

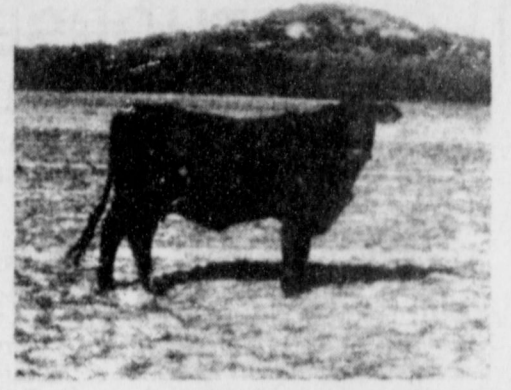
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RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS PRESENTATION—Steve Mack, president of Citizens State Bank, Mary Graves, retired Rural Development employee, and Max Verzele, USDA Community development manager were active in the public meeting.

Rural Housing Program Presented Locally

A public meeting on Rural Housing Programs was presented by Max Verzele, a community development manager with the United States Department of Agriculture on Tuesday, March 25, at the Senior Citizens Center. Citizens State Bank sponsored the meeting.

Steve Mack introduced Mr. Verzele and Mary Graves, a retired employee of Rural Development, to the group. Verzele briefly explained that home loans are available for new construction, existing home purchase, and repairs for home owners.

New construction or existing home purchase has up to 100 percent financing, no down payment, no mortgage insurance, low to no closing costs, up to 38 year repayment term, and non-cash subsidy to reduce mortgage payments.

Home repair and improvement loans are available with low interest rates, up to 33 year repayment term, signature loans of up to \$2,500.

The programs are designed for qualified very low to moderate income applicants in designated rural areas. This includes homes in and outside the city limits in Callahan County. The programs are available for home repair loans for very low income applicants; home repair/improvement loans; direct rural housing loans; and guaranteed rural housing loans.

The loans are subject to individual eligibility, needs, circumstances, etc. For further information and details you may contact Rural Development, 3400-B South 14th Street, Abilene, Texas 79605, (915) 690-6162 or locally call Mary Graves (817) 725-6563.

New TxDOT Registration Renewal Forms Begin

Texas motorists whose vehicle registrations expire in May will be among the first to see the state's new and improved registration renewal notice. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has dramatically changed the form to make it more customer-friendly and will begin distribution during the first week in April.

Gone is the multi-part card Texans have been getting since 1970. The new notice is a standardized 8-1/2" x 11" document, similar to a tax, utility, or credit card statement.

"The state has developed a renewal notice that's convenient to use," said Bun Barry, Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector. "The form has many features that weren't available before."

The new renewal notice simplifies registration. Key pieces of information are highlighted in red, including special instructions, fees, and proof of insurance requirements. The name, address, and phone number of the recipient's tax assessor-collector is printed on the form, providing a local contact for registration questions. Each mailing address on the renewal notice is printed with barcode technology to assure accuracy and to speed delivery through the postal system. And, for the first time, a return envelope is enclosed for customers who wish to renew by mail.

"We believe the public will appreciate the new form" Barry said. "There are many features on the new form that make it more customer-friendly."

Some Texans have already seen a prototype of the new renewal notice. TxDOT showed the form to several focus groups last summer in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The state also invited all county tax assessor-collectors to give their input.

An insert with a graphical explanation of the new form will be included with each renewal notice. Anyone with questions about the new renewal notice should contact the Callahan County tax office at 915-854-1020.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 6, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN CROSS PLAINS

Project Graduation Meeting Tonight

There will be a Project Graduation meeting tonight (April 3), at 5:15 p.m. at the high school library.

All junior parents are expressly urged to attend this meeting as well as other interested people.

Project Graduation is a drug free/alcohol free all night party for

graduating seniors and their guests.

Graduation will be May 23. If you have any questions please contact Connie Kirkham at (817) 725-6500 or 725-6318. You may also contact Jean McWilliams or Lurene McNutt at 725-6121.

CP Roping Club Work Day Saturday

The Cross Plains Roping Club will have a work day Saturday, April 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the local

arena. All members are urged to attend.

AARP Meeting Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be held on Monday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the

Multi-Purpose Center. Please make plans to attend this meeting to discuss plans for a spring trip.

Project Pride Meeting Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April

8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. The public is invited.

Art Club To Meet April 8

The Paint and Palette Club will meet Tuesday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Marlene Sanders.

Ginger Test of Novice will present a demonstration on fabric painting. she is a well known artist in this area.

For directions please call (817)

725-7421 or 725-7235. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Two members participated in the Baird Art Exhibit - Lois Vaughn and Betty Beggs, two awards were brought home.

CP Roping Club To Meet Monday

The Cross Plains Roping Club will hold a business meeting Monday, April 7, at the Dairy Queen begin-

ning at 7:00 p.m. Club members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

CP Ex-students To Meet April 10

Cross Plains High School ex-students will meet Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

Invitations will be mailed by May 15, so former students may make

plans to attend the event. Classes celebrating 40, 50 and 60 years since graduation will be recognized at the business meeting. More details will be released at a later date.

April 29 Deadline For Bidding On Forfeited State Land

AUSTIN -- A catalogue listing 109 tracts of forfeited state land reserved exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB). Bids will be opened on April 29, 1997 at 1 p.m.

The catalogue, which contains bidding instructions and a detailed description of each tract, can be ordered by calling 1-800-252-VETS.

Located in more than 65 counties, the tracts range in size from five to 80 acres. The tracts, known as Type 1 tracts, can be purchased with no down payment. Bids are restricted to eligible Texas veterans.

The VLB will finance the entire loan amount of all winning bids. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on. However, eligible Texas veterans are limited to one purchase in the sale.

"Since these tracts have never been offered for sale by the board, this sale gives Texas veterans an excellent opportunity to buy good land with

100 percent financing," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro who is VLB chairman.

Mauro noted that setting aside new forfeitures exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is a long-time VLB policy.

"The Veterans Land Program is a part of a Texas tradition that goes back to the days of the Republic of Texas," Mauro said. "It's my belief that Texas veterans should get first shot at any forfeited tracts."

Tracts not sold in the April sale will be offered to both veterans and non-veterans through local real estate agents.

Texas veterans will receive a 7.64 percent interest rate with a 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan. A \$25 non-refundable fee for each bid is required.

The sale will be by sealed bid only, with a minimum bid set by the board. All bids must be received by April 29 at 1 p.m. Details of the sale can be obtained by calling 1-800-252-VETS.



CAST MEMBERS OF "EDEN"—Scott Brame (back, from left), Kami Lewis, Stephanie Childress, Mark Goldsmith, Laura Ricci, Jessica Childers, and Nate Swift; Jodi Payne (middle, from left), Brittany Bennett, LeaJean Wyatt, Melinda Richardson, and Carol Atchley; Candace Francy (front, from left), Malysa Sowell, Dusty Anderson, Elisha Hubbard, and Matt McGowen.

One Act Play Advances To Area Competition

By CAROL ATCHLEY

On Tuesday, March 25, District One Act Play competition was held in Eastland at the Majestic Theater. Four schools from the 10-school district advanced from zone competition the week before. The two plays advancing from district are Cross Plains (performing "Eden") and Lometa ("Dearly Departed"). Also competing at Eastland were Brock ("Ladies of the Tower") and Baird ("Twelve Angry Jurors").

Cross Plains students received several awards at district as they did at zone including:

Brittany Bennett - Honorable Mention
Kami Lewis - All Star Cast
Malysa Sowell - All Star Cast
Matt McGowen - All Star Cast
Laura Ricci - All Star Cast
Candace Francy - All Star Crew (Lighting).

Rounding out the cast are Dusty Anderson, Scott Brame, Stephanie Childress, Jessica Childers, Elisha Hubbard, Nate Swift, Melinda Richardson, LeaJean Wyatt and Jodi

Payne (sound).

