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Down Home

"Carlton Stowers Made Great Impression"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

I have not read any of Carlton Stowers' books, but Deborah, my co-worker, was reading *Sins of the Son* last week and from her reaction I became interested.

Somehow driven to attend his review last Tuesday evening, it was time well spent. I couldn't imagine why anyone would write true crime books, but after hearing Mr. Stowers speak, you understand.

We discovered that it was the effects of the crime upon ordinary people's lives that he desired to convey. He compared this approach to throwing a stone into a pond and watching the ripples of water grow.

I loved his enthusiasm as he related finding some wonderful inside story that moved him to write. He shared many of these instances as the audience listened spellbound.

When he spoke about *Sins of the Son* he noted how difficult it was for him. The story is about his oldest son Anson and the many trials experienced by his family.

The use of drugs truly changed the Stowers family life and Carlton expressed his need to talk about it, rather than hiding in shame and guilt. He didn't claim to be an expert on parenting and doesn't declare his book as guide for such. Countless parents will relate to the facts and emotions.

Stowers has written a children's book *A Hero Named George* that is appropriate for 3rd and 4th graders. It informs youth of the pitfalls of using drugs. The book is used in schools for drug education.

The old swimming pool and hollow dam at Cisco will be the subject of an upcoming project. Everyone in this area has memories about this place. I can't wait to see what he creates.

His book review inspired me to read his books, as he was so interesting and personable. It is obvious why his writing talents have been recognized throughout the years. The Cross Plains Public Library was very fortunate to secure such an acclaimed author/journalist. Once again, Billie Loving's connection as a former teacher of Mr. Stowers benefited our community. She should be extremely proud of this particular student, as he has already left his mark on literature.

Chamber Ribbon Cutting Set For Tuesday, Oct. 19

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for Charlie's Truck and Trailer Repair on Tuesday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. Charlie Strength's shop has recently relocated to 409 West 5th Street, directly behind Jack's Place off Highway 36.

All chamber members and interested individuals are invited.

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Camp Meeting Set For Oct. 14-17 At Living Water Ministries

By COLLEEN ANDERSON

Praise the Lord! It is "that time" again! Camp meeting with Billy and Angie Nunez, pastors of Rivercity Fellowship in San Antonio, will be at Living Water Ministries in Cross Plains. Revivalists, praise and worship leaders, these precious anointed servants of the Lord Jesus minister in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

Tim Sheppard, international recording artist, evangelist and worship leader, will join with Billy and Angie as the Holy Spirit leads in worship and bringing the message of the Lord for the hour. Tim travels the nations preaching the word and as a minister appointed of God bringing the church into high praise and worship that God poured out His glory! For God inhabits the praises of His people, and purposes that His glory shall fill the earth.

Sandy Toledo from Rivercity Fellowship will be sharing her testimony Thursday night. God is doing a mighty work in her life.

The following schedule will be observed:

Thursday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. - Billy and Angie Nunez and Sandy Toledo

Friday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. - Tim Sheppard

Saturday, October 16, 6:30 p.m. - Celebration of Praise -- Tim Sheppard, Billy and Angie Nunez -- Fellowship Following

Sunday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. - Tim Sheppard, Billy and Angie Nunez.

Come and be with us in "His Presence" and be renewed and refreshed in the river of His Spirit.

Ministers Colleen Anderson and Max Evans and the Living Water Ministries Family invite you to these special services.

Cottonwood Musical & Thanksgiving Supper Friday, October 15

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Thanksgiving supper and musical on Friday, October 15 at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings will be served. Price for adults is \$5 a plate and \$2.50 for children 10 years old and under.

The supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the musical will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Smokey Callaway as emcee. All Country and Western musicians are invited to attend.

Drawing for Vintage Photo of Downtown Cross Plains Nears

An original photo of downtown Cross Plains from an earlier era will be drawn for during the first week of November. Donna Wagner donated the vintage photo in memory of her loving husband, J.R. (Dick) Wagner.

Proceeds from the drawing will benefit Leisa Beauchamp, who is battling cancer. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The photo was framed and matted by Tom and Mary Dunn and is currently on display at Citizens State Bank. This would be a great addition to any home or office decor.

Remember to purchase your chances right away and help with this worthy cause.

Sidewalk Dedication A Festive Celebration of Accomplishment



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY — Bob Pipes (from left), Chamber of Commerce President, Julene Franke, Sidewalk Committee member, Mayor Ray Purvis, Pete Krause, TxDOT engineer, and Scott Bailey, representing Representative Jim Keffer's office participated in the sidewalk celebration.



KIX CHUCK WAGON POPULAR — Barbecue sandwiches hit the spot at the sidewalk dedication.

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

The Sidewalk Dedication was an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishment of a major project in Cross Plains. The local Boy Scouts presented the flags while the Cross Plains Buffalo Band played the national anthem. The Scouts led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Mack, member of the Sidewalk Committee consisting of Julene Franke, Rolan Jones and Susan Schaefer, started off the program by introducing dignitaries and speakers. Scott Bailey, from Representative Jim Keffer's office; Pete Krause, engineer for Texas Department of Transportation; and Mayor Ray Purvis spoke briefly.

Julene Franke was recognized as the "driving force" behind the Sidewalk Project. She presented an original poem "Somethings Gotta Be Done About these Sidewalks." Julene's persistence to finish the project has come full circle and new

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sidewalks with beautiful landscaping have replaced those built some 88 years ago.

The ribbon cutting ceremony finalized the formal program and everyone enjoyed barbecue sandwiches prepared by KIX Chuck wagon and cold drinks were available through the Chamber of Commerce.

Terry Jane Wyatt and Melody McWilliams were giving away tasty peach and apple cobbler from the UF Ranch chuck wagon. The ranch hosts a dove hunter feed each year from their outdoor cooking facilities.

Higginbotham Brothers and Company provided a wagon with their logo to compliment the days of yore. Rusty and Debbie Reed brought two mules to make the whole scene authentic.

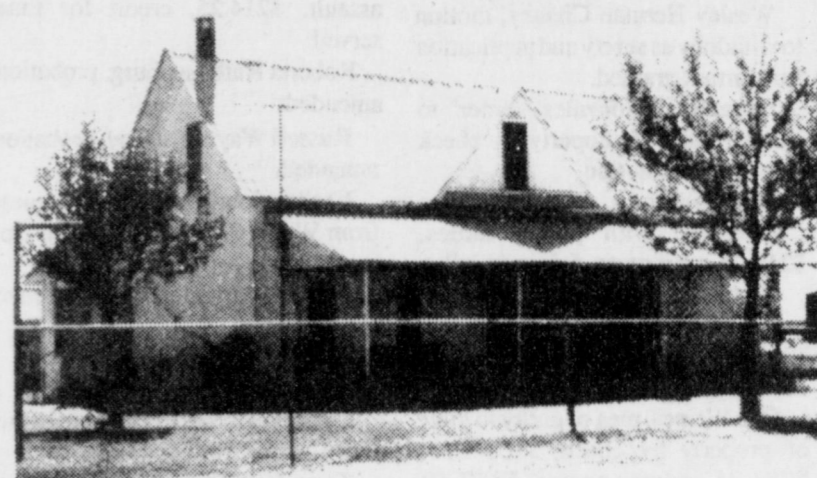
Country music filled the air as folks sat on the benches and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Downtown Cross Plains was a lively place to be and fun abounded.

