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Down Home

Editor's Note: Mary Graves of Cross Plains discovered the following story on the internet and desired to share it with the others. Thank you Mary for choosing to STAND UP for the Lord. Hopefully there will be many more who are fearless, bold and unashamed to spread the good news. Vanda Anderson-Creech

This is a true story of something that happened just a few years ago at USC.

There was a professor of philosophy there who was a deeply committed atheist. His primary goal for one required class was to spend the entire semester attempting to prove that God could not exist. His students were always afraid to argue with him because of his impeccable logic.

For twenty years he had taught this class and no one had ever had the courage to go against him. Sure, some had argued in class at times, but no one had ever really gone against him because of his reputation.

At the end of every semester on the last day, he would say to his class of 300 students, "If there is anyone here who still believes in Jesus, stand up! In twenty years, no one had ever stood up. They knew what he was going to do next.

He would say, "Because anyone who believes in God is a fool. If God existed, he could stop this piece of chalk from hitting the ground and breaking. Such a simple task to prove that He is God, and yet He can't do it." Moreover, every year, he would drop the chalk onto the floor of the classroom and it would shatter into a hundred pieces. All of the students would stop and stare. Most of the students thought that God could not exist.

Certainly, a number of Christians

had slipped through, but for 20 years they had been afraid to stand up.

Well, a few years ago, a freshman happened to enroll. He was a Christian, and he had heard stories about his professor. He was required to take the class for his major, and he was afraid.

Nevertheless, for three months that semester, he prayed every morning that he would have the courage to stand up no matter what the professor said or what the class thought. Nothing they said could ever shatter his faith... he hoped.

Finally, the day came. The professor said, "If there is anyone here who still believes in God, stand up! The professor and the class of 300 people looked at him shocked as he stood up at the back of the classroom.

The professor shouted, "YOU FOOL! If God existed, he would keep this piece of chalk from breaking when it hit the ground!"

He proceeded to drop the chalk, but as he did, it slipped out of his fingers, off his shirt cuff, onto the pleat of his pants, down his leg, and off his shoe. As it hit the ground, it simply rolled away unbroken.

The professor's jaw dropped as he stared at the chalk. He looked up at the young man, and then ran out of the lecture hall. The young man, who had stood, proceeded to walk to the front of the room and shared his faith in Jesus for the next half-hour. 300 students stayed and listened as he told of God's love for them and of His power through Jesus.

You have 2 choices:

1. Discard this story and never look at it again.
2. Pass this along to your Christian and non-Christian friends, giving them the encouragement we all need every day. When you choose option 2, you have chosen to STAND UP.

Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative Is Here To Help

Homeowners, do you need financial help with repairs at your home? Anything from leaking plumbing to new roofs? Low-income families, do you want to own your own home but cannot afford conventional mortgage rates? There's a group that's willing and able to help you obtain the assistance you need and deserve.

Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative, Inc. (CPAHI) was formed in 1998 to assist elderly, very-low, and low-income families within a 50 mile radius of Cross Plains obtain the necessary financing to repair their homes or purchase new homes. The Housing Initiative, at this time, does not have funds of their own available to assist those families. They DO, however, have access and applications for funding under several different programs. They also have a volunteer, Mary Graves, who assists persons with completing their applications, obtaining bids from contractors, and finding the program that fits their needs best. CPAHI CHARGES NO FEES FOR THEIR SERVICES.

One program available is funded through USDA, Rural Development. This agency has set aside \$50,000 in grant funds and \$100,000 in 1 percent loan funds for

the area covered by CPAHI. To qualify for a grant, the applicant MUST be at least 62 years of age and very-low income. To qualify for the 1 percent loan funds, an applicant must be very-low income, but can be of any age. These funds are specifically for repairs.

Another program available through USDA is financing homes at a reduced interest rate for low and very-low income families. CPAHI will assist potential homeowners apply for financing to purchase an existing home or build a new home. CPAHI has other lenders if potential homeowners do not qualify for USDA direct loan monies.

Mary Graves retired from USDA, Rural Development in 1996 and moved to Cross Plains. "No question or need is too small. Just give me a call, and I will do my very best to get you the assistance you need." Mary also coordinates needs for senior citizens through the Area Agency on Aging.

Presently, CPAHI does not have an office. Mary can be found at the Senior Citizen's Center in Cross Plains on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Other than that, you may contact her home at (254) 725-6563 or her business at (254) 725-6418.



PROJECT PRIDE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND HER FAMILY — Toody Byrd (right) is pictured with her cousin, Charlene Metcalf (left), and Clara Nell Spencer (center), her sister.

Toody Byrd Captivated Her Hometown Audience at Project Pride Dinner

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

Approximately 100 attended the Membership Drive Banquet for Project Pride on January 18. A delicious chicken fried steak dinner was catered by Ophelia's.

Joe Howser, president of Project Pride, welcomed everyone and Billie Loving presented a brief progress report. Connie Kirkham introduced the special keynote speaker, Toody Byrd.

