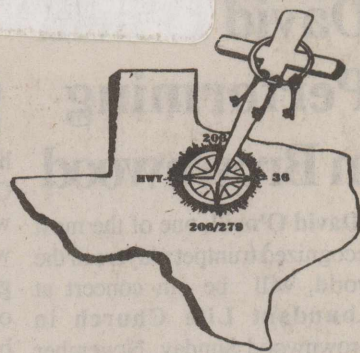


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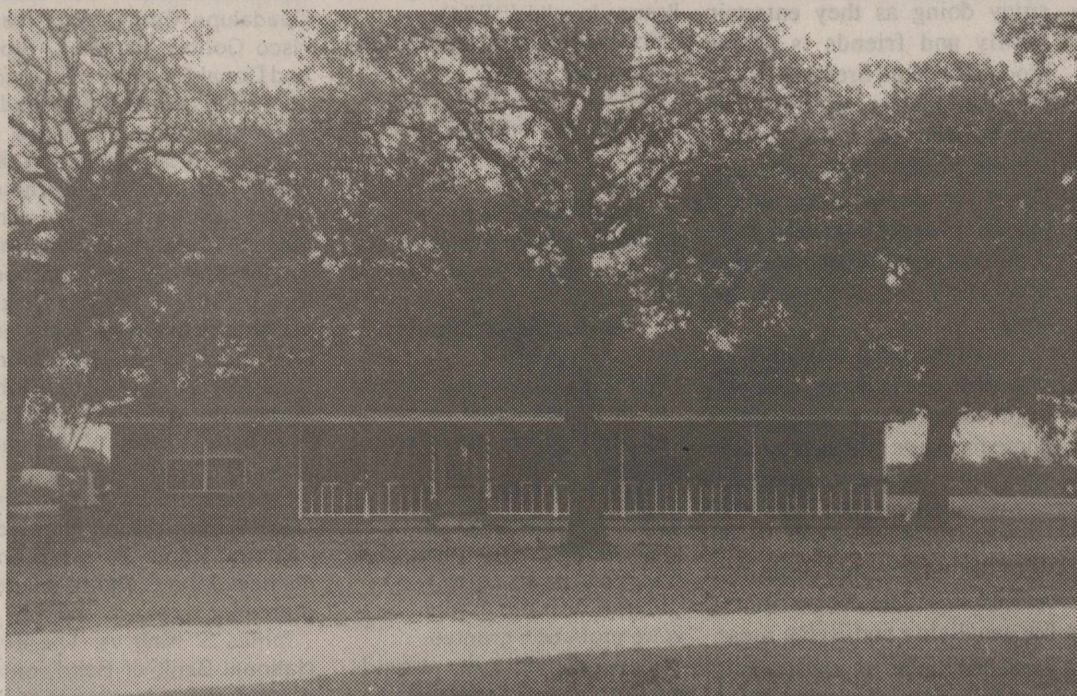
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THE HOME OF DON AND DEBBIE GOSNELL



THE HOME OF WALLACE AND CAROL BENNETT

Holiday Tour Offers Six Great Homes on Saturday, Dec. 6th

It's been said that "variety is the spice of life" and this year's slate of homes will furnish something for everyone with the six varying styles of homes being offered to the public for viewing during the 2003 Christmas holiday season. Sponsored by the Alpha Rho Zeta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, proceeds from the Home Tour help furnish scholarships to local students, eyeglasses for underprivileged children, holiday food baskets to the needy and other benevolent causes.

The following gracious and generous people have offered their homes this year:

Yvonne and R.T. Peevy - (Cottonwood area) This home contains untold numbers of furnishings that have a thrilling story and background in historical content.

Carol and Wallace Bennett - (between Cottonwood and Cross Plains) A two-story authentic log home in a setting midst of oak trees - and a smattering of natives like mesquite and prickly pear.

Jacque and Scott Childress - (Cottonwood area) Second generation family of Childress' show this stunning adobe, true Southwestern style home.

Marguerite Ransdell -

(Cottonwood area) Mother of Jacque Childress is proud to show her apartment/guest house style home adjacent to her daughter's home.

Gail Ransdell - (Cottonwood area) New resident of a beautiful mobile home in which she showcases her collections acquired from around the globe.

Debbie and Don Gosnell - (Cross Plains) A newly constructed brick home in traditional style in a beautiful setting located (for the locals) down the old "Slaughterhouse Lane" road.

Where can you see and enjoy more in one afternoon? The time is 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. complete with refreshments served to you at the Childress home. Beta Sigma Phi has chosen to keep the price of admission at this nominal cost of \$5 per person - which is sure to fit everyone's budget! Be sure to take advantage of this "happening event".

(For tickets, please contact any member of the sorority, OR call (254) 725-6476, OR you may purchase tickets at the door of any home on the day of the event - Saturday, December 6.)

NEW HOME OF THE GOSNELLS BRINGS BEAUTY TO THE END OF THE "OLD SLAUGHTERHOUSE ROAD"

The stunning brick with the dark mortar and white trim is the new

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"Thanksgiving" Community Services Sunday, Nov. 23rd

Area churches and members are invited to join in a **Community Service of "Thanksgiving"** on Sunday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held in the Cross Plains First Baptist Church on North Main Street.

Ministerial staff from area churches that will be participat-

ing include pastors: Maxie Evans, Phil Schaefer, Matt McGowen, Colleen Anderson, Michael Ingram, Ronnie White and Mike Redd.

An inspirational poem will be recited by Herman Weaver and Jeremy Bush of First Baptist will be leading the music.

Everyone is invited to join the Community Choir in rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. All area residents are invited to join in this community service of Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving Offering will again benefit the Cross Plains Food Pantry.

Baked Goods and Roast Turkey for Sale at Library

Too busy to do any baking for Thanksgiving? Want to take a day off and not have to cook a turkey? Let Cross Plains' experts help you out! Come to the **Library's Bake Sale** on Wednesday, November 26, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and pick up all those special goodies. We'll have wonderful **homebaked cakes, pies, cookies and breads**, created by some of the best bakers in the community.

Two roast turkeys will be available for sale, also. These will be fully cooked turkeys (about 14 pounds before roasting) with dressing and gravy, all for only

\$25 each. Only two turkeys will be available, so it's "first come, first served". Call the Library (254) 725-7722 ahead of time to reserve your bird. You can come by the Library on Wednesday to pick up your turkey, dressing and gravy. Or if you drop off your payment at the Library before Wednesday, November 26, we'll even deliver the turkey right to your door on Wednesday!

