams officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Anderson Clayton Brothers Funeral Home of Kemp.

Harry A. Pfoh was born on August 22, 1908 in Henrietta, Texas the son of the late Hermuis and Veronica Gass Pfoh and passed away on January 20, 2003 at his residence in Cross Plains. He had lived in Cross Plains for the last 3 months moving there from Caney City. He was a veteran of the US Navy serving during WWII and also served in the US National Guard.

Survivors include his son, John Pfoh of Cross Plains; grandchild, John Pfoh Jr. and his wife Michell of Cross Plains and Walter Pfoh and his wife Jennie of Eustace; great-grandchildren, Ashley Dawn Pfoh, Nathan Jacob Pfoh, Nicholas Andrew Pfoh, Dakota Lynn Pfoh and Maykayla Brooke Pfoh; numerous other friends and relatives.

Raymond Newman

Raymond Newman, 58, of Chilton, Texas, passed away January 21, 2003, in the Providence Hospital in Waco.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2003, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Burlie Taylor officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Raymond was born March 1, 1944 in Levelland, Texas to Lonzo Thomas Newman and Lorraine Jennings Newman. He married Jewel Brooks in Seminole, Texas on December 23, 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Jewel Newman of Chilton; four daughters, Janice Newman of Haskell, Trudy Burks and husband, Ryan, of Baird, Denise Newman of Westaco, and Samantha Blanton and husband, Eric, of Bastrop; a brother, Tommy Newman, of Randlett, Oklahoma; a sister, Sue Gilliam, of Lake Brownwood; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Merle, Bill and Bobby Newman.

Dorothy Dunn Pendley

Mrs. Dorothy Dunn Pendley, 83, of Rising Star, died Monday, January 20, 2003, in the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held Friday, January 24, 2003, in the Rising Star Church of Christ with Richard Massey officiating. Burial followed in the Rising Star Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born on November 20, 1919 in Brownwood to Giles and Pearl Maples Lockhart. She had lived in Rising Star all her life. Dorothy owned and operated the Powder Puff Beauty Shop for over 20 years. She married Paul Pendley on March 26, 1979 in Del Rio. Dorothy was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Pendley of Rising Star; three sisters, Janell Caudel of Rising Star, Mary Alford and Gretha Burkett, both of Sweeney; a brother, Giles Lockhart, Jr. of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

June Culvahouse

June Culvahouse, 102, of Rising Star, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2003, in the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2003, at the Cross Plains Cemetery. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge of the arrangements.

June was born November 20, 1901 in La Belle, Missouri to Clide Andrew Cason and Lizze Barclay Garnett Cason. She married William Charles "Bill" Culvahouse in Dillon, Montana on July 5, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 1980.

Survivors include her nephew, Jerry Huddleston of Cross Plains; and her niece, Kathy McDonald of Arizona.

Dedrich Jacob (D.J.) Goetz, Jr.

Dedrich Jacob Goetz, Jr., 73, passed away January 26, Sunday morning at his home south of Winters. Rosary was held Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 29 at St. Mary's Church with burial following at Old Rannels Cemetery in Ballinger.

D.J. was born May 21, 1929 to Dedrich Jacob Goetz, Sr., and Hattie (Brosig) Goetz in Winters. He attended Winters and Dale community schools. D.J. married Laverne Lucille Dankworth on November 28, 1950 in Olfen.

He served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953. D.J. and Laverne farmed until 1956; he then went to work for the Texas Liquor Control Board serving in Corpus Christi, Odessa, Amarillo and Lubbock. Later working as an assistant supervisor for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Abilene, before transferring to the Ballinger outpost office and retiring in 1985.

D.J. had many friends with the T.A.B.C. and was known by may state and local law enforcement officers. He was very proud of his career as a law enforcement officer.

D.J. was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger and was ordained a deacon in 1979, serving St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger and the Diocese of San Angelo. He was a CASA volunteer, receiving Volunteer of the year in 1992. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, The American Legion, Sheriffs Association of Texas, and National Rifle Assoc., and past member of the West Central Peace Officers Association and Texas Narcotics Officers Assoc. D.J. enjoyed farming, ranching, his pets, feeding his fish and talking to his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his son Jay Gregory Goetz and his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Laverne; six children, Karen Lochman of Sugarland, Deborah Buchanan of Abilene, Mark Goetz of Cross Plains, Kurt Goetz of Denton, J.D. Goetz of Haslet and Dianne Simons of Abilene; 14 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Floyd Weaver

Floyd Weaver, 76, passed away in Huntsville, Texas on Wednesday, January 22, 2003.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2003, in the Chapel of Earthman Resthaven Funeral Home with the Rev. Elmer Fulp of First Baptist Church of New Waverly officiating. Entombment followed at Earthman Resthaven Cemetery in Houston.

Floyd was born March 2, 1926 in Beverly Township, Arkansas to Erby and Eva Weaver and moved to Cross Plains in 1936. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Mr. Weaver retired from Bickley Brothers and North Forest I.S.D.