Toody demonstrated her caring heart by immediately delivering a positive medical update on Juakana Scott, who has recently underwent surgery. She moved directly to a most refreshing and entertaining presentation of original ideas.

Her memories of childhood days were outstanding. She told some great stories about having fun in downtown Cross Plains -- running down the sidewalk hitting all the hanging store signs, playing in the windows at Higginbotham's, going to the picture show, etc.

She noted that one of her "flooziar" friends asked why she didn't say she was from Abilene, Brownwood, etc. and she remarked, "I am from Cross Plains. It made me who I am." Toody explained she learned caring and sharing from her hometown. She stated that she carried Cross Plains with her everywhere she speaks and it wouldn't be long until everyone would know all about us.

She uses humor to hold the audience's attention, while making an important point. Stories about friends and relatives humanized her talk.

I loved the story she told about her parents' advice. Her mother always reminded her, "Pretty is, as pretty does." Her dad would say, "Toody, don't do anything you wouldn't want printed on the front page of the Fort Worth Star Telegram." She remembered thinking she didn't care about that newspaper because no one knew her there, but she sure didn't want to be on the front page of the Cross Plains Review.

Being Clara Nell Spencer's little sister had some advantages and disadvantages. She was allowed to go with Sitter and her friends, but remembered always having to walk at least 3 steps behind, among other things.

She recalled when her class graduated in 1942 and the next day the boys went off to World War II. When Clara Nell's class graduated it was the Great Depression. I realized that when my class graduated in 1967 the boys went off to the Vietnam War. Her point was there are always "times like these"! Toody encouraged everyone to never give up and make the best of the time and talents you are given.

If you haven't read her book *Toody Byrd Talks and Talks and Talks*, then you have missed something. It

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Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Thursday Through Saturday

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 27th - Saturday, January 29th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 27th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Damon Garvin of Eula is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Frances Hyles as Vice President, Darlene Tyler as Secretary, and Kay Wadley as Treasurer.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Beef Cattle - Jimmy Seider, Johnny Lee, Eddie Riley and Richey Crow

Market Lambs - Don Harris, Charlie Palmer

Market Swine - John Straley, Gerry McDowell, Randy Tyler

Poultry and Rabbits - Pam Harris and B.P. Stephenson

Meat and Dairy Goats - Danny and Martha English

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 27th, with Scott Anderson of Brownwood doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 27th. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on

Friday, January 28th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Pete McDougal of Comanche will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 28th, Jeff Ripley of San Angelo will start judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Market Lambs. Jeff Ripley will judge the Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Show following the Lamb Show on Friday the 28th.

On the afternoon of the 28th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 29th, with the Heifer Show to be judged by Gregg Gruben of Snyder. Mr. Gruben will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie Vinson of Clyde.

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

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

Submitted by Robert Fritz

Revival February 2-6

The United Pentecostal Church of Cross Plains welcomes everyone to join us in worship and praise. Evangelist Rev. Leon Suggett from Houston will be ministering every night starting Wednesday, February 2 through Sunday the 6th.

We believe Jesus Christ is the

answer to your every problem. We also encourage the sick to come for divine healing from the Lord. Those warring with substance abuse can be delivered.

Remember, there is POWER in Jesus' Name.

Submitted by Bro. Phillip Schaefer

Community Shower For Story Family Mon., February 7

A Community Shower will be held on Monday, February 7, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for Charlotte Story and her children who lost almost everything due to a house fire December 15, 1999.

The shower will be held at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham. Selections have been set out at Higginbotham & Bro. Company, Johnson's Dry Goods, Bryan's Variety, Coyote Flat General Store, Neal Drug and Cactus Flower.

Please feel free to attend even if you have given to this worthy cause.

Jeanie Bohannon attended the University of Texas School of Law, County & District Clerks Educational Conference

Jeanie Bohannon County Clerk attended the University of Texas School of Law, County & District Clerks Educational Conference in Austin, January 13-14. She completed 12 hours continuing education. A Clerk must annually complete 20 hours of continuing education courses including at least three hours regarding funds and one hour regarding fraudulent court documents.

Colonial Oaks Services

First Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 30, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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LOCAL MAN WINS RIFLE — Michael Ingram (center) was the proud winner of a Model 300 270 Remington drawing sponsored by Cross Plains Frozen Foods, Gregg Hutchins (right) representative, and Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Dick Grider (left) representative. The two businesses give a rifle each year during deer season.

Callahan County Historical Commission Appointments Announced January 24

Four new appointments to the Callahan County Historical Commission was approved by members of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court during a regular monthly meeting Monday, January 24 at the Commissioners' Courtroom.

On a motion by Harold Hicks and second by Roger Corn, commissioners voted to approve the four appointments. Appointed to new terms to the Callahan County Historical Commission were Mike and Lyn Walker of Rowden, John Estes of Abilene, Butch Nelson of Abilene and Judy Luter of Cross Plains.

