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EDITOR'S NOTE: Bud Dillard has contributed yet another writing for your reading pleasure. Isn't it great that we have so many locals who are talented writers? Vanda Anderson Creech

"Getting Close to Nature"

By BUD DILLARD

As a young kid, I spent alot of my time getting close to nature. Mostly on hunting adventures, but sometimes just prowling around the woods looking for baby squirrels or baby coons.

The year was 1967 and on this particular outing a friend named Gary and I were going to Turkey Creek to look for baby coons. We walked to the edge of town and entered the creek north of the baseball park. We would make our way along, checking hollows and holes, until we arrived at the dirt road bridge where Bob Golson lives now.

Gary and I had traveled a good way without a major discovery, but soon we located an old dead oak on top of the bank. It was ten or twelve feet tall, void of any limbs, with the top open and hollow.

I shinned up the dead tree and peered over into the hollow. Sure enough, there was a coon about a foot and a half down. He didn't move, so I figured he was asleep. It wasn't a baby, but I considered it fair game. I couldn't tell how big it was, but I didn't care. I just wanted to get it somehow.

Without my trusty .22, I had to figure some other way to get the varmint...dead or alive. I thought about reaching my arm down and jabbing it with my pocket knife, but I was somewhat concerned about losing both my knife and my hand at the same time. Thinkin fast, I slid down the trunk and sharpened a long stick. I climbed back up the tree, high enough so that my head and shoulders were above the top of the hollow. I told Gary to hand me the spear. Holding myself onto the trunk with just my legs clinched around it, I raised the stick with both hands above my head and thrust the weapon's razor sharp tip into the coon. Luckily for the coon, my whittling wasn't that great and the razor sharp tip bent over like a wet noodle.

He let out a growl and shot out of the hollow like a fireball from a Roman candle. As he came out, I came down, but my cat-like reflexes enabled me to land directly on my back, temporarily releasing the available oxygen in me that I was pretty used to having.

The coon high-tailed it down the dry creek bed. I took in a big gulp of air, grabbed the stick and fell in after him. I was pretty speedy in those days, and after a few yards I closed the gap on the loping coon. In full stride, I whacked him on the back-- one whack then, two whacks. I guess two whacks was his limit because before I could whack him again, he turned around, reared up on his hind legs, and squalled. I threw the stick in the air and took off in the opposite direction. After running a few yards, I looked back to see how close he was, but he was going the other way. So I turned

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Official Ceremony for Postmaster Amanda Waggoner This Friday

There will be an official Oath of Office Ceremony for Amanda Waggoner, Postmaster at Cross Plains on Friday, March 1, at 1 p.m. at the local post office.

If you haven't met Amanda this

Love Fund Established for Sidney Easterling

A love fund has recently been established for Sidney McClure Easterling at Texas Heritage Bank to assist with medical expenses incurred.

Sidney is currently in Brownwood Regional Medical Center undergoing treatment for a malignancy.

She would appreciate your assistance, and your prayers on her behalf.

Driver Safety Program Set

This is short notice, but on Monday and Wednesday, March 4th and 6th, at the Senior Citizens Center at 108 Main Street, Cross Plains from 1 to 5 p.m. each day a 55 Alive Driver Safety Program will be held.

Joe Howser will be the instructor and the fee per person is \$10.00. All persons 50 and older are welcome.

Completion of the program will allow you a 10 percent discount on your vehicle insurance premium.

Roping Club Meets This Saturday

Cross Plains Roping Club will have a meeting Saturday; March 2, at 3 p.m. at the arena.

There will be a business meeting to discuss the upcoming 2002 year.

Everyone is welcome to come and bring your horse to do some riding.

Tuesday, March 12, 2002 Democratic Primary Election Callahan County Polling Places

- Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club Building
- Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building
- Precinct #3, Baird Activity Center in Baird
- Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center
- Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center
- Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church
- Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

Democrats to vote at 7 locations March 12

The polling places for the Democratic Party Primary Election have not changed, according to Callahan County Democratic Party Chairman Jon Hardwick.

"The polling places are the same as in prior primaries, in all seven precincts," Hardwick said.

It was mistakenly reported last week the Democratic Party Primary Election on Tuesday,

will be a great opportunity to get acquainted and welcome her to the community.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Early voting is now underway

Early voting for both the Democratic Party and Republican Party Primary Elections is underway now through March 8 at three early voting locations in Callahan County.