If you love to bake and would like to help us out with one of our fabulous specialties, please bring your home-baked donation to the Library on Tuesday before 5:00 p.m., or Wednesday morning be-

fore 8:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in some other way, by volunteering your time or with a cash donation, please call the Library.

Be sure to come by and purchase some delicious baked goods, and give the cook at your house a real holiday! All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit the Cross Plains Public Library, so while you're enjoying all the great food, you can also feel good about helping the Library. You can be very sure, too, that the Friends of the Library, as well as our many patrons, will be **Giving Thanks** for your generosity.



DISTRICT VIII GARDEN CLUB CONVENTION DIGNITARIES—Julene Franke, Convention Chairman (from left); Eva Fleming, Cross Plains Garden Club President; Loyce Rodgers, Past District Director; and Alma B. Fecher, District VIII Director.

District VIII Garden Club Convention in C.P. Successful

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Ballinger Civic Garden Club, Town and Country Garden Club in Coleman and the Cross Plains Garden Club hosted the District VIII Convention of Texas Garden Clubs that began with dinner at Kay's Garden in Coleman. The program featuring Jane Padgett, a high fired pottery artist, was a highlight of that evening. Her creations were noted as outstanding and the garden club ladies truly enjoyed her presentation.

The Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains

was the location for the convention registration and coffee hosted by the Ballinger Civic Garden Club. An executive committee meeting was next on the agenda followed by a general business meeting. Alma Fecher, District VIII Director of San Angelo, presided over the convention.

Ronnie White, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, led the invocation at the luncheon hosted by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Barbie Creach, President of Chamber of Commerce, followed with a warm welcome from the community.

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CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY
(pre-k thru 6th grade)
PTO SPONSORED
DAD'S AND DONUTS!
(Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
7:30 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M.
(In Foyer Of Elementary Building)
COME & GO
TEACHERS' PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME!

David O'Neill Performing TOUR

Performing in Brownwood

David O'Neill, one of the most recognized trumpet players in the world, will be in concert at Abundant Life Church in Brownwood Sunday, November 30, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. David was the sub lead trumpet player in "The Wiz" on Broadway and has played numerous times at Radio City Music Hall. He also played in bands behind many famous people such as Diana Ross, Dione Warwick, B.B. King, The Midnight Express and the "Soul Train" television show.

However, being young and impressionable, it was not long before he was introduced to cocaine. A series of events led him down the road to a serious cocaine addiction. His life and career crashed.

After turning his life over to Christ, David found restoration. He has played with such Christian artists Larnell Harris, Dave Boyer, Sandi Patti and at Billy Graham Crusades. He is regularly seen on many Christian television programs. Along with his playing, he is a gifted contemporary worship leader.

There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be received. Childcare for infants through age six will be provided. Abundant Life Church is located at the intersection of Highways 67/84 and 279 at Commerce Square in Brownwood. For more information call (325) 643-5225.

home of Don and Debbie Gosnell. Driving up to this house with the huge front porch with white railings, one would never guess that this was once the scene of dilapidated buildings, wire, barns, sheds and the old slaughterhouse. In fact, natives to the area still refer to the road leading up to the house as the "Old Slaughterhouse Road". Several years ago the Gosnells began looking for "that perfect spot" to build a new home. It seems that Debbie looked at this property and could see the potential even through all the work that was to come. After several years of trying to acquire the property, it was finally theirs.

Fortunately the winter of 1999 was a mild one and Don and Debbie began clearing away, hauling off, and cleaning up the property - tearing down old barns and buildings until Rusty Reed was finally able to begin construction on the home and they moved to the home in April of 2001. Now, this three bedroom two bath home shines proudly in the middle of 19 large old oak trees in a coastal bermuda field. Having their own well, they've established a beautiful St. Augustine lawn around the home. One of their favorite spots in the home is the front porch. And, being blessed with delightful weather most of the time, they are able to sit and drink their morning coffee - getting ready for each new day.

Upon entering the living room with the combination tile/carpet

flooring, you are impressed by the corner fireplace, which gives the home a warm and cozy feel. Those nice clean gas logs! You notice the beautiful collection of wall crosses above the table in the entry way. Under the crosses hangs a framed crocheted piece depicting Jesus' Last Supper which was given to them by Debbie's sister. Another wall displays some very nice trophies that Don and son, Jody, have had mounted.

Dark blue wall paper with a stunning border decorates the dining area - and their newest treasure is the heavy double pedestal dining room table and chairs. An unusual window over the sink gives a view out front to the porch swing in one of the oak trees. (Debbie says hanging this swing was the first thing they did after clearing the land.) You'll be impressed with special touches in the kitchen cabinet - including a different way of displaying and storing plates.

The master bathroom adjacent to the huge bedroom leads into a mammoth sized closet - complete with a dresser - where Debbie says she enjoys dressing, then closing the door behind her when she leaves hurriedly to go off to work at the City Hall. Black marble tops cover the dressing area in the bath which is complete with a huge garden tub under a large window and, of course, a separate shower.

A front bedroom is referred to as "their antique room" - and if you enjoy antiques, you'll be delighted to see the very large rocking chair that was purchased 'second hand' when son, Jody, was a baby. A lovely wash stand which belonged to Debbie's mom is on one side of the room. Across from it is a dresser which belonged to the late Ora Breeding - and which holds a very feminine porcelain dresser set which also belonged to Debbie's mother.

Across the rear of this home is another large covered porch where this couple enjoys many evenings talking, relaxing, watching their two stately boxers dogs (out back in their pens) and - just taking in the view!

If you're having any trouble "getting into the Christmas spirit" - you won't be after touring this special home. The holiday magic will be alive and well and just waiting for you to enjoy!

(Remember, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi, this home and five others may be seen on Saturday, December 6 from 2:00 to 6:00 for only \$5. Proceeds will go to local worthy causes. Ask any member of the sorority for a ticket; call 254-725-6476; OR you may purchase a ticket at the door of any of the homes.)

ALWAYS WANTED A LOG HOME? YOU'RE INVITED TO SEE ONE!

Load up your friends and neighbors on Saturday, December 6 - and take a drive out FM 880 towards Cottonwood. Then just make a left turn up the road a bit towards the impressive two story log home of Wallace and Carol Bennett. (Christmas Wreaths will direct you.) Sitting on 68 acres and the very spot where the old Osa Gattis/George Bernard home

once stood, this seven room, three bath home is a welcoming sight from the moment you cross the cattle guard. At the end of the driveway and east of the home, you are greeted by a large cactus garden with a variety of cacti and yard decor. Beyond this, a flagstone patio seems to invite you to sit down for a morning cup of coffee no matter what time of the day.

