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Down Home

"The Dentist Dilema!"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

Everyone has their own dentist stories, and most of them not exactly pleasant, but here is one on my Dad. Daddy had a loose tooth and decided to do his own dentistry. He thought he would try tying a string around the tooth and then tying the other end of the string to a door and slamming it. He had tried to talk the kids into this 'little experiment before.

He was going to be efficient -- took 20-30 pound test fishing line and tied the tooth at one end and the rest of the line to the door knob. Then he gave it a slam.

Well, the tooth didn't release as planned, but a nerve was definitely struck. It hurt so bad to untie the line from the door that he couldn't stand to untie the end attached to his tooth.

He asked me to drive him to his dentist and there we sat in the waiting room with the fishing line (about a foot or so long) hanging out of daddy's mouth. Believe me, he got some stares!

Finally, he was called in and the dentist just cracked up. "What have you done to yourself?" he questioned. Daddy explained the whole procedure and the dentist reached in his mouth and gently pulled out the tooth.

Daddy said, "How did you do that?" The dentist replied, "Well, you did all the hard work!"

Daddy was doubly surprised when he didn't even charge for his service. I guess the dentist got quite a charge out of Daddy's antics -- just made his day!

This Millennium Has Been Progressive For The Community Of Cross Plains

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

My first attempt at this article was to name the top ten local personalities of the millennium. Then I realized there were organizations and businesses which had contributed to the progress and the list grew longer.

After working on writing a paragraph for each person and organization, it became apparent that we live in a community with a multitude of "good folks" and I couldn't leave anyone out.

It was obvious that volunteers for the various services, officers and board of directors for organizations, and individual citizens of good will abounded.

The logo of "A Caring

Community" is well suited. When there was a disaster such as the tornado, everyone worked together to clean up our town. When there have been personal needs for someone ill, the community banded together to come to their aid. When people's homes have been destroyed by fire, the town comes through. When Christmas gifts and food are needed, there is always someone to follow up.

I have decided that we are fortunate to live in such a community where compassion and respect for others still thrives. What a wonderful opportunity we have to know our neighbors and most everyone in town; you can have a conversation with friends while you are at a business; the threat of violence such as gangs is absent; most don't have to drive two hours

one way to work; there is time for community involvement; and the positive reasons continue.

I have seen a terrific amount of changes, just in my life time. Those who have lived to 100 years have seen even more! As a whole, the United States has witnessed wonderful technical improvements, economic growth, too many wars, tragic assassinations, countless natural disasters, deterioration of the family and lowering of morals, just to mention a few.

Let's pray that the new millennium will be the beginning of a spiritual awakening.

Happy New Year to You and Yours!

Candidate filing deadline is January 3 for Primary Election

The deadline for candidate filing for the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 14, 2000 is Monday, January 3, 2000, according to Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon E. Hardwick.

Hardwick reminded possible candidates the filing deadline is at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2000 for the March Democratic Primary Election.

Hardwick reported no new candidate filing as of Monday, December 27. Candidate filing for the March 2000 Democratic Primary Election is continuing now through January 3. Candidate application forms are available from Hardwick at his office at 227 Market Street in Baird or at his residence at 613 Cherry Street in Baird. The party chairman can be reached at his office at 854-1256 or at his residence at 854-1336.

Those Callahan County offices up for election in the March 2000 Democratic Primary Election include County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Tax Assessor/Collector, County Commissioner Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Commis-

sioner Precinct #3 (Baird), County Constable Precinct #1 (Clyde), County Constable Precinct #3 (Baird) and County Constable Precinct #4 (Cross Plains).

Those candidates filing for the Democratic Primary Election to date:

- County Attorney
 - Shane Deel, 27, who filed Friday, December 3.
 - Allen Wright, 47, who filed for re-election Monday, December 6.
- County Sheriff
 - Eddie Curtis, 48, filed for re-election Friday, December 3.
- Tax Assessor/Collector
 - Tammy T. Walker, 38, who filed Friday, December 3.
- Co. Commissioner Prec. #1
 - Harold Hicks, 59, who filed Friday, December 3 for re-election.
- Co. Commissioner Prec. #3
 - Tommy Holland, 66, filed Friday, December 3 for re-election.
- Co. Constable Prec. #1
 - David Blalock, 53, filed Friday, December 3 for re-election.
- Co. Constable Prec. #3
 - Howard Bredehoft, 55, filed Monday, December 6 for re-election.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 19, 1999 through December 25, 1999 include:

- Cases Investigated
 - Warnings-101
 - Complaints-99
- Vehicle Accidents
 - There were no vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.
- People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
 - There was one outstanding warrant issued for a total of \$325.00 collected.



