



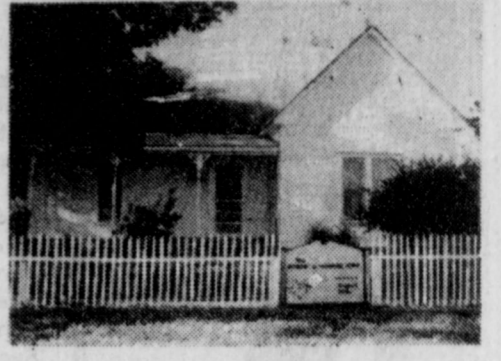
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Down Home

"Ever Lost Your Car?"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

If you were completely honest, you would have to admit that you have lost your car in some parking lot, at least once. This is a terrible feeling of helplessness.

I failed to note what row number that I had parked when I went into Wal-Mart during Christmas shopping season. You can imagine how many hundreds of cars were there at that time of year.

My first thought was -- I can handle this -- just look for the bright blue vehicle which appears purple under the lighting. Then the search began, as I walked up and down the rows in desperation.

All I could think was how embarrassing it would be to have to wait until perhaps midnight, when most of the shoppers would surely leave and the little Sunbird would be where I could see it.

Then I noticed there were other shoppers scurrying up and down in search of their cars. You could tell by the look on their faces. It was comforting to know I wasn't the only one who couldn't find their vehicle. Finally a thought, probably whispered by my Guardian Angel, entered my memory bank -- "Remember you parked close to one of the shopping basket collection sites."

What a life-saver! This did narrow the hunt down to specific areas. Sure enough there it was, right where I left it! Now they say you are in real trouble if you don't even recall driving there in the first place.

I like Margaret McNeel's solution to this particular problem. She just hits the trunk button on her keys and when it flies up she has easily found her car!

Coordinator for St. Jude Children's Hospital Chosen

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced that Ms. Esther Kerr has been chosen to coordinate a fund-raising event in Cross Plains for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event will be held on April 22, 2000.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases that afflict the children of the world. To date, over 16,000 children and their families have found hope at the hospital. The money raised by events like this one makes it possible for the hospital to treat its patients regardless of the family's insurance status or ability to pay.

Of equal importance is the fact that St. Jude shares all of the information gained from its research and treatment techniques with hospitals and doctors around the world. Thanks to St. Jude's local and international efforts, children around the world will benefit from the efforts of the people of Cross Plains.

For more information about the event, please call Ms. Kerr at (254) 725-6402.

Beta Sigma Phi Announces Increase in Scholarship Award for Graduating Senior

Beta Sigma Phi sorority is proud to announce an increase in the amount of the scholarship to be awarded to this year's successful applicant. The scholarship, which will be presented to a winning senior at graduation ceremonies, will be in the amount of \$500.00.

President Jamie Apple said, "This increase was made possible by the tremendous support that Beta Sigma Phi received from the community at the 1999 Christmas Tour of Homes and the 2000 Miss Valentine Pageant.

She went on to say, "Our scholarship is somewhat different, in that academic achievement and/or financial need are not factors in awarding this scholarship. Students are asked to write an essay on their choice of one of four questions

posed in the application. Scores are determined on grammar, content and reference. Judges are recruited from outside the Cross Plains area to ensure impartiality."

The essays will be presented to the judges for scoring and will be submitted anonymously. The selection will be made by those in academia of nearby area colleges and/or universities.

Students and parents should take note that applications for the scholarship are now available from Nora Odum at the school. The deadline for submitting the application and essay is May 15, 2000.

ALL SENIORS of Cross Plains High School are encouraged to participate in this competition! Every essay will be considered.

Barbarian Activities Noted Planning of Big Event Underway

By BILLIE LOVING

If war cries and the clanging of swords are heard between now and September 2, look out for the "Barbarians." They are ruthless in their efforts to encourage folks to come to Cross Plains. It is best not to resist them.

Their first "ya-hoo" can be heard as they operate the concession stand at the Roping Club Event on April 15th. The Barbarian feed will include turkey legs, sausage wraps, pizza and other concession stand items. All will evoke cries of pleasure.

The group is collaborating with the Roping Club to get the park prepared for later events. Their dream is to get a bridge over the creek by September.

As plans get under way for the Big Event on September 2, barbaric cries will be heard throughout the area, encouraging businesses, singers, guitar players, bands-talent from near and far--to participate. The first event (date to be announced) will be a raffle for half a beef. The drawing contest for elementary school students will be held again, as it was a great success last year. Other contests will be announced as plans

are finalized.

Last year's parade was a great success, but Barbarian Tim Dill insists that it will be even bigger this year, with more types of entries. Those interested can reach Tim at 725-6108 (evenings).

Daytime entertainment at the festival is being planned by Bobby Hinkle. Anyone interested in participating or know of others who might be interested, may call her at 725-6792.

Again, there will be a cook-off. Visitors and local folks thought that the cook-off last year was successful for a first effort. This year promises to be even better. Ginny Hoskins is in charge. Call her at 725-7509 if interested in entering.

Bill and Charlsie Richardson, are in charge of vendor applications. They can be reached at 725-4033 or at the Bargain Barn in Cross Plains. Both food and retail sales are welcome.

The Barbarian Festival is for Cross Plains and this area. Get involved. Become a Barbarian. Keeka Byrd is head barbarian and coordinator of the festival and may be reached at 725-6836. The next meeting of the Barbarian Committee will be April 25.

Spring 2000 Trail Ride for Rehab Set For April 15

The Spring 2000 Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled April 15-16 for the Green Ranch near Albany.

Registration will begin after 3:00 p.m. April 15 and continues April 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on April 15 and a shorter ride on the morning of April 16. Three meals will be served. Weekend activities will include an auction of numerous items and a Sunday morning worship service.

The Green Ranch is located approximately 12 miles northeast of Albany, Texas, and snuggles up to Hubbard Creek Lake. This beautiful ranch's terrain includes rolling hills, green fields, ad wooded hilltops, which provide excellent habitat for the abundant game that roam the Green Ranch, including whitetail deer, wild boar, turkey and quail.

"This is an exceptional
See TRAIL RIDE page 2

Scout Car Wash Set For April 8

The Boy Scouts will be sponsoring a CAR WASH on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the United Pentecostal Church located on West Highway 36.

The Scouts will be accepting donations for their service and all proceeds will benefit the local organization.

Remember this date! Get your car washed and assist the Boy Scouts, too!

Little League officers and registration dates told

The Cross Plains Little League met Monday, March 27, to elect officers for the new year and to get started for the 2000 season. Dean Dillard was re-elected as President and Debbie Gosnell was elected secretary-treasurer. Debbie Bennett and Lindy Cooper will run the concession stand and Roxie Thomas, Debbie Thomas and Lindy Cooper were appointed to the fund-raising committee.

Registration forms for pee-wee, little league and pony league will be issued to students on April 10th and 11th. Sign-up to play will be held on April 11 at the concession stand beginning at 5:00 p.m. Cut-off for registration is April 14th and tryouts will be April 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The parade and opening ball games have been set for April 29th. If you have any questions concerning the program, please call Dean Dillard at 725-7275 or Debbie Gosnell at 725-6114.

CPAHI To Host "Free" Chili Supper Thursday, April 13

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is hosting a "free" chili supper on Thursday, April 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the CPISD cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. While the chili is "free", donations to CPAHI are welcome to help offset the cost of the chili supper and to provide operating funds for the organization.

CPAHI is a 501C-3 non-profit organization established in Cross Plains by citizens interested in improving housing in the community. For more information call Mary Graves at (254) 725-6418 or Linda Henson/Steve Mack at 725-6141.

Bro. Sam Tomlinson to speak at Believer's Fellowship April 5-7

Bro. Bob Wallace, pastor of Believer's Fellowship, invites everyone to come hear Bro. Sam Tomlinson aka "The Ragin' Cajun" Wednesday through Saturday, April 5-7 beginning at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Bro. Tomlinson, pastor of the Worship Center in Brownwood, believes in that old time gospel preaching of the Word of God. He also has an awesome testimony he loves to share with people about God's love and infinite mercy that has blessed both him and his wife, Barbara.

Praise and worship specials will be presented each evening. Come and be blessed and let the Lord comfort and give you strength.

Believer's Fellowship is located approximately 1 mile east of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 9, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Preston Lewis to hold book review locally on Tues., April 11

Preston Lewis "carefully researches his books, is a voluminous reader and non-fiction book buyer. His fiction writing, philosophy, however, is summed up in this statement: 'When you do as much seatwork as writing requires, you have to entertain yourself first. For me, entertainment is the patron saint of fiction writing.'" Lewis will be the third author in this series of book reviews sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library.

One profile of Lewis has described him this way: "Seeing him breeze into a hotel lobby, a big, bespeckled man carrying a briefcase and dressed in a an ice cream suit and pinch-crown straw hat with a downturned brim, he might be a bit-player in a remake of 'Casa Blanca' or a Key West real estate salesman or a banker just up from Tupelo--anything but a Western writer."

Anyone reading his profile would be convinced that he has a great sense of humor. He says that after his first novel, *Hard Texas Winter*, was published in 1981 he "had an immediate impact on the publishing industry: Tower books (his publisher) declared bankruptcy." Soon after that first book, Lewis "had a hard Texas dry spell" for about eight years. In 1989, however, his writing career took wings. Especially in the *H.H. Lomax* series. Lewis emphasizes that "the main thing in writing is to have some fun that will be shared by the reader."

