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"A Tribute to Mabel F. Halsell"

By VANDA ANDERSON-
CREECH
Editor

In the past, Mrs. Halsell had written several memorial tributes to friends which were published in the *Cross Plains Review* and I was impressed by her expression of love and admiration. It seemed the perfect gift. Following her example, it has been my pleasure to memorialize several individuals and I especially wanted to honor Mabel F. Halsell.

As John Swift noted at her service, she personified the word "teacher". You just knew she was a teacher by her countenance. She touched the lives of many, instructing them concerning basic subjects, the arts, and in faith. Eugene Wilcoxon, a former student, eulogized his teacher with loving memories.

I was not privileged to have her as an instructor, but my Granny Loma Atwood was a personal friend of Mrs. Halsell and that is how I first met her. The two of us became friends quickly and I so enjoyed her little visits at the office when she was still driving. Often she brought poetry she had composed and it was published in the newspaper. After she became house-bound Mrs. Halsell would call and chat sometimes. She was delightful to talk with.

When I interviewed her last year for her 95th birthday, the three hours I spent with her were like a breath of fresh air. Her brilliant mind simply fascinated me. This lady truly knew what life was all about and how to live it. We would all do well to follow in her footsteps.

She was completely devoted to her Lord, her marriage, her children and her career. Her strong faith in the Lord was present in all her endeavors. Mrs. Halsell was active in her church serving as a Sunday School teacher at the Presbyterian Church. For years she was able to climb the steep steps of the church to worship her Lord.

The letter her granddaughter Louann Bates read at the service was so beautiful. She described all the grandchildren's relationship with Mabel as being "story book" quality. What a great legacy!

Project Pride To Meet Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Band Booster To Meet Monday, February 7

A Band Booster meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. (not the regular time of 6:00) in the band hall. We will be finalizing plans for the band banquet scheduled for Saturday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the community center.

Service For Mabel Halsell Held Jan. 27

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 27, 2000, at 2 p.m. for Mabel Falls Halsell at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains. Rev. Henry Grubbs, John Swift and Eugene Wilcoxon were in charge of the services. Music was provided by Connie, Angela and Rhonda Swift.

Born on March 10, 1904, Mabel was almost 96 at the time of her death, January 25, 2000, in an Abilene hospital. She was daughter of Henry Fletcher Falls and Lou Weathermon Falls of Rising Star. She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Lou and Charles Rodenberger of Cottonwood and Sue and Ike Neal of Cross Plains; one sister, Katie Cottrell of Cleburne and a sister-in-law, Ila Falls of Arlington.

Her seven grandchildren and spouses include Allen and Jeannine Taylor of Cross Plains, Louann and Gary Bates of San Marcos, Diana and Kent Levisay of Stephenville, David Taylor of San Angelo, Amanda Taylor of Fort Worth, Mark and Kathy Rodenberger of Aledo and Kathy and Keith Wilcox of Tomball. Eleven great-children and several nieces and nephews also survive. Pallbearers were Onis Taylor, grandsons Mark Rodenberger, Al Taylor, David Taylor, and great-grandsons Jim Wilcox and Jon-Marc Wilcox.

A long-time Big Country school teacher, Mabel began her career at Romney, where she met Carl Halsell. They were married on December 1, 1923, a union that lasted almost seventy years, until Carl's death in October, 1993. She graduated from Rising Star High School, attended Howard Payne College, and received her B.S. degree from Daniel Baker College in Brownwood with her husband in June, 1947. For almost 45 years, she taught in Texas schools. They included Okra, Cedar Bluff, Lucille in the Brazos River Valley, Central near Anson, Leuders, O'Brien, Dickens and Cross Plains. She finished her career as math teacher for many years at Woodson High School near Throckmorton.

She was a loyal member of Cross Plains Presbyterian Church, where she taught a Sunday School class for many years. Ten days before her death, she continued to work on her personal commentary on the Old Testament. She wrote poetry. Austin Writers League honored her several years ago by publishing one of her poems. She also won several awards for her poetry. Active in her home until her final illness, she will be fondly remembered by her many former students and missed greatly by her family.

Pallbearers were Onis Taylor, grandsons, David Taylor, Al Taylor and Mark Rodenberger and great-grandsons Jon-Marc Wilcox and Jim Wilcox.

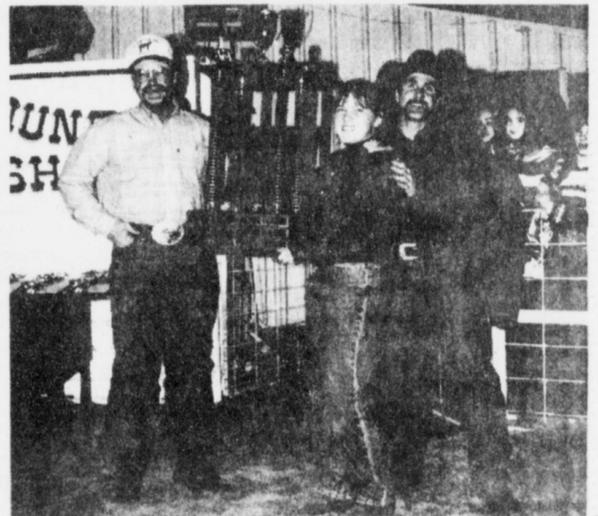
Memorials may be made to the Cross Plains Public Library, Cross Plains EMS, or the Presbyterian Church of Cross Plains.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 6, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



EMILY WINFREY (RIGHT) RECEIVES THE SHAWN ODOM MEMORIAL FOR CHAMPION MARKET LAMB FROM DAMON GARVIN (LEFT) PRESIDENT OF LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION



ERIN STEPHENS (CENTER) RECEIVES ANNA SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR CHAMPION MARKET HOG FROM JIMMY HARGROVE (LEFT) AND FRANKIE HYLES (RIGHT)

Callahan County Junior Livestock Show Results

BREEDING RABBITS

White Buck

1st Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 3rd Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 4th Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 5th Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 6th Ricky Daniel, Cross Plains FFA; 7th Jesse Peak, Clyde FFA.

Colored Bucks

1st Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Jesse Peak, Clyde FFA; 4th Ricky Daniels, Cross Plains FFA; 5th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.

Champion Breeding Buck—Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; Reserve Breeding Buck—Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.

White Does

1st Crissy Scaramuzzo, Clyde FFA; 2nd Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 5th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 6th Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 7th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 8th Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 9th Natalie Comer,

Clyde FFA; 10th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 11th Ricky Daniels Cross Plains FFA.

Colored Does

1st Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 2nd Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd Skyler Archa Eula 4-H; 4th Jesse Peak, Clyde FFA; 5th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 6th Steven Mendez, Baird FFA; 7th Steven Mendez, Baird FFA.

