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EDITOR'S NOTE: Debbie (Tyler) Reed submitted her school day memories as Homecoming 2000 edges nearer. You will enjoy her recollections of the past. Send yours in, as we are running out of time to publish many more. See you at Homecoming 2000 on September 29-30. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"Do You Remember When?"

Some of the happiest memories I have come from my school years. Everybody has certain things that stick in your mind more than others, and the following occasions stayed with me many years.

Mrs. Ruby Ballew, my first grade teacher, was watching over both first grade classes during play period and had given us strict orders not to go around to the front of the school. There was a little blonde-haired girl who had a brand new red can-can that she was so proud of that she had to show it off to two little first grade boys, Britt Hollingshead and Pete Barbar. Of course, the little boys and about half of the first grade, had to sneak a peak. We all went in front of the school building to see the red can-can -- just where we were told NOT to go. Naturally, Mrs. Belew missed that many students and came to look for us. Needless to say, the next play period we had to sit on the rock wall and didn't get to play.

The little mischievous blonde, whom I will not reveal her name, is a teacher now and knows who I'm talking about because I bring this story to her attention every Homecoming. She has always been a "Pill".

During another play period, in the fifth grade, we all got in trouble again. This time we were on the practice field. We had just been warned about throwing rocks and naturally that was the first thing we did. Some of the boys started throwing rocks and the girls had to throw back. My rock sailed through the air and hit George Cowan, the child who always had a broken arm or leg. Of course, I had to be the one who hit him on the top of the head. George had to be taken to Dr. Sohns' office for stitches. I just felt awful about this! I even felt worse when I had to go to the principal's office (Jack Watkins). He was a very sweet man but to a fifth grader, who knew she was in bad trouble, he was plenty big and tall. I didn't get a paddling, but after the rather good talking I received, I wished I had. I never wanted to go back to his office ever again.

After having a terrible day at school I had to go tell my parents what I had done. You know you always have to tell your parents because somebody else is sure to let them know.

Since last Homecoming both my parents, Oscar and Faye Tyler, have passed way. They were great supporters of all school activities for many years. Mother was always proud of having so many in our family to graduate from the same school. She, along with four children, four in-laws, three grandchildren and soon there will be the fourth in the spring, and one great-grandchild. It is like the song Hank Williams Jr. sings "It's a Family Tradition" to graduate from C.P.H.S. Hope to see everyone at Homecoming 2000!



CITIZENS STATE BANK/W.G. MCCOY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HONORED — W.G. McCoy (from left), Bea Kay Bell and Steve Mack.

Bea Kay Bell Recognized by Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank hosted a reception to honor the recipient of the 2000 Citizens State Bank/W.G. McCoy Scholarship Award. A scholarship awards committee made up of teachers and administrators of Cross Plains High School chose Bea Kay Bell as the 2000 recipient.

The award was established by the Board of Directors of Citizens State Bank in 1994 to honor a graduating Senior of Cross Plains High School

each year, who possesses a high standard of moral and ethical living, good citizenship, honesty, reliability and responsibility as demonstrated in the school and community. Recipients also must have maintained a minimum GPA of 85.

Bea Kay is the daughter of Billy Don and Kay Bell of Cross Plains. She will be attending Cisco Junior College this fall.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY — The Chamber of Commerce welcomes Lakeway Grocery owned by James and Angie Ames. Present were Julene Franke (from left), Margaret McNeel, Angie Ames, Sonya Barnett and Ron Bagley.

Verizon to complete sale of Cross Plains telephone properties to Valor Telecom by August 31

IRVING, Texas — Verizon Communications, the national telecommunications company formed by the merger of GTE and Bell Atlantic, expects to complete the sale of approximately 424,000 telephone lines in Texas and New Mexico to Valor Telecom on Aug. 31. The sales agreement was announced in September 1999.

Verizon will continue to own and operate approximately 1.7 million access lines in Texas, remaining the second-largest provider of local telecommunications services in the state. In New Mexico, Verizon is completely exiting the local telecommunications business. The transaction does not affect Verizon's current offerings of long-distance, Internet and print directory services in the two states.

Upon closing, Valor Telecom — headquartered in Irving, Texas — will provide local services to 326,000 access lines in 197 Texas exchanges and to 97,000 access lines in 36 New Mexico exchanges. All current customer accounts and local services will automatically transfer to Valor, and all 423 Verizon Communications employees serving the affected Texas and New

Mexico exchanges will become employees of Valor Telecom.

The Texas exchanges purchased by Valor Telecom include Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains.

Following the sale, customers in Texas and New Mexico should call Valor Telecom's new, toll-free numbers for assistance. The Valor Telecom numbers are:
Sales, service, billing: 877-520-5220

Repair services: 877-520-5210

TTY: 877-520-5260

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By BILLIE LOVING

The time is here! The Barbarians have done everything possible to make this year's Barbarian Festival BIGGER and BETTER than the first one. The grounds have been worked on for days. Benches have been permanently installed around the dance floor. All the electrical switches are new. Everything is in order for a full, exciting day on Saturday, September 2. Don't miss it!

As usual the festival is kicked off

Football Breakfast Begins September 1

Football Breakfast begins Friday morning, September 1st, 7:00 A.M., in the Buffalo Room at Dairy Queen, and will continue each Friday morning for the duration of football season. It is open especially for the football players, cheerleaders, their parents, coaches, and school administration. Others are welcome to join in, as room allows. There will be a short devotional following breakfast each Friday morning before the students are off to school. This has proved to be an enjoyable and profitable time together in past football seasons and we expect it to be the same or even better this year. So come on out and get Fridays started right!

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Decision on Courthouse Restoration Project to be Announced this Week

Callahan County Commissioners should know sometime this week whether a \$1,807,000 restoration project has been approved for the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular bimonthly meeting Tuesday, voted to approve a Courthouse Restoration Masterplan from Norman Alston &

Fun Filled Day Set for Saturday, Sept. 2, in Cross Plains Don't Miss A Minute!

with a parade. But there's nothing usual about it. Response has been great. The division for cars are: Antique Cars, Classic, Convertible, Street Rod and Truck. One trophy will be awarded in each of the five divisions. In addition each entrant will have a gift bag containing a Barbarian Festival Car Show T-shirt, a dash plaque, a pen, a free drink ticket, coupons from local retailers and door prize eligibility tickets. The entry fee is \$20 per car. See Tim Dill about other entries.

The right people know the right

people at American Airlines and were able to get free tickets to sell chances for only \$1.00 each and all the money stays here. This is a bona fide contest for tickets to the 48 continental U.S., Bermuda, Bahamas, the Caribbean Islands, Mexico and Canada. Get smart. Someone will be using the tickets for a fly-away vacation, and it could be you.

The Cook-off is bona fide sanctioned cook-off with \$975.00 guaranteed prize money, as well as

See Barbarian Page 8

7 Local Students Named to T.S.W.A. All-State Baseball Teams

The Texas Sport Writers Associations selected their 2000 Texas High School All-State Baseball Teams and the following Cross Plains players were honored:
All State
Aaron Norris - Sophomore, Pitcher
L.D. Whitehead - Junior, Outfielder

Tony Beggs - Sophomore, Second Baseman

Honorable Mention
Coby Richards - Senior, Short Stop
Kenny Callaway - Senior, Catcher
Seth Potter - Junior, Pitcher
Joseph Dillard - Sophomore, First Baseman.

The boys and the whole Cross Plains Buffalo Baseball Team are to be congratulated for a great year!

Kiwanis Charity Golf Scramble September 16

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains is proud to announce its sponsorship of the Annual Charity Golf Scramble.

When: Saturday, September 16, 9:00 A.M. Registration begins 10:00 A.M. Shotgun start

Where: Rolling Oaks Golf Club 2 mile west of Rising Star on Hwy 36 (254) 643-4563

How: 4 person scramble competing

Fees: \$55 per person which includes all Hole-In-One prizes; closest to the pin; longest drive; one mulligan per player (4 max. per team); free food and soft drinks

Prizes: \$10,000 Hole-In-One; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd mystery cash prizes

Cart: Bring your own or rent same at course for \$8 per person

All proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network and Local Kiwanis Projects.

