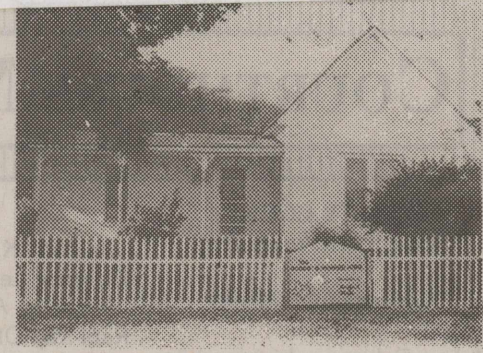


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a story written by Harold Strahan of the Cottonwood Community that proves that there are NO coincidences in life. God has His hand in everything that we desire. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

Wasted Years (?)

By Virgil Strahan

We are all flawed to some degree, but some of us are more so than others. For myself, in the mid-50s to 1966 I became obsessed with roaming the Pecos River banks from McCamey to the Rio Grande. Twice, I walked down the riverbanks, alone, from Pandale, Texas to the Rio Grande, a six-day trip of about 70 miles over a challenging landscape. In the darkness, it required considerable self-discipline to keep focused on why I was doing this. And why, you may ask? The answer: limestone-overhang shelters. To me, at that time, it was a manly thing pulsing through my veins—to see where and how ancient people lived about 10,000 years ago. Believe me, theirs were extremely difficult times in this area torn apart by the elements of nature.

Looking back to those so-called wasted years, several of my strange adventures almost ended in a personal disaster—a flood, thirteen collared peccaries, an albino rattlesnake, the vertical, fractured face of a high cliff at Royal Hill Canyon (now known as Lewis Canyon), which about ten miles from Langtry, Texas.

It was my good fortune to become friends with Henry Mills, an old rancher who owned and ran the Pandale store and post office. He was crippled when I first met him, but his mind held a roomful of wild stories about this countryside. He enjoyed telling them. All he needed was someone to listen, and I did! I can say with both feet on the floor and my hand on The Holy Bible, he never bored me with his adventures and remembrances from a long way back.

So, when I write of the Pecos River, some of the adventures are mine, while others are Henry's. This story of *Stone Walls* is basically fiction, but a thread of the absolute truth runs from start to finish.

Fateful Meetings at the Cottonwood Cemetery

Almost every day I take a walk to the old Cottonwood Cemetery, passing the new one. I live on its west side and was born on the east side. So one can readily see that I have made ever so little progress in this life. My earthly destiny is no more than a hundred yards away.

Last June, a man was walking up and down the rows of gravestones in the new cemetery, searching for one he could not find. I noticed as I past by several times that he was doing this same procedure over and over again. Finally, I asked him if he needed help. He did. The stone he was looking for was in the old cemetery. We went over there and he took a picture of it. It read:

Early Texas Pioneer
Daniel K. Robinson
Dec. 25, 1818
Sept. 12, 1894

Texas Rangers and Minute Men
1839-1841.

I asked him if he was a former
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Two School Board Terms Expiring—Election Upcoming

The terms of school board members Donnie Dillard and Tony Wyatt are expiring. There will be two places on the school board for three-year terms.

Applications are now available in the Cross Plains High School superintendent's office for a place on the ballot. The deadline for completing an application is March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Spring Break is March 17-21 and if an application is needed during this time, you may call (254) 725-7458 or (254) 725-6767.

You are encouraged to file as early as possible.

KEY CLUB Bake Sale Saturday 3 Locations

The Cross Plains Key Club will be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday, February 22. They will have three locations set up including Village Market, Food Plaza and Higginbotham's. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and end when they sell out!

Please come and support your local Key Club by purchasing a delicious baked good.

Commissioners Vote to Approve Tx. Task Force Grant

Callahan County Commissioners accepted a bid from Warren Cat to purchase a loader for Commissioner Bryan Farmer's Precinct #2 during the Commissioners' Court meeting held Monday, February 10 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The bid from Warren Cat totaled \$42,500 and included a \$25,000 trade-in.

Commissioners opened two bids for the loader. Case Inc. submitted a bid of \$108,000 minus \$14,000 trade-in, while Warren Cat's bids amounted to \$42,500 minus the \$25,000 trade-in.

On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, Commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the low bid from Warren Cat. Chris Vestal represented Warren Cat and Tommy Howry II represented Case Inc. at the Commissioners' Court meeting.

Other agenda items brought before Commissioners' Court included:

—The Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order by Judge Roger Corn at 9:30 a.m. with Judge Corn, Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioner Farmer, Commissioner Holland, Commissioner Charlie Grider, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon present at the meeting.

—The minutes from the January 24, 2003 meeting of the Commissioners' Court were approved as presented.

—There were no public comments received.

—Nort Fiscus met with the Commissioners' Court to dis-

Local Artist Honored with Exhibit at McMurry University

Mary Barton, local watermedia artist, received an invitation from McMurry University to exhibit her works at their Amy Graves Ryan Center of Fine Arts Gallery at 1400 Sayles Boulevard in Abilene.

The exhibit will be from Febru-

ary 18th through March 13th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. On Thursday, February 27th, Mary will give a Gallery Talk at 12:00 noon, then a reception will follow until 2 p.m. These events are open to everyone interested.

Weight Loss and Nutritional Shake Party This Friday

A Weight Loss and Nutritional Shake Party will be held Friday, February 21, at 7 p.m. at the old Higginbotham Building on North Main Street in Rising Star.

Everyone is invited to come join the fun and renew your strength and vitality. You can lose weight and greatly improve your health.

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This can also be a great potential for someone wanting to start a home business. Don't miss this opportunity!!!!

Senior Citizens Selling Tickets on Turtle Quilt

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens are selling tickets for an opportunity to win an antique "Turtle" quilt donated by Dolores Garrett. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt can be viewed at the Senior Citizens' Center.

Proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center.

Remember: The senior citizens have game nights on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights from 5 p.m. on. All ages are invited to come play table games.

