

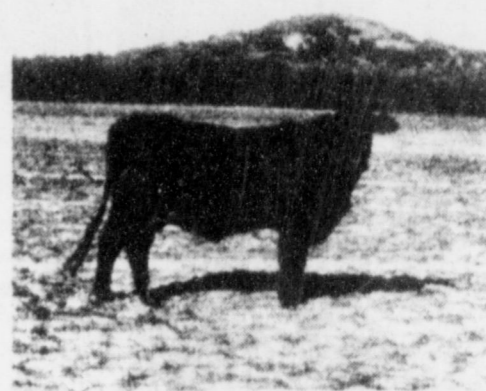
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OVERALL PHOTOGENIC WINNER—Ryder Foster, son of Hoyt and Tonjia Foster

Miss Valentine Parade and Photogenic Winners Announced

Saturday's Miss Valentine Parade, the big event for the girls in grades K-8 was a success. The event is sponsored annually by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Forty-three beautiful young ladies participated in the parade. The judges scored the contestants on appearance, poise, and personality.

The young ladies were escorted by gentlemen of their choice, and presented to the judges. Pictures and names of the winners are published in

this week's *Cross Plains Review* Page 6.

Judges for the parade were: Sarah Graff, Ingrid Wood, and Lydia Dickson, all of Abilene.

Photogenic winners were announced during the parade. Beta Sigma Phi would like to thank Ralph Terry Studio in Coleman for judging all the beautiful photos. The winning pictures may be seen on Page 6 and 7

of this week's edition. Members of Beta Sigma Phi would like to thank everyone for their participation, attendance, and on-going support. Funds raised are donated back to the community for various projects and needs. Anyone wanting to purchase a video may call 725-6476, Wanda Merryman. Videos also may be purchased from other Beta Sigma Phi members.

Filing For City Council Positions Begins Feb. 17

The Cross Plains City Council election will be held May 3, 1997. An application for a place on the ballot will be accepted beginning February 17, 1997, and running through March 19, 1997. The three positions available will be those currently held by Edwin Weiss, James Nichols and W.C. (Carroll) Pringle.



EMS RECEIVES CHECK—Kiwanis President Jim O'Dell hands a \$500 check to Bob Pipes, Past Kiwanis President and Co-ordinator of the Cross Plains EMS, to be applied to pay off the new ambulance bank note.

Kiwanis Club Donates Toward New Ambulance

Thanks to the generosity of the community in supporting the recent Kiwanis Club Chili Supper, the Kiwanis Club was able to donate \$500 to the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service toward paying off the new ambulance bank note. Thanks to the donations from organizations and individuals, the balance of the bank note is dwindling; it is now below \$20,000!

The Kiwanis Club sincerely thanks all who attended the Chili Supper, helping the club to help individuals and organizations in our community. The Kiwanis Club is now looking forward to their fund-raising Pancake Supper on Thursday, March 6, 5-7 p.m. Cost will be \$3 for "all the pancakes you can eat." Get your tickets from any Kiwanis member or at any of their places of work/business.

Cross Plains Exes Meeting Planned For Feb. 20

All Cross Plains High School exes are encouraged to attend a meeting to begin planning the 1997 Homecoming activities. Ex-students will meet in the high school library on Thursday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Fund-Raiser Garage Sale Sat., Feb. 15

First Baptist Church Youth will be sponsoring a garage sale (weather permitting) Saturday, February 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dillard Drilling Company office on West Highway 36.

Proceeds from the project will benefit the youth group's ski trip.



LADY BUFFS 1996-97 DISTRICT CHAMPS—Laura Ricci (front, from left), Malysa Sowell, Nikki Beggs, Jolena Fleming, Ashley Beggs, and Kimberly Ratliff; Mindy Mitchell (back, from left), Amanda McGuire, Jaonna Harris, Holly Butler, Crystal Davis, and Whitney Giles.



RUNNIN BUFFS 1996-97 DISTRICT CO-CHAMPS—Cory Switzer (back, from left), Zach Edington, Lee Wayne Wheeler, Dusty Hargrove, Jeremy Barnett, and Brandon Stover; Jason Carey (front, from left), Justin Richey, Joseph Turner, Jarad Richards, Benji Blackstock, and John Chesshir.

Cross Plains High School Basketball Teams Claim District Titles

The Lady Buffs, coached by Mike Cavender, finished district play with a perfect record 5-0 and were named District 24-A Champions. Their non-district record was 24-5 reflecting some great basketball skills.

The girls will play Lueders-Avoca for Bi-District on Saturday, February 15, in the McMurray University Hunt P.E. Center in Abilene beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Runnin Buffs, coached by

Athletic Director Bill Boyd, ended district play with a 19-5 record and the title of District Co-Champs. The Buffs won a toss of the coin placing them in the first position for Bi-District action and Evant second.

They will be playing a practice game against Harper High School in the Alamodome in San Antonio Friday, February 14, at 4:00 p.m. Following the game, the team will be able to watch the Spurs game. Tickets

will be available at the door for \$9.50.

Monday, February 17, the Buffs will play an additional practice game against Gordon High School at the Eastland High School Gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Bi-District game has not been scheduled, as some teams have not yet completed their district season. The date and place for the playoff game will be announced when determined.

Early Out Friday for Cross Plains ISD

Cross Plains I.S.D. students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon Friday, February 14, due to the Varsity Boy's basketball game at 4:00 p.m. in San Antonio. Buses will run at 12:15 p.m.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 16, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

City Council To Hold Public Hearing March 4

The Cross Plains City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. at 201 South Main, for the purpose of adopting the city's annual budget. All citizens are urged to attend and participate in the meeting.

Cross Plains Hosting Playoff Basketball Game Friday, Feb. 14

The newly constructed Cross Plains High School Gym has been chosen as a central location for the Girl's Bi-District game between Evant and Trent. Evant was the 2nd place team in District 24-A with Cross Plains winning the Championship. The playoff game will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14. Come out and watch a great game of girl's basketball.

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Kenda Michael Aust, Baird, Thanet Tommy Inthnoie, Abilene.
Rachel Myrl Mitcham & William Joe Solis of Abilene.
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John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Divorces filed:
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Mable Fann
Mable Emma Barns Robinson Fann went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 6, 1997, at a nursing center in Abilene. Funeral services were graveside Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Cottonwood Cemetery with Jesse Bigbee, Minister.
Mable was born May 8, 1911, in Walbarger County, to Billie L. and Martha O. (Esch) Barns. She married W.T. (Bill) Robinson on November, 1929, in Altus, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on February 1980. She had made her home at Cottonwood until October, 1994.
She is survived by her husband, Ted Fann of DeLeon, whom she married June 27, 1983; her children, Vivian and (Mel) Bush and Martha Malone of Tye; Bob H. and Cookie Robinson of Clyde; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one brother, Billie L. and Ida Barns of Denton and one sister-in-law, Margie Barns of Dallas.