Champion Breeding Does—Crisy Scaramuzzo, Clyde FFA; Reserve Champion Breeding Does—Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H.

Rabbit Showmanship

Senior Rabbit Showmanship—Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; Junior Rabbit Showmanship—Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.

MARKET RABBITS

Fryer Pens - 3

1st Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 5th Krystal Windham, Baird FFA; 6th Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H; 7th Kat

Johnston, Baird 4-H; 8th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 9th Jodi Payne, Cross Plains FFA; 10th Kristi Kent, Clyde FFA; 11th Mary Jo Nickerson, Cross Plains FFA; 12th Kaci Shields, Cross Plains FFA; 13th Bill Large, Clyde 4-H; 14th Ryan Payne, Cross Plains FFA; 15th Jessica Davis, Clyde 4-H; 16th Greg Valdez, Clyde FFA; 17th Wendy Phillips, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Market Fryer pens—Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; Reserve Champion Market Fryer Pens—Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H.

Broller Showmanship

Senior Showmanship—Coleman Vestal, Baird FFA; Junior Showmanship—Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA.

POULTRY

Broller-Pen of 3

1st Ricky Burks, Baird FFA; 2nd Ricky Burks, Baird FFA; 3rd Kelly Miller, Baird FFA; 4th Cole Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 5th Coleman Vestal, Baird FFA; 6th Alex Warren, Baird FFA; 7th Daniel Bruton, Baird FFA; 8th Daniel Bruton, Baird FFA; 9th Ubaldo Gomez, Baird FFA; 10th Kaitlyn Walker, Baird 4-H; 11th Chris Sweeten, Baird 4-H; 12th Cole Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 13th Coleman Vestal, Baird FFA; 14th Ashlie Green, Baird FFA; 15th Ashlie Green, Baird FFA; 16th Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 17th Brittany Graham, Baird 4-H; 18th Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 19th Kelly Miller, Baird FFA; 20th Kaitlyn Walker, Baird 4-H; 21st Alex Warren, Baird FFA; 22nd Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; and 23rd Misty James, Clyde 4-H.

BREEDING GILT I

1st Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Clay Wilson, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Walker Kyle, Cross Plains FFA; 4th Kelsey Richards, Cross Plains FFA; 5th James Saunders, Clyde 4-H; and 6th Walker Kyle, Cross Plains FFA.

BREEDING GILT II

1st Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Courtney Garvin, Eula FFA; 3rd

Deanna Owens, Clyde FFA; 4th Raycie Haley, Eula 4-H; 5th Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H; and 6th Travis Partain, Clyde FFA.

Champion Breeding Gilt—Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt—Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA.

MARKET SWINE

Grand Champion Swine—Erin Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; Reserve Grand Champion Swine—Mykee Douglas, Cross Plains FFA; Senior Swine Showmanship—Clint Bailey, Cross Plains FFA; Junior Swine Showmanship—Bailey Reynolds, Eula 4-H.

MARKET SWINE

White OPB-Lightweight
1st Ashley Hutchins, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Emily Carrasco, Eula FFA.

White OPB-Heavyweight
1st Jackie Farmer, Eula FFA; 2nd Kristen Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd T.J. Harris, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion OPB—Jackie Farmer, Eula FFA; Reserve Champion OPB—Kristen Hyles, Cross Plains FFA.

Black OPB-Light

1st Robert Walters, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Toni Mae Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 4th Robert Walters, Cross Plains FFA.

Black OPB-Middleweight

1st Robert Walters, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Chris Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Emily Carrasco, Eula FFA; 4th Cameron McIntyre, Baird 4-H; 5th Jayden Winfrey, Cross Plains FFA.

Black OPB-Heavyweight

1st Cody Erwin, Clyde 4-H; 2nd Katie Widener, Clyde FFA; 3rd Misty McDowell, Baird FFA; 4th Chancey Pierce, Baird 4-H.

Champion—Cody Erwin, Clyde 4-H; Reserve Champion—Robert Walters, Cross Plains FFA.

Duroc-Lightweight

1st Christopher McBride, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Kyle Wilson, Cross Plains FFA.

See STOCK SHOW page 5

**Community Shower For
Charlotte Story**
Monday, February 7, 2000
7:00-8:30 p.m.
At the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Kirkham
The Story Family Lost Their Belongings in a Fire
December 15, 1999.
Everyone Is Invited
Selection at Higginbotham Bro. & Co, Johnson's Dry
Goods, Bryan's Variety, Neal Drug, Coyote Flat General
Store, & Cactus Flower

Revival February 2-6

The United Pentecostal Church of Cross Plains welcomes everyone to join us in worship and praise. Evangelist Rev. Leon Suggert 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

Funds available in CPEDC Incentive Grant Program

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation will be taking applications from Cross Plains businesses or commercial building owners to make repairs or improvements to the facade of their buildings. There are only a limited amount of funds available in this program, and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

The Economic Development Corporation will match half of the costs of the improvements up to \$250. All applications must be approved by a committee of the

EDC and construction completed within 90 days of approval. The final deadline for the Incentive Grant Program is September 30, 2000. All funds not appointed by December 31, 2000, will be placed in other programs within the Economic Development Corporation.

For more information or to receive an application please call the Economic Development Corporation at 254-725-6397 or e-mail us at cpedc@web-access.net.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit Meets

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit met this month for their annual business meeting at the Community Center in Cottonwood, and New Board members were named. Donnie Worley and Joe Besselaar join Mary VanDerLinden, Fred St. Peter, Bob Childress and Tim Dill. This Board then met later to name the following officers: Walter Thomason Fire Chief, Donnie Worley Asst. Fire Chief, Don Gilliam Dispatcher, Barbara Worley alt. Dispatcher, Faye Gilliam Sec/Treas and Tim Dill Chairman. The group reviewed the financial status of the group and noted the cost of recent work done to the units now in operation and also the need for further work to make the units more reliable to assist the response to fire calls. Any help in forms of donations would greatly be appreciated those can be sent to 13045 CR429 Cross Plains, TX 76443. Also any person in the Cottonwood Area that would like to join the CVFC please call Tim Dill at 725-6108 for the next meeting time.

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Courthouse News

**COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Filings**

Troy Don McWhorter, deadly conduct.
Maurice A. Delioiacono, theft of property by check.
Truet L. Steward, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Daniel C. Vanmatre, Ct. 1 resisting arrest, Ct. 2 criminal trespass.
Charles G. Hubbard, DWI.
Russell D. Fiscus, DWI.
H. Tom McMikle, theft of property by check.
Mark L. Kirby, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

John D. Collie, motion for continuance granted.