The cast and crew will be performing "Eden" for Area Competition on Saturday, April 5. Performance time will be approximately 3:55 p.m. There will be six schools at area, with two advancing to Regional Competition.

The order of performances is as follows:

3:00 p.m. - Highland
3:55 p.m. - Cross Plains
4:50 p.m. - Menard
5:50 p.m. - Eden
6:45 p.m. - Ira
7:35 p.m. - Lometa.

There is a \$3.00 admission charge for both adults and students. According to U.I.L. One Act Play rules, no pre-school age children are allowed into the performance. Neither are cameras or video cameras allowed, and once a play starts, no one will be allowed in the auditorium.

Cross Plains will be making two changes in the cast and crew for the Area Competition. Candace Francy will be changing from lights to a role in the cast. Taking over lighting responsibilities will be Scott Ricci.

Judge Johnson Proclaims April As Child Abuse Prevention Month In Callahan County

Judge Bill Johnson and the Commissioners' Court have proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Board planned several activities to help make our communities aware that some children are hurting and in need of our care and concern.

Perhaps you will be one of the fortunate people to get a grocery sack artistically enhanced by one of our elementary students. These sacks will be distributed to stores throughout the county and used randomly for sacking groceries.

The Board also prepared packets to be taken home by each child - K-6th - in the county. These include a pencil or bookmark, information for parents, and a printed blue ribbon for parents and school personnel to wear during the month. When your child brings home this ribbon, please do wear it!

You are obligated by law to report cases of suspected child abuse and/or neglect. The hotline number is 1-800-252-5400.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 6

SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING SATURDAY NIGHT.

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
William Paul Ganzer, DWI
Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Lisa Chittum, J.W. Miller, Lisa V. Mendez.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Everett L. Riddell, Jr., probation revoked; sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Sandra K. Kaler, TPC charge dismissed due to restitution having been made.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings
Bobby Lynn Austin vs Tracy Lee and Connie Guthrie Pulschel, motor vehicle damages.

Divorces filed:
Winfrey, Mike Lynn & Lisa Dawn Gilbreth, Floyd D. & Ruth L. Neal, Darla Marie & Donnie Wayne.

Civil Minutes
David E. Whitt, found to be \$8043 in arrears on child support; next schedule of payments began 3-1-97.

Kathy Saunders, individually & as next friend for her minor son, Pete Saunders, vs Jerome Reuben Branch, court awards \$15,000 to Kathy Saunders and \$5000 to Pete Saunders.

Jimmy Don Minear, individually & as next friend for his minor daughter, Jessica Minear, court awards \$8821.24 to Jimmy Minear and \$9178.76 to Jessica Minear.

Bank One Texas vs Michael W. Rudock & Patricia A. Rudock, dismissed without prejudice.

Divorces granted:
Waggoner, Robert Folliard & Amanda Sue.

Bradshaw, Mattha Fay & Jerry Dwayne.

Felony Minutes
Jimmy Roger Wilson, DWI, \$1000 fine \$199.50 court costs, 5 years at TDC probated for 5 years.
Tye V. Howard, aggravated assault charge dismissed at request of complaining witness.

In the matter of Rodney Free, Court of Appeals for 11th District of Texas found no error in 42nd District Court judgment.

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And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw him go into heaven.'
Acts 1:10, 11

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Fay Chambers

Fay Chambers, 78, passed away Tuesday, April 1, 1997, in an Abilene hospital.

Services will be held Thursday, April 3, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains with Phillip Schaefer officiating. Burial will be in the Cross Plains Cemetery. She was the widow of Van Everett Chambers who passed away in 1964. Mrs. Chambers was a housewife and a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Van E. Chambers, Jr. of Scranton and Jerry D. Chambers of Gillis, Louisiana; four daughters, Marlene Sanders of Cross Plains, DeeAnna Peacock of Texarkana, Develle Blackwell of Pflugerville and Angela Whittington of Novice; three brothers, Billy Sneed of Midwest City, Oklahoma, J.C. Sneed of Wewoka, Oklahoma, and Donald Sneed of Holdenville, Oklahoma; one sister, Rita Campbell of Phoenix, Arizona; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Wylie Johnson

Wylie Bruce Johnson, 63, of Point Blank, passed away Saturday, March 22, 1997 in San Jacinto County. Mr. Johnson was born August 18, 1933, in Callahan County. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 1997, at Center Hill Cemetery with Pastor Robert Caves officiating.

Mr. Johnson was a Baptist. He worked as an oilfield driller. He is survived by one son, Shane Johnson of Hobbs, New Mexico; one daughter Regina Johnson of North Carolina; one granddaughter, Allison Johnson of Hobbs, New Mexico; 3 sisters, Bonnie Mulherin and Mary Murray both of Harold, California and Rozell Gary of Cross Plains; one brother, Russell Johnson of Port Arthur; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Ruby Allen

RISING STAR—Ruby I. Allen, 77, passed away Thursday, March 27, 1997, in a local nursing home. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Rising Star Cemetery with Bill Dodds officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen was born in Palestine and married Ethan Allen in 1964 in Brownwood. She worked as a sales clerk for Thompson Surplus in Brownwood for 20 years before retiring. She moved to Rising Star in 1983 from Bangs and was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, of Rising Star; two daughters, Sandra Leonard and Connie Adams, both of Rising Star; one sister, Alene Frost of Rising Star; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Amos Johnson

EASTLAND—Amos L. Johnson, 89, formerly of Coleman, passed away Friday, March 28, 1997, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman with the Rev. Ken Treadwell officiating. Burial was in Coleman Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born in Mills County and attended school in Coleman County. He farmed for several years and moved to Odessa in 1952. He worked for the City of Odessa before retiring in 1974 and returned to Coleman in 1975. He moved to Eastland in 1990. He was a Baptist and was the widower of Rosa Bell Frances Johnson, whom he married in 1928.

Survivors include three daughters, Rosa Lee Deason of Cross Plains, Dee Jarvis of Eastland and Virginia Dee Gookins of Tulsa, Oklahoma; three sons, Hubert Johnson of Conroe, and Roy Johnson and Claud Johnson, both of Eastland; one brother, Bedford Johnson of Haltom City; 29 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

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42 Mile Car Chase Ends In Jones Co.

BAIRD-A Burkett, Texas, man led Baird's City Marshal and many other area law enforcement officers on a 42 mile chase that ended with the suspect wrecking his car in Jones County on Wednesday, March 19th.

Daniel R. Podlevski, 22, was transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, where he was treated and released, by a Stamford EMS ambulance following his wreck and arrest for numerous charges stemming from a gas drive-off in Baird about 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. The suspect failed to pay \$14.59 for gasoline at the Baird Allsup's store.

Baird City Marshal Dale Coley and Callahan County Deputy Buddy Croft attempted to stop the 1996 white Ford Escort near Clyde and the vehicle would not pull over and tried to hit Coley's car when he attempted to pull up beside him.

Taylor County Sheriffs Department joined the chase near

Abilene, that at top speed, Coley said, was about 100 mph but most of the time was near 80 mph. The suspect ran through the intersection at IH-20 and Highway 351, narrowly missing many vehicles, said Coley, and then traveled to Judge Ely turning again toward the interstate and then turned north on FM 600.

A road block near the Jones County line failed to stop the vehicle and it continued north almost 25 miles before running off into a wheat field at another road block and then striking a telephone pole when trying to re-enter the roadway. The car was said to be totaled when it hit the pole, snapping it off level with the ground, and the car rolled onto its side. The chase lasted about an hour.

The suspect ran 3 red lights, 5 stop signs, along with the other traffic violations according to the arrest report. Coley said he was

very glad no school children were injured as the suspect passed some school busses that were loading for school on FM 600. We still don't have a reason for him to run like he did, said Coley, but the investigation will continue.

