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EDITOR'S NOTE: Bud Dillard wrote the following story. You'll love this one. It brought back memories of coon hunts I went on with my Dad and a great uncle Otis Raughton. Read and enjoy!!!! Vanda Anderson Creech

"The Coon Hunt"

By Bud Dillard

Back in the days of my youth, I was considered to be an expert outdoorsman and top-notch hunter by the locals around my hometown.

I grew up in Cross Plains, an area of Central Texas with a fair population of whitetail deer and varmints that abounded on the many creeks and along the Pecan Bayou. Raccoons, possums, rabbits and squirrels were the bulk of my efforts afield, but occasionally my hunting prowess rewarded me with a bobcat or fox which boosted my confidence as a master hunter.

Thinking back, I may have been the only local who considered myself an expert outdoorsman, but only because my adventures were never published in our weekly paper. I guess most of my outdoor excursions were overlooked by the area folks until I had done something terrible, like shooting out a window of some farmer's barn while plinking at a bird. At times my name was spoken all over town in less than honorable fashion.

My dad gave me my first .22 when I was ten years old. It was a single shot Remington with which I harassed many small game animals. I would spend hours alone in the woods around town, hunting for any game that offered a shot. In those days I could hunt almost anywhere without worry of being run off. Things have changed a great deal since then.

In 1968, my good friend, Tom Merryman, purchased a black and tan coon hound of somewhat dubious character. Well, he was supposed to be a coon hound, but he was more of an anything that moved in the brush hound. His name was Sam and he was renowned "coon in the barrel" hound.

A few days after Tom brought Sam home, he invited my little brother, Witsy, and me to accompany them on the trial hunt. We were excited to be going along as we headed to Turkey Creek in Tom's retired telephone company pickup. We chased varmints all over the country that night. That was all it took! My brother and I were hooked on coon hunting.

We plowed into coon hunting headlong, buying several of the finest hounds in the area. Some weren't near as fine as they were represented to be at purchase time, but if they would trail and tree a varmint, we were happy. Tom eventually got rid of Sam because he fought the other dogs.

Tom, Witsy and I figured we had us a fine pack of hunting dogs for three teenage hound men. We caught a barn full of varmints during our coon hunting period, but on recollection, we spent a big part of our hunting hours whipping our coon hounds for chasing skunks and deer.

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Ethel Sims to Celebrate "97 Good Years" Saturday, January 12

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

Ethel Sims, long time resident of Cross Plains, will be celebrating her 97th birthday on Saturday, January 12, at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham. This will be a come and go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives are cordially invited. Your presence is the only gift requested.

Ethel was born January 9, 1905, in Llano County, Texas to Jim and Lena Starnater. She and her sister, Velma Winchester of Andrews, are the only siblings remaining. Two sisters, Effie Warren and Ellen Sherrill, and a brother, Lavon "Brother" Starnater, are deceased.

Having attended school in Ballinger, her family moved to Abilene so she could attend Draughn's Business School.

Following the completion of business school she moved to Cross Plains in 1925, where she was employed by Paul Harrell, Attorney at Law. When the Depression arrived, she moved back to Abilene with her parents for four years. She remarked about how traumatic this was for the economy and every individual. She noted that many banks and businesses were closed completely during this time. Of all the historical events Ethel has lived through, the Depression was the most outstanding. The shortage of food items, employment, etc. is never forgotten by those who experienced it. "I've lived through a lot of calamities," she remarked.

In 1937 she moved back to Cross Plains and began her career at the Citizens State Bank. She remembers fondly the years working with the late Fred Tunnell. Ethel retired in 1976 after 39 years of service.

She married Clyde Sims on June 12, 1929, and he passed away in 1962. Clyde was the one who gave her the name "Miss Ethel". She explained, "It just spread like wild fire. Everyone continued to call me that years after I married." Miss Ethel remarked, "I have had a grand life and I have always enjoyed living in this community." She told me about Clyde operating a drug store in downtown Cross Plains and later a grocery store on North Main Street (the same location as the former Buy-Rite). She said the high school kids loved to come to the grocery store and drink sodas, visit, and smoke cigarettes. Ethel would work at the bank all day, then go to the grocery store and stay with Clyde until he closed, sometimes as late as 10 or 11 p.m.



ETHEL SIMS

They had a good life together.