Other agenda items brought before members of the Commissioners' Court included:

—Tom Ivey presented the Veterans Service Office annual report to commissioners.

—On a motion by Bryan Farmer and second by Charlie Grider, commissioners voted to approve an Interlocal agreement with the West Central Texas Council of Governments concerning public safety answering points.

—On a motion by Grider and second by Corn, commissioners voted to pursue a master plan and grant application for historical preservation of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Commissioners heard a report from Karl Komatsu of Fort Worth and Norman Aoston of Dallas concerning historic preservation of county courthouses and obtaining a master plan for the county courthouse.

—Commissioners discussed rural development concerns for Callahan County including school, water, See COMMISSIONERS page 8

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

The residents will be having their birthday party Friday night, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. Al Anderson and band from Cisco will be providing the entertainment for us. Residents with birthdays are, Vera Belyeu, Jo Boatright, Mildred Newton, Victor Long and Bulah Ferguson. Special recognition will be given Vera Belyeu who is turning 102 years young. Employees with a birthday are Bonita McKenny, Tina Rodman, Christi Reed and Lindsey Barnett.

A warm welcome to our new resident Kate McCarty.

Zelda Milam sure looks pretty with her new perm.

Alice and Tricia Lockhart from Austin, Sandy Clevinger from Lago Vista, Ruby McCowen from Lubbock visited with Myrtle Owen.

Beth Meador, Tricia and James Woody from Austin visited with Nandell Stiles.

Danny McGowen, Charleene McGowen from Brownwood, Naomi McCowen visited with Kate McCarty.

Lurene McNutt, Charlou Cowan and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louise Richardson.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited with Kate McCarty and others.

Albert and Billie Hughes from Cottonwood visited with Docia Denton.

Louise Richardson was chosen to receive a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to Barbara and sincere loss of her husband. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson, Vera Belyeu, Victor Long (2) and Nandell Stiles and exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, popcorn social, Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and exercise class.

Thursday: Manicures and ball toss.

Friday: Movie time; sit-down-basketball and dominoes.

Sunday: First Baptist Church

If God hadn't intended us to improve, He wouldn't have given us hopes and dreams.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"Experience Lent Expertise-Volume II"

Mother had a nice, grandspanking new electric iron. It was a beauty! Although we were not yet permitted to use it. First we had to learn to iron. Mama's solution to this was for Ann and I to use the bench for an ironing board so we could PRACTICE ironing--nevevmind that we usually sat on the bench to eat our meals.

Instead of the new electric iron, we were permitted to use those old timey irons which first had to be heated on the cook stove. Following that you attached a wooden handle to the top of the iron and carried the heavy thing over to the bench. If you'd let the iron get too hot, you would scorch a hole in your clothes as you ironed. If you didn't get it hot enough and if it was too cold; you was wasting your time. Why?? Because when you got through, the clothes were still wrinkled--plus wet if you had sprinkled them before hand which was the custom in those days.

For ironing practice, we were permitted to iron only our play clothes and some "OLD" pillowcases. Play clothes in that time period were worn only to play in at home. They also were not

referred to as play clothes but were called "everyday clothes." Usually they consisted of torn, patched or faded clothing which had originally been worn for church, recitals or other dress wear but now had a short reprieve from the "ragbag", by being demoted to "every day" clothes.

My sister, Ann was quite proficient at this ironing thing; however, my talents did not lie in that direction at all. Mother said I spent more time straightening the fabrics on the bench with much hand action, than I did in actually ironing. However, when I finished ironing a garment it was almost impossible to tell whether it contained more wrinkles or more of my teardrops.

I ringe to think what those clothes looked like after our ironing efforts. Probably pretty strangely wadded and wrinkled. However, we did eventually progress to the level of ironing with the electric iron on the real ironing board. Why we got so good that Mama would pay us 25 cents per set to iron Daddy's khaki clothes. You see Mama was making the living ironing other people clothes.

Suffice to say neither my sister nor I ever-ever considered a career in ironing.

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Racheal Young, daughter of Tamara and Payton, granddaughter of J.D. and Sandy, great-granddaughter of Cowan and Laverne Hutton and Lester and Jewel Linney celebrated her first birthday Saturday with aunts, uncles and cousins all together at the Hutton's. There were 22 in attendance.

Glenda Phillips helped judge the sub-junior food division at the Brown County youth fair last week. It was a lot of fun, but she didn't think she was going to need anymore sweets for a while. Glenda went with Allen and family to see Kali play basketball twice at Cross Plains Saturday and went to see Krista perform with the PIPs at halftime at the McMurry girls basketball game. Everyone needs to see the PIPs, they are so cute.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean traveled to Coleman for their musical. A good time was had just meeting their friends. Oliver attended the Wild Game supper at Nimrod Saturday night. It was for the men and boys. They also heard some good gospel music. Oliver and Frankie traveled to Newburg and visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Blue and family.

Earlene Burge's daughter, Jessica Stultz from Brownwood, visited and spent the night. They had a good time and played a few games.