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SEASON OPENERS
Cross Plains Varsity vs. Santo September 1 - Home 7:30pm

Cross Plains Junior Varsity vs. Jim Ned - August 31 - Home - 6:00pm

Cross Plains Junior High vs. Santo August 31 - There - 6:00

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Larry W. Miller, theft.
Michael A. Denny, deadly conduct.
Jason Lee Monsey, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Cyle L. Mitchell, assault.
Justin F. Edmondson, unlawful carrying weapon.
Jerry W. Olinger, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
Tessie M. Taillon, Ct. I - driving while intoxicated, (DWI). Ct. II - failure to stop and give required information after striking a fixture or highway landscaping.
Anthony L. Isbell, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Keshanda Goss, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Wade L. Littlejohn, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Richard Willis, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Blaza Lopez, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.

Marriage Licenses

Russell Neil West and Christina Rashel Jenkins, both of Clyde.
Malford Wayne Greenhaw and Cynthia Rae Hagar, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Kalah Nan Noland and Jimmy Lee Noland, divorce.
Charles E. Erwin vs. Elizabeth Ashley Ruffin, declaratory judgment.
Civil Minutes

Criminal Info. & Complaints

Criminal ?

Criminal Minutes

Jimmy Roger Wilson, judgment revoking probation granted.
Alexander P. Gonzales, judgment revoking probation granted.
Nolan L. Wade, plea of guilty to sexual assault, 8 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$255.25 court costs.

Scranton Musical Saturday, Sept. 2

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, September 2, 2000 at the community center. The kitchen will serve from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Joanie Shrader will be in charge of the kitchen. A special of pasta salad with grilled chicken will be offered. Donations of pies or sandwiches will be welcomed. The music will flow through the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Mark Ray, emcee, will take reservations, for your group, at (915) 692-2057. Hope we see you.
Joan Shrader, reporter

Obituaries

Nora Lee Golson

Mrs. Nora Lee Golson, age 86, of Cross Plains, died Wednesday, August 23, 2000, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Burkett Cemetery in Burkett with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge. Survivors include his husband, R. H. "Pete" Golson of Cross Plains; a son, Bob Golson of Cross Plains; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Bill Pope of Arizona.

Pallbearers were Glen Golson, Billy Golson, Chancey Golson, Tony Golson, Joe Rodgers and Scott Cupit.

Charlie Raymond Woody

Charlie Raymond Woody of Glendale, Arizona passed away on February 17, 2000. Mr. Woody was born April 24, 1904, in the Cottonwood area where he was raised.

He was survived by two sons, Charlie James Woody and Billy Gene Woody, both of Phoenix, Arizona; one daughter, Margaret Jane Stanger of El Cajon, California; two brothers, C.E. Woody of Cross Plains and Bruce Woody of Fort Worth; a sister, Jessie Casey of Cross Plains; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews in and around the Cross Plains area.

Lena Pearl Scott

Mrs. Lena Pearl Scott, 99, of Keene, died Saturday, August 26, 2000, in the Town Hall Estates Nursing Home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 29, in the Pioneer Baptist Church with Donald Duke officiating. Burial was in the Sabanno Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Lena was born on May 5, 1901, in Eastland County to James and Nancy (Tuttle) Phillips. She married George W. Scott on April 23, 1918, in Eastland County. Mrs. Scott had been living in Keene near her granddaughter for the past five years. She lived most of her life in Eastland County where she and her husband were peanut farmers. She was church pianist at Sabanno Baptist Church and Pioneer Baptist Church. Lena taught various ages of Sunday School classes for nearly fifty years at Sabanno, Pioneer and Cottonwood. She made beautiful hand pieced quilts and crochet which are treasured by her family.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Jan Barron Pitts and her husband, Don, of Cleburne; 6 grandchildren, Brad Barron, Jason Barron, Laurie Barron Halpin, Sheila Dela Rosa, Julie Forbing, Mary Kamp and their spouses; 9 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

parents, 12 brothers and sisters, her husband of 63 years, George W. Scott, her only daughter, Gladys Barron and son-in-law, J.R. Barron, and her only grandson, Ray Barron.

Pallbearers were Odell Phillips, Don Nelson, Keith Phillips, Mark Phillips, Harold Phillips and Wesley Duke.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, September 3, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Weigh Down Workshop Orientation

Do you feel like a slave to food? Do you fight the diet battle, only to regain the weight soon after? If so, join us for a free orientation session and learn about The Weigh Down Workshop -- a Christ centered program that teaches us to replace our devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper, more satisfying devotion to God.

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The free ORIENTATION will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. This program is for men as well as women, so please make plans to attend. A video lesson is presented each week in class, and each participant receives a workbook and set of 12 audiotapes. Come discover the program that is changing peoples' lives as well as their weight. For more information, please call Mrs. Kimberly Woerner (254) 725-7570.



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Veterans News

By: Tom Ivey

VA HEARING AID PROGRAM— You are eligible for VA Hearing Aid Program if you meet one of the following criteria:

1. Service-connected for hearing impairment or conditions related to the ear, even if the rating is 0%.
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4. Former prisoner of war (POW).
5. Nonservice-connected veteran who is in receipt of Aid & Attendance (A&A) or Household (HB) benefits.
6. Domiciliary or Nursing Home Care Unit resident for a continuous period of time.

If you meet one of these criteria and wish to schedule an appointment, contact the Audiology clinic nearest you. Our closest Audiology clinic is in the Big Spring VA Medical Center, 1-800-472-1365 and ask for Audiology.

TEXAS STATE VETERANS HOMES—The new State Veterans Home in Big Spring will soon be opening.

Other State Homes are already open in Temple and Bonham. Floresville should be open by January 1, 2001.

Admission Policy—All applicants must meet eligibility requirements for admission and must require nursing home care as determined and certified by a physician. Each application is reviewed to evaluate the applicant's need for services provided by the facility.

Veteran Eligibility—Veterans are eligible for admission to a State Veterans Home if they:

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2. Have served at least 90 consecutive days of active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or United States Public Health Service after September 16, 1940, and received a discharge other than dishonorable. EXCEPTION!! Veterans may still be eligible if they served less than 90 days due to service connected disability.
3. Reside in Texas at the time the application is made for admission.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY IS EXTENDED TO:

1. Texas Veterans with at least 20 years of Reserve Service.
2. Texas Veterans who completed all active duty training requirements as a condition of enlistment in the Texas National Guard.
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

Nandell Stiles reports that she had a wonderful time visiting with her #1 grandson, James Meador.

Irma Deen Haddox's date of birth was August 12 and it was an extra special date indeed. She had a great-grandson, Brian Berna Anthony Curry born on her 82nd birthday.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Maxine Crockett.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Nora Golson. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

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

Thoughts and prayers for Louise Richardson who is in the hospital. Raymond McCowen has recently returned from the hospital.

Naoma Wilson and Rachelle Allen visited with Delilah Goble.

Luke McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Darlene, Jessica and Andrea Meador visited with Falba Shofner.

Nandell Stiles and Pauline Regian.

Beth Meador visited with Nan Stiles and Zeldia Milam.

Michael Curry and Deborah Griswold from Hawley and Whitney Clark visited with Deen Haddox.

Activities during the week.

Monday: Bingo winners were June Hickman, Falba Shofner (2), Minnie Swann (2) and Vera Belyeu. Exercise Class.

Tuesday: Art Class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds. Skip-Bo games.

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

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss. Skip-Bo games

Friday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Falba Shofner, Nandell Stiles and Vera Belyeu (2). Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal Church

Speak kind words, you'll hear kind echoes.