Following her retirement she traveled extensively in the United States, including a tour of Europe. Her good friend and neighbor, the late Maurine McCuin, accompanied her to Europe where they had a wonderful time. She recalled while having lunch in France some U.S. soldiers stationed there visited with them and were so glad to see someone from home. Everywhere they traveled their Texas accent attracted lots of attention.

Ethel contributes her long life to having been employed for many years and working in the public. She remarked, "I have always lived a clean life. I never smoked cigarettes and I attended church (the Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains) every Sunday when I was able. I had to stop when I couldn't climb the stairs to the sanctuary."

"Friends have come and gone, like Sybil Worthy, Suzie Smith and Maurine McCuin. You just keep going and find new friends as time moves along. I have no regrets, except for the passing of my husband," she continued.

Miss Ethel is an amazing person and I know her great attitude has sustained her. She continues to live at her home with little assistance. She enjoys those who come by for visits. Jay McCuin, Maurine's son, always drops by when he is in town and checks on her. "He has been in and out of my house all of his life," she noted. Rolan Jones calls her every morning at 9 a.m. just to be sure she is okay. She appreciates his concern.

She sits in her chair and watches the traffic out her window to help pass the time. It is unbelievable to her that she is now 97 years old. She hopes to remain independent, but never intends to leave the hometown she loves.

Happy Birthday Miss Ethel, you are a rare treasure!!!!

Project Pride Membership Drive in Progress

JUST SAY YES to renewing or becoming a member of Project Pride for the year 2002. Annual dues are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. Donations are also cheerfully accepted.

Meetings are held each second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

During the past twelve years, since its beginning, Project Pride has participated in, or sponsored, numerous community endeavors. By-Laws state that membership is open to all persons who are interested in documenting the history of the Cross Plains community.

Project Pride recently purchased property just south of the pavilion on West Highway 36.

This will greatly enhance future development opportunities, perhaps an expanded museum or more off-street parking space. Project Pride owns and maintains the Robert E. Howard Home, that is open for tours by appointment. In June each year during a two-day event, Cross Plains hosts Howard enthusiasts from all over the world. The pavilion is available, with permission, for use by the public.

Project Pride depends on community support. Funds are not received from the county, city, etc. You may mail your dues to Project Pride, P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, or stop by the Tax Office in the Justice of the Peace building and Betty Lewis, membership chairman, will be happy to accept them.

C.P. Art Club Meeting January 17

The Paint and Palette Club will meet Thursday, January 17, at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Ted Shelton, an accomplished artist from Brownwood Art Association, will demonstrate a painting using his own particular technique.

Visitors are welcome. Thirteen people attended the last meeting in November. The club will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month thru May.



MELINDA RICE

Local Book Review Tuesday, January 15

You will remember January 15, 2002. That's the evening that Melinda Rice of Arlington is coming to the Cross Plains Community Center as the Cross Plains Public Library begins a new series in book reviews.

Midwest Book Review writes "The unique and historical accurate Lone Star Heroines trilogy by Melinda Rice brings real events in Texas History to life..." Also, the series is highly recommended for young readers, who will find the bibliography excellent for further study, especially of Texas history.

In her trilogy the setting for Fire on the Roof is Fredericksburg, Texas in 1847. Katherine Hoffman, a 13-year-old girl, is trying to adjust to a new home and the mysterious fires erupting there while the rest of the town struggles with peace talks with the Comanche Indians.

Secrets in the Sky is set in Sweetwater, Texas in 1943. One of Bethany Parker's new friends from the Women's Service Pilots dies during a training flight, and Bethany tries to prove that a Nazi spy caused the mysterious crash.

The third of the series, Messenger on the Battlefield, centers around Isabelina Montoya in 1835, when her older sister is to

marry a Mexican soldier. But trouble causes difficulties when Texas goes to war with Mexico. Both factors are strong--Mexican heritage and the new homeland. These are books that can bring parent and child together with interesting reading for both.

Another outstanding publication by Rice is Lone Star Ladies: A Travel Guide to Women's History in Texas. It includes biographies of more than 50 women and guides to more than 90 places to visit, plus a list of suggested itineraries. This book will be an asset when out-of-state friends visit and need help in meandering through Texas.

She is working on the 4th series, "Marooned on the Pirate Coast", about a young girl ship wrecked on the Texas coast. She is rescued by Jean La Fitte. While looking for her family, she tries to keep Jean from finding her secret.