Deariso Duensing
RISING STAR—Deariso Duensing, 82, passed away Monday, February 3, 1997, in a Brownwood hospital.
Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Helen McIver officiating. Burial was in Wolf Valley Cemetery.
Mrs. Duensing was born in Brown county and was a homemaker. She moved to Rising Star in 1972. She was a Methodist and was the widow of Ed Duensing, whom she married in 1944 in Greenville.
Survivors include one daughter, Debra Manning of Clear, Alaska; and four grandchildren.

Gladys Tackett
BROWNWOOD—Gladys Howard Tackett, 71, passed away Friday, February 7, 1997, in a local hospital.
Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating. Burial was in Blake Cemetery.
Mrs. Tackett was born in Cross Cut and lived most of her life in Brownwood. She was a homemaker and was the widow of Roy Howard. She married Billy Jack Tackett in 1993 in Brownwood and was a Baptist.
Survivors include her husband, of Brownwood; two sons, Gary Howard of Brownwood and Jimmy Howard of Austin; two stepsons, Barry Tackett of Charleston, South Carolina, and Robert Tackett of Yuba City, California; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Iva Ernestine Dill
Iva E. Dill passed away Friday, January 31, 1997, in Fort Worth. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8, at Grace Baptist Church in Fort Worth.
Mrs. Dill was preceded in death by her parents, Heber and Mary Dennis, her husband, Harold P. Dill, a brother J. Ervin Dennis and a sister Rita Sanders.
Survivors include one son, Truman Lynn Dill and one daughter, D. Gayle Sosebee both of Fort Worth; one brother, Wayne Dennis formerly of Cross Plains now of Dallas; her twin sister Ila Jo Huff of Hurst; 5 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burkett Community Valentine Banquet
Sun., Feb. 16

Burkett Baptist Church is having their annual Community Valentine Banquet, Sunday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m.
Entertainment will be provided by "The Sunriders."
Come and share this blessing with the church and community.

Selected Scriptures

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." Revelation 22:16

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

Recent History Of Ambulance Service In Callahan County

The recent news articles about emergency medical services in Callahan County have raised some question among the citizens of the county and hopefully this article can answer some of those questions about the EMS services offered in Callahan County.

In the early to mid seventies new laws governing ambulances and emergency medical treatment changed the requirements of these services forcing funeral homes, the previous supplier of ambulance service in many areas, to quit providing ambulance services.

Citizens EMS was started in 1978, through the efforts of some concerned citizens, to provide ambulance service to the Clyde/Baird area. A four-member board, Don Haley and Tommy Tucker of Clyde, Duell Ellis for the county, and Robert Martin of Baird, governed the new service with Clyde, Baird, and Callahan County contributing to the operations. Clyde bought the ambulance, a 1978 Suburban, and the other two entities paid their share of the unit. In 1979 the board was dissolved and Clyde took over ambulance operations with their Chief of Police, Bing Miller, acting as administrator.

Citizens EMS saw a change in 1990 when a three person board was formed to govern the service. Each entity contributing a subsidy to the service had a representative on the board. Don Haley of Clyde, Bill Johnson represented the county, and Billy Harris with the City of Baird were the original board members. All three entities have paid a monthly subsidy to the service since 1978.

In 1991 the service separated operations from the City of Clyde and the board was enlarged to six, with two representatives from each contributing entity. The vehicles were still owned by Clyde and medical personnel were listed as Clyde employees. This caused concern with the governing officials of Clyde because the city had been sued in 1989 along with Citizens EMS by the family of a patient. This suit, city officials said,

caused their liability insurance to have a rate increase for the whole city when it was settled in 1991.

Citizens EMS went from a Basic Life Support ambulance to having Advanced Life Support capabilities in 1992 and a new ambulance was purchased in 1994 to replace an aging unit. At this time Citizens employs 4 full-time EMT's and an administrator. In October 1996 the service became a private non-profit corporation governed by a six-member board.

Cross Plains EMS was formed in 1977, with an old hearse, as a volunteer service and continues to be a purely volunteer service. Personnel are trained by the service at no charge and then donate their time to make the calls needed. About 28 people, including drivers, are on the call list but only 6 or 8 are regularly scheduled to make calls.

Cross Plains EMS is also governed by a board consisting of six members with two members being replaced each year. Day to day operations are handled by two coordinators. The service is strictly Basic Life Support and the units are manned by two EMT's with a driver.

Cross Plains EMS has one brand new ambulance and the other was purchased in 1993. Both units were acquired through Texas Department of Health matching funds grants, which paid half of the cost, and donations were collected to pay the remainder. Citizens EMS has the 1994 unit and a 1987 ambulance.

Citizens EMS covers the north and western three-quarters of Callahan County and Cross Plains EMS responds in the south-eastern section along with parts of Coleman, Brown and Eastland counties. Citizens EMS receives \$1,750.00 a month from each of the three supporting entities—Baird, Clyde, and Callahan County. Cross Plains receives \$2,000 a year from Callahan County and the City of Cross Plains furnishes housing and liability insurance for the ambulances. Brown, Eastland, and Coleman

counties do not contribute to the service's operations. Both services, Cross Plains and Citizens, charge for runs but collection rates are far from 100%.

Both EMS providers have many dedicated people "keeping things rolling" and supplying a much needed service to their communities. Much of the efforts of these individuals goes unappreciated until they are needed and then sometimes they are taken for granted. What if we called 911 and nobody came? A very unpleasant thought, but without these dedicated folks, who could we count on.

Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

Special Tax Credit For Low Income Families

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

The EIC (Earned Income Credit) is a special credit for certain workers. It reduces tax you owe, and it may give you a refund even if you don't owe any tax.

To be eligible for the credit, you must meet the following situations:

- (1) Have a qualifying child under 18 years of age or 21 and a full time student.
- (2) And your taxable income is less than \$25,078 for one child and \$28,495 for two or more children.
- (3) If you don't have a qualifying child and you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) is at least 25 years old but under age 65 at the end of 1996.
- (4) You cannot be claimed as a dependent on another claim.
- (5) And you lived in the United States more than half of 1996.
- (6) Your taxable earned income is less than \$9,500.

This year there is a EIC available for taxpayers without children if you meet the guidelines stated above.

The credit can be as much as \$323 if you don't have a qualifying child. If you have a qualifying child, the credit can be as much as \$2,152, and \$3,556 with two or more qualifying children.

The Earned Income Credit was provided to give low-income parents an extra incentive for working and staying off welfare rolls.

Earned Income Credit is the only credit that is refundable. That means it can go to a family whose income is so low that it owes no tax but can receive a refund check of up to \$3,556.

To find out about Earned Income Credit call Pauniece Oglesby (725-6772) to make an appointment with an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor.

Protecting Your Social Security Record

Because Social Security is automatically deducted from your paycheck, you may not realize that there are other steps you should take to assure that the money will be there for you when you retire, or if you become disabled, and to your family if you should die.

When you work, your employer deducts the Social Security taxes from your paycheck, adds a matching amount, and sends the taxes to Internal Revenue Service and a report to the Social Security Administration. By the end of January, you should receive a W-2 form stating the amount of wages the employer paid you during the year that you can use to file your own income tax return. If you do not receive the statement, you should contact the employer.