Cottonwood Musical This Friday Evening at Community Center

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be presenting good old country music and eats at the Cottonwood Musical this Friday, February 21, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Meet old friends and make new ones. You don't want to miss out on Ethel's Sloppy Joe's served with chips, tea or coffee—all for \$3.00. They will also be serving those great sandwiches, pies, cakes and popular cold drinks.

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. All the proceeds from the food will benefit the upkeep the Cottonwood Community Center.

Musical entertainment commences at 6 p.m. and there is no charge for the musical. Emcee for the evening will be Mary E. Weaver.

Come and have a great time! The Cottonwood Quilting Club appreciates your support.

Choral and Vocal Training Offered at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains

Children's choral and vocal training will be offered to the public by the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Preschoolers will have the opportunity to learn the basic essentials of rhythm and the joy of music and singing. The 1st to 3rd grade "Music Makers" will learn the musical vocabulary, hymns,

to recognize musical styles and symbols, and the joy of singing together. The 4th to 6th grade "Young Musicians" will gain experience in ear training, vocal techniques, music appreciation and harmony.

To enroll in one of these choirs, call the office of First Baptist Church, 725-7629. It is fun and it is free.

Call for Nomination Entries for 2003 Jefferson Awards

Nationally, the American Institute for Public Service in Washington, D.C. (created by the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the late Senator Robert Taft and Samuel Beard) created the Jefferson Awards Program in 1972 with the purpose of recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the community through public service. The Jefferson Award is a prestigious national honor that recognizes individuals throughout the country who perform great public service, largely without recognition. Winners receive a bronze Jefferson Award medalion specially crafted by the Franklin Mint.

Since 2001, *The Abilene Reporter-News*, Nonprofit Management Center and KTXS-TV have been the proud sponsors for the Big Country in recognizing the area's top volunteers at a "Precious Jewels" banquet. The 10 finalist of 2003 will be honored at the Civic Center on April 25, at the third "Precious Jewels" Luncheon. One of the ten recipients will be announced to represent the Big Country at a national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. June 16-18, 2003.

The Jefferson Award gives us the chance to recognize ordinary people who do extraordinary things. These unsung heroes are your neighbors, your friends, and your coworkers. They are people with jobs, families and busy schedules; yet they manage to "go above and beyond" to help your

community. Now, more than ever, please take a few minutes to nominate your special hero. By taking part you will be joining the *Abilene Reporter-News*, Nonprofit Management Center and KTXS-TV in expressing your gratitude to these selfless people who give their time and devotion to a worthy cause and encourage others to get involved in our community.

If you know someone whom you feel is worthy of a Jefferson Award, please nominate him or her today. Simply fill out the nomination form detailing why you think someone who performed a significant, but unrecognized, public service should be considered.

Official nomination forms can be obtained at the *Cross Plains Review*.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Friday, March 7, 2003

(Staff Development Day)

Classes Resume At Regular Time Monday, March 10

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Adam F. Lopez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Debra S. Floyd, sale of alcohol to a minor.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James Brown, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs, \$64.63 restitution.

Kent Fambro, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$243 court costs.

Kent Fambro, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Stephens Co. granted.

Lester Howe, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$243 court costs.

Donald Booth, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs, \$59.90 restitution.

Donald Booth, order releasing cash bond granted.

Melissa Smith, plea of guilty possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Melissa Smith, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Deborah Christensen, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$343 court costs, \$646.17 restitution.

Deborah Christensen, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Richard Stewart, plea of guilty to assault, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$243 court costs.

Richard Stewart, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Nolan Co. granted.

Marriage Licenses

Eric Nelson Joy and Terri Jean Kelsey, both of Baird.

Jeremy Todd Mitchell of Baird and Jessica Nicole Noland of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jayna Karyn Miller and Clarence Leroy Gass, divorce.
Michelle Allene Olvera and Raul Ray Olvera, divorce.

Chrystal Marie Eschenbacher and Rodney Dale Eschenbacher, divorce.

Jan Lynn Bruton and Lawrence Sylvester Bruton, divorce.
Nell Elizabeth Bennett and Robert Allen Bennett, divorce.

Benny Derrin Free and Carmen Kerby Free, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. Magnavox television S# 6670469, video source selector S# 1619242, Southwestern Bell power supply, video camera (unknown brand, no identifiers), Winchester 12 gauge pump action shotgun S# 826611, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

Civil Minutes

Sheryl South vs. Tihomil Kraker, individually and Veri-Clean Company, Inc., order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Suzie Renee Fortney and David Russell Fortney, divorce granted.

New South Federal Savings Bank vs. Deotis Tension, order granting plaintiff's motion for summary judgment to recover the sum of \$5,934.38 from defendant.

Randy Flores and Michelle H. Flores, divorce granted.

Edward Berry Brumbaugh and Bonnie Kay Brumbaugh, divorce granted.

Barbara McKennon Boyd vs. Tommy Lee Boyd, order granting non-suit without prejudice.

First Select, Inc. vs. Ava W. Dodd, judgment for plaintiff to recover \$2,816.94 from defendant granted.

Gloria Diaz and Jesus P. Diaz, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Shannon Hargrove, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication, granted.

OBITUARIES

Anna Belle Hale

Anna Belle Hale, 91, of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, February 8, 2003, in Abilene.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, at First Baptist Church in Afton with the Rev. Hulen Bass officiating. Burial was in Afton Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

Mrs. Hale was born August 20, 1911 in Lohn, Texas to William Lee and Rosa Hoover Jennings. She married David Redford Hale in Dickerson on December 18, 1928. He preceded her in death September 13, 1983.

Mrs. Hale was a retired postmaster. She had served at the Afton Post Office over 30 years. She had lived in Abilene 13 years before moving to Cross Plains, and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Nickie Don Hale of Matagorda; two daughters, Nancy N. Braly of Cross Plains and Judy Kaye Piper of Casper, Wyoming; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Maranatha Youth Group to Perform

The Maranatha Youth Group will be performing skits with music at Believers Fellowship on East Highway 36 on Wednesday, February 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The hour production is sure to touch the souls of both young and old. Johnnie Lawson, youth leader from Maranatha Faith Temple in Brownwood, will be directing the group.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this unique presentation.

