

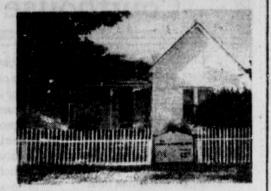
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information was brought by the office by Bobbie Edmondson. It isn't known how accurate it is, but it makes interesting reading. Subscriber's input is always appreciated. Thanks for your participation. Read and enjoy! Vanda Anderson-Creech

Life In The 1500's

Anne Hathaway was the wife of William Shakespeare. She married at the ripe old age of 26, which was highly unusual for the time. Most people married young, at the age of 11 or 12...and life was not as romantic as we may picture it.

Anne's childhood home was a 3-bedroom house with a small parlor which was seldom used (only for company), a large kitchen and no bathroom. Anne's mother and father shared one bedroom. Anne had a queen sized bed, but didn't sleep alone-- she had two sisters and they all shared the bed with four servant girls. They could sleep like we do, length-wise, but lay on the bed cross-wise. But at least they had a

Anne's 6 brothers and 12 field workers shared the other bedroom. They didn't even have a mattress. Everyone just wrapped in blankets and slept on the floor. But on the bright side, there was no indoor heating, all the extra bodies kept them warm.

So if you've kept count, you've realized that living Anne's five-room house were 27 people! Fortunately they were small people-the men only grew to about 5'6" and the women averaged 4'8". To give you an even better picture of life midway through the millennium, here's description of a typical house of that period for you:

You've heard of thatch roofs? Well, that's exactly what they were. Thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place small animals to get warm. So all the animals -- cats, dogs, mice rats, as well as various bugs - lived in the roof. When it rained the thatch became slippery, so sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Thus the saying "it's raining cats and dogs." Since there was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. Mother would just have to clean up a lot. However, in the bedroom, the bugs and other droppings from animals could seriously mess up your nice clean sheets, so they found that if they made beds with big posts and hung a sheet over the top, it would prevent that problem. Which is where those lovely 4-poster beds with canopies originated.

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Ribbon Cutting Monday, March 13

There will be a ribbon cutting for Stowaway Mini Storage on Monday, March 13th at 10 a.m. Stowaway Mini Storage is located approximately 1/2 mile south of Cross Plains on Highway 206. Stowaway Mini Storage is owned and operated by James and Dora Warlick.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the ribbon cutting. EVERYONE should make plans to attend! For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 725-7251.

Open House for Local Fire Department and EMS Facilities Set For Sat.

An Open House will be held at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Station and Emergency Medical Service Facility on Saturday, March 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Recent construction to the building has been completed and the public is invited to view the finished product.

The E.M.S. will be conducting FREE blood pressure checks during

this time also.

The two volunteer groups are extremely proud of the improvements to the facility. Make plans to come by and see what they have accomplished, as the community of Cross Plains continues to progress into the future!

Andy Anderson Files For School Board Trustee

Three board of trustee terms are expiring including Donnie Dillard, Tony Wyatt and the one year term of the late Leon Nixon.

Dillard and Wyatt have already announced for re-election. Andy Anderson has recently filed for a position on the school board. The deadline to file is March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications may be filed at the superintendent's office. During spring break (March 13-17) you will need to call (254) 725-7458 for an application.

A drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the election which will be held on May 6, 2000, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the superintendent's office in the high school.

There were no new applications filed in the City Council election. The terms of Mayor Ray Purvis and Councilmen Ray Womack and Jerry Cassle are expiring. Purvis and Cassle are seeking re-election and Dean Dillard has announced as a candidate for councilman.

Deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Two WTU Employees Affected by Local Office Closing

West Texas Utilities has recently announced the closing of the Cross Plains office. Only two employees will be affected locally, one in the customer service department and one in merchandise.

The Cross Plains office will remain open through approximately September. After that time, customer service will be requested through the Call Center 888-216-3523.

The servicemen will work out of the back of the local office after the front is officially closed.

Project Pride to meet Tues., March 14

Project Pride will meet Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m, at the Cross Plains Public Library. Plans are currently being formed for celebration of Robert E. Howard Days to be held Friday and Saturday

June 9 and 10.

Anyone interested in the future of the community and in preserving the history of the past, is invited and encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome.



GIRL ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL PLAYERS — Candice Bailey (front, from left) and Brandi Richey; Candice Francy (back, from left), Amber Wilson and Jennifer Turner.

District 28-A Girls All-District Selections

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

First team All-District selections for the Lady Buffs of Cross Plains were seniors, Brandi Richey and Candice Francy and junior, Jennifer Turner. Others members of the squad are seniors Jordan Menzies and Kyla Neal and freshman, Melissa Henley of Baird; senior, Alma Sanchez and junior, Eva Rodriques from Gorman; senior, Emalia Zarate, sophomores, Amy Erwin and Kari Clifton from Ranger.

Heather Kerbow, a junior from Baird was named the Most Valuable Player.

Candice Bailey, a sophomore here

at Cross Plains was named Newcomer of the Year to the district. Honorable Mention for All-District honors were Amber Wilson and Danielle Marion for Cross

Brandi was our defensive and assist leader. Candice Francy was one of our leaders in rebounding and point scoring. Jennifer was among the team leaders in all of our statistical catagories, offensive and defensive. Candice Bailey was a big contributor to our offense with her shooting and passing skills.

Brandi and Jennifer have been 3 year varsity letterman, while this is Candice Francy's 2nd year as a varsity letterman.



BOY ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL PICKS—Jody Pancake (front, from left) and Brandon Mahler; Coby Richards (back, from left), Joe Dillard and Cody Reed.

Boy's District Basketball Picks Released

By COACH CODY CHANDLER

Congratulations go out to those boys who received All-District Basketball positions. Jody Pancake (District Co-MVP), Coby Richards, Cody Reed and Joe Dillard (First Team All-District); Brandon Mahler (District Honorable Mention).

I would also like to take this time to thank the friends and families of the players for allowing me to coach a good group of kids such as these. Not every school would have taken a chance on someone just out of college, but you did, and I thank you for the opportunity. I hope that I lived up to your expectations.



ALL-DISTRICT ACADEMIC ATHLETES — Christy Beaty (front, from left), Shena Thomas and Candice Francy; Brandi Richey (back, from left), Coby Richards, Jaden Winfrey and Vanessa Webb.

Academic All-District Selections Told

Selection of Academic All-District has been completed in Basketball 28 A. All students honored by this selection are players of the varsity basketball team. Each student honored as an Academic All-District member must have earned an "A" average for both the

third and fourth six weeks grading period.

Team members include Candice Francy, Christy Beaty, Vanessa Webb, Brandi Richey, Shena Thomas, Coby Richards and Jaden Winfrey.

Tuesday, March 14, 2000 Republican Primary Election Callahan County Polling Places

Precinct #1 & #3, Clyde Lions Club Building
Precinct #2, #6 & #7, Eula Lions Club Building
Precinct #4 & #5, Cross Plains Community Center

Tuesday, March 14, 2000 Democratic Primary Election Callahan County Polling Places

Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club Building

Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building

Precinct #3, Baird Activity Center

Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center

Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center
Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Bantist Chur

Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church

Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

Primary Election Tuesday, March 14

Callahan County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, March 14 to determine Democratic and Republican Party nominees for the General Election in November. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Republican and Democratic Party Primary Sample Ballots located inside this week's newspaper

The Democratic Party Primary Election voting will take place at seven voting precincts throughout the county, while the Republican Party Primary Election will be held at three voting sites in the county. Registered voters can vote in one of the two party primary elections only. Also voters should be reminded if they vote in the Democratic Party Primary, they would not be allowed to vote in a Republican Party Primary runoff election if one is held-just like those who vote in the Republican Party Primary may not vote in a Democratic Party runoff election if one is held.