Mrs. Willie Phillips Celebrated 90th Birthday With Family and Friends

A birthday party honoring Mrs. Willie Phillips at her home in Burkett celebrating her 90th birthday was held on Saturday.

The party included luncheon, homemade ice cream and watermelons. Hosted by her four children, Lois Jean and Randy Johnson of Palmer, Glenn and Sheron Phillips of Fort Worth,

Dwayne and Nina Phillips of Cross Plains, Ella Faye and Glenn Merrill of Cross Plains, and grandchildren from Ennis, Red Oak, Fort Worth and Cross Plains. Several great-grandchildren also enjoyed the party. Fred and Lorene Purcell of Burkett also attended his sister's family party. It was reported that everyone just ignored the heat and enjoyed the get-together.

What The Well-Dressed Soldier Wears In The War Against Drugs.



Join the Local Boy Scouts

If you're a parent worried about your kids and drugs, here's a battle plan. First, recognize that part of being an adolescent is "belonging." Then help your kids get involved in activities with other kids who don't use drugs.

Looks for groups that set goals, instill a sense of purpose and build self-esteem. To keep your kids involved, keep praising, encouraging and cheering them on.

Nobody can guarantee that your kids won't use drugs. Even the Boy Scout can't. But when there's something better to do, chances are kids won't do drugs. When you get involved with what they do, their chances are even better.

We urge all boys interested in becoming Scouts to register now. Beginning with first grade Tiger Cubs, 2nd grade to 5th grade Cub Scouts and also 6th grade and up to Boy Scouts.

call Cub Master Phillip Schaefer at (254) 725-7140 if you have any questions.

Registration is Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Please

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

September 4- September 8
MONDAY--Closed for Labor Day
TUESDAY--Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Baked Cinnamon Apples, Garlic Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY--Roast Beef/gravy, Potatoes Au gratin, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk, Roll
THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Broccoli & Cheese, Buttered Corn, Spice Cake, Milk, Bread
FRIDAY--Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, New Potatoes, Sliced Peaches, Milk, Roll

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Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"Was that Cross Eyed Plain or Cross Air Plane!!!!!!!"

Just was wondering if you all were aware that you are currently living in such a fast-moving community?

The source for this new items comes from my sister Ann. She reported to me that when her second grandson, Landry (now age three), spots an airplane flying in the sky, he excitedly exclaims (pointing heavenward), "Look Nanny, there's Cross Plains!"

Somehow, I guess there's a short circuit or a loose wire or he's just gotten the two confused -- Cross Plains and airplanes. The latter explanation, most likely. I better say that, or my sister will give my birthday gift to someone else. But don't tell her I said that ---okay?

I've just been wondering ---- if that's Cross Plains flying overhead, does that mean we reside in Air Plane, Texas. Tooobvious eh? Well, you can't fault me for trying!

When Landry's older brother Drew was small (11 1/2 now), he confused my name, Kay, with the word cake. Somehow, he actually believed my name was cake, so for some years there he called Aunt Cake. Now, I must admit that at the height of this phenomenon we did egg him on by signing his birthday card, Aunt Cake and Uncle Marshmallow. So, naturally for sometime we were affectionately known as Aunt Cake and Uncle Marshmallow. Then apparently one day, either that short circuit got taller or the wires

uncrossed and suddenly we became Aunt Kay and Uncle Marvin.

Now Drew and Landry have an even younger brother, Evan (age 2 years). So far, he has contrived to keep his comments to himself, or else that circuit is still a-O.K. and doesn't need rewiring. Anyway it occurs to me, deep down in my thought processes that Evan is just saving "ALL" of his comments for retribution on me. Now I didn't say word processor, I said thought processes.

Oh! And one more thing, please don't tell Evan I wrote this cause I really don't want to get (sp) retributed!! At least not until I get my circuits back on track and my wiring repaired!

I'm sure you've noticed that I just didn't mention the facts on my grandchildren. One unbuckled the belt on his baby car seat and climbed out just as we pulled off a parking lot in Lubbock and caused his granddad to get a \$60.00 ticket. It seems a police car was right behind us and saw the whole thing. Still another of my grandchildren sneaks into my bedroom and loftily helps herself to my makeup and I must admit she's gotten pretty good at applying lipstick. Still another grandchild has lotioned their cat and cut her own bangs down to the scalp. Her mom's a hairdresser so that didn't go over too well. I'm saving up my money for tools to fix those short circuits and rewire those crossed up wires. What was the name that T.V. show -- "It's All in the Family". You heard it her first, folks!

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I must share with you another of those religious cartoons. This one depicts an older man before some younger ones--perhaps a seasoned minister before some who are training for ministry--and he's instructing them on "how to baptize." He's illustrating on the chalkboard and has the movements drawn in steps 1, 2, and 3--how to hold them before the immersing, how to immerse them, and how to bring them up. Pointing to step 2, he says, "Now the longer you hold them under, the greater their decision will be."

Now while "holding them under longer" might really cause them to think, I'm not too sure about what they will be thinking! I really doubt if that's the way to obtain a "greater decision"--but on the other hand, I must admit that I've never tired it that way...

Now seriously, what does motivate one toward a greater decision? Try this one on for size: "But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us," Romans 5:8. Or how about just the thought of being able to go from "having no hope and being without God in this world," to being "brought back to God" and having "sure and steadfast hope," Ephesians 2:11-13; Hebrews 6:19? Oh there's all kinds of motivation, including "God's wrath that is coming upon the sons of disobedience," Colossians 3:6!

I don't know which of the above motivations strike you as the most effective. I really believe that a healthy combination of them is the best. Now if throwing in "a counting to ten" while being immersed helps, so be it. But one thing that does need to be understood is that a solid determination to quit sin and to follow Jesus is of utmost importance. And there's more to being baptized than how long one is held under.

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The Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council meets monthly. We strive to have members on our council from the communities included in this county. At present we have at least one member on the council from each of the following: Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains.

Our purpose is to help primarily senior citizens and the disabled, and others who may need assistance. We try to prevent scams and crimes against the elderly, and to assist the elderly and physically challenged with other problems they might encounter which are detrimental to their well-being. S.A.L.T. simply stands for Seniors (AARP) and Law Enforcement Together. The Law Enforcement includes the National Sheriffs Association and the American Association of Police Chiefs.

This month we are presenting this information for you titled, "Facts About Maltreatment of the Elderly and Disabled". It is our hope that this article will enlighten you as to what exactly constitutes elderly abuse.

Although the problem of abuse of the elderly and adults with disabilities has been widely recognized only in recent decades, some estimate it may be as common as CHILD abuse.

Abuse may result in scratches, cuts, bruises, burns, broken bones, bedsores, confinement, rape or sexual misconduct, or verbal or psychological abuse. The growing population of elderly people and growing awareness of adult abuse

have dramatically increased reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation. The number of cases investigated by Adult Protective Services (APS) in Texas has gone up 267 percent in the last decade.

In Fiscal Year 1997, Adult Protective Services completed 50,677 investigations of abuse, neglect or exploitation involving adults in Texas. Of these, 38,426 were confirmed. Neglect or self-neglect may result in starvation, dehydration, over-or-under-medication, unsanitary living conditions or lack of heat, running water, electricity, lack of medical care and personal hygiene. Exploitation is misusing the resources of an elderly or disabled person for personal or monetary benefit. This includes taking Social Security or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) checks, abusing a joint checking account and taking property and other resources.

Abused elderly or disabled persons may be isolated, ill, lack a capable or willing caregiver, or lack resources to meet their basic living requirements.

Any aged or disabled adult who is in a state of abuse, neglect, or exploitation is eligible to receive adult protective services. Victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation may receive short-term services such as emergency shelter, home repair, meals, transportation, help with financial management, home health services and medical and mental health services.



SPECIAL GUESTS AT LIBRARY CELEBRATION — Judge Roger Corn (from left) and Ray Purvis, Mayor of Cross Plains.

