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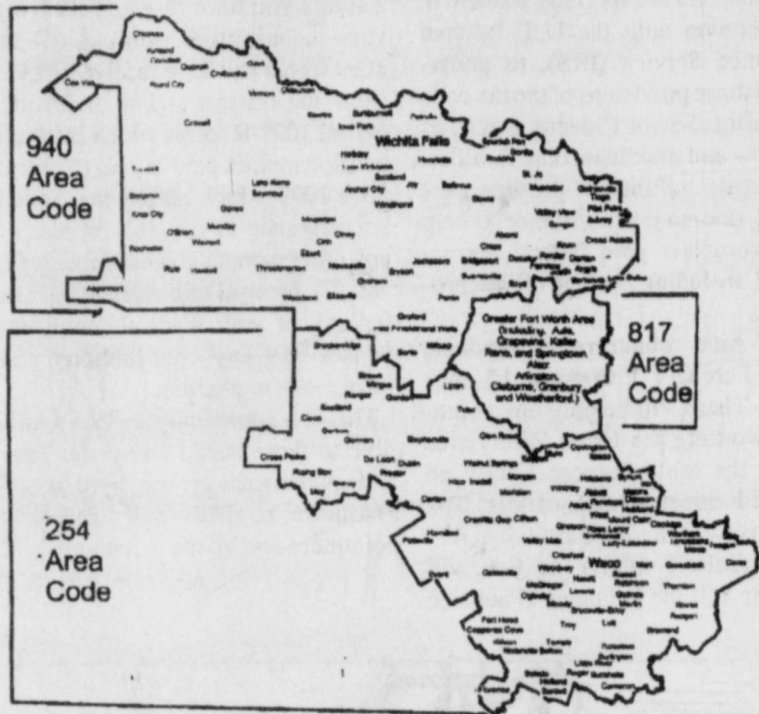


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New Area Codes For 817 Area Begins May 25

SAN ANGELO, TX. -- The new area codes for much of the present 817 area code will go in service May 25, 1997, according to GTE.

The Fort Worth metropolitan area will retain the 817 area code. This includes the GTE exchanges of Azle, Grapevine, Keller, Reno and Springtown.

The area north of the Fort Worth metro area, and the remainder of northern part of the present 817 area, including most of Palo Pinto County and the extreme northern part of Stephens County, will be in the 940 area code.

GTE service areas going to the 940 area code will be Argyle, Aspermont, Bartonville, Benjamin, Denton, Haskell, Holliday, Justin, Kamay, Knox City, Megargel, Munday, Pilot Point, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Throckmorton, Tioga and Weinert.

The area south of the Fort Worth metro area, and the remainder of the southern area of the present 817 area, including the extreme southern part of Palo Pinto County and most of Stephens County, will be in the new 254 area code.

GTE service areas going to the new 254 area code are Burlington, Bynum, Chilton, Crawford, Cross Plains, Dawson, Glen Rose, Hubbard, Irene, Lott, Malone, May, Morgan, Mount Calm, Riesel, Rising Star, Rogers, Rosebud, Walnut Springs and Whitney.

The new 940 and 254 area codes

will go in service May 25, 1997. A three month permissive dialing period will allow customers to receive calls dialed to their former area code as well as the newly-assigned area code. Beginning August 24, 1997, the new area code must be dialed for the call to complete to the party being called.

Callers dialing the incorrect area code beginning August 24 will receive a recording until September 21 telling them the area code has changed or they cannot complete the call as dialed, or in some cases, they may reach another party who has been assigned the number in the 817 area.

The need for new area codes indicates the continued dynamic economic growth of Texas, as well as growth in telephone services such as wireless, pagers, fax machines and computer lines. The Dallas area opened a new 972 area code to suburban Dallas cities in September, and a new 281 area code began serving the suburban Houston area in November.

In addition to the new codes for 817 customers, two new codes will be added in the 210 area code in the summer of 1997. The San Antonio metro area will retain the 210 area code. The northern section of the present 210 area code will change to a 830 area code while those in the southern part of existing 210 area will change to a 956 area code.

There's Money To Be Made In Nature Tourism

There's money to be made in the nature tourism industry. At least that is what the Texas Nature Tourism Association is wanting to see happen.

Landowners, ranchers and farmers looking for ways to diversify operations or supplement incomes may be surprised to learn about the opportunities in nature tourism.

Texas Midwest Community Network has arranged for experts in the nature tourism industry to present a workshop for this region. A one day workshop has been scheduled in two locations so that folks in this region have a choice to attend the most convenient place. February 5th the Nature Tourism Workshop will be

held just north of Winters at the Wingate Lions Hall. February 6th the workshop is set for the Aztec Theater in Albany. The schedule for each day is 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A \$15 pre-registration fee which includes the cost for lunch must be mailed to TMCN, P.O. Box 605, Baird, TX 79504 by February 1st. Registration at the door is \$20.

Workshop topics include: "What Is Nature Tourism and What Does It Encompass?", Alternate Uses of Land to Generate Secondary Incomes", "What Liability Issues Are Involved?", "How To Get Started", "How To Market Your Business", and "Available State Agency Assistance."

"All You Can Eat Chili Supper" Tues., Jan. 28

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains will have a fund-raiser in the form of an "All You Can Eat Chili Supper" on Tuesday, January 28, from 5-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. All the chili you can eat, with dessert, drinks and chili "fixings," will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members or their places of work/business, and also at the door on Tuesday night.

The Chili Supper is on the night of

the Buffaloes' last home basketball game. It is hoped that this game will be played in the new gym. Let's have an overwhelming turnout for the game! Come early or later to eat, enjoy the fellowship, and watch the Lady Buffs and Runnin' Buffs in some exciting basketball.

Any questions concerning the fund-raiser may be directed to Jim O'Dell or Bob Pipes, President and Past President of the Kiwanis Club in Cross Plains.



NEW AMBULANCE ARRIVES JANUARY 20—The ambulance made a stop at the Senior Citizens Center to let the seniors take a peek at Cross Plains' newest addition to the Emergency Medical Service. Pictured with the seniors are a few of the EMS personnel.

Dinner To Benefit New Ambulance

Project Pride is sponsoring a bracket dinner on Saturday, February 1, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited. Dress is casual and no formal program is planned, just good fellowship.

All proceeds will go to the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service to be applied toward the purchase of the new ambulance which arrived this week.

Cross Plains is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group as the local EMS people who are always

ready when needed. The EMS was able to obtain a grant which has been applied toward the purchase of the much needed new ambulance, but several thousand dollars are still needed.

A contribution of \$8.00 or more will entitle you to a great meal and a 1997 membership in Project Pride. Project Pride is furnishing everything and absolutely all money received will go toward the new ambulance fund. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 1.

FBC Youth Car Wash Jan. 25

The First Baptist Youth is sponsoring a Car Wash Saturday, January 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The cost will be

your donation.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be applied toward the ski trip planned by the youth group.

School Dismisses Early Today

Cross Plains I.S.D. students will be dismissed from classes at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23 and buses will run at that time. The school will

have a holiday Friday, January 24 in conjunction with the annual Callahan Junior Livestock Show.

Calendars Have Arrived

Citizens State Bank has announced that the long awaited 1997 calendars have arrived.