Early voting is taking place at the Callahan County Clerk's Office in Baird, the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde and the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains. Early voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Early voting officials remind Clyde and Cross Plains residents the early voting locations at the Clyde and Cross Plains JP offices will be closed during the lunch hour.

Early voting will continue through March 8 for both Primary Elections. The Democratic Party Primary and Republican Party Primary Elections will take place in Callahan County on Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

Ethel Sim's Services Held Locally Tuesday

Ethel Sims, 97, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2002, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood, Texas.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, at the Higginbotham Chapel with John Swift officiating. Burial was in the Coleman Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Ethel was born January 9, 1905 in Llano, Texas to James R. Starnater and Lena G. Billings

Starnater. She married Clyde D. Sims on June 12, 1929. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Ethel came to Cross Plains in 1925 and worked as a secretary for a lawyer for 4 years. In 1937 she went to work at Citizens State Bank and worked there until she retired in 1976.

She is survived by her sister, Velma Mae Winchester of Andrews; 1 nephew and 3 nieces.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lavon "Brother" Starnater, and two sisters, Effie Warren and Ellen Sherrill.

Pallbearers were Jim Fleming, Robert Grider, Rolan Jones, Jackie Thomas, Greg Turner and John Howard Balkum.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, Texas 79605-9989.

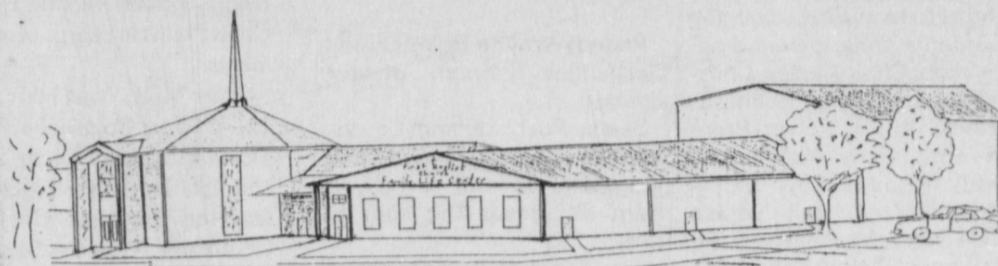
Filings for Two Local Elections Reported

Incumbent Monty Richards is the only school board trustee candidate for Cross Plains I.S.D. to file at this time. The 3-year terms of Scott Childress and Richards are expiring.

In the city election incumbents Jerry Cassle and Mayor Ray Purvis have filed. The 2-year terms of the mayor and councilmen, Cassle and Dean Dillard, are expiring.

Those desiring to run in these elections may file by March 20, 2002. School board trustee candi-

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First Baptist Breaks Ground for Family Life Center

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains will hold ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Family Life Center Building on Sunday, March 3. This special event will be part of their morning worship service. Following an abbreviated morning worship service, the congregation will move outdoor to the new building site for the ground-breaking ceremonies. The public is invited to attend this

event.

On Sunday morning, January 20, the members of First Baptist Church approved the proposed construction of the new building. The Family Life Center will occupy the open land space north of the current church building. The 11,500 square foot building will include a large gathering place, rest rooms, eight meeting/class-

rooms, kitchen, large fellowship hall and a gym-type activity center. Initial planning for the facility began in 1990. This new facility will be dedicated to the ministry of reaching individuals and families for Christ. It will serve all ages in many activities and is intended to be a blessing to the congregation and community.

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\$1.14 million Okayed for Depot makeover

The building rehabilitation of the 1911 Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot in Baird is among the area projects approved by the Texas Department of Transportation, to receive federal funds.

The total cost for the makeover is \$1,480,630.00 of which federal funding will provide \$1,142,573.00. The value of the Depot will be used as Callahan County's in-kind donation.

The County did not pledge any monies to this project and The Baird Foundation has pledged to raise the remaining balance. Callahan County will not be out

any money.