Parents of five sons, Carol and Wallace have a large extended family and one of the things they enjoy doing as they entertain family and friends is sitting around the large fireplace ring in the yard. While preparing the site and building the home, friends and kin would bring a guitar and they'd keep music going around that campfire for hours and hours ... all out under the stars of Callahan County. You will notice this spot!

A covered porch surrounds all four sides of the home. You will begin to take in unusual items immediately as you step into the entry way - would you expect a pair of wooden shoes from Holland by the coat rack? You'll want to notice the beautiful, stained concrete floors in the kitchen/dining and living areas. What log home in the country would not have a fireplace? Centrally located in the living room is a stunning one made of rocks which came from the foundation of the old former Gattis/Bernard home. Surprises are in store as you look carefully at some of the individual rocks which have been on this place for at least 125 years!

Overhead, as you look up past the copper ceiling fans, you see the inviting second floor loft with doors leading to another bedroom, large office and bath. Unusual art work adorns the walls and will catch your attention. So remember to look up! Speaking of art, see some unusual and stunning pieces of sculpture which were done by Carol's artist mother.

Besides being filled with antique furniture (don't miss the massive Belgium buffet in the dining area!), there are collectibles and pieces from the foreign countries in which the Bennetts lived during Wally's years of service as a military chaplain. If clocks are your interest, many clocks from Germany grace this home.

HOME is the word which best describes the log home the Bennetts moved into three years ago. Built by Satterwhite Log Homes of Longview and the interior finished by contractor, Mike Knott, Carol describes the home as "being a work in progress ever since!" The Bennetts moved from the busy Ft. Worth Metroplex to live in the quiet, rural world between Cottonwood and Cross Plains. For Wallace who roamed this land and grew up across the road as a lad, he is "home again."

(One of six homes offered on the Christmas Tour of Homes this year, the cost is only \$5 per person. Beta Sigma Phi sorority hopes you will be a part of the fun and attend. Mark your calendar! Saturday, December 6 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.)

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Metha Irene Spivey, possession of a controlled substance.
Jimmy Lee Massey, theft.
Ambler J. Brewer, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Shamar Hawkins, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Donald Booth, DWI.
Dottie Jo McClary, possession of marijuana.
Calvin E. Walton, DWI.
Terrel Duane Harris, possession of alcoholic beverage in a dry area with intent to sell.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cynthia E. Oakley Watts, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Ralph S. Byers, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Sharla Deering, motion to revoke probation granted.
Cristie Immel, order extending probation granted.
Jose Palomar, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.
Charles Brooks, order revoking probation granted.
Clarence W. Roberts, Jr., plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution paid.
Roy Vance Turner, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution paid.

Angela P. Jackson, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, case dismissed due to mistaken identity.
Metha Irene Spivey, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 2 year probation, \$3000 fine, \$263 court costs.
Dominique McNeal, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$293 court costs.

Glen Nixon, motion to revoke probation granted.
Amy Burt, transfer request from Austin Co. to Travis Co. granted.
End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Rickey Dukes, Anthony Isbell, Sara Uzueta, Shawna Lynn Wall, Kenneth Wilson Jr.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Marie Maxwell Lewis and William A. Lewis, application for protective order.
Chad Lane Smith and Shana Rene Smith, divorce.
Crystal Michelle Boles and John Allen Boles, divorce.
Commerce & Industry Insurance Company vs. Joe Sharp, aka Billy Joe Sharp, damages.
Debra Kay Ayers and Scottie

Ray Ayers, divorce.
William Noah Coe and Shirley Ann Coe, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Order to dismiss for want of prosecution: Charles Frank Black vs. Brenda Sue Black; Guadalupe Gomez and Francisco Gomez; Janice L. Stout and Donald D. Stout, Sr.; Linda Jo Welch and Steven Banda; James S. King vs. State of Texas; Anthony George vs. Richard Caballero Valdez; James Henry Gerhart vs. Yvonne Marlene Gerhart; Debbie Ann Taylor and James Thomas Taylor; Edward Thomas Walker vs. Sharon Diane Walker; Jennifer Anne Bryan and Benny Dean Bryan, Jr.; Charles John Mantooth and Rebecca Eve Mantooth; Susan W. Hatcher and Jay T. Hatcher.
Cynthia Lynn Srader and Terry Gene Srader, divorce granted.
Sheila Rene Purdum and Michael John Purdum, divorce granted.
James S. King vs. The First National Bank of Baird, order granting defendant's motion for sanctions.
Bank of America, NA vs. Carol Sims nka fangio, order of nonsuit granted.

Criminal

Information & Complaints

James Robert Todd, possession of a controlled substance.
Muyhoan Lao, possession of marijuana.

Criminal Indictments

Robert R. Floyd, forgery.
Gaylon D. Jackson, Ct. I - theft by check, Ct. II - theft.
Richard A. Cardenas, burglary of a building.
Christopher B. Brewer, possession of a controlled substance.
Ronald Glen Baldwin, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

James Robert Todd, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 7 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$236 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Jody L. Crafton, plea of guilty to credit card abuse, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$261 court costs, \$255.94 restitution.
Muyhoan Lao, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 5 year probation, \$3500 fine, \$216 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Heliodoro Flores, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 10 year probation, \$3500 fine, \$306 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Michael T. Tran, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, dismissed due to plea of co-defendant.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 9, 2003 through November 11, 2003 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—90
Complaints—61
DWI—1
Public Intoxication—1
Fugitive Arrest-Theft By

Check—1
Vehicle Accidents
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were 11 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$3,164.00 collected.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP
Inner-denominational-Evangelical EAST HIGHWAY 36
SUNDAY WEDNESDAY
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Christian Youth Activities
10:45 a.m.. Morning Service THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service
PASTOR: J. D. FRY (915) 646-7647
Last Sunday of the month singing. Come one-Come all.
Chips, Dips, Sandwiches

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS
Welcomes You!
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word *** Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
"An Apostolic Church"
PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140

Living Water Ministries Fellowship
Full Gospel ~ Non-Denominational ~ Apostolic
Restoring And Equipping The Saints
Sunday 10 am * Monday Prayer 7pm * Wednesday 6:30 pm
Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson
Praise & Worship: Glenda Tidwell & Jamie Lipe
Youth Pastor: Linda Fortune
For Information Call (254) 725-4884

Union Center Baptist Church
"Service to God Through Service to Man"
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR 292
Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Evening Service.....6 :00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7 :00
Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254)725- 6266
Friendly Church Bible Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin
Come Worship With Us!