The big race on the Democratic Party Primary Election involves the countywide seat of County Attorney involving incumbent Allen Wright and challenger Shane Deel. Another local contested race on the Democratic Party ballot involves Tom Rumfield and William "Bill" Young seeking the office of County Constable in Precinct #4. Only voters in Cross Plains and

School Announces Early Out & Spring Break Dates

Cross Plains I.S.D. will release classes early on Friday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m. Buses will run at this time. Spring Break will be March 13 through March 17. Classes will resume on Monday, March 20, at the regular time.

Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting Thurs., March 16

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold their quarterly membership meeting on Thursday, March 16th. The meeting will be at noon at Jean's Feed Barn in the East Dining Room.

Debbie Gosnell, Secretary for the City of Cross Plains, will be the guest speaker. She will give an update on the new city mapping and other new happenings in the city.

If you have any questions, please call the Chamber office at 725-7251.

All Chamber of Commerce members are strongly urged to attend!

Oplin will vote on this contested race.

On the Democratic Party Primary, only the positions of President, U.S. Senator, County Attorney and County Constable Precinct #4 are being contested.

Candidates for U.S. President include Bill Bradley, Al Gore and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The U.S. Senator challengers include Don Clark, Bobby Wightman, Gene Kelly, H. Gerald Bintliff and Charles Gandy. The winner will face current U.S. Senator from Texas Kay Bailey Hutchison.

In other Callahan County races of note on the Democratic Party Primary ballot, current County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, County Tax Assessor-Collector Tammy T. Walker, County Commissioner Tommy Holland, County Commissioner Harold Hicks and County Constable David Blalock are all running unopposed and will have no Republican challenger in the November General Election.

On the Republican Party Primary ballot, some eight races are being contested, including some seven candidates seeking the Republican nomination for President. They include Charles Bass Urban. Gary Bauer, Texas Governor George W. Bush, Orrin G. Hatch. Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes, and John McCain.

Two Republican candidates.

Darrell Clements and Shane Hunt.

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while intoxicated (DWI). Darrell L. Sasser, criminal tres-

Larry Miller, theft of property by

Jennifer Grant, theft of property

Misdemeanor Minutes

Russell Belton Whitehead, motion to dismiss to public intoxication, resisting arrest and possession of marijuana granted, paid fine and court

Charles Reutter, plea of guilty to assault of family member, 1 year probation, \$400 fine \$229.25 court costs.

Troy Don McWhorter, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, pled guilty on other case.

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Tony Brown, motion to dismiss to theft of service granted, in the interest of justice.

Jeanna M. Leonard, order extending probation granted.

Darla Barrett, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Smith Co. granted. Michael R. Johnson, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$192.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Andre Vincent De Villiers of Cape Town, South Africa and Sidney Carolyn Ramsey of Abilene.

Micheal Ray Haley of Haskell and Elizabeth Dianne Bush of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Dorothy J. Haney, individually and as representative of the estate of Eddie Lee Allen, deceased and Juanita Pearl Wayte, Rosie Lee Franklin, Clifton P. Allen, and Flossie R. Garner, surviving children of Eddie Lee Allen, deceased vs. Pyramid Health Care Corp. dba Canterbury Villa of Baird, Jeanna Lowe, Mitzi Day, Karen Horsley and Ruth Jones, damages.

Civil Minutes

Connie L. Pueschel and Fred Wayne Williams, divorce granted. Tommy Barton and Rebecca Y. Barton, divorce granted.

Chad Allen Wood and Shannon Lynn Wood, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Joe E. Taylor, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$224.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Troy Earl Buck, plea of guilty to intoxication manslaughter, 12 years in prison, \$224.25 court costs.

Notice: Scott Simmons, listed in the March 1 Misdemeanor Minutes of the courthouse records is not Scott L. Simmons of Eula.

PRAY FOR RAIN WEDNESDAY **EVENINGS** 6:00 IN FRONT OF CITY HALL

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Obituaries

Wilmojean Dill

Wilmojean Dill, 64, of Cross Plains, died Thursday, March 1, 2000, at Hendrick Medical Center.

Wilmojean was born May 31, 1935, in Ballinger to Joe Chapman and Ethel Wiley. She married Fred Dill on August 15, 1953, in Abilene. Wilmojean retired in 1994 from the Irving ISD, where she worked in the cafeteria for 20 years. She then joined her husband Fred and son Tim here in Cross Plains at the Dill home place. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Dill of Cross Plains; one son, Tim Dill of Cross Plains; four sisters, Jewell Kraatz of Winters, Alice Jean Chapman of Abilene, Mary Fouts of Irving and Jolene Barnes of Dallas; one brother, W.L. Chapman; son-in-law, Sam Holcomb of Duncanville; sister-inlaw, Nancy Chapman of Eastland; brothers-in-law, Woody Robison of Abilene and Jay Barnes of Bedford; two grandsons, Brandon Holcomb of Dallas and Cory Holcomb of Duncanville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Ethel Chapman; one daughter, Lois Holcomb: a brother, Travis Chapman and a sister Clarine Robison.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2000, in the Higginbotham Chapel with Dr. Richard Chaffin, Rev. Joe Kraatz and Rev. Marvin Sanders officiating. Burial was in the Atwell Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Cross Plains Library or the Cross Plains EMS.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Chapman, Walter Kraatz, Steve Kraatz, Bill Wright, Kirby Gathright and Dale White.

Docia I. Denton

Docia I. Denton, 88, died Sunday, March 5, 2000, in a hospital in Abilene.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, in Arlington Memory Gardens, 3400 North Midwest Blvd., Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110 (suburb of Oklahoma City). Bill Eisenhour Funeral Home in Oklahoma City was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Denton was born August 31, 1911, in Coleman County. She married Thomas P. Denton. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was a member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Caroline Cantu of Austin; one brother, Albert R. Hughes of Cottonwood; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

> Library Notes Feb. 28 - March 3



Check this out: The library now has four new computers. Three of them are for internet connection. Librarians will be happy to help the public use them.

Circulation: Books: Cross Plains 59 Abilene 3 LAP 30 Interlibrary Loan 1 Audio Cassettes: Cross Plains 5 Abilene 3

Total 101

Memorials: Sue Taylor Neal for Mrs. Halsell; Jack and Kathryn Tunnell, Billie R. Loving for Wilmojean Dill; and Kirk and Kim and for Anna Smith

Donations:

Roger and Barbara Corn, Jack and Kathryn Tunnell, Ruth Blanton (books) from San Antonio; Linda and Latricia Chandler (books)

Thanks to everyone!

Ruby Lee Dickerson Kilgore

Ruby Lee Dickerson Kilgore, 88, of Brownwood, died Friday, March 3, 2000, in a Brownwood nursing

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2000, at the Blake Cemetery in northern Brown County officiated by Rev. Don Scott. Heartland Funeral Home of Early was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kilgore was born in Goldthwaite to the late Neal and Margaret Dickerson. She had been a resident of Brownwood since 1976 formerly of Houston. She was a homemaker and a piano instructor. In 1928 she started holding piano lessons at her home in Goldthwaite. She was a Methodist and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Brownwood. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, the Schubert Music Club and the Twentieth Century Club. In May of 1936 she married Jack Edgar Kilgore in Goldthwaite, he preceded her in death in 1996.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Katherine and Richard Livesay of Brownwood and Mary Lee Kilgore of Dallas; five grandchildren, David and Cindy Hammett of Katy, Gary Hammett of Houston, Karen Green of Galveston; Paula and Tom Hawkins of League City and Joe and Carol Hunter of Dickenson; and three great-grandchildren.

Thelma Ruth Havens Nepveu McIntosh

Thelma Ruth Havens Nepveu McIntosh passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in Medical Center Hospital, Odessa, after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 25, 2000, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Chapel. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens at Odessa.