Brown Named to TSTC Honor Roll

WACO—Jeffory Brown of Cross Plains earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall Semester at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Brown is a student in Industrial Maintenance and Engineering Technology.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievements of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 for the semester.

Clyde Turner

Clyde Turner, 78, of Brownwood, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2003, at Brownood Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, February 16, 2003, at Indian Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Benny Allcorn officiating, under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home.

Mr. Turner was born June 6, 1924, in Canney, Oklahoma, the son of the late Ed and Evelyn Richardson Turner. He was employed as a farmer and served in the United States Navy. He had lived in Brownwood since 1979.

Survivors include two sons, Ricky Turner and Jerry Turner; a daughter, Rita Turner; a brother, Homer Turner and wife, Janette, of Cross Plains; a sister, Rose Lee Baucom of Corpus Christi; numerous grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Old Time Gospel Singing Planned for February 28 in Cross Plains

An Old Time Gospel Singing will be held at The Old Time Gospel Mission in Cross Plains Friday, February 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A special group, "The Crossies" of May, will be performing. Also a lot of local and visiting groups and singles will be singing.

Host Pastor Bro. Michael Ingram invites everyone to attend. Come bring a song or your instrument. For more information call Bro. Ingram at (254) 725-6548 or Sam Tomlinson (915) 624-5593.

Commissioners—

The Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense has awarded an Indigent Defense Formula Grant to Callahan County in the amount of \$10,155.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion, with a second from Commissioner Holland, to pay all current bills. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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Cross Plains Cemetery Association Report For The Month Of January 2003

| Donations & Earnings | |
|--|------------------|
| I/M Lofton Bragg by Mrs. Leonard Bragg | \$ 20.00 |
| I/M Lofton Bragg by James Bragg | 30.00 |
| Ida Belle Duncan | 100.00 |
| I/M Lofton Bragg by Sharon Clark | 25.00 |
| Earnings to Acct. | 1.26 |
| Totals | \$ 176.26 |

| Grave Opening Permits | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Higginbothams Funeral Home GOP | |
| For Cloe Proffett | \$ 75.00 |
| GOP for Lofton Bragg | 75.00 |
| Totals | \$ 150.00 |

CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2002

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1-1-2002 | \$8,254.55 |
| RECEIPTS 2002 | |
| Gift Deposits | 3,797.31 |
| Interest on NOW | 44.61 |
| Interest on CD's | 3,450.82 |
| Grave Opening Permits | 2,400.00 |
| Oil & Gas Earnings | 78.74 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 9,771.48 |
| Plus Balance 1-1-2002 | 8,254.55 |
| Total Receipts & Balances | 18,026.03 |
| DISBURSEMENTS 2002 | |
| Mike Pritchard | \$ 6,600.00 |
| Postage & Supplies | 108.88 |
| Exta Jobs (Ellis Engraving) | 7,570.00 |
| Saving Deposit Box | 20.00 |
| Sand | 450.00 |
| Other | -0- |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 14,748.88 |
| ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002 | \$ 3,277.15 |

PIONEER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Report for Months of September through December

| Gifts: | |
|---|-----------------|
| Harley/Linda Gary I/M Johnny Pancake | \$ 15.00 |
| Wayland/Mary Gordon I/M Johnny Pancake | 25.00 |
| Lovera Strickland, Jackie/Julie & family & Mark/Marsha Turney I/M Johnny Pancake | 30.00 |
| Richard/Linda Wilson I/M Johnny Pancake | 25.00 |
| Mr/Mrs Fred Zedlitz | 100.00 |
| Martha N Lyle I/M Johnny Pancake | 20.00 |
| Johnie/Macy Boyles | 20.00 |
| Joe/Nell Fleming Estate @ Christmas- in honor of grandchildren of Samuel & Texannah Fleming | 50.00 |
| Mr/Mrs Ray Curry I/M Juanita Unberson | 25.00 |
| Anonymous - in honor of Bessie Coppinger | 25.00 |
| Mr/Mrs Don Nelson I/M James Cloud | 100.00 |
| Mr/Mrs R.O McCarty @ Christmas time | 50.00 |
| Mrs. Shirley Faulkner Johnson | 100.00 |
| Mr/Mrs James Brown | 100.00 |
| Mr/Mrs Paul Sonneburg I/M Juanita Umberson | 15.00 |
| Mrs. Bessie Coppinger I/M Mrs. Lucille Harris | 300.00 |
| Total Contributions | 1,000.00 |

Gift of an American Flag Mrs. Melissa Richards

| Burial Permits: | |
|---|-----------------|
| Johnny Pancake | \$100.00 |
| Delores Garrett (Prepaid Burial Permit) | 100.00 |
| Juanita (Plumlee) Unberson | 100.00 |
| Total Burial Permits | 300.00 |
| Interest from CD | 1,068.92 |
| Interest Money Market | 73.87 |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS | 2,442.79 |
| | 4,404.99 |

If you wish to make a contribution to the cemetery, you may do so at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains or you may mail it to Jo Veda Watson, HC 30 Post 75 Box 11, Brownwood, TX 76801.

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

Thank you to Theresa Lewis for bringing in the delicious cake. It was served to the residents during our Monday craft activity. On Wednesday during art, we made a spirit poster to cheer on our Rising Star Wildcats, who are heading to the play-offs in basketball. All residents who were able, signed their name on the poster.

Friday morning the residents worked on special gifts for all staff members for Valentine's Day. Our party that afternoon was fun. A Valentine Queen and King

were chosen from a random drawing. Rozell Gary drew Angela Williams and Leon Stewart drew David Scoville. Staff and residents had a great time with this.

Renovation continues with the kitchen. It's a huge job, but luckily we have the talented Diamond D Construction team tackling the task. We have enjoyed having them here. Scott and his trusty huckleberry, Richard, do a great job. Stop by and check out their work.

PIONEER NEWS

We had kinda a cool start to our get-to-gather on Tuesday. It warmed up enough for about 10 members to quilt. We quilted on Jean Alexander's "Dutch Doll" and Frankie Smith's "Flower Garden". We will put in an outside pay this week. Always busy, but fun!

The domino party will be at the Pioneer Community Center this Thursday evening, February 20. Come join us.