Troy McWhorter, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 12 month probation, \$2500 fine, \$229.25 court costs.
Gregory Todd Dyer, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 yr. probation, \$400 fine, \$214.25 court costs.
Steven Schuyler, motion for continuance granted.
Steve Williams, request for extension of probation granted.
Jeanna M. Leonard, order amending probation granted.
Gary Waller, order for release from probation granted.
Leah Massey, motion to dismiss granted and order releasing cash bond.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding**

Civil Filings

Michael W. Hardin and Ingeborg Hardin, divorce.
Richard Windham, Jr. and Charles Bitters vs. American Kiosh Corporation and Richard Michael, damages.
Petition of Dorothy J. Haney, Juanita Pearl Wayte, Rosie Lee Franklin, Clifton P. Allen and Flossie R. Gamer, to take oral deposition of Pyramid Health Care Corp. dba Cantebury Villa of Baird.

Civil Minutes

Estate of Ellen Hicks deceased, order to transfer granted.

Criminal Minutes

Nancy C. Kilough, plea of guilty to forgery, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$301.38 restitution.
Pamela J. Cooper, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 6 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$240.25 court costs.
John B. Mendez, motion to dismiss to possession of controlled substance granted, defendant convicted in another case.
Jesse James Cortner, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 18 months in state jail, \$225.25 court costs.
Billy Ray Johnson, plea of guilty to DWI, \$1000 fine, \$1500 restitution, 7 year probation, \$229.25 court costs.
Alvin Wayne Childress, judgment revoking probation.

Obituaries

Bucky 'Buckshot' Higgins

Bucky "Buckshot" Higgins, 48, died Monday, January 24, 2000, at his residence.
Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2000, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in Admiral Cemetery in Callahan County with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge.
He is survived by daughters, Kerrie Jo Bray of McAllen and Marion Hix of Cross Plains; his mother, Dessa Higgins of Cross Plains; three brothers, David Higgins, Bud Higgins and Bimbo Higgins all of Cross Plains; six sisters, Helen Cowan, Ann McCall, Sue Higgins, Debby Whitley all of Cross Plains, Donna Witten of Buchanan Dam and Frances Goates of Hebbronville.
Pallbearers were Ryan Burks, Cliff Waddell, Cody Harris, George Watkins, Eugene Ford and Geno Fortune.

Vernon Douglas Walker

RISING STAR—Vernon Douglas Walker, 88, died Saturday, January 29, 2000.
Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Terry Simmons officiating, burial was in Long Branch Cemetery.
Mr. Walker was born in Carbon and lived all his life in the Rising Star area. He married Thora Mae Copeland in 1934 and was a farmer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.
Survivors include two sons, Douglas Walker and Mark Walker, both of Rising Star; one daughter, Martha Jones of Abilene; one sister, Inez Goodlett of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one step-grandchild; four step-great-grandchildren.

Billy Wayne Tennison

Billy Wayne Tennison, 66, of Abilene died Sunday, January 30, 2000, at a local hospital.
Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at View Baptist Church with the Rev. David Crumpton officiating, assisted by the Rev. Greg Rake, directed by Elmwood Funeral Home, 5750 Hwy. 277 South, Abilene 79606.
Mr. Tennison was born and grew up in Cross Plains and moved to Abilene in 1952. He was the son of I.M. Tennison.
He retired from Wes Tex Drilling in 1998 after 30 years as a heavy machinery mechanic. He was a member of View Baptist Church. He married Shirley Modena Howard in 1971 in Abilene.
He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 1 sister.
Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Patricia Barrett of Coleman, Kathy Turner and Misty Dawn McArthur, both of Abilene, and Gail Elaine Stiff of Mineral Wells; four brothers, Deotis Tennison and Clois Tennison, both of Clyde, Robert Tennison of Abilene and Delbert Tennison of Brownwood; three sisters, Reba Lane of Cross Plains, Bertha Fears of Washington and Dora Garcia of California; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville, Suite 107, Abilene, TX 79605.

Agnes Marie Buckelew Brown

Agnes Marie Buckelew Brown, 76, died Monday, January 31, 2000, in an Abilene nursing center.
Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at Norton Cemetery in Runnels County. Girdner Brown Funeral Home of Abilene was in charge of the services.
Mrs. Brown was born December 23, 1923, in Eola to Verner V. Buckelew and Letha Gordon. She married Hoyt E. Brown September 2, 1978. He died in August 1995. She graduated from Shannon School of Nursing in 1947. She was an active volunteer in the Arthritis Foundation and the The American Diabetic Foundation. She worked in hospitals and doctors offices in Ballinger, San Angelo and Beaumont before moving to Grand Junction, Colorado. She retired from St. Mary's Hospital after 30 years in cardiology.
She was preceded in death by her parents, three brother, three sisters and one infant son.

Survivors include three nephews, Glenn Lawrence of Abilene, James Lawrence of Cross Plains and Elvis Bennett of Farmington, New Mexico; two nieces, Christine Williams of Los Cruces, New Mexico and Jean Ross of Roswell, New Mexico; several great and great-great and great-great-nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or Norton Cemetery.

Admiral Cemetery Meeting February 7th

The annual meeting of the Admiral Cemetery Association will be held Monday, February 7th, at 6:30 p.m., on the Commissioners Courtroom at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. A financial report will be given and an election will be conducted to fill the expiring term on the board of directors currently held by Larry Cauthen. Committee reports will be presented followed by an open forum. Officer elections for 2000 will be held by the board at the conclusion of the meeting.
The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas for the purpose of improving and maintaining this historical site. All persons having relatives, friends, or loved ones buried in the Admiral Cemetery are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.



SPECIAL GUESTS—James Myers (left) and Dave Coffield (right) of Boy Scouts of America were guests of Kiwanian Steve Mack at the Kiwanis Club's regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, January 25. James Myers shared information about the Scouts' activities in the area and thanked the Kiwanis Club for their past support in money and in collecting pledges of individuals and businesses in the Cross Plains area. The Club will be making those contacts again in the next few weeks. The BSA representatives of the area are looking for a good man to be scoutmaster of the local group. If you are interested, contact Steve Mack and he will refer you to the right person. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn (East Room), with everyone welcome to join them in good fellowship and good programs.

Scranton Musical Saturday

The Scranton musical will be held this Saturday, February 5, 2000, at the community center. The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. Anita Webb will be serving her special chili. The music begins at 6:30 p.m. All area musicians are invited to come out to play. See you there.
Joan Shrader, reporter

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Selected Scriptures

You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood. Psalm 119:118

...The soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." St. Luke 3:14

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APOSTOLIC REVIVAL

FEBRUARY 2-6, 2000

Wed.-Sat. - 7:00 P.M.
Sunday - 10:00 A.M.
6:30 P.M.

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

By: Linda Merritt

Happy 102nd Birthday to Vera Belyeu Living In 3 Centuries Is A Wonderful Accomplishment!