Ruth was born December 11, 1921, in Mills County at Pecan Wells, to Silas and Rosa Ellen Merrill Havens. Her family moved to Cross Plains in August 1926, where she spent her young life and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1939.

She married Robert Edward Nepveu July 3, 1941, and to the marriage was born one son. Silas Edward Nepveu. Robert E. Nepveu was killed in Germany during World War II. She then married Eldon "Mack" McIntosh on July 16, 1947, and to this marriage was born one son, Gary Eldon McIntosh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Havens of Cross Plains and first husband Robert Nepveu and second husband Eldon McIntosh.

She is survived by two sons, Silas E. Nepveu and wife, Susie of Denison, Gary E. McIntosh and wife, Reda, of Odessa; three brothers Silas L. Havens and wife, Suc, of Midland, William F. Havens and wife, Lula, of Gardena, California and Charlie C. Havens and wife, Alberta, of Rockwall; also three sisters, Autna Deen Brown and husband, William "Don" of San Angelo, Rosa May Haakonsen and husband, Raymond, and Lois Marie Anderson and husband, Harold, both of Fox River Grove, Illinois; grandchildren, Shonna Nepveu Davis of Weatherford, Shawn and Rianne McIntosh of Odessa and numerous nephews and nieces.

Ruth lived a full happy life with loving family on the farm at Cross Plains. Her family continue to meet every three years for a family reunion.

Selected Scriptures

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.. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. St. Matthew 6:33

Paid Advertising Irma Miller

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their way into the wood of the bowls.

After cating off a trencher with

worms, they would get "trench

mouth". Most folks didn't want to

share their trencher, so if you

decided to travel, you took it with

you to the Inn -- where you could get

They also had lead cups and when

they would drink their ale or

whiskey, the combination could

knock them out for a day or two.

Neighbors would be walking along

the road and here someone would be,

knocked out and looking for the all

the world to be dead. So they would

pick them up, take them home and

get them ready for burial. If they

were too slow about it, the person

would occasionally wake up. Which

gave rise the idea that perhaps not all

of the people they were burying

were dead. So, they began laying

them out on the kitchen table for a

couple of days. The family would

gather around, eat and drink, and

wait to see if they would wake up.

Which is where the custom of

While we're on the subject:

England was already so old and of

such limited space that they started

running out of burial space. So they

decided to dig up some of the older

coffins, dispose of the bones

elsewhere, and reuse the grave.

When they began opening coffins,

they found some had scratch marks

on the inside. About one out every

twenty-five coffins were that way

and they finally came to the

realization that they were burying

people alive ... frequently. They

came upon the notion of tying a

string to the deceased's wrist,

leading it up out of the coffin and

through the ground and tying it to a

bell. Someone would have to sit out

in the graveyard all night to listen for

the bells, which is how the saying

"graveyard shift" came about. If the

bell would ring, they would know.

that someone was either about to be

"saved by the bell" or would become

But back to Mrs. Shakespeare.

Odds are, she married in June. Why?

The weather would finally begin to

warm and outdoor weddings were

most desirable. Though their yearly

bath was in May and they still

smelled pretty good by June, they

might be starting to exude a little

body odor... which is why brides

One final note about that yearly

bath... entire families bathed in one

huge tub that was set out and filled

with hot water. The man of the house

would get the privilege of the nice

clean water. Then all the other sons

and men of the household, followed

by the women and finally the

children. Last of all came the babies:

But by then the water was so thick

and murky, you could actually lose.

somebody in it. Thus the saying --

yep, you guessed it -- "don't throw

the baby out with the bath water"!

carried bouquets of flowers.

a "dead ringer".

holding a "wake" came from.

a bed, but not board.

When you entered a house, you would notice most times that the floor was simply swept dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, which is where the saying "dirt poor" came from. The wealthy would typically have slate floors. The slate was better than dirt, but in the winter the floors would get and cold and quite slippery when wet. So they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they would just keep adding more and ore straw until it would fall outside when you opened the door. So they put a piece of wood at the entryway to hold it in, hence the term "threshold".

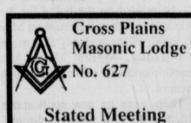
Most home had fireplaces in the kitchen/parlor and, occasionally, one in the master bedroom. Cooking was done in the kitchen fireplace in a huge kettle that continuously hung over the fire. Every day, Mother would light the fire and start adding things to the pot. Mostly it was vegetables, as they didn't get much meat. They would cat stew for dinner and leave the leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the kettle would have food in it that had been in there for a month! Thus the rhyme: "peas, porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old.'

Sometimes the family would acquire some pork - a rare and special occasion indeed. There was even a rack in the parlor where they could hang the bacon to show it off when company came. Such a display was typically a sign of wealth - that a man could really "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around "chewing the fat".

The bread was divided according to the status. The workers would get the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family would get the middle and guests would get the top, or the "upper crust".

If you had money, your plates were made of pewter. Sometimes the food would have a high acid content and lead would leach into their food. They really noticed it with tomatoes. So they stopped cating tomatoes...for 400 years.

Most folks didn't have pewter plates, though. They had trenchers; pieces of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. They seldom, if ever, washed their hands and frequently worms would find



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Church of Christ will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 12, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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Dr. Richard Chaffin, Pastor



VICTOR LONG ... March Resident of Month

Victor Long has been selected as the resident for this month. He was born on January 8, 1916, in Wisconsin. He is 83 years old. Victor enjoys watching TV, playing Bingo and sitting outdoors. Congratulations Victor.

We will be having a birthday party for Nandell Stiles Friday afternoon at 2:00. Dorothy Reynolds will be providing the entertainment for us. All family and friends are invited to come. Employees with birthdays this month are Merillyn Golson, Margaret Clark, Betty Baxter and Lynda Ford. Our wedding anniversaries are Sheri Kitchens and Donna Smoot.

We all express our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Docia Denton. May the love of friends bring you comfort. May God's love give you peace.

Appreciation to Merillyn Golson for the delicious pound cake and sauce and to Jim Fleming for the turnips and greens.

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

Nancy Fowler from Grapevine, Paul Oliver from Lewisville and Kitty Propest visited with Boots Ferguson.

Alton and Donie McCowen, Elmer Hounshell from Lake Brownwood visited with Raymond McCowen. Rosemary and John Enspaies from

Iowa visited with Minnie Swann. K-Trina Pickard, Devon and Logan from Coleman, Anne Lindale from Yukon, Oklahoma, Beth Meador, Amber and Bethany Parker, Darlene and Jessica Meador

visited with Nandell Stiles. Ann Belz from Brownwood visited Allie Dickson.

Michael Curry and Deborah Griswold visited with Deen

Lurene and Brenton McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (3), Minnie Swann, Howet Wilson and Raymond McCowen (2). Exercise class.

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

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

Thursday; Manicures, ball toss and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Maxine Crisp, Minnie Swann, Howet Wilson and Louise Richardson. Brithday party.

Sunday: Church of Christ Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old

people are works of art.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"LE'S TALK" Do ya have anything you wanta talk about right now, today?

Like maybe, what-ta ya got planned to do this the year 2000? Have you read any good books lately?

There are, without a doubt; many, many subjects about which we could converse. You know what they say though, "first come, first served," so since I'm here first you'll have to listen to me, apparently.

Having come to that conclusion, however, I seem to be right back where I began-wondering what we're gonna talk about! There is a song I understand which is titled "Something To Talk About In You."

Comedienne Joan Rivers has turned some fame and perhaps

Well, I guess we've just tried that but what we've come up with it seems is LESS TALK -- hm-m-mmmm-m, seems like I titled my article somewhat like that today. Started out with "Le's Talk" and wound up at the end with "Less Talk.