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

*Offer to God thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the
Most High. Call upon Me
in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me."
Psalm 50:14-15*

First Baptist Church
3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX
Ronnie B. White
Pastor



2:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Hanging Of The Greens
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Van Service Available - Call (254) 725-7694
N. Main (Hwy. 206)
Cross Plains, Texas
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor



PIONEER NEWS

The girls at the club had a very good day. We got Glenda's "9 Patch Variation" out. It is very pretty. Vernon's aunt pieced the quilt a long time ago. I know she is very proud of it. Several turns were made on the Rehab top. It should be ready to come out at our next meeting. Charlene's top, "Flower Garden" should get some attention next Tuesday.

Jim Chesshir and stepson, William, visited Charlene over the weekend. They thought they would gather pecans but the weather was against that. They brought up wood for the fireplace, filled the wood box on the sun porch and put a lot on the front porch. It was nice to have the fireplace going again! They loaded two cords of wood on Jim's trailer to take home to Odessa, and they helped the wood cutter unload nearly a cord for Charlene. Wow! Charlene sure kept those two busy!

Frankie Smith traveled to Abilene Monday night with

Wayne and Alene Smith and Laquita Rankin to the Cross Timbers Association Meeting. A great time of singing and preaching was enjoyed by each and everyone!

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's grandchildren, Scott and wife Carrie, visited them Monday night.

James and Jean Alexander had their grandsons from Abilene (ACU) down for the weekend. I even caught them cooking supper for everybody! It is always good to see them.

Oh! The trees are beginning to look so beautiful. Everyone needs to make that drive from here to Abilene. It is so late in the month that the colors will not last long. The farmers' wheat field look sooo green. What a beautiful world we live in. Let us take care of it!

Word of Wisdom: Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Residents to Participate in C.P. Community Thanksgiving Services

The Cross Plains Area Ministerial Alliance is organizing a Community-wide Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 23, at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. The services will include participation by area ministers including Matt McGowen, Phillip Schaefer, Colleen Anderson, Mike Redd, Ronnie White, Max Evans and others.

Rev. Schaefer will deliver the message and the service will include prayers, testimony and scriptures presented by the other ministers. Included also, will be special music presented by Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie White, congregation hymn singing, plus a Thanksgiving chorale presented by a Community Chorus comprised of volunteers from all congregations. Herman Weaver will present a poem.

It seems to stack up as a "must be there in person" event. See you at the First Baptist Church, November 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Rehab Rendezvous Held in Cottonwood

It is a grand time when old friends get together. Such was the case at the Bennett homestead this past weekend. The Rehabbers, mentioned below, are all longtime professional members of the Texas Rehabilitation Association (TRA), many with over 30 years service.

TRA has been instrumental in the development of Rehabilitation Services since 1929 for persons with disabilities in the state of Texas. Rehab professionals are

certified, hold LPC licenses and work for both the public (government) sector and in private practices.

The counselors who came together in Cottonwood included Zanda (Hilger) Seeberg, with husband, Chuck, of Fort Worth; Bob Dann and wife, Janie, of Fort Worth; Joyce Shoop and husband, Neil, of Dallas; Rebecca Hayes and husband, Larry, of Fort Worth; Patricia King and husband, Fred, of Fort Worth; Betts Hoover and husband, Parker, of Azle; Dillon Snowden of Fort Worth; and hosts Carol and Wallace Bennett.

Highlights of the weekend included good food, fellowship of longtime friends, a Historical Tour and tales of old Cottonwood, as told by Wallace Bennett, a hike in the Turkey Creek woods near Spring Gap, and a bonfire with more stories and singing to Neil Shoop's guitar.

Several of the guests remarked about the silence and stillness and peacefulness of life in the country. "The silence is so loud! I didn't hear a siren all night." "Hush Fred and listen to the birds. You haven't heard a bird sing in years."

Their visit brought back memories of life in the city and renewed our appreciation of life in the Cottonwood Valley. It was quality time with good old friends. Now, some real "flatlanders" know of the rich history and heritage of Cottonwood, Texas.

(Please call Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 about any personal or news items for this column.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: From the pages of the old Indian doctor book—for internal ulcers. Take one pound of blue flag, one spigut, two ounces of blood root, two ounces coltsfoot, two ounces of Soloman's seal, two ounces of Burdock seed and one handful of peach kernels; boil these in four quarts of water three house, then strain and add one pound loaf sugar and one pint Holland gin. Take one tablespoonful three times each day, before eating; this is infallible. (Columnist note: infallible, well, maybe, but probably more like intoxicating, especially if the patient like the concoction and drank too much. Anyway it seemed to cure what ailed them.

"Unclouded Day"

Most of us have seen cloudy days. By the same token, a great many have had the experience of their own cloudy days. Yet, weather-wise, somehow that jolly sunshine always seems to come shining through, chasing all those clouds away. Always I remember that warm comforting feeling at the sight of old Mister

Sunshine.

Quite often, if we lay low and wait long enough, so will go our cloudy days. Gone, pushed out by the sun. Were it possible that all our cloudy days could have that warm comforting feeling in the pit of our stomachs, but alas and alack, I have heard often the mournful crying of those whose days remain cloudy and no sunshine come with its light of deliverance. No visible solution to the problem.

So sometimes go our lives. This point in time, I have so much on my mind and so much in my hear, and it seemed lately that those clouds are not apt to dissipate and let that sun shine in. There are some of you in much the same state as me.

You and I should keep on hoping and keep on praying that God's will be done in our lives, and that we through Him might find solutions and send those clouds away. We are still waiting, but have faith that the sunshine will come bursting out all over. Then we will get that warm, comforting feeling, yet AGAIN!!!!

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LIBRARY NOTES



"Check It Out!"

Don't forget the Turkey!

Is Cross Plains a "Library Town"? I arrived on the scene when it wasn't. The library folks would meet with the powers that be; but not much would happen. Since that time there has been a complete turn around. Ya'll come. You'll see. And what did it? The town! The Kids! Kids grow up. Cross Plains was wise to start with kids. Yes! Your hometown is a library town. Get your young ones into a program now—all ages to 5 years. Call (254) 725-7722 for specific age groups. Check it out!
(P.S. Don't forget the Bake Sale.