Earlene went to Abilene one day with granddaughter Cindy Ochoa. Don't forget "42" game night January 27. Come out and join the fun.

The quilting club had all members present except two. They were getting over some respiratory and sinus problems. We look forward to seeing them Tuesday. Donna's "Square" was finished. In its place, Earlene put in a beautiful "Handkerchief" quilt top. We are working on Laverne's "Nine Patch Chain" and Frankie's "Many Square" top. We are all excited about and Billie and H.A. Freeman having their "50th" Anniversary at the Community Center. Congratulations Billie and H.A.

Wow!! If the area wants some good entertainment (and it isn't very expensive) come on out and watch the varsity boys and girls play ball. The JV boys and girls are also doing a great job. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had that beautiful new gym filled at each game. Think how proud the kids, who work so hard, would feel. The 7th and 8th grades are also doing a fine job. They usually play on Mondays.

Word of Wisdom #4: We have committed the Golden Rule to memory, let us now commit it to life.

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**The Last Day Of Business
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Weigh Down Workshop Begins Locally

Do you fell like a slave to food? Do you fight the diet battle, only to regain the weight soon after? If so, join us for a free Orientation session and learn about The Weigh Down Workshop—a Christ centered program that teaches us to replace our devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper, more satisfying devotion to God. Through this 12-week seminar you will learn how you can be delivered from the slavery of overeating and of dieting. God can change your heart so that you truly have no desire to eat if you are not physically hungry.

The free Orientation will be held on Wednesday, February 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Stephens. This program is for men as well as women, so please make plans to attend. A video lesson is presented each week in class, and each participant receives a workbook and set of 12 audiotapes. Come discover the program that is changing peoples' lives as well as their weight. For more information, please call Carol Rogers (254) 725-4467 or Pat Stephens at 725-6819.

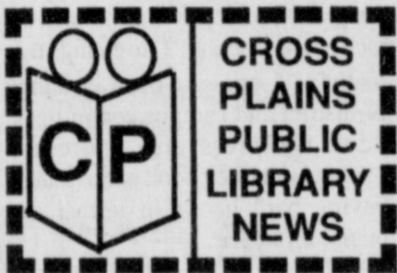
Cross Timbers Assoc. Rally Set for Ranger

The Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association will have a rally meeting at the Cornerstone Baptist Meeting in Ranger on Thursday, February 10.

The Executive Board and WMU will meet at 5:30 p.m. with supper following at 6:00 p.m. The evening program begins at 7:00. Shonda Wood of Breckenridge will present the special music. The speaker will be Rev. "Tut" Jones, pastor of Hassa Baptist Church in Comanche.

Cornerstone pastor, Shawn Condon, invites everyone to come hear some wonderful gospel singing and powerful Bible preaching.

For more information about this meeting or Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association, contact Dwaine Clower at (254) 725-7574.



CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Jan. 17-21

Important: Mark your calendar for February 22, 6:30 p.m. The famous writer Elmer Kelton will be in Cross Plains. How did we get him? There are people here who know him. We are indeed fortunate. The Cross Plains Library has a number of Kelton's novels and there is time to read several before February 22. The settings of most are in Texas, and they are appropriate for all ages. Actually, some, like *The Wolf and The Buffalo*, have accurate historical value. We sincerely hope that you will come. Watch for further information.

Statistics: Memorials: Joe and Era Lee Hanke for Vera Pearl Bunnell; Jack and Kathryn Tunnell for Ivan Clark; Ron Bagley for Leon Nixon. Donations: Ethel Ames; Nelda Holmes and Betty Cavanaugh - books

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TOODY

is one of those books you just can't put down. Anyone who aspires to become a teacher should read and be inspired to have the commitment and compassion she expressed for her career. She was the kind of teacher and counselor all students deserve. There are still copies available at the Cross Plains Review.

She made everyone feel so at ease and laughter filled the Community Center. Just being around someone with such wit brought joy to all.

Cross Plains should be proud of all the accomplishments this former resident has attained, and it is so wonderful that she credits her stability and personality to living in a small town.

Update on Juakana Scott's Surgery

To the legion of friends who have shown love and concern for Juakana's recovery after undergoing brain surgery, we express eternal gratitude. Our plans are to remain in Austin until mid March when she will complete radiation treatments. We will then return to the little

town and the friends whom we love. In the meantime, please accept our sincere thanks for all the meaningful ways you have honored us.

Juakana and Jack Scott
Joined by
Lynn and Mary Scott Nabers

Replacing Your Toothbrush

Replace your toothbrush if the bristles look splayed or matted or begin to stiffen. Brushes with these signs of wear have lost the ability to remove plaque effectively from your teeth. Dentists suggest replacing toothbrushes at least every three months. You may want to change more frequently especially after a cold or flu. Store your brush in a container that allows it to dry between brushings.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher
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I challenge and encourage those buried under the great weight of fear to read the "prescription book" for the antidote to fear -- the "Book of Faith," the Bible. Paul wrote, "Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 5:1. Fear has a place, but let us fear only those things and ones who are "worthy" of fear and "Healthy" to fear. Jesus Himself said, "I will warn you whom you shall fear: Fear Him who after He has killed, has power also to condemn to eternal hell," Luke 12:5. Yet on the other hand, He said repeatedly to His disciples, "Fear not."