Congratulations to everyone involved in improving the appearance of our community!

October 14
JH/JV Buffs vs Bronte
6:00/7:30 p.m. Home

BUFFALO FOOTBALL

October 15
Buffs vs Bronte
7:30 p.m. Away



FLEMING FARM HOUSE

Pioneer "Country Tour of Homes" is Saturday

Don't forget the Pioneer Community "Tour of Country Homes" Saturday, October 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets will be on available at the club house or at the homes on tour for \$5.

The five homes on tour are Danny and Trisha Hutton, D.P. and May Jones, J.D. and Sandy Hutton, Fleming farm home and Cowan and Laverne Hutton.

There will also be a Country Store, selling craft items, jellies, baked goods and etc. and a free Quilt and Art show at the club house from 2 to 6 p.m. Paintings for the Art Show should be brought to the building Friday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. Bring quilts Saturday morning before 11. Donations for the Country Store can be brought Friday afternoon or Saturday morning by noon.

Location of the club house is north of Highway 36 one mile on FM 569 between Rising Star and Cross Plains. For further information call (254) 725-7342; 725-7235 Art Show; 725-7188 Quilts; and 725-7321 Country Store.

One of the homes to be featured on the tour is the Fleming Farm Home which was built in 1901 by Samuel and Texannah Fleming. They were living at Liberty at this time. Liberty is located north of Pioneer. They

Regional Texas Midwest Conference offers solutions

Rural issues will be addressed at the 6th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Wednesday Oct. 20, at the Abilene Civic Center.

The annual conference of the Texas Midwest Community Network is an opportunity for community leaders and interested citizens in the region to find solutions to many problems and concerns. Seminars at the annual TMCN conference will offer solutions in the areas of business retention and expansion, effective marketing, affordable housing and community-wide cooperation. In addition to seminars, the conference offers a luncheon, silent auction, information expo, entertainment and ample time to network with community leaders from neighboring communities.

City officials, chamber of commerce volunteers and economic development boards are encouraged to take advantage of the annual regional conference. Registration is \$20 and includes all activities. Make reservations by calling the TMCN Office (915) 893-2099. Conference partners are Abilene Regional Medical Center, GTE, Hendrick Health System, Southwestern Bell, TXU Electric & Gas, West Central Texas Workforce Development Board and WTU.

Texas Midwest Community Network was formed in 1994 and is a regional organization for enhancing quality of life through economic development, tourism promotion, legislative awareness and regional education. The organization represents 39 communities in the Big Country trade area. Mem-

drove the wagons back and forth until the home was livable, then they moved. The farm is located south of Pioneer, in Eastland County and has been in continuous use since 1901. Uncle Sam as he was known in the community and Texannah had five sons and one daughter. The last three sons were born in this house.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Fleming, the youngest son Joe and his wife, Nell, lived in the home and farmed the land until their deaths. Joe and Nell had one daughter and three sons. The land is still under the supervision of Joe and Nell's heirs and is farmed by Jim and Charlene Fleming. Jim is retired from Texas Extension Service and Charlene is a teacher in Cross Plains Public Schools. The home and farm in about 14 months will be eligible for the Historical Marker for land that has been in continuous use by the same family for 100 years or more.

Some still living in the Pioneer Community remember visiting in the Fleming home when they were children. What a thrill it was to climb the stairs to the floor above!

The Fleming children and grandchildren extend you the invitation to come and visit during The Country Tour of Homes.

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Patricio Ramos, interference with public duties.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Nancy Ruth Churchwell aka Nancy Ruth Mciver, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Daniel R. Bunch, order revoking probation.

Wesley Herman Chaney, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Florentino Gonzales, order to dismiss theft of property by check case, paid restitution.

Patricio Ramos, plea of guilty to interference with public duties, \$217.25 court costs, 5 days in jail.

Curtis Ray Smythe, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, \$100 fine, \$214.25 court costs, 10 days in jail.

Eric Weiner, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$100 fine, \$201.25 court costs, \$387.49 restitution, 6 month probation.

David Mangus, plea of guilty to Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), \$400 fine, \$229.25 court costs, 2 years probation.

Richard Warren, plea of guilty to assault, \$200 fine, \$229.25 court costs, 12 month probation.

Charles Baxter, Jr., plea of guilty to DWI, \$400 fine, \$214.25 court costs, 2 years probation.

Cassie Sizemore, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, \$176.25 court costs, \$164.94 restitution, 6 month probation.

Grady Ray Cozby, plea of guilty to fictitious inspection sticker, \$189.25 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Grady Ray Cozby, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Michael Sultz, plea of guilty to assault, \$214.25, credit for time served.

Roberta Ruth Isenburg, probation amended.

Russell Wayne McCoy, probation amended.

Leellen Johnson, transfer request from Wood County to Eastland Co. granted.

Michael Stroud, order to revoke probation.

Marriage Licenses

Charles Michael Cook, Jr. to Letha Mae Cooper, both of Clyde.

Kory Rex Pounds of Rotan to Jennifer Rose Westfall of Millsap.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Brandie Weir aka Brandie J. Prather, judicial foreclosure of security interests.

Pamela Sue Bennett and Gregory Alden Bennett, divorce.

Criminal Filings

Jeremy R. Barbian, burglary of a building.

James Michael Watson, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Heather Lyn Godsey, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver, \$240.25 court costs, 5 years in prison.

NOTICE: Cindy Rodgers named in Courthouse records is not Cindy Rogers of Clyde.

Selected Scriptures

I have not departed from Your judgments, for You Yourself have taught me. Psalm 119:103

...if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 1 Corinthians 11:31

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Obituaries

Hazel McCoy

Hazel D. McCoy, 88, died Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Higginbotham Chapel with Rev. Dan Connolly officiating and Bro. Wayne Lenz assisting. Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mrs. McCoy was born January 9, 1911, in Brown County. She married Roy C. McCoy in 1928. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Moran, where she had been a long-time resident, and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, November 3, 1991.

Survivors include two sons, Norman L. McCoy of Weatherford and Winfred "Wimpy" McCoy of Cross Plains; one daughter, Edna M. King of Saltillo; one brother, Elmer Posey of Brownwood; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jeff McCoy, Tim McCoy, Shanon King, Randy Hartman, Ken Odom, David Browning and Paul Towne.

Memorials may be made to the Cross Plains EMS or First Baptist Church.

Evalyn Elizabeth Edington Cowan

NOCONA—Evalyn Elizabeth Edington Cowan, 87, died Sunday, October 10, 1999, at a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, directed by Scott-Morris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cowan was born in Brown County and married W.T. Cowan in 1930 in Cisco; he preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Klindera of Camdenton, Missouri and Shirley Marsh of Electra; two sisters, Modine McKinney of Brownwood and Lela Lawless of Coleman; one brother, Charlie Edington of Burkett; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sales & use tax totals for county

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the first quarter of 1999 by State Comptroller John Sharp's office on Monday, October 11.