STOCKING WINNER ANNOUNCED — Vernon Smith, manager of Higginbotham's Brothers and Company, is pictured with Jaelynn Stout, the winner of the World's Largest Christmas Stocking. The drawing was sponsored by the local business. Jaelynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stout of Cross Plains.

Caution urged for Y2K motorists

ABILENE, Texas — Motorists are being urged to use extra caution as they travel after the first of the year, especially at intersections.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) does not expect Y2K problems with traffic signals, but says motorists should always be careful when entering an intersection. "We have been working since early 1998 upgrading and testing equipment on the nearly 6,800 traffic signals on the state highway system," said Carlos Lopez, director of traffic operations for TxDOT. "If power is available, our traffic signals should handle the January 1 date change without a problem. If the power goes out, motorists will need to use caution and watch out for other drivers."

Motorists should take extra care at an intersection with a traffic signal that is not working and they should be prepared to give other drivers the right of way if necessary, according to Pat McKennon, Abilene district traffic systems supervisor.

"Right of way is something to be given, not taken," McKennon said. "Courtesy is the key to safe driving."

Crashes can be prevented if motorists play it safe, according to TxDOT officials. Driving at a speed appropriate for the conditions, using seat belts properly and never drinking and driving are some of the safe driving practices they say motorists should always follow.

"Holiday periods, like New Year's Day, are often a time to celebrate, but they should never be an excuse to get behind the wheel of a car after you have been drinking," said Lopez.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, nearly 30 percent of all traffic fatalities in Texas last year were alcohol related.

In addition to checking and upgrading signal lights on state highway, TxDOT has also been serving as a resource on traffic signal issues for cities and counties across the state.

Ray Pack & The Texas Drifters To Open New Year At Grand Ole Oplin

Ray Pack and the Texas Drifters will open the New Year at the Grand Ole Oplin on Friday, New Year's Eve from 8:00 p.m. until shortly after midnight.

Everyone is invited out to celebrate the New Millennium. Admission is still \$3.00. Black eyed peas and corn bread will be served along with any snacks our guests may bring to be shared by all.

In January we'll start the month out with Muddy Creek playing on January 7th. On January 14th Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be playing, on January 21 Ray Pack will be entertaining us, and will close the month out with Muddy Creek playing on January 28th.

Our regular dance begins each Friday night at 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks for everyone to share during band breaks. No alcohol or smoking is allowed. The Grand Ole Oplin is presented by the Oplin Community Center located at F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin.

Come out and enjoy good music, good friends and good tunes. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by Pam Runtz-H

The Cross Plains Review Will Close At 12:00 Noon Friday, December 31 We wish you a Happy New Year!!

Cross Plains Roping Club To Meet January 3

Cross Plains Roping Club will hold a meeting on Monday, January 3 at the Dairy Queen at 7:00 p.m.

Topic of discussion will be the lease on roping steers, roping calves and the buck-out, cook-off in April.

All members are encouraged to attend. We would also like to invite anyone who would like to be a member to attend this meeting.

Submitted by Frankie Hyles

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 2, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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Sales & use tax totals higher for second quarter

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the second quarter of 1999 by State Comptroller John Sharp's office on Monday, December 27.

Sharp reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the second quarter of 1999 at \$13,846,141 which was 5.4% higher than the gross sales of \$13,133,206 reported during the second 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 \$103,388. 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 \$5,756,250. 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 244. There were 254 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 1999 was \$8,451,976 which is 2.3% higher than the 1998 second quarter gross sales of \$8,261,448.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 1999 was \$7,447.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the second quarter of 1999 was \$4,350,854 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totalled 142 for the second quarter of 1999. There were 150 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 1998.