Local Library Open House Celebrated All-Day Schedule

By BILLIE LOVING

We've Come a Long Way, Baby!! On Wednesday, August 23, the Cross Plains Public Library celebrated the long-wished-for schedule: a full day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. However, as good as that change is,

there were plenty of other improvements to celebrate: the attractive decor, the new collections, the automation of the library and computers for public use.

The visitors were pleased. Etna Goode enjoyed especially the Texas Room. "I didn't know all this was back here," she commented, referring to the list of veterans and their pictures. Also, she was impressed by the large number of Texas books, especially the non-fiction.

Dean Dillard mentioned that, "the library has great children's programs." He has another child in one of the programs this year.

Betty Cavanaugh was happy to be able to use the internet for several months until she could get her system working.

Probably the most exciting happening was seeing Lois Garrett "surfing the net." She was more than a trifle surprised to find herself on internet and commented, "It's

great!"

As Bill Richards left, he grinned and said, "I love it. It looks good."

Perhaps you've noticed the bookworm's suggestion about donations. He (?) speaks a great deal about patrons remembering special occasions with contributions to the library. Last week he came up with a new suggestion about birthdays. Why not, he asked, remember your own birth day with a gift to the library fund? He was a year old last Wednesday and followed his own suggestion with a contribution at the party. Joan McCowen's birthday was August 26, so she followed suit with a special donation -- a special day all around.

Making the morning even more special were guest: County Judge Roger Corn and his wife, Barbara, and Cross Plains Mayor Ray Purvis. We appreciate their taking time to celebrate with the library folks and all in all, Wednesday was a great day. If you missed the party, we hope you will come by and any day to visit. Make this library your library.

Out there somewhere Vivian Lee, Veda DeBusk and Nancy Childress were no doubt cheering as they sang, "Yes, you've come a long way, baby --- but keep dreaming!"



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MHMR Center Renamed to Honor Hardwick's Memory

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Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular bimonthly meeting Monday, August 28 approved a resolution supporting a decision to change the name of the Abilene MHMR Center to the Betty Hardwick Center.

Betty Hardwick, who passed away June 11, 2000, served on the Abilene Region MHMR Center Board of Trustees since 1982 and served as Chairwoman of the Board until the time of death.

Last year, Mrs. Hardwick was honored with resolutions from the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives commending her for her "many years of distinguished and committed service to

the Texas mental health community" and for her "exceptional achievements and many contributions to the citizens of our state."

Commissioner Tommy Holland made a motion to adopt a Resolution Honoring Mrs. Betty Hardwick for her remarkable accomplishments and supporting the decision to change the name of the Abilene Regional MHMR Center to the Betty Hardwick Center. County Judge Roger Corn seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

The resolution follows: WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Hardwick diligently served the citizens of Callahan County and the State of Texas by providing strong leader-

ship to improve and enhance the quality of life for individuals with mental illness, mental retardation and chemical dependency; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Hardwick dedicated almost twenty years of her life advocating for individuals with mental disabilities and the community; MHMR centers that serve that special population; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Hardwick was a resident of Callahan County, Texas, whose indomitable spirit of volunteerism was respected by persons in all stations of life; and, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Judge and Commissioners of Callahan County, Texas do hereby proclaim that the citizens of Callahan County wish to honor Mrs. Betty Hardwick for her remarkable accomplishments and fully support the decision to change the name of the Abilene Regional MHMR Center to the Betty Hardwick Center.

Signed this 28th day of August, 2000.

Other agenda items brought before commissioners' court included:

—On a motion by Harold Hicks and second by Judge Corn, commissioners voted 5-0 to table the Interlocal Agreement with the Nutrition Center until the September 11, 2000 meeting.

—On a motion by Bryan Farmer and second by Holland, commissioners voted to approve a resolution for the Texas Historic Preservation Program. Judge Corn stated the application had been accepted by the Preservation Committee and the court should be notified sometime next week if

accepted for a grant.

—On a motion by Annie Grider and second by Hicks, commissioners voted to amend Item IV of the commissioners' court minutes of August 14, 2000 in regards to the petition to close a public road. This will allow Callahan County Water Supply Corporation to have the privilege for encroachment on the property boundaries of the previously public road, now the property of the parties of Konzczak, Eller and Day.

—On a motion by Farmer and second by Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to pay current bills.

—On a motion by Farmer and second by Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

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County Treasurer	\$25,040.78	\$25,640.78	\$600.00
Justice of Peace Precinct #1	\$22,517.56	\$23,117.56	\$600.00
Justice of Peace Precinct #3	\$22,517.56	\$23,117.56	\$600.00
Justice of Peace Precinct #4	\$22,517.56	\$23,117.56	\$600.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$26,693.16	\$27,293.16	\$600.00
County Sheriff	\$24,812.32	\$27,412.32	\$2,600.00
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Stenholm Held Town Hall Meeting at Callahan County Courthouse

Stamford Democrat Charles Stenholm has been in the 17th District holding various town hall meetings with constituents, including a town hall meeting Friday, August 25 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Stenholm, who has opponents in the November General Election, has been in the Big Country before Congress reconvenes September 7. Stenholm told the crowd gathered in the 42nd District Courtroom he'll begin campaigning again for another term after Congress recesses in early October.

One of the major issues concerning his district is the continued drought and declining lake water levels in the Big Country. Stenholm said "Water is fast becoming the number one problem facing our district."

As the subject of cloud seeding, Congressman Stenholm said "I think there is something to that science."

Stenholm said as the drought continues, the City of Abilene could run out of water within two years. "Where can we go to get water," Stenholm asked. He suggested going east to locate additional water sources, including the Possum Kingdom and Brazos River areas of Texas.

The congressman said the Texas Senate is working on Senate Bill 1 which will put together a Texas plan for future water needs. "We know we're going to have droughts again, we need to plan for it," Stenholm said. He said no matter what plan is proposed, it's going to cost the taxpayers money. Stenholm suggested Callahan County also consider forming a water district to fight for their water rights in the area. He also commented on Boone Pickens' proposal to buy water rights in the Texas Panhandle and pump the water to other regions of the state.

Stenholm said he is bringing in the Secretary of Agriculture to Wise County so the ag secretary can see just how dry it is. Stenholm said before the federal government gets involved with the water issues of Texas, residents on the local and state level must first ask for assistance.

When a question was proposed about Stenholm possibly being nominated for Secretary of Agriculture, he said, "I'm running for reelection to the 17th District. I'm honored people believe I'm qualified for Secretary of Agriculture." Concerning gun control, Stenholm said the nation needs no more laws concerning guns. "I support the Second Amendment," Stenholm said adding, "we need to enforce the current law."

Stenholm said it's the parents responsibility to keep ammunition away from the guns. "It's not very smart to have a loaded gun around the house," the congressman said. He said he continues to receive calls from parents of students who unknowingly place a gun in their vehicle and take that vehicle to school. Stenholm said he continues to agree with the fact a student who brings a weapon to school will be automatically expelled. "Guns have no place in class and no place in school," Stenholm said. He also said parents should keep trigger locks on guns in a home, even if the weapon is not loaded. Stenholm mentioned the efforts of the National Rifle Association in educating people about gun safety.

As for how large cities handle their gun control laws, Stenholm agreed those gun control efforts are different than those in this area. Stenholm said, "Don't tell me how to do it (gun control) in the 17th District, except for the Second



STENHOLM SPEAKS IN BAIRD—17th District Congressman Charlie Stenholm made a visit to the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird Friday, August 25 for a town hall meeting. The Stamford Democrat, who is seeking reelection in the November General Election, spoke for just over one hour on several issues of concern to his constituents.

As for the projected surplus of the federal government, Stenholm said the surpluses are only projected. "What if they (budget surplus) don't occur," Stenholm said.

The congressman said paying down the national debt is the best tax cut we can give ourselves. Stenholm said he would only agree to spending increases for water issues, veterans benefits, defense, agriculture and health care. Stenholm said because of proposed budget cuts in health care, 10 hospitals could close because of those cuts.