Sharp reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the first quarter of 1999 at \$12,578,710 which was 3.0% lower than the gross sales of \$12,968,883 reported during the first quarter of 1998. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the first quarter of 1999 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$51,136. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the first quarter of 1999 in Callahan County was \$5,201,814. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 256. There were 271 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the first quarter of 1999 was \$8,606,413 which is 12.9% higher than the 1998 first quarter gross sales of \$7,619,703.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the first quarter of 1999 was \$20,128.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the first quarter of 1999 was \$4,003,786 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totaled 141 for the first quarter of 1999. There were 155 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 1998.

Cross Cut Cemetery Received Donation

Maurice and Freda Watts contributed \$100 in memory of Louise Newton to the Cross Cut Cemetery. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Anyone desiring to contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery may send donations to O.B. Byrd.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, October 10, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

OCTOBER 18-22

MONDAY—Chicken fry steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, chocolate cake & icing, roll and milk.

TUESDAY—Sloppy Joe on bun, tator wedges, coleslaw, apple cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Chicken & dumplings, green beans, garden salad, peaches, sugar cookie, bread and milk.

THURSDAY—Beef-a-roni, Cal. blend veggies, tossed salad, chery gelatin w/pears, wheat bread and milk.

FRIDAY—Pork chops, gravy, whole potatoes, spinach, vanilla pudding, roll and milk.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CROSS PLAINS TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental duty and privilege of every Texan eligible to vote to participate in the electoral process;

WHEREAS, the Texas Secretary of State's Office is actively promoting voter participation for the November 2, 1999, Constitutional Amendment Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor for the City of Cross Plains, do hereby proclaim October "Voter Awareness Month" and furthermore urge all registered citizens of Cross Plains to exercise their constitutional right by casting a ballot in the Constitutional Amendment Election either during the early voting period, or on Election Day, November 2, 1999.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF Ray Purvis

ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell

City Council Minutes

October 5, 1999

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members of the council were present. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read except to change the wording in the September 7, 1999 minutes from paving to seal coating.

Don Gosnell met with the council to give the police report. He reported seventy-four calls for service, sixty-four citations written, fifty-two warnings, one DWI, three thefts, two criminal mischiefs, two aggravated robberies and one forgery. By general consent the council accepted the report as presented.

Bob Hill met with the council to give the Judges report. He reported sixty-four citations being given, with twenty-one remain outstanding for August. He also reported twenty-four outstanding for July and seven remain outstanding for June. By general consent the council accepted the report as presented.

Betty Cavanaugh met with the council to discuss the Christmas

lights that are currently installed on the downtown buildings. She asks if the city maintenance employees will help with the changing of the bulbs and maintenance of the lights this year. The council informed her that the city employees would help with the project, but other volunteers would need to help.

Joe Ingram moved to hire Debbie Rice as cleaning personnel for the community center. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Womack moved to remove the delinquent water bill accounts from the computer and place them in the delinquent book. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Only one citizen was present to discuss the Consumer Confidence Report recently mailed to citizens of the Cross Plains area. Discussion was held at length.

Jerry Cassle moved to adjourn. Ray Womack seconded and motion carried.

Curme heads two statewide services for elderly

In late September, Roger Curme became Managing Attorney for the Legal Hotline for Older Texans. This appointment puts Curme in charge of another important statewide service for the elderly, the Nursing Home Advocacy Project.

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans gives low income people aged 60 and over free legal advice on matters such as public benefit law, health law and elder law. "We get a lot of calls on nursing home Medicaid, housing, landlord-tenant, stolen social security checks, harassment from bill collectors and consumer fraud, such as home improvement scams," says Curme, who began working at the hotline when it started ten years ago.

"And of course we get people who want help with wills. Those things aren't just for rich people. Anyone who has anything to pass -- a car or a house or even a few personal possessions -- should make sure these things don't get tied up in court

or go to people the caller wouldn't have wanted to have them."

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans can be reached at 1-800-622-2520. It has helped over 35,000 older Texans since it began, Curme says.

But Curme now also oversees the Nursing Home Advocacy Project, which gives free legal advice to nursing home residents and their families in cases where abuse is suspected. If the situation warrants it, the project attorney makes referrals to local attorney who have agreed to work at a reduced fee. This hotline is nearing its second anniversary and can be reached by calling 1-888-343-4414.

Curme says he's long been interested in helping the poor, disabled and elderly and it hasn't changed since he became a lawyer. "I sympathize with the underdog," he says, "because I've always been the underdog. I've always been down there with them."

Sacred Heart Fall Festival Planned for Sunday, October 17

Sacred Heart Fall Festival is to be held on Sunday, October 17, at 201 San Saba Street in Coleman.

Mexican dinner, Bingo, horseshoe tournament, games, train rides, crafts, flea market, live plants, cake walk, silent auction and more.

Lord's Acres Set For Saturday, October 16 at Santa Anna

The Santa Anna First Methodist Church Lord's Acre is to be held on Saturday, October 16, at the Santa Anna Armory on Houston Street. A lunch of chopped brisket buns will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the concession stand will offer goodies to add to your bun.

A barbecue brisket dinner with trimmings will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. A craft table, silent auction, baked goods table, country store, yard sale and a youth concession will pique your interest and give you ideas for Christmas shopping. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