Thursday night Frankie Smith had at her home the 84 game night. Her guests were Billy and H.A. Freeman, Tommie and Phyllis Harris, Jean Fore and May Jones. A great time was had by all. Monday, Frankie had for her guest Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, her sister from Ranger. They went to the Senior Citizens' Center for lunch.

Glenda Phillips and Olena Ezzell visited Joyce Berten last Thursday. Joyce is recovering from heart surgery. Benny Ezzell visited his mother, Olena, and Anna last Sunday.

Glenda went with Allen Phillips

last week to Ranger to see Kali play her last basketball game for the season. Glenda visited Violet Bercham in Rising Star Monday afternoon. She always enjoys visiting with her. Violet knows so many people who Glenda knows.

J.D. and Sandy Hutton had their children, Tamara and Payton Young, and their children, Racheal 4 and Reagan 5 months, from Odessa, visit. After they went home, Racheal decided to give herself a hair cut. Tamara said it was about 1/2 inches long in front and on the sides. We can all sympathize with her. Been there!

We got a little rain but a lot of cool out of this last weather front. Maybe, with some prayers, we will get some much needed rain out of the next one.

We wish Rising Star boys a lot of luck on their next play-off basketball game. Go all the way, Wildcats!

Words of Wisdom: He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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A teacher of morals to young people knew the importance of impressing the lessons on the mind of each individual student. The teacher brought two dozen of the most beautiful red roses he could find to class, one for each boy, plus one. He took one rose — the very prettiest of them all — and passed it around to every male student, letting him smell it, handle it, even squeeze it if he desired. Then he took it and fluffed it up as best as possible, and put the handled rose back with the bunch.

As the teacher passed the bouquet of twenty-four roses around, he instructed the boys to each take a rose for himself. The one that had been handled and much "used" was left as it made the circle. The lesson was obvious to both the boys and the girls: a boy may go out with a girl and misuse her, but when it comes to marriage, he always desires to pick one out who is pure and unhandled for his wife...

Where does this leave you, young person? Thinking, I hope, even the boys. Who is the greatest to blame, the handled or the handler? Moral purity is not one-sided. God intends for both the bride and the groom to be pure at the marriage altar. Both boys and girls bear equal responsibility toward themselves and those of the opposite sex regarding morality. And what a BREAKTHRU a clear conscience is, which leads to a much happier life because of the peace of mind.

Yes, a rose is a rose is a rose is a rose — but most prefer the unhandled one.

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

Historical Association Sets Dates for Cemetery Clean-up and Membership Meeting

In a fast-paced, deliberative and focused meeting last Saturday afternoon, the Cottonwood Historical Association Board of Directors made a decision about fencing the recently acquired land adjacent to the new cemetery, set a work-day for March 22, and confirmed the annual membership meeting date for May 3.

The board also discussed financial needs of the organization for upkeep of the cemetery and other property owned by the association.

One item import to the Association Board is to inform all residents, especially the newer residents of the Cottonwood area, that they are welcome and urged to participate in all activities of the Historical Association. In a big sense, the activities of the association and other community-wide affairs benefit all residents and it is important that all share some sense of duty to support efforts that are crucial to overall community life.

Also, people who own property here and those who own cemetery plots and have family members

buried in the cemeteries but do not live in the community, are considered to be so duty-bound and urged to come out on work-day to help with clean-up of the community, and to participate in the Annual Membership Meeting on May 3, 2003.

We really do need you and want to share life in Cottonwood with you.

Cottonwood Musical This Friday

Don't forget this is Musical Friday. Bring the family and come out to snack on Sloppy Joes, pies, coffee, and other drinks while you listen to some down home country music. The music and food are sponsored by the Cottonwood Quilting Club. Eating starts at 5:30 p.m. and listening at 6:00 p.m.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Work-Day

And don't forget WORK-DAY at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control on Saturday, February 22. Newly elected Fire Chief, Bob Childress, urges all Cottonwood citizens to bring your gloves and come to work at the Cottonwood Fire Station at 10:00 a.m. You can go home at noon.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at the Multi-Purpose Center for their regular monthly meeting on February 14. The program was "Gardens For All Seasons".

Barbara Powell, president, called the meeting to order and led the members in repeating the Club Collect.

Mary Ella Weaver, program chairman, introduced NGA Accredited Judge Nan Markland of Burkett, who presented a most educational and delightful program on "Preparing Horticultural Displays". Of particular interest were the two collections of horticulture that she displayed.

Bob Powell read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Roll call was answered with "Show and Tell".

Bernece Payne of Williams, Gladys Jackson of Rising Star and Delores Carter of Brownwood were welcomed as new members.

Julene Franke, treasurer, gave a monthly report.

The District VIII Spring Meeting will be held in San Angelo on March 28-29.

Eva Fleming, flower show chairman, passed out the flower show schedules, titled "Natures Palette" to be staged at the Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street on April 26 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Eva and Barbara announced

that the members will put some flowering shrubs at the Library Garden for Arbor Day and also plant a red oak at the City Park on Main Street.

Mary Ella presented Esther Kerr the book titled "The Complete Garden Flower Book" for the library. This is a longstanding project of the club.

Barbara gave oral "thank you" to Kay Mosley for her articles "Quips, Clips and Comments"; to Wanda Hammel for "Garden Tip of the Month"; and to Joyce Odom for reporting.

Mary Crockett conducted the door prize, a bird feeder, that was won by Esther Kerr.

Barbara announced the next meeting to be March 14th at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center. Guest speaker will be Sher Dunaway, Dual G.C. Member and Photographer.

Hostesses were Barbara and Mary Ella. Refreshments were served from a Valentine's Day table.

Attending were guest, Nan Markland; members, Eva Fleming, Mary Crockett, Julene Franke, Helen Tillotson, Bob and Barbara Powell, Mary Ella Weaver, Esther Kerr, Joyce Odom; and new members, Bernece Payne, Gladys Jackson and Delores Carter.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: To give garden accessories an antique look, grow moss on them. Simply mix any proportion of moss, buttermilk and water in a blender. Pour the solution on fountains, planters, patio surfaces or wherever you'd like moss to grow. Remember to mark on your calendar for the Cross Plains Garden Club's Trade Day, coming up Saturday, March 22. It will be held on the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen. Whether you'd like to rent a space for a booth, or just plan to come and browse, we'll be looking for ya!