He is survived by his loving family: wife of 49 years, Louise Weaver of New Waverly, daughter, Linda Fisher and husband, Winthrop, Sr.; grandchildren, Miranda Blevins and husband, Joshua, Ross Fisher, Jr. and Elizabeth Fisher of Kansas City, Missouri; two brothers, Warren Weaver and wife, Betty, of Missouri City, and Herman Weaver and wife, Mary, of Cottonwood; five sisters, Wanda Hammel, Dena Nickerson, Billie Kelly and husband, Bill, and Mary Ella Weaver, all of Cottonwood, and Shirley Byrd and husband, Max, of Keller.

No rabies test in Callahan County during the month November 2002

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division reported no rabies tests were performed in Callahan County during the month of November 2002.

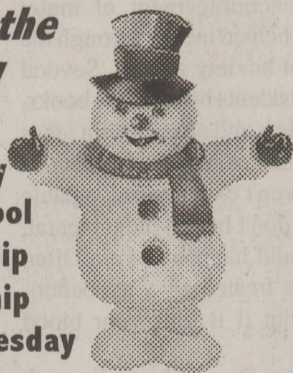
Statewide during the month of November, the Texas Department of Health reported 55 positive rabies tests in Texas, while 730 animals were tested negative for the disease.

Of the 55 positive tests, 39 were skunks, two were fox, nine bats, one raccoon, one dog, and three cats tested positive for rabies.

So far in 2002, 971 animals or nine percent have tested positive for rabies in Texas, while 9,986 or 89 percent tested negative for the disease.

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Richeson DQ Companies Hold Food Protection Management Course

It recently became law, and Graham-based Richeson Companies had 32 of its 49 managers attend the authorized Texas Food Protection Management seminar held at the Richeson Warehouse, 2912 Highway 16 South in Graham, on Wednesday, January 22.

Attending from Cross Plains were Ophelia Merrill, Manager of Cross Plains Dairy Queen and Kathryn Smith, Assistant Manager of Cross Plains Dairy Queen.

The course was presented by Nara Timmons of Fort Worth-

based Foodservice Consulting. Several other Richeson executives have already attended the seminar and passed official Texas Department of Health examination.

The seminar, Food Protection Management, fills the state requirement that each foodservice unit must have a person who has taken the course and passed the Texas State exam. The certification, the text book and the exam are available at any Texas County Extension office.

Cindy Nix and The Bluff Creek Editon to Perform at the Grande Ole Oplin

The Grande Ole Oplin wants to invite everyone out this coming Friday night to listen and dance to the tunes of Cindy Nix and the Bluff Creek Edition. These musical folks hale from the Snyder area and have been playing in the music industry for years. They will have tapes and CD's available for sale during our dance. So come out and show them your support.

We also want to remind everyone of a Community-wide garage and crafts sale to be held on Saturday, April 5th. Anyone who is interested in setting up a stand needs to contact Liz Boggess at (915) 529-4303. This is something we would like to see happen once or twice a

year here at the Oplin Community Center but your support is needed to make it happen.

The Oplin Community Center hosts the Grande Ole Oplin each Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Admission to the Grande Ole Oplin is only \$4.00 per person and everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the bands break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So put on your dancing boots, gather the family and all your friends and come on out for a night of good music, good friends and lots of dancing. We hope to see you here!

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

Scranton Musical This Saturday, Feb. 1st

The musical will be held at the Scranton Community Center, Saturday, February 1, 2003. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m. Robert & Sue Shrader, of Austin, will be hosts in the kitchen. They are serving a delicious pasta casserole, green salad, garlic bread and a

drink of your choice. 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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BREAKTHRU
 By Bob Pipes
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It's a proven fact: "It's a lot easier to suffer in silence when someone else is watching." I know that sounds contradictory — and it is — but the irony and sarcasm is to make a point. What's the sense of suffering if no one knows about it — if nobody is going to feel sorry for you?!

Jesus addresses that question, thank you. He said, "Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness to be seen of others. If you do, you will have already received all the reward you are getting — and there certainly won't be any coming from your heavenly Father. If you do them in secret, however, your Father will see you, whether anyone else does or not, and He will reward you." (The gist of Matthew 6:1-4.)

There are times when we need to do things in secret — do something for someone without letting even them, or anyone, know who did it. And even if someone does find out about it, or see us, don't let them find out because they hear us "tooting our own horn." And let us not break our arm by patting ourselves on the back, saying, "Aren't I mature."

We urge you to come and share periods of Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too.

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

By Wallace Bennett

I ran into Tom and Sue Bennett in downtown Cross Plains the other day and Tom told me that the last of the old Cottonwood trees that had been living for so long on the banks of Cottonwood Creek had blown over sometime during the Christmas holidays, and was no more. It was the last of the giant trees growing along the creek from which derived the first name of the town of "Cottonwood Springs". That particular old tree had the reputation of being the oldest and largest among the Cottonwood trees.

It seems, according to some historians, when the citizens of the area applied for a Post Office, it was denied because another town in Texas already had a Post Office named "Cottonwood Springs". So the name was changed and a Post Office was granted for "Cottonwood" on September 20, 1872.

How many of you remember the sweet and pungent smell of vegetation along Cottonwood Creek in those "good old days"? Crossing the creek when I was a kid always fulfilled an anticipated joy. But the smell is no longer there, and I don't know what happened to it. Does anyone out there know? If you do, please call me.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Next week I will tell you a good story about the old trees and will hopefully have a photo to go along with it.