VERA BELYEU ...102 years young

We all enjoyed some fine singing and music during the residents birthday party from the Swingshift Band, Bill Comeaux played the lead guitar from Tye, Jay Hayhurst bass from Dudley, Si Tucker rythum guitar from Clyde, Clint Kniffen pedal steel from Clyde and Al Anderson played the fiddle from Cisco. Vera Belyeu received special recognition for turning 102. She had a surprise visit from her daughter-in-law Edna Belyeu from Cisco, her grandson Darren Belyeu and his family from Abilene.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Ila Mae Marshall.

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

Appreciation to Kitty Propest for the magazines and to Margaret Clark for buying the Bingo winner a coke, and to Susan Schaefer, Betty Westerman and Becky Bland for

making the pretty birthday banner. Lurene, Byron and Brenton McNutt and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louise Richardson.

Charlene McGowen from Brownwood, Naomi and Bobby Jack McCowen, Johnny, Donna and Mona Wilson from Abilene visited with Kate McCarty.

Dub and Beth Meador, Amber and Taylor Parker and Mary Dawson from Tuscola visited with Nandell Stiles.

James, Nelda, Josh and Jon Nelson, Troy Sawyer from Brownwood visited with Pauline Regian and Ralph Lee.

Jim and Ann Williamson from Granbury visited with Bulah Ferguson.

Monday: Bingo winners were Howet Wilson (2), Minnie Swann, Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu and Victor Long and exercise class.

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

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace, exercise class and Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Manicures and ball toss.

Friday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Victor Long, Vera Belyeu (2), Alpha Wilson and Falba Shofner (2), sit-down-basketball and dominos.

Sunday: First United Methodist A day is beautiful when kindness touches it.

By: Kay Mosley

"My Brand of Philosophy" In this day and age and in the present society; it seems to be a foregone conclusion that some people may very well develop and live by many varied and different ideas of philosophy.

How some of these ideas come to mind and then are developed over a period of time; remains a mystery to many.

Recently, while browsing through some books and magazines, I came across a phrase which I had "never" encountered before. That phrase absolutely and without a doubt describes my apparent philosophy to a "T"! (with tongue in cheek.)

My sister Ann will most assuredly vouch for that! The phrase: "HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO DO NOTHING AND REST AFTERWARDS."

Now I know you will never believe

this (I am not making this up) but that phrase just fits me perfectly. It sounds like it was written to describe ME! Just ask my sister.

I can just hear her now. "You'd just have to REALLY know Kay to believe it."

The more I read the phrase and thought about it the better I liked it. S-o-o-o-o, with tongue in cheek, I challenge you to come up with one which more fittingly describes me.

You see, it can't be done! Opinion has it (in the poll I conducted HEH, HEH, HEH!!!) that I march to a different drummer. Could be, could be! Just listen to that fascinating rhythm. "HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS (beat, beat!) TO DO NOTHING (beat, beat) AND (the sound comes up), AND REST AFTERWARD (beat, beat; beat, beat, beat!) FINALE-E-E-E-E!"



WOW YOU'RE ALWAYS A WINNER WHEN YOU SHOP AT HIGGINBOTHAMS—Omer Rivard was the 2000th customer at Higginbotham Bro. & Co. Wednesday, January 26. He was awarded a \$100 gift certificate and his name will go into the hopper for a chance at \$2000 gift certificate.

Four New Appointees To Historical Commission

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, 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, Keaver & 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 7-11

MONDAY—Chicken fried steak w/gravy, spinach, corn, frosted chocolate cake and milk.

TUESDAY—Chicken enchilada casserole, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Red beans & ham, hominy casserole, mixed greens, cherry gelatin w/pears and milk.

THURSDAY—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetable, fruit cocktail and milk.

FRIDAY—Salmon patty, macaroni & cheese, Brussels sprouts, bread pudding and milk.

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OH BABY

IT'S A BOY

Ronald and Dawn Hilburn and big brother, Austin, would like to announce the birth of Colton Blake Hilburn.

He was born Friday, January 14, 2000, at 1:20 a.m. in Decatur. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Charlen and Linda Brough of Cross Plains and H.D. and Peggy Hilburn of Baird.

Great-grandparents are Mell Strength and Jo Boatright both of Cross Plains and R.W. and Nell Purvis of Abilene.

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Oliver, Frankie and Jean went Thursday night to the Rising Star Musical. Then they attended the Cottonwood Musical Friday night. Then they traveled to Ranger Saturday to attend the 50th anniversary of Raymond and Vivian Hart. They then visited with Frankie's sister Mrs. Dorothy Rogers. They then traveled to Brownwood and enjoyed supper and shopping.

Laverne Hutton, Earlene Burge and Glenda Phillips were in Eastland Wednesday to get some things done for the Quilting Club. They enjoyed lunch together at the Kettle.

Friday Laverne spent the day with her sister, Betty Haslam at Clyde. Saturday Laverne and her daughter Wanetta Parson went to Cisco and came back by Michael and Tabitha's to see the progress they are making on their house. Tabitha is Laverne's granddaughter. Monday Laverne and Wanetta were visitors in Brownwood.

Charlene Chesshir's son Jim and grandson Dusty spent the weekend

on the farm. Dusty brought a friend. They pruned pecan trees and Dusty and friend hauled in wood. Monday Charlene and daughter Christy Dallas of Eastland spent the afternoon together in Abilene. It was a real treat.

Glenda Phillips went with Allen and Janice to the junior high basketball tournament last Saturday to see Kali play. She visited with her niece at Early on Monday.

All our members were at quilting. What a lot of quilting we did! We almost finished Laverne's "Nine Patch Chain." It will come out early next meeting. We worked on Frankie's "Squares" and Earlene's "Handkerchief".

It was good to have a little cold weather. We pray next time we will have some measurable moisture with the cold air. We can be thankful that Eastland County put the "burn ban" back in place.

Word of Wisdom: For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Proverbs 8:11

Local Girl on Hardin-Simmons President's List

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Laura Ricci of Cross Plains has made the President's List for the fall 1999 semester.

The HSU President's List honors students who completed twelve or more semester hours with a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for that semester.

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I suspect He'd feel more at ease than I would - after all, He knows how things are in our houses/homes anyhow!

I know that Jesus accepted the invitation of a person with the most detestable occupation of the day, Matthew the tax collector (no offense, Bun Barry!), to eat with several other tax collectors - and "sinners"! When criticized for it, Jesus responded by saying, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance," Luke 5:29-32. No, Jesus did not feel uncomfortable in being there - but others felt uncomfortable about Him being there!

Food for thought. Let's strive for homes where we would welcome Jesus and where Jesus would feel comfortable. If He needs to come in and help us through our struggle with sin, He will - if we will let Him in. The ideal, however, is for Him to be a resident, not just a guest, and for our homes to be nurturing places for His will and His way.