Stenholm talked about his vote to repeal the Marriage Tax. He said the marriage tax proposed would penalize single people, while married taxpayers would receive a bonus.

He said another reason why he doesn't favor giving tax cuts, is because of the young people in the audience. Several Baird High School seniors attended the meeting and Stenholm said "I want to make sure Social Security is available for young people." He said saving Social Security will cost money, but the Congress can't save Social Security if we give it back in tax cuts. "We need to fix Social Security. It would be fiscally irresponsible to do anything else," Stenholm added.

On the subject of Welfare, Stenholm said he believes most on Welfare do not want to be there. "They appreciate the help, but want a job," he said. He said Welfare is forcing single parents to take a job, but Stenholm asked "What about the child?" Stenholm said one third of those he represents earn \$25,000 or less—with both parents working. Stenholm again addressed those high school seniors in the audience saying, "There's no reason you shouldn't get a college education, but you're going to have to work for it." He suggested to those who can't afford a college education, joining the Armed Forces, you can receive money to pay for any college you wish to attend—if you qualify.

Asked about his view on abortion, Stenholm said he's 100 percent pro life.

He also gave his view on the impeachment proceedings of President Clinton. Stenholm said he was one of only four Democrats who voted to impeach Clinton. Stenholm said Clinton lied under oath and no one is above the law.

Stenholm concluded by challenging young people to get involved in serving their communities. He also said politics remains an honorable profession. "I hope something I say or do that will influence your life," Stenholm told the young people in the audience.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

County Judge Roger Corn voted for the motion, while Commissioner Bryan Farmer voted against the motion.

Judge Corn said Callahan County is applying for a portion of \$50 million in funds authorized by the Texas Legislature to restore county courthouses through the state. The Texas Legislature will authorize some \$700 million in funds over several years to eventually restore all the county courthouses.

Judge Corn said the state has accepted Callahan County's master plan for the courthouse restoration, however the state has not yet approved the funding for the project.

The master plan calls for the county courthouse in Baird to be renovated in several phases over a 10 year period, with the total project renovation estimated to cost \$1,807,000. If the masterplan is approved, the State of Texas will provide a grant for 85 percent of the restoration, while Callahan County would be responsible for 15 percent of the restoration cost.

Judge Corn said the first phase of the project will include installation of a 24 hour a day fire protection system, which would notify the fire department of a possible fire. The first phase restoration includes repairing the courthouse building roof, new flashing, membrane, gutters and down spouts outside the building, repair and repaint the exterior masonry, complete the window restoration, upgrade the electrical system, renovate the elevator to modern accessibility standards, major restoration to the third floor of the courthouse including the District Courtroom and plumbing renovations.

The first phase of the restoration calls for renovations to the critical needs of the courthouse building,

which was constructed in 1928, Judge Corn said.

Judge Corn said the later phases of restoration would include major renovations to the second floor of the courthouse building, the first floor of the courthouse and the basement floor of the building.

Other agenda items addressed by commissioners included:

—The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Judge Corn and the minutes of the August 14 commissioners meeting were approved as presented.

—Commissioners tabled taking action on a resolution supporting creation of the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association until the September 11 meeting. Judge Corn said the county wished to determine if other entities in the county would commit funds to the program.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Grider, commissioners voted 4-1 to set the proposed budget for Callahan County. Commissioner Holland voted against the motion.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to set the proposed tax rate for Callahan County at a two cent increase over last year. The tax rate will be .397223 cents per \$100 of property valuation. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioners voted to set the date for the budget hearing for August 31, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. On a motion by Hicks and second by Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to set the budget hearing date.

—On a motion by Farmer and second by Hicks, commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all current bills.

—On a motion by Farmer and second by Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Barbarian

trophies and ribbons. The cook-off is for Brisket, Pork Spareribs and One-half Chicken. The official start time is 5 p.m. Friday, September 1. Register upon arrival or mail registration form to Barbarian Cook-off, P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443. There is a \$50 entry fee for one or all meats.

KIDS, this year we have more for you: Sand Dig, Dunking Booth, Face Painting and Hula Hoop Contest. Bring your friends. This is going to be a fun day. Be there!

And there'll be plenty of entertainment at the Day Stage. These bands will be performing: Brushy Creek Band, The Outlaws and Pure Grace. The Double Shot Band will be playing for the dance.

This festival is fast becoming a well-planned whoop-to-do activity for September. All these fun things are for real, including the air line tickets! We kid you not! You'll find them in stores in town.

Bring the family. It's that kind of day.



August 21-25

Whew! Last week was a doozy! We had GUESTS! And we had fun. Now it's time for a bit of info. Did you know that the library has a set of books call The New Handbook of Texas that has everything in them. For example, did you know that there are ten towns in Texas named Antioch? That ought to make the postal folks happy.

Then there are three named Big Hill. And in 1984 two political factions in Laredo and Webb counties designated themselves as "Botas" (Boots) and "Guarache" (Sandals). The Botas were the wealthy class and the Guaraches symbolized the lower class. There are six volumes of this valuable information! Believe me. You can find it all her Now the stats.

Birthdays
The Book Worm - His own birthday
Joan McCowen - Her birthday
Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin - Joan's birthday

Donations
Dean Dillard
Roger and Barbara Corn

Books
Jimmie Lee Payne
Georgia Culwell

Memorials
For Dan Childress - Gene and Bettye Greenwood

For Nora Lee Golson - Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin

Extreme fire danger continues to threaten Big Country

While the Rolling Plains may not have vegetation to sustain cattle, it does have enough to fuel large wildfires—an issue that has fire officials concerned as the fire danger continues to date statewide.

Below normal rainfall coupled with over 100-degree temperatures and low relative humidity, have decreased live-plant moisture and increased the potential for fire.

"In May we were dry and hot. Then in June some areas received from seven to eight inches of rain which brought some relief but it also created a lot of fuel or plant growth," said Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator Nick Harrison. "July came in with a vengeance as we have all seen, August hasn't brought us relief either."

But a heavy fuel load is not the only concern blanketing the Rolling Plains. A lack of water is an issue as well.

"A big concern is not having ample water supplies to fight fires," said Chief Don Russom of the Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. "Many of the departments don't have local water resources and if a fire breaks, they'll have to truck it in."

Fortunately for the Rolling Plains, Harrison said residents have been using their common sense and therefore, keeping down the number of fires.

"The public has been on their guard. Because of the extreme conditions we could have easily had more fires but residents have been extra careful," stated Harrison, who is located in Abilene. But, with a high probability of ignition, he warned that residents are going to have to continue to do their part to prevent a fire disaster.

While the western United States continues to battle the largest fire season in years, agencies throughout Texas have band together to protect this state's people and their property. On a local level, Russom said that the volunteer fire departments in Taylor County are double-teaming by responding to each

other's fire calls to prevent fires from quickly spreading out of control. Statewide, agencies such as the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Army National Guard and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have joined forces with the Texas Forest Service. Agencies are providing the forest service everything from personnel to equipment.

"In the past, the Texas Forest Service has incorporated firefighting resources from out of state, but with national resources so limited because of what is happening out west, Texas agencies are pooling their resources to take care of Texas," Harrison said.

Residents can continue to protect the Rolling Plains by complying with county burn bans and where bans are not in place, by postponing all outdoor burning, Harrison said. Trash burning is the number one human cause of fires. Smokers should extinguish smoking materials in the vehicle ashtray and not out the window or on the ground.

With hunting season on the horizon, hunters should avoid driving through tall grass and only where there is little to no vegetation. Hot catalytic converters can easily start a fire.

Also, while traveling, if pulling items behind a vehicle, Harrison said to be sure that the chains are not dragging the ground.

"All it will take is a spark... it's that dry and dangerous," he said. If welding or using metal-grinding equipment out-of-doors, water down the work area or remove the dry vegetation. Harrison also recommended having a fire extinguisher readily available.