"Food It's So Good"

Just check your calendar, another Christmas has come and gone; New Year's just flew by. The students have long been back in school and the weather has sure been changeable—cold, cold, one day and summery warm the next. It seems that on Groundhog Day, that old coot saw his shadow and that is supposed to mean we will have 6 more weeks of winter.

Actually some of the recent days have been UNSEASONABLY warm. If you check very quickly and look quietly around the corners; you can see going oh so straight past you Valentine's Day, which we celebrated last week. Now we can look forward to St. Patrick's Day and Easter Sunday, both riding on the wings of spring. Easter is a bit later this year than last. I believe my calendar says April 20th; that will give

more time for shopping for the children's Easter clothing. No matter what the holiday though, food is somehow always included. Valentine's Day candy, St. Patrick's Day green food and drinks are popular, and of course Easter Sunday is Easter eggs, hot cross buns and more, more, more Easter eggs.

I noticed they have some more Jicama in town at the grocery store, in the produce department. Jicama is so delightful. They contain absolutely NO FAT or CALORIES. The more Jicama you eat, the more you want. It is also very refreshing. Try it next time you are VERY thirsty; instead of sweet drink, have some chilled, peeled and sliced Jicama. It makes a great difference. Jicama may be eaten alone, thinly sliced or with a dip. Jicama is very delicious in either fruit or vegetable salads. It also, for a little change, can be cubed and cooked or steamed with carrots, potatoes, etc. and served with a beef roast, it is equally pleasing as a side dish. Maybe if I had a big bowl of it now I wouldn't be so thirsty. Jicama is also a very good snack food, or when you brown-bag it for lunch at work.

Meanwhile, someone please E-mail that proverbial groundhog and tell him from now on, stay in the house and don't come out, so he won't or can't see his shadow and we won't have any more weeks and weeks of nothing but winter, winter, winter.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

February 24 - February 28

MONDAY--Ham, Cabbage, Yam Patty, Onions, Carrot Cake, Cornbread, Milk
TUESDAY-- Chicken & Dumplings, Peas & Carrots, Waldorf Salad, Birthday Cake, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Beef Tips w/ gravy, Buttered Noodles, Fried Okra, Carrot Salad, Strawberry Jello, Milk

THURSDAY--Chili w/beans, Onions, Peaches w/ cottage cheese, Cookie, Cornbread, Milk
FRIDAY--Taco Bowl, Salad, Mexican Corn, Pinto Beans, Bread Pudding w/lemon sauce, Milk

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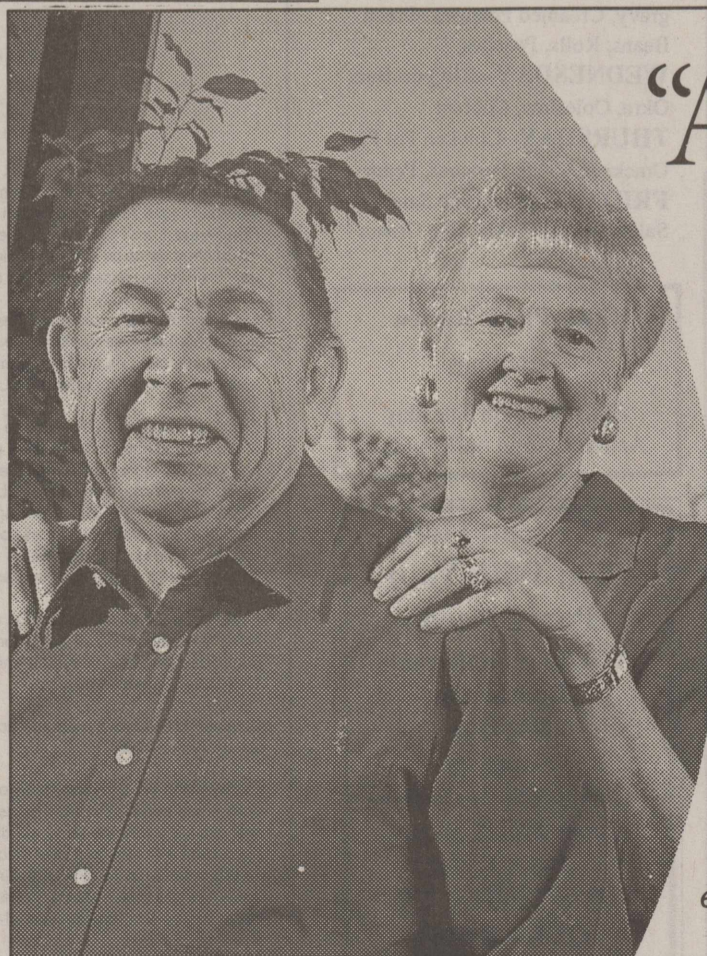
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, February 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Prayer
1. Open Forum
2. Read Minutes
3. Discuss/Take Action of Florida Power Systems
4. Discuss/Take Action on Use of School Facilities
5. School Board Election
A. Pass resolution to have join election w/city

- B. Election date
C. Election site
D. Appoint judge
E. Appoint alternate judge
F. Appoint early voting clerk
G. Absentee site
7. Personnel
A. Athletic Director Contract
B. Secondary Principal Contract
8. Executive Session (if needed)
9. Review Bills/Financial Report
10. Adjourn.
This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

ELEMENTARY EXTRA

The 4th six weeks will come to an end on February 21st. Students who have had great behavior for this long seven week period will be rewarded with a trip to the local skating rink. The 2nd and 3rd graders will go at 9 a.m. The 4th, 5th and 6th graders will skate at 10 a.m. The Pre-Kindergarten will go at 11:15-12:15 p.m. The Kindergarten and 1st grade will finish up at 1 p.m. Parents are invited to volunteer to meet classes and supervise the skating or even skate with the students if willing. We especially need volunteers for the younger students.