What if someone knocked on your door and asked, "Does Jesus live here?" 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

Student Review

B-Ball Time



Lady Buff Basketball Action, Varsity & JV

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

Jr. High Basketball Update

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

On Monday, January 31, our junior high girls basketball teams both "WANTED" the win over Ranger.

The "B" Team ladies came out and took an early lead over Ranger in the 1st quarter (6-1). They continued working together keeping the lead in each quarter. These young ladies were very organized in their offensive plays.

Team scorers were Galloway 8, Foster 6, Phillips and Mosier 4 each, Anderson, Callaway, Bennett and Johnson 2 each. "Way to work all you young ladies."

The "A" Team started out completely opposite than the "B" teams game. The girls weren't all on the same game "flow". We put the ball up 12 times and finally one fell in. Ranger was on a bad roll also, first quarter ended (2-2). Second quarter we regrouped our game plan and started playing a better quarter.

We ended this strong second quarter making it 16 to 6. Third quarter we were low on hoops but those ladies continue to have a great defensive press, work the ball down the court, good offensive ball movement and extra hustle. We keep the lead 21-12. Fourth quarter was another strong quarter scoring 15 points. Final score Cross Plains 36 - Ranger 21. TEam scorers were Dillard 17, Richards 6, Clark and Edington 5 each, Mack 3. "Great game ladies."

All the junior high girls have shown great improvement. They are a great bunch of young ladies. I hate to see the b'ball season end next Monday at Gorman.

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Buffaloes Suffer First District Loss

By COACH CODY CHANDLER

With the second round of district play beginning last week, the Buffaloes were in prime position to take first place with a previously unbeaten, 4-0 district record.

Friday's game would be a different story, as the Buffaloes traveled to Baird to face the second place Bears. With a chance to win the game and take a district title, Cross Plains had nothing to loose and everything to gain. The game started with a 9-0 run by the Bears getting them off to the start that they needed.

SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 7-FEBRUARY 11

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Cream of Wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk. TUESDAY—French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk. WEDNESDAY—Eggs, biscuit, bacon, assorted juice and milk. THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk. FRIDAY—Breakfast bread, yogurt, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Pizza, salad, corn, Jello w/fruit and milk. TUESDAY—Ham slices, spinach, scalloped potatoes, rolls, honey and milk. WEDNESDAY—Fiesta salad (chili beans, rice, cheese, corn chips, salad), pincapples and milk. THURSDAY—Turkey & rice, creamed potatoes, peas, rolls, peaches and milk. FRIDAY—Submarine sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, ice cream and milk.

Local FFA to exhibit top animals at 2000 Houston Livestock Show

HOUSTON—Thirty-one FFA members from Callahan County will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, February 18 through March 5, at the Astrohall in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, is held during the second week of livestock competition, beginning February 24. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first week of the show, which kicks off February 18.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Local FFA participants will be Brittany Apple, Junior Market Barrows; Sheena Apple Junior Market Barrows; Dayna Autry Junior Market Barrows; Clint Bailey Junior Market Steers; Stephanie Castleberry Junior Market Lambs; Brock Cooper Junior Market Barrows; Dusty Cooper Junior Market Barrows;

Dusty Dickson Junior Market

Steers; Justin Dickson Junior Market Steers; Laska Bree Dillard Junior Market Steers; River Dillard Junior Market Lambs and Junior Market Barrows; Cody Harris Junior Market Steers and Junior Market Barrows; Emily Harris Junior Market Lambs and Junior Market Barrows; T.J. Harris Junior Market Lambs and Junior Market Barrows; Nathan Hawkins Junior Market Lambs; Ashlee Hutchins Junior Market Barrows; Nathan Joy Junior Market Barrows; Brandon Mahler Junior Market Barrows; John Peters Junior Market Barrows; Brandi Richey Junior Market Steers and Junior Market Lambs; Charlie Rogers Junior Market Barrows; Erin Stephens Junior Market Lambs, Junior Market Steers and Junior Market Barrows; Garret Stephens Junior Market Steers, Junior Market Lambs and Junior Market Barrows; Kyle Walker Junior Market Barrows; Robert Walters Junior Market Barrows; Emily Winfrey Junior Market Lambs and Junior Market Barrows; Jaden Winfrey Junior Market Barrows; Joe Dalton Wyatt Junior Market Barrows; Toni Mae Wyatt Junior Market Barrows and Jennifer Young Junior Market Steers.

Clyde High School to Compete in District 5-AAA Next Season

Clyde High School will compete in District 5-AAA athletics beginning next season, along with Abilene Wylie, Ballinger, Early, Merkel and Sweetwater.

The University Interscholastic League realigns member schools every two years and the new district alignments for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 seasons were released Tuesday, February 1.

Clyde remains a district member with Abilene Wylie, Ballinger and Merkel and picks up Early from Class AA and Sweetwater, which drops from Class AAAAA.

Brady, a former member of Clyde's district, was moved to District 26-AAA which includes Burnet, Ingram Moore, Liberty Hill, Llano and Wimberly. Grape Creek, another member of Clyde's district, dropped down to Class AA.

Clyde's District 5-AAA will compete with District 6-AAA in bi-district competition. District 6-AAA members include Bowie, Bridgeport, Decatur, Graham, Iowa Park and Vernon.

Eula High School, a member of District 8-AA the past two seasons, will begin district play next season in District 9-AA along with Cisco, Bangs, Coleman, Hawley, Jim Ned and Winters. Eula High School will not compete in District 9-AA in football, but all other sports.

Baird and Cross Plains remain members of District 12-A along with Gorman, May, Ranger, Rising Star and Santa Anna. However, in basketball, both Baird and Cross Plains will compete with Gorman, May and Ranger only.

Clyde High School to Compete in District 5-AAA Next Season

The UIL reported new student enrollment totals for all classifications. Class 5A totals were 1,865 students and up. Class 4A schools include enrollments from 845-1,864. Class 3A enrollments are 345-844. Class 2A school enrollment totals are now from 170-344. Class A enrollment is 169 students and below.

All classification enrollments, expect Class AAA changed little from the previous two years. Class AAA moved its top enrollment from 780 students last year to 845 students this year.

UIL member schools may begin completing their season schedules after February 22, when appeals are heard.

Animal Control Report

This past week Animal Control has picked up 10 animals from Clyde and 3 from Cross Plains. None of these animals have been claimed by their owner.

Noah's Ark Animal Shelter has these animals ready to adopt: 1 female Golden Retriever, 2 1/2 years old; 1 black Dachsund, female, 1 to 2 years old.

