







# Student Review

## Lady Buffs Competed At Area Qualifiers in Rotan Saturday, April 15

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Saturday, we traveled to Rotan to compete with other Area Qualifiers in track and field events. It was a good meet for practice going into the Area Meet at Abilene Wylie on Thursday the 20th. The schedule for the Area Meet, which matches District 9 and 10, with the top 4 finishers advancing to Regionals at ACU the following week is as follows:

3200 run - 10:45  
Field Event - Session 1  
11:30 a.m. - Girls shot put; Boys triple jump; Girls high jump and Boys discus  
Field Event - Session 2  
12:45 p.m. - Girls triple jump; Girls discus; Boys long jump and Boys high jump  
Field Event - Session 3

2:00 p.m. - Girls long jump; Boys shot put and Boys pole vault  
**Running Finals Only Starts at 4:45 p.m.**

**Rotan Area Qualifiers**  
Triple jump - Richey - 35' 2" - 1st  
Long jump - Richey - 16' 4" - 3rd  
High jump - Turner - 4' 6"  
Shot put - Francy - 37' 0" - 2nd and Wilson 33' 6"  
Discus - Francy - 124' 6" - 2nd and Wilson 112' - 4th  
400 relay - Payne, Lewis, Thomas, Wyatt - 53.31  
100 hurdles - Richey - 14.96 - 1st  
100 dash - Lewis 12.74 - 4th and Cook - 14.4  
800 relay - Wyatt, Swift, Thomas, Lewis - 1:56.2 - 5th  
300 hurdles - Richey - 46.64 - 1st and Cook - 55.1 - 6th  
200 dash - Thomas - 29.01  
1600 relay - Wyatt, Hartman, Payne, Richey - 4:24 - 2nd

Beta Sigma Phi sorority congratulates all the graduating seniors of Cross Plains High School in May, 2000! We know those of you who are making college plans are probably wondering where you will "get all that money" to pay for your tuition, books and all the other expenses. Right? Well, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority wants to help some lucky senior.

Academic achievement and financial need are NOT factors in awarding this scholarship. This scholarship may be used at any institution of higher learning. The \$500 scholarship certificate (almost doubled from last year) will be presented at graduation. The money will be credited to the school of your choice at a rate of \$250 per semester - through the Registrar's Office.

Here is all you have to do! Write an essay using the guidelines below and submit it to Nora Odom - at the school.

Guidelines are:  
1. Cover Sheet (Attach with your name, address and phone number)  
2. Submit a typed, double-spaced, three-page essay on your choice of the following:  
**EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE**

**IN PHILOSOPHY BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, INDEPENDENT AND REFORM POLITICAL PARTIES**

**EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLEGE. WHY ARE YOU GOING?**

**DO YOU THINK THAT LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR NATION'S SCHOOLS?**

**SHOULD PARENTS BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S FINANCIAL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS? BOTH? NEITHER?**

3. Return your essay to Nora Odom at the school by May 15, 2000.

Beta Sigma Phi hopes to have lots of applicants. (Remember, your essay will be judged by academia from surrounding colleges and/or universities - and your name will not be known to the judges.) Good luck!  
*Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin*

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Proclamation  
**WHEREAS**, Thousands of cases of child abuse and neglect are confirmed in Texas and  
**WHEREAS**, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and  
**WHEREAS**, Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families;  
**WHEREAS**, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and  
**WHEREAS**, Y2K means "Yes to Kids" and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Ray Purvis, mayor do hereby proclaim the month of April 2000 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cross Plains, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.  
Dated this 13th of April, 2000  
Ray Purvis

Andy Anderson, candidate for Cross Plains School Trustee

School Board Trustee is one of the more important positions a person could ever aspire to hold. Experience of any interested candidate should be carefully considered.

I am Andy Anderson. I graduated from Keller High School in 1968. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1973. I was enrolled in Engineering graduate studies from 1975 to 1979.

I have worked in municipal government for the past 27 years. Cleburne, Texas along with Ogden, Utah and Abilene, Texas are cities I have served in various capacities. I am currently the City Engineer and Director of Community Development for the City of Abilene.

I am married to Kathy Anderson and we have 4 children. They are Amanda, Adam, Dusty and Daley and range in age from 13 to 23. Amanda is majoring in sociology at Tarrant County College. Dusty is a pre-dental major at Cisco Junior College. Adam is a corporal in the US Marine Corps stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina. Adam is the Editor of the *Tri-Command Tribune*, the base newspaper. Daley is in the 8th grade at Cross Plains High School.