In his *Demise of Billy the Kid*, Lomax runs into Jesse James in New



PRESTON LEWIS

Mexico territory. He thinks, "I'd lived long enough to know a thief when I saw one. This fellow would've stolen flies from a blind spider." When he was asked, "You lost or just get tired of plotting?" Lomax answered, "Is this Wyoming?"

Lewis has also written well-researched nonfiction. However, he considers himself "an illegitimate historian." He says that he hasn't the credentials nor the patience to be a legitimate one. Instead, he says, "I am looking for the best story, plain and simple."

Chances are you'll like Preston Lewis. Join the library group at the Community Center on Tuesday evening, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. No admission charge and refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Billie Loving

Immunization Clinic Set For Monday, April 10 in Cross Plains

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic in Cross Plains on Monday, April 10, at the Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beach, from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon.

If your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available, but parent or guardian must call our office before the clinic date or we will not have the vaccine with us.

For more information or to make arrangements for us to bring the varicella (chickenpox) call 725-4945.

Project Pride to meet Tuesday, April 11

Project Pride will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Public Library.

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

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Correction

In the Callahan County Commissioners' court meeting from Monday, March 27, commissioners voted 3-1 to increase the travel mileage reimbursement for county employees from 25 cents to 30 cents per mile.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to allow 30 cents a mile for travel mileage reimbursement beginning April 1st. Commissioner Tommy Holland seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Farmer, Holland and County Judge Roger Corn. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Charlie Grider. Commissioner Harold Hicks abstained from voting on the motion.

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It is time for You to act, O Lord, for they have regarded Your law as void. Psalm 119:126
The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan... 2 Thessalonians 2:9
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TRAILRIDE

opportunity to see and explore a historical ranch which is normally not available to the public," Hicks said. "It should be a great ride."

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' fees will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Allied Staffing Group, Abilene Peterbilt, Bandag, Inc., Tim and Joyce Piland Custom Saddles, Greathouse Foundation, Chalmers Exploration Company, Morris Concrete L.P., Easley Trailer Manufacturing/Sammy Cockrell, The Tommy Morris Agency, Thomas Hicks Construction and Kelly Gill funding provides additional underwriting.

Cost for the trail ride is \$40 minimum per adult and \$15 minimum per child 12 years and younger. Pre-registration and a \$25 deposit are required. A negative Coggins test also is required.

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas, Abilene, (915) 793-3510; Eva Horton, San Angelo (915) 223-6300, or after 7:00 p.m., Mac Sayles, Tuscola (915-) 554-7884.

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Lance Carroll Hall, operate unregistered motor vehicle.

Gabriel Guerrero, Jr., Ct. I criminal conspiracy, Ct. II criminal trespass.

Cindy B. Watts, Ct. I criminal conspiracy, Ct. II possession of dangerous drug.

Jenene L. Finley, criminal conspiracy.

Ramon J. Vasquez, Ct. I criminal conspiracy, Ct. II criminal trespass.

Willie F. Cook, theft.

John E. Litchfield, driving while intoxicated, (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Billy Joe Sims, plea of guilty to DWI, 3 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$252 court costs.

Lydia Burkett, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Jana Long, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$150 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$508.09 restitution.

Andy Maxwell, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$246.25 court costs, \$665.28 restitution.

Byron Dan Voss, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$600 fine, \$216.25 court costs, \$20.80 restitution.

Steven Schuyler, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended (DWLS), 1 year probation, \$250 fine \$231.25 court costs.

Sharon Garrett, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$261.25 court costs, \$55.28 restitution.

Alejandro Gutierrez, plea of guilty to DWLS, 6 month probation, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Tom McMickle, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$350 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$1314.55 restitution.

Gabriel Guerrero, Jr. plea of guilty to criminal conspiracy, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Jenene Finley, plea of guilty to criminal conspiracy, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Cindy Watts, plea of guilty to possession of dangerous drug, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Ramon Vasquez, plea of guilty to criminal conspiracy, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

End of term discharging defendants from probation granted: Julian N. Santos, Sandra Floyd Tucker, Benson Kilpatrick, Michelle Baldock, Scott Lee Greer, Tarressa Hennington, Kelly Jo Wellmaker.

Billy Joe Sims, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, case refiled and order releasing cash bond granted.

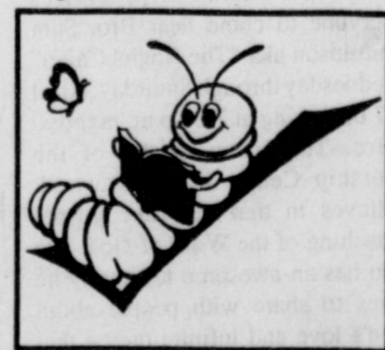
D. E. Edwards, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted. Jason C. Moore, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Linda R. Abbott, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Alejandro Gutierrez, request for transfer from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Andy Maxwell, request for transfer from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Steven Schuyler, request for transfer from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.



Hi! I've been looking at magazines. Looks like somebody could put one in my hands! This Cross Plains Library has everything anybody could want. Here are a few: "Country Woman"; "Quick Cooking"; "Discover"; "Gardener"; "Birds and Blooms"; "Better Homes and Garden"; "Civilization" Better check these out!
Statistics:
Books:
Cross Plains 66
Abilene 2
LAP 28
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Total 99

Byron Dan Voss, request for transfer from Callahan Co. to Ector Co. granted.

Eric Weiner, order extending probation granted.

Cassie Sizemore, order extending probation granted.

Bryan Glen Gregory, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 days in jail, \$800 fine, \$216.25 court costs.

Misty Michelle Abernathy, motion to dismiss to criminal mischief in the interest of justice granted.

Marriage Licenses

Alton Lodell Deakins and Bobbie Lou Wilkins, both of Clyde.

Daniel Clem Dobbins and Michelle Rene Brookshire, both of Abilene.

Jacob Paul Brewer and Jennifer Jane Broadus, both of Clyde.

Bobby Joe Golson and Linda Lewis Williams, both of Cross Plains.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Kristy Bryant and Michael Bryant, divorce.

Rhonda Gail Saunders and Roy Wayne Saunders, divorce.

Joe Allen Tollett and Meagan Michelle Tollett, divorce.

Rebecca Anne Smith and James David Smith, divorce.

Melinda E. Elliott and Mackey E. Elliott, divorce.

Rickey Dean Beasley and Deborah Marshel Beasley, divorce.

Mark Norris and Terry E. Norris, divorce.

First Select Corporation vs. John S. Bragg, default on account.

Civil Minutes

John Young and wife, Doris Young vs. Daniel C. Van Matre and Myrle Van Matre, William H. Parker, Jr. and Callahan Co., Tx., judgment of contempt and order of commitment granted.

Lina L. West and Robert Clifton West, divorce granted.

Criminal Info & Complaints

Willie F. Cook, robbery.

David C. Kyle, engaging in organized criminal activity.

Eddie L. Baugh, possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture.

Criminal Minutes

David C. Kyle, plea of guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity, 10 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$255.25 court costs, \$3250 restitution.

Eddie L. Baugh, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture. 25 years in prison, \$250.25 court costs.

Willie F. Cook, plea of guilty to robbery, 3 years in prison, \$224.25 court costs.

Obituaries

Charles Lewis Coppinger

Services for Charles Lewis Coppinger, 72, of Odessa are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Odessa with Dr. Ernest Easley officiating. Burial will be in Cross Plains Cemetery, at 2 p.m. Thursday. Mr. Coppinger died Monday, April 3, 2000, at his residence.

He was born March 31, 1928, in Cottonwood. He married Margaret Greenwood June 3, 1950, in Cross Plains. Mr. Coppinger moved to Odessa in 1968. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in 1951-52, stationed in Austria. He worked for Halliburton for 16 years in various locations in West Texas before acquiring his own company, Coppinger Supply in Odessa from 1968 to 1989. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Maud Coppinger, brothers, John Edward and Tommy James Coppinger and son, Terry Charles Coppinger.

Survivors include one son, Kerry Dale Coppinger and wife, Debbie, of Centerville; three sisters, Winnie Lane of Baird, Mimi Cunningham and Louise Richardson both of Cross Plains; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church Youth in Odessa.

Richard 'Doc' Brown

BROWNWOOD—Richard S. "Doc" Brown, 71, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, in a local hospital. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Santa Anna Cemetery with the Rev. R.J. Elkins officiating, directed by Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown was born in Santa Anna and moved in 1941 to Brownwood, where he attended school. He lived in the Pioneer Community and attended school at Cross Plains High School during the 40's, where he participated in sports. He served with the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1958 and a master's degree in 1963, both from Howard Payne University. He taught school for 25 years at Lame Deer, an Indian reservation, until retiring. He then was a substitute teacher at Brownwood and Early High schools. He was a boxer and participated in the Golden Gloves competition in Fort Worth from 1946-49. He was a Baptist and was the widower of Opal M. Brown, whom he married in 1957.

Survivors include one sister, Billie Williams of Weslaco; three half-sisters, Marcel Beckett of Kokomo, Indiana, Ruth Tidwell of Temple and Earline Vintage of Colleyville; two stepbrothers, Raymond Slinger of Hemphill and Morris Slinger of Sweetwater; and one niece and two nephews.