You know there may be something in that -- "Less Talk" would certainly be lots easier on the ears! I've been trying to think of this saying for some time now and I think I've finally got it nailed down:

Rainbow at midnight Sailors delight. Rainbow at sunset Sailors regret! Ipresume I'll "C" "U" next column. Until then.

"NOTORIETY" to the phrase "Let's

In the meeting on February 29 at Jean's Feed Barn, the Barbarian group began planning this year's Barbarian Festival for Saturday,

October 2.

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The first order of business was to choose a name for the monthly news report. How about simply "Barbarian News"? This is it.

Coming up soon is a workday with the Roping Club to make repairs on the sign at the rodeo grounds and to clean up the park -- no small job. Also the decision was made to charge \$1.00 for anyone 6 years old and up to help defray expenses. It's a good way to have fun for a whole day and cheaper than a baby-sitter. Also, drawings will be held intermittently, with door prizes furnished by vendors and businesses. The more tickets you have, the better your chances to get a prize. So bring the

Barbarian News

The parade last was a great beginning for a fun day. Hopefully this year, more Barbarians will get into the act. Last year, too, there were more out of town entries than we could have dreamed of. We expect more this year.

By Billie Loving

March 9, 2000

The Barbarian Committee came out of a study promoted by the Economic Development Committee to identify areas of work needed to promote Cross Plains. The group organized for festivals chose the name "Barbarian," got to work, and have hardly stopped for breath. There is certainly still room in the group for anyone who likes to see things happening in our town.

The next meeting is at 6:00 p.m., March 28, at Jean's Feed Barn. Consider this an invitation. For more information call 725-4206:

Ma & Pa

By James Nichols

It was Ma and Pa's time to have the circuit preacher to stay over and Pa had told one of the boys, H.T., to unhitch the Reverend's horse, Old Dappler, and get him some oats. H.T. was in a hurry because company was company, and he didn't want to miss out on anything.

So he turned the horse out in a small green cane patch by the barn. That old horse stayed in that cane patch until H.T. hitched it up late Sunday evening.

The Reverend had a real nice black buggy with yellow spoke wheels. The white tassels around the canopy really set it off.

H.T. had hitched the Reverend's horse up carefully and walked it very

slowly up to the hitching post in the front yard.

Everyone was standing on the porch to see the preacher off. He thanked Ma for a real nice dinner and said that he had enjoyed staying with them. The Reverend climbed into the buggy and placed his feet on the dash board. He pulled the buggy whip up and with a quick flick of his wrist, he was off.

Old Dappler had made about two steps when his tail went up and he delivered onto the preacher the Lord's fair share of that green cane. Old Doppler tried hard to pick up his stride, but all you could hear was the Reverend's, "Whoa, boy, whoa!"

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THURSDAY-Pork chops w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, carrot cake and milk.

FRIDAY-Teriyaki chicken, stir fry veggies, rice, cheesecake and

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FAX # 1-254-725-7225

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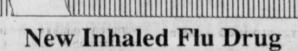
Remember, Tuesday, March 14, 2000, is election day. The democrats voting in Precinct 1A will be at the Burkett Baptist Church basement. The poll's will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your yellow voting card. Don't forget to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Buddy and Wanda Dean and Justin of Mississippi are visiting David and

Laura Dean and other family and friends. David and Laura hosted a hamburger cook-out for them all Sunday afternoon.

Tommy Burns of Breckenridge and Lanette Burns spent the weekend visiting in Round Rock with Caroline Sanders and family and Richard and Linda Burns and

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The new prescription anti-viral drug, Relenza, shortens the duration and helps to combat the fever, muscle aches, cough, etc. associated with the Type A or B flu. It is for persons twelve years and older. Relenza is a powder that is inhaled from a dispenser. It may pose a risk for those with asthma or chronic lung disease because it may trigger bronchial spasms.

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VOTING -

will face off for the U.S. Representative seat from District 17 and the winner will face incumbent Democrat Charlie Stenholm in the November General Election.

One Republican Party race of local note is for Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, involving four candidates. One candidate for the statewide office is Connie J. Kelley, daughter of Bracie Kelley and the late W.T. "Bill" Kelley of Clyde. The Austin attorney is a 1984 graduate of Clyde High School. The winner of the Republican nomination wili face a Democratic challenger in November.

One Proposition, which stirred feelings locally, will appear on the Republican Party ballot only. The proposition asks for a "yes" or "no" response to the question "Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"

Current State Representative from District 60, Jim Keffer, appears on the Republican party ballot without a challenger. He will have no challenger from the Democratic Party in November as well. Also, John Weeks, District Judge from the 42nd District Court which includes Callahan County. has no challenger in the Republican Party Primary and no challenger in the November General

Republican Party County Chairman David Holmes and Democratic Party County Chairman Jon E. Hardwick are running unopposed for their specific spots.

Registered voters have until Friday, March 10 to vote in either party primary elections by early voting ballot. Early voting for both party priroacy elections is taking place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde, the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains and County Courthouse Room # 107 in **400 WEST CALLOWHILL**

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By Bob Pipes, preacher **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

I don not know why God, through the apostle Paul, chose to reveal some of "the habits of a loving heart" by stating the negative. Actually, over half of the love qualities in I Corinthians 13 are stated that way—and such is the case with this one, stated more positively: "Love encourages others." It is in verse 5 where it actually reads, "(Love) does not seek its own." Perhaps the NIV says it best: (Love) is not self-seeking."

Have you ever noticed how uncomfortable it is, patting yourself on the back? Literally, I mean. Well, just as surely as it is easier to pat someone else on the back rather than yourself, it is also more rewarding, healthier, and more demonstrative of a loving heart. While it is something everyone needs-encouragement, that is-it is the giving of it that makes the reception of it most beneficial.

Willard Tate tells a story in connection with Special Olympics that reveals the overwhelming truth of it all—that "in giving encouragement to others, everybody wins." The event was the 440-yard race. One little guy was way out in front of the rest as they headed down the home stretch. He was so far ahead that he, simply out of concern, looked back to see if something had happened to the rest of the runners—but in doing so, he stumbled and fell! Before he could get up and take off again, the rest of the runners caught up with him. But rather than running on by him in order to beat him to the finish line, they stopped, helped him up, and ran on to the finish line together!

Yes, another habit of a loving heart is to help people up, not run over them, on the way to winning the race. The idea is to all win together by encouraging one another. Of course the race I'm talking about is the "race of life" toward heaven, I Cornithians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:12-14; Hebrews 12:1. Come learn with us some instructions from Jesus in that

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

Discus - Roger Carey 2nd
High Jump - Chris Kitchens 1st
and Brandon Mahler 3rd

Long Jump - Larry Lee 5th Pole Vault - Brandon Mahler 2nd, Tony Beggs 3rd and Cory Phillips 5th

3200 meter run - Kyle Wilson 5th 800 meter run - Nicholas Dimitri 2nd

110 meter hurdles - Chris Kitchens 2nd

100 meter dash - Tony Beggs 4th

and Cory Phillips 6th 300 hurdles - Chris Kitchens 1st 200 meter dash - Joseph Dillard

3rd and Tony Beggs 6th 1600 meter run - Kyle Wilson 1st and Josh Hopkins 6th

1600 meter relay - Nicholas Dimitri, Larry Lee, Joseph Dillard and Chris Kitchens 2nd

Cross Plains boys won the track meet with 124 points and Chris Kitchens was the high point individual with 42 points.