The Baird Foundation is: Betty Henson, president/CEO; Nancy Young, vice president; Harold Hass, treasurer; Trish Duque, secretary; Dick Vestal, Sammy Edington, and Fred Goble. Others helping with project and thanks to: Tom Ivey, Save Our Depot; Jon Hardwick, City of Baird mayor; Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge; Rick Weatherl, Abilene Architect; Brad Patterson, Texas Historic Commission; Karl Kamatsu, Ft. Worth Architect; Phillip Morehead, Abilene Attorney; and Elizabeth Grindstaff, City of

Abilene Planning and Development Office.

The Department of Transportation spokesman Mark Cross said the program funds "nontraditional" transportation projects, such as bicycle and pedestrian trails, landscaping and scenic beautification, and historical preservation.

The Baird Foundation is very excited about receiving this funding and any tax deductible donation for the Depot project can be made to The Baird Foundation, P. O. Box 601, Baird, TX. 79504.



SOLO ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS —Hayli Foster (from left), Kandra Poole, A.J. Carouth, Angela Swift and Michelle Hoan. Erin Stephens was unavailable for the photo.

Students Do Well at Solo and Ensemble Competition

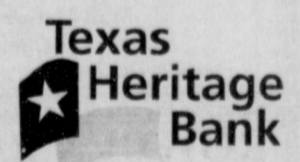
Band Solo and Ensemble was held at Howard Payne University on February 9th. Students competing and their ratings are:

- A.J. Carouth - alto sax solo, Class 2 Division 1 Rating
- Michelle Hoan - flute solo, Class 2 Division 1 Rating
- Kandra Poole - trumpet solo, Class 1 Division 2 Rating.

Vocal Solo and Ensemble competition was held at Howard Payne University on February 16 as follows:

- Hayli Foster - Class 2 Soprano Solo - Division 1 Rating
- Angela Swift - Class 1 Soprano Solo - Division 1 Rating
- Erin Stephens - Class 1 Soprano - Division 1 Rating.
- Erin Stephens and Angela Swift will advance to the State Solo and

Ensemble Competition in San Marcos on May 27th.



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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 Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, guests - Nora Odom, Deanna Golson, Billie Clausen, Kathy S. Purvis, Terri Hunter, Ken Hunter, Joyce Klingberg, Roger Klingberg, Susan Holland, Julia Wheeler, Charlene Fleming, Jim Fleming, Larry Thomas, Joe Holland, Janice Phillips, Marty Callaway and Annette Nickerson.

Prayer was led by Scott Childress.

Minutes were approved as read. The board entered executive session at 7:12 p.m. and ended at 8:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt for administration to meet with both parties involved to discuss the action requested. If parties cannot reach a satisfactory and mutual understand, the matter will be placed on the board's agenda for March. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard to allow the Little League Association to do a fund-raiser in the gym on April 6. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Cook instructing the superintendent to gather

all the information needed to let bids on the gym floor. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by V. Dillard that we approve the PS10 TIF grant applied for technology. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that the following be set: election date - May 4, 2002; Election Site - Cross Plains Community Center; Election Judge - Esther Kerr; Alternate Election Judge - approve at March meeting; Absentee Clerk - Debbie Gosnell; Absentee Site - Cross Plains City Hall. For 7 Against 0

Entered executive session at 9:14 p.m. and was out at 1:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Dillard that Jimmy Randolph be given a 2-year contract to extend thru 2003-2004 school year. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Schaefer to extend Margie Sowell's contract for 1 year thru 2003-2004 school year. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by V. Dillard that no action be taken on high school principal Leonard Wilson's contract. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that we table the agenda item of a full-time technology director. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Childress that we adjourn.

2002 Yearbooks Go On Sale February 26, 2002!

No Extras will be ordered, so be sure to get yours now!

See Lurene in High School or Peggy in Elementary

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Seven in Ten Teachers Have Students With Disabilities In The Classroom

Austin-While the curriculum for students is getting tougher, and the pressure to increase achievement is growing, a majority of Texas teachers are also facing the added challenge of have students with disabilities in their classrooms according to a recent survey by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)

Seventy percent of respondents agree with the statement: "I have students with disabilities in my classroom." However, only 50 percent feel they are fully trained to handle such students.

"Special needs students are a valuable part of every school," says Tim Fogarty, ATPE state president. "It is very important that quality training is provided for all educators who serve these students."

"The biggest challenge in teaching students with disabilities is to remember that they are individuals who have very different and specific needs," says Patrice Rabalais, a special education teacher at Ozen High School in Beaumont. "These students deserve the same dignity and respect as all other students in the school."