Hopefully, all of these books will be available at the book review. Mark your calendars. The Cross Plains Public Library presents these outstanding authors at no cost to the audience. Bring your children who are old enough to read. Refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Billie Loving

Love Fund Established for Arvil Gartman

A Love Fund has been opened for Arvil Gartman of Cross Plains at the Texas Heritage Bank. Arvil is currently hospitalized in Big Spring suffering from a heart

condition. Donations will be appreciated by Arvil and his wife to defray medical expenses. Your prayers on his behalf are also requested.

Verlin Colvin Arrowood's Services Set For Thursday, January 10

Mrs. Verlin Colvin Arrowood, 92, of Cross Plains passed from this life on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at Songbird Lodge in Brownwood, Texas.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating, assisted by John Swift. Burial will be in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

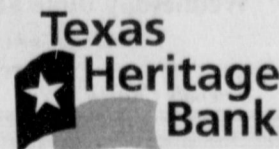
Verlin was born October 7, 1909, in Burkett, Texas to Tom and Lizzie Kline Colvin. She married Roy Arrowood in Burkett, Texas on September 8, 1927. After her husband's death in 1970, she continued to operate the oil production company they formed in the early 1940's. Mrs. Arrowood was an accomplished artist and enjoyed collecting antiques. She was an active member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Ada Colvin Wilder. She is survived by her daughter, Roylene Arrowood Wilson of Cross Plains; three grandsons, Donald Leslie Wilson of Baird, Richard Neal Wilson of Ruidosa, New Mexico and James Roy Wilson of Cross Plains; and a great-granddaughter, Allison Wilson. Pallbearers are D.T. Crockett, Larry Crockett, Cliff Kirkham, Albert Kincheloe, Bobby Jack

McCowen, James O. Koeing and Jerry Tyler.

Honorary pallbearers are Jack Scott, Troy Crockett, Harold Garrett, Roy Stambaugh, Anse Barr, J.W. Fore, Homer Simons, Dick Koenig, Dale Mitchell and Jim Cotter.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Cross Plains E.M.S., P.O. Box 597, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or the donor's favorite charity.



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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for March 12, 2002.

For Callahan County Clerk
Jeanie Bohannon

For Callahan County Judge
Roger Corn

Political advertisement paid by Jeanie Bohannon, 601 West 3rd, Baird, Texas 79504.
Political advertisement paid by Roger Corn, 520 Poplar, Baird, Texas 79504.
All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

OBITUARY

Emil Ringhoffer, Jr.

Emil Ringhoffer, Jr., 75, of Baird, went to be with his Lord Saturday, January 5, 2002, at 1:43 p.m. in Hendrick Medical Hospital Hospice Wing in Abilene, Texas after a lengthy illness.

He was born September 19, 1926, in Tom Green County to Emil and Clevia Moore Ringhoffer. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He ran the Humble Service Station in Baird from 1953 to 1960. In 1960 he became the Texaco Wholesale Distributor in Baird until retiring in 1988. He will be remembered for the BIG RED truck he drove all over Callahan County.

He married the love of his life, Jane Bailey, in Scranton, Texas on August 17, 1950. He was a long time member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Baird. He also belonged to the Baird Volunteer Fire Department, Baird Lion's Club and Baird Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jane; one son, Robert Ringhoffer and wife, Donna of Baird; two daughters, Vickie Simpson and husband, Wayne of San Angelo, and Beth Lehmann and husband, Brad of Bronte; one brother and sister-in-law, A.H. and Jo Ann Ringhoffer of Cross Plains; and seven grandchildren, Candace and Michael Simpson, Stormy White, Sasha, Timothy, Courtney and Corey Ringhoffer; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 7, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Baird with the Rev. Eric Lovell and Rev. Chad King officiating. Burial will follow in the Ross Cemetery Annex under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Hendricks Medical Center Hospice Wing or your favorite charity.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Mary J. York, possession of marijuana.
Vicente A. Rodarte, Jr., possession of marijuana.
Edward T. Walker, possession of marijuana.
Karla D. Mathis, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Micah V. Putnam, possession of marijuana.
Phillip C. Fuller, possession of marijuana.
Leah T. Bailey, DWI.
Paul C. Dunn, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