In the meantime, it is time to "mark your calendar" for a couple of future events that "none of us want you" to miss.

The annual meeting (and

HOME COMING) of the Cottonwood Historical Association is set for Saturday, May 3, 2003. This association is actually an organization made up of current and former residents of the Cottonwood Community. And every one of you are invited to attend and participate. The Cottonwood Historical Association owns and maintains the old and new Cottonwood Cemeteries, the old Methodist Episcopal Church South building and the old Post Office building. The meeting in May will include a business meeting of these historical sites and our applications for historical markers.

In addition, the homecoming part will include a covered dish lunch, a round of story telling, and opportunities to look at photos and other memorabilia of old Cottonwood, plus a lot of time to renew friendships and make new ones. Please mark your calendar.

The other event to be aware of is the annual 4th of July Independence Day Celebration at the Cottonwood Community Center. This has become a very important day in the life of our community and usually includes readings of our freedom documents, singing America's hymns, a puppet show with a "freedom" theme, a visitation of one of our founding fathers to read the Declaration of Independence and a good old Fourth of July Picnic. Please don't miss this one.

(Please notify Wallace Bennett of personal items and coming events about the Community of Cottonwood at (254) 725-7474.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hi! Just come in and browse among the new books. You'll find everything from western to science-fiction to Christian mystery. In case the Christian mystery puzzles you, the term just tells the reader not to expect a lot of dirty words and situations. That should be a relief. Sandy Dengler's *A Model Murder* is one of those.

Fred Grave's *Red River Stage* is actually a collection of short stories—all western. His works won five Spur Awards from Western Writers of America. Robert Silverberg also writes short novels. His *In Another Country* and *Other Short Novels* is a collection of four "novellas", one of the best short forms for stories, as it permits better development of theme and character than shorter forms. Try some of these authors. You

might find a new friend. We'll be looking for you.

(The stats look good!)
Statistics
 January 1 - 24

Circulation: 98
Books: 98
Memorials:

Class of 1961 - In Memory of Richard Illingworth and Betty Graham

In Memory of Jack Scott: Alan and Gay Erwin Dallas and Jennifer Richard James and Susan Tension Christina Fenley Gross Tommy and Rebecca Huntress John and Dee Ann Kincke In Memory of Jack and Juakana Scott:

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A PRECIOUS BLESSING



Corey and Charlotte Townson and Caleb are blessed to announce the birth of Erin Nicole. She was born at 11:16 a.m., Friday, October 11, 2002 in Abilene, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Erin is welcomed by her maternal grandparents James Letney of Nimrod and Frankie McGough of Cross Plains.

Paternal grandparents Ron Townson and Robert and Debbie Dowell all of Arlington.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth Letney of Cross Plains and the late James Letney, Eva McGough of Nimrod and the late Pat McGough and Joyce Stewart of Conroe.

Paternal great-grandparents are Sam and Louise Townson of Cross Plains and the late Jenny Townson, Joe Kieschner of Arlington and Grace and John Shepherd of Trinidad.

Proud uncles and aunts are Chuck Letney of Hobbs, New Mexico, Casey and Janetta Townson of Burleson and Taylor Dowell, Danny Olds and Jenny Olds all of Arlington.



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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: Here it is late in January, some garden plants can be planted in February such as lettuce, English or sugar snap peas, collard greens, onions, spinach and the lake; in your flower garden if you don't have them already planted, pansies can be planted and candy tuft. Both these species of flowers just absolutely love cold weather and flourish proudly until sometime in May or June, if you will just deadhead them religiously.

In preparation for the coming of spring, you could during the last few days January and the first week of February, make your own stepping stones by filling old cake pie pans with a pre-mixed cement mixture. Before the cement hardens create interesting patterns by pressing in pieces of broken tile, stones, shells or pastel or color bright plastic or discarded buttons, or anything else that catches your eye. Be sure to smooth the top before decorating it.

"Head-Hunter?"

Throughout life, we find that there are many varied and different ways of doing things, the supposition being, that there's more than one way to actually this. I.E.: That age old method--axiom--there is more than one way to skin a cat.

Summer Pearson, my 5 year old granddaughter who resides in Shallowater, appears to have hit upon an unusual and unique way of changing clothes on her dolls.

Her father, Tom, brought this to my attention when they visited recently. Summer has more than one Barbie and she brought two one (a blond and a brunette). That way she and my other grandmother, Paige (also 5 years old) each would have a Barbie to play with while they are at Grandmas.

Back to the story— we were remarking on the Barbies and Summer and Tom said, "Guess how she changes their clothes?" I said, I dunno, she probably just undresses them and leaves them in their skivvies? That's the way her mother did it when she was small. "No," he said, "she just pulls their heads off and switches each dolls head to the other doll."

I laughed for about 40 minutes, leave it to a kid to just cut to the chase, it's simpler and easier and faster by far than, to take off those teeny little clothes, so just pop it off and exchange their heads. Five seconds and the Barbie dolls are ready to go. Somehow though, I don't think this would be applicable in real life. Time for a reality check? Seems to me to pretty much destroy King Solomon's edict: 1/2 a Babe for each mother--oooh that's cruel.