The survey findings also reveal that teachers are deeply concerned about school finance, which will be a major issue during the 2002 legislative session. Of those responding, 58 percent agree a state income tax should not be created. However, nearly half say they would support a state income tax dedicated to public education if it meant a reduction in property taxes.

The survey also gauged opinions regarding working conditions, staff development, student testing and teacher certification. It was conducted by Creative Consumer Research of Houston and has a margin of error of +/-5 percent. You can find complete survey results at www.atpe.org (click "Newsroom.")

With nearly 100,000 members, ATPE is the largest educator group in Texas. Its membership consists primarily of classroom teachers, but also includes para-professionals, administrator, retired educators and college students.

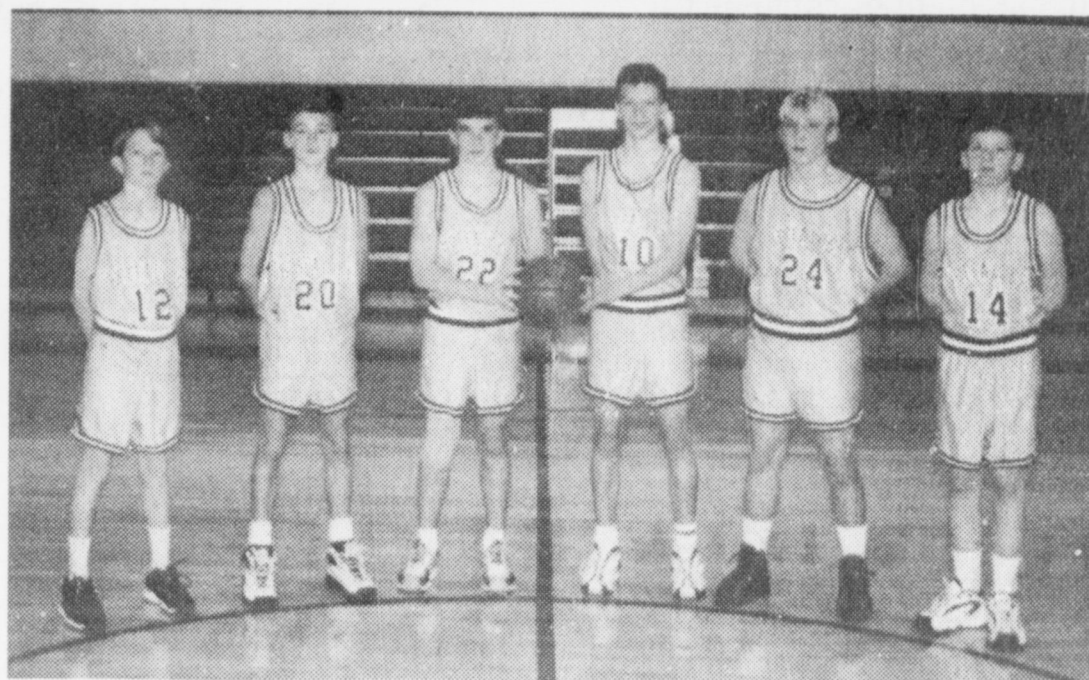
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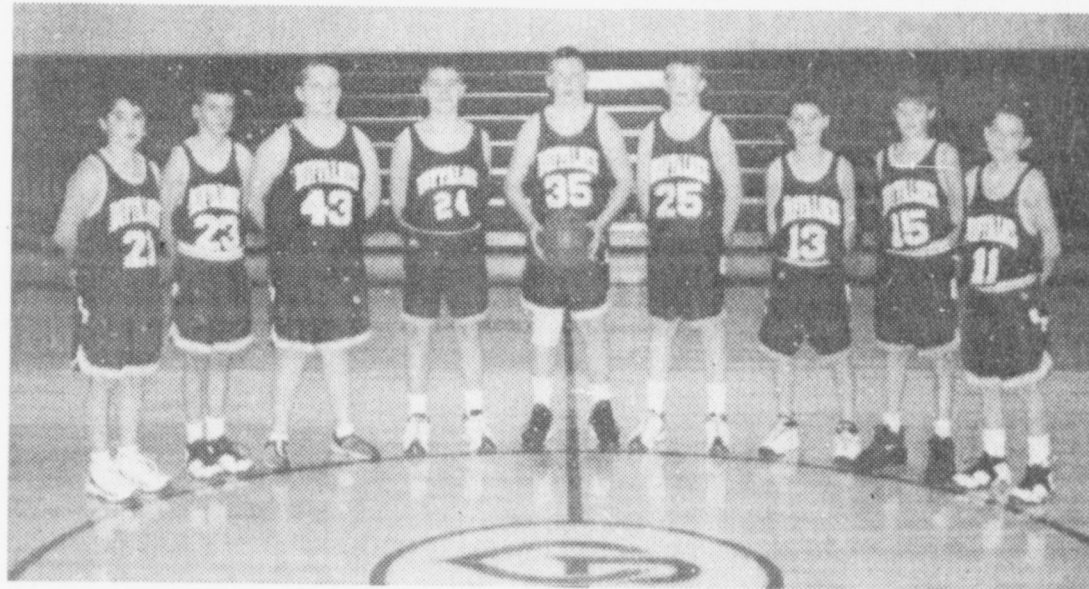
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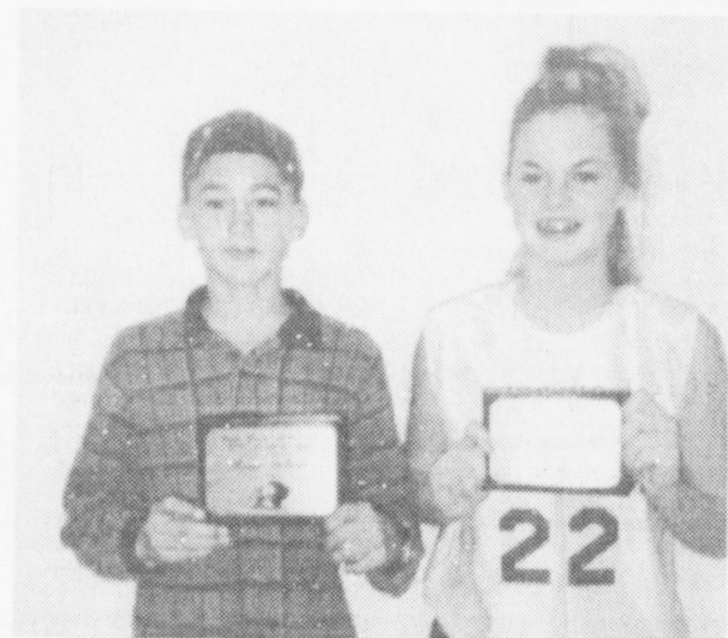
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7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