James Edgar, motion to revoke probation granted.
Walter Kitchens, order extending probation granted.
Jimmy Atkinson, order extending probation granted.
Jerry Olinger, order extending probation granted.
Crissy Roberson, order discharging defendant from misdemeanor probation granted.
Jeremy L. Sternadel, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
James Edgar, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$109.06 restitution.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Lia Dorman Adams and Lee E. Adams, divorce.
Mark Joseph Baidas and Teresa Kay Baidas, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Kimberly Kay Hughes and Donald Hughes, divorce granted.
Melissa Ann Scaramuzzo and Jarrod John Scaramuzzo, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Erin E. Hall, criminally negligent homicide.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Adella G. Cardenas, DWI.

Criminal Minutes

Brandon Bruton, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Adella G. Cardenas, plea of guilty to DWI, 5 year probation, \$500 fine, \$231 court costs.
Colby W. Kelly, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 3 years probation, \$1000 fine, \$260.25 court costs, \$93.84 restitution.

Roping Club Meeting Monday

The Cross Plains Roping Club is holding an emergency meeting Monday, January 14, at 7 p.m. at Jack's Place. All members are urged to attend.

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Guest Speaker-

Two Seek Eula Commissioner Position

Callahan County Democratic Chairman Jon E. Hardwick reported two places—that of Eula County Commissioner Precinct #2 and Baird Justice of the Peace Precinct #3—will be contested this year in the Democratic Primary Election slated for Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

The most recent candidate filing before the January 2, 2002 deadline was John "Brandy" Windham for the County Commissioner Precinct #2. Windham, 32, filed for the Eula County Commissioner Precinct on December 31. Windham, who currently serves as a deputy sheriff in Callahan County, has resided in the state 32 years and in Callahan County nine years. Windham lists an address of 19225 FM 604 South, Clyde.

Also filing for the position is Bryan Farmer, who is the incumbent Callahan County Commissioner for Precinct #2. Farmer, 45, lists an address of 9312 FM 603 Clyde.

The Commissioner Precinct #2 boundaries include the southwest portion of Clyde and the communities of Eula, Denton Valley and Oplin.

The other contested Democratic Primary Election race is that of the Baird Justice of the Peace Precinct #3. Hardwick stated Baird JP incumbent Don Burns, along with Steve Odom and Jeraldeen Brumbaugh have all filed for the Baird JP precinct which includes the County voters in Precincts of #3 (Baird) and Precinct #5 (Clyde).

Burns, 57, lists an address of 508 Thelma in Baird. Odom, 53, lists his address at 1309 Sunset Drive in Baird. Brumbaugh, 54, lists an address of 240 West 4th in Baird.

Other Democratic Party candidate filings included: Eston Shelnutt filed for re-election as the Clyde Justice of the Peace Precinct #1. Shelnutt, 76, lists an address of 504 South 3rd Street in Clyde.

Charlie Grider of Cross Plains, Callahan County Commissioner for Precinct #4, filed for re-election. Grider, 63, resides at 424 Northeast 9th Street in Cross Plains.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn filed for re-election as County Judge. Corn, 61, lists an address of 532 Poplar in Baird.

Sharon Owens of Clyde, filed for re-election as the 42nd District Court Clerk. Owens, 52, lists an address of 6218 County Road 252, Clyde.

Jeanie Bohannon filed for re-election to the position of Callahan County Clerk, Bohannon, 58, lists her address as 601 West 3rd, Baird.

Dianne Alexander filed for re-election to the position of Callahan County Treasurer. Alexander, 51, lists her address as 516 Thelma in Baird.

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Texas' No-Call List

Many people also get unsolicited faxes. Several years ago "junk faxers" began calling one man's home in the middle of the night - even though he didn't have a fax machine. Over and over the phone would ring, with only the screech of a fax machine at the other end.

Unsolicited faxes are prohibited by a federal law called the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. In addition, Texas HB 472, which takes effect January 1, 2002, contains further protections against fax advertisement sent within the State.

Under HB 472, fax solicitations sent in Texas must include the complete name and street address of the person or business sending the fax. The fax must also include a toll-free or local phone number where the recipient can call during business hours to be removed from the solicitation list.

Once someone asks to have his or her fax number removed, the person who sent the solicitation has 24 hours to send him or her a letter or fax acknowledging that request. After that, that person may not send other messages to that fax machine.