I have recently been appointed to the Economic Development Corporation, and served previously on a Focus Committee to provide input to the EDC. I am immediate past president of the Abilene Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Kathy is a Certified Elementary School Teacher in the states of Texas and Utah. Kathy serves as the Site Manager for the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

We moved to Cross Plains approximately 5 years ago, and have enjoyed every minute of our association with the community. I would like to repay some of the hospitality we have received by serving on the Cross Plains School Board.

I know the value of a quality education and would like to help assure that the Cross Plains students have every opportunity to receive one. I only ask that you give me the chance to do so by supporting me on Election Day, May 6.

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**LUNCH**  
MONDAY—HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY—Ham slices, spinach, scalloped potatoes, rolls, peaches and milk.  
WEDNESDAY—Meat-cheese nachos, salad, corn, apple crisp and milk.  
THURSDAY—Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli, garlic sticks, pears and milk.  
FRIDAY—Submarine sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, ice cream and milk.



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### Varsity Boys Rotan Qualifiers Meet Results

Chris Kitchens - 2nd triple jump; 2nd 300' hurdles; 5th 400 meter relay; 5th 1600 meter relay  
 Nick Dimitri - 3rd 800 meter run; 5th 1600 meter relay  
 Roger Carey - 2nd discus  
 Joe Dillard - 5th 200 meter dash; 5th 400 meter relay  
 Brandon Mahler - 1st pole vault; 5th 1600 meter relay  
 Tony Beggs - 5th 400 meter relay  
 Cory Phillips - 5th 400 meter relay  
 T.J. Harris - 5th 1600 meter relay  
 These boys have worked very hard and are ready for the ARea Meet at Abilene Wylie Thursday.

### Junior High & High School Boys Track Results

**7th Grade Boys Results**  
 Thomas Dimitri - 2nd pole vault; 2nd 800 meters; 3rd 400 meters; 6th 1600 meter relay  
 Cody Harris - 1st 100 meter dash; 1st 200 meter dash; 5th high jump; 2nd long jump; 6th mile relay  
 Brandon Horton - 1st pole vault; 6th 600 meter relay  
 Mitch Byrd - 6th 1600 meter relay; 5th 110 meter hurdles  
 J.D. Cook - pole vaulted  
 Brenton McNutt - 5th the shot put and discus  
 The team finished in 5th place.

**Cross Plains 8th grade boys**  
 Ryan Mack - 5th pole vault; 5th 1600 meter relay; 5th triple jump; 800 meters 2nd; 4th 400 meter relay  
 Marcus Williams - 3rd triple jump; 5th 1600 meter relay; 110 hurdles  
 Andy Bennett - 1st 2400 meter run; 3rd 1600 meter run  
 Dusty Dixon - 4th high jump; 5th 300 hurdles; 5th 110 hurdles; 4th 400 meter relay  
 Brandon Phillips - 3rd pole vault; 4th 400 meter relay; 5th 1600 meter relay  
 Jared Wooten - 6th discus  
 Randy Duncan - 4th long jump; 6th high jump  
 Jose Mauricio - 1st 400 meter dash; 4th 400 meter relay; long jump; 5th 1600 meter relay  
 The team finished 3rd place.

**Boys District Results**  
 Chris Kitchens - 2nd triple jump; 3rd high jump; 2nd 300 hurdles; 2nd 1600 meter relay; 4th 400 meter relay  
 Nick Dimitri - 1st 800 meter run; 2nd 400 meter dash; 2nd 1600 meter relay  
 Roger Carey - 4th discus  
 Joe Dillard - 2nd 200 meter dash; 2nd 1600 meter relay; 4th 400 meter relay  
 Brandon Mahler - 1st pole vault; 2nd 1600 meter relay  
 Tony Beggs - 4th sprint relay  
 Cory Phillips - 4th sprint relay; 6th pole vault  
 Cross Plains competed very well. The team finished 3rd in District. Josh Hopkins, Kevin Wilson, Kyle Wilson, Mat Nickerson, Larry Lee, Bob Walters, Chris Harris, T.J. Harris and Tim Butler.