If you would like a 1997 calendar, just go by Citizens State Bank and pick up one.

ADD Parent Meeting Jan. 30

An ADD Parent Meeting will be held Thursday, January 30, at the Cross Plains Elementary Library at 7:00 p.m. Jimmy Jones, a pharmaceutical representative of WETH

Laboratories, will be the guest speaker. He will be discussing a new drug, effexor, that has been reported very successful for ADD.

Callahan Co. Junior Livestock Show Jan. 23-25

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will begin on January 23 at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Shanne Hasha of Baird is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 500 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Eddie Riley-Vice President, Rita Caffey-Secretary, and Sandra Carey-Treasurer.

Superintendents for this years show are Beef Cattle-Jimmy Seider, Richy Crow and Eddie Riley; Market Lamb-Charlie Palmer and Don Harris; Market Swine-Eddie Lewis, Glen Altman, Gerry McDowell; Poultry and Rabbits-Pam Harris and B.P. Stephenson; Dairy and Meat Goats-Danny and Martha English.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the 23rd with Bill Colson of Abilene doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 23rd.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the 24th with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Carl Kent of Pottsboro is judging the Breeding Swine and

Market Barrow Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on the 24th, Sam Kuykendall of Menard, will start judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Market Lambs.

The Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Show will follow the Lamb Show on Friday the 24th. Vance Reynolds will judge this show.

On the afternoon of the 24th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning the 25th with the Heifer Show to be judged by Richard Spencer of Roby. Spencer will also judge the steers starting at 9:00 a.m. Following the steer show, a Bar-B-Que lunch will be served followed by the Premium Auction at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie Vinson of Clyde.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jack Corn, James Trammell, Dick Vestal and Tim Stone.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Blood Drive Mon., Jan. 27 At First Med Cross Plains

Ninety percent of people who live to age 70 will need blood sometime during their lifetime, but only five percent of eligible donors will ever donate a pint of blood once during their lifetime.

As there is no substitute for human blood, it is essential that an ever-increasing percentage of eligible donors come forward so we can maintain a safe and adequate blood supply for the growing demands in the areas we serve.

Each and every day, the Meek Blood Center in Abilene must collect 100 pints of blood in order to provide blood and blood products for the 16 medical facilities they serve. It is vital to the residents of outlying communities of Abilene who spend a good deal of time on the highways that an adequate supply of blood be available at all times. This is only possible when all eligible donors do their part by donating.

In less than an hour, you could save a life... just long enough to complete the paperwork, have a brief physical exam, and donate a pint of life-saving blood.

Anyone 17 or over, in relatively good health, is a potential blood donor. Persons over the age of 71 must present a written physician's approval in order to donate. You may be able to donate even if you have a history of heart disease, high blood pressure, malaria, certain types of cancer or diabetes. In addition, being on medication does not necessarily make you ineligible for donation. It takes only a few minutes to check with a technician at the next local

blood drive. Donating blood is easy, safe, and comfortable. And besides, it's only a few minutes out of your day ... less than an hour that can mean a whole life-time to another human being!

The next community wife blood drive in Cross Plains will be on Monday, January 27, from 2-6 p.m. at the First Med Clinic. Please consider giving the gift of life.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Tia Cowley, TPC (theft of property by check), \$10 fine \$157 court costs, \$60 restitution.

Emma Elliott, probation extended to 3-2-97.

Roy Fuentes, Jr., TPC, \$50 fine \$167 court costs, \$57.36 restitution, 6 months probation.

Leah Massey, theft of service, \$100 fine \$162 court costs, \$125 restitution, 6 months probation.

Lisa Lee, TPC, \$157 court costs, 30 days in jail.

In the matter of Troy Wayne Richburg, Britt Thurman allowed to withdraw as attorney of record. Arlinda Haynie, TPC, \$10 fine \$157 court costs, \$105 restitution, 30 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Theresa Rucker, TPC, \$157 court costs, \$74.16 restitution, 6 months probation.

Diann R. Russell, assault, \$250 fine \$162 court costs, 6 months probation.

Probations discharged: Carl Britt Ancell, Danny M. Cannon, Randy Lee Cooper, Jr.

Ginger Ann Lenz, probation extended to 7-23-97.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carrie Lea Eldred & Brad Allen Bowden of Cross Plains.

LaDonna May Wilson, St. Francis MN, David Lynn Canada, Baird.

Georgiana P. Williams & Eric Ray Whitley of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Dorothy Heathington vs Allstate Life Insurance, suit to collect insurance.

Dorothy Heathington vs J. C. Penney Insurance, suit to collect insurance.

Divorces filed:

Chapman, Eddie & Marla P.

Lightfoot, Kelli Leigh & Charles Ray, Jr., and in the interest of minor children

Civil Minutes

General Motors Acceptance Corp. vs Jackie Ray Pancake, \$20,666.32 judgment for plaintiff plus \$5000 attorney fees.

Marvin L. Whiteaker, found to be \$52,520.42 in arrears on child support; new schedule of payments began 12-1-96.

Divorces granted:

Barthlow, Candace Sue & Joseph Vance.

Hamilton, Tanya Cecile & James Durwood, Jr.

Felony Complaint & Information

Toby Jack Davee, possession of a controlled substance.

Cross Plains Resident Sentenced To 5 Years Probation For Burglaries

Rueben Evans, 19, of Cross Plains, was sentenced Wednesday, January 15, in 42nd District Court to five years probation for burglary.

Mr. Evans plead guilty to felony charges in connection with a series of burglaries during the Christmas holidays in Cross Plains. A male juvenile was also charged. He remains in custody of the juvenile authorities.

The rash of burglaries included the Cross Plains School Cafeteria, the Coach's Field House the Church of Christ and Baptist Church, Koenig's Family Store, West Side Story Restaurant, and Cross Plains Grain & Peanut.

VCRs, computers, assorted tools, gasoline engines, and food items were just a few things taken in the break-ins. According to the sheriff's department, all the merchandise has been recovered.

OBITUARIES

Linda Joyce Holman

RISING STAR—Linda Joyce Holman, 50, passed away Thursday, January 16, 1997, at her home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Rising Star First Baptist Church with Rev. James McLeod officiating. Burial was in Brady Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Ms. Holman was born in Fort Worth and lived in the Rising Star area most of her life. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Rising Star Nursing Home and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James David Holman and Robert Allen Holman, both of Rising Star; four daughters, Ashly Holman and Dianna Marie Scoville, both of Rising Star; Peggy Sue Lindsey of El Paso and Sharon Inez Holman of Marlin; one brother, Jimmy Oren Lewallen of Rising Star; two sisters, Vivian Finley of Mineral Wells and Martha Lewallen of Arkansas; and five grandchildren.

Lottie Mae Roach

RISING STAR—Lottie Mae Roach, 84, who owned a beauty shop in Rising Star for 17 years, passed away Monday, January 20, 1997, at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. James McCloud officiating, assisted by the Rev. Dick Williams. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Roach was born in Lampasas and was a member and former president of Rising Star Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of Saturday Club and First Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and choir member. She married John Weldon Roach in 1941 in Fort Smith, Arkansas; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharolyn Cox of Rising Star; one son, James Roach of San Angelo; and one granddaughter.