Statistics November 10-14	
Circulation:	
Books	73
LAP	45
Interlibrary Loan	1
Total	119
Memorials:	
G. Curtis and Virginia Hoskins and In Memory of Donie McCowen	
Donations: Ethel Ames	
Donations: Books	
Damon C. Sasser	
Joe and Beverly Reeves	
Lorna Muniain	

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROMOTES HERITAGE TOURISM

AUSTIN, Texas - As the second most visited state by historic and cultural travelers, Texas is a leader in heritage tourism. In an effort to educate the public about the benefits of heritage tourism, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has published Heritage Tourism Works for Texas, a new brochure promoting heritage tourism and its positive impact on Texas' historical and cultural resources and economy.

"Heritage travelers spend more and stay longer than other types of tourists, which ultimately creates more jobs and boosts the economy," said Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program. "This brochure is a means for people to understand what heritage tourism can do for their own community."
The brochure also highlights

the economic benefits of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program, a regional tourism initiative that promotes, protects and preserves Texas' historical resources. Since 1997, the program has returned \$23 to Texas's economy for every dollar the state invests in the program.

For more information on the Texas Heritage Trails Program please call 512/463-6092. To request a free brochure, call 512/463-6254 or download a copy at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/publications/brochures/HTworksForTX.pdf>.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

www.thc.state.tx.us/travel

SR. CITIZENS THANKSGIVING

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 21, at 11:45 a.m. Reservations will not be necessary. Everyone is invited to join the seniors for this special holiday meal and fellow-

ship. If you need additional information please contact Kathy Anderson at (254) 725-6521.

Remember that the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month is Game Night. Come join the fun!!!!

TDH issues flu advisory, urges shots

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has issued a statewide health advisory reporting heavier-than usual influenza activity in the state and urging people to get a flu shot.

"It's not unusual to have flu occur this early in the season. What's unusual is to have this much of it this early," said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez.

Influenza, or flu, has been reported in several Texas counties. "Get a flu shot," Sanchez advised. "That's the first line of defense."

Authorities report that the flu vaccine is in plentiful supply this year. People wanting to get a flu shot should contact their doctors, employers or local public health departments or watch for announcements from supermarkets and other businesses offering the shot to the public.

Flu season officially begins in October and runs through May, usually reaching its peak in Texas in January and February.

This season's vaccine protects against the A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Hong Kong strains of the influenza virus and against other similar strains.

Most people six months or older can receive the flu vaccine, but it is especially encouraged for

children 6 months to 23 months, people 50 and older, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, diabetics, women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, people with weakened immune systems and people who have asthma or other chronic respiratory, heart or kidney conditions.

It takes about two weeks for the vaccine to be effective.

Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air.

As a flu control measure, Sanchez stressed that people with flu symptoms should stay home to avoid infecting classmates or colleagues.

Influenza is not a reportable illness in Texas, so exact flu case numbers are not known. Instead, TDH relies on a surveillance network of reporting sites around the state to track influenza levels and identify circulating strains of the virus.

More information about the flu is available online at: www.tdh.state.tx.us

TXU NAME CHANGE ANNOUNCED

Effective Nov. 1, 2003, TXU's gas operations have been brought under the single brand name of TXU Gas, according to Mike Schweikhard, local manager for TXU Gas.

Previously, if you had a maintenance issue in your neighborhood, you probably would have seen a truck and employees with Oncor logo identification. Oncor is the regulated pipes and wires company for TXU Corp.

The move to consolidate the brand name to TXU Gas will help identify repair equipment and personnel more readily to our customers and, hopefully, avoid customer confusion. Customer bills, gas advertisements and the TXU Gas Internet site will continue to carry the TXU Gas brand.

The coordination of new uniforms and truck branding should be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting.

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By Bob Pipes
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I had heard it before—but again this morning: "If God had a refrigerator, our picture would be on it."

In case you don't keep pictures, schedules, business cards, pictures that your children and/or grandchildren have drawn, etc. on your refig, come on and catch up with modern times!

The saying is to remind us of the fact that God loves each one of us—so much that He would have our picture on His refig (if He had one). And just because we do something that He doesn't like, He won't take it down—just as we don't take our loved one's picture down just because he/she did something we don't like.

We may "leave God's picture off" our refrigerator—and we may "take His picture down" from it at times—but be assured that He doesn't think and act that way! Let's not either—not for a moment!

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Junior High Girls Basketball Report

By Coach Dillard

Monday evening November 17, 2003 was the "kick off" to the Jr. High Boys and Girls Basketball Season.

The first game at 4:00 - Girls B Team vs. Evant B Team. This was an exciting game and the girls were just a bit nervous. The girls showed good hustle. The final score was CP 18 - Evant 10.

Team members this week were: Mandy Rose, Brittany Stout, Terrah Augustine, Betty Matthews, Asyhleigh Galloway, and Hailey Biggs. Team Scorers were: Rose, Augustine, Galloway, and Biggs.

The third game at 6:00 - Girls A Team vs. Evant A Team. This was a hard fought game, tied 12 to 12 in the third quarter, and also many missed shots in the second half of the game scoring only 3 points. Final score was CP 13 - Evant 18.

Team members this week were: Emily Harris, Christi Burrhus, Macayla Cook, Starla Schaefer, Tiffany Walker, and Krista Phillips. Team scorers were: Harris, Burrhus, Cook, and Walker.

Next game will be Monday, November 24, 2003 --- girls will play here.