When you receive your W-2 form, check it for the correct name and Social Security number. Compare the number and name shown on the W-2

with the information on your Social Security card. Report any discrepancies to your employer and local Social Security office right away. Uncredited earnings could adversely affect your future eligibility for benefits, as well as your benefit amount.

You should protect your Social Security number, the key to your Social Security account. The nine digit number identifies your account and permits Social Security to credit your account correctly. If you lose the card, you can generally get a duplicate with a phone call. You should show your Social Security card to your employer when you start a job.

You should be sure to keep your Social Security record up to date. If, because of marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., you change the name you use for work or other official business, be sure to apply for a corrected Social Security card. And once you make the change, be sure to use the

name consistently for work, banking, and filing income tax returns.

Finally, Social Security suggests that you check the earnings credited to your account at least once every three years. You can keep track of your account easily by calling and requesting a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate (PEBES). If there is an error in your earnings, you should contact Social Security as soon as possible. If you have the necessary documents showing your earnings, the correction can actually be made online. If you wait longer than three years, it may be difficult to correct the earnings record using the employer's records.

It's important that you recognize your responsibility to safeguard your Social Security account. The bottom line is that it may be your bottom line when you are ready to retire, or if you become disabled or die.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Lottery take vs. education funding

The Texas Lottery earned \$1.1 billion for the state from September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996. Public education funding totaled \$21.8 billion that year.

Prizes won \$1.95 billion*	Deposit to the state \$1.1 billion	Cost of product, retailer commissions, administration \$395 million	Local revenue \$10.6 billion	State** revenue \$9.5 billion	Federal revenue \$1.7 billion
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*Does not include annuitized value of Lotto Texas jackpots
**State revenue includes Foundation School Program funding, textbook purchases and state-matching contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System

Total local, state and federal revenue for education \$21.8 billion

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Education Agency and the Texas Lottery Commission.

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NEWS

By
LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

We will be celebrating the residents' birthdays Friday at 2:00 p.m. with a sundae in their choice. Those with a birthday in February include Minnie Swann, Gertie Powell, Ruby Harrell and Hub Freeman. Employees with a birthday this month are Ruby Cassle and Debbie Thomas. Our wedding anniversary is Becky Smith.

Thoughts and prayers for David Smelly who is in the hospital.

Minnie Swann is our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Selena and Shandra Sparkman, and Jo Ann Elston all of Lingleville and Sally Davis visited Dixie Ingram.

Dorothy Welch of Fort Worth visited Leila Montgomery.

Betty Beggs of Rising Star visited several residents.

Reuben McCowen of Lubbock, Ruby McCowen and Naomi McCowen visited with Myrtle Owen, Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks.

Kim and Conov Sweetman of Plano and Sandra Jones visited with Midge McCall.

Activities during the week:

Monday - Bingo winners were Minnie Swann, Vera Belyeu (2), Dorothy Thomas (3), Midge McCall, Ruby Harrell (2) and Allie Dickson. Exercise class.

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

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

Thursday - Bingo winners were Gertie Powell, Midge McCall (3), Minnie Swann (2), Dorothy Thomas, Allie Dickson and Vera Belyeu. Music with Colleen Anderson.

Friday - Singing with Bob Wallace and Diana Heinzman.

Sunday - Old Time Gospel Mission.

One good thing you can give and still keep is your word.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"SIGHTS and SOUNDS"

Remember when you used to come home from school and Mama or Dad would say "What did you learn at school today?"

Well, I learned a lot of things at school, you know! Some good, some bad, and would you believe, some not so bad!

One of my favorite subjects in 7th grade was Texas History. I still love Texas History to this day. But what did I learn? Probably not what my teacher, Mrs. Ivey planned for me to learn. However, I did learn one thing in Texas History in 7th grade that I've never forgotten. A little poem that Mrs. Ivey recited for us to illustrate the size of Texas. She'd heard it somewhere, it wasn't grammatically

correct but it was so sassy and saucy that I still remember it today -- probably 45 years later.

It went like this --

The sun has ris'
The sun has set'
and her I is;
in Texas yet!

I really can't think of any other place I'd rather be than in Texas.

We see things and we hear things was we all go about living. What makes a difference is what we do with or about those "Sights and Sounds."

Roses are red
Violets are blue' I got a bullfrog
Looks like you! --Who?

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
"C" "U".

Local Garden Club Enjoys "Arbor Day Program"

The theme of the Cross Plains Garden Club meeting of January 16 was "Pleasures of Gardening* Arbor Day." The meeting had been postponed from an earlier date due to inclement weather. The Multi-Purpose Center was the location, the meeting was held at 2:00 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Program Chairperson, Barbara Powell introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Rolan Jones. Mr. Jones' credentials, include Biologist, Political Scientist, and Secondary Education. Entitled "Why Plant A Tree," Rolan's program presentation was most enlightening, very educational, extremely informative, unique, plus being interesting. His obvious interest in his subject piques each listeners interest also. After his talk on the reason for planting trees, Rolan showed the club a video narrated by a gentleman with a most

innovative way of growing large, beautiful, and most tasty tomatoes and other vegetables. My husband says he is going to try this method of growing tomatoes and maybe we will have better luck with them than we did the past two years. The Garden Club thoroughly enjoyed the program.

After the meeting, all of the club members present participated in a seed exchange.

Refreshment host and hostess were Marvin and Kay Mosley. A good group attended and we hope those absent will be able to attend the February meeting which is scheduled for today, February 13. The theme is to be "Decorating Containers" and is to be given by Sheri Bennett, Garden Club Member, whose shop specializes in this type of craft.

January TRIAD S.A.L.T. Council Meeting

The January meeting of the TRIAD S.A.L.T. Council was held on the 22nd, having been postponed from the regular meeting date for the 8th, due to inclement weather. The council met in the Senior Citizens Center in Clyde.

Seven members were present along with Deputy Ron Young of the Clyde

Police Department.

Several topics were discussed including a Neighborhood Watch, fund-raisers, financial grants and various scams in the area.

The February meeting of the Council will be held in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird on the 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Mail Order Sales

Dear Fellow Texan:
Mail order offers many people, especially the elderly, a way to shop from the convenience of their own home. Unfortunately, it also offers unscrupulous persons a way to sell merchandise that no one would buy if they actually saw it first. Here are some tips to follow when ordering through the mail.

usually sent to you. Double-check the text of the ad before ordering to see if it lists exactly what you are paying for; don't rely on the picture alone.

*Beware of price comparisons using "list prices" or "suggested retail prices." Often, as a promotional tool, a seller will compare the price of a product to the "list price." Usually, the seller's price is a significant reduction for the "list," making it look like quite a bargain. However, before you assume that you are saving money, check with a local retailer. The same product may be available in a local store for the same "low" price (with no postage or handling charges). Since few items are ever sold at the "list price," compare the seller's price to an actual price before ordering by mail.