Junior High Track Boys Finish 2nd Place

High jump - Casey Pack 2nd Long jump - Jose Mauricio 4th Triple jump - Marcus Williams 2nd and Ryan Mack 4th

Discus - Jared Wooten 4th 2400 meter run - Andy Bennett 1st and Brandon Phillips 3rd

400 meter relay - Brandon Phillips, Ryan Mack, Jose Mauricio and Casey Pack 3rd 800 meter run - Thomas Dimitri

4th 400 meter dash - Jose Mauricio 2nd and Cody Harris 5th

300 meter hurdles - Casey Pack 2nd

1600 meter run - Andy Bennett 1st 1600 meter relay - Brandon Phillips, Ryan Mack, Jose Mauricio and Marcus Williams 3rd

Cross Plains boys won 2nd place in the meet with 100 points.

C.P. Boys Took Golf Team Title

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By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The first golf meet of the season was hosted by Cross Plains at the Rolling Oaks course in Rising Star. The team from Cross Plains consisting of James Ross 85, Jacob Farrow 92, Colby Richards 100, Shane Sharpe 101 and Jaden Winfrey with a 107 won the team title in boys with a score of 378. Panther Creek was 2nd with a 393 and Gorman was 3rd with a 443.

James Ross shot an 85 to win 1st for individual play. Thweatt from Panther Creek was 2nd with an 89 and Jacob Farrow was 3rd with a 92. Brian Mahler competed as an individual medalist and finished with a 98 for 5th place.

with a 98 for 5th place.

We are off to the best start in 5 years with the boys. Anytime you can shoot below 380 this early in the year and as low as our individual scores are we have plenty of time to knock off some more strokes where

we can contend for a regional spot.
On the girls side of the tournament,
Panther Creek Team 2 won 1st,
followed by Sidney Team 2 for 2nd
and Panther Creek Team 1 was 3rd.

Mandy Westmorland was 1st in medalist play with an 89. Monica from Panther Creek was 2nd and Robinson of Sidney was 3rd.

Cassie Ratliff and Toni Mae Wyatt of Cross Plains both competed in individual medalist play. Cassic shot a 137 and Toni Mae shot a 141. This was their first time to play and compete. They made good contact with the ball, they just had a little trouble controling it. They did good for their first time out.

Lady Buffs Win 2nd at Gorman

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Thursday we competed at the Gorman Relays and finished 2nd in the team standings with 108 points. Santo finished 1st in the team standings with 159.

Results are as follows:

* PR Tessa Wyatt, 2nd, triple jump, 31'2"

Candice Francy, 1st, discus, 110'

*PR Amber Wilson, 1st, shot put, 35' 1 1/4"
Candice Francy, 2nd, shot put, 33'

6"
Judith Hartman, 1st, high jump, 4"

Dani Rivard, 2nd, 2 mile, 15:56 Melanie Chesshir, 4th, 2 mile,

18:06
Dani Marion, 4th, 800 run, 3:06
Meghan Lewis, 1st, 100 dash, 13.3
Angela Swift, 5th, 400 dash, 72.5
Meghan Lewis, 1st, 200 dash, 27.9

Dani Marion, 3rd, 1 mile, 7:09
Dani Rivard, 5th, 1 mile, 7:14
Mile relay consisting of Tessa
Wyatt, Meghan Lewis, Angela
Swift and Judith Hartman were 1st

with a 4:35.

Other members of the Lady Buff track team Ashley Cook, Carrie Rogers and Sarah Nixon competed at Gorman.

Jodi Payne, Brittany Bennett, Brandi Richey, Shena Thomas and Amanda Kitchens are also members of the team, but did not compete at Gorman.

The kids did a really good job competing at Gorman under horrible wind conditions. We had some great individual performances and established some good times to come home and work towards improving. Our next meet will be Saturday, March 11 here at the annual Cross Plains Relays.

J.H. Girls Track

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The junior high girls finished a close 2nd with a 146 points to May who won the meet with 149 points. Results are as follows:

Shana Hyles, 1st, 1 1/2 mile, 10:29 Kim Mosier, Katie Mack, Stephanie Edington, Amanda Rivard, 3rd, 400 Relay, 60.2

Kelsee Richards, 3rd, 100 hurdles, 21.2

Christin Hyles, 1st, 800 run, 2:56 Karen Ross, 2nd, 800 run, 3:11 Meghan Felty, 3rd, 800 run, 3:13 Katie Wooten, 5th, 100 dash, 15.6 Kim Mosier, Hayli Foster, Kelsee Richards, Katie Mack, 2nd, 800 relay, 2:04

Kelsee Richards, 3rd, 300 hurdles,

Stephanie Edington, 6th, 300 hurdles, 70.3

Christin Hyles, 1st, 1 mile, 6:52.72 Shana Hyles, 2nd, 1 mile, 6:52.73 Meghan Felty, 4th, 1 mile, 7:21.0 Kim Mosier, Katie Mack, Shana Hyles, Christin Hyles, 1st, mile relay, 4:57.1

Kim Mosier, 4th, long jump, 13' 5

Hayli Foster, 5th, long jump, 12' 8

Karen Ross, 6th, long jump, 12' 6

Katie Wooten, 3rd, 400, 79.1 Laura Johnson, 4th, 400, 80.8 Laura Johnson, 4th, 200, 32.52 Kelsee Richards, 4th, discus, 62' 9

Laura Johnson, 5th, discus, 57' 0"

Other members of the Junior High Track Team are Kali Phillips, Candice Davis, Nicole Clark, Daley Anderson, Dayna Bennett, Laura Johnson all competing at Gorman. Not competing at Gorman was Jennifer Young and Bree Dillard.

We worked hard all week on preparing ourselves for the meet and it paid off in a big way. We handled ourselves in a work like fashion. No one missed a race and everyone was warmed-up properly to compete, we were always in the right place at the right time. We competed very well and survived all of our events. We have a lot of work to do to improve, but this was a big step in the right direction. I was very proud of the effort they put forth.



CATCHER JOSH HOPKINS CONFERS WITH PITCHER SCOTT MACKEY (Baseball Photos Courtesy of Ron McCowen)



LUCINO MAURICIO BACKS AWAY FROM WILD BALL



LANDON HILL COMPLETES A SWING

3 VARSITY BASEBALL GAMES SUMMARIZED

By COACH CORD WOERNER

The Buffaloes opened their season in a double header Friday against Evant. In an attempt to get a look at everyone we threw six different pitchers and everyone split time.

The first game we were down 2-0 but was able to score 6 in the bottom of the 1st inning. Pancake and Beggs scored on overthrows to tie the game. Richards scored on a Whitchead single and Dillard, Ktichens and Bailey scored on a 3 run homer by Bailey. Innings 2 and 3 were pretty quiet then in the 4th, Gosnell reached on a single, moved around by Butler and a Callaway single and scored on a single by Richards. Butler then scored on a RBI walk by Hill. Mackey scored in the 5th and Dillard again in the 6th on a SAC bunt by Reed to end our scoring. Potter got the win with Richards and Callaway going 4 innings and giving up no earned runs. Score 10-4

In the second game we faced a tall lefty who could really bring it. Evant got on the board first again on an error in the 3rd inning. We had some base runners but it wasn't till the bottom of the fifth we were able to score. Callaway led off with a walk

and scored on a bunt single by Beggs, Pancake then scored on an overthrow. Butler walked, stole a base and scored on an error in the 6th to end the scoring. Another good job of pitching by Norris, Pancake and Reed held Evant to only one score 3-1. Pancake got the win and Reed the save.

Monday we traveled to ACHS.

The wind was blowing so hard there were a number of balls that would have been great hits but were held up too long. There was no score until the top of the 4th. Beggs who was 2 for 3 led off with a single, Callaway put the ball in play on a hit and run and reached 1st on a fielder's choice and Richards had a 2 RBI double bringing them home. Richardscame home when Whitehead laid down a nice bunt and squeezed him in. In the 5th with 2 outs Pancake reached on a single. When he stole second the ball was overthrown and he was able to take home. In the 7th inning Kitchens led off with a single, stole second and was driven home with a nice RBI double by Bailey. Potter, Norris, and Callaway held ACHS scoreless and pitched well. Norris got the win and Callaway the save.