In a day when fear stalks the world, faith in Christ and the hope offered by Him is the only real antidote to fear. As the Psalmist wrote: "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Psalm 118:6) Paul told Timothy, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind," II Timothy 1:7. The "apostle of love," John, wrote: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love," I John 4:18.

Does this all sound too simple? That's the irony of it all. There is no real reason for anyone to be buried under the weight of fear. The deeper one is buried, the harder it may be for that person to arise -- but he can. And if you are not already so buried, the harder it may be for that person to arise -- but he can. And if you are not already so buried, vow never to get that way -- and insure it with more and greater faith in the One who promises strength and deliverance from fear. Paul wrote: "Faith comes by hearing...the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

Come hear the "faith building" word of God this Sunday as we learn more from Jesus in His "Sermon on the Mount."

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

OH BABY

IT'S A BOY!

David and Yolanda Morrow, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, would like to announce the birth of their son, Christopher Kaelan Anthony Morrow.

He was born Friday, January 21, 2000, at 1:46 p.m. in Tulsa. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 3/4 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is welcomed by his grandparents and was Dr. Hoffman of Fort Worth and Max and Carol Morrow of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Proud great-grandparents are Jean Vaugh of Cross Plains; L.E. Evans, Sr. of Springtown and Maxine Morrow of Oklahoma.

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B-Ball Time

Lady Buff Basketball Action Report

Junior High Girls Update

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

Saturday, January 22, the 7th grade girls basketball players were invited to play in the Gorman "7th" grade tournament.

Our 1st game was with the Hico Tigers. They came at us with quickness, causing us to have several turnovers. Our girls played a good defense keeping Hico from making offensive plays. Most of Hico's points were from our turnovers. At halftime, we were down 8 points, but we weren't out of it yet. During the 4th quarter the girls only allowed Hico to make 1 point and we had 12 chances to score off of free shots but only 2 made it in the hoop. Final Score CP 21-Hico 27. Team scorers were Clark 8, Richards 7, Mack, Edington and Phillips 2 each.

The second game we took the court with the Gorman Panthers. Our young ladies caught an early lead and continued it during the game. They all played good defense and worked a great press causing Gorman to make turnovers.

Our girls seemed more together, worked hard and had just a few turnovers. Like always, we had plenty of shots, but only could make 27% of them. Final score CP 24 - Gorman 16. Team scorers were Clark 10, Richards and Edington 6 each and Mack 2.

Monday, January 24, the Brownwood B Team came over to play some basketball. The "B" Team girls started these games off. This was a good game and everyone had plenty of playing time. At halftime, the girls weren't far behind just 7 points. Our girls got excited and started making "out of control" passes.

Brownwood's 3rd quarter overpowered us and we couldn't stay calm. The girls all enjoyed the game and showed lots of try. Final score CP 10-Brownwood 25. Team scorers were Bennett 3, Johnson, Phillips and Anderson 2 each and Felty 1.

Our "A" Team slowly took the lead and then "took off". They had an awesome press, outstanding defense and they all had extra hustle. One skill we need to improve in is our shooting, we attempted 44 shots and made 11 of them. This is true of most junior high teams. Our girls have improved in many skills this year and we will continue with the work on the control of shooting. Final score CP 22-Brownwood 6. Team scorers were Dillard 12, Clark and Richards 4 each and James 2.

Next Monday, January 31, we play Ranger here.

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday we traveled to Ranger defeating the Lady Bulldogs 60 to 33. The kids played an excellent game on both offense and defense. We hit our first 6 shots from the floor and had them down 12 to 0 early in the first quarter. The halftime score was 30 to 12, and we cruised through the second half of play.

Scoring the points at Ranger were Turner 19, Bailey 13, Kitchens 8, Francy 6, Marion 5, Beaty 4, Thomas 2, Wilson 1 and Richey 1.

On Friday we hosted the Lady Panthers of Gorman beating them by the score of 41 to 29. Our shooting percentage was down and we didn't get our hands on the ball as many times as we would like to because of Gorman's slow style of play. We worked really hard on 1/2 court defense to limit Gorman's opportunities. Over all it was a good solid performance for us.

Scoring the points were Wilson 10, Turner 9, Bailey 7, Richey 7, Francy 3, Thomas 2, Wyatt 2 and Marion 1.

After completion of the first round of District 28-A play the Lady Buffs are 16-8, 3-1 in district.

District standings
Baird 4-0
CP 3-1
Ranger 2-2
Gorman 1-3
Santa Anna 0-4

In JV action, Coach Atchley and the Lady Buffs defeated Ranger 28-23. The free throws hurt us going 4 for 21 through the course of the game. The kids played hard and never let up when the game wasn't going our way. We hung in there and over came the shooting adversity to win the game in the fourth quarter.