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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt



MELBA CRISP
...April Resident of the Month

Melba Maxine Crisp was chosen as the resident for this month. She was born on August 15, 1914, in Gorman. She is 85 years old. Maxine is married to Elgie Crisp and they have two children. She enjoys singing, playing Bingo and visiting with her family.

Our thoughts and prayers for Ila Mae Marshall who is in the hospital. Falba Shofner was the winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Appreciation to Ruby Casle for the crackers and dip and to Kitty Propest for the nail polish.

Beth Meador, Bethany, Amber and Taylor Parker visited with Nandell

Stiles.

David and John Peters visited with O.B. Switzer.

Dorothy Welch from Mansfield and Betty Montgomery from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery.

Hazel and Ella Lee from Pioneer visited with Pauline Regian and Ralph Lee.

Charlene McGowen from Brownwood and Naomi McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen and Kate McCarty. Also visiting with Raymond was David and Allison McGowen from Austin.

Chaz visited with Boots and Beulah Ferguson.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shofner (2), Minnie Swann and Maxine Crisp. Exercise class.

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

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Manicures and ball toss.

Friday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (2), Vera Belyeu, Minnie Swann (2) and Maxine Crisp (2). Sit-down-basketball and Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: First United Methodist Church.

Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"The Rest of Laura's Story"

If you've ever visited or lived in the Lubbock area; you're sure to remember the flat, somewhat treeless landscape. Also you may recall the way a number of farmers thereabout are most likely to plow clear up to the front steps or porch of their home and plant it all in grain, corn or whatever crop they're raising that year. Very few in the country have much front lawn in that area of the panhandle.

Laura said one year when she was a girl of 9 or 10 years, her Mother decided she wanted some flowers to grow in several different locations in a few areas surrounding the house. So, she told Laura's father that she wished he'd dig up a small area in the front of the house and a couple of small beds in the backyard, and the first chance he got, get her some flower seed in town to plant there. ...and so she waited while he ostensibly thought about it and pondered upon it...and she waited...and waited some more. Finally she decided he'd forgotten, dismissed it or else decided against it.

One day about the middle of May, she heard the tractor near the house. She looked out the window and her husband was plowing row after row, round and round about a mile or so from the house, starting on the perimeter and working toward the house. Well, she pretty much

figured she'd lost out on a flower garden for that year. Finally as she observed, he made the last row right up by the front doorstep in front and the same in back to the back steps.

Humph!!, she told herself; guess I won't get any flowers this year. So she said nothing about it to him.

Next morning at the crack of dawn he was out there riding around planting seed. Wonder what he's plantin' out there this year, she said to herself. She even asked him when he came in for lunch. Well, either he didn't hear her or he was thinking of other matters for he didn't answer her. There was simply no reply.

About six weeks or so later, she had her answer when the crop started coming up and growing.

Seems he'd gone to town and bought all kind of seeds of every variety of flowers he could find and planted them just like he planted his corn, from the tractor.

Laura said her mother had the biggest, most beautiful, largest, humongous, gorgeous, gargantuan, gigantic flower garden, all that year; ever seen anywhere in that vicinity. She said people came for miles around just to look at it.

However, she said that was the end of flower gardening for her parents. Daddy never did it again and Laura's Mama never asked gain. "Member that song - I Did It My-y-y-y Way?"

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

The Quilting Club's "bake sale" Saturday at the Cross Plains Tradesday was a big success. As of this date, we collected \$217.55 with a promise of more to come. We thank all who purchased food and helped us as we have a lot of work to do on the building. We thank those in the community who donated food.

The Quilting Club meets every Tuesday and we welcome anyone who would join us to quilt. We meet at the Community Center in Pioneer off FM 269. Come on out and join us.

Game night last week was well attended. We meet every other Thursday evening. The next meeting will be April 6th. We all bring a dish to share for supper. You are welcome to meet with us.

Oliver and Frankie, Jean and Vi attended the Rising Star musical Friday night. A good time was had by all. Then Oliver and Frankie attended the Clyde musical Saturday

night.

Donna enjoyed her trip to visit her daughter, Janna, and grandchildren, Brian, Jon and Kelsey. Janna's husband is in the Air Force and stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The quilting ladies finished Frankie's hostess quilt even though several ladies were unable to be with us. We should finish Earlene's hostess this week. We have Juanita's "Fan" quilt in the frame ready to go. When one quilt comes out another is ready to take its place.

We are thankful for the rain showers we have received this week. The grass looks pretty, the wildflowers are blooming and the trees have more leaves. Even the pecan trees are putting out.

Word of Wisdom #32: Let me tell thee, time is a very precious gift of God; so precious that it is only given to us moment by moment. Amelia Barr

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Gardening Tips

By James Nichols

Hedges -- How to Select Your Hedge

Determine your exact purpose for planting a hedge -- screen, protection or simply to beautify.

Buy the best plant for the job. Don't buy a green giant where a dwarf is required.

Buy the largest plants possible, ideally five-gallon size minimum. This will give more immediate impact and a quicker screening. This will also take fewer plants.

Hundreds of species and varieties of shrubs are adopted to Texas landscaping. Some do well in most of the state, while others require very specific soil and climate conditions. Consider your choices carefully.

Ask questions of your nurseryman.

Things to remember in April: (1) April Fool's Day (2) Daylight Savings Time begins (21) Good Friday and (22) Earth Day -- plant a tree with your friends and family.

Leave foliage on spring blooming bulbs to rejuvenate them for next year. Plant seedlings of tomatoes and peppers on your regions last average frost date.

Flower of the Month -- Hardy Amaryllis

It can be planted in the sun or afternoon shade and grows to 18 to 24 inches in height. It is not to be confused the wide-petal Dutch amaryllis, which blooms earlier.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 10-APRIL 14

MONDAY—Smothered chicken, carrots, sliced potatoes, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

TUESDAY—Beef-A-Roni, green beans, corn, cinnamon apples and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Roast w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, peach crisp and milk.

THURSDAY—Fish, oven fries, apple slaw, hushpuppies, apricots and milk.

FRIDAY—Chef salad, ham, cheese, egg, baked potato, strawberry/banana gelatin and milk.

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OH BABY



A BLESSED EVENT

Corey and Charlotte Townson are blessed to announce the birth of Caleb Scott. He was born at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2000, in Abilene. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Caleb is welcomed by his maternal grandparents, James Letney of Nimrod and Frankie McGough Neeb of Cross Plains, and paternal grandparents Ron Townson of Arlington and Robert and Debbie Dowell of Arlington.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth Letney and the late James Letney of Cross Plains, Joyce Steward of Conroe and Eva McGough and the late Pat McGough of Nimrod. Paternal great-grandparents are Sam and Jenny Townson of Cross Plains, John and Grace Shepherd of Trinidad and Iva Kirechese of Arlington.

Proud uncles and aunts are Chuck Letney of Abilene, Casy Townson, Taylor Dowell and Danny and Jenny Olds all of Arlington.

Praying For Sick Helps

So says a study by Mid-America Heart Institute published in *The Archives of Internal Medicine*. Heart patients were randomly divided into two groups and were not told of the study. In one, patients were prayed for daily by volunteers for four weeks; the other group didn't have anyone assigned to pray for them. Patients who had someone praying for them, even without their knowledge, suffered 10% fewer complications.

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By Bob Pipes, preacher
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Willard Tate quotes L.P. Jacks: "The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." Mr. Tate, in his book entitled *Habits of a Loving Heart*, goes on to talk about another loving trait drawn from the great "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13. Optimism -- "(love) always hopes," verse 7.

"Hope" is one of a triune, mentioned repeatedly, especially in the New Testament -- like in the last verse of the above cited chapter. Sometimes they are not quite so neatly packaged, like in 1 Thessalonians 1:3, but they are all three there. And like love and faith, hope is mentioned by itself quite often. One instance is Hebrews 6:19a -- "This hope (that is 'set before us,' verse 18b) we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast..." I want to place an exclamation mark after that! Hope is what gives Christians reason to be "eternal optimists!"

The letter in the New Testament entitled "Hebrews" is evidently written to some Hebrew Christians who needed to have their hope renewed -- pumped up. In 12:2, the writer says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God." No wonder that the writer, in trying to give people a handle to faith, said, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and (being) certain of what we do not see."

A down-to-earth fruit of optimism/hope is a smile and laughter. Someone put it this way: "An optimist laughs to forget; a pessimist forgets to laugh." If we have real reason to be hopeful -- and all Christians do! -- let's advertise it with a smile on our face and joy in our hearts and lives!

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

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Lady Buffs Win Tiger Relays

TAAS Testing Next Week for Grades 3-8

JV Baseball Update

Since the last article, the Buffs have played six games. Friday, March 10, they traveled to Brownwood to play Mullin. This is Mullin's first year to have UIL Baseball.

Buffs 10 run ruled them both games 13-1 and 16-2. They had lots of good hitting and pitching, for those who endured the north wind, and those who didn't, you missed a good one.

The Buffs traveled to Ranger once again and put a win in the books--10 ruling them final score was 35-5 over the Bulldogs. The following Friday they traveled to Brownwood to play Mullin again. The final score was 19-3.

Monday, March 27, Ranger came to Cross Plains where the Buffs gave up their first loss, but not without a fight. In the 5th inning they tried for a comeback but came up short 16-9.

Monday night they took on Hamilton J.V. With pitching from Kevin Wilson and crooked sock Cody Reed, the Buffs put another win in the books. All the guys were hitting. Cory Phillips put one over the fence! Everyone did a great job. The next game is in Hamilton next Monday evening.