If you are interested in adoption contact Noah's Ark Animal Shelter at 893-4025

Submitted by Terry Davis

2000-2002 District Alignment District 5-AAA Abilene Wylie Ballinger Clyde Early Merkel Sweetwater District 9-AA Bangs Cisco Eula Coleman Hawley Jim Ned Winters District 12-A Baird Cross Plains Gorman May Ranger Rising Star Santa Anna

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Comanche Electric Cooperative Association is currently offering college scholarships to high school seniors and students currently enrolled in an institute of higher education. To be eligible for an application, you or your guardian's primary residence must be serviced by CECA. If you feel you may qualify, contact CECA at 800-915-2533.

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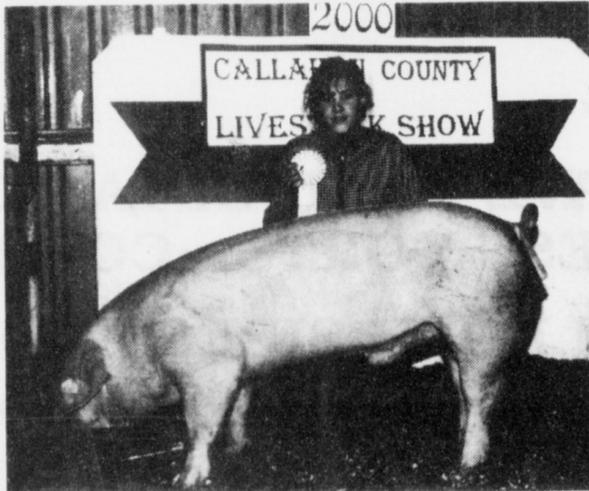


OVERALL RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB
...Erin Stephens

Callahan County Livestock Show 2000



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB
...Emily Winfrey



RESERVE OPB
...Kristin Hyles



RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDING GILT
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Baird FFA.
Champion Breeding Does—Crissy Scaramuzzo, Clyde FFA; Reserve Champion Breeding Does—Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H.
Rabbit Showmanship
Senior Rabbit Showmanship—Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; Junior Rabbit Showmanship—Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

MARKET RABBITS
Fryer Pens - 3
1st Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 5th Krystal Windham, Baird FFA; 6th Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H; 7th Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H; 8th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 9th Jodi Payne, Cross Plains FFA; 10th Kristi Kent, Clyde FFA; 11th Mary Jo Nickerson, Cross Plains FFA; 12th Kaci Shields, Cross Plains FFA; 13th Bill Large, Clyde 4-H; 14th Ryan Payne, Cross Plains FFA; 15th Jessica Davis, Clyde 4-H; 16th Greg Valdez, Clyde FFA; 17th Wendy Phillips, Cross Plains FFA.

Champion Market Fryer pens—Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; Reserve Champion Market Fryer Pens—Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H
Broiler Showmanship
Senior Showmanship—Coleman Vestal, Baird FFA; Junior Showmanship—Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA

POULTRY
Broiler-Pen of 3
1st Ricky Burks, Baird FFA; 2nd Ricky Burks, Baird FFA; 3rd Kelly Miller, Baird FFA; 4th Cole Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 5th Coleman Vestal, Baird FFA; 6th Alex Warren, Baird FFA; 7th Daniel Bruton, Baird FFA; 8th Daniel Bruton, Baird FFA; 9th Ubaldo Gomez, Baird FFA; 10th Kaitlyn Walker, Baird 4-H; 11th Chris Sweeten, Baird 4-H; 12th Cole Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 13th Coleman Vestal, Baird FFA; 14th Ashlie Green, Baird FFA; 15th Ashlie Green, Baird FFA; 16th Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; 17th Brittany

Graham, Baird 4-H; 18th Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 19th Kelly Miller, Baird FFA; 20th Kaitlyn Walker, Baird 4-H; 21st Alex Warren, Baird FFA; 22nd Joe Dalton Wyatt, Cross Plains FFA; and 23rd Misty James, Clyde 4-H.
BREEDING GILT I
1st Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Clay Wilson, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Walker Kyle, Cross Plains FFA; 4th Kelsey Richards, Cross Plains FFA; 5th James Saunders, Clyde 4-H; and 6th Walker Kyle, Cross Plains FFA.

BREEDING GILT II
1st Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Courthey Garvin, Eula FFA; 3rd Deanna Owens, Clyde FFA; 4th Raycie Haley, Eula 4-H; 5th Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H; and 6th Travis Partain, Clyde FFA.
Champion Breeding Gilt—Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt—Emma Bennett, Cross Plains FFA

MARKET SWINE
Grand Champion Swine—Erin Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; Reserve Grand Champion Swine—Mykea Douglas, Cross Plains FFA; Senior Swine Showmanship—Clint Bailey, Cross Plains FFA; Junior Swine Showmanship—Bailey Reynolds, Eula 4-H.

MARKET SWINE
White OPB-Lightweight
1st Ashley Hutchins, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Emily Carrasco, Eula FFA
White OPB-Heavyweight
1st Jackie Farmer, Eula FFA; 2nd Kristen Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd T.J. Harris, Cross Plains FFA.
Champion OPB—Erin Stephens, Cross Plains FFA; Reserve Champion OPB—Kristen Hyles, Cross Plains FFA

STOCK SHOW

FFA; 3rd Dayna Bennett Cross Plains FFA; 4th Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H; 5th Emily Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 6th Russell Allen, Cross Plains FFA; 7th Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; 8th Justin Ashlock, Eula 4-H; 9th Sheena Apple, Cross Plains FFA; 10th Jacob Easterling, Cross Plains FFA; 11th Ashley Hutchins, Cross Plains FFA; 12th Kevin Wilson, Cross Plains FFA.
Duroc-Middletweight
1st Charlie Rogers, Cross Plains 4-H; 2nd Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Jackie Farmer, Eula FFA; 4th Chris Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 5th T.J. Harris, Cross Plains FFA; 6th Brittany Apple, Cross Plains FFA; 7th Dusty Cooper, Cross Plains FFA; 8th Dusty Cooper, Cross Plains FFA; 9th Tamara Tyler, Clyde 4-H; 10th Skyler Archa, Eula 4-