We will be competing in the Ranger Tournament this weekend with the 1st game against Dublin at 11:15 on Friday.

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CORY PHILLIPS DRILLS IN A PITCH

J.V. BASEBALL UPDATE

By COACH CORD WOERNER

The JV began their season against Santa Anna Saturday.

Wilson, Mackey, Phillips and Koenig all pitched and did well. Seven different Buffs scored. There were 9 hits and they managed to come back from a 7-6 deficit and win 11-9. I apoligize that there are no official stats for this game but with it being treated as a scrimmage with free substitutions there was no way to keep up with it. The boys played very well and will face Mullin in a double header here on Friday.



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I have been a resident of Callahan County my entire life, residing in Baird for most of that time, and currently in Clyde. I did not move to this County just to run for this office, and I will not be moving off once I am finished with it. I am actively involved in the community, although I prefer not to list my involvements in political ads. I simply do not believe in exploiting my causes in that manner. This county is my home, and rather than just complain about the problems I intend to help fix them. I will not be satisfied with just collecting a paycheck. I want to make a difference in all our communities.

Although my law practice deals largely with criminal law at both the trial and appellate levels. I have a broad background in civil matters as well. My courtroom experience is recent, not from a decade ago. This experience, combined with my abilities and common sense, makes me the only candidate who can deliver to the citizens of Callahan County the performance we all deserve from our public servants.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with this undertaking. It is a venture which cannot be achieved alone, and I truly appreciate everyone is help. I would like to thank everyone who put up a sign, who offered a kind word of encouragement, and particularly those who voted or will vote for me on Tuesday. I look forward to representing you as the next County Attorney of Callahan County.

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Pennsylvania passes Texas on highway adoptions

ABILENE, Texas-Put your blinker on, Texas. It's time to get up to speed when it comes to our Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) program and pass Pennsylvania in the number of volunteer groups who pick up roadside litter.

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Texans will have the opportunity to put their state back on top as the nation's leading Adopt-a-Highway state by participating in the 15th Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on Saturday, April 1. This massive statewide cleanup is organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and is fueled by volunteers from AAH groups and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) communities around the state.

'Litter can ruin our beautiful roadsides, especially when wildflower season is right around the corner," Rudy Rodriguez, Callahan County AAH coordinator for the Abilene district, said.

"Each year, thousands of Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work on this one day to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities. This year, we hope more people will show their Texas pride by volunteering to adopt a highway and making a commitment to keep a two-mile stretch clean all year long."

Though Texas is the home of the first adopted highway, Pennsylvania has surpassed the Long Star State by recruiting more AAH volunteer groups than any other state. According to state records, nearly 4,100 volunteer groups have adopted 8,200 miles of highway in exas. In Pennsylvania, more than 8,000 groups have adopted 18,505 miles of highway.

'Research among Texans shows there's a major misconception that the majority of people seen in the orange vests cleaning the highway are convicts," said TxDOT Travel Division director Doris Howdeshell. "The truth is most of the cleanup is done by AAH volunteers or by hired crews. Nearly 90 percent of Texas roads are kept clean with state tax dollars.

(Procurador del Condado)

C Allen Wright

C Shane Deel

Currently in Callahan county, there are four AAH groups who keep eight miles of roadway clean. At the present time, three of these groups have signed up to participate in the Trash-Off. They are the Baird Chamber of Commerce. United Methodist Men and the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

In addition to AAH groups, KTB volunteers across the state will clean city streets, county roads and parks on April 1. They will also be out recruiting new AAH groups.

Along with the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, TxDOT's litter prevention programs has reversed a trend in the increase of litter on Texas highway, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter and cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 to \$4 million per year. TxDOT's grassroots partner, Keep Texas Beautiful, is a nonprofit, environmental umbrella group consisting of a network of private citizens. communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.

If your organization is interested in participating as an AAH group. please call Rodrigues at 015,054 1353 or the district coordinator at

OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

CJC to offer continuing education courses

Cisco Junior College will offer a series of non-credit continuing educations courses at the Cisco campus in March and continue through May. Enrollment in the classes is limited to 20 students. Early registration is encouraged.

By COACHEL

Registration is complete only upon receipt of the registration form and fee. For more information or to register contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at (254) 442-2567. Classes will meet in room 31 of the

Technical I Building from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each week. Cost for the course is \$43. Courses to be offered include: WORD (ITSW 1001)

Wednesdays, March 29, April 5, 12 EXCEL (ITSW 1004) Thursdays, March 20, April 6, 13 ACCESS (ITSW 1007) Wednesdays, April 19, 26, May 3 INTERNET (ITSW 1013) Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4

Wrangler Band & Belles To Appear In Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Wrangler Band and Belles of Cisco Junior College have been invited to participate in the Channel 6 ABC/Boscov's Thanksgiving Day Parade Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While these groups have marched in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City eight times, this will be their first appearance in the 81-year history of the Philadelphia parade.

The tour will last four days and

three nights in Philadelphia, November 21-24, which will allow time for touring some of the nation's most historical sites. Cisco Junior College invites interested persons to accompany these students on this tour. Detailed information about the trip, including sightseeing, departure and return times, hotel accommodations, and total cost, will be available from the college in a few weeks

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Allen wright, candidate for **Callahan County Attorney**

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I am Allen Wright and I am your Callahan County Attorney. I have been practicing law since 1987 and a professional prosecutor for over eleven years. I was Assistant District Attorney in Taylor County for four years and then for the last seven years I have had the opportunity and privilege of representing the people of Callahan County as your County Attorney.

In eleven years as a prosecutor I have handled thousands of cases including almost seventy trials in District and County Courts, seventeen of those trials as Callahan County Attorney. I have also handled eleven appeals cases without a reversal. Since I have been County Attorney my office has collected over \$200,000 in hot check money for victims and taken over \$190,000 in property from drug dealers for use by law enforcement. I have accomplished this on a budget of less than half of my predecessor's. This is a good record for any prosecutor.

In my career I have always served and represented the people of the community and the victims of crimes. I have never been a defense attorney and I don't represent criminals.

lattended Southwest Texas State University earning a Bachelor's Degree in History and Journalism in 1978 and a Master's Degree in History and Political Science in 1982. I taught college history at Southwest Texas State for three years before attending Baylor University and receiving a Law Degree in 1987.

I am married to Gethine Wright and we have two children, William, age ten, and Kristine, age four. We live on a small farm in Eula that has been in my family for over fortyfive years and own another farm in Cottonwood. Like you, we are committed to the family and community values of Callahan County.

I am active in the community and



ALLEN WRIGHT ... candidate for County Attorney

a member and past president of the Clyde Kiwanis Club, a member of Project Pride in Cross Plains and the Baird Chamber of Commerce. I work to give something back to the people of Callahan County by delivering Meals on Wheels and serving as Committee Chairman of the Cub Scouts of America in Eula. I take an active interest in our history and serve as Chairman of the Callahan County Historical Commission,

My door has always been open to you and I have worked hard to answer your questions and assist you whether your problems have been big or small. I have never been too busy to meet you and talk to the people I represent. I have enjoyed visiting with hundreds of you in your homes and answered or returned your many phone calls. I have been a full-time professional prosecutor responsive to the needs of the people of Callahan

As a prosecutor choices are not always easy or popular. I am experienced at making difficult decisions and have been making those decisions for eleven years.

I work for you and, with your vote and support, I will continue to represent you and your families and prosecute criminals in Callahan County. Help me continue what we have started in our community by supporting me with your vote in the Democratic Primary on Election Day, March 14.