District golf 2nd round results

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The girls finished up the second round of District play at Bronte last Wednesday. Cassie Ratliff fired a 116 and Toni Mae Wyatt shot a 134. Cassie's two round total was 232 and Toni Mae's total was 258. Neither two round total was low enough to advance to regionals in the medalist play for district, but both scores were very competitive in the field of 24 golfers from the other nine district schools.

The boys finished 5th as a team with a two round total of 746 in District play last Monday at Robert Lee. Individually James shot an 87 for a two round total of 174. Coby fired an 89 for a total of 173, Shane shot a 97 for a total of 191. Jake shot a 112 for a total of 208. Jaden finished with a 122 for a total of 232. Coby and James finished 9th and 10th for medalist honors out of a field of 50 golfers. The team score for the second round was 385. The boys had a good season this year. They won one tournament and were very competitive in all their other tournaments and District play.

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Thursday we won the May Tiger relays with a total of 174 1/2 points. The colder weather slowed us down a little, but the girls still had a good night on the track. We were real strong in the field events and 3200 run before the cooler temperatures arrived. There were a total of 20 teams participating in the meet.

Results were as follows:

Field Events
 Long jump - Richey - 16' 1" - 1st
 Discus - Francy - 118' 0" - 1st; and Wilson - 103' 8" - 4th
 Shot put - Francy - 37' 3 3/4" - 1st; and Wilson - 34' 9 1/2" - 2nd
 Triple jump - Richey - 34' 0" - 1st
 High jump - Hartman - 4' 4" - 5th
 Running events
 3200 run - Rivard - 15:35.06 - 4th;

Marion - 16:40.28 - 5th; and Chesshir - 17:23.10 - 6th
 400 relay - Payne, Lewis, Thomas and Kitchens - 53.87 - 2nd
 800 run - Bennett - 2:46.16 - 2nd
 100 dash - Lewis - 13.15 - 2nd
 100 hurdles - Richey - 15.63 - 1st; and Hartman - 18.7 - 4th
 800 relay - Payne, Wyatt, Thomas and Lewis - 1:53.87 - 1st
 400 run - Kitchens - 68.7 - 4th
 300 hurdles - Richey - 46.78 - 1st; and Hartman - 53.0 - 4th
 200 dash - Wyatt - 28.95 - 3rd
 1600 run - Bennett - 6:19.03 - 2nd
 1600 relay - Wyatt, Swift, Payne and Richey - 4:30.37 - 1st

Also participating in the meet for the Lady Buffs were Ashley Cook, Carrie Rogers and Sarah Nixon. District will be held next week, Friday, April 7th at Bronte High School. This will be an all day event, beginning roughly at 9:00 a.m.

Passing TAAS tests is an important part of education in Texas. Next week these tests will be given to students in Grades 3 through 8. They will be taking mathematics on Tuesday, April 11 and reading on Wednesday, April 12. Eighth graders will be taking social studies on Thursday, April 13 and science on Friday, April 14.

The following suggestions have been made for parents of students involved in TAAS testing.

- Be positive, supportive, and encouraging especially as testing time grows near.
- Reassure your child they have done a very good job preparing for the tests and this will result in success.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test.
- Provide breakfast each morning

of testing.

- Remind students to take highlighters (if used on their testing level), #2 pencils with erasers, and something to read if they finish early.
- Encourage students to relax and take their time. The tests are not timed. Students speeding through exams often make careless errors.
- Encourage students to read directions thoroughly, even if they have done that particular test before and think they know what is being asked.
- Tell them to answer all the questions, starting with the easier, then moving on to the harder ones.
- Remind them to check their work after completing a question to make sure the answer makes sense for the question asked.
- Make sure your student is on time to school.

Credit by Exam dates announced

Cross Plains ISD students may receive credit for an academic subject in which the student has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent or above on a criterion-referenced examination for acceleration in the course. Credit by Exam is offered for all elementary grades K-6 as well as for all courses 7-12. If such credit is given, the examination score will be entered on the student's permanent record and transcript; and the score will be used to compute class rank.

State law requires that three days between January 1 and June 30 and three days between July 1 and December 31 will be scheduled annually for the administration of the examination for acceleration. The Cross Plains ISD school board has established the following dates as the days for credit by examination for acceleration:

May 23, 24, 25 and July 11, 12 and 13

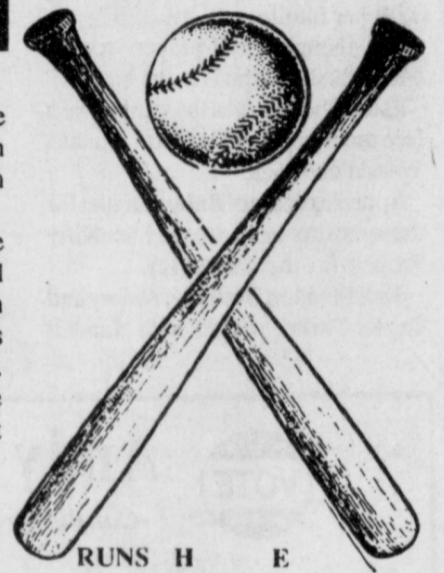
There is no fee for the credit for examination used for acceleration.

The student interested in taking credit for examinations must submit a request to Leonard Wilson, High School Principal; Margie Sowell, Elementary Principal; or Vicki Campbell, Counselor; by April 14, 2000, for either testing session. Request forms can be obtained at either principal's office or the counselor's office.

After submitting the application for credit by examination, the

student will receive the examination's review sheet, which will list the competencies tested on the test.

Tests will be administered on the established days, and the tests will then be sent to Texas Tech University for grading. Students will be notified of the test results. For further information, please contact the principals or counselor at 725-6121 or 725-6123.



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PANCAKE	1	2	1	3	3	1

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PANCAKE	0	3	1	0	2	1	
BEGGS	0	1	0	0	0	3	
CALLAWAY	1	3	0	3	0	0	
RICHARDS	1	4	0	0	0	0	
WHITEHEAD	1	4	0	0	0	0	
DILLARD	0	3	0	0	0	1	
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SANTA ANNA	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	1	2

PITCHERS	IP	K	BB	H	R	ER
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PANCAKE	1	1	3	2	0	2	
BEGGS	2	2	2	4	0	1	1 HR & 1 DBL
CALLAWAY	3	5	2	1	0	0	1 DBL
RICHARDS	2	3	2	2	0	0	1HR
WHITEHEAD	2	3	3	1	0	1	1 HR
DILLARD	2	2	4	2	0	1	
BAILEY	3	4	4	3	1	0	1 HR & 1 DBL
GOSNELL	3	3	3	3	0	0	1 DBL
KITCHENS	1	3	1	1	1	0	
POTTER	2	3	1	3	0	0	1 HR & 1 DBL
NORRIS	1	1	1	4	0	1	1 HR GRAND SLAM
MACKEY	0	2	1	0	1	0	

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Buffalo Baseball Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
4-4	ACHS	Home	4:30
4-8	*Menard	Home	2:00
4-11	*Baird	Home	5:00
4-14	Ranger	Home	5:30
4-18	*May	There	5:00
4-21	Eula	There	12:00
4-25	*Santa Anna	Home	5:00
5-2	*Miles	There	5:00
5-5	*Mullin	Home	5:00
5-9	*Menard	There	5:00

JV

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
4-3	Hamilton	Home	4:30
4-8	Jim Ned	Home	4:30
4-10	Hamilton	There	5:00
4-15	Hamilton Tourney	There	TBA
4-17	Kanger	There	4:30
4-24	Ranger	Home	4:30
5-1	Rotan	Home	5:00
5-8	Rotan	There	5:00

* Denotes District Games

Jr. High Girls Track Results Announced

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

Friday, March 24th—The girls "Purple" team won 2nd in their division at the Cross Plains junior high track meet.

Results were as follows:
Discus - Richards - 68' 9" (5th)
High jump - Dillard - 4' 4" (2nd) and Mosier 4' 2" (4th)
Long jump - Mosier - 13' 7 1/2" (4th)

2400 run - S. Hyles - 12:43.67 (1st)
400 relay - Rivard, Dillard, Richards and Young - 57:51 (2nd)
800 dash - C. Hyles - 2:58.20 (2nd) and Mack - 2:59.50 (3rd)
100 hurdles - Dillard - 19.45 (6th)
100 dash - Mosier - 13.74 (1st)
800 relay - C. Hyles, S. Hyles, Rivard and Young - 2:04.32 (5th)
400 dash - Mack - 1:14.13 (6th)
200 dash - Mosier - 28.32 (1st)
1600 run - S. Hyles - 6:39.00 (1st) and C. Hyles 6:44.00 (3rd)
1600 relay - Young, Dillard, Mack and Mosier - 4:43.77 (1st)

The "Gold" team won 3rd in their division.

Results were as follows:
Discus - Johnson - 57' 1 1/2" (4th)
Shot put - Johnson - 20' 1" (4th) and Clark 19' 2 1/2" (6th)

Long jump - Ross - 10' 9 1/2" (6th)
Triple jump - Ross 23' 10" (4th)
2400 run - Felty - 14.02 (2nd)
400 relay - Edington, Johnson, Anderson and Wooten - 63.70 (2nd)
800 dash - Ross - 3:15.00 (3rd)
100 hurdles - Edington - 21.17 (3rd) and Phillips - 21.27 (4th)
100 dash - Johnson - 16.0 (4th) and

Anderson - 17.31 (5th)
800 relay - Clark, Davis, Bennett, Phillips - 2:19.43 (3rd)

300 hurdles - Phillips - 65.47 (3rd) and Edington - 69.36 (6th)
200 dash - Johnson - 33.69 (3rd)
1600 run - Felty - 7:10.22 (4th)
1600 relay - Ross, Anderson, Clark and Felty - 5:38.62 (3rd)

Tuesday, March 28th—The girls won 2nd in the Tiger Relays 2000 at May.