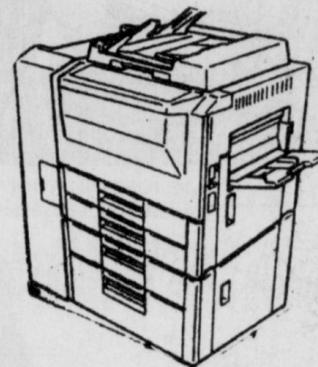
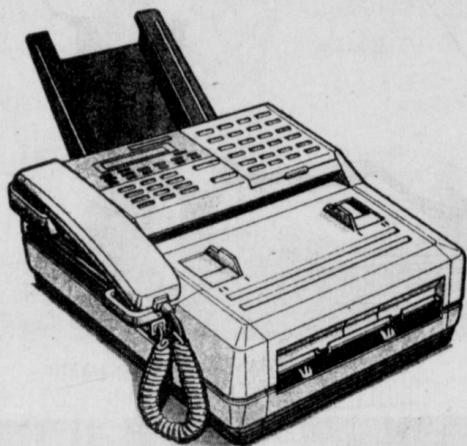
H; 11th Bo Pounds, Eula FFA; 12th Lucy Tyler, Clyde FFA; 13th Russell Allen, Cross Plains FFA
Duroc-Light Heavyweight
1st Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA; 2nd Clint Bailey, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Shannon Hyles, Cross Plains FFA; 4th Kayleigh Warrick, Clyde FFA; 5th Trent Rector, Clyde 4-H; 6th Cameron McIntire, Baird 4-H; 7th Tamara Tyler, Clyde 4-H; 8th Emily Carrasco, Eula FFA; 9th Cody Harris, Cross Plains FFA.
Duroc-Heavy Lightweight
1st Loralee Reynolds, Eula 4-H; 2nd KaSarah Seabourn, Clyde 4-H; 3rd Robert Walters, Cross Plains FFA; 4th Robert Walters, Cross Plains FFA; 5th Josh Wadley, Eula FFA; 6th Danella Edwards, Clyde FFA; 7th Kayla

Windham, Baird 4-H; 8th Dayna Bennetts, Cross Plains FFA; 9th Josh Hopkins, Cross Plains FFA; 10th Laura Erwin, Clyde 4-H; 11th Walker Kyle, Cross Plains FFA; 12th Josh Wadley, Eula FFA.
Duroc-Heavyweight
1st Clint Bailey, Cross Plains FFA; 2nd Nathan Joy, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Dusty Cooper, Cross Plains FFA; 4th Mykea Douglas, Cross Plains FFA; 5th Dusty Cooper, Cross Plains FFA; 6th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 7th Kelsey Richards, Cross Plains FFA.
Champion Duroc—Clint Bailey, Cross Plains FFA; Reserve Champion Duroc—Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA
Hampshire-Lightweight
1st Trent Rector, Clyde 4-H; 2nd Erin Stephenson, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd

Jesse Peak, Clyde FFA.
Colored Bucks
1st Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 2nd Clay Koenig, Cross Plains FFA; 3rd Jesse Peak, Clyde FFA; 4th Ricky Daniels, Cross Plains FFA; 5th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.
Champion Breeding Buck—Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; Reserve Breeding Buck—Michael Archa, Eula 4-H.
White Does
1st Crissy Scaramuzzo, Clyde FFA; 2nd Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 5th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 6th Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 7th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 8th Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 9th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 10th Natalie Comer, Clyde FFA; 11th Ricky Daniels, Cross Plains FFA.
Colored Does
1st Cassie Cook, Eula 4-H; 2nd Jacob Archa, Eula 4-H; 3rd Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H; 4th Jesse Peak, Clyde FFA; 5th Michael Archa, Eula 4-H; 6th Steven Mendez, Baird FFA; 7th Steven Mendez,

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Livestock Assistance Program sign-up Extended

"The Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) sign-up is extended to February 4, 2000," said Scott Odom, County Executive Director of the Callahan County FSA Office.

Odom said, "Producers must have livestock head count from August 1, 1999 thru December 1, 1999 and also bring livestock sells receipts between these dates. Also needed are purchase receipts from May 1, 1999 thru September 1, 1999."

"Producers interested in signing up for the LAP program need to make an appointment. Appointments can be made by either: calling 915-854-1040, ext. 2, or stopping by the office at: 141 W. 4th Ste. A, Baird, Texas," said Odom. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimina-

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Scholarship Fund For High School Students in Law Enforcement

County Attorney Allen Wright has announced a new scholarship fund to be established for Callahan County high school seniors intending to major in law enforcement or criminal justice in college.

The two scholarships will be in the amount of \$250 each funded by Wright. Recipients will be chosen by a three person board made up of law enforcement officers and local citizens. Students from Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains, and Eula intending to attend a Texas college in the fall of 2000 are eligible. Applicants should contact their school counselors in the next few days for information and applications.

"The idea for the scholarships developed from discussions I had with a friend during the last elected prosecutor's conference in December. I have been discussing the idea with local school officials since that time. Recipients will be announced later in the school year," Wright stated.

"The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage and support local students in entering the law enforcement or criminal justice profession. Texas certainly needs more well trained law enforcement officers and we want to help our local students in their educational pursuits and training. I hope that the scholarship fund can be enlarged in the future to provide for four scholarships a year," the County Attorney concluded.

Cub Scout Derby Race Held Jan. 24

The Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby Race last Monday night, January 24. The race was held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall this year for which the scouts offer a big "Thanks".

The race was full of excitement from the very beginning. Enthusiasm filled the air like the smoke from squalling tires. It was unmistakable, by the time the smoke cleared the tract, 1st place went to Louis Walker and his RED BARON derby car. Louis raced six times undefeated by his peers. Awesome!!

2nd place went to Dalton Carpenter and his F-150 bored out Ford pickup. This truck could really haul!!

3rd place was won by Cody Sliger and his BLUE BLAZE. He was giving everyone whiplash coming off the starting line. BLUEBLAZE was sponsored by Cross Plains Petroleum Fuels.

Judging the race this year was Rickey Carouth and City Judge Bob Hill, of which we want to thank very much for their time. Thank You! The judges also had the task of placing three other divisions. They are as follows:

Most Original

1st Dalton Carpenter, 2nd Levi Marsh and 3rd Louis Walker

Best Design

1st Ben Schaefer, 2nd Will Mack and 3rd Cody Sliger

Most Unusual

1st Zack Snell, 2nd Markus Maxwell and 3rd Patrick Cline

Car racing can be a dangerous sport. There was one accident this year on the race tracks. Patrick Cline and his 454 MAGNUM X derby left the starting line ahead of his opponent until the engine blew causing lost control of his car. The derby car slammed into the guard rails shearing off two tires out into the grand stands. But as luck would have it Patrick walked off the race track without a scratch. The boys cheered him on as he walked back to the racing pit. I have a feeling, Patrick will be back next year.

Reported by Cub Master Phillip R. Schaefer

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WINNERS OF RACE—Dalton Carpenter (from left), Cody Sliger and Louis Walker.



MOST ORIGINAL—Louis Walker (from left), Levi Marsh and Dalton Carpenter.



MOST UNUSUAL—Zack Snell (from left), Markus Maxwell and Patrick Cline.



BEST DESIGN—Ben Schaefer (from left), Will Mack and Cody Sliger.

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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

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Fund, 6000 County Road 203, Clyde, Texas 79510

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.