"It's a lot easier to prevent fires than it is to put them out," said Russom, who serves as president of the Big Country Fire Chiefs Association.

For more information or a list of counties currently under a burn ban, visit the Texas Interagency Coordination Center web site at <http://ticc.fws.gov>.



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Buffalo Football Update

By COACH CORD WOERNER

The Buffs completed their second scrimmage last Friday at Robert Lee. The team saw a good deal of improvement and the kids are excited. We should be getting some injured players back this week. The Buffaloes will face Santo in their

season opener Friday at their home stadium.

The Junior Varsity opens their season at home this Thursday against Jim Ned at 6:00 p.m. While the Junior High will travel to take on Santo at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at the games and supporting our athletes.



ALISA HAIL

Alisa Hail Named to Who's Who Among American H.S. Students

Alisa Hail was honored as a "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the 1999-2000 school year at Cross Plains High School.

Only 5 percent of the students from our nation's 24,000 high schools are honored in "Who's Who" each year.

Alisa is automatically eligible to compete for one of 200 scholarships of \$1,000 which will be awarded this year.

She is the daughter of Dianne Hail and the granddaughter of Noah and Bobbie Johnson all of Cross Plains.

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Charles Chesshir, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, and guest, Susan Hartman.

The meeting for budget hearing was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and it adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Richards to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

2000/2001 CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

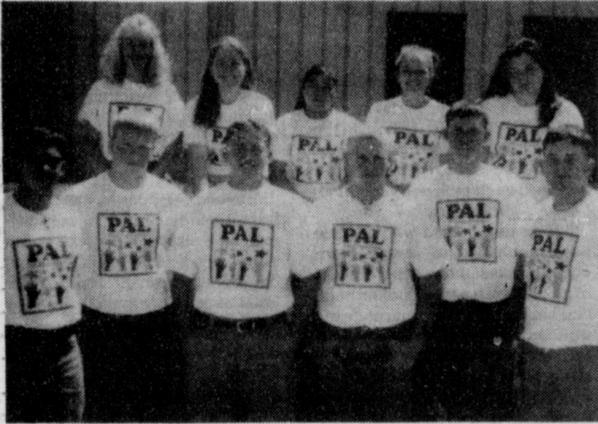
August 19	Throckmorton (Scrim)	Home	11:00am
August 24	Robert Lee (Scrim)	There	5:00
September 1	Santo	Home	7:30
September 8	Eden	There	7:30
September 15	OPEN		
September 22	Tolar	There	7:30
September 30	**Sterling City	Home	6:00
October 6	OPEN		
October 13	Santa Anna (Dist)	Home	7:30
October 20	Gorman (Dist)	There	7:30
October 27	Rising Star (Dist)	Home	7:30
November 3	May (Dist)	There	7:30
November 10	Baird (Dist)	Home	7:30
**Homecoming(Saturday)			

CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES JUNIOR VARSITY

August 31	Jim Ned	Home	6:00
September 7	Throckmorton	Home	7:30
September 14	Miles	There	7:30
September 21	Tolar	Home	7:30
September 28	Throckmorton	There	7:30
October 5	Roby	There	6:00
October 12	TBA		
October 19	Gorman	Home	7:30
October 26	Baird	There	7:30
November 2	Miles	Home	7:30

CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

August 31	Santo	There	6:00
September 7	Eden	Home	6:00
September 14	TBA		
September 21	Tolar	Home	6:00
September 28	Sterling City	TBA	6:00
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October 12	Santa Anna	There	6:00
October 19	Gorman	Home	6:00
October 26	Rising Star	There	6:00
November 2	May	Home	6:00



PALS FOR CPISD — Nick Dimitri (front, from left), Roger Carey, Seth Potter, George Mathews, Cody Reed and L.D. Whitehead; Dianne Hail, Sponsor (back, from left), Melanie Chesshir, Violeta Vasquez, Tessa Wyatt and Toni Mae Wyatt.

PALs for Cross Plains I.S.D. 2000-2001 Announced Recently

By DIANNE J. HAIL

Cross Plains I.S.D. is participating in the statewide Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) Program, in which Junior and Senior aged students are selected and trained to serve as peer helpers with younger students on our campus.

This year the PAL group will be acting as school ambassadors during the open house in September, assisting the seventh grade students in their transition from elementary

school to the junior high/high school setting, and peer tutoring students in elementary school.

Thank you to the PAL students for representing our school, being involved in school community activities, and serving as positive role models; as well as, assisting in the improvements of academic success for younger students. PALs is a means for students to develop a greater sense of ownership and responsibility in their school community.

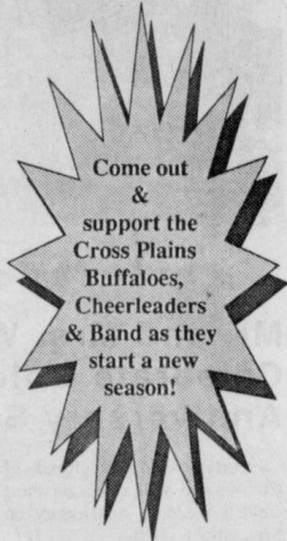
SCHOOL MENU

September 4- September 8 BREAKFAST

- MONDAY--Holiday
- TUESDAY--Oatmeal, toast, Assorted Juice
- WEDNESDAY--Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit w/Jelly, Assorted Juice
- THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
- FRIDAY--Muffins, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

- MONDAY--Holiday
- TUESDAY--Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, & Carrots, Rolls, Pears
- WEDNESDAY--Fiesta Salad, (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese, Rice, Salad) Pineapples
- THURSDAY--Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Strawberries & Bananas
- FRIDAY--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treats



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HOMECOMING 2000 September 29-30

Friday

7:30 PM Pep Rally - Football Field
Bon Fire to follow if permitted - Treadway Park

Saturday

9:00 AM Coffee & Registration High School Library
10:30 AM Business Meeting - Gym
11:30 AM Lunch in Lunchroom sponsored by the Band Boosters
1:30 PM Parade Downtown
3:00 PM Class Meetings
5:30 PM King & Queen Coronation
6:00 PM FOOTBALL GAME (Cross Plains Buffaloes vs Sterling City Eagles)
8:00 PM Coffee - Foyer of the Gym
8:00 PM Dance Treadway Park (bring your own chairs)

Sunday

9:00 AM 1st Annual Golf Scramble
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Ronnie Robinson Elected to Texas Electric Cooperatives' Board of Directors

DALLAS, TX — Ronnie Robinson, General Manager of Comanche Electric Cooperative, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (TEC), a statewide service organization for Texas '79 electric cooperatives. The election was held August 9th at TEC's 60th Annual Membership Meeting in Dallas.

"I'm honored to join the Board that will help guide co-ops into the new economy," Robinson said, "The cooperative model is a good one for this technological age. By pooling our minds and aggregating our resources, we can continue to provide our member/consumers with the superior service that they deserve."

Robinson went to work for Comanche Electric Cooperative in 1977 and became general manager in 1993. A native of DeLeon, he attended DeLeon High School and received a BBA from Tarleton State University in 1976.

Robinson is a director of the Brazos and San Miguel Electric Co-ops. He has served as president of the Comanche Chamber of Commerce and Comanche Youth Council. He is past master of Hope Masonic Lodge 481 and is a member of the Comanche Noon Lions Club.



Ronnie Robinson

Robinson is also active in the First Baptist Church of Comanche.

Robinson is very active in Texas Electric Cooperatives, having served as director or chairman of several key oversight committees.

Comanche EC, headquartered in Comanche, serves 8,200 member/consumers in the counties of Comanche, Mills, Brown, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Callahan counties.

Robinson and his wife Debbie have two children.



50 Years Ago — Wayne and Beverly Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown to Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary September 1

Beverly and Wayne Brown of Cottonwood will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 1, 2000.