Unordered Items

What if you receive something in the mail that you didn't order? Some unscrupulous sellers will send an item along with an invoice, hoping you will be fooled into paying for an item you did not order. In most cases, you may treat unordered merchandise as a gift. The seller may not require you to send it back, although they can arrange to have it picked up. However, to be on the safe side, before you assume merchandise is unordered, ask the company for proof that you or someone in your household actually placed the order. Exceptions to this rule include any agreement you made with a book-of-month or record club.

Helpful Tips
*Since many catalogs contain pictures of enlarged items, check the text of the advertisement to be sure of the actual size of the item.
*Be especially cautious about such items as exercise machines, diets and cures for various ailments. These items frequently do not perform as advertised.
*Be aware that the quality of the product may be lower than it appears in the ad. This particularly true of off-brand merchandise. Find out if the same product is sold locally so that you can see if the quality meets your expectations.
*The performance of the product may not match the ad's claims. Weight-loss and body-enhancing products are especially notorious for misrepresentations. The more outrageous the claim, the more likely the product will not live up to it.
*Make sure you will receive every thing that is pictured. Often several items are shown in the photograph but only one or two of them are ac-

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

By FRANCES RONE

We are beginning to come out of hibernation! With our nice rain, it makes us want to get out more. Our attendance has definitely let us know it is good to get out and be with other people.

We are enjoying an increase in attendance and have more activity. The more people we have, the more interest we have in games and visitation.

There are still several who are unable to come because of illness and problems. There are some who are able to come back after having been out a while with problems. It is so good to have them with us again.

Our meals are good and we always enjoy the fellowship. We seem to share the same interests as well as the same problems.

Tarleton Names A Honor Roll, Distinguished Students For Fall 1996

STEPHENVILLE, TX -- The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 1996 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. B.J. Alexander, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the fall semester which ended in December.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and be taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Area students named are: Baird Gregory J. Gerngross D, Lucindia O'Neal Riney D, Gary E. Shelnett D,

Amy D. Welch D, Jim D. Windham D, Nicky J. Windham D; Clyde Lori M. Bissett D, Valerie L. Cantrell D, Christy Denise Jonas D, Kelly M. Pizzitola D; Cross Plains Shana Bagley D, April Cowan A.D, Joy I. Dixon D; May David C. Chambers D and Jeanette L. Lancaster; Rising Star Cynthia Ann Bates A.D, Janice M. Phillips D, Laura A. Rankin D.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smoot Celebrating 65th Wedding Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Bill and Mary Smoot of the Pioneer Community will be hosting a celebration honoring their 65th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, February 16, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Friends and family of the couple are cordially invited to attend. Your presence in sharing this day is the only gift needed.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore went to Ranger and visited Frankie's aunt, Ruby Ainsworth, and then Frankie's sister, Dorothy Rogers, and Amy Rogers. They enjoyed shopping in Eastland.

Saturday night Oliver, Frankie, and Jean went to Sipe Springs Musical. It was reported very good, and the people of Sipe Springs are so friendly and welcome everyone to their musical. It is held every first Saturday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Jason and Robbie Fortune and

Cowan and Laverne Hutton had dinner with Danny and Trisha Hutton and family on Saturday. Friday morning Cowan and Laverne were in Brownwood and travelled to Eastland that afternoon. Saturday evening they visited with Troy and Maxine Crockett.

Glenda Barr celebrated her birthday Thursday. Present were her daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Johnny Greiger of Breckenridge, and other family and friends.

The First New Insulin In 14 Years

A new, fast-acting insulin, Humalog, is now available. With regular insulin, diabetics had to wait 30 to 60 minutes after injecting before eating to allow the medication to work. Humalog should be injected 15 minutes before a meal. It also acts faster than regular human insulin to control blood glucose levels after a meal. This will give diabetics an additional resource to manage their disease, one that may be more flexible and convenient.

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Dear Fellow Texan:
Mail order offers many people, especially the elderly, a way to shop from the convenience of their own home. Unfortunately, it also offers unscrupulous persons a way to sell merchandise that no one would buy if they actually saw it first. Here are some tips to follow when ordering through the mail.

usually sent to you. Double-check the text of the ad before ordering to see if it lists exactly what you are paying for; don't rely on the picture alone.

*Beware of price comparisons using "list prices" or "suggested retail prices." Often, as a promotional tool, a seller will compare the price of a product to the "list price." Usually, the seller's price is a significant reduction for the "list," making it look like quite a bargain. However, before you assume that you are saving money, check with a local retailer. The same product may be available in a local store for the same "low" price (with no postage or handling charges). Since few items are ever sold at the "list price," compare the seller's price to an actual price before ordering by mail.

Unordered Items

What if you receive something in the mail that you didn't order? Some unscrupulous sellers will send an item along with an invoice, hoping you will be fooled into paying for an item you did not order. In most cases, you may treat unordered merchandise as a gift. The seller may not require you to send it back, although they can arrange to have it picked up. However, to be on the safe side, before you assume merchandise is unordered, ask the company for proof that you or someone in your household actually placed the order. Exceptions to this rule include any agreement you made with a book-of-month or record club.

Helpful Tips
*Since many catalogs contain pictures of enlarged items, check the text of the advertisement to be sure of the actual size of the item.
*Be especially cautious about such items as exercise machines, diets and cures for various ailments. These items frequently do not perform as advertised.
*Be aware that the quality of the product may be lower than it appears in the ad. This particularly true of off-brand merchandise. Find out if the same product is sold locally so that you can see if the quality meets your expectations.
*The performance of the product may not match the ad's claims. Weight-loss and body-enhancing products are especially notorious for misrepresentations. The more outrageous the claim, the more likely the product will not live up to it.
*Make sure you will receive every thing that is pictured. Often several items are shown in the photograph but only one or two of them are ac-

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main At 12th
(817) 725-6117

"Valentine's Day" is tomorrow but the things that go along with its celebration should be every day -- love, messages of love, hearts, etc. *Parade Magazine*, a few years ago, had a picture of a real heart on the cover with the question: "IS ANGER KILLING YOU?"

It was pointed out, even on the front cover, that "new evidence about the heart shows that reducing your hostility can prolong your life." The article shared two types of behavior: "Type-A" behavior -- in a hurry, impatient, often angry; "Type-B" behavior -- laid back, calm, slow to anger, good listener. Guess which type is most liable to suffer heart attacks? No wonder, in addition to the spiritual implications, James (by inspiration of God) advises: "Let every one be...slow to become angry," James 1:19.

Beyond health reasons, as important as that is, there are spiritual reasons for controlling and limiting anger. The apostle Paul advises well (again, by inspiration of God) in saying, "Be angry, but do not sin," Ephesians 4:26a -- possibly a quote from Psalm 4:4 since the same exact wording is used there. I especially like one translation which reads: "If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge." It is probably the "nursing" of ones grudge/anger that leads to heart attacks as well as sin. Paul further addresses the matter by stating, "Don't let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil," Ephesians 4:26b, 27.

Perhaps the best valentine's gift we could give another -- all others -- is to read and heed all the Bible says about good hearts and bad anger. One more of my favorites is Proverbs 4:23 -- "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

Come strive with us toward healthier hearts...