Results were as follows:
High jump - Dillard - 4' 6" (1st) and Mosier - 4' 4" (4th)

400 relay - C. Hyles, Dillard, Richards and Young - 57.19 (2nd)

100 hurdles - Dillard - 18.75 (3rd)
Long jump - Mosier - 14' 5 1/4" (3rd) and Dillard - 13' 5 1/2" (5th)
2400 run - S. Hyles - 10:08.34 (2nd) and Felty - 11:37.82 (5th)

800 run - Mack - 3:00.38 (3rd) and C. Hyles - 3:02.38 (4th)
100 dash - Mosier - 13:38 (1st)
800 relay - S. Hyles, Rivard, Foster and Edington - 2:11.04 (5th)

1600 run - S. Hyles - 6:32.09 (2nd); C. Hyles - 6:39.84 (3rd) and Felty - 7:06.27 (6th)

400 dash - Mack - 70.85 (3rd)
200 dash - Mosier - 29.14 (1st)
1600 relay - Young, Dillard, Mack, Mosier - 4:45.78 (1st)

Mosier tied for High Point Girl

Other team members were Ross, Clark, Johnson, Anderson, Bennett, Davis, Phillips and Wooten.

Way to work ladies!
Jr. High District will be at Eden on Saturday, April 8.



LOCAL YOUNG LADIES ARE WRANGLER BELLES—Jessica Childers (from left), Dusty Anderson and Elizabeth McCarty.

CP graduates completing freshman year at CJC performing with CJC Wrangler Belles

Three Cross Plains High School graduates are completing their freshman year at Cisco Junior College as performers with the CJC Wrangler Belles. Dusty Anderson, a pre-dentistry major, is the daughter of Andy and Kathy Anderson; Jessica Childers, the daughter of Gary and Debra Childers is an education major; and Liz McCarty is the daughter of Eddy McCarty and Sandra Moore.

The Wrangler Band and Belles have recently accepted an invitation to perform in one of the nation's premier parade events, the ABC/

Bosco's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which will take place in November 2000 in Philadelphia. This will mark the first performance for the Band and Belles in that historical city.

Auditions will be held for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles on April 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$850 to \$1250 per year. Any young ladies that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker, director of the Wrangler Belles at (254) 442-2567 extension 140.

Local Man's Son Deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina

Army National Guard Sgt. Mark A. St. Peter is one of more than 700 Texas Army National Guard soldiers who recently deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from Fort Hood, Killeen. The soldier is a member of the 49th "Lone Star" Armored Division (AD) headquartered in Austin.

The eight-month mission of the 49th AD is to perform a headquarters function and provide a troop component to keep the peace and freedom in Bosnia, and provide safety and security for the peoples of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the

Balkans. The deployed guardsmen are assigned to various Texas National Guard units from surrounding cities; units include soldiers from Headquarters Company 49th AD, 249th Signal Battalion, 111th Engineer Battalion, 149th Military Police Company and the 149th Personnel Services Battalion.

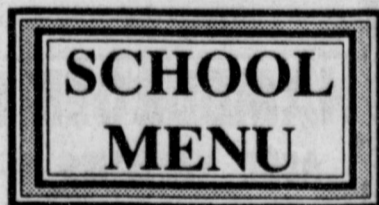
St. Peter, a heavy equipment operator, is the son of Frederick E. St. Peter of the Cottonwood Community and Katherine M. Crabtree of Abilene. He attended Cooper High School in Abilene.

Westerman 1st Place Individual in District Golf Competition

Mandee Westerman competed in the District Golf Tournament held Tuesday, March 28, at PAR Country Club in Comanche. The Rising Star girls team won first place overall with Sidney taking second place.

Mandee was also the 1st place individual medalist with a score of 92.

The girls will travel to Brenham on April 24-25 to compete in the Regional Tournament.



APRIL 10-APRIL 14

BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.
TUESDAY—Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.
THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY—Cinnamon rolls, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY—Chicken patty on bun, pickles, tater tots, orange halves and milk.
TUESDAY—Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy, creamed potatoes, carrots, rolls, peaches and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Chalupas, salad, corn, brownies and milk.
THURSDAY—BBQ weiners, black-eyed peas, corn bread, au gratin potatoes, Jello and milk.
FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

Eastland Co. Playday April 9

Eastland County 4-H horse program is having a playday Saturday, April 9 at Cisco Junior College Arena. Sponsors are Cisco Junior College, Farm and Ranch Supply in Cisco and Into the Streets Ministry of Cisco.

The events are \$2 and are as follows: Stakes, poles, barrels, flags and key hole. There will be high point award for each playday and end of year award for high point boy and girl. Also participant awards for those who attend 4 out of 6 playdays.

Age groups are lead line, 6 and under, 7 to 10, 11 to 14, 15 to 19 and 20 and over. Negative Coggins required. There will be a mini halter clinic at 2:00 for those interested, given by Eastland County Extension Agent Bob Bailey. The playday will start at 3:00.

Come join the fun, learn, school young horses or advanced horses or just come watch the entertainment. It's free admission. If interested, call Laura Bacon at 254-442-4081.

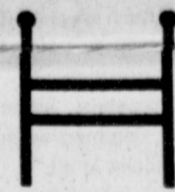
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High school OAP Public Performance Scheduled

By CAROL ATCHELY

The spring semester at Cross Plains High School is a continual myriad of activities ranging from Ag judging contests, band contests, track, tennis, baseball, academic competition and One Act Play. Finding an evening during which the One Act Play can be presented for the community is a tough assignment. Two weeks after the competition ended for the OAP group, an evening was available. Everyone is invited to attend the performance on Thursday, April 13 beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This is the culmination of several months worth of preparation and the students always look forward to having their friends, family, fellow students and community members come and enjoy their efforts. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.00 per person. This event also helps offset the many expenses incurred by the OAP students in preparing a play for competition. This year, the group also sold candy which helped replace some of the items lost in the fire two years ago.

The OAP participants of this year's CP production are: CAST: Brittany

Bennett, Melinda Richardson, Marian Hix, Dusty Spencer, Stephanie Childress, Roger Carey, Judith Hartman and Mikey Bennett. CREW: Jodi Payne and Toni Mae Wyatt.

This year's production, "The Heiress" is a story based in the late 1800's with a cast of 9. The group's first competition, Zone Competition, was held in Brownwood on Thursday, March 23. Five schools participated including Cross Plains, Lometa, Santa Anna, Bronte and Evant. The two advancing schools were Cross Plains and Bronte. Individual awards received by Cross Plains were Honorable Mention: Melinda Richardson; All Star Cast: Roger Carey and Best Actress: Brittany Bennett.

The following Tuesday, March 28, competition was held in Eden. Schools competing at this district level were: Cross Plains, Bronte, Eden and Menard. The Cross Plains performance was excellent and the judge was most complimentary of many different aspects of the production; but, unfortunately, the play ran 6 seconds over the allotted 40 minutes, therefore, it was disqualified and the players were ineligible for any individual awards.

Varsity Boys Track Meet Results At May

Chris Kitchens - 1st 300 hurdles, 3rd 110 hurdles, 1st triple jump, 1st high jump

Nicholas Dimitri - 2nd 800 meter run, 2nd 400 meter run

Brandon Mahler - 1st pole vault, 3rd high jump

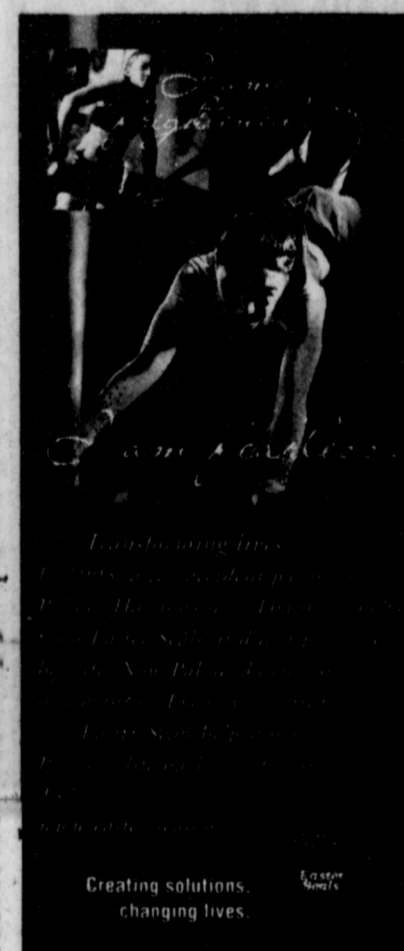
Cory Phillips - 3rd pole vault

Joe Dillard - 4th 200 meter dash

The Mile Relay was 2nd consisting of Dimitri, Mahler, Dillard and Kitchens. The alternates were T.J. Harris and Bob Walters.

Other athletes were Roger Carey, Jared Nowell, Chris Harris, Larry Lee, Tony Beggs, Tim Butler, Josh Hopkins, Kevin Nickerson, Kyle Wilson and Dustin Nickerson.