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Filings

Calvin Perry, driving while intoxicated:
Thomas J. Kersey, DWI.
Marc S. Welch, DWI.
Richard W. Ramirez, DWI.
Eydie L. Freeman, DWI.
Ray R. Mendoza, driving while license suspended.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Lee Andra Goble, motion revoking probation granted.
Jason Wyatt Stewart, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Marriage Licenses

Russell Wade Holland and Sheila Deanne Bowen, both of Clyde.

Civil Filings

Brenda L. Fleming and Franky L. Fleming, divorce.
Jennifer Lynn Smith and Gregory Glenn Smith, divorce.

Criminal Minutes

Vickie Mapes Anderson, plea of guilty to DWI, 8 years probation, \$2000 fine, \$229.25 court costs.

Brandon W. Black, motion to dismiss to indecency with a child dismissed. After consideration of new evidence, the Grand Jury recommended dismissal.

Obituaries

Luther Gayland Swift

RISING STAR—Luther Gayland Swift, 76, died Monday, December 27, 1999, at his home.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Richard Masey officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mr. Swift was born in Eastland County and was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked for Amoco Oil Co. in Andrews and returned to Rising Star after retiring. He was a Methodist. He married Jessie Clark in 1946 in Cross Plains.

Survivors include his wife, of Rising Star; two daughters, Gayla Sue Roberson of Andrews and Nancy Catherine Weissman of Waco; one brother, Custer Swift of Comanche; and three grandchildren.

Wanda Alene Frost

BROWNWOOD—Wanda Alene Frost, 76, died Sunday, December 26, 1999, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Bo Shero officiating. Burial was in Jordan Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Frost was born in San Saba and had moved to Brownwood from Rising Star two years ago. She was a retired sitter for home health care and a member of Austin Avenue Church of Christ.

Survivors include six daughters, Mary Womack and Billie Hammond, both of Brownwood, Sherrie Lotz and Vicki Lotspeich, both of Industry, Carolyn Ames of Havana, Arkansas and Peggy Johnson of Wichita Falls; four sons, James Johnston of Fort Worth, Michael Rahn of Houston, Eddie Rahn of Arlington and Chuck Weeks of Evant; 33 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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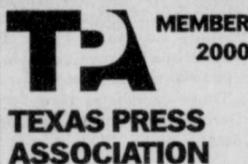
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Brenna Michelle Kleiber

Selected Scriptures

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.
Psalm 119:114

...above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Ephesians 6:16
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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

For Callahan Attorney Allen Wright Shane Deel

Pol. Adv. by Shane Deel, 526 Swenson Road, Clyde, Texas 79510
All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Callahan County: Cross Plains, Baird, Putnam, Clyde. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.
Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.
In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.
All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.
Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

As another year draws to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for their support and friendship and sincerely wish everyone the happiness that a prosperous and successful New Year can bring with God's Blessings.

Myrtle Owen, Maxine Crisp and Peggy Koenig will be bringing in the new year by looking pretty with their new perms.

Our sincere love and sympathy on the loss of Christine Kelly. She was a unique lady who will be truly missed.

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

Appreciation to the McNutt Family for all the goodies, to Bob and Dee Harrell for the lip balm, to Mike and Bonnie Rogers for the peppermints, to Wimpy and Joyce McCoy for the poinsettia and to Misty Callaway for playing ball with the residents.

Beth Meador visited Nandell Stiles.

Ron Hilburn visited Jo Boatright.

Bill and Wilma McMillan from Coleman visited Peggy Koenig.

Frank and Dorothy Difford visited Peggy Koenig.

Travis and Alice Lockhart from Austin visited Myrtle Owen.

Charlou Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited Louise Richardson.

Betty Beggs visited Falba Shofner and Peggy Koenig.

Linda and Latricia Chandler visited Minnie Swann.

Kim and Eddie Jackson from Winters visited Julia Hedrick.

Kathy, Chantry, Logan and Trenor Bobb from El Paso visited Bulah Ferguson.

Activities during the week were: Monday: In room visiting, exercise and Skip-Bo games.

Tuesday: Art class and singing with Bob McCowan and his singing and dancing little friends.

Wednesday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shofner (2) and Ruby Harrell. Exercise and Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Manicures, ball toss and popcorn social.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace, sit-down-basketball and dominoes.

Sunday: Believer's Fellowship Happy New Year!!

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

Gardening is a learning experience...it also can be a pleasant past-time...but let's face it, gardening is also a lot of work; albeit worthwhile.