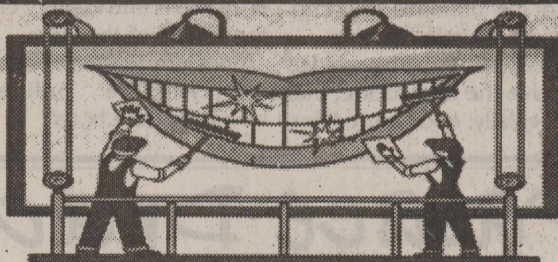


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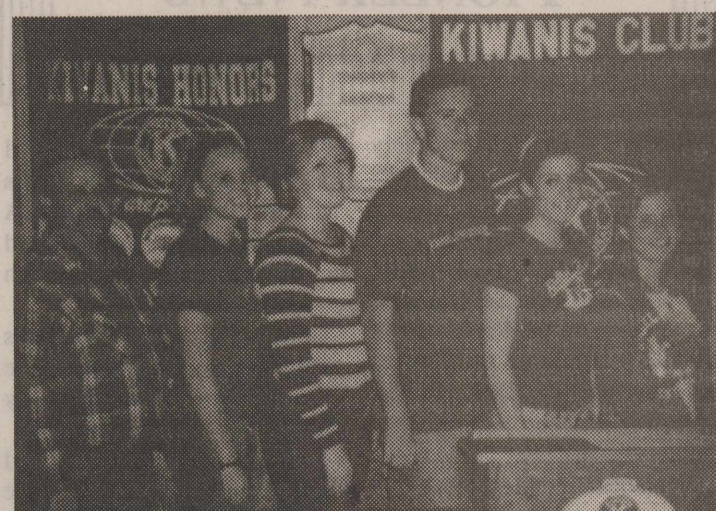
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KIWANS CLUB NEWS—The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club enjoyed a leadership program by the Cross Plains High School Agriculture Science Department. Pictured above are Roy Richey (from left), Instructor, Hayli-Jo Foster, Cassie Galloway, and Andrew Taff who make up the Radio Team. Mykea Douglass and Daley Anderson who participate in Creed Speaking.

The top 10 college application mistakes

IOWA CITY, IA—The holiday season means that college application time has arrived for high school seniors. America's admissions officers will be sorting through thousands of applications during the coming weeks. ACT, the company that produces the college admissions exam, suggests that before you apply to a college, check out the following list of the top mistakes students make on their applications, according to high school guidance counselors and admissions officers.

1. Misspellings and grammatical errors—This is a big pet peeve of admissions people. If you misspell on something as important as the application, it shows that either you don't care or you aren't good at spelling. Some students even misspell their intended major. But don't stop with a spell check. Proof-read for grammatical errors, too.

2. Applying online, but the application isn't submitted—If you apply online, you should receive confirmation that the college or university received it. Confirmation could be an e-mail message, a web page response or a credit card receipt. Follow through and make sure that your application has been submitted.

3. Forgotten signatures—Make sure you sign and date the form. Often students overlook it if it's on the back of the form. Check that all spaces are completed.

4. Not reading carefully—Know the difference between County and Country. If the form asks what County you live in, the United States should not be the answer.

5. Listing extracurricular ac-

ivities that aren't—Those that make the list include sports, the arts, formal organizations and volunteer work. Talking on the phone and hanging out with friends don't make the cut. Make sure your activity information is accurate. Colleges may check with your high school.

6. Not telling your guidance counselor where you've applied—Let your guidance counselor know which colleges you're applying to, and ask to review your high school transcript before it's sent to colleges. Sometimes transcripts have errors.

7. Writing illegibly—First impressions count, so take your time and use your best handwriting. It will make a better impression.

8. Using an e-mail address that friends might laugh about, but colleges won't—Select a professional e-mail address. Keep your fun address for friends, but select an address using your name for college admissions.

9. Not checking your e-mail regularly—If you've given an e-mail address, the college will use it. You don't want to miss out on anything because you didn't read your e-mail.

10. Letting Mom or Dad help you fill out your application—Admissions people know if your parents help, whether you have two different styles of handwriting or if your admissions essay sounds more like a 45-year-old than a 17-year-old. It's fine to get advice, but do the work yourself.

For more college planning help, visit the student section at ACT's website, www.act.org.

Callahan County organization joins TxDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program

ABILENE—Roads around south Callahan County should start looking more litter free now that another Callahan County organization has joined the Abilene district's Adopt-A-Highway program.

The Highway 36 Church of Christ is the latest organization in Callahan County to sign up as members of AAH. Denise Gee will serve as chairperson for this group.

The Highway 36 Church of Christ's area of responsibility is on FM 1178 from Highway 36 to two miles south.

Sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, the program is vitally important to the State of Texas Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district's AAH coordinator, said. The 3,793 plus MH groups across Texas save taxpayers several million dollars a year in litter expenditures; money that can then be spent for highway maintenance and

construction. The new Callahan County group has a two-year contract with TxDOT.

Organizations interested in becoming a member of the AAH program should call Rudy Rodriguez, maintenance section supervisor in TxDOT's Callahan Nolan County roadway maintenance section, at 325/854-1353 or the district coordinator in Abilene at 325/676-6806.

Contracts are for a two-year period with four pick-ups per contract year required. Length of highway adopted is a minimum of two miles. Signs displaying the name of the group adopting the roadway are placed at the beginning and ending of the two-mile stretch.

TxDOT furnishes the AAH groups with orange vests and trash bags. In addition, the department also collects the bags after a pickup.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, November 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:

Call Meeting to Order

1. Prayer

2. Minutes

3. Open Forum

4. Discuss/Take Action on CPISD Audit for 2002/03

School Year

5. Discuss/Take Action on Contract with Abilene Regional Day School for the Deaf

6. Discuss/Take Action on Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 71

7. Executive Session (if needed)

8. Review/Pay Bills

9. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on November 13, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

Local Student Named Semi-finalist in Open Poetry Contest

Levi Wooten's poem has been certified as a semi-finalist in the International Open Poetry Contest. It will be automatically entered into the final competition held in November 2003. As a semi-finalist, Levi will have an excellent chance of winning one of 104 cash or gift prizes—including the \$1,000.00 Grand Prize. He may even win the \$10,000 Annual Grand Prize.

His poem will be published in *Eternal Portraits*, scheduled for publication in Winter 2004.

"Unseen Man", Levi's poem, was selected on the basis of unique talent and artistic vision. Of the thousands of poems received each year, only a fraction are published. As a poet chosen for publication, he will also be eligible to attend The International Society of Poet's Spring Convention and Symposium held each year at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida set for March 5-7, 2004.

Levi would like to express his appreciation to Dianna Webb, a

local high school teacher, for encouraging him to submit his poem.

A sophomore at Cross Plains High School, he is active in the band, FFA, and Ag. He is the son of Vivian Wooten of Cross Plains.

His poem is as follows:

Unseen Man

Copyright Levi Glenn Wooten

I find myself falling,
Lost in despair.
No one to help me,
No one who cares.
With twisted memories burning
I sit here all alone.
Why are they so hating,
This person I've never known?
They do not understand me,
And they do not even care.
I stand for this rejection
But it's getting hard to bare
One day you will accept me.
I'm the man on the street.
I hope to someday meet you,
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Cisco's Annual "Holiday at the Hilton" November 22 and 23

This year's "Holiday Market at the Hilton" November 22 and 23, will feature many local and out-of-town crafts artisans. They will be bringing a large selection of handmade items for a unique weekend of holiday shopping.