Classes celebrated Valentine's Day with card exchanges. Teachers appreciate the snacks sent by parents and hope that the students enjoyed this show of friendship. The morning started with a wonderful skit from the 5th and 6th grade GT students. The 3rd and 4th grade choirs sang beautifully as usual. Mr. Sowell, Mrs. Purvis, Mrs. Odom, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Winfrey did a great job of organizing the assembly.

The screening for next year's Pre-Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, April 4. This screening is open to students who will be 3 or 4 years old before September 1. Parents will need to bring the child's social security card and shot record. Parents will be asked to call the school and schedule an appointment following Spring Break (March 24).

The students will have another holiday on March 7. Teachers will be attending staff development training that day. The students will return to school the next week with Spring Break coming the following week March 17-21.

The Pre-Kindergarten has set its graduation date. It will be held on Wednesday, May 28. Please make sure to send \$20.00 by March 14 for your child's cap and gown. Everyone is invited to watch these young students graduate into the Kindergarten-high school.

SCHOOL MENU

FEB. 24 - FEB. 28

BBREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY-- French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY-- Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice
FRIDAY--Cinnamon Toast, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--Chili Beans, Cheese, Cornbread, Salad, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY-- Steak Fingers w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY--BBQ on Bun, Okra, Coleslaw, Cobbler
THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Crackers, Sweet Potatoes, Pears
FRIDAY-- Submarine Sandwich. Salad, Chips, Pickles, Ice Cream

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Stenholm Announces Art Contest H.S. Students

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced for the Twenty-second Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 17th Congressional District of Texas. Last year's winning entries, from across the nation, currently hangs in the Cannon tunnel in our Nation's Capitol. This impressive exhibit represents the combined efforts of the Members who conducted their local contests and the students who participated. The Artistic Discovery program provides Members the opportunity to showcase the talent of their creative high school constituents.

Students in grade 9 through 12 from Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Runnels, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties should enter a preliminary contest to be held in Abilene, April 12, 2003. Students may obtain release forms and further information at their local high school. Entries should be brought to the Hardin-Simmons University Art Department, Frost Center, by April 11, 2003 for the Regional Judging.

Other regional shows will be held in Brownwood, Graham, Mineral Wells, Post, San Angelo, Stephenville and Sweetwater. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an Awards Brunch in Abilene, on April 26, 2003. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honor's brunch.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings, collages, computer art, or photography. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include, but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information, contact Stenholm's Stamford office at (915) 773-3623 or Martha Kiel at (915) 670-1246.

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Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold their organizational meeting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 22 at the shooting sports range off of FM 18. All 4-H members who are interested in participating in the Shooting Sports events this year should plan to attend. A parent/guardian must be present.

4-H Shooting Sports encompasses shotgun, rifle, black powder, air pistol, air rifle and archery.

Those who are not currently 4-H, but who would like to participate in the Shooting Sports events are also encouraged to attend the organizational meeting.

First practice will be held Sunday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the organizational meeting, sign-up will continue at that time.

The first Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 1. Everyone participating in Shooting Sports is asked to donate a portion of that day to working on the various ranges.

Parents and children are encouraged to attend. Work Days normally start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the necessary work has been accomplished. People who are unable to devote an entire Saturday to the project are asked to donate 2-3 hours of their time.

The next coaches and parents meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Callahan County Court House. All those parents interested in attending are welcome.

4-H Meeting Monday, February 24th

The January/February 4-H meeting will be held Monday, February 24 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

The students will report on stock show updates, upcoming service projects and upcoming projects.

The vet science group will continue with its first project group meeting at the Cross Plains Vet office. It will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The group will meet the next two Mondays to finish the vet science project.

For more information, call Nancy Randolph at (254) 725-4226 or Robert Pritz (915) 854-1514.

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| | |
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| March 1 | Menard |
| March 8 | Winters |
| March 15 | Sonora |
| March 22 | Baird |
| March 29 | Cross Plains |
| April 3 | Dist. @ Irion County |
| April 17 | Area @ Wylie |
| April 25/26 | Regional @ ACU |
| May 9/10 | State @ Austin |

CROSS PLAINS JH TRACK

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| March 7 | Winters |
| March 14 | Gorman |
| March 27 | Cross Plains |
| March 31 | Dist. @ Baird |

COACHES: Jimmy Randolph, Becky Dillard, Chris Lewis
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Buffalo Baseball Schedule 2003

| Date | Opponent | Level | Location | Time |
|--------|----------|-------|----------|------|
| Feb 21 | Jim Ned | JV | Home | 6:30 |
| Feb 21 | Tolar | V | Home | 4:00 |
| Feb 28 | Tolar | V | Tolar | 4:30 |

March 6, 7, 8 Ranger TOurnament - We play at 11 on Thursday. If we win we will play at 3:30 on Thursday. If we lose we will play at 1:15 Thursday. Then we will play on Saturday times to be announced.

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| Mar 14* | Albany | V&JV | Albany | 4:00 |
| Mar 20* | Baird | V&JV | Baird | 4:00 |
| Mar 24* | Ranger | V&JV | CP | 4:00 |
| Mar 28* | Gorman | V | Gorman | 4:30 |
| Apr 1* | Lueders-Avoca | V | CP | 4:30 |
| Apr 10* | Albany | V&JV | CP | 4:00 |
| Apr 12 | Albany JV Tournament | | TBA | |
| Apr 15* | Baird | V&JV | CP | 4:00 |
| Apr 18* | Ranger | V&JV | Ranger | 4:00 |
| Apr 22* | Gorman | V | CP | 4:30 |
| May 2* | Lueders-Avoca | V | CP | 4:30 |

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Casey Stone
Athletic Director - Jimmy Randolph School Phone 254-725-6121
Supt. Jackie Tennison -- Principal - Leonard Wilson

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporarios, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

ORCA Welcomes Down Home

Nicki Harle to State Agency Board Position

AUSTIN — The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) last week welcomed Nicki Harle of Baird in Callahan County to the agency's governing board. Harle is the first new appointee named to the Committee since the agency's inception in late 2000. Harle was tapped by Speaker of the House Tom Craddick to serve on the nine-member Committee, which guides the development of the agency, and defines its policy and philosophy.