TxDOT Seeking Applicants For Section 5310 Grants

ABILENE, TX -- The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking qualified applicants to receive Federal Grant money to provide transportation for the elderly and disabled persons.

The program known as Section 5310 provides funding to private nonprofit organizations, public entities and associations. The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans or other paratransit vehicles, radios and communication equipment, wheelchair lifts and restraints, and vehicle rehabilitation.

Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and or disabled persons based on passenger trips per month, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable, and average fleet age where applicable.

Organizations within the Abilene District that interested are located in Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties should contact Joe Clark at (815) 676-6812, and request an application form. To request an application form by letter, write Joe Clark at P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., February 14, 1997.

Most Beneficiaries No Longer Submit Annual Earnings Reports

Social Security has eliminated the need for most beneficiaries to file an annual report of earnings. Instead, the agency will adjust benefits as required under the Social Security annual earnings test based on the amount of earnings reported to the federal government by the employer or self-employed individual, according to Ken Hargis, manager of the Abilene Social Security office. The new process begins with the reporting year 1996 and could save up to 330,000 public reporting hours.

Under the new procedure, beneficiaries will need to file annual reports only when their earnings for purposes of the Social Security earnings test are not the same as the earnings reported on their W-2 and/or self-employment tax return. This could happen in special situations such as the following:

- * Earnings shown on the W-2 are incorrect or were not earned in the year from which the report is made;
- * Earned wages exceed the exempt amount and there was a net loss from self-employment;
- * Wages were reported on a W-2 that will be included on a self-employment tax return.

If you are eligible to receive benefits under the monthly earnings test or your situation is unusual, call your local Social Security office to find out whether you must file an annual report.

Free Income Tax Service Offered

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Through the Tax-Aide program, volunteers provide free personal income tax assistance to the Senior Citizens, low-income families and the general public with basic tax returns. Individuals with complicated tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect Senior Citizens as well as the low and middle income families. Tax-Aide volunteers provide personal, one-on-one assistance to help you complete your federal tax returns, including special rebate programs.

Tax-Aide volunteers are available from February 1 to April 15 each year. There will be only one volunteer working the Cross Plains area using the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street as headquarters. Tax returns will be prepared by APPOINTMENT ONLY so you will need to call the volunteer (Pauniece

Oglesby, 817-725-6772) for an appointment. The volunteer in Cross Plains is Pauniece Oglesby. Mrs. Oglesby prefers to volunteer on Tuesday, but will make appointments on other days if necessary.

When you meet with a Tax-Aide volunteer, you should bring the following: (1) a copy of last year's (1995) income tax return, (2) any W-2 forms you have received showing your income from working, (3) all 1099 forms you have received which show the interest and/or dividends, (4) all 1099-R forms which show all pension monies paid to you, (5) form SSA-1099 which shows the Social Security paid to you, (6) records of any other income you have received, and (7) receipts or cancelled checks for any of your medical/dental expenses and any contributions you have made to charities.

This is a community service available to those stated above the Tax-Aide volunteers are eager to be of assistance, so please call for an appointment and let me assist you.



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The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for he was before me.' St. John 1:29,30

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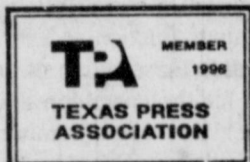
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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME
NEWS

By
LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

The residents will be having their birthday party tonight at 7:00. Those with birthdays are Vera Belyeu and Jo Boatright. Employee with a birthday is Terri Massengil. Our wedding anniversary is Anita Rose. Bob Wallace will be providing the entertainment for us. All family and friends are invited to come.

Our appreciation to Ruby Casle for the chips and dip, to the ladies who brought the oranges to the residents and to Pete Golson for the candy.

Ruby Harrell was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Jo Ann Elston from Lingleville and Sally Davis visited with Dixie Ingram.

Michael Curry visited with Irma Deen Haddox.

Margaret Jordon from Comanche, Kathryn Tomlinson visited with Troy Tomlinson and Jake Green.

Charlene McGowen from Brownwood visited Blanche Brooks

and Gertie Powell.

Karen Ellis and Nancy Felton from Weatherford visited with Juanita Thornton and Myrtle Wilson.

Activities during the week

Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Allie Dickson, Gertie Powell (2), Minnie Swann (2), Dorothy Thomas and Midge McCall (2). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and Diana Heizman. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Midge McCall, Ruby Harrell (2), Vera Belyeu, Gertie Powell, Minnie Swann, Dorothy Thomas (2), Sylvia Smith and Allie Dickson. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Music with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Church of Christ

A special friend warms the season.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

NEW: "Recipes For Use In Herbal Cosmetics and Herbal Cookery"

Herbs are very useful in the creation of beauty aids. Just for fun, why not try creating your own cosmetics. It is my opinion that you will find these herbal beauty aids to be quite beneficial and will find them to be very satisfactory!

From time immemorial herbs have been used in the enhancement of the human appearance. It is known that the Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, and Romans knew how to extract essential oils from plants and were adept at making various perfumes. A variety of the herbal recipes were handed down from generation to generation. Certain of the herbs were used for the care of the teeth, others for the hair or complexion. The recipes were sometimes revamped to make them more adaptable before being passed on to future generations. These beauty aids will suit most skin types, though ALWAYS TEST FOR ALLERGIC REACTION on a small patch of skin before using extensively. By making the herbal preparations personally, you will know they contain only natural ingredients and that no unnecessary expense has been spent on "presentation, advertising, etcetera."

PERFUMED SOAP: SHELLS AND HEARTS

Ingredients: 10 ounces of Castile soap, 8 fluid oz. (1 cup) of rosewater or a strong infusion of chamomile, marigold, comfrey or marshmallow, and essential oil of your choice.

Place the herb in a pan and cover with water, the herb, if fresh, having first been bruised. Bring to a boil and then simmer for 10 minutes, no steam being allowed to escape. Leave to infuse for 6 hours and put in a heat-proof glass bowl with the soap that has been grated. Place this over a pan of simmering water, and stir until the soap has melted and blended with the infusion. Leave to cool slightly then add an essential oil to improve the fragrance. Grease or oil the shell and heart molds (bun or jelly moulds or plastic sandpit shapes) can be used, and pour in the mixture. Leave to set for several days. When firm remove from the moulds and turn once a week until the soap has hardened, to allow even drying out. Wipe away any traces of oil of grease from the soap and wrap them in colored tissue paper.

Elderflowers are a renowned beauty aid. They will cleanse, moisturize and lighten the complexion and fortunately flower abundantly in the wild. This cream will help keep the complexion clear and smooth away lines.

ELDERFLOWER CREAM: Ingredients 1/2 pint (1 1/4 cups) of freshly picked elderflowers; 6 fluid ounces (1 1/4-cups) of sweet almond oil, 1 tablespoon of anhydrous lanolin, 1 to 3 drops of essential oil, such as lemon or lavender. *Optional*

Place the lanolin in a bowl, set over a pan of simmering water and melt, then beat in the almond oil. Remove the elderflowers from the stalks and add to the oil and lanolin and simmer for half an hour. Then strain and

allow the cream to cool slightly before putting it in screw top jars. Add a drop or two of essential oil to improve the scent of the cream if you wish.