Not only do we reap fresh vegetables, herbs and lovely flowers from our gardening, but we reap other benefits as well.

Benefits? Well, yes. Gardening is good for the soul. That's one benefit. Gardening is relaxing and calming to the nerves. That's at least one or maybe two more.

Gardening provides us with a way to stay busy, to exercise our muscles, it enables us to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine, teaches us to work with tools, and also gardening can provide us with a wonderful feeling of accomplishment.

Gardening can also bring us new

friends...human friends! Really, I wasn't referring to the squash bugs, caterpillars, and other garden pests, er--"friends".

One year our garden even produced eggs. The chickens who lived nearby sometimes visited our garden to sample the fresh produce. I'll say one thing though. For the produce they consumed they left us an egg or two on occasion, apparently in payment or perhaps they were employing the barter system. Or I suppose they could have just needed a place at that one moment to deposit an egg. I really was never sure which.

You know what they say, a surprise a day keeps the doctor away or was that the apple! Can't remember, gotta run though that garden needs more work. Oh, Marvin-n-n-n!

SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 3-7

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Breakfast pizza, as-sorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY—Waffle, sausage, as-sorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Muffins, as-sorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, as-sorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY—Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Corn dogs, baked beans, pickle spears, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY—Chicken nuggets w/ gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, rolls, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY—BBQ on bun, pinto beans, okra, fruit cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY—Spaghetti w/meat sauce, cheese, broccoli, garlic sticks, pineapples and milk.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes to Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

The family of James (Jim) and Doris Hughes would like to invite everyone to a celebration honoring the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be January 9, 2000, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at 6108 Wooded Edge Court in Arlington.

anyone who would like to participate.

Jim and Doris are former residents of Cross Plains and operated Jim's Upholstery and Ellen's Closet downtown. You may send cards to the address above or call them at (817) 472-7141.

PUBLIC FAX AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW FAX # 1-254-725-7225

High-Fiber Diets May Not Cut Colon Cancer-But...

The news media had headlines about a study which disputes the belief that a high-fiber diet protects against colon cancer. BUT don't stop that high-fiber diet. "A high-fiber diet clearly cuts heart disease risk and the American Cancer Society says fiber protects against other cancers," says the author of the study Charles Fuchs. "Folic acid and other constituents of plant foods probably do protect against colon cancer." Other risk-cutters are exercise, less red meat and less alcohol.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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I have always been impressed with the centurion at the cross of Christ, who finally said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God," Mark 15:39. (Matthew even leads me to believe that others with the centurion came to the same conclusion — and made the same statement, Matthew 27:54.) What caused the centurion who had evidently previously been an unbeliever to become a believer?

Matthew says that it was the earthquake and the (other) things that had happened. It was enough to cause them to "fear greatly." In conjunction with the earthquake, "graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many," Matthew 27:52-53. If the graves being opened and the saints being raised were not enough, surely them walking around in Jerusalem a few days later would be! And remember, even before the earthquake, there had been three hours of darkness — right in the middle of the day! (Mark 15:33)

I believe that these things should have caused any unbeliever to believe — but I'm still impressed with the centurion and his statement. Don't you know that it took a lot of courage for him to admit, "Truly this was the Son of God"?

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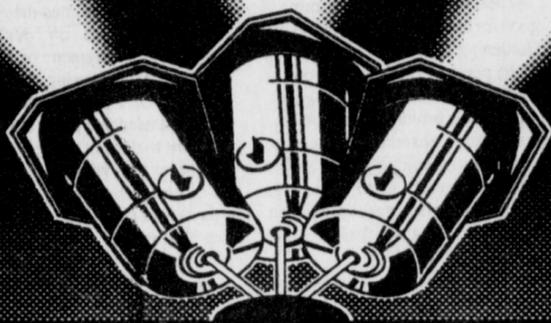
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Grilled Cheese Sandwich...

Ever wonder how a fad gets started? Last week I got a glimpse.

A TV commentator had a craving for a grilled cheese sandwich. He said the health and diet training instilled in us flatly denies the citizens of this country such a treat. Encoded in most diets is the message, "Toasted cheese sandwich is poison." It has calories, fat, and cholesterol, and is just waiting to deposit sticky stuff in our veins.