Podlevski is now in Callahan County Jail with a \$50,000 bond on charges of aggravated assault on a Peace Officer and theft in Callahan County and Jones County filed assault on a Peace Officer charges. Many other charges are pending including deadly conduct, resisting arrest, evading arrest, passing a loading school bus and many other traffic violations.

Also assisting with the capture of Podlevski was the Jones County Sheriffs Department, Stamford Police Department, Taylor and Jones County DPS, and Border Patrol Agent Art Torres.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

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Four Cows Gunned Down Near Highway

By J.T. SMITH
Abilene Reporter-News

It has been an eerie sight to all motorists traveling State Highway 36 this week -- three large dead cows just barely inside the fence only a few feet off the south edge of the road.

Four cattle were shot some time Tuesday (March 25), said Callahan County Deputy Sheriff John Windham, who is investigating the case.

The cattle were on the Twin Mountain Ranch. Three of the four died where they fell, about midway between Abilene and Cross Plains.

"They all had bullet wounds" Windham said.

The fourth animal was taken to a veterinarian and -- as of Friday -- appeared to stand a good chance of recovery. That animal was just lucky, Windham said, noting that the bullet entered behind the ear and exited above the eye.

All four animals were pregnant females. The three dead cows had been expected to calve any day, at the time they were shot.

As far as leads, investigators knew little by Friday -- other than that the animals had been shot.

It remains to be determined whether this was a random, drive-by shooting by an individual or individuals no longer in the area, or if there is some other reason that the cattle were gunned down.

"We really have nothing yet," Windham said.

The cattle belonged to Kelly McLaughlin, a Callahan County rancher.

Randy Carson, president of Abilene Livestock Auction, said that since all

three big heifers were pregnant, their value likely would be in a range of \$600 to \$700 each with the current strong cattle market -- even a bit more if they were fancy females.

Carson said that would give the bred heifers a value of \$2,000 or more as commercial females.

With the additional injury and vet-

erinary expense with the fourth animal, it certainly was an expensive shooting.

Windham urges cattlemen to be on high alert to any strange vehicles or suspicious individuals on or near their property -- especially carrying any firearms.

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NEWS

By
LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

The residents are still enjoying the beautiful Easter Lilies that our special friend donated to our residents. We do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our thoughts and prayers for Nora Golson who is in the hospital.

A warm welcome to our new resident Bud Ingram.

Appreciation to Joyce Cottrell for the cute Easter baskets, to First Baptist church for the beautiful basket bouquet of flowers.

The employee who has been recognized for this week is Betty Baxter. Congratulations Betty.

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

Kenneth Brooks from Arlington visited with Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks.

Paul and family, Billy Wright from Clyde, John Howard and Vida Balkum visited with Lorena Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black and Emma Lee from Fort Worth visited Buster Black.

Jo Ann Elston, Tyler, Tuggle and Tanner Sparkman from Lingleville and Sally Davis visited Dixie and

Bud Ingram.

Marbra Thompson from Azle visited Callie Meador, Inez Ingram, Dixie and Bud Ingram.

Dwaine Clower was here visiting Jo Boatright, Vera Belyeu, and Jake Green.

Activities during the week were:

Monday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (3), Dorothy Thomas (2), Midge McCall (3), and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

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

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

Thursday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell (3), Minnie Swann (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Allie Dickson (2), Midge McCall and Dorothy Thomas. Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Remember Day Light Savings Time
Spring Forward
an hour Saturday night

Senior Traditions

By VICKY WORLEY

Since the opening of the Senior Citizens Center, we have had many yearly traditions that we began to keep.

Special occasions, holiday events, birthdays. But one tradition has become especially dear to us, that is the Easter Pageant put on by Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene every year. This is the fourteenth year for the play and the third year for a group from the center to attend.

For those of you who have never been, you truly don't know what you're missing. The costumes, music, and talent are outstanding. The age-old story of the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ is never old in the telling. You leave refreshed, revived and renewed. Our applause to this dedicated group and their continuing ministry. Special thanks to our friend, Joe Houser, for introducing us to this wonderful and memorable tradition.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

From where I'm sitting I have a clear view. I can see lions, a giraffe, tigers, zebras, bears and two large toucans to name just a few.

In the distance I hear the thrum, thrum, thrum of the jungle drums, beating out a wild bloodcurdling cadence. Sending out a message of I know not what. Farther back I hear what sounds to me like the rushing swish, swash, swoosh of a primitive waterfall.

The sky is so blue it just sets off all the jungle foliage. Two very large elephants just came into view.

Hear that wild, strange cry, what kind of unusual creature is that---? Listen....sounds like an animal with a voracious hunger.

Maybe I should drink a little of this ice water so I can see things a trifle clearer.

.....Oh my I guess this must be old age, would you believe those lions, tigers, zebras etc. are in that playpen and the green jungle foliage too. The

pounding drums were the men over at the peanut mill working on something. And guess what that rushing, swooshing sound wasn't a waterfall after all. It was the sound of the washer and dryer swooshing out all those baby clothes.

...And would you believe this, that wild hungry cry was from my new granddaughter, Paige, just over one-month-old.

Next month I'm going on a journey, NOT from my easy chair like this safari, from which I've just returned. This time I'm actually leaving town. Who knows, instead of a safari, this journey might turn out to be white water rafting, bungi jumping, or even a wild horse roundup.

But get this! I'll be seeing my other new granddaughter, Summer Nicole, who will be just about a month old by then!

Whatever type trip this one turns out to be, I will plan to see you when I return. "C" "U" then!!

LAKESWOOD NEWS

All "Systems Are Go" in Lakewood's plans for another banner season this year. The March 15th work day for trimming trees on the course resulted in loads and loads of limbs, making the fairways more clearly visible and beautiful.

Bruce had aerated the fairways before the recent rains and they are greening up fantastic. He has also fertilized the greens, kept them neatly mowed and in good shape.

All in all, Lakewood is ready for

"YOU." Call the club office at 643-7792 and get all the information you might want about all the available facilities and rates, dues, etc. for the 1997 season. Hetie or Donald will be glad to give you the 1997 membership dues, green fees for both week days and weekends, cart rentals, fishing fees, swimming fees, reunion facilities (inside and out), etc. Your call, or better yet, your visit, is most cordially welcomed.

PERSONALS

Buford and Velma Carr's visitors during the Easter holiday were Max and Cludy Thompson and their

grandchildren, Kaley, Alyssa, Dennise, Joel, Phillip, Theresa, and Joe.

Donations Being Sought For Help In CPS Fund

Child Protect Services is seeking donations to help fund the expense of caring for Callahan County children who need the services' help. The Cross Plains Quilting Club has donated a quilt for the purpose of helping raise these funds.

The beautiful quilt will be on display in the Cross Plains Dairy Queen April 4 - April 24. Donations are one dollar for one ticket and five dollars

for six tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the Dairy Queen or from CPS board members Sandra Crockett or Azalee Womack. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held at a CPS board meeting on April 24. Please show your awareness of the precious value of each child and purchase a ticket.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

We finished quilting two quilts this week; Laverne Hutton's Nine Patch and Earlene Burge's string quilt. Quilting was done on the Log Cabin. There will be two more quilts put in the frames next week. We keep three quilts in frames most of the time.

Cindy Ochoa, of Brownwood, visited her grandmother, Earlene Burge, last Saturday. They had a nice enjoyable visit.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean had a good time at the Cottonwood Musical last Friday night. When they returned home their daughter Roxie and husband Robert were there.

On Saturday the 22nd Oliver and Frankie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were honored with a dinner at Underwoods by their two daughters and their families. They received a priceless gift from their children and grandchild-

ren; a beautiful wall hanging! Their grandson's, Scott and Joey, granddaughter, Laura Ann, and their two daughters, Roxie and Shirley, did a block on it. It was such a blessing. What a wonderful weekend! Jean Alexander and May Jones met Jean's daughter Starr Appleton and granddaughters, Heather and Andrea, in San Marcus. Heather attends SWT and Andrea was attending "Senior Day" at SWT. She is planning to attend SWT in the fall. They all really enjoyed being together.