The Varsity Team has won 4 of the 5 team championships in the track meets attended.



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NEW ADDRESSES ADDRESSED AT RECENT KIWANIS MEETING—Cross Plains' City Secretary/Manager Debbie Gosnell was guest of Kiwanis President Bob Pipes at the Kiwanis Club's March 28th meeting. She updated members and guests in regard to the new street designations and explained why the changes were necessary. It is hoped that the rest of the new street signs will be up soon. Residents should begin to use their new designations - "new addresses"- in requesting emergency services through "911" (EMS, Fire, Police, Sheriff) and return addresses on mail (other than P.O. Box addresses of course). Guests are always welcome to the Kiwanis Club's weekly meetings at noon on Tuesdays at Jean's Feed Barn. Membership inquiries are also welcomed; come to a meeting and let your interest be known.

Jordan Cattle Auction - Brownwood

March 28, 2000

Receipts totaled 826 head. The market continued active with all weights of steers and heifers selling steady to strong. Slaughter cows and bulls sold steady with pairs selling steady to \$75.00 higher while bred cows sold steady.

Representative Sales

CR Pennington	Keller	1 Str 395 @ 140.00
Calvin Fryar	Brownwood	1 Str 450 @ 124.00
Corline Norgaard	Brownwood	1 Str 535 @ 109.00
John Johnson Jr	Goldthwaite	1 Str 555 @ 107.00
Ernest McBride	Brownwood	3 Str 612 @ 99.00
Ernest McBride	Brownwood	3 Str 690 @ 90.00
Geron Brothers	Bangs	1 Hfr 305 @ 119.00
WD Beene	Early	1 Hfr 430 @ 110.00
Gary Schumann	Hamilton	1 Hfr 450 @ 107.00
Gary Meador	Brownwood	1 Hfr 500 @ 96.00
John Johnson Jr	Goldthwaite	1 Hfr 600 @ 90.00

Weight	Steers Price	Helpers Price	Slaughter Bulls
150-300	1.20-1.70	1.00-1.52	48-58
300-400	1.06-1.40	98-1.23	Slaughter Cows
400-500	1.03-1.24	88-1.10	34-45
500-600	98-1.16	84-98	Bred Cows
600-700	84-99	78-90	475-690
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Class of '42 met at Fort Davis State Park

Fort Davis State Park will never be the same! The Cross Plains High School Class of 1942 descended upon the Indian Lodge for the classes' annual meeting March 23-26, with twenty-eight class members, spouses and two guests present, which included: Mary Jane Stafford Barclay, Wallace and Carol Bennett, Hoyt and Toody McDermitt Byrd, Donnel and Imogene Clark, Frances Pierce Galloway, Doris Marie Hall Givens, George and Juanita Burks Hoover,

Henry and Katy Jordan, Denora Lainez, Leonard and Myrtle Pillans, Grady and Dorothy Thompson Ramey, Jack and Joan Ripper, Bill Russell, Virginia White Sorrell, Ben and Helen Wagner, Harold and Mary White, Don and Autna Dean Havens Brown.

With unusual excitement, members made plans for the C.P.H.S. Homecoming next September.

Submitted by Dornel Clark

Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show

The 25th annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Ballinger again this year on the last full weekend in April...the 29th and 30th. The festival will be on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn (or in case of inclement weather, the Community Center).

Downtown, Saturday morning, the 29th, the festival will begin at 9 a.m. with the Colorado River Bike Fest (100K, 18 mile, 5 mile), followed by

a large parade at 9:30 a.m. Ethnic food booths, arts and crafts, live entertainment, Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show, community booths, games for the children, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for all ages youth--Saturday and adult--Sunday, and the Second Annual Pioneer Plaza Art Show. Also, Miss Ballinger will be crowned during this two-day event!

Everyone's invited for two big fun-filled days!

CJC to offer continuing education

Cisco Junior College will offer a series of non-credit continuing education courses at the Cisco campus in March and continue through May. Enrollment in the classes is limited to 20 students. Early registration is encouraged. 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 30, April 6, 13
ACCESS (ITSW 1007) - Wednesdays, April 19, 26, May 3
INTERNET (ITSW 1013) - Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4

Spring Dinner Theatre at CJC

The Cisco Junior College drama department will present Margaret Dulaney's comic drama, "The View From Here" in April as its spring Hilton Dinner Theatre offering.

"The View From Here" will be performed Tuesday through Saturday, April 11-15, at the Conrad Hilton Community Center in downtown Cisco. The first two performances are \$1 admission

nights. Thursday through Saturday are dinner theatre nights with tickets at \$12. Dinner service begins at 7 p.m. with curtain time at 8 p.m. throughout the week. Reserve your tickets today by phoning (254) 442-2589, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please expect to pay for reservations not canceled three hours prior to performance.

PUC Tips

Customers should check bills for slamming evidence

Have you been slammed? Slamming is the unauthorized switching of your local or long distance telephone service. And it's illegal in Texas.

Your best defense against slamming is to read your telephone bill carefully each month. If you find unfamiliar charges or if you are being billed by a company other than your chosen local or long distance provider, call your local phone company immediately.

Some unsuspecting customers are slammed when they register to win a prize in a contest. They think they are simply filling out a form in hopes of being a lucky winner. What they don't know is that the fine print on the registration form they signed authorizes switching their phone service to another carrier. Some are slammed in a "negative option" scam. The customer receives information by mail about a local or long distance phone company. Included is a form customers must fill out if they do not want the service. By not filling out and returning the form, they are authorizing the switching of their service.

Some are slammed when telemarketers take advantage of children or housekeepers who may answer your phone. Although they are not authorized to make such decisions for you, they accept offers by telemarketers promising lower rates and better service.

Unfortunately, some customers are even slammed without any customer contact at all.

What can you do to prevent being

slammed?

Pay close attention to telemarketing calls. Verify the caller's identity. Don't make an immediate decision on offers to change your service. Ask for information in writing. Read the small print.

Remember, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Ask your local phone company for a phone "freeze form." It protects you from having your phone service switched without your permission.

If you have been slammed, contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to file a complaint. Call your local phone company and tell them you did not request a change in your local or long distance service. Ask the company to reconnect you to your previous carrier and have unauthorized charges removed from your bill. If your long distance was switched, call your preferred long distance carrier and ask to be reconnected.

State law requires the company that slammed you to pay the cost of switching you back to your original provider and to provide billing records to that provider. They must also refund any payments you made that would not have been charged if you had not been slammed.

For more information about slamming or if you have other questions relating to your telephone or electric service, call the PUC toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477). You may also write the PUC Office of Customer Protection at P.O. Box 18325, Austin, Texas 78711-3200, email at customer@puc.state.tx.us or visit our Web site at www.puc.state.tx.us.

Source: Public Utility Commission

Cisco Civic League Plans Folklife Festival

Plans for the 27th annual Folklife Festival are now in progress according to Cisco Civic League. The festival will be held on April 29th and 30th at Cisco Junior College. The festival will be opened with a parade in downtown Cisco.

There will be many of the all-time favorite attractions as in previous years: the famous strawberry shortcake, homemade bread, entertainment by local talent, various demonstrations and many exhibitors with arts and crafts available for purchase. In addition, new merchandise, talent and demonstrations will be added to an

already great festival.

If you need information about renting a booth for arts and crafts, contact Millie Lewis at (254) 442-3827. Information regarding renting a food booth for your organization may be obtained by calling Thelma Baxter at (254) 442-1199. If your organization would like to participate in the opening parade, please call the Cisco Chamber of Commerce at (254) 442-2537. Additional Folklife Festival information may be obtained by writing Cisco Civic League, P.O. Box 411, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Furry Friends Can Be Problem for Asthma Sufferers

HOUSTON— For many asthmatics, sharing a home with a pet can be risky business.

"Pet owners with asthma tend to have more attacks because many also have pet-related allergies," said Dr. Benjamin Interiano, a pulmonologist and associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

While dogs and cats are the main culprits, any animal with fur or feathers, including gerbils, rabbits and birds, can aggravate asthma. When pets are kept inside the home, it is impossible to avoid contact with their hair, dander and various contaminants emitted from the urine and feces into the air.

"If a person is allergic to a pet, the best thing for them to do is remove the pet from the home," Interiano said. "If that's not possible, the animal should be kept outside the asthma sufferer's living space, including bedrooms and family rooms."

If parting with the pet is not an

option, the owner should at least take steps to lower the risk of triggering an asthma attack. Interiano suggests:

*Keeping the pet outdoors as much as possible;

*Bathing the animal once a week to reduce the number of allergens it emits;

*Cleaning litter boxes, cages and the pet's bedding regularly;

*Placing plastic covers over fabrics, furniture, pillows and mattresses.

To minimize exposure to allergens, assign these chores to non-allergic family and friends.

"The most important thing to remember with any allergy is to avoid the source," Interiano said. "Controlling the allergy will help control the asthma."

Continuous exposure to an allergen can make asthma more severe and persistent and can even result in irreversible damage to the respiratory system.

Conserve Energy & Clean Up the air for Earth Day

Did you know that the typical U.S. family spends close to \$1,300 a year on their home's utility bills? Unfortunately, a large portion of that energy is wasted.

Electricity generated by fossil fuels (oil, gas and coal) for a single home puts more carbon dioxide into the air than two average cars. By implementing a few inexpensive energy-efficient measures, you can reduce your energy bills to 10 percent to 50 percent, and at the same time, help reduce air pollution.