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We want to say a special "thank you" to all of you, our friends, for the food, phone calls, visits and prayers extended to us at the loss of our Mother and Grandmother, Hazel McCoy. It takes times like this to make us realize just how precious friends are.
May God bless each of you.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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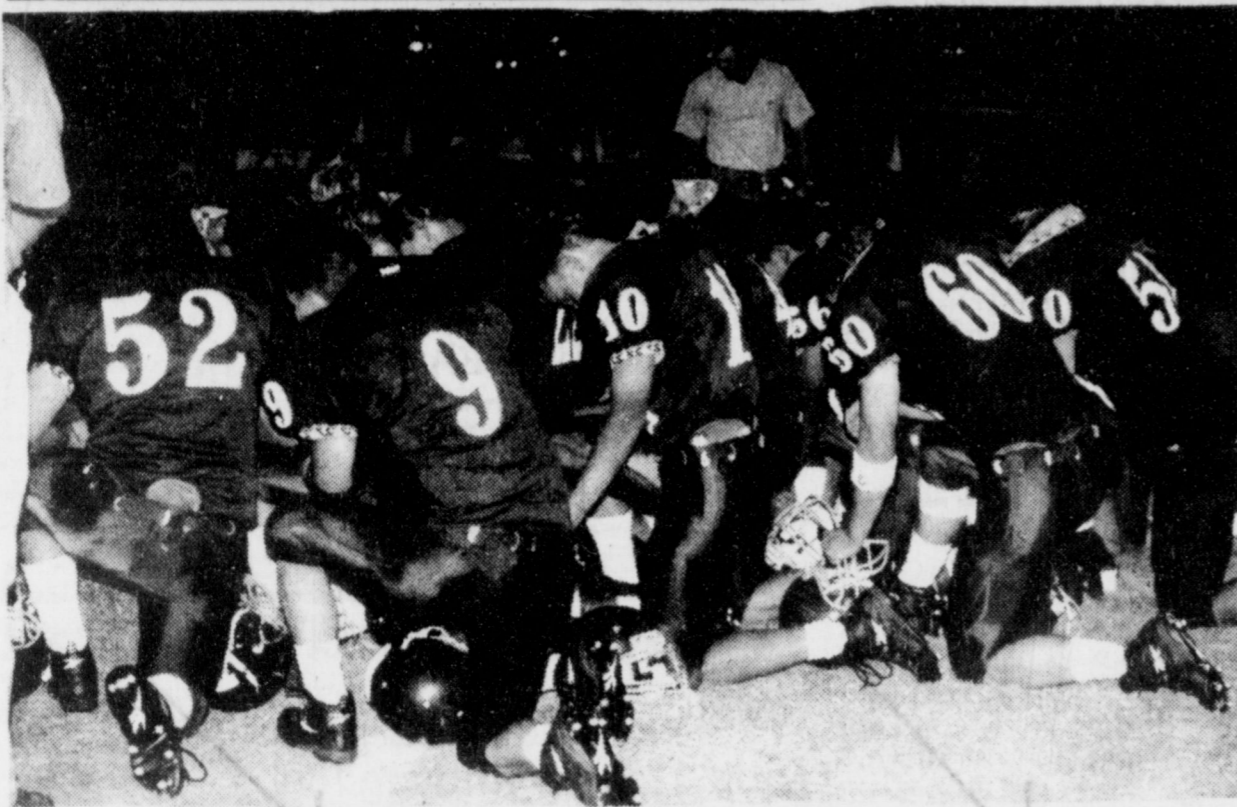
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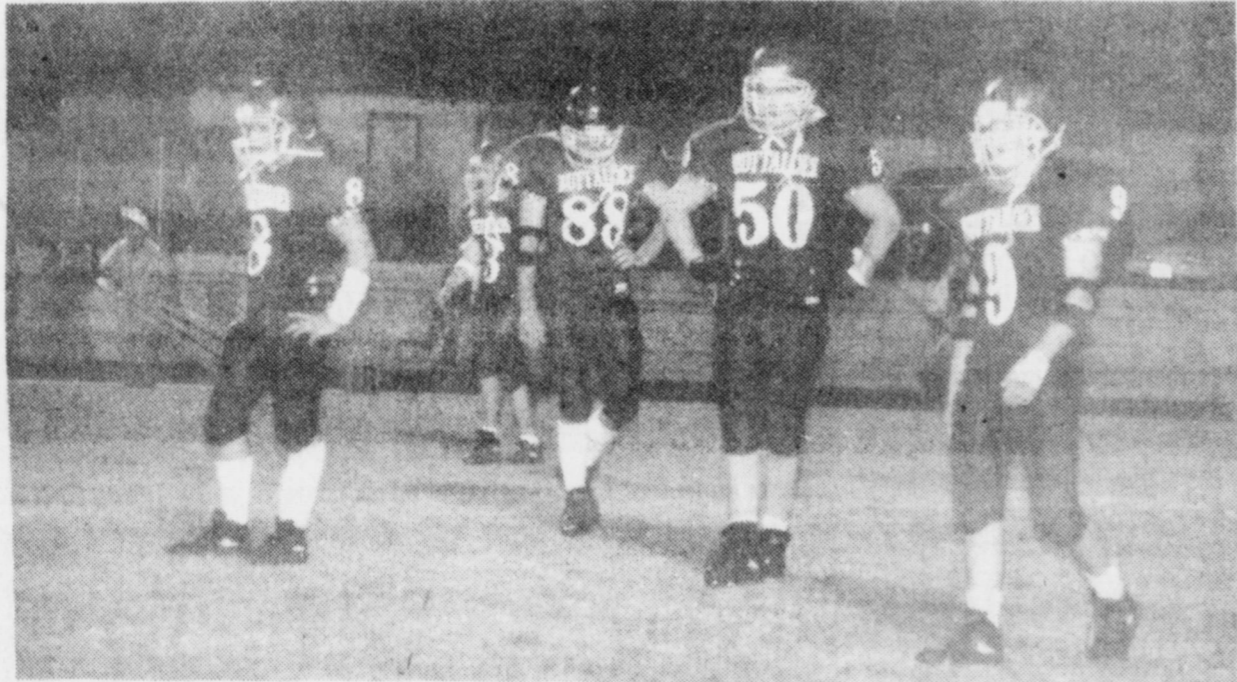
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Student Review



BUFFALOES SHARE A MOMENT OF SILENCE (Football Photos Courtesy of Greg Turner)



BUFFS ANTICIPATE NEXT PLAY

Cross Plains Opened District Play Last Friday

By COACH CORD WOERNER

When Eden kicked off Friday night things looked pretty good. The Buffaloes marched the ball 72 yards in 8 plays and got on the board first with a T.D. by Scott Mackey from 12 yards out, on an option. After kicking off, the defense stepped up and forced a punt after only 3 plays. The Buffs lost the game of field position and Eden scored right at the end of the 1st quarter to tie the score

at 7. After that we never seemed to be able to get back on track. Eden won the game 24-7. The Buffaloes will travel to Bronte this Friday for our next district contest.

Offensive Leaders

Scott Mackey - 7 carries for 54 yards, 1 T.D.
Coby Richards - 5 of 13 passing for 36 yards, 1 interception
Chris Kitchens - 60 return yards, 9 yards rushing, 4 yards receiving
Kenny Callaway - 4 catches for 32 yards

Defensive Leaders

Joseph Dillard - 6 solos, 1 assist, 1 QB hurry
Tony Beggs - 7 solos
Jaden Winfrey - 3 solos, 2 assists, 1 sack
Kenny Callaway - 4 solos, 2 assists
Coby Richards - 2 solos, 2 assists, 1 caused fumble, 1 interception
Lucino Mauricio - 3 solos, 2 assists
Jody Gosnell - 2 solos, 4 assists
Cody Reed - 2 solos, 2 assists, 1 QB hurry

Junior High Experienced First Winning Streak

The past two weeks the Cross Plains Junior High team has played its best football of the season. With victories over Roscoe and Eden, the team seems to be headed in the right direction.

Two weeks ago, the Roscoe Plowboys came into town looking for a battle, and that is what they got. The Buffs, led by a strong defense, played up to their potential by holding Roscoe to 6 points until the closing minutes of the game. The defense had outstanding performances from linebacker Russell Allen and nose defensive end Casey Pack.

The offensive performance was just as spectacular as the Buffs scored 3 touchdowns in route to an 18-13 win. The offense was led by quarterback Ryan Mack and running back Marcus Williams. Mack led the

team in rushing while scoring 2 touchdowns. The other touchdown was scored by Jose Mauricio.

Last Thursday the Buffs went to Eden to face the Bulldogs. This was the most dominating performance by the Buffs this year. The first half was filled with big plays, some by the Bulldogs, and others by running back Jose Mauricio, who had touchdowns of 65 and 75 yards. Both touchdowns were followed by 2 point conversions by Ryan Mack. At halftime, the score was Cross Plains 16, Eden 13.

During the second half, the Buffs powered the ball down the field not allowing Eden to get the ball. The first drive of the second half used up all but 1 minute of the 3rd quarter, and was capped off with a touchdown by Russell Allen. The 2

point conversion was successful by Jose Mauricio.

After a strong defensive series, the Buffs were on the move again. This drive was stopped, however, by a powerful stand by the Bulldogs. The Buff's defense held strong one last time and had the ball till the end of the game. The drive ended with Marcus Williams scoring on a 5 yard touchdown run. The game ended with a final score of Buffs 30, Bulldogs 13.

