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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: Former employee Deborah Griswold has sent more great reading material. I think you will love this one.
Vanda Anderson Crech

"Malleability"

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last she placed ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and place it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her daughter closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as better and change the situation around you.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level?

How do you handle ADVERSITY?

ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG OR A COFFEE BEAN. she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity --boiling water--but each reacted differently.

The carrots went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg was fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

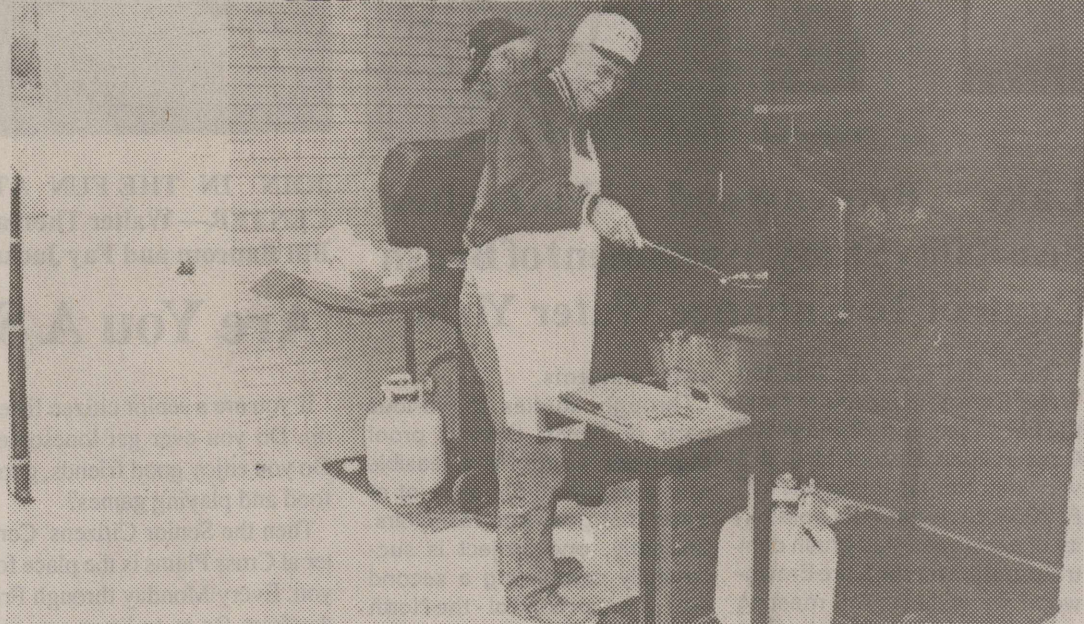
Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

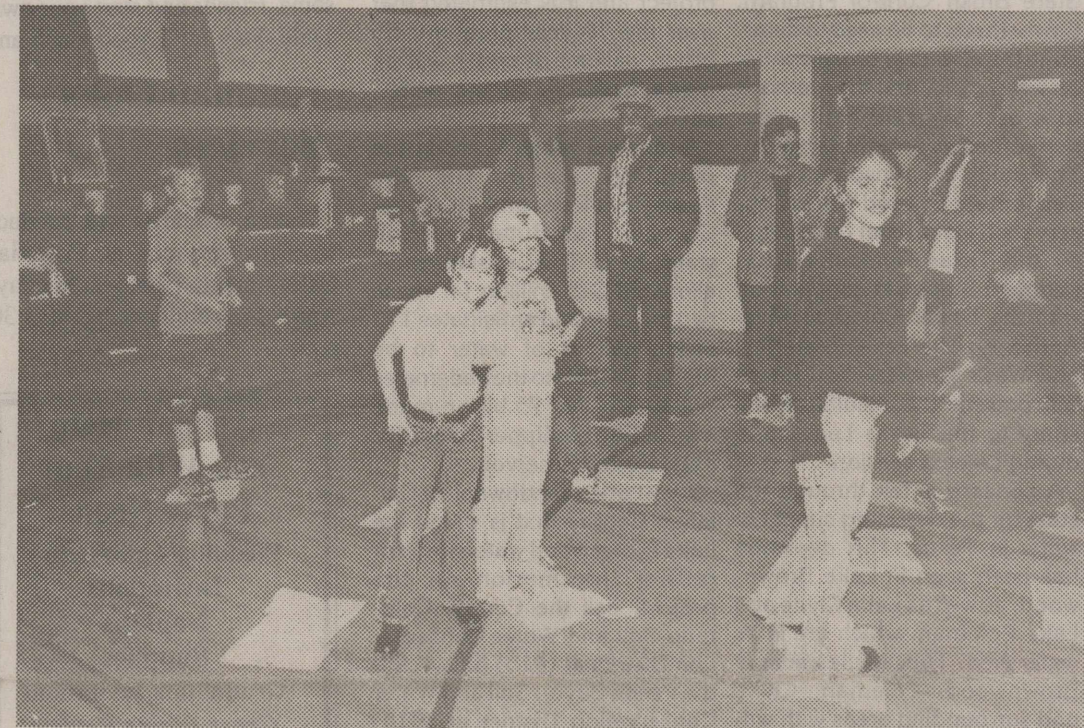
Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat?

Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened

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COOKING GREAT HAMBURGERS— Fred Tatom (left) and Donnel Clark volunteered at Justin's Benefit.



PRIZE WALK A BIG HIT— The kids all the way to the adults loved the walk for prizes.



BASKETBALL PLAYERS CHEER OTHERS ON— Dennis Dickson (from left), Kyle Foster, Shana Bagley, Melody McWilliams and John Fred McWilliams.

Justin's Baseball Benefit Netted \$4,200 for A Young Man's Dream of a Lifetime

The Baseball Benefit for Justin Dickson this weekend was a great success! We realize most benefits are for those with an illness or injury of a life threatening nature, and there are a lot of people more needy and deserving in our community. This is the chance of a lifetime for Justin. What started out as a hamburger dinner at our church grew into a full day of fun and excitement for everyone involved.

There are so many people to thank that I dare not start mentioning names for fear I would mistakenly leave someone out. This would not have been possible without those who were involved in the planning stages. We want to thank the cooks and workers for the hamburgers and concession stand, who started weeks before getting things together, for your contribution of time and money.

Our appreciation to the people involved with putting together the basketball tournament and to all those who participated. I know you probably struggled to get out of bed Sunday morning, but just think of all the fun memories you have!

To the ones who spent numerous hours going to businesses and individuals getting contributions of cash and prizes, you are so appreciated.

A special thanks all the excellent cooks for donating their talents and time to make the cakes and pies for the live auction and the goodies for the concession stand. You did a beautiful job!

Thank you to the individuals who came early and stayed late setting everything up, running the gate, the prize games, auction and silent auction and then helping to clean up.

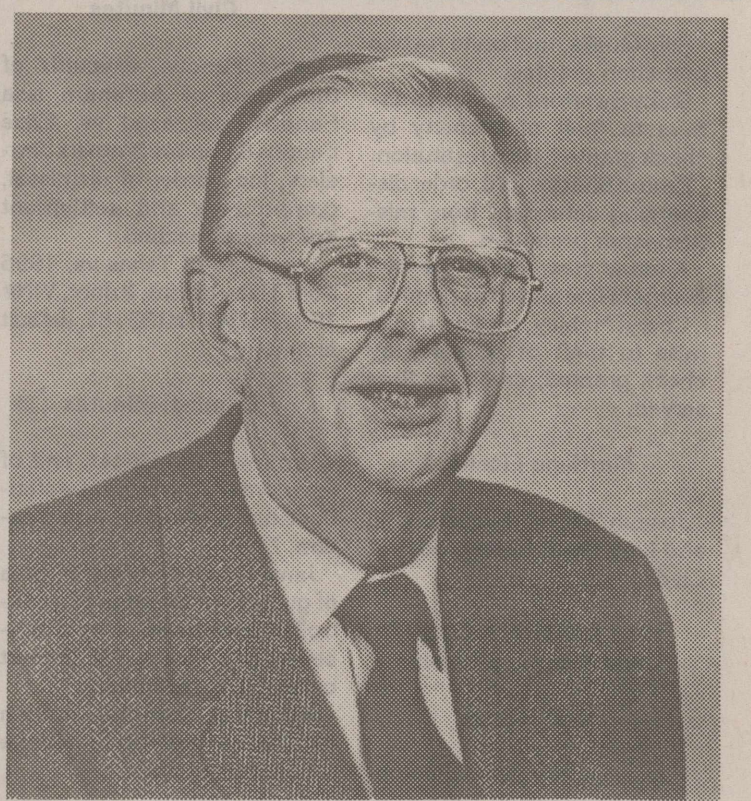
I also want to thank the Church of Christ for the use of their, tables and chairs; and the Little League for the use of the facilities.

Cross Plains is a wonderful community and Dennis and I couldn't ask for a better place to raise our kids. I need to thank everyone in the surrounding communities, too. We had donated items from Eastland to Crane and from Abilene to San Angelo.

Our family is appreciative to God for the rain and to everyone who came to benefit on Saturday and not letting the rain dampen your spirits.

We are once again amazed at the generosity of all of you. Justin will bring back so many memories from his baseball trip because of you. He will also take a lot of pictures to share.

Submitted by Bonnie Dickson



DR. KENNETH H. DAVIS

"Meet the Author"

Come join us in laughter and learning when the Cross Plains Public Library hosts its next Meet the Author evening on Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Professor Emeritus of English at Texas Tech University, Dr. Kenneth H. Davis has spent many years collecting and studying cowboy humor and Texas folklore. He is the co-author, with Lawrence Clayton and Mary Evelyn Collins of *Horsing Around: Contemporary Cowboy Humor*. With Everett A. Gillis, Dr. Davis wrote *Black Cats, Hoot Owls, and Water Witches*. In addition to these popular works, Dr. Davis has published many scholarly papers on Texas and Western folklore.

Well-known as an entertaining and informative speaker, Dr.