The qualifiers for the Area Track Meet are Chris Kitchens, Nick Dimitri, Roger Carey, Joe Dillard, Brandon Mahler, Tony Beggs, Cory Phillips, T.J. Harris, Tim Butler, Bob Walters and Matt Nickerson.

**Photos Needed For Posters For Banquet**  
 It's Athletic Banquet time again! The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club is once again in need of pictures taken by individuals that would make great posters to decorate the banquet.  
 Please go through your pictures taken over the last year and see if you have shots that include athletes from different sports that would make a good enlargement.  
 If you have any you think might work, please bring them to Roxie Thomas or Melissa Richards. The print is requested -- not the negative, please. Deadline for pictures to be made into posters will be Friday, May 5th.

### C.P. School Board Meets Thursday

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held Thursday, April 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. PRAYER
2. MINUTES
3. OPEN FORUM
4. TRANSFER STUDENTS 2000/2001 SCHOOL YEAR
5. DRIVERS EDUCATION PROGRAM
6. ELEMENTARY REPAIR
7. GYM CONCERNS
8. BIG COUNTRY LIBRARY MEDIA COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
9. 3 YEAR ASBESTOS RE-INSPECTION REPORT
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
11. PERSONNEL FOR 2000/2001 SCHOOL YEAR
  - A. Secretaries/Aides
  - B. Auxiliaries Personnel
  - C. Resignations
  - D. Other Personnel Matters, as necessary
12. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
13. ADJOURN

### Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
 Kenny Callaway was leaving baseball practice last Thursday afternoon when his truck tire caught the guide wire to the electrical pole. The electrical pole broke in two places and live wires lay on top of his vehicle and on the ground.

Kenny opened the door to step out and fellow teammates were rushing to his rescue, when Cory Switzer, who had witnessed the mishap, called to the boys to stay put. Had Kenny touched the ground or others came too close, all could have been electrocuted.

Larry Thomas, West Texas Utilities employee, was called to the scene and he shut off the electricity so Kenny could free himself and his truck. The top of his truck was burned from the live wires.

Kenny's family would like to thank Kenny for his family thinking. Kenny is so very precious to us. Thanks to all the Buffalo baseball team and coaches for their support and concern. Thanks to Larry for his actions.

We are so very thankful that no one touched the truck. God was really watching over our Kenny. Thanks to everyone.

Jessie, Allen, Nikki, Misty and Jody Ruby and Jerry Cassle



STEPHANIE CHILDRESS (BACK) IS PICTURED WITH HER VOICE TEACHER, SUSAN WESTER.

### CPHS Senior To Be Presented in Recital Sat., April 22

Local CPHS Senior, Stephanie Childress, will be presented in a Senior Recital this Saturday, April 22nd at the Eastland Womens Club. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. the recital will also include the presentation of four other Senior music students in piano or voice from Eastland. All are students of Ms. Susan Wester from Cisco who has music studios in Cisco and Weatherford. All are invited to attend.

Having found voice with Ms. Wester for two years, Stephanie has represented Cross Plains High School in UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble Competitions in San Angelo in 1999 and 2000, resulting in Division I ratings, and proceeded to the 1999 State UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition in San Marcus. Stephanie advanced again this year to the 2000 UIL State Vocal and Ensemble Competition which will be held again at Southwestern State University in San Marcus on May 30.

Miss Childress has also participated in several musical productions of the Hilton Dinner Theatre in Cisco, starting when she was an elementary student. Shows

included singing roles in "Gypsy", "Bye, Bye Birdie", "Meet Me in St. Louis", and "Snoopy". She has recently sung for the Eastland Music Club and appeared on Prime Time Christian Broadcasting Network in Midland.

Stephanie will be attending University of North Texas in Denton in the fall of 2000.