After the game a 5th quarter was played and the Cross Plains 7th graders played well. The offense had a couple of big runs by Kyle Kitchens and Jason Goains. The defense was led by Brandon Horton and Cody Harris, who each made big tackles. Great job Buffs! Good luck this week against Bronte.

Cross Country Results

By BECKY DILLARD

The Cross Plains Cross Country Teams were in Abilene at ACU for their meet Saturday, October 9.

Results are as follows:
High school boys - 3 miles - 110 runners

John Peters 82nd and Chuck Norris 84th

High school girls - 2 miles - 110 runners - 8th place team

Brandi Richey 25th; Brittany Bennett 30th; Mary Jo Nickerson

54th; Shena Thomas 65th and Judith Mauricio 101st

Junior high boys - 2 miles - 128 runners - Gold team 4th place Purple team 8th place

Ryan Mack 6th place medal; Jose Mauricio 26th; Casey Pack 27th; Brandon Phillips 30th; Jason Goains 37th; Randy Duncan 46th; Marcus Williams 63rd; Dusty Cooper 72nd; Kyle Kitchens 73rd; Thomas Dimitri 81st and Justin Kelly 107th

Junior high 8th grade girls - 1 mile - 142 runners - 9th place team

Christin Hyles 11th place medal; Shana Hyles 12th place medal; Jennifer Young 61st; Bree Dillard 98th and Stephanie Edington 113th
Junior high 7th grade girls - 1 mile - 154 runners - 8th place team
Amber Phillips 7th place medal; Katie Mack 28th; Kali Phillips 61st; Kelsee Richards 74th and Marie Besselaar 85th

The teams will run again Monday afternoon in Coleman on October 18.

JV Buff game vs Bulldogs ends Scoreless for both teams

By TERESA KOENIG

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity team traveled to Eden to take on the Bulldogs. Captains this week were number 10, 50 and 60.

The Buffs won the toss and elected to receive. Clay Wilson on a quarterback keeper got the Buffalo offense going, but the 1st quarter ended with neither team scoring.

In the 2nd quarter the Bulldogs almost pulled off a T.D. but flags prevented it from happening. This was as close as anyone would get to scoring as the half-time buzzer sounded.

To begin the second half Brandon Mahler kicked off a high flying ball to the Bulldogs, as he did several times that night. With 1:17 in the game the Buffaloes came up with one beautiful play but just couldn't get a touchdown out of it. The game ended scoreless for both the Buffaloes and Bulldogs.

The Buffaloes travel to Coleman to take on the Blue Cats Thursday, October 14. Come support our Buffaloes!

School Board Minutes

October 4, 1999

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Leon Nixon, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Jackie Tennison and H.S. Principal Leonard Wilson.

Prayer was led by Monty Richards. Curriculum and faculty were discussed.

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Childress to adjourn. For 6/Against 0

SCHOOL MENU

OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 15

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Eggs, bacon, biscuit, jelly, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY—Cream of wheat, cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Pancakes, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY—Cinnamon rolls, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Chicken patty on bun, chips, salad, pickles, brownies and milk.

TUESDAY—Ham slices, scalloped potatoes, spinach, rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Chalupas, salad, corn, pudding and milk.

THURSDAY—BBQ weiners, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, apricots and milk.

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

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FHA MEMBERS—Andrew Albrecht (back, left) and Brandon Jones; Sheila Bell (bottom, from left), Ashley Cook, Emily Winfrey and Keali Eppard.



1999-2000 FHA MEMBERS—Chrystal Canales (back, from left), Jenny Pancake and Jennifer Canales; Raynell Jones (bottom, from left), Stephanie Parker, Angela Swift and Judith Mauricio.



1999-2000 FHA MEMBERS—Amber Wilson (back, from left), Brian Kelly, Rebecca Tennison and James York; Candice Bailey (bottom, from left), Sarah Nixon, Candice Francy and Violeta Vasquez.



1999-2000 FHA MEMBERS—Cody Reed (back, from left), Blake Dunn, Jason Beauchamp, Nathan Hawkins and Michael Clayton; Marion Hix (bottom, from left), Ashlee Hutchins, Tonya Spelbring and Kari Lenz.



FIRST GRADERS WITH MYSTER READER, MRS. KATHY PURVIS

First Grade "Mystery Reader" is Mrs. Purvis

First Grade Mystery Reader last Friday was our fourth grade teacher Mrs. Kathy Purvis who read *The Bear Who Heard Crying* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnolk and Helen Kinsey. The children oohed and aahed at the touching story about a little girl named Sarah who was lost in the woods and happened to meet a big black bear.

She shared the stars of her bear collection that she began 5 years ago after seeing a real brown bear during a vacation in the Colorado moun-

tains. We enjoyed Mrs. Purvis' visit very, beary much.

This month is Fire Prevention Month. We enjoyed visiting with Mr. Scott Bland, a volunteer from our local volunteer fire department. He educated the children Kindergarten through 2nd grade on the many aspects and uses of the fire truck. The children all agreed that fire safety is everyone's job.

If you would like to be a mystery reader, please call us at school 725-6123. See you next week.

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Comptroller Rylander To Publish Annual Unclaimed Property List

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander will publish the annual Unclaimed Property list on Sunday, October 17.

The state is holding more than \$700 million that has been forgotten by its owners. The money comes from dormant bank accounts, abandoned safe deposit boxes, uncashed checks, uncollected wages, and other sources.

The Unclaimed Property publication contains only the names of unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state within the last year, and only the names of people who have at least \$100 coming to them.

The public should call 1-800-654-3463 to inquire about unclaimed money, or use the Comptroller's *Window on State Government* Internet site at <www.window.state.tx.us> to search for their names and begin the claims process electronically.

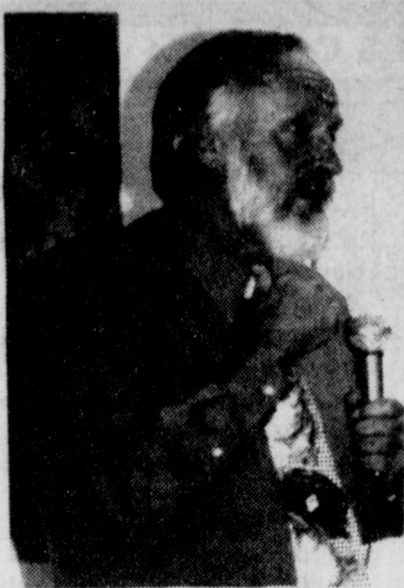
Local and area people on the unclaimed property list are as follows:

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Baird: Bernard Dugan, J.H. McGowan, James P. Shanks, John A. Sykes, Buddy Sirmans, Tony G. Steele, Virginia Tollett and Marian D. Windham

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CARLTON STOWERS



BILLIE LOVING

(Photos courtesy of Ginny Hoskins)

Book Review A Success

By BILLIE R. LOVING

Carlton Stowers' review of his *Sins of the Son* Tuesday evening, October 5 was a great success. Guests came from Baird, Clyde, Comanche, Goldthwaite and from the surrounding area of Cross Plains, totaling 102! Here are reactions of a few guests:

Rolan Jones (Realtor and Justice of the Peace): "I went because I was afraid there wouldn't be many there. The review was informative. I'll go to the next one, too."