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Ten-Star All Basketball Camp Told

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is Invitation Only. Boys and girls' ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Part participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 48 states and 7 foreign countries attended the 2001 Camps.

College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp location for Texas will be in Commerce. For a free brochure call (704) 568-6801 anytime.

Notice to Parents:

Tuesday, March 5, 2002 classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. Buses will run one hour late.

There will be a Masonic Lodge Appreciation Breakfast for the faculty and staff of Cross Plains I.S.D.

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SCHOOL MENU

March 4 - March 8

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY-- Sweet Rice, Toast, Assorted Juice	MONDAY-- Chicken Patty on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Pickles, Pears
TUESDAY-- French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY-- Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Roll, Peaches
WEDNESDAY-- Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY-- Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Pineapples
THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY-- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello
FRIDAY-- Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookies

Buffalo Baseball Schedule 2002

Date	Opponent	Level	Location	Time
2/25	ACHS	V & JV	Home	5:00
3/1	Tolar	V	There	4:30
3/4	Mullin	JV	Home	4:30
3/5	Tolar	V	Home	5:00
3/6 -3/8	Ranger Tourney		There	TBA
3/18	Ranger	JV	Home	4:30
3/22	Comanche	V & JV	Home	5:00
3/25	Ranger	JV	There	4:30
3/26	*Baird	V	There	5:00
3/29	*Gorman	V	Home	1:00
4/2	*Ranger	V	There	5:00
4/8	Mullin	JV	Camp Bowie	4:30
4/9	ACHS	V	There	5:00
4/15	Baird	JV	Home	5:00
4/16	Comanche	V	There	4:30
4/23	*Ranger	V	Home	5:00
4/29	Rotan	JV	There	5:00
4/30	*Gorman	V	There	5:00
5/3	*Baird	V	Home	5:00