The annual event will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hilton Community Center in Cisco.

Items featured will include wood crafts and toys, baked goods, fashion and costume jewelry, painted and appliqued shirts, vests, collars, quilted baby blankets, needlework, leather goods, ribbon hair clips, bows, decorated tee-shirts and sweatshirts, country crafts and MORE!

Also, new this year, "Happy Day Events" will have a **Happy Inflated Slide**, a **Fantasy Obstacle Course** and a **Kiddy Duck Pond** for the children to enjoy at a minimal cost!

Exhibitors will be located on the first floor of the Hilton Community Center, on the entrance porch, and also in the front yard area. Exhibitors are expected from Cisco, Breckenridge, Sweetwater, Albany, Abilene, Rowena, Krum, Stephenville and many others.

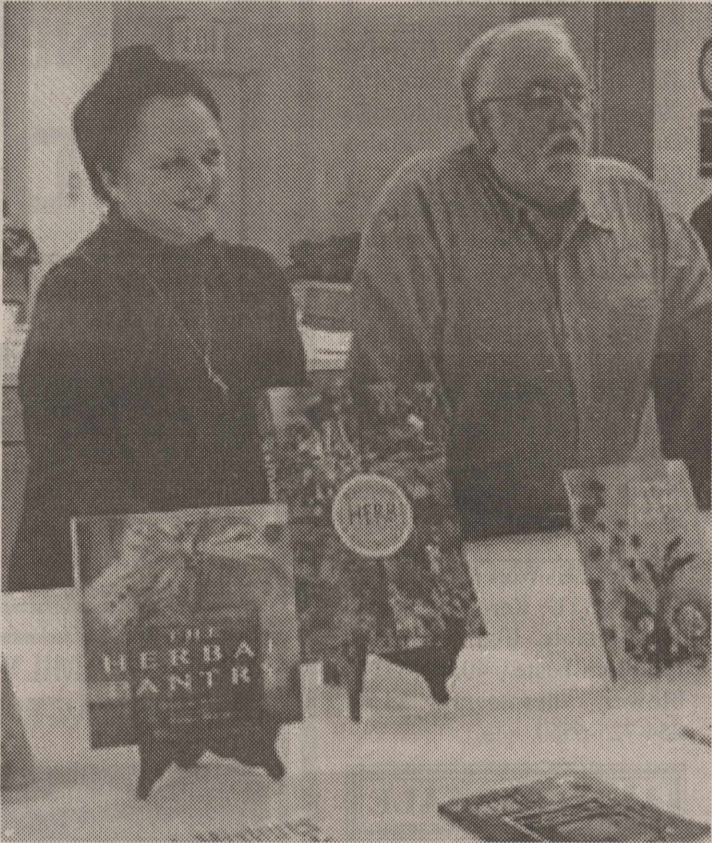
Most of the exhibitors have agreed to donate items to be given as door prizes. Drawings will be held hourly. Guests do not have to be present to win, but they must come by the Hilton and register to be eligible.

There will be a snack bar open for exhibitors and shoppers both days of the Market. The snack bar will be operated by Caryn Garret. The menu includes stew, soups, red beans, sandwiches, sweet rolls, assorted desserts and drinks.

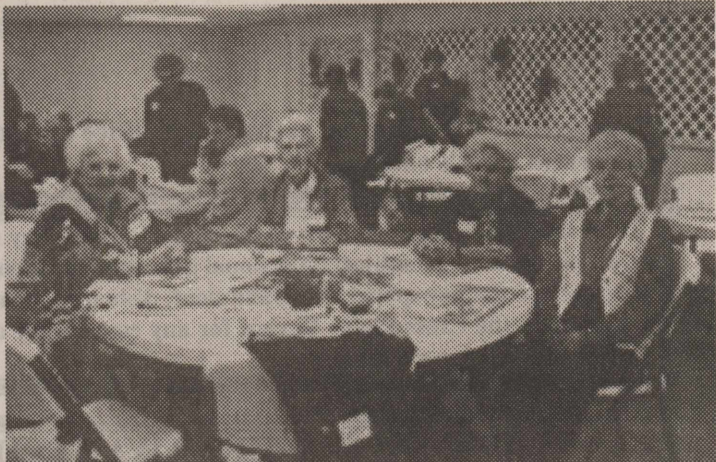
This year's Market promises to be an exciting community event. Don't miss out on an exceptional opportunity to join the fun. Admission is free.



ENJOYED THE LUNCHEON—Ladies admired the decorations and great meal.



GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE CONVENTION—Beverly and Joe Reeves of Pecan Grove Herb Farm in Clyde, Texas.



CONVENTION ATTENDED BY SEVERAL AREAS—Abilene Garden Club members attended the District VIII Convention.



HOSTED THE DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION COFFEE—Ballinger Civic Garden Club



CROSS PLAINS LADIES SERVING AT LUNCHEON—Barbara Black (front, from left), Joyce Odom, Betty Beggs; Gaylia Birch (back, from left), Mary Ella Weaver, Julene Franke, Eva Fleming and Esther Kerr.

Callahan County Republican candidate filing begins December 3

Callahan County Republican Chairperson Pat Chrane announces that application for candidates to file for a place on the March Republican Primary will be accepted beginning Wednesday, December 3, 2003. Those who wish to file can obtain applications by contact-

ing Pat Chrane at (325) 529-3428. Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375. Other county offices are \$750. Anyone who needs assistance or information may call (325) 529-3428.

GARDEN CLUB—

Elaine Bryant, District VIII Treasurer, expressed the appreciation of all the garden clubs for everyone's participation in the event.

Mary Ella Weaver introduced the guest speakers, Joe and Beverly Reeves of Pecan Grove Herb Farm of Clyde. They presented a stimulating and creative program that gave everyone new ideas to take back home to their individual garden clubs.

Eva Fleming, President of the Cross Plains Garden Club, was congratulated on compiling the information for the Credentials Report.

Julene Franke of the Cross Plains Garden Club served as the Chairman of the Convention. She was successful in accomplishing

a wonderful meeting with the cooperation of co-workers, etc.

The luncheon consisted of ranch chicken casserole, hot sauce and chips, a tossed salad, strawberries and shortcake, and tea. Everyone enjoyed the delicious homecooked meal. The ladies who assisted with serving the meal were greatly appreciated.