"Nicki Harle is an outstanding person who well understands the issues important to rural Texas as well as the hopes and dreams of rural Texans," said House Speaker Tom Craddick, who appointed her to the ORCA board. "I have full faith in her and predict she will be a precedent setting leader for this vital, yet fledgling, state agency."

Born and raised in Columbus (Colorado County), Harle serves as the executive director of Texas Midwest Community Network, a coalition of 41 communities representing 25 counties working together to recruit business in a region that encompasses portions of North, Central and West Texas. Harle has also served on the Baird Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, Abilene Airport Advisory Committee, and the Abilene Task Force for Community Development. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University and has completed economic development courses from Texas Engineering Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

"Finding ways to help rural communities has been my passion for the past decade," noted Harle. "Having this opportunity to serve on the ORCA Executive Committee is a privilege and honor."

Harle will serve a six-year term on the Committee, comprised of three appointees each by the Office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House. Harle replaces Kent Sharp of Big

Spring in Howard County, who was appointed by House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney in 2000. Sharp, an Inaugural Member of the Committee, made significant contributions to the establishment of the young agency. Harle's fellow committee members note that she will continue to provide a high level of dedicated leadership to the agency.

"Ms. Harle is a natural addition to the Committee," said Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA's Executive Director. "Her background and expertise will complement the many years of first-hand, professional, rural experience reflected on the governing board, which is very committed to serving our constituency."

The committee is comprised of three appointees each by the Office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House. The terms of two other committee positions expired February 1, 2003, and are due for appointment from Governor Rick Perry and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us.

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support health care delivery in rural Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds. ORCA also administers programs designed to improve the leadership capacity of rural community leaders. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.

Texas Ranger, he was. During our conversation, he was talking about his most exciting experience that happened to him while at Royal Hill Canyon. It concerned the days when gangs of outlaws used it as a hideout. I told him about my trouble at the Canyon. He and I both were in disbelief. You see! Not one in a half-million Texans have any idea where this place is located. And today you'd need thirty-five dollars to get to see it. If I were a gambler, which I'm not, I'd like to find out the odds of a man from Austin, Texas meeting me at the Cottonwood Cemetery and both of us had had a wild adventure at Royal Hill Canyon.

The End
Back in December, or was it January, I was taking my daily walk when I noticed a man meandering around the Old Cottonwood Cemetery. I tried to resist asking if he needed my help, but I knew he did, so I relented. He was looking for the grave of Tom Jones. After a minute or two, we found it. The stone read:

TOM JONES.
He was somewhat disappointed that there wasn't more information. What could I do? I gave him a list of other people who might know something about the grave and the man himself.

We started a personal conversation, and it turned out that he was a retired history teacher at a college in his hometown of Stockton, California. He said that he had distant ties to the Jones family in this general area; but mainly, he was interested in finding more information on Tom Jones. I asked him how often he came to Texas. He said read regular because he owned a place down at Panda'le. Wanted to know if I knew where Panda'le was. My eyes lit up and I grinned and looked around for some time without saying a word. Was I on Candid Camera? I then laughed and laughed and reached in my back pocket and handed him a copy of *Stone Walls*. It's true: friendship can start in a most remarkable way.

Nowadays, I've got my windows so clean that I can see all the way to the old Cottonwood Cemetery. Just in case I'm needed, I have my binocular glasses hanging on the wall. "Lord, if there's anybody else out there who's also spent their 'honeymoon' at Panda'le's Crossing, my number's in the book—the phone book."

Bill G. Jones, the second man met at the cemetery, sent Harold some photos of Panda'le and told him he shared his poem with several friends there. All were impressed with Harold's descriptive words of Panda'le. Mr. Jones' photos verified Harold's mind eye description of the land he loves. The Lord works in mysterious ways as this story has proven. Harold's composition is as follows:

"Stone Walls"

By Virgil Strahan

Oh Panda'le, I loved this secluded countryside more than I can ever tell.

Stone walled-in valleys with thorny pastures and clear-water springs thrilled my soul.

Silent memories of a flowing, life-giving Pecos River sing sweetly in my heart.

Down here, near the Rio Grande, coyotes howl and yelp every night.

By noon, Mexican eagles soar with the vultures. The savage past, for a moment, comes alive.

But for killing livestock, the trial is over. The sentence is death.

Abundant mountain lions, wolves, black bears and bobcats are but a dead man's dream.

This land is now sheep and goat range.

Still, to fish and hunt white-tailed deer, a few strangers come from afar.

So it was: Almost fifty years ago, my friends and I went yonder.

But rain, rain, rain! In forty-eight hours, twenty-seven inches it poured.

Nightfall, it was like noontime on a sunny day, for perpetual flashes of sheet lightning lit up the earth.

Sonic booms of deep-voiced thunder echoed and reverberated among the high, limestone cliffs.

In a well-known language, it seemed, the storm clouds were talking to us, muttering our names.

Thus said, the static hands of fright bristled our napes; and heartbeats, they became thunderbolts.

Under that downpour upon the towering bluff, billions of fragments of weathered rocks plunged into the untamed Pecos.

The wild howling, made by the whirling and clashing of stones in mid-air, blossomed into a deafening roar, unearthly.

Upstream, a deep, sonorous rumble rose and bellowed and boomed,

Shaking the earth's unstable crust we stood on.

It was rainwater becoming a mammoth inundation.

In the wide valley, as fast as a racehorse, the torrent spread out to a quarter-mile wide and twelve feet high.

Where the canyon of the River narrowed, the deluge rose to sixty to eighty feet above the banks.

Before long, coming around a huge bend of the Pecos, the foaming-mad whitewaters swarmed upon us.

It was too late, too late, to do anything but run.

We ran alongside the riverbanks, screaming for God's mercy.

But with a jolting thwack, the high wall of debris and cloudy waters smashed us, just as though we were nothing more than specks of dust.

We, then, became victims in that gigantic flood. It was something like being trapped in a huge washing machine, tumbling us up and down among sad, gravel, boulders, trees and animals.

Daytime, it soon became nighttime twilight. A bone shivering hell, the saturated darkness was.

It should be obvious to anyone no one could survive such a frightful ordeal.