Sandy Hutton has been attending the tennis tournaments and watching her daughter, Shanna, play. Congratulations Shanna on taking 1st place! Jamie and Mary Hutton and two children visited here over the weekend.

"Never confuse the will of the majority with the will of God."

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, April 16. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour or you may miss Sunday school or church.

The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service is still in need of donations for the new ambulance. We are very fortunate to have this dedicated service in our area, as many rural communities have to rely on larger towns for assistance. Cottonwood has two first responders, intermediate, state certified (EMT-I) who are affiliated with the Cross Plains E.M.S. -- Barbara and Donny Worley. Donations may be mailed to the Cross Plains E.M.S., P.O. Box 597, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443, deposited to their account at Citizens State Bank or any E.M.S. volunteer. Your support will be appreciated.

We all voiced opinions of the readiness of the new doppler system that replaced and phased out the National Weather Service Center in Abilene last year; as to how efficient and speedy the warnings and watches would be relayed to this part of southern Callahan County? We had dark threatening clouds to the south

and southwest Saturday evening -- no weather alerts for our area. The storm hit this area around 5:20 to 5:30 p.m. with heavy rainfall. The weather emergency alert arrived 15 minutes after the storm hit. Heavy rain, strong winds, pea to marble size hail accompanied the thunderstorm. Some area of the community received a yard blanketed with hail and totals of 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches of rain were reported.

Family members at the home of Bill and Dena Nickerson over the weekend and on Easter Sunday were: Glynn Nickerson and boys of San Antonio; Connie Potter and family of Cross Plains; Randall and Kathy Franke and family and Curtis and Dena Jo Hines and family of Clyde; and Bill, Jr. and Annette Nickerson and family of Cross Plains.

Butch and Sharon Waggoner and family of China Springs visited his parents, Knox and Wynona Waggoner, over the Easter weekend.

Walter and Debbie Stewart, Maagan and Christa of Garland visited here parents, Don and Faye Gilliam during the holiday weekend.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Spring convention of District VIII, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. was held on Saturday, March 22, in Coleman, beginning at 8:30 a.m., with the Cross Plains Garden Club hosting a continental coffee, continuing with registration of the visiting area garden clubs.

The general assembly meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. Joe Hemphill of Coleman presiding. Old and New business along with awards and life memberships were the topics of the meeting.

Luncheon was served at 12:00 p.m. and the business meeting continued at 1:00 p.m. The 1997-99 District VIII Officers were installed and a program conducted by Hazel McCoy, Goldthwaite Horticulturist followed. Mrs. McCoy described all the various perennials of Central Texas.

Attending from Cross Plains were Paunice Oglesby, Barbara Powell, Esther Kerr, Lucille Payne, Marvin and Kay Mosley.

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Easter weekend at Low and Liz Golson's home was loud and lots of fun. All the old stories were related for new ears and games were played - some real games and some impromptu. Nineteen of the family made it to the Burkett Methodist Church for the Sunday morning service and more attended their individual church then met at Low's for dinner. Locals involved were the hosts, Beth Kleiber, Steven and Amber Kleiber and Brenna. Those from Coleman were Michelle Wilkovich and Kelsey and Logan, Tim and Suzanne Golson with Tyler and Lauren, and Joe Golson, Matt and Emma McKinney and their children, Alice and Kevin, of Goldsboro, Jake and Mary Beth Golson and Wade of Midland, Pete Golson, Murray and Angie Golson and Ronnie and Julie of Rankin, Misty Golson and Michel of San Angelo rounded out the group. Ross Brown is visiting his mother,

Grace Green. Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma spent last week visiting Jack and Lovera Strickland.

Visiting with Melba Walker over the Easter weekend were her daughter and family, Ned, Charlotte and granddaughters, Hannah and Hillary. Also two sisters-in-law, Annie Merle Trent of Coleman and Barbara Condra of San Angelo. These were present for lunch Sunday plus Andrew Walker and Bill and Addie's granddaughter. Addie visited for a little while to show us one of her new granddaughters, whom she is very proud of. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after their Sunday school lesson at the Baptist Church. The Baptist Church worship service was especially good with 52 people present.

Tommy Burns of Breckenridge visited his sister, Lanette Burns, Sunday afternoon.

Helping Health Information

We want to thank you for your regular readership. Each week, we provide interesting health information in this column. It is written to let you know about current medical news and give you general tips for better health. Some people clip them out for reference and even send them to friends. This column is not intended as a substitute for regular visits to your doctor or professional diagnosis.

Your better health is our concern.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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Ron Rose, director of a Families Ministry in Dallas/Fort Worth, shared "Three Unforgettable Principles of Parenting." Although he made special application of these principles to parent and child relationships, they are applicable to others also.

The first principle is: "Nobody is perfect." For some of us perfectionists (who are far from perfect also), that's hard to accept. Even though we realize that we're not perfect (?), we feel everyone else should be -- and when they're not, we're liable to "write them off."

The second principle is: "Don't label people." Many are not only guilty of labeling others, but also of leaving them there. It goes like this: "You're no good and you'll never amount to anything!" Ron used this illustration: Someone said they liked for people to treat them like his tailor, measuring him anew each time he came to be fitted.

The third principle is: "Always look for options -- ways out of a bad situation or trait." One doesn't have to stay in a rut. (A rut, unlike a grave, is open on both ends and the top!) One can seek help and look for outs.

All of this is Christian in principle -- and so applicable to Christianity itself. Concerning perfection, while God always demands perfection (passages too numerous to list!), He always accepts less than perfection (He has to!). And even though Jesus may have labeled some -- like calling some of the Pharisees "hypocrites" -- He thoroughly knew what He was talking about, and even then didn't add, "And you'll always be!"

Regarding the third principle, Christianity is a freedom religion. It doesn't lock someone in, it frees people -- especially from sin, but also from past bad traits. We will "never get out of this world alive" -- but Christ is the way out! Come share in the "freedom religion" with us...

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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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Lady Buffs Make It 4 out of 4

By COACH BILL BOYD
The first annual Buffalo Relays were held last Thursday, March 27, at Buffalo Stadium. The Cross Plains Lady Buffs continued their winning ways by winning their fourth consecutive meet! The Cross plains Buffalos finished fourth in their division and turned in some impressive performances. This meet was initially designed to be a small rather informal meet but, grew as the weeks went along. Our kids will be limited this week at Bangs but come out Friday, April 11 and support both teams at the district meet at Santo.

Buffalo Relays results are as follows:

Girls Results
3200 - Wyatt - 15:35.34 - 5th
400 Relay - Beggs, Payne, Butler, Ricci, 54.78 - 2nd
800 - Besselaar - 2:43.91 - 1st; Bennett - 2:50.73 - 3rd
100 hurdles - Richey - 16.80 - 2nd; Beggs - 18.24 - 3rd
100 - McCarty - hurt
800 Relay - Beggs, Giles, Butler, Ricci - 1:56.38 - 2nd
400 - Beaty - 73.98 - 4th; Webb - 74.87 - 6th; McCarty - hurt

300 hurdles - Richey - 48.98 - 1st
200 - Payne - 28.86 - 3rd; Beaty - 32.13; Giles - 29.88
1600 - Bennett - 6:7.83 - 5th; Besselaar - 6:41.56 - 6th; Wyatt - 6:45.92
1600 Relay - Richey - 66.04, Butler - 66.47, Payne - 67.99, Ricci - 66.19 + 4:26.59 - 1st
Shot Put - Sowell - 34' 4" - 1st; Francy - 27' 7 1/4" - 4th
Discus - Sowell - 101' 11" - 2nd; Francy - 92' 2" - 3rd
High Jump - Ricci - 5' 2" - tie 1st; Giles - 4' 10" - 3rd; Beaty - 4' 4" - 5th
Long Jump - Richey - 14' 4" - 2nd; McCarty - 13' 9" - 3rd; Payne - 13' 2 1/4" - 6th
Triple Jump - Richey - 32' 4" - 1st; Ricci - 31' 4" - 3rd; McCarty - 28' 7 1/2" - 5th; Webb - 26' 5" - 6th