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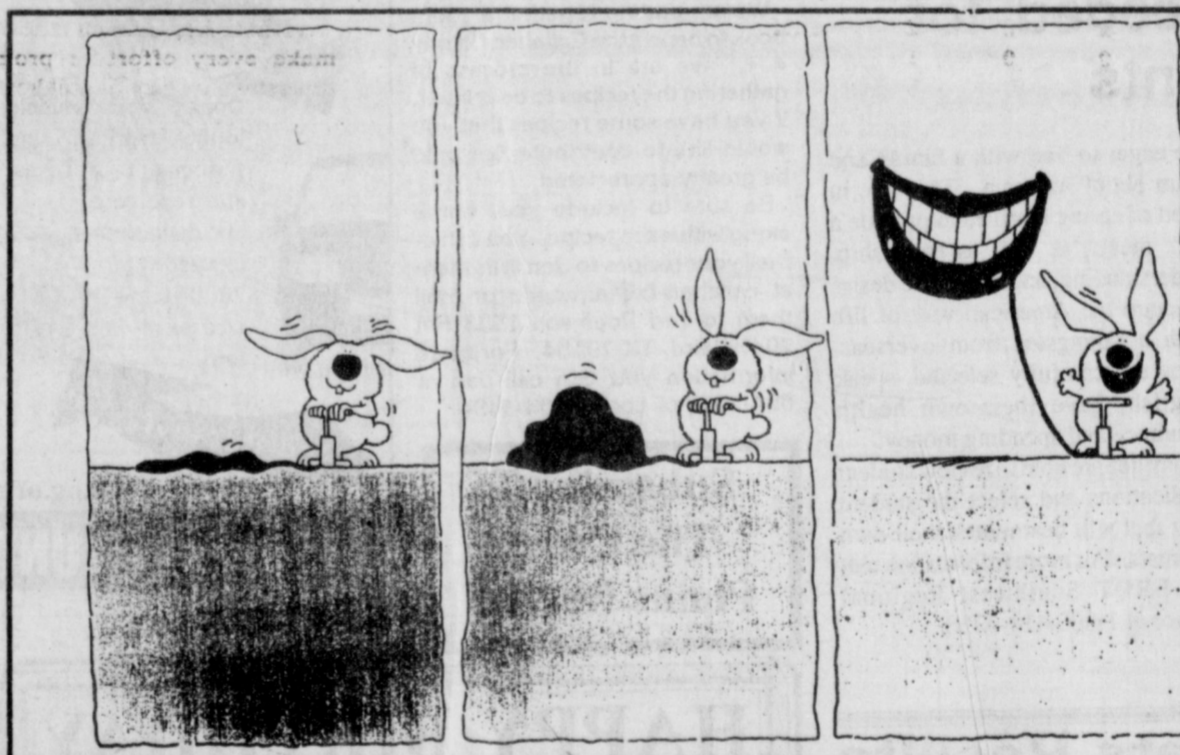
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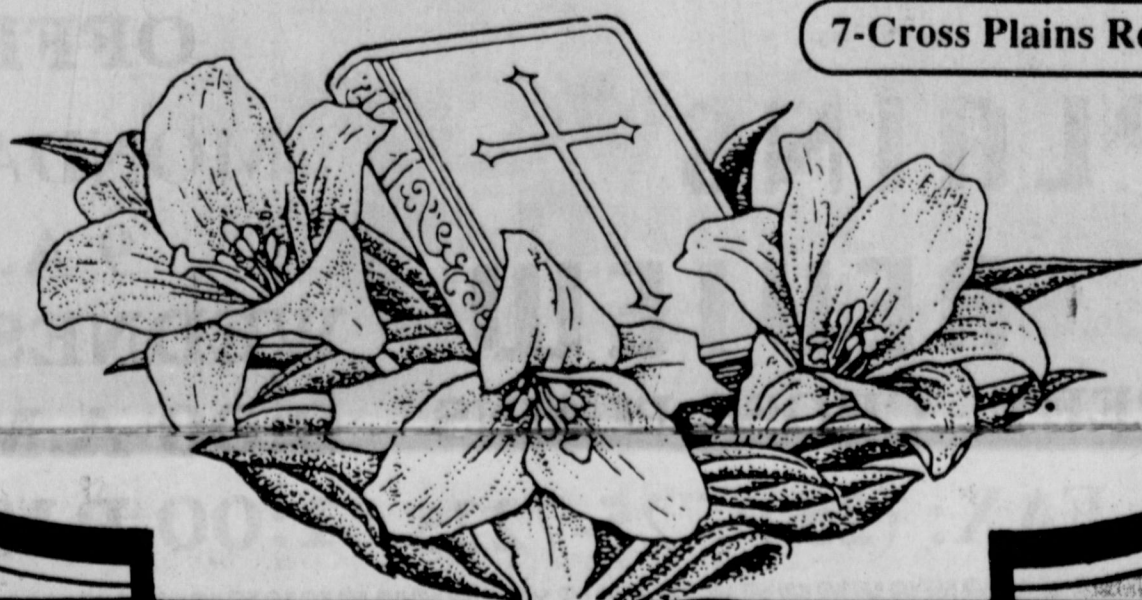
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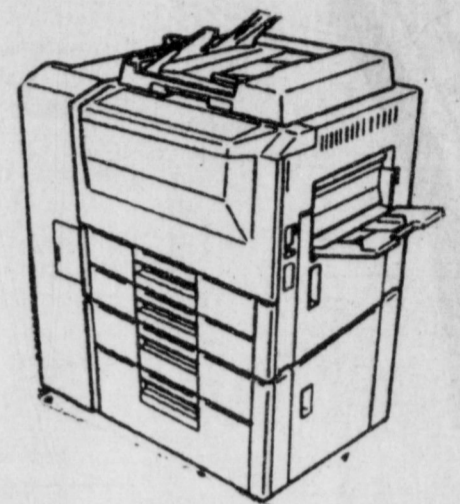
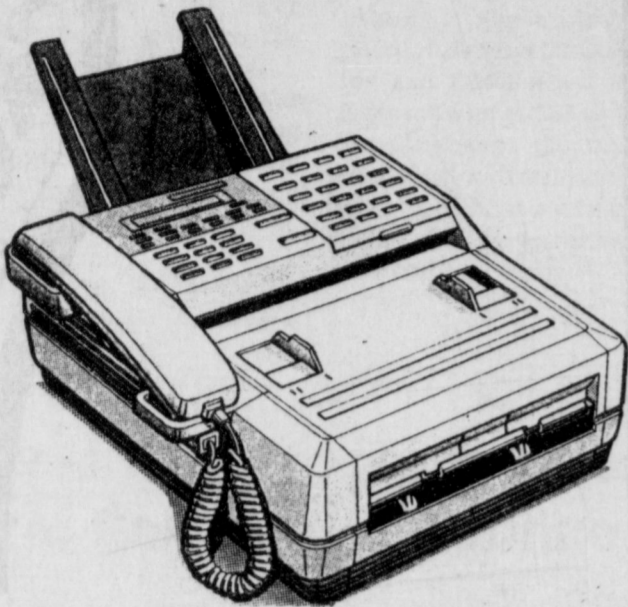
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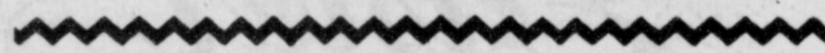
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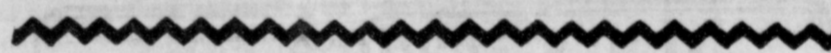
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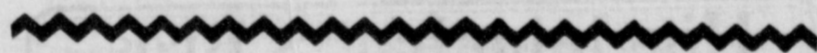
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# Callahan County Volunteers Honored At Banquet