*--District Games
Coaches- Mitchell Atchley - School (254) 725-7713, (254) 725-7137 Home
Todd Sparkman
Supt. Jackie Tennison -- Principal -- Leonard Wilson

Sleep Well, Do Well

For kids to do their best in school or at play, they should get at least nine hours of sleep every night. Kids can be Star Sleepers like Garfield. Visit <http://starsleep.nhlbi.nih.gov> for sleep tips and fun activities.



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To delete a name due to death or other reason send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call (254)725-6111.

CJC Offering Courses

Cisco Junior College will offer a Refrigerant Containment class and a Mobile Vehicle Air Conditioning Technician Certification course on Saturday, April 6, at the Cisco Junior College Industrial Division in Abilene.

The Stationary Refrigerant Containment class will meet from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The class satisfied Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) section 608 of the Clean Air Act to permit certification of technicians as required by the ACT. This course is EPA approved and includes all materials and instructions to complete a technician certificate. Cost for the class is \$65. Study materials must be picked up one week prior

to the class from Clay Spain. The Mobile Vehicle Air Conditioning Technician Certification course will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. This course is EPA approved and is conducted in accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1991. Satisfactory completion and passing of the course will certify that the technician is properly trained in the use of refrigerant and recycling equipment for mobile vehicle air conditioners. All materials are included. Cost for the course is \$30.

For more information or to register, contact Clay Spain at (915) 698-2219.

Grand Ole Oplin Musical Schedule

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce its band line-up for the month of March.

On March 1, Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorites. On March 8, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will entertain us all. On March 15, Cross-Country helps us celebrate St. Patrick's Day so be sure to wear green. On March 22, Muddy Creek will return to play some more of your favorites. And to close out the month, Texas Touch will play for us on March 29.

The Grand Ole Oplin is the place to be on Friday nights. So gather the family, friends and neighbors and come out for an evening of good music and a good time. Be sure to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. The hours are from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. each Friday night and admission is still only \$3.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your support.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

TSTC West Texas New Home of Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame

TSTC West Texas, Abilene Center, will be the new home of the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. Nominations will be taken for athletes and coaches of the Big Country area who have made a significant impact in the sports community through outstanding athletic achievement or major involvement and contributions to athletic programs.

Former Abilene Reporter-News sports editor, Al Pickett, Chairman of the Selection Committee says, "I just always thought it was needed, and was a wonderful idea, but we never had anybody to take the ball and run with it." He adds, "TSTC stepped forward. I just think it's a tremendous thing." The Director of Institutional Advancement for TSTC West Texas, Nancy Paup, states, "TSTC is thrilled with this wonderful opportunity to be the new home of the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. It is our privilege to be able to pay tribute and honor the outstanding athletic accomplishments of many of our Big Country sports heroes and coaches."

Nominees will be selected from the 19 counties of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, including Taylor, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall and Throckmorton. **Deadline date for nominations is March 9, 2002.**

Current Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame members include: Blacky Blackburn, Jimmy Carpenter, Glenn Gregory, Louis Kelley, Rick Meyers, Jack Mildren, Chuck Moser, Billy Olson, Dan Salkeld, and Pete Shotwell.

Eligibility guidelines that will be used in the selection process include:

- Athletes may be nominated who competed and graduated from high schools within the designated Big Country area. Coaches will also be considered. Athletes from any sport may be nominated. Other requirements include that only those "athletes and coaches" who have brought "positive recognition" to the Big Country will be considered.

- Athletes may not be inducted until 10 years after their

high school graduation.

Coaches may not be inducted until five years after completing their coaching tenure in the Big Country.

- No more than five people will be inducted each year.

On April 29, 2002 the new Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame members will be honored at a dinner banquet at Fairway Oaks Country Club, in conjunction with an award banquet for the TSTC Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Classic benefiting the TSTC West Texas Scholarship Program and Team of the Century/Chuck and Doris Moser Scholarship Fund. In addition, the 10 original members of the Abilene ISD Hall of Honor will also be recognized at the banquet. Also, highlighting the weekend festivities will be the Abilene Rotary Club's presentation of the Chuck Moser Coach of the Year award on Friday, April 26.