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

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OH BABY

KORBIN KENNEDY MCLEAN
ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED

Kevin and Whitney McLean would like to announce the blessing of a son Korbin Kennedy. He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He arrived Wednesday, January 29, 1997, at 7:20 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center.

Grandparents are Martin and Gladys McLean of Marble Falls and Cliff and Connie Kirkham of Cross Plains.

Great-grandparents are Alice Roby and Jay Kirkham both of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLean of Marble Falls and Meta Birk of Johnson City.

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Cross Plains Junior High Boys Win Cross Plains Tournament

By LARRY WHITEHEAD

Cross Plains Junior High Boys finished their basketball season by winning the annual Cross Plains Tournament Championship.

In the first game Cross Plains beat DeLeon 42-22, although DeLeon is a much larger school, Cross Plains dominated the play.

Scorers were: Ryan Aitchison 15 points; Tony Beggs 12; Joseph Dillard 6; Chris Kitchens 5; Cody Reed 4. Other team members are L.D. Whitehead, Nicholas Dimitri and T. J. Harris.

In the championship game the Junior High Boys played what I think was their best game of the year. They played hard and defeated a larger, always tough Eula team 43-22. Again Cross Plains dominated the game.

Scorers were: Cody Reed 13 points;

L.D. Whitehead 12; Ryan Aitchison 10; Tony Beggs 5; Chris Kitchens 2; Joseph Dillard 1.

Our B Team played in the tournament defeating Coleman 42-27. They also played DeLeon before falling 31-20.

Scorers for the Coleman game were: Josh Hopkins 14; Tim Butler 9; James Ross 4; Jason Beauchamp 4; Seth Fortune 4; Landon Hill 3; Aaron Norris 2; Jake Merryman 2.

Scorers for the DeLeon game were: Aaron Norris 6; James Ross 4; Tim Butler 4; Jason Beauchamp 3; Josh Hopkins 3.

Good Luck to our High School Boys and Girls Teams in their play-offs.

Congratulations to our Cross Plains Junior High Boys Team for a GREAT YEAR!

Teams Needed For Carbon Volleyball Tourney

Teams are needed for a Volleyball Tournament at Carbon Gym on March 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Persons high school age and up may participate.

The 1st and 2nd place awards will be given in each bracket. No limit to the number of players listed on the roster, but only 7 awards will be given per team.

The tournament is sponsored by Mangum Baptist Church. For further information or to enter teams call Ray and Ellen Kanady (817) 639-2357, Lynn or Rosetta Hagan (817) 639-2550 or Elvis and Amy (817) 629-3853.

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Wedding announcements which describe in detail such as the apparel, decorations, bridesmaids, groomsmen, etc. will have a \$15.00 charge.

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Request For Local Nominations 1997 Texas Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards

AUSTIN—The Texas Council for the Humanities (TCH), a state program of the NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH), has launched the eighth year of its program to recognize and reward the exemplary contributions of humanities teachers in Texas elementary, middle, and high schools.

In May 1997, the TCH will award six Texas Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards of \$2,000 each. \$1,000 of the total award will be given to the teacher to further professional development, and \$1,000 will be awarded to the teacher's school for the purchase of humanities instructional material and/or for the improvement of humanities courses and programs. In addition, six-to-eight teachers will be selected to receive Honorable Mention plaques.

Any student, parent, fellow teacher, school administrator, or member of the public may nominate any full-time teacher presently teaching one or more humanities courses in Texas elementary or secondary school, either public or private. However, please note that an

individual may nominate only one teacher per year. **NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, MARCH 1, 1997.**

The humanities in most elementary and secondary schools are generally courses in literature, foreign languages, government, history, or social studies. Although less frequently offered in secondary schools, courses in philosophy, comparative religions, ethics, anthropology, and art history or music history are also included in the humanities.

Award decisions by the TCH Board of Directors are based on merit for outstanding contributions to the teaching of humanities in Texas, with a primary emphasis placed upon classroom activities. Examples include distinguished teaching; innovative teaching methods; introduction of new teaching aids, such as computer technologies; successful introduction of new courses; and development of teacher training programs or workshops.

Over the past seven years, the program has drawn nominations for 891 Texas teachers representing 691 schools (214 elementary, 147 middle, 275 high schools, and 55 other types) from 233 Texas towns and cities.

The Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards Programs is sponsored by the Texas Council for the Humanities, with financial support provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Texas Humanities Alliance, and Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.

Nomination forms and further information may be obtained by contacting the TCH at 512-440-1991.

SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Oatmeal, toast, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Doughnuts, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Pancakes, sausage, grape juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal, toast, orange juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dogs, tater tots, pork n' beans, orange halves and milk.

TUESDAY — Chili beans, cheese sticks, crackers, salad, pineapples and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken w/ gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, rolls, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY — Fajitas, salad, corn, cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

BAND NEWS

Month of February

Feb. 3 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)

Feb. 12-15 - ATSSB/TMEA All State Band

Feb. 17 - Section Rehearsal (S&E)

Feb. 22 - Solo & Ensemble Contest (HSU)

Feb. 25-27 - TAAS



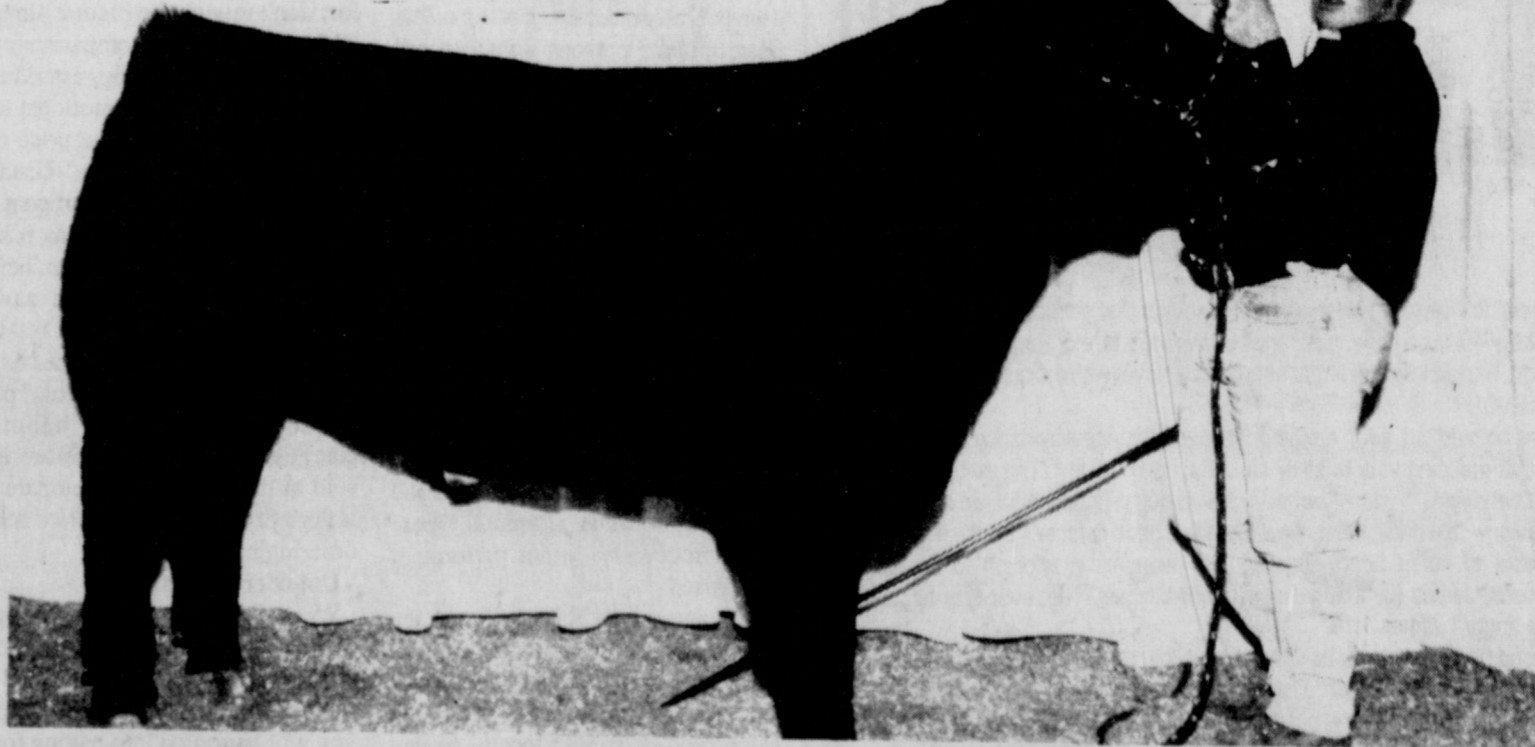
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Callahan County Livestock Show 1997