TEAM TOTALS
Cross Plains - 188
Eula - 127
Baird - 89
DeLeon - 48
Priddy - 35
Santa Anna - 33
Rising Star - 22

Boys Results
3200 - Chesshir - 11:37.92 - 4th; Ely - 11:39.85 - 5th

800 - Richey - 2:08.80 - 2nd; Walters - 2:53.08
110 hurdles - Ricci - 15.28 - 1st; Swift - 17.00 - 3rd; Bailey - 20.31
100 - Nixon - 12.16 - 7th; Bailey - 12.90
300 hurdles - Ricci - 41.12 - 1st; Swift - 53.64 - 3rd; Bailey - 48.45 - 8th
200 - Richey - 23.36 - 1st; Nixon - 25.39
1600 - Chesshir - 5:20.46 - 5th; Walters - 7:38.95
1600 Relay - Swift - 54.74, Ricci - 51.98, Ely - 60.17, Richey - 52.39 = 3:39.28 - 1st
High Jump - Ely - N.H.
Pole Vault - Ely - N.H.
Shot - C. Switzer - 41' 3" - 4th; B. Switzer - 34' 10 3/4"
Long Jump - Swift - 16' 3"; Nixon - N.M.

TEAM TOTALS
Baird - 134
Bangs - 130
Rising Star - 84 1/2
Cross Plains - 82
DeLeon - 61
Priddy - 40
Eula - 15
Baird JV - 5 1/2
Santa Anna - 1

Junior High Boys Capture 2nd In Buffalo Relays

By DANA DIMITRI

The Cross Plains junior high boys did an outstanding job at the Buffalo Relays held on Thursday, March 27. The boys worked hard to earn a total of 195 team points, coming in just behind the Baird Cubs, to earn 2nd place. The results are as follows: Discus - R. Carey - 3rd - 99' 4"; C. Reed - 4th - 92' 10"; K. McClure - 5th - 92' 2"
Shot Put - R. Aitchison - 1st 42' 0"; K. McClure - 4th - 33' 7"
High Jump - S. Mackey - 2nd - 5' 4"; K. Kitchens - 6th - 4' 10"
Long Jump - R. Aitchison - 1st - 17' 6 3/4"; S. Mackey - 3rd - 15' 5 1/4"
Triple Jump - K. Kitchens - 1st - 33' 4 1/4"; C. Phillips - 4th - 31' 3 3/4"; T. Beggs - 5th - 30' 8 3/4"
Pole Vault - C. Phillips - 1st 9' 6"; J. Hopkins - 4th - 8' 0"; T. Beggs - 6th - 7' 6"

2400 Run - N. Dimitri - 2nd - 8:50.79; J. Hopkins - 3rd - 9:23.72
400 Relay - K. Kitchens, T. Beggs, S. Mackey, R. Aitchison - 1st - 49:62
110 Hurdles - K. Kitchens - 1st - 18:86; T. Beggs - 3rd - 20:11; T. Harris - 5th - 21:13
100 Dash - C. Phillips - 4th - 13:07
400 Dash - S. Mackey - 3rd - 59:87; S. Fortune - 5th - 1:08.70
300 Hurdles - C. Phillips - 2nd - 49:00; J. Dillard - 3rd - 51:42; T. Harris - 4th - 51:42
200 Dash - T. Beggs - 4th - 28:09; R. Meroney - 5th - 29:40
1600 Run - N. Dimitri - 3rd - 5:43.94; J. Hopkins - 4th - 6:01.72
1600 Relay - K. Kitchens, S. Fortune, S. Mackey, R. Aitchison - 1st 4:04.63

Also participating for the junior high boys were Kyle Wilson, James Ross, Jonathan Chastain, Aaron Norris, and Tim Butler.

Cross Plains Tennis Team Results From Brownwood Tourney

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

The Cross Plains Tennis Team was in Brownwood Friday, March 28, for a very large tournament. This was our last tournament before district on April 8 and 9 in Santa Anna. Some members were still winning but had to leave to attend the Junior/Senior Prom.

Results are as follows:
A Girls Singles
M. Mitchell beat Sidney (8-0); beat Brooksmith (8-1); lost to DeLeon (1-8)
Hutton lost to Early (6-8); beat Ballinger (8-2); retired
B Girls Doubles
Fleming/Dillard beat Sidney (8-0); beat Hamilton (9-8); beat Cross Plains (6-2) (6-0); retired
Bushnell/Taff beat Paint Rock (9-8); beat Early (9-8); lost to Cross Plains (2-6) (0-6); advanced to finals due to other Cross Plains team retiring; Finals lost to Rochell (2-6) (0-6) won 2nd place
Beggs/Davis beat Brownwood (8-4); lost to Rochell (0-8)
Hutton/Stephenson beat Priddy (8-1); beat Lohn (8-6); lost to Rochell (4-6) (1-6)
A Boys Singles
J. Richards beat Cisco (8-4); beat Rising Star (8-4); retired
B Boys Singles
C. Richards beat Moran (8-0); beat Lohn (8-0); beat Rochell (6-0) (6-0); Finals beat Cross Plains (8-4) won 1st place
Hopkins beat Moran (8-0); beat Priddy (8-3); beat Hamilton (8-2); beat Early (6-3) (6-0); Finals lost to Cross Plains (4-8) won 2nd place
B Boys Doubles
Nixon/McGowen beat Rochell (8-6); beat Hamilton (6-2) (7-5); lost to Eula (4-6) (5-7)
Switzer/Turner beat Hamilton (8-0); beat Sidney (8-3); retired

For parents and tennis kids information - I can enter only 2 girls singles, 2 girls doubles, 2 boys singles and 2 boys doubles in district. At district all team members need to bring a lunch, water jug and towel. A special thanks goes for all the parents who help.

Junior High Girls Place 3rd In Buffalo Relays

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Thursday, March 27, the Junior High Lady Buffs Track Team competed here at home, finishing 3rd in the team standing with 73 points. The junior high girls division was won by Baird with Eula finishing 2nd. In the field events Tanner Scott won the shot put with an outstanding throw of 28 feet even. In the discus Tanner Scott finished 2nd with a throw of 64' 7" and Ashley Harris was 5th at 60' 3 1/2". Amanda Goble was 6th in the high jump clearing 4' 4". On the track the 400 meter relay team consisting of Lindsey Barnett, Lacy Odell, Shena Thomas, and Jennifer

Turner placed 3rd with our fastest time of the year at 57.8. Placing 2nd in the 100 meter dash was Lacy Odell with a time of 14.1. The 800 relay team of Lindsey Barnett, Erin Stephens, Candice Bailey, and Shena Thomas placed 4th with a time of 2:10.5. This was also our 800 relays fastest time of the year. Jennifer Turner was 2nd in the 400 meter dash with an excellent time of 70.1. The mile relay team of Lindsey Barnett, Lacy Odell, Shena Thomas, and Jennifer Turner finished 2nd with a time of 4:56.1. Other members of the team who participated and contributed were Sarah Nixon, Melanie Chesshir, Angela Swift, Toni Mae Wyatt, Alisa Hail, and Stephanie Parker.

High School Baseball Begins District Play

By COACH CORD WOERNER

In the March 25th game, Jarad Richards (w) and Dusty Hinkle (s) combined to pitch a shutout, 13-0 vs. Huckabay. We managed only 6 hits with Jody Pancake getting 2 runs in with a home run in the 2nd and Jeremy Barnett had a double. Joseph Turner, Jody Gosnell, Riley Allan, and Hinkle each had a single. On Thursday, March 27, the team played their first district game at Miles. We were kind of slow getting started but ended up with 15 hits -- 8 of them coming in the 6th inning.