The old fashioned fragrance of lavender is always delightful and is also of benefit to the skin, the herb being an antiseptic and stimulant. Our skin is covered with a thin layer of acid which protects it from infection, however, this can be removed by using an alkaline rather than acid vegetable oil soap or cosmetic. Rinsing the already cleansed face with lavender vinegar mixed half and half with water, will restore the balance.

LAVENDER VINEGAR: Ingredients 2 handfuls of fresh or dried lavender flowers, 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of powdered orris root, and 1 pint (2 1/2 cups) of cider vinegar.

Place all the ingredients in a screw top jar and leave to steep for 4 weeks. Then strain and bottle.

Herbs are quite often used in cooking and/or food preparation. Herb oils and herb vinegars are also used in the preparation of table foods. Herb vinegars are superb for adding a piquancy to a sauce, relish or stew, salad dressing of marinade. They are extremely easy to make and also keep well. *Piquancy - tangy taste

HERB VINEGAR: Ingredients pour 1 pint (2 1/2 cups) of cider or white vinegar (my preference is the cider vinegar) over 6 tablespoons of lightly chopped or crushed herbs such as rosemary, French tarragon, thyme, marjoram, basil, sage, or mint. Mustard seeds, chili peppers, garlic, chives, and peppercorns may be added according to taste. Cover and leave to steep for a few weeks, then strain.

I prefer to leave it at least for 4 to 6 weeks. Boil the vinegar and then bottle, adding a fresh sprig of the herb used before sealing with a non-metallic stopper, i.e., a cork.

**NOTE: Both mint and sage are readily available in this area.

I recently received a long distance telephone call from a lady who was trying out a recipe I had included in my column some few weeks back. The oven temperature in the recipe was incorrectly stated and was affecting her entree's endeavor. The recipe was for a canned ham, spam or picnic ham dish. The combination of the flavors of the ingredients is quite unusual; not to mention delicious and delightful. Recipe follows coat meat thinly with French's Mustard except for the bottom. For canned ham or spam, 1 tablespoonful mustard usually is plenty.

Pack the top of the meat with one to two tablespoons brown sugar. Place 1/4 to 1/2 cup milk in the bottom of the baking dish. Now here is the clincher: Bake in a 350 degree oven, (not 250 degrees), until brown and crispy.

NOTE TO ALL YOU FELLOWS: Start your Valentine shopping now. Surprise that special "SOMEONE." Especially wives, girlfriends, fiancées, daughters, Mothers, and secretaries.

Until Next Time, "C" "U".

BURKETT NEWS

By
LOVERA STRICKLAND

They say if you don't like the weather in Texas, just wait a little while and it will change. Well, we have waited several days and I can't see much change in the cold, messy weather we have been having, but I am sure better days are ahead.

We want to congratulate two of our local couples of the community:

Steven and Amber Kleiber are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brenna Michelle. She was born January 6. Her local grandparents are Bob and Beth Kleiber.

On January 7th Colin and Shea Weatherley became the proud parents of a little girl, Ryan Mason. Her local grandparents are Bill and Addie Walker.

We wish the best for each of these couples.

Our sympathy is extended to Tony Bums and his family. His mother, Eula (Dude) Webb passed away January 5, 1997.

Melba Walker took a bus tour to Nashville, Tennessee with "Magic Travel Tours" managers Dean and Lois Smith out of Ballinger from November 19-25. She boarded the bus at Cisco and one additional passenger was picked up at Eastland making a total of 30.

The first stop for lunch was at Luby's Cafeteria in Fort Worth and then traveled toward Texarkana. They saw a lot of pine trees in this area. Dinner was at Arkadelphia, Arkansas and then on to Benton, Arkansas where they stayed overnight in the Ramada Inn.

The second day they were up at 5:30 a.m., breakfast and on their way to Memphis, Tennessee by 7:45 a.m. Next a break at McDonald's in Brinkley, Arkansas and then they crossed the Mississippi River entering Tennessee. It was still misting and foggy and sight-seeing from the window was difficult.

Lunch was in Memphis and a break at Jackson, Tennessee allowed for shopping at Casey Jones' Old Country Village. At 2:00 p.m. they departed crossing the Tennessee River. She noted that it was a sight to see. They were on their way to the famous "Calhouns Rib Restaurant" located several miles before reaching Nashville. At this point another couple joined the group. They flew from Midland because they didn't have time off from their jobs to ride the bus. They flew back on Saturday, but was with the group for all the tour events.

The Calhouns Rib Restaurant served a half rack of barbecue ribs, baked potato, salad, sourdough bread, tea or coffee, and dessert. No one asked for more. Mrs. Walker noted that the bread and ribs were especially good.

The traffic was unreal, but they had a good, safe and attentive bus driver and they arrived at Opryland Hotel at 6:30 p.m. They had to quickly locate rooms, no time to change clothes and board the bus at 7:30 p.m. to go to the Acuff Theater to see Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." She reported en-

joying the show.

Up at 6:00 a.m., breakfast and a craft show in the basement of the Opryland Hotel proved interesting with a large selection of everything imaginable.

A cruise on the General Jackson was planned at 1:00 p.m. The weather was cold and damp but the cruise was nice with a good lunch and the show was fantastic.

The next event was scheduled at the Stardust Theater at 8:00 p.m. with Boots Randolph and Danny Davis and Nashville Brass. She noted the show was excellent.

On the fourth day they left the hotel at 8:15 a.m. on their way to Ryman Auditorium and Museum. From there to the Upper Room which included a guided tour and a very special presentation of the carving of the "Last Supper." They drove through Music City Row and Centennial Park on to the Country Music Hall of Fame. This was a very interesting place featuring Elvis' gold Cadillac and gold piano; Hank William's car; Chet Atkin's car; and many other items from different stars.

The tour then traveled to Hermitage, Tennessee to have lunch at Hermitage House Smorgasbord. Melba said the food was good. They drove past President Andrew Jackson's home and back to the hotel to rest before the final show and dinner of the trip.

The final show was Country Christmas Revue and dinner was a dressy event in the ballroom of Opryland Hotel. There were 1,300 people in the group who were served and viewed the show.

They started home Saturday morning, November 23. On the way they viewed the Tennessee Capitol Building through the restored area of restaurants, Wild Horse Saloon and Fort Nashborough Memorial. Lunch was at Casey Jones Old Country Village in Jackson, Tennessee and on to Memphis where they drove by Elvis Presley's home, Graceland Entrance. They saw his two planes displayed across from his home. The group stayed at Hampton Inn in Memphis that night.

The next morning they were on their way again, breaking at Little Rock, Arkansas and lunch at Brown's Country Store and Restaurant in Benton, Arkansas. They drove in the rain from Arkansas to Dallas. Once there they stayed at Renaissance Stouffer's Hotel just off Stemmon Freeway. Here they had their farewell dinner in the restaurant in Reunion Tower.

Melba didn't remain with the group in Dallas, as her son-in-law, Ned, picked her up at the hotel and she spent the rest of the week until after Thanksgiving with her daughter and family in Garland.

The tour group of 29 people went home from Dallas on Monday, November 25. They had lunch at Thurber -- a special chicken fried steak and buttermilk pie.

Melba had a great time and felt that everyone else did also. She said it was a wonderful trip!