If a telemarketer keeps calling or sending faxes after the person has signed up for the no-call list, then he or she may file a complaint against the telemarketer or the sender of the faxed solicitation. Call the Attorney General's consumer protection hotline toll-free inside Texas at (800) 621-0508 to request a complaint form.

A consumer can also file a complaint online by visiting the consumer protection section of the Attorney General's Web site, at www.oag.state.tx.us. If the complaint involves a provider of long distance phone services, the consumer may want to contact the PUC first.

There is good news for those who get a lot of phone calls from salespersons asking them to change their long distance service or open new credit card accounts. Soon, there will be a way to stop such calls. The 2001 Texas Legislature passed HB 472, which provides several important protections for consumers. The law takes effect January 1, 2002.

One of these protections is the Texas no-call list. This list, maintained by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), will contain names, addresses, and phone numbers of people who do not want to be contacted by telemarketing firms. Beginning in January 2002, anyone can contact the PUC directly to add his or her name and phone number to the list, which will be updated every three months. The PUC may charge a fee of up to three dollars for each telephone number included. Listings will automatically expire after three years, but can be renewed at any time.

After a person's name has been on the no-call list for 60 days, telemarketing firms are generally prohibited from calling that person. However, there are some exceptions that allow certain telemarketing firms to call a person even if his name is on the no-call list. The no-call provisions do not apply to opinion polls, calls on behalf of nonprofit organizations, and calls requesting political support, as long as no attempt is made to sell something to the person who answers the phone.

The no-call provisions also do not apply to the companies with which the person who has the phone number had a business relationship in the past 12 months. However, if the person receives a telephone solicitation from someone covered by one of the exceptions, he or she can then ask that telemarketer to put his or her name on that company's no-call list.

For more information on the no-call list, after January 1, contact the PUC at (888) 782-8477 (936-7150 in Austin) or visit its Web site at www.puc.state.tx.us.

Senior Citizens Dance at De Leon

There will be a Senior Citizens Dance on Saturday, January 12, at De Leon City Hall beginning at 7 p.m. traditional country and western music provided by "The Country Gold Band". Admission will be charged.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



Varsity Girls Basketball

On Monday, December 31, the Lady Buffs traveled to Lingleville and won by the score of 46 to 43. This was a big win for us because Lingleville had defeated us earlier in the season at the Blanket Tournament by 14 points. This was a big confidence booster for the girls.

The game was close throughout the contest, except for a 9-0 run by Lingleville in the 3rd quarter. The Lady Buffs continued to fight back the remainder of the game and tied the score with a minute to play on Judith Hartman's jump shot on the left wing. After 2 big defensive stands, Candice hit a 3 at the buzzer from the top of the key to win the game.

Scoring were Bailey 23, Dillard 13, Hartman 7 and Winfrey 3.

On Friday, January 4th, the Lady Buffs began District 10 play vs Ranger with a win of 47 to 34 here at home.

The girls jumped out to a 20 to 8 lead after the 1st quarter and led 29 to 12 at halftime. The girls shot the ball well early in the game to build the lead. They won the 3rd quarter and going into the 4th they led 42 to 25.

The ladies got conservative in the 4th quarter, but that's easy to do when you have a big lead and there is no pressure on the parameter. They coasted to the finish to begin district play with a win.

Scoring leaders were Bailey 22, Richards 10, Dillard 6, Hartman 5 and Winfrey 4.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender



J.H. Girls Basketball

Thursday January 3, 2002 the Junior High teams traveled to Baird for the first game after the Christmas Holidays.

"B" Team—the 1st quarter started out cold for these girls CP 2-Baird 5. The girls showed a better 2nd quarter using a defensive press and making more shots CP 10 - Baird 7. The next to quarter the girls played a more aggressive defense and also keeping Baird scoreless. Final Score: CP 23-Baird 7. Team scorers : Carpenter 2, Avants 2, Douglass 4, Randolph 7, and Scott 8 with help from Miliam, Libey, and

May. There record is 2-6 overall and a District record of 3-1.

"A" Team—The girls attacked Baird from the tip off. Very aggressive defense causing turnovers from Baird.