Scoring the points were Jennifer Hartman 10, Winfrey 6, Judith Hartman 5, Rogers 4, Parker 1 and Mauricio 2.

On Friday we defeated Gorman 41 to 16. It was the best performance on offense of the year for the JV kids. Their offensive skills and mechanics are really improving and their confidence along with it.

Scoring the points were Judith Hartman 14, Jennifer Hartman 9, Rogers 8, Vasquez 4, Mauricio 4 and Winfrey 2.

The JV Lady Buffs are currently 3-1 in JV district play and 9-6 overall for the season.

SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 4

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
TUESDAY—Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Cheese toast, assorted juice and milk.
THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY—Muffins, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Chicken spaghetti, peas, bread sticks, peaches and milk.
TUESDAY—Steak fingers w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Chalupas, salad, corn, pudding and milk.
THURSDAY—Lasagna, broccoli, garlic rolls, mixed fruit and milk.
FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, Rice Krispie treat and milk.

January 20, 2000

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Terry Nixon, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt. The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Jackie Tennison, HS Principal Leonard Wilson, Elem. Principal Margie Sowell; guests, Carol Atchley, Gregg Williams, Lydia Williams, Dorothy Petty, Linda Reed, Nora Odom, Annette Nickerson, Susan Hartman, Netha Carouth, Andy and Kathy Anderson.

Prayer was led by Rickey Carey. Terry Nixon was sworn into office by Cliffadean Hargrove at the beginning of the meeting to fill vacancy left by her late husband Leon Nixon.

Minutes were approved as read with corrections.

Open Forum: Gregg Williams raised several items. 1. visitor parking; 2. reporting or lack of reporting of all things discussed at board meeting; 3. open meetings and open records law for Texas.

Scott Childress: Ask for agenda items for February meeting. 1. discuss and act on having a designated secretary for minutes of each board meeting; 2. to change the method of reporting open meetings of district and campus committees. Scott Childress also addressed having our policy book put online or having hard books in library for public reference.

Andy Anderson addressed the board with regard to math. He stated that he had met with Mr. Tennison to resolve the problem with regard to the fact that the Algebra I class was behind for the year.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that we remove the agenda item from the table with

regard to the textbooks.

Motion was made by Chesshir that we adopt the Saxon method as the primary methodology from jr. high through high school with supplemental material. Motion was withdrawn by Chesshir.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we not purchase the Heath books and that we continue with the Saxon book which were used at the beginning of the year. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Chesshir and seconded by Richards that we allow the Christian Alliance, the Kiwanis and Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative to use school facilities. For 7 Against 0

Decision was made by consensus that we take no action on the dress code and leave it tabled till next meeting.

Discussion of necessary repairs to elementary building in the near future. A consultant will be contacted to evaluate new air conditioning and a report given at the February meeting.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that we table repairs on elementary and changes in facilities for Pre-K till February meeting. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Carey that we pay the bills for the month of January.

Donnie Dillard declared executive session at 9:48 p.m. January 20, 2000 and ended at 1:51 a.m. January 21, 2000.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we extend the superintendents contract one year to include the school year 2002 to 2003 through June 30 of 2003. For 6 - Charles Chesshir, Rickey Carey, Tony Wyatt, Monty Richards, Donnie Dillard and Terry Nixon; Against 1 - Scott Childress

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress that we adjourn. For 7 Against 0

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The Africanized honey bee is always a hot topic in spring since bees in general "swarm" during these times of the year to establish new hives. Many people find bees setting up housekeeping literally overnight.

Africanized honey bees were first identified in Callahan County in 1997. Since that time, swarming season always generates a great deal of interest among county residents. Many of the first questions people have when they see a "swarm" of bees is "Are they killer bees?", "How can I tell if they are Africanized bees?" and finally "What can I do to get rid of them?" These and many other questions will be addressed during a Bee Awareness Program sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Office. The program will be February 8th at 3:00 p.m. at the Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse in Baird. The objective of this program will be to update everyone on the current situation and dispel many myths involved with bee encounters.

Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist from San Angelo will be on hand to discuss bees and give options that can be taken to minimize problems and decrease public concerns over Africanized bees. Anyone that is interested is invited to attend. There is no cost to participate. Your best protection against the Africanized bee is to understand how it behaves and react accordingly. So mark your calendars and make plans to attend on February 8th at 3:00 p.m.

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At least 4 appointments are needed, to justify the tax-aid counselors that live in Baird and Abilene to make the trip.

Please call for an appointment (254) 725-6521. You will need to bring a copy of 1998 Tax Return, Social Security card(s), W-2's and 1099's for 1999.