OH BABY

KRISTEN HOPE BLAND
ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED

Scott and Becky Bland, of Cross Plains, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Hope Bland. She was born Saturday, November 2, 1996, at 8:20 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Kristen weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ted and Sandra McKeehan of Cross Plains.

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The year was about 1938; I must have been about five or six years old. I had accumulated 35 or 40 cents from various sources. My dad told me, "Tomorrow is the Lord's Day. You'll have to take a portion of your money and give it to God." "What!" thought I, already a ruined materialist, "Take some of my precious treasure and give it away?" Recklessly I considered a nickel -- but when the plate was passed I gave a penny. My dad had even told me not to worry about how much I gave, that it would be returned to me. But his promise was less real than the coins in my pocket.

After church my dad asked, "Well, Son, how much did you give?" Shamefacedly, I told him, "A penny." Few times have I ever been more ashamed -- and it must have really shown for my dad softly replied, "You ought to be ashamed." Then he reached into his pocket and gave me a nickel -- a return of 500%! At that moment the money I had kept meant nothing. I would rather have had the approval of my father than all the money in the world. Yes, that's the day I learned to give!

And Jesus has something to say about giving and receiving, too. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20:35b. "Freely you have received, freely give," Matthew 10:8b. "Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over... For with the same measure that you use (liberality or stinginess, BP), it will be measured back to you," Luke 6:38. Have you learned to give?

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

J.V. Lady Buffs Defeat Strawn 32-20

By COACH CAVENDER

Scoring the points for the Lady Buffs were Candice 13, Vanessa 5, Brandy R. 4, Brandi H. 4, McCarty 4, Shannadon 2. Also seeing action in the game were Amanda, Jessica, LeaJean, B.J., and Dusty.

The kids played a very aggressive defensive game that held Strawn down. Shooting from the field and free throws were down from past games, but offensive rebounding allowed the Lady Buffs to win. The Lady Buffs J.V. is now 10-5 for the year.

Freshman Girls Go Into Overtime

By CHRISTY BEATY

The Freshman girls played at Brownwood Monday night. The girls went into overtime and lost with a score of 46 to 44. The girls came from behind and held the lead well. The freshman girls shot their free throws good. It was a very exciting game. Their record is 2-4.

The girls are doing a fine job playing against big schools. They are getting a lot of good out of it.

Running up the scoreboard was Tabby Clark 13; Jody Payne 7; Nikki Bushnell 6; Christy Beaty 5; Vanessa Webb 4; Ann Stephenson 3; Mary Jo Nickerson 3; April Potter 2 and Stephanie Childress 1.

Registration Underway For Teacher Workshop

Registration is currently under way for the Teacher's Conservation Institute, a week-long summer workshop for teachers interested in environmental education.

The Institute provides hands-on practical exercises to supplement classroom curricula and student projects for teachers of any subject from Kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as education administrators, youth program leaders, nature center employees, science coordinators and librarians. Three hours of graduate credit will be available.

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Lady Buffs On A Roll

By COACH CAVENDER

A very good Strawn team was defeated by the Lady Buffs 62-32. Strawn came into the game with a record of 17-4. This was our best overall performance of the season, offense and defense. Malysa had a great game from the 3 point line hitting 5 treys. Jaonna, Ashley, and Holly did a great defensive job on their scorers.

Point scorers were Malysa 18, Amanda 14, Laura 13, Ashley 6, Jaonna 4, Mindy 4, Whitney 2, and Jolena 1. Also seeing action were Kimberly, Crystal, Nikki, and Holly. This was a tough, physical game. We suffered some injuries. Jolena received a mild concussion and

7th & 8th Grade Girls Played Evant

The 7th grade girls played Evant Thursday night. The girls record is 1-1 in district play. The final score was 32-4.

Scoring points for the 7th grade were Bailey 15; McNeil 7; O'Dell 6; and Scott 4.

The 8th grade girls also played Evant Thursday. Their record in district is not 0-2. The girls had an off night. The final score was 34 to 49.

Scoring points for the 8th grade girls were Hutchins 12; Turner 9; Barnett 8; Goble 3; and Meiron 2.

The 7th and 8th grade girls Lometa at Cross Plains January 27.

Purple Team Begins District Play

By JENNIFER TURNER

The purple team started district play Monday at Santa Anna. The purple team lost with a score of 18 to 17. The purples team records is 4-2. The points were scored by Lacy O'Dell 4; Candice Bailey 4; Lindsey Barnett 2; Jennifer Turner 2; Shena Thomas 2; Lindsey Meiron 2; and Sarah Nixon 1.

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Whitney a deep bone bruise on her hip. Both kids are doing fine and will be ready to play in the week ahead.

This made our record 20-3.

On Friday, the Lady Buffs opened district play at Santa Anna defeating them 55 to 29. Amanda had a monster game scoring 25 points and 17 rebounds. Mindy, Laura and Jaonna also rebounded well on the boards.

Adding to the point total were Mindy 9, Malysa 8, Laura 7, Ashley 3, Jaonna 2, and Kimberly 1. Holly, Crystal, Nikki also saw a lot of playing time. Whitney and Jolena were on the injured reserve list. We're playing some pretty good ball right now. We're starting to peak at the right time of the season.

Board Of Trustees Met Jan. 21

The Cross Plains Board of Trustees met Tuesday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. and the following items were discussed.

1. WALK-THROUGH AND ACCEPT NEW GYM
2. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Gold Team Played Santa Anna

By LINDSEY MEIRON

The gold team suffered another loss Monday to Santa Anna 14-4. This puts their record at 2-2.

Scoring for the girls were Jennifer Hartman and Erin Stephens both with 2 points each.

C.P. Junior High Boys Beat Evant 45-28

By LARRY WHITEHEAD

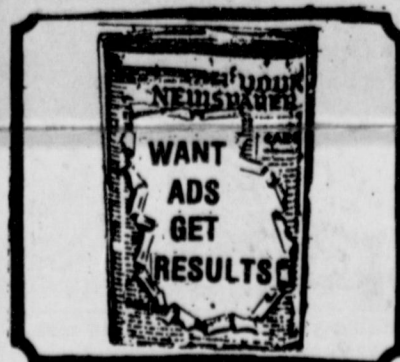
Cross Plains Junior High Boys traveled to Evant Monday night and did a fine job.

The first half was close, 24-16. Then the boys pulled away in the second half to win the game 45-28.

The boys are now 2-0 in district and looking forward to their next game. Scorers for the team were Ryan Aitchison with 22 points, L.D. Whitehead 10, Cody Reed 8, Tony Beggs 3, and Joseph Dillard 2. Also seeing some action was T.J. Harris and Nicholas Dimitri.

We also played a 15 minute game and won 9 to 4. Scorers for the game were Josh Hopkins 4, Landon Hill 2, Jake Merryman, 2 and Aaron Norris 1.

Our next game will be at home January 27 against Lometa. See you at the games.