Quarters	CP	Baird
1st	9	2
2nd	20	8
3rd	28	12
Final Score	35	16

Team scorers: Adams 2, Hutchins 2, Bacon 5, Vasquez 11, and Norris 15 with help from Phillips, Isbell, and Hutton. Team record is 5-2 overall with a District record of 4-0.

J.V. Basketball Action Told

The Junior Varsity girls hosted Ranger on Friday, January 4th, to begin District 10 play. The girls fared pretty good after the long layoff during the holidays, defeating Ranger 33 to 20 to open district play 1-0.

It was a slow paced game with the halftime score 16 to 10 in our favor. The 3rd quarter was close, but the girls pulled away in the 4th out-scoring Ranger 8 to 2.

The ladies were 5 of 10 from the free throw line and hit 14 shots in close to the basket.

Scoring leaders were Clark 10, Wooten 8, Edington 6, Rivard 4, Ross 2, Phillips 2 and Bennett 1.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

District 12-A Academic All-District Told

Three young men representing Cross Plains High School were named District 12-A Academic All-District in football.

Josh Hopkins, a wide receiver/line backer for the Buffaloes, was one of the elite. Hopkins is a Senior and the son of Hoppy and Tricia Hopkins.

Chris Sliger, offensive tackle/defensive tackle, was also recognized. Sliger is a Junior and the son of David and Lenell Sliger.

Jose Mauricio, running back/line backer, also earned the honor. Mauricio is a Sophomore and the son of Lucino and Estela Mauricio.



SANTA CLAUS EVEN VISITED THE 2002 SENIORS AT SCHOOL.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show Soon

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 24th through Saturday, January 26th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 24th, at 5:30 p.m., with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles of Cross Plains is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Danny Parker as Vice President, and Johnny Adkins as Treasurer. Superintendents for this year are:

Beef Cattle-Eddie Riley, Jimmy Seider, Johnny Lee and Richey Crow; Market Lambs-Charlie Palmer and Nancy Palmer; Market Swine-Jackie Tennison; Poultry & Rabbits-Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire; Meat & Dairy Goats-Steven Mitchell, Lesa Harris and Toby Reeves.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, January 24th, with Scott Anderson of Brownwood doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m., on the 24th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, January 25th,

with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Gary Houser of Roysie City will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m., on Friday, January 25th, Justin Jonas of San Angelo will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Show.

On the afternoon of the 25th from 1:00-4:00 p.m., all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get underway at 8:30 a.m., on Saturday morning, January 26th, with the Heifer Show to be judged by Jake Fite of Burkburnett. Mr. Fite will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Dick Vestal, Greg Gerngross, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School Principal, Elementary Principal, and guests, Ron Bagley, Susan Hartman, and Cameron Gulley.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that we accept the 2000-2001 audit as presented by Cameron Gulley, CPA. For 7 Against 0

Minutes were approved as read. Tony Wyatt had to leave at 6:37 p.m.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Richards that we accept TAPS Property and Liability Fund Insurance proposal with an auto liability added and delete crime insurance. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Cook that Keali Eppard be accepted for the Early Graduation Program (3-year). For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress

and seconded by Schaefer that we accept the H.B. 1130 Educational Aide Exemption Program. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Childress that we continue to use WTU as our electric service provider. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by V. Dillard that we accept the settlement agreement from CSS, Inc. with changes noted. For 6 Against 0

Executive session for personnel began at 7:30 p.m. and was out at 8:04 p.m.

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Richards that we accept the resignation of Teresa Koenig and Judith Crockett. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Schaefer that we hire Marinda Hood as an elementary teacher to complete the 2001-2002 school year at base pay. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Cook that we move Natasha Tennison from part-time custodian to educational aide. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by V. Dillard that we adjourn.