Well, never mind, it's working for Summer and that's good enough for Grandma. It's good enough for Summer, it's good enough for me!

So Adieu, and remember, when in doubt just pop their heads off??? Hm-m-m-mmm-m—oh that's for dolls only!

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a very good day of quilting on Tuesday. We are still working on our recent quilts. We were so proud of our "Tulip" quilt we donated to the Rehab Center. It brought in \$420 for the center. Thanks to all who bid on it. All the area quilts brought in a good amount of money for the fund-raiser. It is a cause we are all so willing to help with.

Saturday, Andy and James Fuller had several for dinner. Those who came were Earlene Burge, Jessica Stultz and Jon and Lesley Ochoa. Everyone had a good time. The food was good and everyone enjoyed visiting together.

The Brown County Youth Fair was a big success and lots of fun for Glenda and Olena. They helped Janet Murphree, who was one of the coordinators for the sub-junior division for the food show. It mostly consisted of

cookies, candy, pies, cakes and cobblers. Sherry LeBleu of Rising Star, Joan Chamberlain and Velma Carson also helped Janet out. They all had fun, but stayed busy. Maybe she will let them help again next year.

Glenda stayed with Kali last Tuesday after she was released from the hospital. She was a really sick girl. She is doing better now. Glenda had lunch with Allen, Janice and family Sunday. She always enjoys eating with them.

The "Party Night" will be held again on Thursday, February 6th. Plan to be at the Pioneer Community Center on that date. We will have lots of food and domino playing.

Words of Wisdom: Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity. Ephesians 5:15, 16

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

February 3 - February 7

MONDAY--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Roll, Milk
TUESDAY-- Pork Chops w/ gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, Brownie, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY--Meatloaf, Carrots, Cabbage, Pear Halves w/ cottage cheese, Gingerbread Bread, Milk
THURSDAY--Pinto Beans w/ ham, Spinach, Apple Slaw, Pineapple Upsidedown Cake, Cornbread, Milk
FRIDAY--Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Onion/Pickles, Potato Triangles, Baked Bean, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Buffaloes Beat Baird Bears in Overtime!!!

The Buffaloes moved to 2-2 with an exciting overtime win against Baird. The Buffaloes led throughout the game, but Baird was able to battle back and actually take the lead late in the game and in overtime. Scoring was M. Allen 13, Barton 10, Williams 9, Harris 8, Goains 7, Dickson 3 and Bennett 2. Rebounding was led by M. Allen with 15 and with Barton and Harris adding 7 each.

Steals were led by Barton with 4. Barton also led assists with 5. CP 17 11 9 8 7=52
Baird 12 6 14 13 4=49
District standings as of January 24
Albany 4-0
Ranger 3-1
CP 2-2
Baird 1-4
Gorman 0-4

Cross Plains Junior High Girls B'Ball Action Update

The "A" Team girls matched up with Ranger on January 20th for the second time this season. The first time Ranger defeated C.P. 30 to 18 but this time CP came out and played a great game.

CP	16	26	28	36
Ranger	4	7	11	15

Team players were Scott 16, Douglass 8, Randolph 4, Avants 4, Milam 2 and Wallace.

The "A" Team girls battled against Baird on January 27th for the 3rd time this season. The first two games Baird edged by us at the end (17-20) and (20-27), but this time CP took the win earlier in the game.

CP	11	15	22	24
Baird	6	12	13	17

Team players were Avants 9, Randolph 8, Douglass 5, Scott 2, Libey, Wallace and Milam.

These girls work well together and "team work" is a key part of basketball.

This Thursday and Saturday the "A" Teams have a District Tournament in Albany. Thursday the girls and boys play at 6 p.m., Saturday 1:30 p.m. (if they lose) and 11:00 a.m. if they win and 4:00 if they win.

The "B" Team played their fourth game this season against Baird. The girls pulled off their second highest scoring game this season, also.

CP	3	3	3	9
Baird	13	21	26	32

Team players were Cook 4, Mathews 4, Schaefer 1, Byars, Biggs and Wallace.

The "B" Team girls are doing a great job at defense and show good hustle. The biggest skill we are working on is getting the ball down the court without the other team taking it away from us (ball control).

CP	0	2	2	4
Ranger	11	21	25	31

Team players were Cook 2, Schaefer 2, Byars, Stout, Mathews, Biggs, Walker and Lewis.

This group is hard-working and keep pushing for scores. Once again getting the ball down the court is a big turnover area. The girls will continue working on many drill that will help with ball control.

This coming Monday will be the last JH game for this year. It will be here against Hamlin, a very athletic team, come on out and cheer Cross Plains on.

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

SCHOOL MENU

FEB. 3 - FEB. 7

BBREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

MONDAY--Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Crackers, Salad, Pineapples
TUESDAY--Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY--Taco Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit
THURSDAY--Turkey & Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Strawberries & Bananas
FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice
Krispie Treat

ELEMENTARY EXTRA

By Nancy Randolph

The Character Counts trait for this six weeks is fairness. It will build upon the three traits we have already worked on, respect, trustworthiness, and responsibility. Please look for upcoming information about activities in the elementary to build trustworthiness.