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Rowdy Dillard

Jody Brown Honored At Tech Football Banquet Recently

By DON WILLIAMS
Avalanche-Journal

Byron Hanspard could not leave Texas Tech for pro football without picking up one more trophy on the way out the door.

Hanspard, one of only six backs in major-college history to gain 2,000 yards in one season, was named winner of the Pete Cawthon Memorial Award Tuesday night at the annual Tech football banquet. Former Red Raider Shawn Hurd accepted the award for Hanspard, who was in New Orleans.

The Cawthon Award is presented to the team's most valuable player. Hanspard, who rushed for 2,084 yards during Tech's 7-5 Alamo Bowl season, declared himself available in December for the upcoming NFL draft.

Several other players were recognized during the one-hour, 45 minute banquet at the Memorial Civic Center.

Senior quarterback Sone Cavazos, senior raider Jody Brown and junior defensive tackle Corey Chandler

shared the Donny Anderson Sportsman Award.

Senior linebacker Ryan Donahue from Monterey won the Dell Morgan Memorial Award as the team's most courageous player. Donahue, plagued by injuries for much of the season, finished with 58 tackles, seventh on the team. He was second on the club with three fumbles caused and recovered two.

Defensive ends Montae Reagor, a sophomore, and Taurus Rucker, a redshirt freshman, were co-recipients of the Clint Ramsey Academic Effort Award. Receiver Field Scovell collected the plaque for the senior with the highest grade-point average. Scovell graduated last spring with a degree in finance and carried a 3.74 GPA.

Receiving plaques for team captainship were junior safety Dane Johnson, senior linebackers Anthony Armour and Robert Johnson, Hanspard, junior quarterback Zebbie Lethridge and senior guard Casey Jones.

The awards were voted by team members.

11th Annual National Singles in Agriculture Convention Feb. 20-23

Singles in Agriculture, a National organization that offers social and recreation opportunities for people actively engaged in an agricultural or ranching business, or with an ag background, celebrates 11 years of bringing singles together.

The group will enjoy 3 nights of dancing, visits to the Space Center in Houston, the National Livestock Show and area historic sites as well as good company, great food and far-

wells to friends old and new.

Attendance at this national event is an opportunity to meet other singles and learn about many different types of agricultural businesses. Members and guests from across the nation are expected.

For more information on how you can be a part of this new ag tradition, please call Donna (817) 698-4641 or Loreita (281) 534-3388.

Thinking About Retiring?

If you're approaching age 62 and you're thinking about retiring next year, you should contact Social Security now to discuss your plans. In some cases, your choice of retirement month could mean additional benefits for you and your family. Because the computation varies based on your earnings for the year and the month in which you file, it's a good idea to check with a Social Security representative before making your decision.

Social Security rules permit people to work and receive retirement benefits at the same time, so it could be to your advantage to have your benefits begin in January even if you don't plan to retire until later in the year. This would allow you to apply earnings in excess of the annual limit to those months and still receive some payment for the year. Your benefit amount will be adjusted at age 65 for months you did not receive a full payment. For your application to be effective in January 1997, you should file for benefits any time before January 31, 1997.

In 1996, beneficiaries under 65 can earn up to \$8,280 with no reduction in Social Security benefits; and beneficiaries aged 65-69, can earn up to \$12,500 with no reduction in Social Security benefits. The amount a person can earn and still receive benefits increases each year with increases in average wages. Of course, if you are 70 or older, your benefits will not be reduced no matter how much you earn.

For additional information or to make an appointment to discuss your retirement plans, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, any business day between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times.

Seagoville Man Dies In Truck Accident East Of Baird

BAIRD—A Seagoville, Texas, truck driver lost his life early Tuesday morning about three miles east of Baird at the 312 mile marker IH-20 when his east-bound truck struck the rear of another trailer.

Lester Alln Jones, 50, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Don Burns at 4:00 a.m. after rescue personnel from Baird gained access to the cab of the 1989 Kenworth conventional. Jones was pulling two United Parcel Service trailers, but a fireman said she thought the trailers were empty. Jones' truck belonged to SHAR Trucking of Seagoville.

Willey Odel Jurek, 60, of Bryan was driving a 1986 Kenworth hauling a load of plastic water pipe on a flat bed trailer to the Fort Worth-Dallas area when he said it sounded like something exploded behind him. Jurek said he was getting back up to speed after pulling off the highway to adjust a heater valve on his truck and was traveling at about 45 or 50 miles per hour when the accident occurred. He managed to guide his truck to the shoulder before his air brakes locked down due to air lines being torn loose.

Jones' truck was locked to the flat bed trailer from the impact and some of the pipe had entered the cab. A Baird fireman said the trucks traveled approximately 700 feet after the first impact and pipe was scattered from fence line to fence line along the service roads and across the interstate. Eastbound traffic was routed off the interstate at the Finley Road

2 Injured In One Vehicle Accident

PUTNAM—Two out-of-state men were injured in a one vehicle accident at the 320 mile marker about 1 mile east of Putnam on IH-20 about 8:00 p.m. Monday night.

Ward Williams, 33, of Florida and Brandon Wright, 24, of New Mexico were traveling west in Wright's 1986 F-150 Ford pickup when it left the road, entering the median, becoming airborne at the FM 880 overpass, and landing on the pavement below, striking a guard rail and cement embankment. Both men were out of the vehicle when emergency personnel arrived and were transported to Hendrick Medical Center by Citizens EMS ambulance. Baird Fire Department and Cisco EMS personnel assisted with patient care at the scene.