Turner went 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's on 2 doubles; Justin Hopkins was 3 for 5 with 2 RBI's; J. Richards was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's; and Leif Hunter was 2 for 3. Others getting hits were Barnett with a triple; Hinkle with a double; Carlton Thomas, Coby Richards and Pancake each with singles. Zach Edington pitched a good 4 1/3 innings and got the win with J. Richards getting the save. The next two district games should be tough with Sidney coming to Cross Plains Tuesday and our team traveling to Baird on Friday.



The first pencils with graphite were made in England in the mid-1500s.



MRS. WHEELER & MRS. THOMPSON'S 1996-97 THIRD GRADE CLASS

Third Grade Class Takes Field Trip To Safety City

By REBECCA THOMPSON

On Tuesday, March 4, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Thompson's third grade classes enjoyed the practical experience of what was learned in the classroom about pedestrian, bicycle safety, and traffic laws. We left school at 8 a.m. and traveled by bus to Safety City in Abilene. Safety City is a small model of a town equipped with streets, sidewalks, traffic lights, route signs, railroad crossings and mock buildings. It is a place where the children can safely practice what was learned in the classroom. When we arrived at Safety City, we were greeted by Officer Woodard who conducted us to a classroom where we were interviewed about our knowledge of signs and safety rules for pedestrians and bicyclists. Each child wore name tags that divided them into three groups. The green group went on the pedestrian route first. The yellow group went to the bikes and followed the bicycle

trail. An officer rode a bike on the route with the children and discussed all safety precautions as well as demonstrating proper rules of bicycle safety to follow. Then the children rode the route alone to practice their skills. The most exciting station was the small cars. Each child discovered that driving is not as easy as it looks because of all the things about which a motorist must be thinking. A motorist must be alert to traffic lights, pedestrians, giving proper hand signals to warn everyone what he is about to do, and remember to stay in the proper lane and off the curbs when making turns. After all three groups had rotated through the three stations, Officer Woodard gathered the groups in one spot and expressed to the children what a great job they had done. Safety City furnished drinks to go with their sack lunches and a reluctant good-bye was said as they walked across to Rose Park to eat lunch. When lunch was finished, the

playground equipment got a strenuous workout. It was a great day, sunny and warm and the children were hot and tired when the bus was boarded to return to Cross Plains. As we said good-bye to our fun day at Safety City, everyone wanted to drive the cars one more time, but another third grade group was gathering for their afternoon experience. The Cross Plains third grade class would like to express our appreciation to the Abilene Police Department, all the people who have worked so hard to create Safety City and the many sponsors who have donated time and money to make Safety City a reality. A special thanks to our parents who volunteer to go with us to help monitor our activities and remind us of our rules of safety if necessary. Thank you Pam Hutton, Cindy Payne, Tina Thomas, Ila Gilliam, Mark Norris, Rita Purcell, grandmother, Ann Murdock, and a special thanks to our video photographer, Lee Thompson.

April Is Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Cross Plains school children in kindergarten through sixth grade will be involved in activities that focus on helping them feel safe and secure in their homes and in the community. Grocery sacks will be used to draw posters dealing with child abuse. These grocery sacks will be distributed through the Village Market. When your groceries are placed in these special sacks, please talk with your school child about the message drawn by a student. Pencils and bookmarks will be given to elementary students. They will also take home literature and a blue ribbon for their parents to wear. Please wear your ribbon during April to remind everyone that you consider all children precious and worthy of protection. When your students' report cards go home in April, there will be an insert listing ways you can help your child in school. These activities and materials are all furnished and sponsored by the Callahan County Child Protective Services Board.

The maximum height of the Steamboat Geyser in Yellowstone National Park ranges from 195 to 380 feet.

Don't get poor marks for your reaction to your child's grades

Take these important steps and avoid the "Report Card Reflex"

1. Sit down with your child and look over the report card.
2. Praise your child. Find at least one good thing: attendance, effort.
3. Be calm! Let your child tell you about his poor grades.
4. Ask how you can help your child do better.
5. Ask what your child can do to make better grades.
6. Make a plan with your child's teacher and your child to do better.
7. Be realistic about your expectations and your child's capabilities.
8. Spend time checking that your child's school work is completed.

Developed by Child Abuse Prevention Network, 4151 Southwest Freeway, Suite 435, Houston, Texas 77027, (713) 621-6446

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BAND NEWS

Month of April
April 13 - UIL Pre-Contest - 3 p.m. (in Uniform) [Aud]
April 17 - UIL Concert Contest (Hamlin)
April 25 & 26 - Spring Trip

God's Recipe

ATTENTION
DEFICIT
HYPERACTIVITY
DISORDER

- 1.) 2 ounces of Colloidal Minerals.
- 2.) 40 milligrams of highly effective antioxidant - OPC capsule combined with Ginkgo Biloba.
- 3.) Multi-enzyme capsule with every meal and with every significant snack, as well as the elimination of as much sugar as possible from the diet.

Call Deana Strickland (817) 725-6407

Pre-registration For Kindergarten April 11

Parents are asked to pre-register their children who will enter Kindergarten next fall. All children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1997 may attend Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students.

Kindergarten screening will be conducted Friday, April 11 at Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's office at 725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and development growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their children's progress at the time of the screening. Parents are reminded that to enter school in Texas the student must have a state approved birth certificate and a current immunization record.

Immunization Requirements: DTP/TD: 4+ doses with 1 on or after 4th birthday

Polio: 3+ doses with 1 on or after 4th birthday

Hib: 1 dose on/after 15 mos unless a series completed at 12 mos

Measles: 2 doses on/after 1st birthday

Rubella: 1 dose on/after 1st birthday

Mumps: 1 dose on/after 1st birthday

Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record, and social security number at the time of registering.

Early childhood screening will be conducted at the same time as regular Kindergarten screening. The early childhood program is to help those children age 3-6 who show to be developmentally delayed or handicapped in any way. If you have, or know of a child who might benefit from this service, please contact the elementary school office during Kindergarten registration. 1-2t

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ADD Support Group April 10

The Attention Deficit Disorder support group has planned a meeting for Thursday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary library. Martha Weatherl, a special education teacher for the deaf education program at Ward Elementary in Abilene, will be the speaker. Ms. Weatherl will share information about ADD in children and adults. She has attended the state ADD Convention in Houston. There will be a time of question and answers. Parents, teachers, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Pat Stephens, (817) 725-6819 or Cross Plains School 725-7123. 1-2

SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 7 - APRIL 11 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

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

TUESDAY — Waffles, bacon, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal, toast, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Sausage, biscuit, gravy, grape juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cheese toast, orange juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, Jello and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken & noodles, peas & carrots, crackers, rosy-applesauce and milk.

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

THURSDAY — Tacos, salad, Spanish rice, pineapples and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

Beta Sigma Phi Learns About Market America

On March 10, Shelly Peters and Sandra Woerner, two representatives of Market America, introduced members and visitors of Beta Sigma Phi to a new product brokerage company that seeks out market trends and finds cutting edge products to distribute. It is a "mall without walls" and has 18 different stores including nutritional, skin care and enzyme products. Kim Woerner, our hostess and a representative of Market America is excited about this new marketing venture and wanted to share it with her sisters in Beta Sigma Phi.

After the program, we discussed a fun trip to Fredericksburg planned in April and our annual 7th grade trip to Austin, April 9.

Thank you, Kim Winfrey, for sharing your lovely home with us for our meeting. We will miss you, but wish you happiness as you move to Stephenville.

Members present for the meeting were Kathy Anderson, Sarah Brashear, Bobbie Johnston, Joyce McCoy, Wanda Merryman, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Cathy Wood, Pam Cummings, Kim Woerner, Kim Winfrey, Elizabeth Hunsaker, Amy Brown and Mary Dunn.