The Pre-kindergarten has been studying about the daytime, nighttime, and out space. They will have a Pajama day on Friday, January 31. All Pre-kindergartners will come to school in their PJ's and bring their favorite bedtime book, animal, and pillow or blanket. Mr. Tennon and Mrs. Sowell will be special guests that day to read stories to the students. They also need 3-Liter coke bottles by Friday for making spaceships.

Mrs. Purvis reports that the 5th and 6th graders are doing much better with their current events notebooks. She wants them to KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

The science classes are working on various life cycles. The sixth grade had a visitor this past week

in their class-earthworms. On Wednesday they experimented with live ones to see how they reacted to different soils. Then on Thursday they dissected earthworms with the help of some high school students-Thanks Mrs. Smith for the help!

The fifth graders were fortunate to dissect flowers on Friday. They are studying all the parts of the flower and discovering the reproduction cycles of different kinds of plants. The fourth graders were discovering all the different ecosystems of the world. The third graders went to Safety City in Abilene on Tuesday the 28th to test their classroom skills for bikes, cars, and pedestrians. The science classes are doing book reports of their choice this six weeks. These will be due on February 19th.

The students continue to work hard on following the classroom and school rules. There will be three more weeks to work hard to attend the skating party. Keep working hard. Remember the school pledge we recite each day. I will respect myself and others.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 8 Foreign Countries attended the 2002 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the

All-American Team. Camp Locations Include: Commerce, TX, Thousand Oaks, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Dubuque, IA, Champaign, IL, Macomb, IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Owensboro, KY, Amherst, MA, Hillsdale, MI, Saint Paul, MN, Hickory, NC, Hamilton, NY, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Lebanon, TN, Blacksburg, VA, Olympia, WA. For a free Brochure, call (704) 373-0873 ANYTIME.

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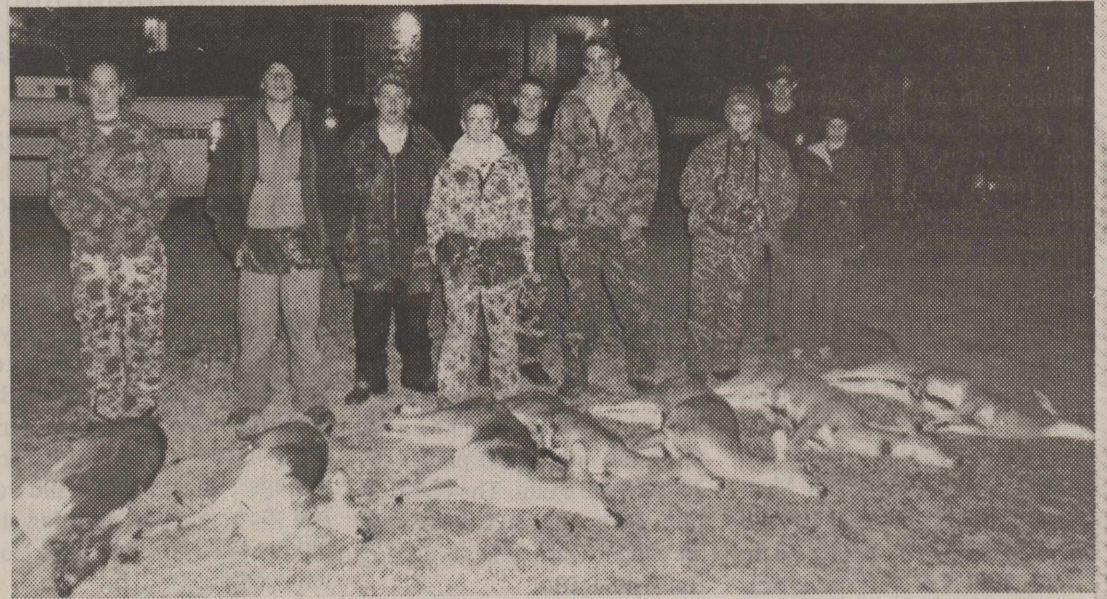


FRIDAY



JANUARY 31ST

AT BASKETBALL GAME



SILVERBROOK RANCH YOUTH DEER HUNT. Pictured here are some of the Youth Deer Hunters and their Deer.



SILVERBROOK RANCH YOUTH DEER HUNT. Pictured here are Nathan Chastain, Christopher Cogburn, Matthew Carlisle, Marty Calloway, Jacob Dillard, Betty Mathews, Tommy Smith, Jeff Wilkerson and Joby Winfrey. Game Wardens: Randall Brown of Coleman County, Darrell Dyer of Eastland County and Wance Wallace of Callahan County. Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis and Deputies William Cheek and Jim Hall. Drug Task Force Officer Billy Sides and Abilene Police Officer Steve Livingston. Kevin Curtis, Lane Dillard, Jeff Goodin, Russell Manion, George Matthews, John Windham, and Jay Winfrey. Kids not pictured are Thomas Garrett and Marinoel Turner. Adults not pictured are Deputy Mark Goetz, Gerald Garrett, Tommy Lake and Laquita Wallace.