Williams told emergency personnel he was from Florida and mentioned making a trip to California to visit his young son. It was not clear why he was driving Wright's vehicle or where Wright was headed. Both men suffered possible broken bones and facial trauma.

Eastland County DPS Trooper Tim Falkner said an eye witness had observed the white Ford pickup driving erratically and then leave the roadway. Falkner said an alcohol blood test had been ordered for the driver and charges would be pending the results of that test. High speed was also listed as a contributing factor to the accident.

According to a Hendrick spokesperson, Williams was treated and released Monday night and Wright was admitted and remained in serious condition Tuesday morning.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

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UNEMPLOYMENT

	Nov.	Dec.
Callahan County Unemployment	4.0%	3.3%
Total Labor Force	6,172	6,104
Total Employed	5,923	5,903
Total Unemployed	249	201

County Jobless Rate Falls In December

The unemployment rate in Callahan County fell seven-tenths of one percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, February 3 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

The county's unemployment rate one year ago, in December 1995, was 5.0 percent.

Of the 6,104 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,903 were employed during December 1996, and 201 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.3 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in November 1996. Of the 6,172 civilian labor force in the county during November, 5,923 had jobs while 249 or 4.0 percent did not.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County include: 3.3 percent in October, 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, and 5.7 in January 1996 according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bor-

dering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for December 1996 include: Brown, 5.4 percent; Coleman, 5.2 percent; Eastland, 4.5 percent; Jones, 2.6 percent; Runnels, 2.6 percent; Shackelford, 3.9 percent; Stephens, 3.1 percent; and Taylor County, 3.7 percent.

The unemployment rate in Texas for December 1996 was 5.0 percent, down from the 5.4 percent jobless rate in November.

Of the 9,768,200 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,283,200 in December. Total unemployment in December 1996 was 485,000.

The state's unemployment rate one year ago in December 1995 was 5.7 percent.

The United States unemployment rate was 5.0 in December 1996. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of November was 5.0 percent. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in December 1995 was 5.2 percent.

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1ST RUNNER-UP — Krista Phillips (left)
2ND RUNNER-UP — Katrina Mirales (right)



MISS CHERUB — Lara Taylor Jacques (center)
1ST RUNNER-UP — Hailey Biggs (right)
2ND RUNNER-UP — Bryanna Santos (left)



MISS HEARTTHROB — Samatha Hutton (center)
1ST RUNNER-UP — Megan Thomas (left)
2ND RUNNER-UP — Liana Rickenbacker (front)
3RD RUNNER-UP — Laura Johnson (right)

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MISS SWEETHEART — Shanda McClure (center)
1ST RUNNER-UP — Emily Winfrey (left)
2ND RUNNER-UP — Cassie Gallaway (right)



MISS VALENTINE — Christy Raynell Jones (center)
1ST RUNNER-UP — Content Parker (right)
2ND RUNNER-UP — Toni Mae Wyatt (left)

Miss Valentine Parade Winners



BIRTH - 6 MONTHS — Alec Winfrey, son of Bob & Kim Winfrey



6 MONTHS - 12 MONTH — Jaden Kennedy, daughter of Todd & Teresa Kennedy



3-4 YEAR OLDS — Ryder Foster, son of Hoyt & Tonjia Foster



1-2 YEAR OLDS — Bryce Winfrey, son of Bob & Kim Winfrey



2-3 YEAR OLDS — Cheyenne Cowan, daughter of Michael & April Cowan



4-5 YEAR OLDS — Emily Foster, daughter of Hoyt & Tonjia Foster



5 YEAR - KINDERGARTEN — Tawni Nichols, daughter of Darby Nichols



1ST-2ND GRADE — Lara Taylor Jacques, daughter of Mike and Lisa Winfrey, and daughter of Danny and Linda Jacques



5TH GRADE — Hayli Foster, daughter of Hoyt & Tonjia Foster



6TH GRADE — Emily Winfrey, daughter of Tony & Paula Winfrey



7TH-8TH GRADE — Content Parker, daughter of Steve & Evelyn Parker



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Texas Businesses Have April 14 Deadline For Filing Property Tax Renditions

AUSTIN -- In accordance with state law, Texas businesses must render their property with county appraisal districts by April 14. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 1997.

"While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner -- including homeowners, farmers and ranchers -- may also list their property with county appraisal districts," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Sharp noted. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties, Sharp added.

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 to render with the local appraisal district. An exception is a business that receives the freepoint exemption for managing cotton stored in a warehouse.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Sharp said. "Appraisal districts use the report to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't ren-

der his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Sharp also announced that property owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners may file the decreased value report about their property's condition on January 1, 1997.

Property owners may ask the chief appraiser for additional time -- through April 30 -- if the owners can demonstrate good cause. The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Railroad Commission an extension to April 30 to file the reports and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the owners request it in writing and show good cause.

On the renditions, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By stating their opinion, property owners make sure that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the appraisal district's value is too high.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Taxpayers may contact the county appraisal district office for the rendition forms, or they may call the Comptroller's property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121.

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- Wanda Woody
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- Don Wayne Vaughn
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- Warren Dwane Cunningham
- Madeline Stone
- Linda Shults
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- Anna Bomar
- Scott Ricci

FEBRUARY 16

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- Grady Scott
- Mrs. C. C. Burns
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FEBRUARY 17

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- George Cowan
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- Don Needham
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FEBRUARY 18

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- Joe Anderson
- Donnel Lutgens
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- Vickie Goble Williams
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- Joe Simpson
- Mrs. Wayne Brown
- Edna Estell Wilson
- Margie Wright
- Larry Wright

FEBRUARY 19

- William S. Stroope
- Sidney Newton
- Polly Moon
- Earl Baker
- Grady Scott
- Mrs. Lloyd Boyle
- Mrs. Willie Henderson
- Mrs. George Chapman
- Steve Furry
- Denise Holmans

FEBRUARY 20

- Mrs. Charlie Sowell
- Patty Pennell Heffley
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- Randy Hartman
- Gene Rhodes
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- Lee E. Morris, Jr.
- Deborah (Allen) Thomas
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Yes, the brothers had found two sweeties, Myrtle and Mid, two women who would make each man feel forever like a kid.

Even though the wedding dates were set in the middle of a winter cold, the love that warmed their hearts would never, ever grow old. So for Leonard and Myrtle January 4th became the chosen date, while Benja and Mid chose February 8th, which didn't seem too long to wait.

After the wedding the couples remained close, just as close as they could be, living down the hall from each other in San Antonio, even after Mid and Benja decided to grow from "two" to "three". The years passed by quickly and were filled with changes from day to day, with moves

to Houston and Abilene, job changes, and baby daughters on the way.

The constant that always remained was the love between each husband and wife, and the love between the two couples as they shared each other's life. So we're asking you to join us in a celebration of the 50 happy years.

We'll all be gathering to reminisce, laugh, and smile—maybe even shed a few tears! The date for this celebration is going to be Saturday, February 15, come sleet, snow or rains, we'll join together in the Community Hall of the boys' hometown of dear old Cross Plains.