Beta Sigma Phi Elects New Officers

Beta Sigma Phi held its regular monthly business meeting, March 24, at the home of Wanda Merryman with Elizabeth Hunsaker as hostess. Our new officers for 1997-98 are:

- President - Bobbie Johnston
- Vice-President - Kathy Anderson
- Extension officer - Elizabeth Hunsaker
- Treasurer - Joyce McCoy
- Corresponding Secretary - Amy Brown
- Recording Secretary - Pam Cummings

Final plans for our annual 7th grade trip to Austin was discussed. We voted to contribute money for prizes to the Dairy Queen Easter Egg Hunt. We are also buying eye-glasses for a student. Our fun trip to Fredericksburg is set for April 5.

Girl of the Year and Pledge of the Year were voted on. These will be revealed at our annual Founders Day Banquet to be held at Column's Restaurant in April.

Members enjoyed a beautiful and tasty fruit tray and other goodies prepared by Elizabeth. Members attending were Kathy Anderson, Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Debra Childers, Bobbie Johnston, Jody Finn, Joyce McCoy, Wanda Merryman, Nora Odom, Cathy Wood, Pam Cummings, Kim Woerner, Kelly Lafoon, Elizabeth Hunsaker and Amy Brown.



SPECIAL GUESTS AT KIWANIS MEETING—Jacquie Childress and Booker T. Bookworm were the guests of Kiwanian, Steve Mack at the weekly Kiwanis meeting. Jacquie is the Library Media Specialist for Cross Plains ISD. She presented an extremely interesting program describing the activities at the school libraries. Of particular interest, was her description of the use of the Internet in the teaching curriculum, as a research and teaching tool. She presented the club with a book, "Greeting," from various other librarians around the county and the world, which she received via E-Mail.



THE HENSLEYS ...to perform at Denton Valley Baptist Church

Denton Valley Baptist To Host Southern Gospel Singing Saturday

Denton Valley Baptist Church will be hosting a Southern Gospel Singing this Saturday night, April 5, 1997. The singing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The 1995 & 1996 Group of the Year from Crowley, Texas, THE HENSLEYS, will be the guest. The Hensleys minister over 200 times each year. Their goal is to uplift the name of their Lord and Savior and

to share the message of love in Christ to whomever will open their hearts to receive this good news.

So drop whatever you are doing and invite a friend to come share this time with the HENSLEYS, you won't be sorry you did.

The church is located at 11657 FM 604S in Clyde, Texas. The church phone number is 1-915-529-4497.

Eastland County 4-H Horse Program Open Playday Set For April 13

The first Eastland County 4-H Horse Program Playday is set for Sunday, April 13, 3:00 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College arena, located on Highway 6 between Cisco and Eastland. You do not have to be a member of 4-H to participate.

Events include stakes, cloverleaf barrels, poles, flags and one alternating event. Cost \$2.00 per event. Age groups will be divided into boys and girls, leadline, 0 to 6 years, 7 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 19 years, and adult. Ages determined as of January 1.

Ribbons will be awarded for each event and high point awards given at each playday. End-of-year high point prizes will be awarded.

A negative Coggins test will be necessary to enter. Papers will be checked upon arrival. Horses without papers will not be allowed to enter the arena grounds. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

If you have any questions, please call Laura Bacon at (817) 442-4081 or Diana Reynolds at (817) 629-1873.

Channel Earth Added To DIRECTV

SANTA ANNA, TX - The first television channel of its kind devoted exclusively to serving farmers, ranchers and other rural residents will begin airing programming this March 28th on the satellite television service DIRECTV*. Channel Earth**, the name of the new channel, will broadcast dawn-to-dusk programming every Monday through Friday, and morning-to-midday reports on Saturdays, according to Jerry L. Ellis, Manager, Coleman County Broadcasting Systems.

Orion Samuelson, currently with WGN-Tribune Broadcasting and chairman of the board of Channel Earth Communications, Inc., will serve as anchor and chief correspondent for Channel Earth. Samuelson, along with WGN colleague Max Armstrong, will lead a team of regional and national correspondents, livestock and commodity market experts, meteorologists and talk show hosts, when the channel goes on the air this spring. "We intend to become the nation's authoritative source of agricultural news and information," says Samuelson. "We are about to do something that has never been done before: provide farmers, ranchers and other rural consumers with a steady, reliable, up-to-the-minute source of critical information that affects their lives every working day. The need is enormous and Channel Earth will fill it."

According to Mr. Ellis, the new channel will air exclusively on DIRECTV and its DSS* brand minidish satellite system. DSS took Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Callahan, and Southern Taylor Counties and the entire home entertainment industry by storm almost three years ago, setting sales records for a newly introduced consumer electronics product. Today, more than 2 million people nationwide subscribe to DIRECTV, which industry experts regard as the most serious threat ever mounted by an alternative to cable

television. Subscribers receive a digital television signal through a satellite receiving dish about the size of a large pizza.

Coleman County Broadcasting Systems is affiliated with the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), an organization partly responsible for helping make the channel a reality. "This is a remarkable stride for local consumers," says Bob Phillips, chief executive officer of NRTC. "For the first time, a national television service has acknowledged that rural Americans deserve to receive news and informational programming that is tailored to their unique interests."

Mr. Ellis says farmers and ranchers and all local residents should feel especially gratified that a service as reputable and service-oriented as DIRECTV is including a channel specifically for agriculture among its 175-channel offering.

Channel Earth will broadcast programming from studio production facilities in Chicago and air live reports from throughout the country, including regional reports and regular news updates from Capitol Hill.

Samuelson's agricultural broadcasting career spans more than 40 years. He, along with Armstrong, are well known as agricultural reporters for WGN-TV and Radio, anchors of Tribune Radio Network's "National Farm Report," and hosts of a nationally syndicated weekly television show, "U.S. Farm Report."

NRTC is a non-profit service cooperative made up of rural electric, rural telephone and affiliated organizations in 48 states. Coleman County Broadcasting Systems and the organization's other members were instrumental in first introducing DIRECTV service to rural residents nearly three years ago.

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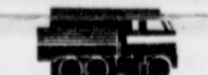
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Barring no further delays, the treated water pipeline from Abilene to the communities of Clyde, Baird and Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, will be bid sometime this week, according to the engineer for the project.

Billy Jacob, of Jacob & Martin Engineering in Abilene, said bids for the \$5.2 million project will begin the advertising process this week. The bids are expected to be opened April 30.

Jacob said once the low bidders are announced, work could begin around the first week of June. He estimates construction of the pipeline to be completed around April 1, 1998.

Talk of constructing the treated water pipeline was first brought up by the Clyde City Council some nine years ago when the Clyde Lake water level was extremely low and water had to be rationed here.

The project was first scheduled for bidding April 1996, however problems arose with obtaining easements and specifications for the project.

Clyde City Administrator Tim Powers said Clyde Mayor Merv Warrick was instrumental in correcting the delays by his enlisting the support of Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Jacob said the project will be bid through eight separate bid packages. Clyde's portion of the pipeline will be bid in two packages, Baird's portion will be bid in two packages and Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's por-

tion will be bid in four packages. He said once bid winner are announced, the cities of Clyde and Baird and the water supply corporation must then approve more loan ordinances.

Administrator Powers said Clyde will receive a grant in the amount of \$762,000 (49%) and a loan totaling \$763,000 (51%) to construct its portion of the pipeline.

The City of Baird will receive a grant of 37% and a loan totalling 63 percent for its portion of the cost.

Callahan County Water Supply Corporation will receive a grant amount to 72% of the project and a loan of 28% for its portion of the pipeline's cost.

The engineer said an 18" water line will begin at the Elmdale water tower. The water pipeline will travel east along the south access road of Interstate 20. A 12" pipeline will connect to Clyde's water tower. From there, a 12" pipeline will cross I-20 and travel east along the north access road and County Road 120 to connect Baird and the water supply corporation.

Administrator Powers said initially, Clyde will not purchase a lot of water from Abilene. "It's a secondary water supply for us," Powers said. For Baird, the pipeline is also a secondary water supply.