50 years ago, on September 1, 1950, Beverly Irene Rapp's grandfather walked her down the aisle in St. John's Episcopal Church in San Bernardino, California. She wore a veil of chantilly lace and carried an unusual bouquet of forty

baby orchids. She and Wayne Eugene Brown drove off to a honeymoon in Huntington Beach, California to start their new life together.

The Browns moved to Cottonwood in 1966. They have one daughter, Teri, who lives in Houston. A quiet family reception is planned for a later date.

39'ers Announce Meeting Location

The 39'ers Class of Cross Plains High School have always been faithful to keep close contacts with classmates. This Homecoming 2000 they will meet at Days Inn, 515 East

Commerce Street, Brownwood. You may call (915) 646-2551 or Fax (915) 643-6064, attention Linda. Please make plans to attend the Cross Plains Homecoming and make your reservations early.

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COUNTY ROADS *by Ginny Greene*

Shall I grow corn?

It's a question I ask myself every spring. Shall I grow corn in my garden this year?

This spring, the answer was no. It was so hot and dry, we grew no garden at all. It's just as well. But I missed watching tiny sprouts turn into giant waving flags, and the taste of fresh-picked corn, and the crinkly sound of breezes playing among dried stalks at the end of the season.

The first year I planted corn was the result of faulty memory, a nostalgic desire to enjoy the memories of childhood success.

Summers, the neighborhood kids grew garden projects, taking the best samples back to school in the fall for judging. We had big gardens, because I have lots of sisters, and we'd each pick one vegetable. I always chose corn.

Our garden bulged with carrots, peas, squash, and weeds. Mom chose dahlias, and a separate plot of ground. Hers always looked huge and healthy. The blooms made me wonder, though, if earwig eggs are bred in dahlia seeds.

That first time with a shovel as an adult, I figured out it must have been Dad who prepared the soil, because I didn't remember that part at all. We sisters must have simply dropped seed into the ground and covered it up.

My solo corn crop rose up out of the ground healthy and tall and green. Harvest time came. The corn was at its peak. We said we'd pick it the next day, and went to bed with visions of heavy bushels, and buttered corn on our plates next evening.

I guess the horses next door had the same idea. Overnight, they broke out of their field, trampled the entire garden, and ate at least part of every ear of corn.

Other years I've said yes to the

question, my corn fell to infestations of slugs or worms, or attacks by birds that peck out the top of each ear and leave the rest to us.

One rain-drenched year, not a single plant sprouted. After a few weeks, I dug up the rows and found rotten kernels. Someone said I should have checked with the moon first.

Another year turned out to be an interesting experiment in planting by the moon. It was an accident. I ran out of time after planting half the seeds, and didn't plant the rest until two Saturdays later. The first planting came up in pale comparison to the second. The later corn sprouted first, grew thicker, wider, greener fronds, and yielded bigger, sweeter ears. We were happy enough to end up with a bountiful half crop.

I opened the door to the cool of the morning one day in late summer and discovered I wasn't the only one who had trouble getting corn to harvest time. Carried on the quiet air of an early hour was my neighbor's voice. Across the field I heard, "Oh, isn't this just fine!" She spit out the phrase, over and over, and then I saw her, hands on hips, berating her cows for their poor manners and gluttony. She chased them out of the fenced garden with a broom, but not a single upright stalk remained.

She sounded so ladylike, dealing with that disaster. I'd have to blush if it were my voice floating all over the neighborhood.

As much as I love corn, I remind myself every year that I'm probably best off sticking to radishes. At the most, I'm only 25 days away from crop failure, and still have a second chance.

Or maybe I should switch to dahlias. I haven't seen any earwigs at all on our County Road.

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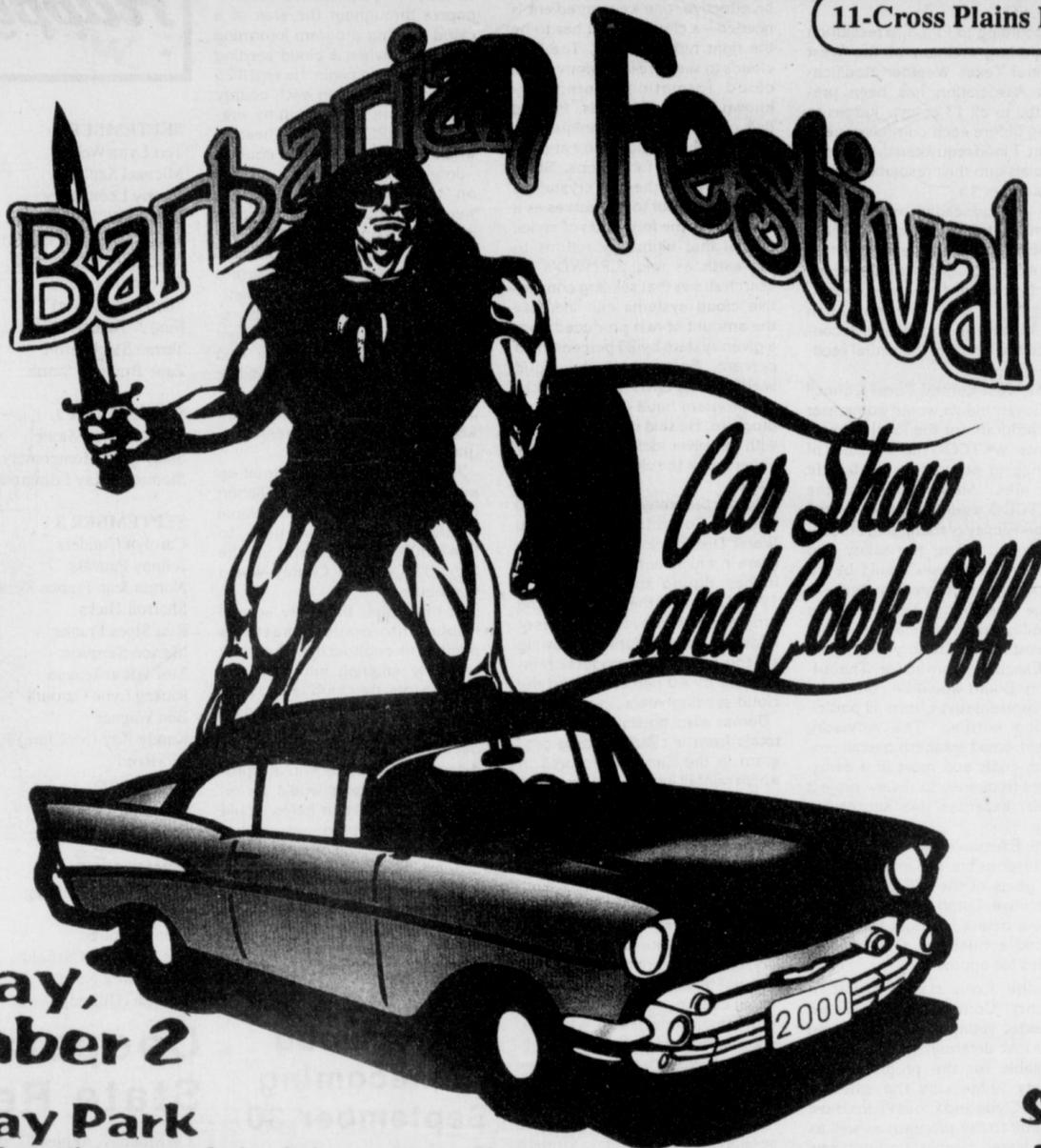
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Callahan County Residents Show Interest in Cloud Seeding Steps

A group of some 50 interested Callahan County residents heard a presentation of forming a cloud seeding association for some 19 Big Country counties, including Callahan County.

Presentations were made during a public meeting Monday, August 21 at the 42nd District Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird. Callahan County Judge Roger Corn made the welcome and introduced George Bomar, a senior meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, who presented the cloud seeding information. Jason Johnson, an extension economist with the Texas Extension Service, presented a program on the economic impact rainfall provides the county and John Flood, representing West Texas Utilities Company, a subsidiary of American Electric Power, presented the cost allocation proposal for such a cloud seeding program.