11 Attend Youth Only Deer Season Weekend at Silverbrook

The Silverbrook Ranch of Callahan County held another deer hunt for youth during the Special Youth Only deer season weekend. Nine boys and two girls aged 9-16 years of age were treated to an enjoyable day of deer hunting, including a pre-dawn breakfast and afternoon lunch. The kids involved were from Cross Plains, Baird, Clyde and Abilene. The goal of the event was to provide the kids an opportunity to go deer

hunting when otherwise they would not have had a place to go. Each Youth either brought an adult to serve as his/her guide or was teamed up with an experienced adult hunter. For several of the kids it was their first deer hunt. Seven antlerless deer were harvested by the young hunters. All the deer were field dressed and given to the successful hunters.

A big thank you goes out to all of the businesses that donated

to make this event possible: The Silverbrook Ranch of Baird, Village Market Grocery Store, Jones Real Estate and Mike and Ed's Deer Processing all of Cross Plains, Academy Sports and Outdoors in Abilene and Thrifty's in Clyde. Thanks also to the Callahan Sheriff's Dept. for assisting again and to the other volunteers who helped make this a memorable day for all who were involved.

Forage Seminar Feb. 6th Cross Plains Community Center

A special 5 CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 6th at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on winter wheat, annual summer forages and existing bermudagrass pastures.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Twain Butler, TAEX Agronomist - Stephenville; Dr. Chris Sansone, TAEX Entomologist - San Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo. Dr. Butler will discuss bermudagrass management, annual forage selection and new herbicide options available for weed control. Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage Insects and Dr. Warrick will be discussing small grain management strategies to maximize forage potential. TDA will be on hand to give an hour

of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The Seminar and accompanying meal are Free to those that pre-register by February 3rd. Registration at the door will be \$5.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Submitted by Robert Pritz County Extension Agent

Photographer Ed Hall of Granbury — HALL — Life's Proud Moments, provided the excellent photos of the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show. We extend our appreciation for his professional services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A letter to the editor of the *Abilene Reporter-News* stated that the Supreme Court has ruled that what goes on in the bedroom between consenting adults is not the business of the state, or anyone else. The same letter pointed out that the fastest growing number of new AIDS cases is among heterosexual females and not homosexual males.

Does this mean that when a male engages in risky behavior and gets infected and takes the virus to infect his unsuspecting heterosexual wife or girlfriend, he has broken no state or federal law and it is nobody else's business, so long as he does it in his or her bedroom? Think on it.

This is a public health issue, recognized or not.

Curtis Hoskins, M.D.
Cross Plains

To Whom It May Concern:

I feel like it is time for me to explain to the public what PIP (Players in Progress) stands for. It has been brought to my attention that there are many people in this community who believe that the PIP program is not worthy because we are not teaching the kids how to play basketball, well they are NOT EXACTLY correct. The PIP program is worthy because we teach the kids ball handling, dribbling and specialty skills and bring together a team effort during a performance. So you are right, they do not learn how to "play basketball", but they do learn DISCIPLINE, COORDI-

NATION SKILLS and SELF CONFIDENCE.

I am very proud of all the kids who have been in the PIP program for the past 6 years. They worked very hard and have done a great job. On Saturday, the 25th, the group performed at the ACU men's game. The kids did great. What more can you ask for when these kids can go onto a strange court in front of thousands of people and perform wonderfully.

The PIP program is not cheap. The cost is \$50.00 per child. The total amount goes straight to the national organization, which has over 6,000 children all around the United States. The \$50.00 dollars covers the ball, shirt, shorts and start-up camp. We are blessed that individuals and organizations donate money to help our local kids who cannot afford the \$50,000. I want everyone to know that every dime goes to the main office in Midlothian, Texas, which is a non-profit organization. We do have fund-raisers during the season to pay for the plaques, certificates and the festival entry fee of \$38.00 per child.

We do appreciate your support and contributions to this program. I am sorry that there are some who do not understand the concepts and goals of PIPS. I hope this letter will clear up those misgivings. I look forward to many more years of PIPS, PIPS, PIPS, YEA!!!

Sincerely,
Terry Thomas
PIP Coordinator
Cross Plains



SAFETY AWARDS—Callahan County maintenance section employees who were honored recently at the annual Safety Awards Banquet for their outstanding safety efforts were from the left, front row, Russell Chapman, Ray Ramos, Miguel Santos, Billy Stennett, Gary Shelnut, Hector Aguirre and Marvin Rogers, section supervisor. Back row from the left are

Pedro Cerda, Jr., Larry McIntire, Elmer Graham, Larry Cauthen, Bobby Henley, Jeff Holland, Thomas Crain and Rudy Rodriguez, assistant section supervisor. Also pictured but not eligible to compete for a safety award is Kristi Barron, office manager, far right. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Callahan County TxDOT employees earn awards at safety banquet in Abilene