Energy reducing tips for the household:

*Check air ducts for leaks and repair them.

*Correctly insulate and seal your home.

*Change air filters monthly and have system inspected once a year by a professional.

*Replace aging water heaters before they fail.

*Use low-flow shower heads. (Reduces the energy needed to heat your water).

*Insulate your water heater.

*Lower the temperature on the water heater.

*Repair leaky faucets. (Reduces the energy needed to heat your water).

*Clean refrigerator and freezer condenser coils regularly, remove frost build up and replace worn door gaskets.

*Use the energy-saver settings on refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers.

*Use microwave ovens to cook, defrost and warm foods. They're cheaper to operate and can reduce air conditioning costs.

*Use compact fluorescent light bulbs whenever possible.

*Make sure your home has enough insulation: at least 10 inches of blanket insulation in the ceiling or between 8 and 14 inches of loose-fill insulation.

*Install foam gaskets behind outlets and light switches.

*Make sure doors fit snugly in the frame. To check for cracks, shine a flashlight at night around outside doors. If you see light, you need to weather strip.

*Apply caulking around the outside of door frames where they join the exterior wall.

Using the above measures can save you money on your energy bills and

help reduce air pollution.

Earth Day is April 22.

64 of 139 deaths caused by cardiovascular disease

Heart diseases remain #1 killer in Callahan County

AUSTIN—On an average day in Texas 153 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate. The association compiled these statistics using 1998 mortality information recently released from the Texas Department of Health.

In Callahan County, cardiovascular disease claimed 64 lives in 1998, according to the Texas Department of Health. That translates to 46.0 percent of the 139 total deaths in the county in 1998.

The Texas Department of Health said in 1997, cardiovascular disease claimed 58 of the 127 total deaths in the county, which was 45.7 percent.

In 1996, total deaths in Callahan County were 131 of which 67 or 51.1 percent were caused by heart diseases.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 56,007 people in 1998 (39 percent of the 142,389 Texas residents that died). That translates into two of every five deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second leading cause of death, claiming 32,275 lives. Accidents accounted for 7,385 deaths and 937 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1998.

Nationally, statistics show that from 1987 to 1997 the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 2.1 percent. One reason for this small decline is that the total U.S. population, and par-

ticularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs, research and revenue generation. Last year the Texas Affiliate reached over five million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$8 million in research funding in Texas.

To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, the association recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups, and exercising. If you feel that you might be one of the 60 million people in the United States who has some form of cardiovascular disease, please call your local American Heart Association office for more information, or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

A non-profit health organization funded by individual and corporate donations, the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate is the state's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to reducing disability and death from heart and blood vessel diseases.

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INFORMATIVE GUEST SPEAKER — Pictured are Debra Childers (from left), Shanna Steele-Perkins and Susan Schaefer. The Shanna Steele-Perkins spoke about Family Nurse Practitioners at the weekly Kiwanis meeting on Tuesday, March 28. She was the guest of Susan Schaefer.

TRIAD MINUTES

Minutes of the Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council, Multi-Purpose Center, March 8, 2000, 3 p.m. Cross Plains, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Esther Kerr, Chairman.

Officers present were Coordinator, Anita Mays; Chairman, Esther Kerr; Co-Chairman, Leonard Farmer; and Secretary-Treasurer, Kay Mosley.

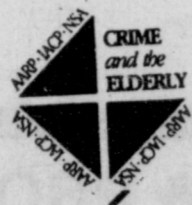
Discussion on Old Business - Anita Mays gave a report on the special lightbulb project we are beginning. This will be helpful for seniors and others in need of the service of emergency vehicles. The bulbs will make it easier for the emergency vehicles to find specific locations.

Discussion followed on Tradesday, March 25, 2000. A motion was made by Leonard Farmer and seconded by Kay Mosley that we not have a booth for Tradesday this year. The motion carried.

Concerning the Neighborhood Watch - We are still pursuing this program. Deputy Jay Kniffen will attend certification classes this month, in readiness for home inspections when needed to help senior citizens and others stay safe and to inspect for safety hazards. Jay Kniffen resides in Cross Plains so will be readily available for this program. Recent information is that all fire departments have access to smoke alarms. Plans are that we look into this further.

Also discussed were some observed hazards of skateboarding on downtown sidewalks, and motor vehicles speeding through areas where senior citizens reside and small children play.

A discussion evolved on calling systems such as Communicare systems or Are-you-ok system, so that seniors and other home bound citizens may be contacted daily to check on their well-being. Plans are to look further into grants for this



project. Anita stated the jail will need to get all new phone lines before this program can be implemented. Further discussion on this was tabled for another date.

Anita inquired as to where more seniors congregate through the week. It was concluded that more come to the Senior Citizens building. Kathy Anderson is working with the seniors at that location through the noon hour, weekdays.

Joe Howser and Johnny Bland will now begin working toward the Neighborhood Watch goal avidly.

The next item on the agenda was a report on the Food Pantry which was given by Betty Edwards. She reported a good turnout for the Food Pantry's orientation. The Food Pantry began operations on March 6, 2000.

Then she extended an invitation to the S.A.L.T. Advisory Council to come one day for observation. She stated volunteers are including recipes and other pertinent information in with the food.

Anita stated the Food Pantry will benefit the senior citizens.

Joe Howser made a motion that CTO who provide the building and utilities, S.A.L.T., and TRIAD who gave many hours of their time to the Food Pantry effort be mentioned in the Food Pantry's publicity literature and publicity campaign. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

TRIAD has plans to recarpet the Multi-Purpose Center in the near future. This will provide a more pleasing area for the Food Pantry volunteers to operate. TRIAD/S.A.L.T. already have a promising amount banked for the purchases of carpeting for the building.

Tammy with energy program is here at the Multi-Purpose Center on even Tuesdays.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Kay Mosley, Secretary-Treasurer

Beta Sigma Phi is busy serving the community

It was a "peachy keen" evening on March 27, 2000, when the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the pretty and cheerful home of Sarah Brashear. Cathy Wood, vice-president called the meeting to order with the opening ritual. Recording secretary, Mary Ann Chaffin, gave the roll call and read minutes of the last meeting.

Ophelia's will cater a barbecue meal with all the trimmings for the annual Founder's Day celebration to be held April 10 at 6:00 p.m. under the gazebo at Wanda Merryman's home. This is the annual event in which the service pins and awards are presented to members. Announcement will be made of the "Girl of the Year" and "Pledge of the Year" at this special time.

Two lucky winners who attend the traditional "Project Graduation" will receive a \$50 Savings Bond which the sorority will give for the drawing. The sorority sisters also approved the purchase of glasses for one child from school who needs them. As usual, Beta Sigma Phi will pay our portion in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club.

Scholarship Chairman, Nora Odom and Sharon Parr reported that this year, applicants will be given a choice of four questions and the student may choose which one they wish to use. Essays are to be returned May 15. This is a great opportunity for a \$500 college scholarship!

The Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 22 at 10 a.m. on the lot behind Dairy Queen. Pictures will be taken of the children with the Easter Bunny for a small fee if desired. Bring your children and come out for a morning of fun. There will be lots and lots of Easter eggs to hunt and find. You may be the lucky one who will find real money in some of the eggs! Enjoy the prizes and the excitement. This is a community service of Beta Sigma Phi - we want it to be a great

success for the children of the community.

Officers for the coming year were elected and are Wanda Merryman, president; Elizabeth Hunsaker, vice-president; Jacque Childress, recording secretary; Lavonne Childress, corresponding secretary; Melissa Wooten, treasurer; and Sharon Parr, extension officer.

The "Beta Sigma Phi sponsored" trip to Austin and the State Capitol was a great success! The group of 7th graders was led by Melissa Wooten who reported that a larger-than-usual number of parents accompanied the students. This is good. The children met with State Rep. James Keffer of District #60, they had their pictures taken on the floor of the House of Representatives. They got to sit in the seats of the house members in the House Chambers. Rep. Keffer told of the history of the Capitol and took them on a tour of the Rotunda which amazed them all! They toured the LBJ Library. One of the ladies who conducted this tour said "they were the best behaved students she had seen!" Thank you notes are being written to the people who went on the trip with the students, but Beta Sigma Phi - Alpha Rho Zeta chapter - would like to thank them, too!

The closing ritual ended the meeting and the members enjoyed opening secret sister gifts, eating refreshments provided by Pam Cummings and, as usual, lots of visiting.

Attending were: Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Mary Ann Chaffin, Jacque Childress, Elizabeth Hunsaker, Bobbie Johnston, Melanie Long, Joyce McCoy, Nora Odom, Sharon Parr, Cathy Wood, Melissa Wooten.

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

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Blood Drive & Health Fairs Upcoming in Area Cities

A Blood Drive, benefiting the Meek Blood Bank in Abilene, will be held Tuesday, April 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Canterbury Villa of Baird, located on 224 East Sixth. Anyone who would like to donate the "gift of life" is encourage to participate.