According to Flood, forming the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association would cost \$1,194,143 to operate each year. That translates into approximately .11 cents per acre to cloud seed some 10,849,529 acres including the counties of Kent, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Coke, Fisher, Knox, Haskell, Coleman, Stephens, Runnels, Callahan, Comanche, Nolan, Jones, Eastland, Scurry, Brown and Taylor. The TNRCC would reimburse the weather modification association \$488,000 leaving a total cost to the 19-county participants of \$706,000. Program costs were based upon a formula of a county's population, county acreage and county retail sales to determine a total cost on a county basis.

Under the proposal, Callahan County would pay \$25,931, or \$2.00 per person based on the county's population, yearly into the association.

In the cost allocation proposal, Taylor County would fund \$243,658 of the cost of the program, while Brown County would pay \$72,073 annually into the association. Scurry County would pay \$34,540, Eastland County \$38,071, Jones County \$39,222, Nolan County \$34,571, Comanche County \$32,125, Callahan County \$25,931, Runnels County \$27,706, Stephens County \$23,965, Coleman County \$26,438, Haskell County \$19,207, Knox County \$14,819, Fisher County \$14,407, Coke County \$12,476, Shackelford County \$13,565, Throckmorton

County \$11,216, Stonewall County \$11,493 and Kent County \$10,433.

According to Flood, a resolution supporting creation of the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association has been presented to all 13 county judges to bring before each commissioner's court. Flood requested that county officials turn their resolutions in by September 15.

If the cloud seeding association is formed, the association would contract under an interlocal agreement for a program to operate for a minimum of four years, beginning May 1, 2001. The association would hire an independent contractor to conduct the actual seeding of clouds.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments would administer the program for the local governments. WCTCOG has a history of managing programs that benefit our area. An employee of the WCTCOG would be assigned the responsibility of managing the program and his or her salary and approved expenses would be included in the program budget.

The West Central Texas Weather Modification Association would consist of an Advisory Board and an Executive Committee. The Advisory Board would be composed of representatives from all participating entities. The Advisory Board would establish overall program goals and meet at a designated frequency to review project goals, expenses and success to date.

The Executive Committee would be responsible for implementing the goals of the WCTWMA. The Executive Committee would prepare a detailed budget to be presented annually to the Advisory Board for approval.

Judge Corn stated Callahan County Commissioners would consider voting on the resolution after first determining if funds are available for the program. The county judge said the cities of Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains must commit to the program as well as any water supply corporations such as the Eula and Callahan County Water Supply Corporation.

Bomar spoke to those present about cloud seeding in Texas. Currently there are some nine cloud seeding programs in the state covering 44 million acres (one-third of the state), mostly in west and south Texas. In this area, the Colorado River Municipal District, based in Big Spring, operates the state's longest-running cloud seeding program, now in its 29th

year of operation.

Bomar said for cloud seeding to be effective, one key ingredient is needed—a cloud. And it has to be the right type of cloud. The best clouds to seed are large convective cloud formations commonly known as thunderheads. Present day cloud seeding techniques introduce silver iodide into carefully selected cloud formations. Silver iodide, which has a crystalline structure similar to ice, serves as a nucleus for the formation of an ice crystal that ultimately returns to the earth as rain. CRMWD's research shows that seeding increases the amount of rain produced from a given system by 25 percent to 35 percent. Bomar said the cloud seeding program is not a rain making program but a rain enhancing program. He said planes equipped with the silver iodide flares can fly either below the cloud or above the cloud.

Bomar presented research based upon the Colorado River Municipal Water District cloud seeding program in which rainfall increased 36 inches during the 1970's and 1980's. He said the cloud seeding program adds two to four inches of additional rainfall during a growing season and cotton production increased by 40 percent during the cloud seeding years.

Bomar also presented research totals from a cloud seeding program in the San Angelo area in which rainfall increased 17 percent using the above cloud seeding method.

Bomar explained how a raindrop is formed. He said a cloud which can be seeded can be recognized through a radar system. The cloud must be high above the freeze line to form snowflakes. Bomar said ice crystals and vapor droplets, which can not be seen by the naked eye, begin colliding and within minutes form small snowflakes. When the snowflake gets larger it begins falling and melts into a raindrop below the freeze line of a cloud and onto the ground.

He said a recent State Legislative session approved funding through the TNRCC for the state to match dollar for dollar, up to nine cents per acre, to the nine cloud seeding projects in Texas. Bomar said there is now funds available for one additional cloud seeding association if the West Texas Weather Modification Association is approved.

Bomar reiterated if the TNRCC sees evidence that cloud seeding is destructive to property and the environment, the TNRCC would not issue a permit to cloud seeding. He said no such evidence now exists. Bomar said no cloud seeding would take place during any severe weather. He said cloud seeding could take place day or night and some four airplanes would probably be placed at specific areas around the 19-county area to implement the cloud seeding project.

Bomar also said the cloud seeding can cut down on the occurrence of hail occurring in a cloud seeded by silver iodide.

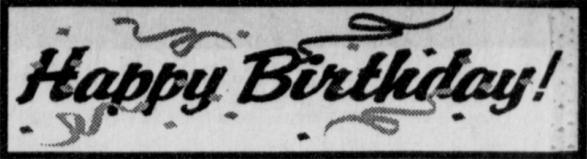
He said if a county receives too much rainfall during a cloud seeding program, the association would be allowed to suspend cloud seeding in that county for a period of time. Bomar said one-fourth of a county could be marked off for suspending cloud seeding. He said a certain farm could not be suspended from cloud seeding.

The TNRCC official said a public notice must be published in newspapers throughout the area of a cloud seeding program informing the people when a cloud seeding program would begin. He said if 25 or more residents in each county request more information by writing the TNRCC a public hearing would then be held in that county.

Johnson spoke to the audience on the economic programs a weather modification program would have on increased agricultural production. Johnson also said a cloud seeding program would enhance landscape appearance, increase reservoir levels, replenish an aquifer, recreational benefits include increased and higher quality of forage for wildlife and increased lake and river levels. Johnson also said a program would help with fire suppression of grasslands.

Johnson estimated the total ag production benefits to Callahan County from one inch of additional rainfall would amount to \$540,000, 3.7 percent of the \$25,931 Callahan County would contribute.

At this point, there are several public information meetings planned throughout the 19-county area. By entering into interlocal agreements, the cloud seeding target area will be defined, funding formula for the counties approving the interlocal agreement would be determined and selection of a program administrator would be required. Other action items would include developing association bylaws, developing operating procedures, elect or appoint an Executive Committee, select a base of operations, development request for proposal for contractor bids and prepare the TNRCC permit application would be required.



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Cooperatives Honored State Representatives

On Monday, August 21, the Texas Rural Electric Coalition held an appreciation luncheon in San Angelo for State Representatives David Counts, Pete Gallego, Robert Junell, Tracy King, and Bob Turner. Over 100 people attended the luncheon. The State Representatives were honored for their hard work and continued support for rural Texas and the rural Texas lifestyle.

An Appreciation Award was given to each State Representative by the electric cooperatives in their legislative district. In making the presentation, all of the electric cooperatives noted their appreciation for the continued interest of these legislators in lower

electric costs for their cooperatives' members.

The Texas Rural Electric Coalition is composed of 16 Rural Electric Cooperatives. The Coalition, as a group, operates and maintains approximately 67,145 miles of line and 151,675 meters in rural Texas. Members of the Coalition are: Big Country Electric, Coleman County Electric, Comanche Electric, Concho Valley, Dewitt Electric, Gate City Electric, Greenbelt Electric, Karnes Electric, Lighthouse Electric, Medina Electric, North Plains Electric, Rio Grande Electric, Southwest Rural Electric, Southwest Texas Electric, Swisher Electric, and Taylor Electric.

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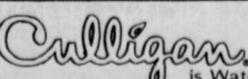
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