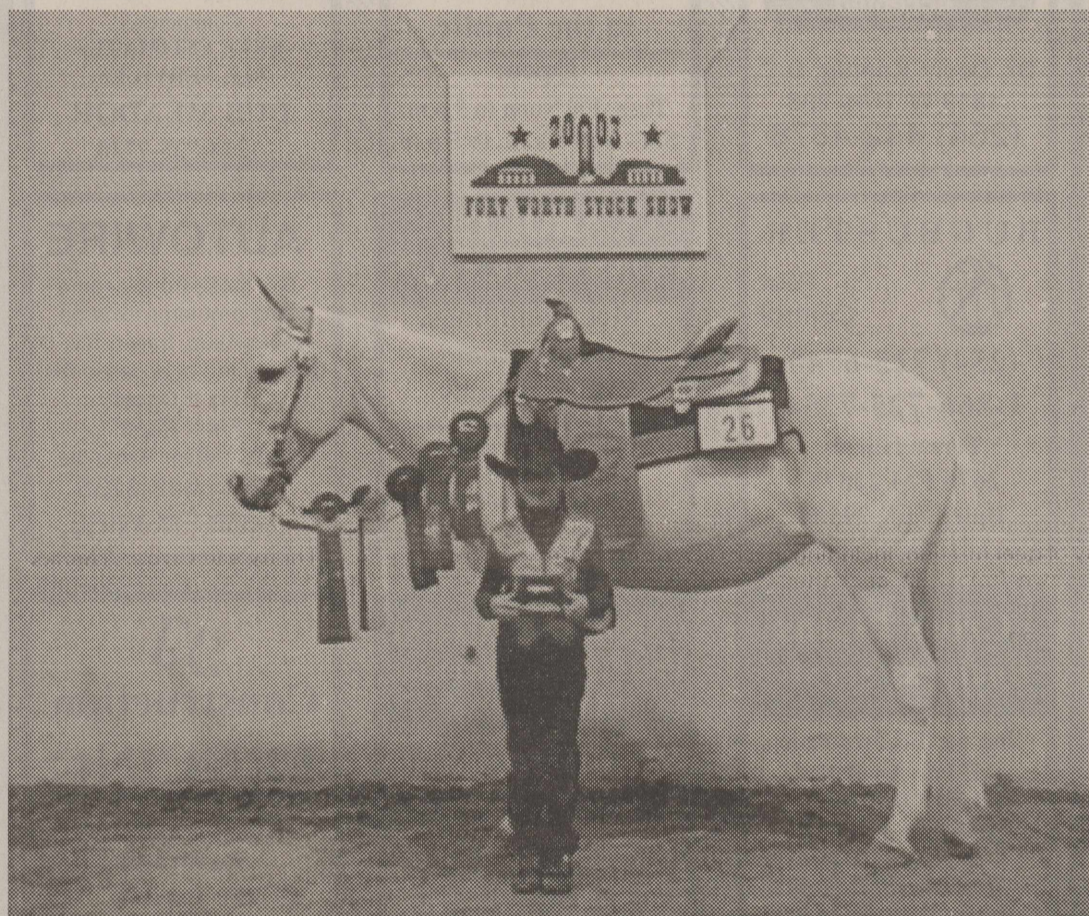
ABILENE—The Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held their annual Safety Awards Banquet recently at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. This banquet is held annually to recognize the district employees' outstanding ef-

forts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

Fifteen Callahan County maintenance section employees were recognized at the event for combined totals of 221 years as safe operators and 59 years of no

injury. Members of the Callahan County maintenance section receiving awards were: Russell Chapman, Gary Shelnut, Larry Cauthen, Jeff Holland, Pedro Cerda, Jr., Larry McIntire and Bobby Henley.

Also recognized were Elmer Graham, Miguel Santos, Hector Aguirre, Billy Stennett, Thomas Crain, Ray Ramos, Rudy Rodriguez, assistant section supervisor, and Marvin Rogers, section supervisor.



FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW DONKEY/MULE WINNER—Emma Lee Black, age 8, participated in the 2003 Donkey/Mule Show on January 19th. She won 1st in Showmanship, 2nd in Trail, 3rd in Under Saddle and took home the Sub Junior Champion. Miss Black won her first belt buckle on Cottonwood Creeks Mural. She is the daughter of Billy and Lorraine Black of Springtown and granddaughter of Emma Black of Cisco.

Holly Butler Tarleton Fall Graduate

Tarleton held winter commencement exercises on December 14 with an estimated 578 candidates participating in three ceremonies.

Two representatives from The Texas A&M University System served as commencement speakers. Dr. William E. Reaves, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Education, and Dr. Kenneth L. Peddicord, Associate Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations, addressed the graduates.

Holly Sherice Butler of Cross Plains received her BS in Exercise and Sport Studies. She is the daughter of Mike and Judy Butler of Cross Plains.

County Clerk takes part in College Station seminar

COLLEGE STATION—Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk, joined over 400 clerks' office personnel for the 31st Annual County and District Clerk's Continuing Education Seminar held at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center on January 13-16, 2003.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

The theme of this year's seminar was "Embracing the Past While Exploring the Future!"

Included in the program were workshops on financial reporting, records management, FBI criminal searches, a review of the 2002 elections, fraudulent filings and procedures for filing electronic records.

"Texas is one of a small number of state that requires all elected officials to earn continuing education credits," explained Richard O. Avery, Extension Specialist with the Institute. "The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks through programs conducted here in College State and across the state," said Avery.