C.P. Buffs Defeat Strawn 97-41

By GREG TURNER

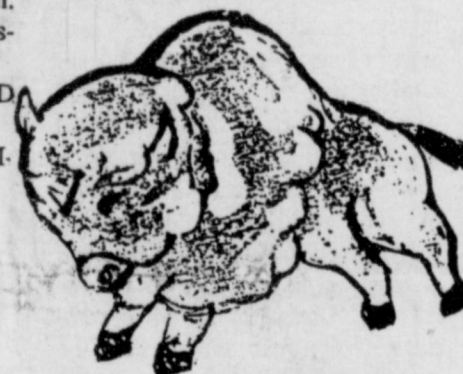
Cross Plains had a good offensive game against the Greyhounds here in the Buffalo Dome. The Buffaloes shot well from the free throw line shooting 68 percent; 60 percent from the 2 point range; and 37 percent from 3 point range. All players contributed to the win with 5 players scoring in double figures. Lee Wayne Wheeler led the herd with 18 points, closely followed by Brandon Stover with 15 and Jeremy Barnett 14. The three seniors scored a total of 47 points in the win over Strawn. Cross Plains had two other players in double figures -- Junior Jarad Richards with 12 points and Sophomore Zach Edington 12 points.

There is a lot more to winning a game than just scoring points, rebounding, assists, steals, etc. Cross Plains had a good night in these areas also. The Buffs had 46 rebounds, 15 steals and 26 assists with everyone doing their fair share.

This win has pushed the record to 13 wins and 3 losses. The Buffaloes will begin district play the next game against Santa Anna on their home court.

We would also like to congratulate the Lady Buffs on their victory!

See you at the games!
Scoring summary: Wheeler 18; Stover 15; Barnett 14; Richards 12; Edington 12; Turner 9; Blackstock 6; Switzer 5; Richey 3; Chesshir 3.



BAND NEWS

Month of January

- Jan. 11 - ATSSB Area Try-outs (Wylie)
- Jan. 17-18 - ATSSB Region Clinic & Concert (Cooper)
- Jan. 24 - Stock Show
- Jan. 13, 20 & 27 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)

SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Breakfast bread, apple juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, grape juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, jelly, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cinnamon toast, apple juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal, toast, grape juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Hot dogs w/chili, tater tots, baked beans, fresh pears and milk.

TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chalupas, salad, corn, pineapple chunks and milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garlic toast, grapes and milk.

FRIDAY — Submarine sandwich, salad, pickles, pork 'n beans, Rice Krispie bars and milk.

Runnin Buffs Win First District Tilt Against Santa Anna 45-44

By GREG TURNER

The Cross Plains Buffaloes opened district play last Friday night in Santa Anna. The Buffs have had a good pre-district season winning 13 games and losing 3. All three games the Buffs lost came in tournament play, giving them two 3rd places and one 2nd place finishes.

The Buffs found it very hard to find the basket in the game against the Mountaineers. It don't know what it is, but Cross Plains has a hard time with Santa Anna. They shot only 20 percent from the free throw line and we all know that many games are won on free throws. Cross Plains only made 1 free throw and I think if it wasn't made, we would have tied the game. If we had made the other 4 free throw shots the game would not have been so close.

How close was it? The Buffs 45 and 44 for Santa Anna. This was a real nail bitter as the game came down to

the final second! The excitement and intensity was very obvious as the fans and players saw the final second leave the clock. These games are exciting, good and enjoyable only if you manage to win. Personally, I don't like them quite so close.

Junior Joseph Turner led the scoring with 12 points and Jarad Richards followed closely with 8 points.

Cross Plains did take the district opener victory against Santa Anna, but we will have to play better basketball as they compete for a District Championship to make the playoffs.

The Runnin Buffs are capable of exploding, as witnessed in the Strawn game scoring 97 points. The Buffs now have 14 wins and 3 losses for the year and 1-0 in district play.

It's time to pump it up Cross Plains -- as the next district game arrives. See you there!

Good job Lady Buffs!
Scoring summary: Turner 12; Richards 8; Stover 6; Edington 6; Blackstock 6; Wheeler 5; Richey 2.

Beta Sigma Phi's 1997 Valentine Parade

It is time to start planning for the 1997 Valentine Parade. The parade is Saturday, February 8, at the Cross Plains School auditorium. This year's theme is "Reflections of Love." Be sure to watch for parade entry forms in your children's backpacks. The boys that will escort the girls will fill out a form too.

All children interested in the Photogenic Contest need to get their pictures ready. Each year during the Valentine Parade the winners of the Photogenic Contest will be announced. In order to enter you need a current picture that is unframed, up to an 8x10. On the back of the picture put the child's name, age, grade, birthdate, and parent's names. You may enter as many photos as you like, each entry fee is \$5.00. The child must reside within the Cross Plains School District. This is open

to children from Birth to 12th grade.

The Photogenic contest is broke down into 13 different age divisions. The judges then select the winners based on composition and photogenic qualities. Entry forms may be obtained from Nora Odom at the Cross Plains School, or from a Beta Sigma Phi member. You may also use this one provided, at the bottom of the article. You may return the entries to Nora Odom or any Beta Sigma Phi member, the deadline is Monday, February 3, 1997. The winners will receive trophy and their picture will be put in the paper. All other pictures may be picked up after the Valentine Parade. If you have any questions you may contact:

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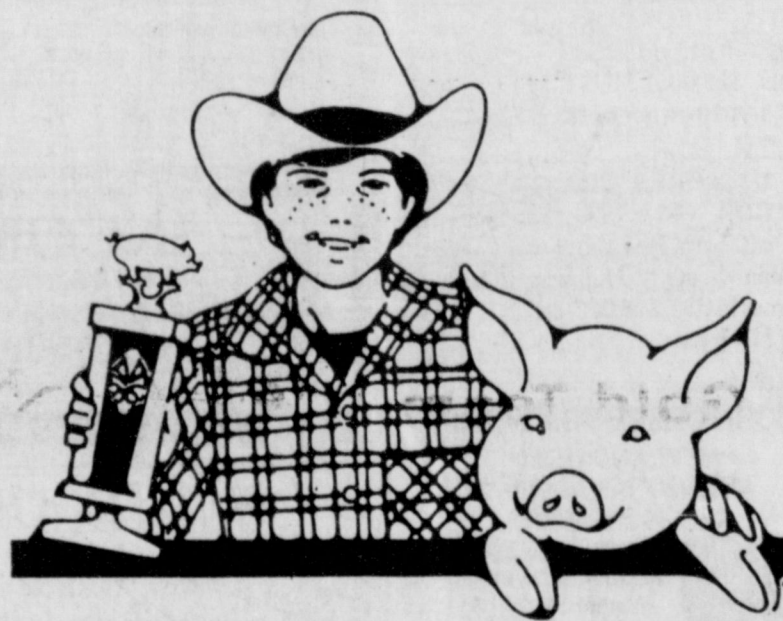
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Oil & Gas Totals Lower In Sept.