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EARN SAFETY AWARDS-Callahan county maintenance section employees recognized for safety at the annual safety awards banquet were left to right, front row, Marvin

Rogers, section supervisor, Ray Ramos, Kristi Barron, office manager who joined the honorees at the banquet, Hector Aguirre, Kevin Hagan, and Billy Stennett; back

row, Rudy Rodriguez, assistant

section supervisor, Miguel Santos, Jeff Holland, Larry Cauthen, and Bobby Henley, Jr. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

County TxDOT employees earn safety awards

ABILENE-The Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held their annual Safety Awards Banquet recently at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder. This banquet is held to recognize the district employees' outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment

and for having no work related injuries.

The Callahan county maintenance employees were recognized for combined totals of 166 years as safe operators and 104 years of no injury.

Members of the Callahan county maintenance section receiving

Thank you, Tammy T. Walker

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support in the Democratic Primary on March 14,2000.

awards were: Troy Knowles, Larry Cauthen, Kevin Hagan, Randal Cutlip, Jr., Jeff Holland, Pedro Cerda, Jr., Larry McIntire, Bobby Henley, Jr., Elmer Graham, Miguel Santos, Hector Aguirre, Billy Stennett, Ray Ramos, Rudy Rodriguez, assistant section supervisor, and Marvin Rogers, section supervisor.

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Categories and maximum lengths include:

Poetry, rhymed: up to 30 lines. Poetry, unrhymed: up to 30 lines. Children's stories for ages 3-6: up to 1,000 words.

Children's stories for ages 7-12: up to 1,000 words.

Children's stories for teens: up to 1,000 words.

Articles of general interest: up to

1,500 words. Articles of nostalgia or inspira-

tion: up to 2,000 words. Fiction. Short stores for adults:

up to 2,000 words.

Novel: no more than 10 pages of first chapter.

Everyone is encouraged to enter this contest. Prizes will be awarded. Call 676-1580 for more information and complete guidelines for

the contest.

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,

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MARCH 5-11, 2000 Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed the week of March 5th-11th as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas. The National Weather Service, in coordination with the Texas Division of Emergency Management, urges the citizens of Texas to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season. The goal during the week is to educate all Texans about severe weather safety rules. Emergency preparedness should come before the emergency, not during one.

A Message from the National Weather Service

Each spring, Texas experiences numerous outbreaks of severe weather. Many of these outbreaks are deadly. Over the past few years, the National Weather Service's capability to warn people of impending hazardous weather has improved dramatically through the use of state of the art Doppler weather radar. But early warnings are useless unless people know how to react to impending severe

As part of Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week this year, I urge you to participate in the West Central Texas tornado drill. The weekly test of NOAA Weather Radio on Wednesday, March 8th will occur between 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM. When that test of NOAA Weather Radio occurs: your National Weather Service in San Angelo will ask all those participating in the tornado drill to begin their drills.

I would like to especially urge schools to participate in this tornado drill. But I also urge families, day care centers, businesses, and any other places that are entrusted with public safety to participate. Thursday is an alternate day for the drill should bad weather occur Wednesday.

You will find tornado safety rules listed in this article. Should you have any questions about tornado safety, please contact this office. Your National Weather Service in

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derstorms are possible in the area.

or indicated by weather radar.

San Angelo urges you to prepare for severe weather now. Don't wait until it is too late! Shirley J. Matejka,

> Meteorologist in Charge National Weather Service, San Angelo

Thunderstorms & Severe Weather

The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes. Despite their small size, all thunderstorms are dangerous

Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding. Strong winds, hail, and tornadoes are also dangers associated with some thunderstorms

Lightning

o Occurs with ALL thunderstorms o Averages 93 deaths and 300 injuries in the U.S. each year

Flash Floods o The # I thunderstorm killer nearly 140 deaths each year

o Nearly half of all flash flood deaths are auto-related o Two feet of water will carry

away most automobiles Many fatalities are children playing in drainage ditches

Straight-line Winds o Thunderstorm winds can ex-

ceed 100 mph! o Can cause damage equivalent

to a strong tornado Large Hail o Causes nearly \$1 billion in dam-

age annually

Tornadoes o Nature's most violent storms

o Winds can exceed 200 mph o Result in an average of 80 deaths each year

o Most deaths occur in mobile homes and automobiles Your National Weather Service

considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least 3/4" in diameter (about the size of dimes), wind gusts to 58 MPH or higher, or tornadoes.

In West Central Texas, the most active months for severe weather

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are April, May, and June. Typically the peak of this severe weather season occurs in the second half of May. Though severe weather tends to peak during the spring months, thunderstorms and their accompanying severe weather can occur at any time of the year.

In order for thunderstorms to develop, three ingredients must be present: moisture, unstable air, and lift. Active cold fronts from the north and west collide with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico during the spring bringing these three ingredients together over West Central Texas.

Thunderstorm Safety What YOU Can Do!

Before the Storm... / Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods

/ Watch for signs of approaching

/ If a storm is approaching, keep a NOAA Weather Radio or AM. FM radio with you.

/ Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent. When Thunderstorms Ap-

/ If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe

shelter immediately! / Move to a sturdy building or car. Do not take shelter in small sheds. under isolated trees, or in convert-

ible cars / If lightning is occurring and a sturdy shelter is not available. get inside a hard-top automobile and keep the windows up.

/ Get out of boats and away from water.

/ Get to higher ground if flash flooding or flooding is possible. Once flooding begins, abandon cars and climb to higher ground. Do not attempt to drive to safety. If Caught Outdoors and No Shel-

ter is Nearby... /Find a low spot away from trees. fences, and poles. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.

/ If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees.

/ If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Make yourself the smallest target possible.

Flash Flood Safety What YOU Can Do!

Before the Storm... / Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes. particularly during threatening con-

If a Warning is issued or flooding is observed ...

If advised to evacuate, do so

immediately. Continue monitoring NOAA Weather Radio, television, or AM/

FM radios for information. During a flood...

/ Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding.

/ If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way. One cubic foot of water weighs about 62 pounds and when fast moving water impacts any surface, it strikes with incredible force.

/ Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. The depth of water is not always obvious. The road bed may be washed out under the water, and you could be stranded or trapped.

/ Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.

Tornado Safety

What YOU Can Do! Before the Storm...

/ Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school, and when outdoors.

/ Have frequent drills.

/ Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone to receive warnings.

/ Listen to radio and television for information.

If a Warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches...

/ In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.

/ If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furni-

/ Stay away from windows.

/ Get out of automobiles. / If caught outside or in a vehicle,

lie flat in a nearby ditch. / Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from torna-

does and should be abandoned.

The Fu lita Tornado Intensity (F) Scale

FO Weak Tornado (40-72 mph): Light damage; some damage to chimneys; branches broken off trees; shallow-rooted trees pushed over; signs and billboards dam7-Cross Plains Review

March 9, 2000

Report of the Callahan County Attorney's Office for activities in 1999

Every year since 1994 at this time the County Attorney's Office has made its annual activity report for the previous year.

F1 Weak Tornado (73-112 mph):

Moderate damage; surface peeled

off roofs; mobile homes pushed off

foundations or overturned; mov-

F2 Strong Tornado (113-157

mph): Considerable damage; roofs

torn from frame houses; mobile

homes demolished; boxcars

pushed over; large trees snapped

or uprooted; light-object missiles

F3 Strong Tornado (158-206

mph): Severe damage; roofs and

some walls torn from well-con-

structed houses: trains overturned:

most trees in forest uprooted; heavy

cars lifted off ground and thrown.

mph): Devastating damage: well-

constructed houses leveled: struc-

tures with weak foundations blown

off some distance; cars thrown and

F5 Violent Tornado (261-318

mph): Incredible damage; strong

frame houses lifted from founda-

tion and carried considerable dis-

tance to disintegrate; automobile-

sized missiles fly through the air in

excess of 100 meters; trees de-

barked; incredible phenomena will

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resulting from such winds).