Cecil Barton (Retired business man): "Very good. Unusual for Cross Plains."

Carol Atchley (Teacher): "Several of us were talking about the review. We were surprised that Stowers devoted so much time to people. I wasn't expecting such a personal level. We are pleased that Cross Plains could have such an event."

Charles Chesshir (Farmer and independent business man): "Stowers' book review awakened our need to be informed concerning the power of drugs in the lives of so many young people today. His story was both informative and motivational. It saddened me that he didn't mention that spiritual power can bring healing and forgiveness. However, Stowers was wise to point out that though the book is finished, the story has not ended."

The Library Board was pleased that Stowers' wife and parents came to the review. Many thanks to them and to all who attended. Thanks also to the City, to Kathy and the Senior Citizens for the use of the building; to the City employees who brought chairs; to Cecil Barton and Tim Dill who set them up. How's that for a "caring community"!

Don't go away. The Library Board is planning another "Review by an Author" in February, 2000.

Marketing "From The Ground Up"

Futures trading has a long history, both in the U.S. and around the world. Options give the agricultural industry a flexible pricing tool to assist in price risk management. These and many other price risk management strategies will be topics addressed at an up-coming Marketing Seminar on Thursday, October 28. The seminar will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Callahan County Extension Office. We will break for lunch and finish the training at around 2:30 p.m. The seminar is targeted to all producers regardless of their current level of experience. The goal of this seminar is to acquaint producers with and help them learn about the futures markets and the role they play in the marketing of agricultural commodities. This seminar will also help producers understand how the use of futures contracts and options can be used to manage price risk.

The speaker for the seminar will be Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist from San Angelo. Space is limited and only the first 20 to call and sign up will be eligible. If you want to attend call the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518 by October 22. Remember it's limited to the first 20 producers.

Submitted by Robert Pritz
Callahan County Extension Agent-Ag

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KIWANIS NEW LT. GOVERNOR GUEST AT MEETING—Marvin Stewart (right), new Lt. Governor of Division 36, Texas/Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International, was guest of the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 5. The meeting was anything but "regular," however, as Lt. Gov. Stewart installed new officers of the Cross Plains club, including Bob Pipes (left) as President, and inducted seven of the club's eleven new members. (A picture of all the officers and new members will be in next week's paper.) Everyone is always welcome at the club's weekly meetings at Jean's Feed Barn to enjoy great programs and fellowship. For information regarding membership, please check with Bob Pipes of any of the other Kiwanis members.

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Receipts totaled 1750 head. The market continued active on choice calves and yearlings with plainer and lower quality calves selling several dollars lower. Choice light steer and heifer calves under 450# sold steady to \$2 higher while most other weights sold steady. Steer yearlings sold strong as well as choice heifer calves and heifers. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady to \$2 lower with bred cows selling steady and pairs selling in poor demand.

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WC Patrick	Rochelle	1 Blk Hfr 500 @ 76.00
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Wade Roberts	Moran	2 BWF Hfrs 718 @ 70.00

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700-800	66-76	60-72	Pairs
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CJC Millennium Concert Nov. 11

"Choral Music From Y1K to Y2K" will be the exciting theme of Cisco Junior College's Millennium Concert, to be held in the CJC Auditorium on Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. In a celebration of the new millennium, director Tenesa Rasmussen and accompanist Steven Zell will lead the CJC Singers through a musical history tour that samples music from Gregorian Chant to popular Broadway songs. Choral music by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Mozart and Mendelssohn will occupy the first half of the program, followed by a variety of musical styles from the twentieth century. The audience should enjoy familiar music from early in this century in barbershop style, as well as choral arrangements of folk songs, Broadway songs, and movie music from popular shows. Mr. Zell will accompany with either piano or organ, and various percussion and electronic instruments will add to the fun. A slide show illustrating historical time periods will make the Millennium Concert a multi-media tribute.

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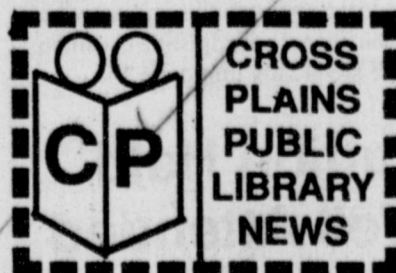
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Oct. 4-8

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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt




HOWET WILSON

...October resident of the month

Howet Wilson was chosen for the resident of the month. He was born August 4, 1922, in Callahan County. He has three sons and enjoys playing Bingo, watching TV and reading the paper. He is affiliated with the Church of Christ.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Hazel McCoy. May knowing others care and share deeply in your sorrow comfort you today and strengthen you tomorrow.

The residents will be having their Octoberfest party, Tuesday the 19th at 6:30 p.m. Special events will be the cake walk, dart throw and Bingo games. Refreshments and prizes for all. Family and friends are welcome to come and join in on the fun.



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By Bob Pipes, preacher
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A little boy noticed that his father prayed regularly each morning at the breakfast table for the poor -- for God "to help the poor." He had also noticed that his father never gave to his father, "One morning at the conclusion of the father's prayer, the son said to his father, "Dad, I wish I had your money." "Why, Son?" asked the father. "Because if I had your money, I'd help God answer your prayer."

James addressed the problem in his letter of the New Testament. "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warm and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" In pointing out the difference in dead faith and alive, active faith, he also exposed the sin of hypocrisy -- just like the little boy did to his father.

But there's another lesson to be learned from the little boy's statement. There is a sense in which we can "help God answer our prayers." We may pray, "God, help me live right today" -- then "help Him" by avoiding situations, and companions which would unnecessarily tempt one to sin. We may pray, "God, help the sick get well" -- then "help Him answer our prayer" by going to visit the sick person, speaking an encouraging word, or perhaps even providing a doctor.

I wonder if God ever says, "If I had your resources..." Let us be sure our faith is active and alive. And let's "help God answer our prayers."

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.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

Summertime is a great time for visitors and guests. We have a little squirrel which usually visits us between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Named Squirrely Joe, by yours truly, he is at times both a visitor and a guest. In June, Marvin and grandson, Zach, built a squirrel feeder for Squirrely Joe. The feeder is located beneath the shade of the largest pecan tree and near the acorn trees. Just a short distance down the fence is the receptacle in which we keep water for the birds and other little critters.

The birds take advantage of the water and our birdfeeder on a daily basis. We finally got our new hummingbird feeders up in mid to late June. The prettiest little yellow oriole visited our regular birdfeeder for a time. But alas we took a 3 day car trip and the feeder ran out of grain while we were away. I haven't seen the little oriole since. I figure he found another feeding location. I sure miss the little oriole, we still

have red birds, blue Jays, robins, starlings, and sparrows tho'. And of course a few we can't identify.

We've already harvested parsley, peppermint, spearmint and lemon balm, drying and pulverizing it. Then we placed it in labeled glass jars for cooking, seasoning, teas, and other herbal uses. Some we will use personally, the rest we distribute to various relatives, friends and acquaintances.

My niece told me her favorite herb I put up for her is fennel. My sister Ann's preference is dill. Disappointment is rife though this year, caterpillars ate my lone surviving dill plant while we were on a weeks trip the first week of July. However, my niece, Belinda, will be ecstatic as we did harvest and put up some fennel, though not as much was available as in years past.