The commentator said we'd all swallowed that line, hook and sinker, but it didn't matter. He wanted a grilled cheese sandwich.

I'm sure his sandwich was every bit as delectable as the ones I fixed for lunch the same day. I couldn't help it. That ancient dish clung to my mind until I had it toasting to a golden brown in the frying pan. I pictured cheese oozing between bread slices, all orange and gooey.

My mouth watered. MyKeeper stared off in space to collect his own memory. "Boyl!" he said. "That DOES sound good." Well, I yanked out the medium sized frying pan before we could think of a reason not to.

The kitchen embraced that wonderful aroma while I thought of all those years past when the sandwiches were a staple, along with macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, hot dogs and beans, mashed potatoes and gravy.

We hung over the stove, waiting. We made a few concessions to keep the meal leaning to the healthy side. Three kinds of cheese were stuffed between slices of whole grain bread, rich with grains, nuts and seeds, which were then coated with slabs of butter and toasted a golden, crispy brown.

Just before the sandwiches were done, a steamy mug of hot chocolate made a pop-up appearance

from my old memory files. I ran to the cupboard, the refrigerator, and the microwave, pulling out the hot mugs just in time to slice the sandwiches in three triangles, setting them on plates beside a scoop of cottage cheese and around a glob of spicy mustard. You can deduct 90 calories for an attractive plate.

Something still screamed "No!" in my head, so I peeled an orange and stuck the sections on the plate. Prettily. Deduct another 65 calories. Oh, and the hot chocolate was made from goat's milk. We are definitely a health conscious household.

It must have been the exact perfect moment in time to light that fad fire. Timing is everything, they say, and it is winter — icy outside, heated indoors, warm clothes, the time of year people and animals gobble extra calories to generate internal heat. Plus, it is right after Christmas, and who is still on their diet, anyway?

Soon as we lapped up the last bite, I called the kids. They had grilled cheese sandwiches for dinner.

Everywhere I went, I overheard comments:

"Know what I had yesterday for the first time in ages?" and, "This is weird, but you know what sounds really good to me right now?" and, "I've been thinking about a grilled cheese sandwich, lately. Can't get it out of my mind!"

It may be a flash in the pan, but it is a fad to be reckoned with. The people are craving a grilled cheese sandwich. Get ready, Wisconsin! And if you should bump into a crowd at the grocery store, it's not millennium panic, they're just buying up all the cheese.

Happy American Process New Year!
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City Council Minutes

November 2, 1999

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members of the council were present except Jerry Cassle. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Julene Franke met with the council to ask their continued support in the sidewalk project from downtown to the school. She informed the council that originally the sidewalk project was set up in three stages. She requested a letter from the council stating their support of the project and also stating their intent to help as financially possible. She asks that the financial support be considered in the 2000/2001 budget. Joe Ingram moved to compose a letter of support to TxDOT. Ray Womack seconded and motion carried.

Don Gosnell met with the council to give his police report. He reported seventy-eight calls for service, four assaults, one aggravated assault, two frauds, two thefts, one criminal trespass, one criminal mischief, two accidents, one hundred two citations and seventy-nine warnings. By general consent the council accepted the report as presented.

Bob Hill met with the council to give the judge's report. He reported one hundred two citations with forty-eight still outstanding. He reported six remain outstanding for September and fifteen remain outstanding for October. By general consent the council accepted the report as presented.

Johnnie Bland met with the council to discuss trying to purchase Lots 1-5, Block 39 Central Addition for the Housing Authority. She informed the council that she had discussed the matter with Bun Barry, tax collector for Callahan County and if the owners cannot be located, the City could take the property by eminent domain and give the property to the Housing Authority. By general consent the council tabied the matter until further information concerning the property can be obtained.

Susan Schaefer met with the council to thank them for their help in the remodeling of the fire department and the EMS stalls. She also informed them that the EMS had installed the defibrillators and updated them on the proper use of them.

Edwin Weiss moved to pay the bills. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Joe Ingram moved to adjourn. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
 Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Oil News

Callahan

J.V. Rhync of Cisco will drill a wildcat, No. 1 McCowen to 2,000 in the Callahan County Regular, 7 miles west of Cross Plains on an 80-acre lease. Spots are 750 FWL and 1,700 FSL, R. Mitchell No. 216, A-273. (Amended to correct survey.)

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