Of the four friends, however, I was, oh, so lucky to find an eddy in the midst of the unexpected flood.

It may sound cold and ruthless—without feeling—but, in truth, that's the way it is: Death is just when the spirit and body are no longer compatible.

As the raindrops fizzled away, my teardrops multiplied.

Spirit wise, I'm sure those friends are with the Almighty and His little, bity canyon songbirds.

Merely to hear the uplifting and piercing, whistling songs of desert wrens, in this desolate land by the Mexican border, is so thrilling and joyful.

Their sweet melody, even to the breathless, is bound to be a goose-bumper.

I once thought: What wonderful days it would be to have my eternal home down there in Panda'le's countryside.

But then, after fifty years to think it over, I know, a young man's wishes and wants are most often related to vanity.

So now, in the grip of old age, I gotta lean on the Creator Himself, not stone walls.

An yet, regrettably, time and again, I create my own stone walls, do you?



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The family of the late Onis Taylor want to publicly thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, visits, memorials, and telephone calls made during the time of our loss. Dad was very special to us, and it warmed our hearts to experience so much kindness shown in his honor. We appreciate you.
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Lions Club Camp Accepting Applications

New camper application forms are available and the Texas Lions Camp is now accepting camper applications for the 2003 summer camping season. The camping season opens June 1 with the first of six one-week sessions for children seven through sixteen years of age with physical disabilities. Campers attending each session will check in on Sunday afternoon and check out the following Saturday morning. These sessions will be followed by a day camp July 16-18 for children whose parents will bring them to camp each morning and pick them up each evening.

There will also be two one-week sessions, July 20-26 and July 27 - August 2, for children with Type 1 diabetes who are eight through fifteen years of age. A medical team joins the camp staff for the diabetic sessions to help children learn to control their diabetes by eating

properly, monitoring their own blood sugar, and giving their own insulin injections. Parents of these children are offered a special day of instruction to update them with the latest information concerning diabetes management.

Activity programs at the Texas Lions Camp are designed to promote social and emotional development, support improved self-confidence, and encourage positive self-esteem. All children participate to the extent of their capabilities.

Located on 504 acres in the Texas Hill Country just east of Kerrville, the camp's modern facilities include air conditioned cabins, a dining hall, infirmary, junior olympic sized swimming pool, ropes course, gym, weight room, amphitheater, and much more. There is no charge for Texas children to attend the camp.

Call 893-5232 for information.

One rabid skunk reported in Callahan County for December

One rabid skunk was diagnosed for rabies in Callahan County during the month of December 2002, according to the Texas Department of Health.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division tested one skunk and two cats for rabies during the month of December. The skunk was determined to be rabid, while both cats were diagnosed as negative for rabies.

Statewide, the Texas Department of Health tested 800 animals for rabies during the month of December with 722 turning up negative for the disease. Among the 78 positive rabies tests during the month, 60 were skunks. There were five rabid fox, five bats, one cat, four bovine and three rabid bobcats reported during the month.

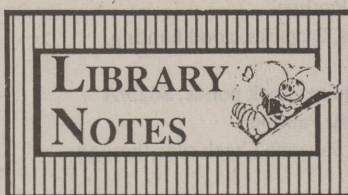
The year 2002 concluded with 12,012 animals received during the year. The Texas Department of Health reported 1,049 (nine percent) positive rabid animals and 10,709 (89 percent) negative for the disease during the year. There were 254 (two percent) cases in which the animal was too decomposed, destroyed, not tested, unsatisfactory or inconclusive.

Zion Hill Cemetery Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Zion Hill Cemetery association will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2003 at 7 p.m., in the meeting room of the Baird Housing Authority, Fourth and Chestnut, near downtown Baird.

A Spring Cemetery clean-up will be discussed as well as the financial condition of the association. We are very near the goal set last year at the organizational meeting of \$1000.00 in the endowment fund. As soon as this goal is met we will be able to place the funds in a CD and begin to put the cemetery on a self supporting basis.

Recent donors to the endowment fund are: Bobby and Dana Voigts, Baird; Gary and Wanda Marsh, Baird; Carl Bailey, Cisco; Ida Mae Waddell, Putnam; Allen and Jerry Wilson, Baird in memory of Ovena Konczak. We appreciate these donations. They will help us provide a proper resting place for the nearly 100 Pioneer Callahan and Eastland County settlers interred there.



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Highway 206 Baptist Mission to Celebrate

Highway 206 Baptist Mission in Cross Plains will be celebrating their 8th year on Friday, February 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The celebration will begin with a meal, followed by the performance of "Glory Bound Gospel Group".

Dwaine Clower will be the evangelist for the evening.

They will also be recognizing those who contributed to their construction project.

Highway 206 Baptist Mission cordially invites everyone to join them in their joyous occasion.

GED Classes to Be Offered Locally

Central Texas Opportunities Inc. of Coleman is in the process of setting up GED classes in the community for local people to study for their GED.

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We need to get a certain number of people signed up for the classes to warrant the time, materials and teachers to get the classes started. The Cross Plains Public Library has offered the use of the library for the services.

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Submitted by Cherry Shults

Sr. Citizens Entertainment Schedule for February Announced

All ages are welcome to all the dances featuring musical entertainment Stone Mountain Band on Friday, February 21, at DeLeon City, 105 Texas Street, from 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, February 22, 141 Main Street, Cross Plains, 7 to 10 p.m.; and Friday, February 28, at DeLeon City Hall. The admission is \$4.00 at each place. Alcohol and tobacco is not allowed.

The Stone Mountain Band has been playing for dances at Coleman, Cross Plains De Leon and assisting at Harbor Point and Grand Ole Oplin.

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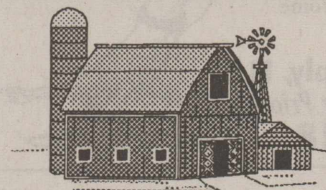
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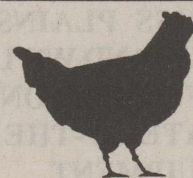
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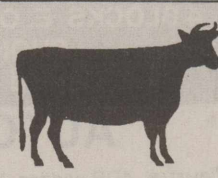
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