Thought for the day: We can funnel the fennel but we can't fill the bill for dill.

Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be sponsoring their annual turkey supper night in conjunction with the monthly Cottonwood Musical on Friday, October 15. The dinner will be turkey with all the trimmings at \$5 per plate for adults and \$2.50 for children under the age of 10. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Take out orders will be available. Make plans now to attend. Meet and have dinner with your neighbors and friends. If anyone is available and would like to help with serving, come by the center around 5 p.m. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Country-Western musical entertainment with Smokey Callaway as emcee will commence at 6:30 p.m. Local and area musicians are cordially invited to participate on the evening program.

There will also be a drawing for a "Monkey Wrench" quilt, quilted by members of the Cottonwood Quilting Club during the course of the evening festivities.

On Tuesday, October 19, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will meet at the fire house a 7:00 p.m. All volunteers and interested people are asked to attend.

Local man receives 1st place at Rising Star Octoberfest

The Saturday, October 9th Octoberfest Parade and Tractor Show at Rising Star attracted a large number of people and seemed to be a great success.

Bob McCowen's entry (for Mac's

Trading Post of Cross Plains) won a 1st place ribbon and plaque for originality and age. He entered a 1935 John Deere B tractor which has a gold colored serial number plate.

Duck Camp Introduces Students To "Tarleton Experience"

STPHENVILLE, TX — Ventura Monreal, a Tarleton State University student from Cross Plains, attended Duck Camp this summer at Camp Champions in Marble Falls. Hosted just prior to the beginning of the fall semester, Duck Camp is a four-day three-night crash course in what has been called the "Tarleton Experience."

Sponsored through the Division of Student Services, Duck Camp is aimed at making first semester freshmen feel more at home on the Tarleton campus. Now in its fifth year, enrollment in Duck Camp has grown steadily and this summer over 320 campers participated in the event.

Divided into small groups led by two group leaders, the campers

attend seminars on campus life and Tarleton traditions designed to help them make the transition from high school to college. Topics include dating, city and county regulations, time management, finances and campus activities. The "traditions" sessions discuss Tarleton history and campus landmarks.

"The spirit behind Tarleton is derived from its students, graders and organizations," said Dr. Garnier Lewis, Associate Vice President of Student Services. "We believe that by helping first semester freshmen establish friendship, develop leadership skills and learn about student opportunities and activities their chances of adjusting to campus life are greatly improved."

1999 Dressy Reunion Held Recently Was Well Attended

The annual Dressy Reunion was held last Saturday in the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center.

Forty-one attended the day's activities and enjoyed visiting, plus the lunch.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pope, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Crutchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Freeman, Clint Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ritter,

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Cross Plains Hunter's Feed Approaching

The Cross Plains Hunter's Feed is planned for 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 6. This is a great way for the community to say "Thank You" to the hunters of Central Texas for their patronage. Lunch will be served from the KIX Chuck Wagon. The menu will be barbecue by Hickory Stick in

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

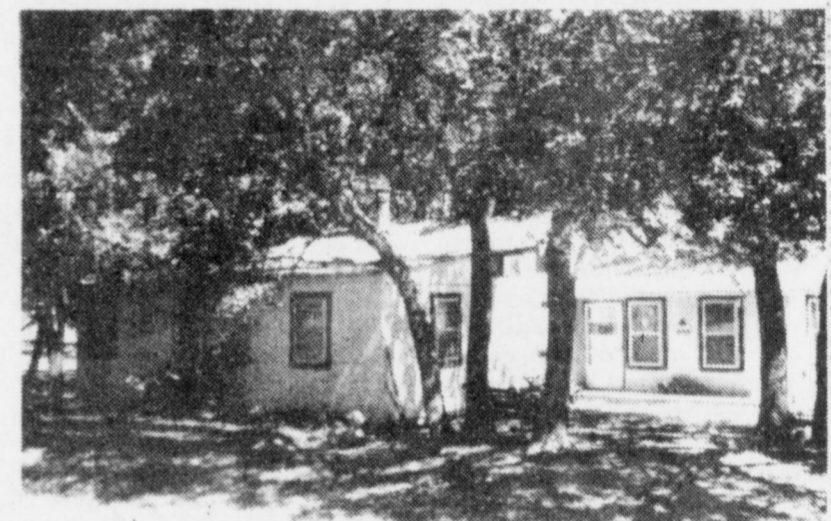
Oliver and Frankie traveled to the VA Clinic in Big Spring Friday. Friday night they attended the Coleman festival. It was a great one. Monday night they attended a revival at 206 Baptist Mission. They had some great preaching and singing. Jean Fore is home and she has her sister Vi Harlow and Paul, her brother, staying with her for a little while. We were proud to have all three of them at our quilting club for lunch Tuesday.

Thirteen people gathered at Pioneer for snack fun and games last Thursday night. Next game night will be October 21.

One day last week Wanda and Don Nelson of Early took Glenda Phillips out to eat at Ophelia's.

Howard and Allen joined them there. Charlene Chessb's 50th anniversary at Rising Star and visited Glenda Barr in the Rising Star Nursing Home. Saturday, Allen, Janice and Glenda went to Hords Creek to watch Kali run in cross country. They also attended the Coleman Festival before returning home.

Everyone is busy with putting the finishing touches for the community Tour of Country Homes Quilt, Art Show and Country Store Saturday, October 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. The club house will be open at 8 a.m. Saturday. Don't forget what time each person will be working. Se you then!



HOME OF MR. & MRS. J.D. HUTTON

J.D. & Sandy Hutton display their home during the Pioneer "Tour of Country Homes Saturday"

In 1976, J.D. and Sandy Hutton bought an old house built in the late 20's early 30's from Sandy's brother and sister-in-law, Bud and Jo Ann Linney of Rising Star.

At the time J.D. and Sandy were living in a 10 x 40 foot trailer house to which had been added a 12 x 30 foot room and two children!

J.D. had the house moved about 7 miles to its present location and added the 12 x 30 foot room to the existing house. In 1985 another 14 x 16 foot room was added with the family growing and 2 more children in 1977 and 1979. The hose was getting a little cramped.

J.D. and Sandy have done a lot of remodeling (some want to's and some because of accidental flooding due to a water heater leak or faulty

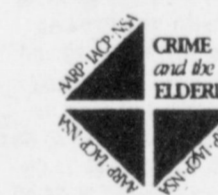
pipes.) Lynn and Pam, J.D.'s brother and sister-in-law with "Hutton Construction" helped remodel and built beautiful new kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

The house is totally heated by a fireplace to which J.D. built an insert in 1980, making the fireplace more efficient.

Sandy's decor is early anything! The children have built some pieces of furniture as ag projects in school and you will see hand made quilts on display as quilting is Sandy's favorite past-time.

Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss the Pioneer Tour of Country Homes, Quilt and Art Show on Saturday, October 16 from 2 to 6 p.m.

TRIAD Minutes



By Kay Mosley, Secretary

The meeting of the Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council of September 8, 1999, Cross Plains, 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Esther Kerr. No minutes were available, as there was no meeting in August.

A report was given on the success of the TRIAD hamburger booth at the recent Barbarian Tradesday Festival.