Callahan County Nutrition Project recognized 145 volunteers during its second annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held Thursday, April 13 at the Baird Activity Center.

Kim Baker, second year project director of the Callahan County Nutrition Project, said the volunteer appreciation banquet is held in conjunction with the National Volunteer Week, which was estab-

lished in 1974.

Those who volunteer in Callahan County include those volunteering by serving meals through the Meals on Wheels program, volunteering their time at the three senior citizen centers in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains, those who help with raising funds for the project and the many musicians who perform for the senior citizens in the county.

This year's banquet was sponsored by nine area businesses including Sear's Methodist Retirement Systems, The Monogrammer, HEB, First National Bank of Baird, Callahan County Co-Op, Falk Pharmacy, Hanner Chevrolet, Clyde Hardware and Thrifty's Food Mart.

Of the 145 volunteers, approximately 70 attended this year's banquet. Every volunteer received a goodie sack filled with items from businesses and a t-shirt with the name of the nutrition project on the front and the name of the business sponsors on the back of the shirt. Every volunteer also received an appreciation certificate.

This year's banquet was catered by the cooks for the Callahan County Nutrition Project. The meal included bar-b-que brisket, baked potato, salad, roll and cheesecake.

Before introducing the banquet guest speaker, Project Director Kim Baker read a poem to the volunteers titled "Friendship." Baker said those who volunteer are also friends of the program. "We appreciate the help and kindness in everything you do," Baker said of the volunteers.

Baker also introduced the board members of the nutrition program and the staff.

The Callahan County Nutrition Project sponsors the Meals on Wheels program and funds the three senior citizen centers in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains. The Meals on Wheels and the three senior citizen centers serves over 200 meals during the noon day.