Clerks who attended all of the sessions during the seminar received 14 hours of credit.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Robin watch...

The baby robins were gone. They had literally flown the coop. (Yuk-yuk! Giggle). I noticed because their chatter was gone, and the obedient stillness as I passed close by the nest tucked under the eaves of the chicken house. No Mama Robin flew down in front of me to lead me away with her broken wing trick. Another semester's fledglings off to live their own destiny, I thought. One day they simply fly away and never come back. "Story of life," I said to myself in the silence of the morning.

Later in the day I was surprised to find one of the babies only an acre away from the nest — the youngest, perhaps, unwilling to leave home. From a low fence rail he watched a male Robin Redbreast decorating the backyard with his bright color. Less visible were the baby, still in spotted breast, and his mother camouflaged in drab dress.

A math lesson was in progress. Without a professor, and without a ruler, birds learn the fine art of triangulation, sitting on a fencepost. Hunger sharpens their skill.

Baby Robin still wanted his Mama to feed him, but she wanted her freedom. So she showed him an amazing trick he could do all by himself.

To me, it sounded like this. "First, sit very still and listen, my boy. Listen. Aha! Do you hear that? That is the sound of a worm at work underground. You can't see it, but do what I do. Look left. Now center. Look right. Now center. OK. You've got that worm's location locked in. Now Dive! Dive! Dive!"

He didn't get it, so Mama demonstrated. She flew to the

ground, jabbed at the earth, and in seconds was tugging at a worm who must have been yelling, "Not yet! I'm too busy!"

For a second, it looked like she might give the treat to her youngster, but she gulped it down. I think she was wrestling with herself. She wanted to feed him, but she knew it was past time for him to fend for himself.

Flight lessons came next. Mama Robin appeared to be explaining that all his nestmates were off on their own, and it was time for him to follow.

He was game to try. A promising take-off was marred by a sudden plummet and a last-ditch struggle to regain elevation. With a wild fluttering of wings, he gained the fence rail, his balance, and his composure.

Mama flew close and muttered something like, "Looks like you need a few more lessons, sonny."

She encouraged him. He said flying was too scary. Her fat baby wouldn't budge. Mama hopped over and talked to him face to face. She tweaked his beak as if she were stuffing food in his mouth. I heard it this way. "I'm your Mama. I'm the one that feeds you. Would I lie to you? You're a bird, and you can fly."

Baby Robin tilted his head as if to say he understood. He followed her on wings that steadied as they flew. I followed their flight until they disappeared in the distance.

Bent over a sinkful of dirty dishes, I watched nature's school outside the window, thinking that raising kids is really a tough job and a noble work, even for robins.

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KIWANIS HEAR ABOUT TEXAS FORTS GHOSTS—Elaine Coleman, an author from Winters, spoke to the Kiwanis Club on January 21st about her adventures writing her book about 58 forts and their ghosts in Texas. She was introduced by Charles Rodenberger, President of the Cross Plains Library Board.



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN COLLINS

Frank and Frances Taylor to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The children and extended family of Frank and Frances Taylor invite you to a reception in honor of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on February 2, 2003 at 2

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Carl and Mable Mauldin to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Carl and Mable Mauldin of Comanche are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Please join family and friends on Saturday, February 8th, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00

p.m. as we celebrate this wonderful occasion. The reception will be held at the Rowden Baptist Church, 12 miles west of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

Waggoner-Collins Exchange Vows

Melanie Waggoner and Brian Collins, both of Midland, were married at 7:00 p.m., December 21, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church of Midland. The Reverend Lane Boyd officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Amanda Waggoner of Clyde and Robert Waggoner of Dudley. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Era Waggoner of Clyde and the late Mrs. Margaret Davis.

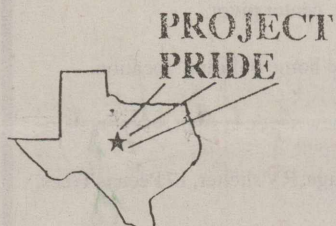
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Collins of Midland. He is the grandson of Mr. Frank Mabry of Waco, the late Madeline Mabry, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Warner B. Collins.

Ann Rogers served as maid of

honor. The bride was also attended by Brenda Eckert, sister-in-law of the bride, Angie Waggoner, cousin of the bride, and Dorie Fomby. Miss Margaret Horne, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl. Miss Elizabeth Farley, cousin of the bride, served in the house party.

Geoffrey Elsner served as best man. The groom was also attended by Alan Hanna, Conrad Flusche and John Barton. Ushers were Del Eckert, brother-in-law of the groom, and Bryan Kitchens.

Following a wedding trip to the city of New York, the couple resides in Midland.



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vices to the Abilene area and is currently building its volunteer network. A free twenty-hour volunteer training program will be provided to anyone interested in becoming a Girling Hospice volunteer. The training session will begin in February.
If you would like to know more about being a hospice volunteer, please call Randy Smith, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator,

at 676-2668 or join us at one of the following informational sessions. The first informational session will be held February 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Women's Center Classroom #3 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. The second informational session will take place at 5:30 p.m. on February 13 at University Church of Christ Activity Center at 733 E.N. 16th Street in Abilene.

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