3 CEU's Meeting February 8th

There will be an educational meeting worth 3 CEU's held on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse in Baird. This will be a meeting covering pesticide safety issues to help producers acquire 3 CEU hours (1 IPM, 1 Laws/Reg. 1 General) to renew their license. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee to cover cost of material and refreshments. Don't forget that some TDA pesticide applicators license will expire the end of February. If you have not gotten your paperwork for renewal you may not want to contact TDA.

If you intend on participating in the educational meeting please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on February 7th at (915) 854-1518.

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Robert Pritz, Callahan County
Extension Agent

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 23, 2000 through January 29, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-76

Complaints-74

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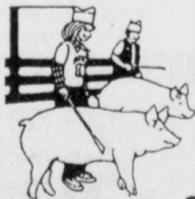
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

LCS Production Company, P.O. Box 6663, Abilene, TX 79608 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Gray Rutland Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles west of Oplin in the Grand Old Oplin (Gray), in Callahan County. Fluid will be injection into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3898 to 3932 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). 42-1c

CARD OF THANKS

Card of Thanks

A word of thanks to all the friends and loved ones of Cross Plains Pentecostal Church and the friends of Cross Plains during the death of my daughter, Patricia Ann Burns of Abilene. Another cancer victim of about five years. She was laid to rest in Breckenridge, their former home of 40 years.

Thank you to Bro. Phillip Schaefer and Bro. Floyd Leverton of Abilene my pastor of now.

Also thanks for your love and support in the way of cards, letters, flowers, food. All acts of kindness were greatly appreciated.

May the Lord bless you all,
Alma Lewis & family

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their many cards, prayers, visits, every word of encouragement. For all the food and all the many flowers.

We knew Cross Plains was a caring community, but after we experienced it, we know just how caring. Don't think there is another town in the US with more caring people.

A special thanks to the EMS for all their help and kindness. To Verna Mathews for taking care of our dog. Also to Colonial Oaks Nursing Home for the money tree.

Tom loved you all and so do we.
Barbara Jackson
Eddie Jackson & family
Cindy McNutt & family
Gary Jackson & family

Card of Thanks

Words cannot begin to express how grateful and appreciative we are to all for all of the many, many prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and kindnesses offered us during this sad, sorryful time.

To all who made our ordeal a little easier, we thank you from our hearts and ask God's richest blessings upon each.

Sincerely,
The family of Ivan Clark
Maureen, Dwayne, Paula, Wade,
Stephanie and Kim Clark

Card of Thanks

For all of the good food, the cards, the flowers, the memorial gifts and most of all for the love expressed by so many members of the Cross Plains Community when our mother and grandmother, Mabel Falls Halsell, left us on January 25 to join her loved ones in heaven. Your kindnesses will never be forgotten, and never again will we findly take for granted the wonderful privilege that it is to live in a small town where folks care.

We sincerely thank all members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches who provided food for the family dinner at First Methodist and for the family gatherings in the Rodenberger and Neal homes. How much we appreciated your thoughtfulness. We especially wish to express our appreciation to Wilmojean and Fred Dill, Tim Dill, Mary and Cecil Carton, Madeline Long, Becky Odom, Lois Garrett, Eula Rhodes, Wanda Merryman and Zora Mac Bryant, who so graciously organized and served the family dinner at the church.

We want especially to express our love and appreciation to Therennie Crites McCrohan and Joyce Marton, loyal in their care of our mother for many years. It comforted us greatly to know that Therennie was with Mother during those last hours at the hospital. We owe Janette Turner, the Swift family, Rev. Henry Grubbs, Gene Wilcoxon, and Bob and Dee Harrell our thanks as well. God bless all of you and accept our sincere thanks.

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- Provide and install carpet throughout the offices.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Typing lesson...

Sweet Pea is sitting at the kitchen table, hunched over a typewriter. It's an old, ancient impact typewriter, found at a moving sale. I think it lacked but 3-4 days to qualify as an antique.

I'm in the next room listening to the catchy rhythm of the typewriter keys. Most kids Sweet Pea's age have never even seen a typewriter close up, much less one this old. She thinks it's really neat.

First thing, I had to tell her a typewriter needs paper. It isn't good to type directly on the platen. She wanted to know more about the parts that moved and the parts that make letters when a key is punched.

Next, I complemented her erect posture and the proper curve of her beautiful piano player fingers over the keys.

She pounds the keys steadily, not looking at the keyboard. She must be doing really well in her Computer keyboarding class at school, I thought. She'll be typing the Great American Novel before long.

Watching her and listening to the clack-clack-clack of the keys took me back 100 years to high school typing class. I pictured the drills and exercises and the frequent timed tests that strengthened weak

fingers and committed the alphabet to muscle memory.

I saw the roomful of students at rows and rows of typewriters that only the timer bell could quell. Imagine teaching six classes a day immured in all that noise. I don't think I ever had enough sympathy for that teacher.

Sweet Pea asked for a sentence to type. I gave her the standards: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country," and "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dogs."

While I stirred lunch, she kept typing, and my mind wandered back to typing class, and another class called Office Machines. There we met dittoes and stencils, cash register sized 10-key, and clunky rotary calculators. This was just before the world shifted into overdrive. I never saw any of those machines again after my first office job.

Sweet Pea is still typing while I dish up lunch. "Oh, cool!" she said. "I just typed 'or.'"

It startled me. "Does that mean you aren't typing words except by accident?"

"Yep," she said, still typing. "Oh, wow! I almost got 'also!'"

I guess it will be awhile before she starts that novel.

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Republican Women Meet

The Callahan County Republican Women (CCRW) met January 5th for their first meeting of the year. Formed just a year ago, CCRW strives to educate members and guests about the political process and current issues facing the state and nation.

Speaker for the January meeting was Republican County Chairman David Holmes of Cross Plains who explained the mechanics of filing for county office and the election process from the primary to the November election.

A special meeting was scheduled for February 29th when members will host a reception for Republican Congressional Candidate Shane Hunt and his wife Gayla. The reception is set for 7:00 p.m. at the Depot in Baird. The public is invited to take this opportunity to meet Candidate Hunt. For more information about CCRW call 915-529-3428 or 915-893-5500.

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Baird Fire Department Receives Donation from Texas Farm Bureau

The Baird Fire Department received a check for \$150.00 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Jessie Odom.

The money will be used for their loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them.

The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Baird Fire Department in their program.

CP CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Parents: The children's program (LAP) is still available for children 3-5. If you have moved into the area recently, call the library for specific information about the program. It will run through April.

The library has recently received a set of books (26 vols.) entitled *The Old West*. The story of the American frontier that is told was "one of history's great real life dramas" that cannot be contrived in fiction. The richness of that era is revealed in this series: Indians, gunfighters, gamblers, cowboys, sod busters - nobility, rascals, heroes. Teachers especially may find these books useful.

The set, published by Time-Life Books, is a gift from Weldon and Lola Chaffin of Lubbock.

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