The banquet guest speaker, Charlotte Gibson is vice president and marketing director at the Sears Retirement Center in Abilene. She told the audience the Sears Retirement Center was started by three volunteers who sought a home for the retired Meth-

odist pastors in the area. The center started with 32 units and now serves over 1,000 individuals in four cities in Texas. The Sears nursing center was added just five years ago and a Lubbock center was recently added in conjunction with the Texas Tech University Medical Center.

Gibson said the Sears Center shows just what people can do when they band together.

She said volunteers are very important at Sears. "They (volunteers) bring the world to them (Sears residents)," Gibson said. She said volunteers are there to listen to the residents, hold their hand and touch their heart. She said volunteers are sometimes the only family the residents have. "You're the closest family they may have," Gibson said.

She said volunteering is part of our culture and part of America. "Volunteers are everything that is good about America," said Gibson.

This year's banquet theme was "Volunteering the Texas Way." Gibson said volunteering the Texas way means you volunteer your time and effort and give of yourself in a big, big way.

The banquet concluded with the drawing for some 49 door prizes donated by some 17 area businesses.

The door prizes and winners include:

Lawrence Farm & Ranch, hummingbird feeder and plant food won by Helen Elliott.

Tim's Floral, candy dish won by Nita Rawson

Flower's Unique, gift certificate won by Harold Hass.

Buddy's Service Station, case of motor oil won by Ken Anferson.

Clyde Hardware, tool caddy won by Rosa Hass.

Citizen's State Bank, two Texas decorations won by Jim Hicks and Reba Lockaby.

Citizen's State Bank, apron won by Shirley Photides.

Citizen's State Bank, candle won by Rocky Ash.

Citizen's State Bank, two bird houses won by Tom Searcy and Mary Bates.

Callahan County Co-Op, bubba stick won by Mary Boyd.

Callahan County Co-Op, knife

sharpener won by Roland Smith. Callahan County Co-Op, candle won by Otis Woolam.

Dairy Queen of Baird and Cross Plains, four Texas size mugs won by Mary Yarbrough, Nina Day, Dorothy Key and James Lawrence.

Tally's, gift certificate won by Clea Gregg.

Dairy Queen of Clyde, gift certificates won by Mae Carouthers and Jimmie Haley.

Baird Chamber of Commerce, five train whistles won by Sara McDougal, Marie Dyer, Helen Tarver, Glenda Calloway and Lori Robinson.

Thrifty's Food Mart, 10 gift certificates won by Leonard Swofford, Wanda Malone, Jean Moore,

Eldon Odom and Eulala Ault. Abilene Regional Medical Center, portfolio and four Rosewood pens won by Nina Towler, Joe Odum, Mary Roberts, Eva Turner and Louise Chandler.

Hendrick Health Systems, two mammograms won by Velma Morrison and Troy Franklin.

Hendrick Health Systems, two First Choice memberships won by Bill Hart and Elva Woody.

HEB, \$50 gift certificate won by Lewis Dyer.

The Salon, two bath gels won by C.D. Woody and Georgia Eager.

Edward Jones, six decks of designer cards won by Lucibel Manion, Maggie Copeland, Bill Tarver, Ruth Potts, Linda Hart and Lucille Calloway.




**BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER**—Charlotte Gibson, vice president and marketing director at the Sears Retirement Center in Abilene, addresses a crowd esti-

mated at 70 during the annual Callahan County Nutrition Project Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held in Baird Thursday, April 13.



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SACK**—Some 70 Callahan County volunteers through the Callahan County Nutrition Project received a goodie sack filled with items donated by local businesses and a t-shirt recognizing their volunteer efforts. The sacks were distributed during the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet of the Callahan County Nutrition Project held in

Baird Thursday, April 13. The county nutrition project has some 145 volunteers who donate their time by serving meals through the Meals on Wheel program, volunteer their time at the three senior citizens centers in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains, volunteer with the various fund raisers of the project or play music for the senior citizens in the county.