Storm Damage Reports

large missiles generated.

F4 Violent Tornado (207-260

generated.

ing autos pushed off the roads.

Hot check collection, traffic cases and capital murder cases represent the diversity of work the County Attorney's Office handled in 1999.

The headline news was a capital murder trial and two related cases. It was the first capital murder trial anyone can remember in the county. Two officers of the Attorney Generals Prosecutor's Assistance Division were sworn in as Assistant County Attorneys to assist County Attorney Allen Wright in the prosecution of the case. Special investigators from the A. G. 's office were also assigned to the case to help local investigators. The trial resulted in a life sentence for one of the defendants, a second was sentenced to twenty years in prison and the third is awaiting

Another important case was that of an arson defendant. He was sentenced to eight years in prison. By completing a prison boot camp program on time, however, he was returned to court and placed on community supervision for eight

Not as headline catching but important to those victimized is hot check collection.

The office last year collected \$38,724.68 in fees and restitution on 720 hot checks. That figure includes restitution collected in the 77 cases filed with the court and assigned to community supervision. These figures were determined by a hand counting of disposed check files and checking monthly disposition lists.

The number of traffic appeal cases prosecuted increased again dramatically from 119 cases in 1998 to 144 cases in 1999. This is more than double the number of traffic cases prosecuted two years ago. \$39,575.51 was collected compared to \$25,045.00 last year and \$13,585.50 in 1997. Janece Tucker deserves special credit for

her hard work in both hot check collection and traffic collection as well as her other duties.

Court reports showed 261 criminal cases pending in county and district courts on January 1, 1999. increasing slightly to 282 cases by December 31, 1999. The records indicate 448 criminal cases were disposed during the year, the same number as in 1998.

District Court records indicate that during the year 75 felony cases were disposed as well as 3 juvenile and 3 writ cases. County Court records show 373 criminal, traffic, and hot check cases disposed during 1999

County Attorney Office records indicate that 1,248 files and cases were closed out during the year including theft by check cases and traffic. In addition to check and traffic cases 125 felony cases and, 252 misdemeanor cases were disposed during the year. Office records show one drug forfeiture. case was disposed with one vehicle, forfeited from suspected drug dealers. That property has been distributed to local law enforcement agencies in accordance with the law to help meet their expenses and serves to lessen the burden on taxpayers. Four forfeiture cases are currently, in litigation or awaiting a final judge; ment.

Office records differ from the court reports because they reflect different activities. Office figures are determined by an actual hand counting of the case files in the office and from a computer list of the cases. They include not only. the cases reflected in the court reports, but also investigations, Grand Jury presentations, writs: motions to revoke probation, civil forfeitures, and cases the office. has worked out of court.

Allen Wright is Callahan County, Attorney, Janece Tucker is Office Administrator and Monty Huddleston is Special Investigator, The office serves the citizens of this, county and is open to the people; we serve.

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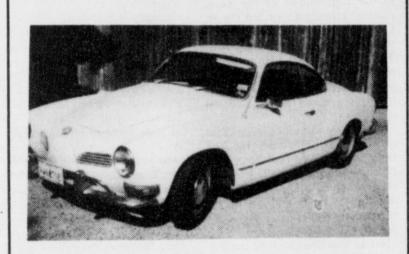
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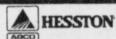
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Deel Announces Plans For Change In County Attorney's Office

I have been asked by many people about the changes I will make once I take office. While I cannot list them all in one column, I will tell you about a couple of the more important

First and foremost, I will be responsible for all cases coming through my office. Never again should the citizens of this county be forced to walk the streets alongside confessed murderers as a result of plea bargains made by bureaucrats from the Attorney General's office given unfettered discretion. The job of County Attorney requires a full time prosecutor; we deserve no less. I can foresee the possibility of needing a little help on a big case, but I will never completely and fully abdicate my responsibilities and turn over my job to someone else.

Moreover, I intend to make the Callahan County Attorney's office one noted for its professionalism. For example, I will have a policy of not discussing ongoing criminal investigations publicly. Such behavior is unprofessional, disrespectful to victims, and prejudicial against the interests of justice. And what that really means is that gone are the days when criminals are cleared of responsibility after their parents or grandparents or some other interested party brings a little political pressure to bear. Charges without merit will be dismissed, but people are just going to have to understand that the law applies equally to everyone.

Some things will not change. The most important thing that will not change is myse!!. I will conduct myself in office the way I have in my personal and professional life, with integrity, honesty and decency. The citizens of this county deserve such representation. I'm not going to be one to walk the fence in an effort to please everyone. I will base my decisions on my most sincere belief of what is right or wrong, and in the end you may not agree with me, but I think you'll respect me, and that is what matters most to me.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with this endeavor. I could not have done it without your help. I know I missed a few of you out there. I wish I could have seen everyone, but I simply had too many responsibilities at my home, my office, and with the community activities in which I am involved that could not be neglected. However, I'll be available to talk with you after the election and once in office I'll always have an open door for my fellow citizens of Callahan County. As the future Callahan County Attorney, I offer you my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your vote on March 14.

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lvy was a frisky, pesky goatling. She wasn't quite grown up yet, and I often had serious doubts she ever would be.

Worse than any two-year-old, she couldn't be left alone a minute. She practiced the great escape every day. She pestered the other goats until they butted her away in aggravation. And she was always trying to choke herself.

She wasn't even safe tied. She'd wind round and round the post until the rope ran out. It never once occurred to her to unwind. Rescuing her was a scene for the 9-1-1 crew. The girls and I had to scramble for a knife to cut the rope she was tangled in, or run for the wire cutters to snip her free of fencing. Once she was chained and nearly strangled herself before we could unhitch a link and sever it. We don't use chain anymore, ever. A goat responds to being pushed back by pushing forward with all her strenath.

Several times she wedged her head and horns through fencing gaps. We'd have to shove with a mighty force to work her horns back through a place she shouldn't have been able to get in the first place.

Along with the wire cutters and knife, I learned to keep a small saw, pliers and a lever nearby for extricating lvy from her dire predicaments

I was almost too late the time I got to the barn to discover lvy gasping and gagging again. Her neck was caught at the feeder, between two thick wires, while the other goats leaned over her, squeezing the breath out of her. They munched hay, oblivious to her peril, while I raced for the wire cutters. Getting the hungry goats away from the hay and lvy out of her trap was a

ROUNTY

lvy's best trick was one wits-end evening. We found her straddled over the top of the fence, bellowing, unable to move up, down, or over. It's a good thing MyKeeper was there, because it took both of us to unhook the hefty, flailing lvy. We held her by the collar while

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she recovered her composure. "What do we do now?" I asked. Neither of us wanted to stand there holding her all night.

"What is the matter with this goat. anyway?" I spouted. "She can't even get through one day with-

Oh, oh. I could see the answer brewing in My Keeper's eyes. I threw my arms up to intercept, just as... WHOMP! MyKeeper tipped an apple box over the top of lvy. I gasped.

An apple box is a 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 3 ft. high wooden crate used in the orchards at fruit harvest. The goats liked them upside down for sleeping platforms. I expected to hear the crashing of hooves and horns any moment.

It was an outrageous solution. MyKeeper says I looked like a fish out of water because my mouth opened and closed five times as I thought of protests and discarded them. Ivy was finally safe, it seemed.

Epilogue: Every night after that lvy went to the box and waited for MyKeeper to drop it over her. The other goats got jealous, so My(inventive)Keeper set several boxes at angles to each other, with gaps between them, slapped a plywood sheet over the top for a roof, and created a goat condo. Kind of a southwestern adobe condo. The goats played tag and hid in its many corners for hours at a time. So did the girls

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