Oil and gas production figures for September 1996 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and gas production were both lower than the previous month's production, figures report.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of September was 146,054 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of September 1996 was 35,205 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during August was 37,040 barrels of oil. Total gas production in August was 167,579 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months in

Callahan County Oil & Gas Production		
	Aug. 1996	Sept. 1996
Total Oil Production	37,040	35,205
Total Gas Production	167,579	146,054

Callahan County include: September 1995 with 30,422 barrels, October with 37,895 barrels, November with 35,822 barrels of crude, December with 35,276 barrels, January 1996 with 34,480 barrels, February with 32,678 barrels of oil,

March with 31,437 barrels, April with 34,858 barrels, May with 31,109 barrels, June with 34,158 barrels of oil and July with 35,372 barrels of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for September 1996 include: Brown, 163,154 MCF of gas and 15,474 barrels of oil; Coleman, 210,276 MCF of gas and 30,127 barrels of oil; Eastland, 550,436 MCF of gas and 36,273 barrels of oil; Jones, 67,795 MCF of gas and 87,687 barrels of oil; Runnels, 170,775 MCF of gas and 68,182 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 484,890 MCF of gas and 95,472 barrels of oil; Stephens, 823,268 MCF of natural gas and 305,668 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 45,462 MCF of gas and 76,248 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing counties rank by September 1996 preliminary production figures were: Gaines, 3,056,282 barrels; Andrews, 2,512,721 barrels; Yoakum, 2,465,372 barrels; Ector, 2,179,768 barrels; Hockley, 2,071,939 barrels; Pecos, 1,841,203 barrels; Gregg, 1,520,875 barrels; Crane, 1,105,829 barrels; Midland, 977,682 barrels; and Upton, 932,668 barrels.

The state's top gas producing counties rank by September 1996 preliminary production were: Webb, 23,014,930 MCF; Panola, 21,314,616 MCF; Zapata, 21,421,743 MCF; Pecos, 20,075,862 MCF; Hidalgo, 17,948,127 MCF; Starr, 13,519,616 MCF; Crockett, 11,928,953 MCF; Crane, 8,850,578 MCF; Washington, 8,277,303 MCF; and Yoakum, 8,248,206 MCF.

Texas production in September 1996 came from 162,574 oil and 49,572 gas wells.

Even Without The Cowboys, Texans Will Be Betting On The Super Bowl

DALLAS -- Although there is no team from Texas in this year's Super Bowl, there will still be heavy betting on the game by Texans, according to the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling.

"The Super Bowl has become the closest thing America has to a National Betting Day," said Sue Cox, executive director of the statewide compulsive gambling organization. "People who normally do not bet anything on sports will put something down on the Super Bowl, while regular sports bettors will up their bet because it is the big game of the year," she said.

Super Bowl betting is big. In Nevada casinos where bettors can legally wager on sporting events, betting has grown from \$40 million in 1991 to a record \$71 million for the last year's Cowboys-Steelers matchup. No one knows how much is bet throughout the nation in illegal wagering, but some estimate the total to be as much as \$2.5 billion, or ap-

proximately \$10 for every man, woman and child in the country.

"Our concern is not the casual sports fan making a square in the office pool, but with the frequent bettor whose life is getting out of control because of an addiction to gambling," Mrs. Cox said. "We want that person and his or her family to know there is help available through our Problem Gamblers' HelpLine, 1-800-742-0443.

The Council is offering each caller a free booklet entitled "It's Halftime: A Guide for Recovery From Compulsive Sports Betting."

The Texas Council's HelpLine has processed over 300,000 calls in its five-year history, with 18,000 of those callers seeking crisis intervention services for a compulsive gambling problem. One out of every five callers mentions a sports betting problem, trailing only the lottery and casinos as the most frequently mentioned gambling game with which bettors experience problems.



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Let The Race Begin

By DEBORAH GRISWOLD

On January 20, the Cub Scout Pack #281 held their monthly Pack Meeting at First United Methodist Church.

The program was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Food Drive patches were presented to Josh Nelson, Jonathan Nelson, Scott Johnson, Markus Maxwell, Jason Beauchamp, Cory Beauchamp, John Beauchamp, Marcus Williams, Andrew Wheeler, Brett Wheeler, Lewis Walker, and Joey Westerman.

The most important issue on this night was the Pinewood Derby Races. There were 13 cars entered in the race. Judges for the event were James Oscar Koenig and Ricky Thomas. They had the difficult job of looking over each car and choosing the Best Design, Most Original, and Most Unusual. The results were as follows:

Best Design - 1st J.D. Cook; 2nd Cory Beauchamp; and 3rd Andrew Wheeler

Most Original - 1st Michael Curry; 2nd Joey Westerman; and 3rd Brett Wheeler

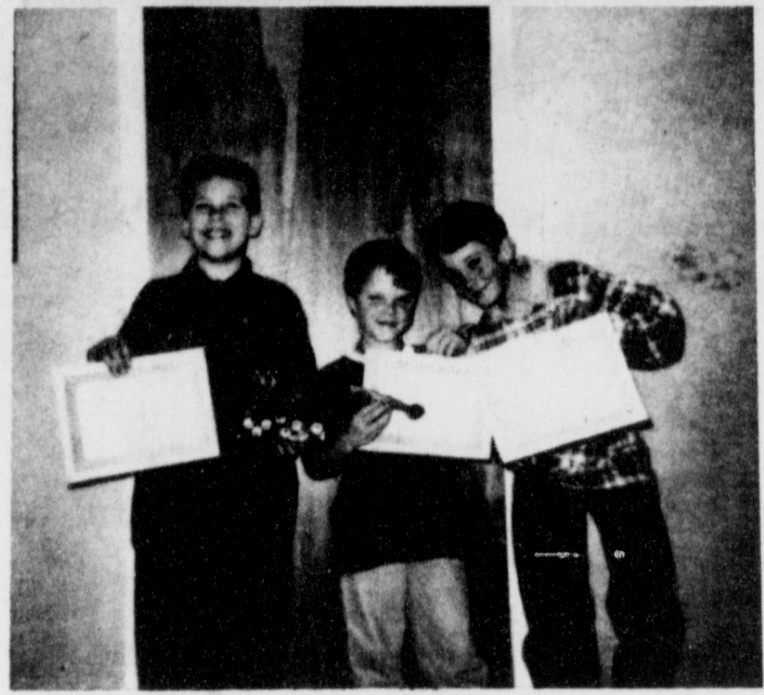
Most Unusual - 1st Lewis Walker; 2nd James Purcell; and 3rd Josh Nelson

Now it is time to let the races begin. Each car participated until it had lost 2 races. When it was all said and done the winners were 1st Marcus Williams; 2nd Joey Westerman; and 3rd Josh Nelson. Each boy did an outstanding job on their cars, and everyone enjoyed watching the races. Other participants were Scotty Johnson, Markus Maxwell, and Jonathan Nelson.

The Chisholm Trail Council Pinewood Derby Race will be Saturday, February 15, at VFW Post 6873, located across from Dyess AFB Main Gate. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with entry fee being \$2.50 per car.

Our next pack meeting will be February 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. This will be the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. This will be a pot luck dinner so everyone start thinking of that favorite dish you will prepare and come enjoy the fun and fellowship with these boys.