The TRIAD Conference to be held in Austin, October 11 and 12, was discussed. Names were taken of those who plan to attend form the Callahan County Council. Registration and a welcoming reception will be the 11th with the conference to be held on the 12th. A lot of pertinent information will be available at the conference with new ideas and suggestions available for discussion and possible usage. Those representatives attending can expect an interesting, innovative, informative and enlightening time of idea comparison, planning, discussion and camaraderie. Reservations are available at the Holiday Inn South in Austin.

The only disbursement for the past month was for computer supplies to be used by the secretary, for the mailouts each month of the minutes

to each individual council member.

Each reported on her visit to the resource center which serves Baird and Clyde and is located in Clyde, to research methods and guidelines for a similar program under consideration for the community of Cross Plains. The program which is being considered would include possible aid for the elderly, the physically challenged and the underprivileged, and for others in emergency situations.

Discussion on the issue followed, as to available personnel, possible dates and hours of availability, and other matters pertaining to the matter. Other similar programs may also be researched for ideas, guidelines, suggestions and other pertinent information.

Briefly discussed was the TRIAD Quarterly Bulletin, its current format, its contributions of information and news of other TRIAD councils. Most council members are receiving it and new members should receive the next edition.

A meeting on family poverty is to be attended the 20th of September by Esther Kerr and Johnnie Bland which should be helpful to us in the planning of the program on poverty now under consideration by the members of the council.

The meeting adjourned.

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Erased memory...

I was washing dishes when my daughter mentioned something she wished she had. I thought it sounded like a perfect gift for her next birthday. By the time I dried my hands, turned the burner lower, and found a pencil, the thought should have been on the tip of my tongue, but it had flown the coop, instead. Where did it go?

MyKeeper says I have a limited hard drive. I guess he's right, because last night I had to admit it again.

I walked directly to the cabinet, then stood there with my hand poised above the handle. I could not remember what I wanted out of there and, believe me, this happens far too often, lately.

Maybe if I went back to the spot where I first thought of it. That might jiggle it loose.

Nope.

It works to forget about it sometimes, and go on with other things. Then the thought pops back into my head with crystal clarity.

That didn't work, either.

Why is it that 25 years ago is a vivid picture, and five minutes ago is lost deep in the grey, convoluted pathways of my brain. I've always thought it would be nice if I could dump some of my dated files and free up some memory, but my memory files are crammed.

I'm back at the cabinet, trying to pick up a thread of purpose.

Nothing. It's a hair past hopeless at this point.

My absentmindedness is more forgivable when my course is bumble bee driven. Distractions like the phone, the kids, or pots boiling over are enough to make me forget where I was headed, and why.

The cabinet holds my writing supplies, so I know it has to be something like a file folder, an envelope, the stapler, a tablet. This cabinet offers a fairly broad hint.

"My mind!" I whined. "Where is it when I need it?"

"It's just so ubiquitous," MyKeeper teased. He was practicing a new "five dollar word."

"That word doesn't fit in all sentences," I told him.

"It does in this case."

I bit. "How?"

"Well," he said, "it's a little more polite than saying you're scatter-brained."

I yanked open the cabinet door and scanned the shelves. Still no idea what sent me there.

"I'm not leaving this spot until I remember what I came here for!" I might have even stamped my foot.

After a full minute of staring into the cabinet, I grabbed the pencil sharpener and sharpened every pencil in the house.

Was that even close? I'm still trying to remember. I'm also trying to think what I could possibly get my daughter for her birthday.

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Eck - Flatt United in Marriage

Announcement is being made of the June 19, 1999, wedding of Tiffany Eck and Colby Flatt.

Parents of the couple are Dave and Paula Eck of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Schrenia Spurlock of Dublin and Cotton and Clarice Flatt of Shannon.

Grandparents of the groom are Billie and W.D. Clark of Cross Plains and Wade and Sid Flatt of Wichita Falls.

Vows were exchanged at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Doug Loecke officiating.

Matron of honor for her sister was Erin Gross of Waterloo, Iowa. Bridesmaids were Jill Murray of Waterloo, Iowa, Heidi Wolfe of Coralville, Iowa and Michelle

Coulter of Dike, Iowa.

Best man was Steve McNew of New Braunfels. Groomsmen were Cory Spurlock of Dublin, Regin Stover of Rising Star and Keith Clark of Clyde.

Flower girls were Katelin and Kristen DeSerano of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Seating guests were Jerod Gross, brother-in-law of the bride from Waterloo, Iowa and Chris Clark, cousin of the groom, from Clyde.

The bride is a first grade teacher in Bridgeport and her husband is the owner of a cable contracting company.

They reside in Shannon.

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WTU seeks approval for fuel surcharge and fuel factor change

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover approximately \$6.4 million in under-collected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. WTU has also requested approval to increase the fuel factors used to recover fuel costs that the company incurs to provide electric service in the future by approximately \$15.9 million a year. Under PUCT rules, utility companies do not make a profit or incur a loss on the fuel portion of the bill.

WTU proposes to recover the \$6.4 million in under-collections through a surcharge over the six-month period from January through June 2000. WTU also proposes to increase the factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of the bill beginning with December 1999 bills.

The PUCT requires investor-owned utilities in Texas, like WTU, to forecast the annual cost of fuel to generate electricity at their power plants. Based on these forecasts, a fuel factor charge is developed to recover the cost from customers. When actual costs for fuel are significantly more than what customers are paying through their monthly bills, the PUCT allows the utility to request permission to recover the additional amount through what is called a "surcharge". When the fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility may request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factor used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customers bill.

Approximately 68 percent of the electricity sold by WTU is produced using natural gas as the boiler fuel or comes from power purchases that are affected by prevailing natural gas market costs. Gas costs are expected to be approximately

21.2% higher during the period from December 1999 through November 2000 than the levels upon which WTU's current fuel factors are based. To keep the increase in the overall cost of its fuel and purchased power costs below the expected 21.2 percent increase in natural gas costs, WTU continues to take steps to reduce fuel costs including:

- Using coal generation to the fullest extent reasonably possible.
- Using purchased power when available at prices below the variable generation costs at WTU's gas-fired plants.

If approved, the proposed surcharge will increase the average monthly bill for a basic residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity by approximately \$1.84 or 2.5% during the six-month period from January through June 2000. The effect of the surcharge will vary depending on the rate schedule under which the customer takes service.

The proposed fuel factor will increase the average monthly bill by approximately \$3.25 or 4.3% for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month, beginning in December 1999.

A monthly electric bill is made up of two components that include the base rate plus a fuel charge. Senate Bill 7, the electric utility restructuring legislation that was recently passed by the Texas legislature, required utilities to freeze their base rates, beginning Sept. 1, 1999.

WTU's requests for the fuel recovery surcharge and fuel factor increase are not a part of base rates. Utilities cannot raise base rates, however, the PUCT allows recovery of under-collected fuel costs and adjustments to the fuel factor to more closely mirror estimated future costs.



GLANCE TO THE PAST — Higginbotham Brothers and Company supplied an antique wagon to enhance the celebration. The mule belongs to Rusty and Debbie Reed.



UF RANCH CHUCK WAGON — Melody McWilliams (from left) and Terry Jane Wyatt served homemade cobbler to the crowd.

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