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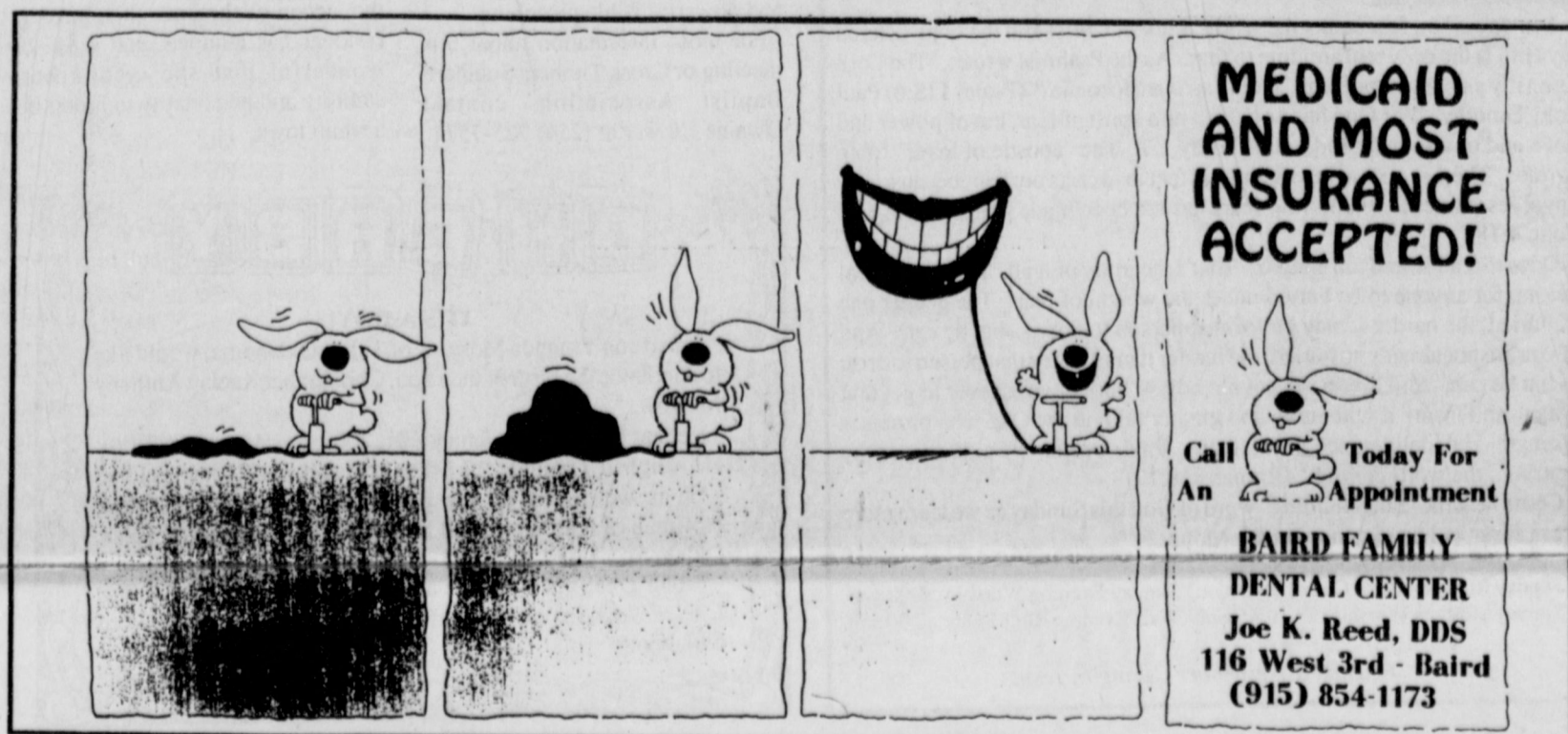
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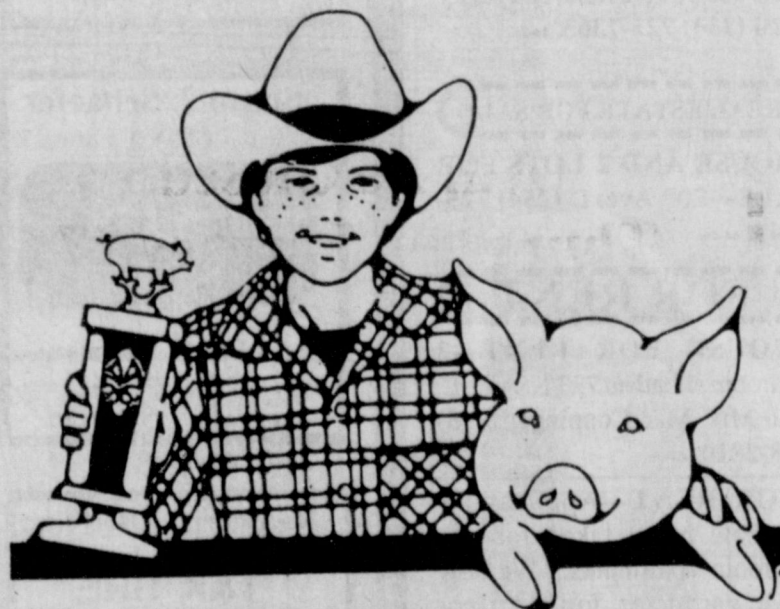
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Peanuts' Discovery...