The Selection Committee includes: Al Pickett, Chairman; Bill Hart, a retired senior staff writer of the Reporter-News who is a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in the sports writer's category; Dick Tarpley, a former editor of the Reporter-News; Wally Bullington, a former Abilene High and Abilene Christian University football coach and athletic director; Charlie Droomgoole, president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce; John Neese, the athletic director at Hardin-Simmons University; Jack Stuard, the long time public address announcer at Shotwell Stadium; Johnnie Lou Avery, the Assistant to the President of TSTC West Texas; Nancy Paup, Director of Institutional Advancement, TSTC West Texas; and the sports directors of the three local television stations, Gary Stricklin (KTXS), David Bacon (KTAB), and John Wilson (KRBC).

Nomination forms for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame can be downloaded at www.westtexas.tstc.edu Please mail completed form to: Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame, TSTC West Texas, 650 East Highway 80, Abilene, Texas, 79601. You may also obtain a nomination form in the Admissions Office at any of the TSTC West Texas locations, including Sweetwater, Abilene, Breckenridge, and Brownwood.

Toll-free number to help families access affordable childrens health insurance

TexCare Partnership Toll-Free Number to Help Families Access Affordable Childrens Health Insurance Local TexCare Partnership CBOs seek to cover uninsured children in 15 area counties

Ensuring the availability of health insurance for Texas children at rates to fit any family's budget is the goal of TexCare Partnership. "We've insured thousands of children in this local area, but there are still many more that go without access to health care coverage." TexCare Partnership's effort between the public and private sector's, is to match families with uninsured children in Texas to a health insurance plan at rates that families can afford. Rates are based on the number of people in your family and your family's income and expenses. The TexCare Partnership contracted with People for Progress, Inc. which in turn depends on local Community Partners to help identify area families with uninsured children and to help those families obtain children's health insurance. People for Progress, Inc. contracted to:

- Reach out to families of uninsured children;
- Help those families apply for children's health insurance; and
- Educate the public in their local areas about the availability of children's health insurance, regardless of family situation or income.

CHIP rates range from \$ 15 a year with small co-payments to \$ 18 a month with slightly higher co-payments. Medicaid application process has been simplified to allow even easier access to health insurance, families with children who qualify for

Medicaid pay nothing. Each of the health plans available through the TexCare Partnership offers a full range of coverage, including regular check-ups, immunizations, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, lab tests, X-rays, hospital visits, dental care and mental health care - from a broad choice of doctors.

TexCare Partnership has several ways to insure your child:

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Medicaid
- Referral to commercial health insurance options available

Each program has its own set of rules and benefits.

Applying is as easy as making a toll-free phone call. Families can call 1-800-592-7433 or 1-915-235-8455 for the local Community-Based Organization, People for Progress, Inc. Representatives can answer questions, take applications over the phone, or mail applications to families. Email your questions to ppchips@netscape.net. CHIP office open 8am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday. Families can call the statewide number for TexCare Partnership at 1-800-647-6558 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The operators can answer questions about the programs and eligibility and can even take applications over the phone. Or, if families prefer, they can simply get an application mailed to their home. Applications are also available on the Internet at www.texcarepartnership.com.

Money Management seminar set in Abilene March 4

A Money Management seminar featured Texas A&M University Assistant Profess & Extension Economist Dr. Jason Johnson will be held Monday, March 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office.

Topics of the seminar will include ideas for finding stocks to study and how to use the internet to find stocks to study.

The free public seminar is for educational purposes only. The seminar is sponsored by the Taylor County Extension Office. For additional information call (915) 672-6048.

Eastland X-treme to Play Sunday

Eastland X-treme Semi-Pro Football will play at Maverick Stadium in Eastland on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$3.00.

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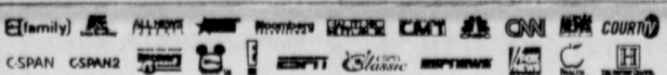
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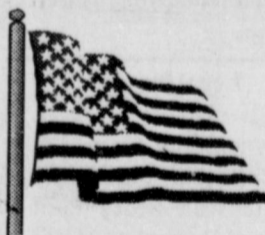
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