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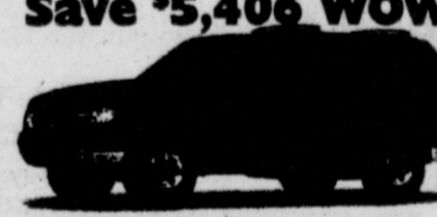






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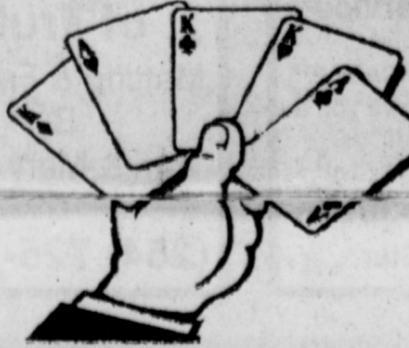
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**Chicken time...**

"What time is it?" MyKeeper asked.

"The chickens are under the car, so it's about eleven o'clock," I answered.

He gave me that look again, but I can explain.

The hen next door had chicks. Mama Hen is a proud, mottled black and cream Aurcana. She set her own clutch of Easter eggs, plus a few extra, resulting in a brood of 15 fluff balls skittering around her 21 days later. They look like cottonballs on roller skates trying to imitate her ways.

Mail-ordered random hatch chicks never learn some of the behaviors taught by a Mama Hen running a real tight household. This hen taught her babies to get up at dawn, gulp a sip of water, do a little housecleaning. Then she directs them, "Sharpen your beaks, kids. Let's go!"

Scratching lessons are first. "We start here," she instructs. She locates a spot, exclaims over it, sets herself in the center, scratches backwards, checks progress, and scratches some more.

As the chicks follow her example, she clucks words of praise, admonition, and technique. Occasionally she must hail a wandering explorer back to the flock, or discipline the one who wants to do nothing but play around, hopping onto her head, her back, her tail feathers.

After a bit, they move on to explore the riches of the compost heap. They sample some gourmet gravel by the driveway, then take a short nap cuddled up under Mama hen's wings.

Soon after, she leads them to the red berries over by the tree, then back to the pen for water. She keeps her family clustered together, and convinces the other chickens

to keep a respectful distance. Compared to the busy little hen, the others appear to be dawdling over their daily routines.

By 10:30 each morning the flock has inched along the neighbor's hedge, rested again in the shade of the shed, and by 11:00a.m., you guessed it, they are under the car!

During class time under the car, she appears to be teaching them to use the gravel to grind their food. This is a course only for chickens, who have no teeth.

Another classroom lab is seed and bug identification. Easy course. It's a snap. There's only two species to sort — nummy! and yuk!

During the class, Introduction to Survival, she warns them of dogs, cats, chicken hawks, and small children.

When the heat of the day is past, Mama Hen brings her babies out for gym class. Here they learn to flop in the sand and raise the dust. They also exercise their wings and legs, one long stretch at a time. They don't yet know this will train them for sleeping on roosts or high up in tall trees, which necessitates a prerequisite, one-time-only lesson in parachuting. It's perhaps best they don't know that at this point.

It hasn't rained since they've been born, so I don't know what they do for an alternate rainy day schedule. Maybe they stay in bed a little longer, but being chickens, I doubt it. It may be their dust bath lessons turn into lessons on the backstroke. Or maybe they just take a couple of bad weather days.

Anyway, I have to depend on my watch to tell me what time it is on a cloudy day. And I never know what direction I'm headed without a shadow.

But on a sunny morning, I can tell when it's 11:00 o'clock.

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**COUNTY NUTRITION PROJECT DISCUSSED**—Callahan County Nutrition Project Director Kim Baker was guest of Kiwanian and Nutrition Board Member Ray Womack at the Kiwanis Club's April 11th meeting. She shared information about the Meals on Wheels program, as well as the Senior Citizen's program at large - and expressed her appreciation for Kiwanians' support in the delivery of the meals and other ways. 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.



**BLOOD DRIVE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT RECENT KIWANIS MEETING**—Program Chairman for Tuesday, April 18, was Ron Bagley. The program was brought by Dannes Turner, who shared with the members information concerning the need for blood donations to help those who are ill or have been in accidents. Dannes also encouraged everyone who can to attend the blood drive on April 20 at the Meek Blood Mobile which will be located across the street from Subway.

**EMPTY EGG**

exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Why that's very nice, Jeremy. N-now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss Miller," the children responded enthusiastically--all except for Jeremy. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and

resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them.

That evening, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse, and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine." Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom, "My daddy helped me," he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty. Surely it must be Jeremy's she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty." He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too." Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes," Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up."

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the schoolyard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

If this blesses you, pass it on. Happy Easter!

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