"Over here, Peanut. Put the grain in this bucket while I get the milking pail," I directed.

I had a meeting to get to, so the chores had to tick like clockwork or I'd never make it in time. Dinner was in the oven, the critters had to be fed, and I still had to change my clothes.

We kept moving. "I'll get the hay, Peanut. You feed the bunny. Don't forget to pick him some Johnson grass or he'll never forgive you."

A few minutes later I told her, "Take this milk into the house. I'll put Reva back in her pen and be right in to strain and chill the milk."

"Gramma!"
"Right now, honey. Take the pail inside. Hurry. Got lots more to do."
"Gramma..."

"Scoot now, and don't forget water for Pansy."

"Gramma, it's warm."
I was halfway to the barn.

"Gramma. Gramma. It's warm. The milk is warm!"

"What?"

"The milk is real warm when it comes out of the goat." The light of discovery in her eyes, and it stopped me in my tracks. I hugged her, and remembered back to before her Mama was born.

Puddin' was my first born and, oh, the plans I had for her life. I saw myself introducing her to the wonders of our planet. I pictured her held safely in my arms while she reached for a delicate blossom above her head and I taught her to say "flower."

But, what happened. Instead, it went more like this: "Don't touch that-get down from there-time for your nap-eat your peas-don't forget to brush your teeth-make your bed-do you homework-be home by 10-no more TV tonight-be home by midnight-yes, here's the keys, be carefull..."

Now I'm a grandmother, still pushing to meet schedules. But Peanut just discovered one of the secrets of life. Stop the clock. This will take a while.

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Earned Income Tax Credit Means Bigger Tax Refunds for Many Workers

DALLAS—Many Texans could end up with bigger tax refunds this year if they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. But many taxpayers who are eligible for the credit do not get it simply because they don't file a federal income tax return.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, in 1996 as many as 1.2 million working Americans missed out on \$751 million in Earned Income Tax Credits by not filing a tax return.

Don't let this happen to you! Each Saturday, beginning January 29 through February 25, 2000, taxpayers qualifying for the Earned Income Tax Credit can get free assistance. Visit the local IRS at 341 Pine St., Abilene, TX 79601, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable credit for hard-working people. It is designed for working taxpayers whose adjusted gross income is under \$30,580 with two or more qualifying children resulting in a tax credit as much as \$3,816. The credit could be as much as \$2,812 for working taxpayers whose

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"For those who qualify," the IRS says, "you must file a return to get the refundable credit." Qualifying taxpayers are encouraged to bring original Forms W-2 or 1099s issued by their employers and valid social security cards for each person who will be listed on the return.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the IRS, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 1-800-829-1040.

Selected Scriptures

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...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...

Acts 16:31

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Commissioners

jobs and rural medical care improvements.

—On a motion by Tommy Holland and second by Grider, commissioners voted to hire the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel of Austin as the redistricting law firm for Callahan County.

—On a motion by Holland and second by Hicks, commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Farmer and second by Corn, commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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.

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Shane Deel

Pol. Adv. by Shane Deel, 526 Swenson Road, Clyde, Texas 79510

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Jordan Cattle Auction - Brownwood
January 18, 2000

Receipts totaled 1058 head. Buyer demand was good but a little more selective than last week. Some choice light steers & heifers sold \$1 to \$5 higher. Some medium to heavy weight sold steady to \$5 lower. Others sold steady. Not enough big feeder steers or heifers really sold to test. Stocker cows & pairs sold in good demand. Packer cows & bulls continue strong & active.

Representative Sales

Lonnie Jones	Coleman	1 Str 465 @ 114.00
Forrest Mayes	Zephyr	1 Str 490 @ 107.00
Collier Ranch	Dallas	1 Str 500 @ 103.00
Wayne Shaw	Blanket	2 Strs 515 @ 102.00
Allan Taylor	Richland Springs	1 Str 545 @ 99.00
JD Russell	Doole	1 Str 620 @ 92.00
Roger Sanders	Mullin	1 Str 640 @ 90.50
Rowland Wlwn	Brownwood	1 Hfr 405 @ 106.00
Jlm Tongate	Brownwood	1 Hfr 475 @ 90.00
Hi-Lonesome Ranch	Brownwood	6 Hfrs 496 @ 89.50

Weight	Steers Price	Heifers Price	Slaughter Bulls
150-300	1.05-1.40	94-1.19	42-49
300-400	1.00-1.30	87-1.12	Slaughter Cows
400-500	92-1.15	83-1.06	28-40
500-600	83-1.03	77-91	Bred Cows
600-700	78-96	74-85	450-670
700-800	75-81.50	67-75	Pairs
Replacement Price		81-94	550-720

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