Door prizes donated by the host groups were drawn at the conclusion of the program.

The District VIII Garden Club would like to express their appreciation to each and everyone who planned and created the attractive decorations that were admired by all the ladies. They would also like to thank the First Baptist Church for the use of their beautiful facility.

Happy Birthday!

NOVEMBER 22

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Clark Don Baugh
Nicky Hal Harris
Ophelia Merrill
Dick Thrasher
Jennifer Young
Mrs. Harvey (Pat) Koenig

NOVEMBER 26

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Jimmy McNutt
Margaret Jordan
Carolyn Jean White
Mrs. Scot Edington
Jeanne Wagner
Joyce Klingberg
Kaci (Duke) Edwards
Norma Goble
Andy Anderson
Travis Golson
Teresa (Balkum) Glasscock

NOVEMBER 23

Mrs. Clarence Region
Bess Coppinger
Mary Diane Nunn
Betty (Purvis) Prall
Russell Thomas
Babara Jean Walker
Brenda Walker
Jewel Hutchins
Becky Coppinger
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Joel Thomas Hinten
Brandon Horton
Ashley Hall

NOVEMBER 27

Mrs. Lawrence Lee
Dr. Weldon Newton
Morris Belew
Sue (Gardner) Bunn
Mrs. Hester Sullens
Bill Cohn
Paul Matthew Sowell
Garry Smoot
Darrel Chastain
Dale Porter
Emma Lou Corley
Taylor Parker

NOVEMBER 24

Linda Strength
Lee Reynolds
Debbie (Cavanaugh) Waggoner

NOVEMBER 28

Breck Cade Crawford
Coby Ryan Richards
Bill Hester
Ricky Wheeler
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Leo Franke
Connie G. Griffith
Joan Hamrick
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Diabetes self-management vital to living with disease

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.
Mary, a 42-year-old lifelong West Texan, recently learned she has type 2 diabetes. She understands that diabetes can have terrible consequences. She really wants to stay around with both eyes, legs and kidneys. However, she needs help understanding exactly what she needs to eat and how best to manage her disease.

Diabetes is a disease that affects a growing number of Americans like Mary. There are now approximately 17 million people, roughly 6.2 percent of the population, who have been diagnosed with the disease—and this number is growing rapidly. Education and awareness are important components to living with diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease that affects how a person's body processes sugars. When a person has diabetes, their body does not correctly produce the insulin needed to control the blood sugar level. When the blood sugar stays at too high a level, it can cause damage to the eyes, kidneys and nerves leading to blindness, kidney failure or amputations. If the blood sugar gets too low, then the person may go into a coma.

In order to control the effects of the disease, it is important that patients learn how to manage their diabetes. Controlling diabetes, or maintaining appropriate blood sugar levels, involves making diet changes and regularly monitoring blood sugar levels.

Individuals who are trained to help people manage their diabetes are called Certified Diabetes Educators or CDEs. These health professionals have gone through

a certification process through the American Diabetes Association gaining knowledge and skills in diabetes self-management training, in addition to clinical hours and hands-on experience. They teach classes and have one-on-one training for people with diabetes and can then develop a care plan for the individual based on the stage of his or her disease.

Because uncontrolled diabetes can lead to so many other health issues that affect key organs like the kidneys and the circulatory system, it is extremely important for people with diabetes to learn how to manage their disease. The doctor can assist with treating the disease, but time spent with a CDE is crucial to help the patient with day-to-day lifestyle management.

The concept of diabetes self-management becomes especially important when a person with diabetes lives in a rural area with limited access to health care services. There are more than 108 Texas counties in the area that Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center serves; and in those counties, there are only 17 Certified Diabetes Educators to serve all those people.

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is implementing a new program to educate professionals to become diabetes educators.

The Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals program is a multi-campus initiative that will provide an American Diabetes Association-approved curriculum for diabetes educators. The program also will be available through distance learning and there will be some scholarships available.

Volleyball Tryouts Told

Cisco Junior College will be holding tryouts for the Lady Wranglers volleyball team on Sunday, November 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the CJC gymnasium. All interested senior girls are invited to participate.

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Mitchell-Nall Franke-Felan to Wed November 29 Exchanged Vows

On August 9, 2003, Mindy Mitchell and Shane Jason Nall were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. at the Abilene Country Club Ballroom. Sue Rowlett, Methodist minister, officiated. A reception immediately followed in the annex.

Mindy is the daughter of Dale and Myrna Mitchell and the granddaughter of Dorothy Mitchell, all of Cross Plains. Shane is the son of Jack and Donna Nall of Abilene.

The couple are residing in Abilene until May 2004.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Franke of Clyde are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amie DeLynn Franke to Armando Felan' Jr. Armando is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Armando Felan', Sr. of Eagle Pass, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Clyde High School, and a 2003 graduate of Southwest Texas University in San Marcos, Texas where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is currently employed by H.E.B. in San Marcos, with plans to attend University of Texas

Health Science Center School of Nursing in San Antonio.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Eagle Pass High School in Eagle Pass, Texas and is attending Southwest Texas University as a Public Administration major. He is employed at H.E.B. in San Marcos with plans to go into management in San Antonio.

A November 29, 2003 wedding is planned in San Marcos, Tx. at St. Johns Catholic Church. We would like for all friends to come and join us for this celebration.

Submitted by Katy Franke

Callahan County organization joins TxDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program

ABILENE—Roads around south Callahan County should start looking more litter free now that another Callahan County organization has joined the Abilene district's Adopt-A-Highway program.

The Highway 36 Church of Christ is the latest organization in Callahan County to sign up as members of AAH. Denise Gee will serve as chairperson for this group.

The Highway 36 Church of Christ's area of responsibility is on FM 1178 from Highway 36 to two miles south.

Sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, the program is vitally important to the State of Texas. Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district's AAH coordinator, said. The 3,793 plus MH groups across Texas save taxpayers several million dollars a year in litter expenditures; money that can then be spent for highway maintenance and construction.

The new Callahan County group has a two-year contract with TxDOT.

Organizations interested in becoming a member of the AAH program should call Rudy Rodriguez, maintenance section supervisor in TxDOT's Callahan Nolan County roadway maintenance section, at 325/854-1353 or the district coordinator in Abilene at 325/676-6806.

Contracts are for a two-year period with four pick-ups per contract year required. Length

of highway adopted is a minimum of two miles. Signs displaying the name of the group adopting the roadway are placed at the beginning and ending of the two-mile stretch.

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