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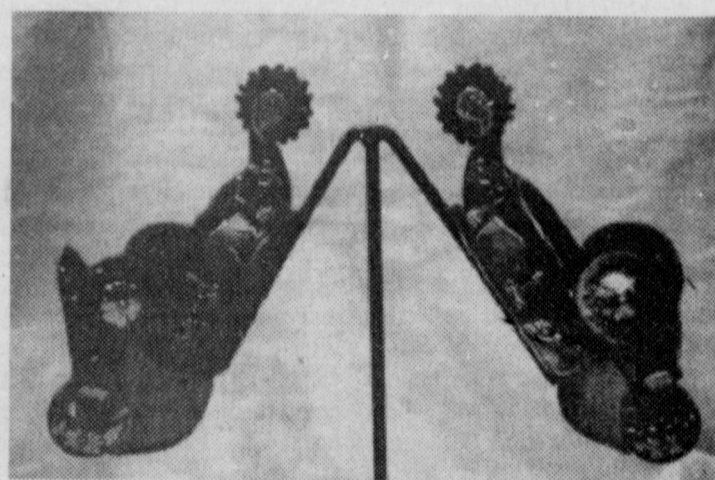
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 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000
REVENUES:					
Local and Intermediate Sources:					
Investment Income	\$ 22,396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,396	\$ 21,560
Other Local and Intermediate Sources	686,813	38,385	29,941	755,139	745,109
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	709,209	38,385	29,941	777,535	766,669
5800 State Program Revenues	1,979,391	93,707	58,587	2,131,685	2,242,299
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	217,020	-	217,020	226,635
5020 Total Revenues	2,688,600	349,112	88,528	3,126,240	3,235,603
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,681,200	217,105	-	1,898,305	1,977,392
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	165,298	-	-	165,298	161,144
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	295,560	126,718	-	422,278	428,604
0040 Administrative Support Services	210,627	802	-	211,429	197,529
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	296,256	270	-	296,526	266,538
0070 Debt Service	26,726	-	92,705	119,431	92,404
0080 Capital Outlay	50,000	-	-	50,000	199,192
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	52,823	-	-	52,823	49,002
6030 Total Expenditures	2,778,490	344,895	92,705	3,216,090	3,371,805
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(89,890)	4,217	(4,177)	(89,850)	(136,202)
7020 Other Resources	4,217	-	-	4,217	202,355
8030 Other (Uses)	-	(4,217)	-	(4,217)	(3,297)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(85,673)	-	(4,177)	(89,850)	62,856
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	583,076	-	19,921	602,997	540,141
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	1,306	-	-	1,306	-
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 498,709	\$ -	\$ 15,744	\$ 514,453	\$ 602,997



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BOB HUEBNER
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Broken, already...

For the new year, I resolved to try again to be a new person - a kinder, gentler Ginny - a more forgiving, more generous, more grateful Ginny. A thinner and more organized Ginny. Much more organized. And with a better memory.

MyKeeper thinks this is a dandy idea. He's all for self-improvement. Especially mine.

I got a pretty good running start on some behavior changes. All but two Christmas gifts were mailed BEFORE Christmas, and there's only one still left sitting on the desk to be wrapped. Maybe I'll get it mailed by February. That would be a first.

While in the throes of Christmas shopping frenzy, I bought a box of Thank You cards, pleased with myself for thinking so far ahead.

Most of Christmas week was spent in Kentucky with my youngest daughter Precious and 5-year-old Smiley Riley. The day after MyKeeper and I returned to our County Road, I pulled up a chair and sat at my writing desk, pen poised. Gathered around

me were my address book, a list of the gifts we received, postage stamps, decorative stampers and ink pads. Thank You notes would be written and mailed before the end of the first week of January. I glowed with a pride as bright as Rudolf's nose.

It is now an hour and a half later, and I still don't know where in the world I put that package of thank you cards. I must have stashed them someplace very special, and probably won't find them till sometime in June. Or maybe I wrapped them and sent them to someone.

Sigh. I'm the same old me. How mortifying. And predictable.

Swinging back to the hopeful side, I could put my energies into another goal - becoming "more generous." Nope. Already broke that resolution, too. I took the last chocolate out of the box and threw away the evidence. I'm wearing my innocent look.

I'm not giving up, though. I could still strive for a "thinner me." I have all year to work on it.

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- To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll free at 1-800-

366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is July 26, 2002.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

Additional information about the SBA Disaster programs is available on the SBA website at www.sba.gov/disaster

THE RAILROADER
BY JERRY PAYNE

"Engineer Days"

OOPS: One night on a local from El Paso to Toyah.

There are all kinds of signals on the railroad. Some of these signals are:

2 short blast of the horn - go ahead

3 short blast of the horn - back up

1 long blast of the horn - stop
A counter clockwise circular move of the lantern is to back up.

A clockwise circular move of the lantern is to go ahead.

A straight up and down of the lantern is go ahead.

A fusee thrown into the air is a signal that everyone is on the caboose and to go ahead.