However, for Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, the pipeline is its only water source.

Aggressive Honey Bees Force Family To Flee Home

BAIRD—A Baird family was forced to flee their home March 6th due to some very aggressive honey bees that they had co-existed with for three years they had lived in the home about three miles east of town.

Caprice Hammett said she and her two children were at home when they heard the dogs outdoors barking and whining. When a daughter opened the door a puppy ran in carrying bees on him into the house. Then they noticed all the other dogs being attacked. They called 911 and the two sheriff's deputies that were dispatched to the call were both stung but helped the family leave the scene, none of the family members were stung. Deputy Darroll Ratto, who was stung three times, was the first to arrive and said there was a "big bunch of bees" all around with a cluster on the back of the house about 4 inches wide and four foot tall.

Mrs. Hammett said the bee hive was in the walls of the home when they moved there three years ago but they had never acted like this before. It was a very scary situation and I was worried about my children and wish I could have helped the dogs, but we couldn't get to them.

Jeff Hammett lost his one year old Catahoula cow dog, "that was just starting to work real good", due to the severity of the over three hundred bee stings that the veterinarian said the dog suffered. Jeff's dog died Saturday and the same day another family dog that had young pups disappeared from the residence and hasn't been seen since. Caprice said she

feared that dog, which had also been stung repeatedly, went off and died but it is not known for sure.

Texas A&M University Apiary Department was called to check the report. Apiary Inspector Bill Baxter took samples of the bees last week, March 10th and 11th, before killing the hive in the wall of the home and another hive nearby in a tree.

Assistant Chief Apiary Inspector John Fick said Thursday that test results showed the bees in the wall of the house were Africanized bees as were the bees that were taken off the dog that died. The bees in the tree near the home were European bees.

Fick, who has been with A&M since 1975, stressed this is no cause for panic and is quiet probably an isolated incident caused by the Africanized bees being accidentally "trucked" from South Texas. Fick said this is the time of year when a lot of the "snow birds" (retired people that spend their winters in the South Texas Valley in camper trailers and then head north during the spring) are traveling through the North Central Texas area near Baird. The bees could also have hitched a ride on an 18-wheeler or any other type of vehicle that had been sitting long enough in the south Texas area for them (the bees) to gather in and then stopped near Baird long enough for the bees to have left their "taxi" and looked for a new home.

The only way to tell an Africanized bee from a European bee is under a microscope, Fick said, and also by their aggression. The Africanized version are very territorial and tend to attack an intruder much more viciously than

the common European bee. Neither type of bee usually attacks unless being provoked in some way, although the one being stung may not do the provoking.

An A&M Apiary Inspector will return to Baird this week to set out bee traps and take samples from other bee hives in the surrounding areas of Callahan County. If these samples turn up any established African bee hives the county could be quarantined, meaning that there could be no movement of

any bees from Callahan County into other areas without first being tested. Bee movement from county to county, by bee keepers, is already restricted to "by permit only". Fick said it would take about a month after the testing before a quarantine would be enacted and then only if there was evidence of established Africanized bees which, Fick added, is highly unlikely as they have not had any Africanized bees in their trap line

between Temple and San Angelo in more than a year and a half. Which adds to the theory of the bees being trucked in, instead of migrating to this area.

Submitted by Billy Harris
Baird Correspondent

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Chili Cookoff Slated For Fort Griffin State Park

The first annual chili cookoff will be held at Fort Griffin State Park April 12. Two divisions in the cookoff - youth (18 years old and under) and adult will provide an opportunity for participation for everyone. A variety of other activities including a horseshoe pitching tournament will also be included in the weekend.

Judging will be on the point system and awards made through 10th place. Certificates will be given for the first 10 places in the horseshoe tournament.

Please register is April 7 (it is not mandatory to pre-register but would be helpful). Judging will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Griffin State Park. You may call (915) 762-3592 for further information.

24th Folklife Festival In April

Plans for the 24th annual Folklife Festival are now in progress according to the Cisco Civic League. The festival will be held on April 26 and 27 at Cisco Junior College.

Patrons will be able to enjoy many of their all-time favorite attractions as in previous years: strawberry shortcake, homemade bread, entertainment by local talent, various demonstrations, and many exhibitors with arts and crafts available for purchase. In addition, new merchandise, demonstrations and talent will be added to an already great festival.

As in the past, proceeds from the festival will go back into the community. The profits will be used in a variety of ways, from improving the physical appearance of our town to providing medical assistance to less-fortunate citizens.

If you would like more information about the festival, or if you would like to help, please write to Cisco Civic League, P.O. Box 411, Cisco, Tx. 76437.



FRANCES & MILTON JONES
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Mr. & Mrs. Milton Jones To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Milton and Frances Jones will be honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 5, at Briarstone Manor, 101 Eplen's Court, Abilene, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Their children and grandchildren are hosting the event.

The couple were married in Sonora on March 29, 1947. Two of their four children, Linda Pickrell and Donald Jones, are deceased. A daughter, Jo Nell Jones Hall, resides in Stamford and a son, Brian Jones, lives in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Milton graduated from Rising Star High School and served in the U.S. Army. He has been employed by Wes-Tex Drilling Company for over twenty-five years and is a stock farmer south of Anson.

Frances Lee Mayhew Jones was born in Cross Plains and attend school in Cross Plains and Sonora. She owns and operates Mil-Fran Coffee Service. She is a past president of the Anson Tuesday Study Club.

The couple have resided in Anson for 27 years.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Your presence will be gift enough.



JENNA WINSTEAD

Locally Known Youth Receives Top Award

The 4th and 5th grade UIL number sense teams at Coleman Elementary reportedly did a wonderful job, with all participants doing their personal bests in competition. Jenna Winstead won 1st place. She is the daughter of James and Jody Winstead of Coleman and the granddaughter of Janette Turner of Cross Plains.

Others participating were Zach Morris (2nd place) Lindsay Ivy (3rd place), Sara Fritsch (4th place), Joseph Will Johnson (5th place), Andres Flores, and Britni Nix. Lindsay Ivy set a Coleman Elementary school record at 195.

Baseball Registration Begins April 7

Registration for Little League, Pony League, and Pee Wee League will be April 7, 8, and 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Little League concession Stand. Registration fee this year will be \$30 for Little League and Pony League. Pee Wee registration will remain at \$25. No late registration will be accepted. For more information please contact Debbie at 725-6114.

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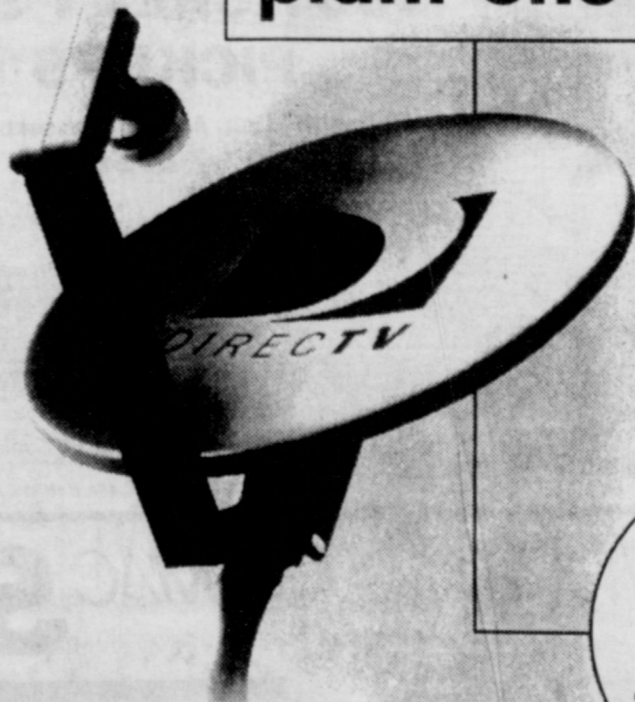
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