Come join the fun and be with us between the hours of 2-5, there will be young and old, friends and relatives—it will make you feel alive! There will be lots of reminiscing done with photographs, stories, and maybe even a song. You will please us all so much if you decide to come along!!!



SUSAN KRISTEN STROEBEL & WYATT ALLEN WATSON
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Strobel - Watson United In Marriage January 4

Susan Kristen Strobel of Cisco, Texas and Wyatt Allen Watson of Rowden, Texas were united in marriage at 6:30 p.m. on January 4, 1997 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cisco. Rev. Bill Lowrey officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Roland and Jean Stroebel of Cisco. She is the granddaughter of Bertha Stroebel and LeeRoy and Velda Witzsche all of Cisco. The groom is the son of Robert and Dorothy Watson of Rowden. He is the grandson of Gene Watson of Baird.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Kassi Schustereit of Cisco. Bridesmaids were Linda Witzsche of Corsicana, aunt of the bride; Amanda Saunders of Cisco; Michal Watson of Arlington, sister-in-law of the groom; Tammy Watson of San Antonio, sister-in-law of the groom; and Shawna Ingram of Cisco. The flower girl was Nellie Lyendekker of Stephenville.

Best man was Trey Fortune of Cross Plains. Groomsmen were Robby Watson of Cross Plains, Brock Watson of Longview, Brad Watson of Arlington, Kyle Watson of San Antonio, and Cody Watson of Lubbock, all brothers of the groom. Candlelighters were Brent and Dewain Stroebel, brothers of the bride.

Clara Glueck of Cisco was the organist and Susan Wester of Cisco was the pianist. Special songs were sung by Tavia Lee of Cisco and Wayne White.

The reception followed the ceremony in the church parish hall.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Jordon's Steakhouse in Eastland.

The couple visited the Austin area for their honeymoon and returned to Lubbock where they will make their home.

The bride is a freshman at Texas Tech University. The groom is a senior engineering major at Texas Tech and is employed by the engineering department.

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MR. AND MRS. BILL SMOOT
...65 Years Together

Mr. and Mrs. W.N. (Bill) Smoot to Celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

On February 18, 1997 Mr. and Mrs. W.N. (Bill) Smoot will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Their children and grandchildren would love to have all their friends come by the Cross Plains Community Center, February 16, and help them celebrate.

The couple had six children who grew up in the community, except for one daughter, Martha Mae, who passed away at the age of 14. They lost two grandsons, Jerry Lynn Meador in 1991 and Billy Buck Brown in 1993. Those living are Bill D. and Judy Smoot, Odean and

Shirley Smoot, Kay and Ott Thompson, Barbara and Arnold Henson, Catherine and T.O. Meador.

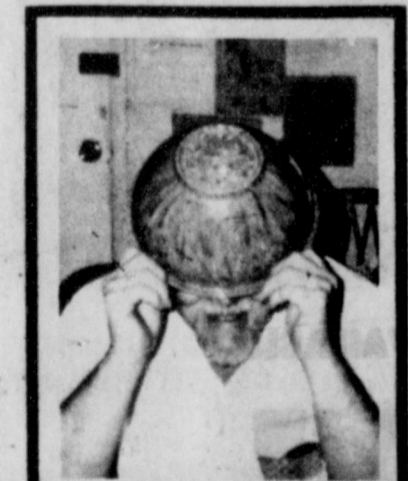
Bill worked in the oil fields for Otis Pressure Company and several drilling companies before retiring to the farm. At age 42 Mary attended nursing school becoming an L.V.N. She worked in the area for 20 years before retiring.

Bill and Mary have 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandsons, and 8 step-grandchildren.

Please come by and say "hello" and help make this a joyful time for all.



You can make dining at home seem like a night out with the addition of candlelight and flowers. Choose a new meal to prepare—maybe one a bit fancy with sauces, spices or a new marinade. It helps make an economy meal something special.



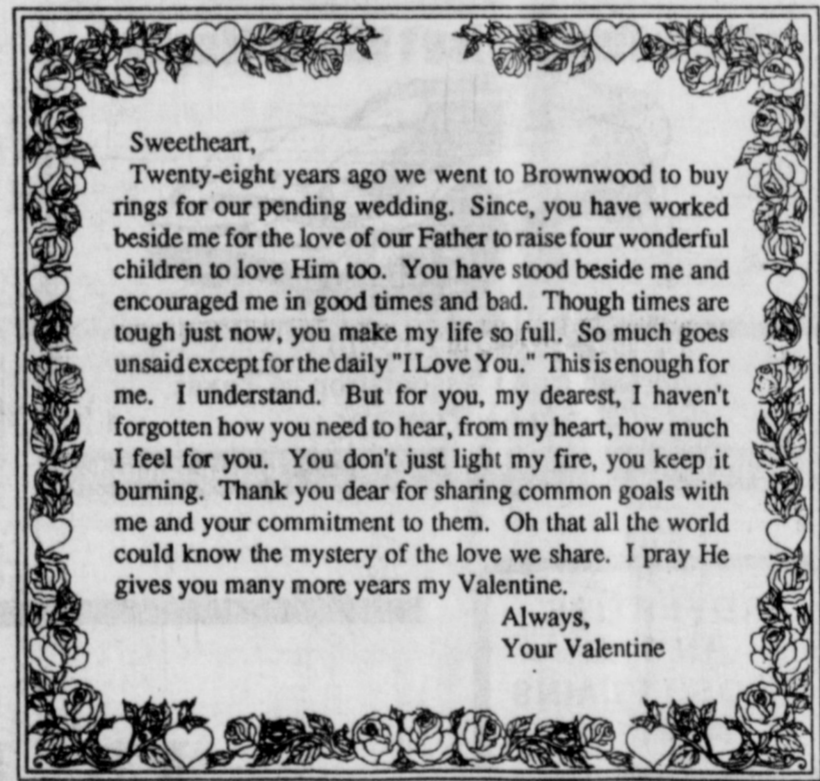
Happy Valentine's Day

From Mom & All the Kids

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To: The Man of My Dreams
I Love You The Most!
Happy Valentine's Day

To: Peggy With Love
Happy Valentine's Day
Ector, Sr. and Children



Sweetheart,

Twenty-eight years ago we went to Brownwood to buy rings for our pending wedding. Since, you have worked beside me for the love of our Father to raise four wonderful children to love Him too. You have stood beside me and encouraged me in good times and bad. Though times are tough just now, you make my life so full. So much goes unsaid except for the daily "I Love You." This is enough for me. I understand. But for you, my dearest, I haven't forgotten how you need to hear, from my heart, how much I feel for you. You don't just light my fire, you keep it burning. Thank you dear for sharing common goals with me and your commitment to them. Oh that all the world could know the mystery of the love we share. I pray He gives you many more years my Valentine.

Always,
Your Valentine

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A sincere thank you to Cross Plains Grain and Peanut for supporting the Callahan County Stock Show by purchasing my American Cross Steer.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Young