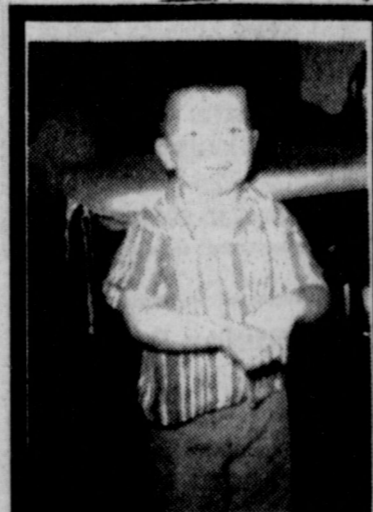
A Health Fair will also be held on April 25th at the Canterbury Villa of Cisco, 1404 Front Street. Canterbury Villa of Baird, 224 East Sixth Street, will host a Health Fair on April 26th. Both will be free of charge from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

There will be free goodies and information, free blood pressure testing, free blood sugar testing and free pulseox testing. If you would like to have cholesterol testing, body fat screening, health counseling or hearing screening, you need to make an appointment by calling (254) 442-4202.

Area vendors will be providing information, etc. at the Health Fairs.

Free hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas will be served. Don't forget to register for door prizes!

Come join the fun and the community fellowship.



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USDA Announces Employee Promotion

Temple, March 24, 2000—USDA Rural Development today announced that Donna Freytag has been promoted to the position of Management Analyst. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

Ms. Freytag's new responsibilities include assisting management in the area of Civil Rights, Human Resources and Management Control. She will compile statistical reports, update internal tracking systems and assist in the implementation of the Texas Strategic Plan.

"I am very pleased to have Ms. Freytag in this position," said Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director. "She has worked in several program areas during her career and will be a valuable asset to the agency."

Ms. Freytag's federal career started in 1977 with the former Farmers Home Administration in Temple as a budget and statistical clerk. During her tenure she has held positions in Administration, Farmer Programs, and more recently as Management Assistant in the State Director's office of USDA Rural

Development. She is a graduate of Snyder High School and Abilene Commercial College. She is married to Richard Freytag of Temple. They have two children, Stacie, a student at Texas A&M and John, a senior at Academy High School. Ms. Freytag is the daughter of I.W. and Lena Gage of Cross Plains.


USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America. Financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. It is USDA Rural Development's goal to promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through bans and community-managed lending pools. Technical assistance and information is available to help communities undertake community empowerment programs and assist agricultural and other cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their member services.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Texas State Office at (254) 742-9700.

Social Security Representative Schedule

A Social Security Representative will be at the Eastland County Courthouse (Commissioners Courtroom, 2nd Floor) at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, April 25, May 23 and

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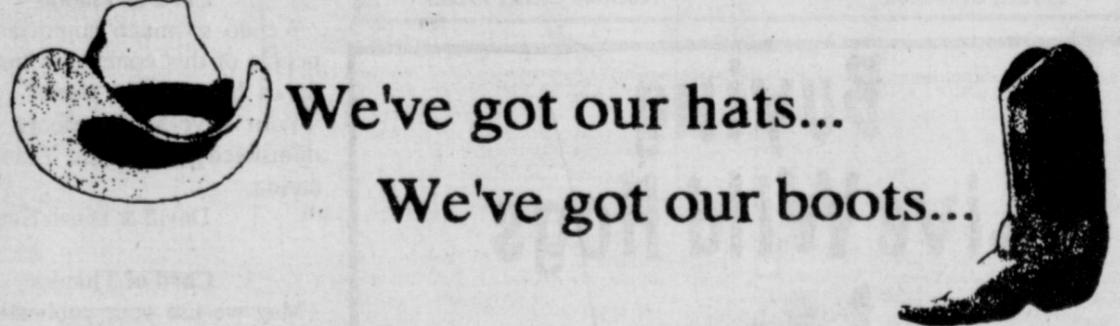
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Issued this the 6th day of April, 2000.

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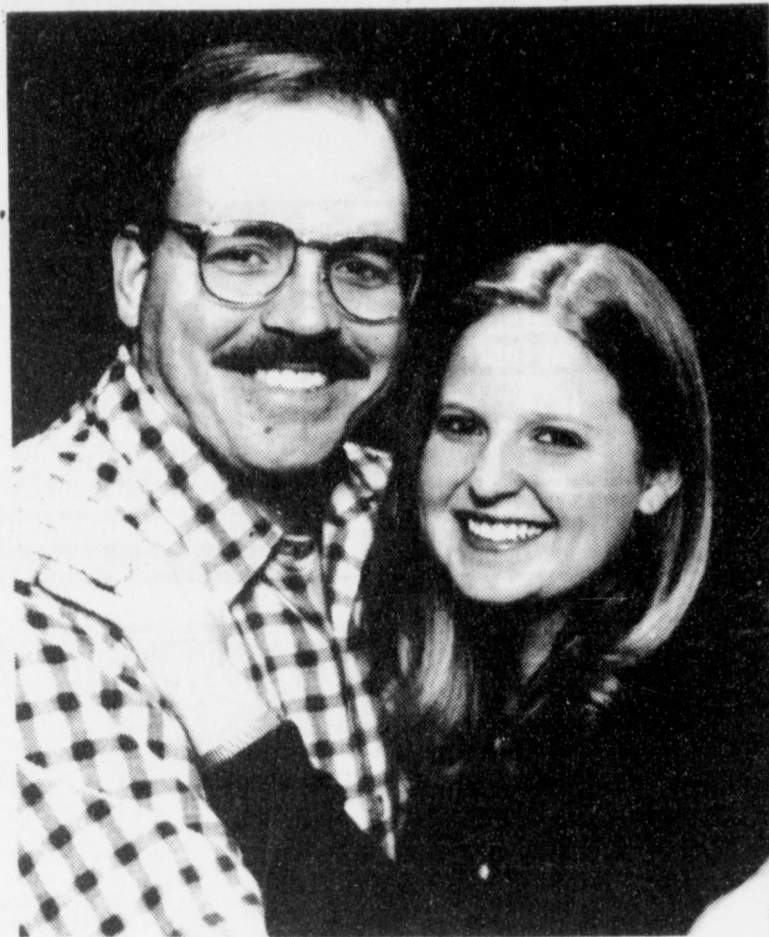
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RANDALL POPE & SHERYL GLOVER

Glover - Pope Wedding Plans Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morgan of Cross Plains are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Sheryl Larae Glover to Randall Scott Pope.

The couple will be joined in marriage on May 27, 2000, at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Sheryl is a 1995 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 1999 graduate of Howard Payne University. She is currently serving as Children's Minister at Liberty Baptist Church of Voca.

Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Skip Jacobs of Texarkana. Randy is a 1987 graduate of Liberty-Eylau High School. He served four years in the United States Air Force, receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1992. Randy is a Medical Laboratory Technician and is employed by Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine.

The couple will make their home in Irving.



JAY COBB & DANA PURVIS

Purvis - Cobb Announce Upcoming Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Purvis would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Dana Lynn Purvis to Jay Paul Cobb.

Dana is the daughter of Rick and Delynn Purvis of Eastland, the granddaughter of Audrey and Jewel Purvis of Cross Plains and Pat and Jerald Maynard of Rising Star.

Jay is the son of Jack and Gienda Cobb of Rio Vista, and the grandson

of Merlin and Melba Hodges of Crowley.

Dana works for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and Jay works for 377 Broadcasting, Inc. Both are graduates of Tarleton State University.

The couple will be married June 17, 2000, at the First Methodist Church in Stephenville and will reside in Granbury.



COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Gardening jacket...

Punkin was little and followed me everywhere. Those were wonderful years, but they passed so quickly. Now they're gone, except for the residual remains, lining the treasure chest of memory.

One of those long ago days, I was gardening. Not out in the sunny vegetable patch, but beneath the shelter of the trees shading the garage. Bulbs were blooming at the edge of the goat pen, right next to the bunny hutches, which were out of harm's way, queued up along the side of the garage.

It was a chilly day in early Spring, in the shadow of the mountains of Eastern Washington, and I was weeding around the daffodils. I love daffodils. Their bright yellow smiles are almost as sunshiny as Punkin's. She came outside to find out what I was doing.

"Can I help?" she asked.

I showed her which were weeds and which were flowers. For several minutes she yanked weed roots away from the earth's firm grasp.

"Do you have more garden gloves, Grandma?" I sent her to find them among the canning jars and flower vases and garden tools in the garage.

Not too many minutes later, she ran to the house for a glass of water.

She was gone a long time, then came out with jelly on her chin.

"I guess you were hungry, too, huh?"

"How'd you know, Grandma?"

The very next thing, she needed her sand shovel and bucket. The beach ball came, too.

After chasing the huge ball down the driveway, she decided she wanted to dig her own garden, a little ways off from mine.

"Sure," I said. "Your set of garden tools is in the garage."

She cleared a couple square feet of ground before telling me, "I'm cold, Grandma."

"Go get one of my jackets, honey."

In the closet hung an assortment of heavy sweaters, flannel work shirts, quilted flannels, and farm jackets. "There's another quilted shirt like mine," I told her. "That might keep you nice and warm. It will be as long as a coat on you. We can roll up the sleeves."

I was dumping a pile of weeds when I saw a gray shadow slip by,

carrying a rake.

"Punkin?"

"What, Grandma?"

"What are you wearing?"

"One of your jackets."

"C'mere!"

She came around the corner of the garage, rolling up sleeves and snuggling cozily in my warmest jacket, a gray suede and rabbit fur dress jacket!

"No, sweetheart, not for garden-

ing."

"But, Grandma, it's so warm. And besides," she said, pointing to the hutches, "the bunnies wear their coats outside, every day."

I stuttered in the face of such logic, but I did manage to untangle an emphatic "No!"

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