On this particular night we were working Alamore siding and picking up some cars. Alamore is about 15 miles west of Van Horn, Texas. Bill was the rear brakeman and we had finished our work and I was moving ahead real slow to pick up Bill on the caboose.

Bill had a fusee lit to give me signals with. I looked back and saw a signal to slow the train down. I slowed it down and was looking for the signal that he was on. About that time I saw the fusee go up into the air. This was the signal that he was on the caboose and I could leave for Toyah.

I picked up speed and got up to 60 m.p.h. and proceeded to Toyah. I went down through Van Horn and picked up my orders on

the fly (reached out the window and grabbed them from the order holder). I looked them over and went onto Toyah.

I never talked to the caboose on the radio. When I came in, the dispatcher called on the radio and asked if all my crew was on board. Before I could answer, the conductor answered and told him yes. I stopped at Toyah and when the outbound crew got on the engine and pulled the train down to let the conductor off, I noticed only one person getting off the caboose. I asked where Bill was and the conductor said he was on the head end of the train. I processed to tell him that he was not because I saw him get on the caboose at Alamore.

We got on the phone to the dispatcher and he told us that Bill had called in and that we had left him at Alamore. When Bill arrived about 2 hours later (and very mad), he asked me why I had ran off and left him. I told him how I saw the fusee go up and thought he was on. Then he told me that while he was waling back to catch the caboose he ran across a big rattler and it had scared him and he threw the fusee into the air out of fear. He then said that he yelled to the conductor as the caboose came by too fast to get on and that there were no lights on in the caboose.

Come to find out the conductor had went off to sleep and had not seen or heard him yell for help. Signals can be misunderstood.

Happy Birthday!

- JANUARY 11**
Staci LeAnn (Weiss) Mayo
Mrs. B.F. Hutchins
Terry Dewbre
Barbara Johnson
Naomi McCowen
W.A. Watson
Benjamin Worley
Mrs. Charley Havens
Jeff Brown

- JANUARY 12**
Fred Flippin
Patricia (Driskill) Musick
Mike Walters
Keri Machelle Bowman
Ange Sanders

- JANUARY 13**
Mrs. V.I. Spivey
Barbara (Clark) Robinson
Sylvia Graham
Cindy Sue Payne
Kenneth E. Dobbins
Edith Adkins
Mrs. Albert Lee
Randy Dillard
Cecilia Smoot
John Terrell Gardner

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Johnny Illingworth
LeAnn Jordan
John Roberts
Linda Chandler
Crystal Nelson
Jleen Smith
Jessica Childers
Todd Watson
Sam Fleming Jr.
Aaron Phillips
Michael Curry
Earl Mosley

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Gary Childers
Starr Appleton
Mrs. Jackie Pancake
Regina (Gary) Fleming
Mrs. Vernon Donaway
Velma Byers
Monty Richards
A.C. Gaines
Marian Reed
Jody Don Gosnell
Alisa Hail
Thomas Bush

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Mrs. Raymond Young
Trivina Newman
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Barbara Havener
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Thressa Driskill
Staci Strickland
Ladora Allen
Anna Marie Smith
Dana Teeters
Christian Noah Wells
Uva Mae Jones
Chelsea Brown

My Friend Pam

I never will forget the way Pam used to grin, She always had a smile on her face and now she's gone to be with him.

Pam could always make us laugh, the girl knew how to have fun. She could always turn an ordinary day into a bright and happy one.

Pam cared about the little things, she was one of a kind I'd say. She would send cards for birthdays and graduations or just to make someone's day.

It didn't matter how much time had past since the last time you saw her. She always greeted you with open arms, something her parents must have taught her.

For those she's left behind it's hard for us to understand, Devin and the girls will need from all of us a helping hand.

Where Pam has gone there is no pain or sorrow-only love, And I know in my heart she'll be watching over all of us from above.

That was her nature you know, to be a kind and loving friend, Although our hearts are heavy now, some day that all will end.

We will be with her in heaven for an eternity, I'm so glad I was blessed to know such a wonderful human being.

We were put on this earth to do more than merely live, but to touch the lives of others -the way Pam always did.

I love you Pam

This poem was written for the family of Pam Koenig. They would really like to thank the person who wrote this for them. If you know who wrote this poem please contact the family, or the Cross Plains Review.

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From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*