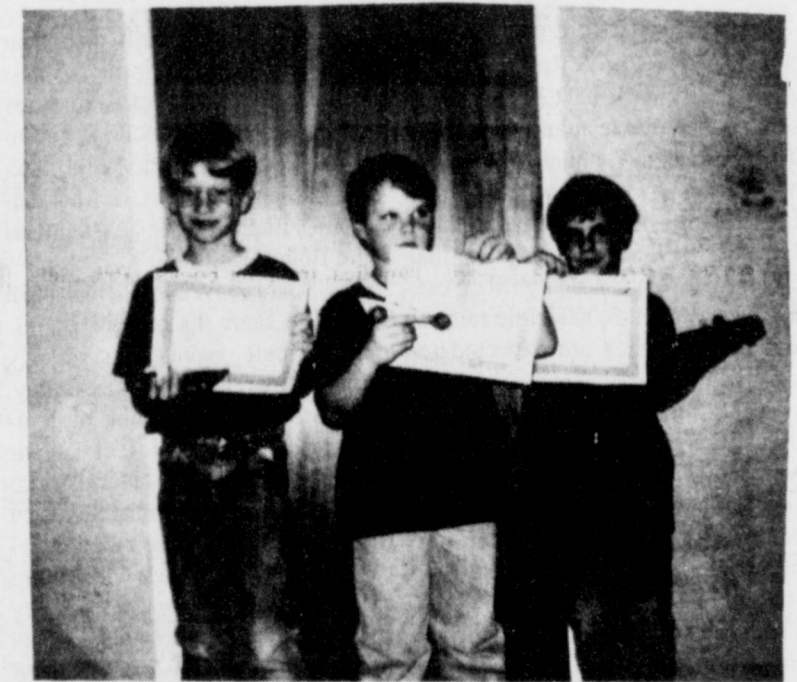
We would again like to thank James Oscar and Ricky for their fine job of judging the races. Also, we wish to thank Higginbotham's for the use of their scales to weigh the cars.



RACE WINNERS—Josh Nelson (from left), Joey Westerman, and Marcus Maxwell



BEST DESIGN—J.D. Cook (from left), Cory Beauchamp, and Andrew Wheeler



MOST ORIGINAL—Brett Wheeler (from left), Joey Westerman, and Michael Curry



MOST UNUSUAL—Josh Nelson (from left), James Purcell, and Lewis Walker

Annual Windbreak Tree Sale Now Underway

"The annual windbreak tree sale offered by Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now under way", says Clint Rollins, District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Baird. Orders will be taken until February 19th and will be sold to the general public on a first come, first serve basis.

Tree orders will be taken until 4:30 p.m. on February 19th or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The expected date of delivery will be February 20th. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order and delivery is guaranteed. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery located in Lubbock. The pick-up location for the trees will be at the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office in Baird.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

	Oct.	Nov.
Callahan County Unemployment	3.3%	4.0%
Total Labor Force	6,189	6,172
Total Employed	5,987	5,923
Total Unemployed	202	249

County Jobless Rate Rises To 4% In Nov.

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose seven-tenths of one percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, January 6 by the Texas Workforce Commission. This month's unemployment rate of 4.0 is the highest rate since July 1995.

Callahan County's unemployment rate stands at 4.0 percent in November 1996, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The county's unemployment rate for October was 3.3 percent.

The county's unemployment rate one year ago, in November 1995, was 4.5 percent.

Of the 6,172 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,923 were employed during November 1996, and 249 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 4.0 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in Oc-

tober 1996. Of the 6,189 civilian labor force in the county during October, 5,987 had jobs while 202 or 3.3 percent did not.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County include: 3.6 percent in September, 3.9 percent in August, 4.3 percent in July, 4.7 percent in June, 4.1 percent in May, 4.3 percent in April, 5.1 percent in March, 5.1 percent in February, 5.7 in January 1996 and 5.0 in December 1995, according to the unemployment figures.

Big County area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for November 1996 include: Brown, 6.8 percent; Coleman, 5.7 percent; Eastland, 4.7 percent; Jones, 2.9 percent; Runnels, 2.6 percent; Shackelford, 4.5 percent; Stephens, 3.2 percent; and Taylor County, 4.2 percent.

The unemployment rate in Texas for November 1996 was 5.3 percent, up from the 4.9 percent jobless rate in October.

Of the 9,783,500 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,262,400 in November. Total unemployment in November 1996 was 521,100.

The state's unemployment rate one year ago in November 1995 was 6.0 percent.

The United States unemployment rate was 5.0 in November 1996. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of October was 4.9 percent. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in November 1995 was 5.3 percent.

Notes From CPS Board Win A Quilt-Help The Children

A large handmade queen-size quilt has been donated to be given away April 26th during "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

The quilt can be seen this week at Reel Action Video Store in Clyde. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

You not only have an opportunity to win a beautiful quilt, but more importantly to help fund projects that benefit our children.

The following suggestions were taken from a list of "150 Ways to Show Kids You Care", published by Search Institute's Healthy Communities-Healthy Youth. They gave me permission to use the list. These ideas may be used with your children, your grandchildren, or any other children with whom you are in contact. 1. Look into their eyes when you talk to them. 2. Listen to them. 3. Read aloud together. 4. Be nice. 5. Say yes a lot. 6. Forget your worries sometimes and concentrate only on them. 7. Notice when they're acting differently. 8. Present options when they seek your counsel. 9. Play outside together. 10. Surprise them.

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Cattle Raisers Celebrate 120 Years

FORT WORTH—Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will mark its 120th year of service to the cattle industry in 1997. To celebrate, the annual convention and trade show will be held at the home of association headquarters—Fort Worth, a city famous for its cowboy influence and Old West heritage. About 3,000 cattle raisers and their families are expected to attend.

The 120th Anniversary Convention and 22nd Annual Trade Show, March 23-26, will offer the best in education and entertainment and provide an excellent forum for policy-making and information-sharing, says TSCRA President Chaunce O. Thompson Jr., a rancher from Breckenridge.

Business meetings, the trade show, a silent auction and various entertainment events will be held at the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center.

On Monday, Dave Thomas, founder and spokesman of Wendy's fast food chain and star of their popular TV commercials, will share his unique and inspiring success story during the kickoff luncheon.

Tuesday's luncheon speaker is world-renowned author, consultant and humorist Doc Blakely, who will offer light-hearted advice for improving business.

Agricultural economist Bill Helming will share his economic forecast for the beef cattle industry. He will also discuss the current government beef grading system and tell why he thinks it should be eliminated.

Convention-goers will also hear from John Hill Jr., former Texas secretary of state, Texas attorney general and chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, and Max Deets, president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association from Beloit, Kansas.

Gov. George W. Bush has been invited to share his insights on important state issues, particularly property tax relief and water policy.

Current issues involving agricultural research, animal health, theft prevention, state and federal legislation and natural resources will be discussed in committee meetings.

This year's trade show will feature exhibitors from across the country showcasing the latest advancements for the ranching industry. An added feature this year is the Cattle Raisers Trading Co., which will offer an assortment of western merchandise with a TSCRA theme.

A lively entertainment agenda is also planned for the four-day event. On Sunday night, TSCR Foundation will hold a gala and silent auction, featuring country and western star Jo Dec Messina. Texas actor Barry Corbin, well-known for his role as Maurice on the TV show Northern Exposure, will perform a one-man show as legendary rancher Charles Goodnight at a dinner theater Monday night. On Tuesday, cattle raisers can kickup their heels to the tunes of The Johnnie High Country Revue.

For more details and registration information, call TSCRA's Marketing and Membership Services Department at (817) 332-7064.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower

in Honor of

Josh & Willa Harrell

Saturday, February 1, 1997

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

(come & go)

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