Davis was a Founding Director of the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock and currently serves on the board of that organization. He is a past president of the Texas Folklore Society and the Texas/Southwest Popular Culture Associations, and a consultant for McGraw Hill Publishing Company, Oxford University Press, the University of Texas Press, and the Texas Tech University Press.

While Dr. Davis is in Cross Plains, he'll be researching Robert E. Howard's Western stories for a work in progress. Appropriately, his topic for the evening of April 16 will be "Collecting Material and the Making of a Book."

As always, there's no charge to attend and light refreshments will be served following Dr. Davis' presentation.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins

Bill Smoot Benefit Friday at Oplin

The Grand Ole Oplin wants to remind folks that this Friday night is our benefit dance for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smoot of Clyde. All proceeds from this Friday's dance will go to the Smoot's to assist with any expenses while Bill is receiving medical treatment for cancer. The Smoot's have always come out to give their support at all of the benefits here at the Grand Ole Oplin, now it's our turn to give them our support.

The Grand Ole Oplin will have three bands playing Friday night that includes Muddy Creek, Roland Smith and the Roadrunners and Cross Country. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 12:00 midnight. During

the dance there will be an auction and a bake sale. It's not too late to make a donation for the auction or the bake sale by calling Judy Campbell at 529-4301. Everyone is encouraged to bring their usual snacks to be enjoyed by all during the dance. Admission to this benefit is \$5.00 per person.

So gather the family and friends and come on out this Friday night, show your support for the Smoot's and have a good time doing it. See y'all there!!!

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

One Act Play to Be Performed Monday, April 15 at Auditorium

The high school one-act play members will be hosting and performing the one-act play "Antic Spring" on Monday, April 15.

The play will be held at the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. A.J. Carouth, Michell Haan, Erin Stephens, Angela Swift, Marcus Williams and Kevin Wilson are the cast members. The crew is made up of Sarah Nixon, Stephanie Parker and Kandra Poole. These students did a great job at the Zone competition in Ranger.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Gary Johnson, theft of property by check.
Gregory Shelnett, theft of property by check.
Audra Hare, deadly conduct.
Mack M. Johnson III, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Billy Qualls, motion to revoke probation granted.
Stacy Swafford, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Emma Shackelford, order discharging defendant from misdemeanor probation.
Andrew Hist, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.
Cheryl Mobley, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, credit for time served.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Calvin Blackburn III and Lory Faye Cherry, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Hayley De'Ann Prew and Rob-

ert A. Prew, divorce.
Cheryl Armstrong and Daniel L. Armstrong, divorce.
Burlie Odell McDowell and Christine Jenny McDowell, divorce.
Sharon Bruner Woolf and Anthony Onglee Woolf, divorce.
Bank One N.A. vs. Gerald Holcomb, breach of note.
David Gannoway and Andrea Marie Gannoway, annulment of marriage.

Civil Minutes

Gloria Fanous, executrix of the estate of Abraham Issa Fanous, deceased vs. Elias Fanous & Fanous Brothers Jewelers, Inc., order of dismissal, compromise and settlement agreement reached.
The State of Texas vs. 1996 Ford Thunderbird, 2 door, VIN# 1FALP62W2TH133187, default judgment.

Criminal Minutes

Tommy Todd Hagar, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.
James Michael Watson, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$199.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.
William B. Reynolds, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Lake Brownwood Watershed



Lake Brownwood Watershed Feasibility Study Assessment of Brush Control To Enhance Water Yield

The Central Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and the Pecan Bayou Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a very important meeting on April 8, 2002, to discuss the possibility of a state assisted brush control program for the Lake Brownwood watershed. The meeting was held at 10:00 am at the First United Methodist Church, 500 West Liveoak, Coleman, Texas. The presenters discussed the State Brush Control Program, the methods to be used to determine the effects of brush control on water yield, and the methods to be used to determine the economic feasibility of the program. This study is sponsored by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the Lower Colorado River Authority. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will present the results of the study to the Texas Legislature during its next session.

A concern is felt through the state for the depleting supply of water in Texas. This depletion has been seen in Lake Brownwood, as well as Lake Clyde and Lake Coleman, which are in its watershed. These lakes supply Brownwood, Coleman, Clyde and surrounding areas with water. Implementing a state assisted brush control program may be an answer to the area's

water concerns. Through studies in various parts of Texas, there is proof that brush control is a feasible way to enhance the amount of water that goes into reservoirs. Currently, one project is successfully completing a second year of brush control - the North Concho River Project. Since inception, the Legislature has budgeted over \$16 million dollars for the North Concho River project and it is estimated that over the 10-year program, 65 billion gallons of water will be made available to the watershed.

Additional projects are in the planning stages for the Pedernales River and the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Reservoir watersheds. The Legislature has allocated \$15 million for these two projects and anticipates 110 billion gallons of water to be made available to the Pedernales Watershed and 75 billion made available to the Upper Colorado/Twin Buttes Reservoir.

If you are a landowner in Callahan County that is within the Lake Brownwood watershed, for further information on the project, call the Central Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District at (915) 625-4197, the Pecan Bayou Soil and Water Conservation District at (915) 643-1587 or visit <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/programs/brush.html>.

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JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER— Walter Thomason (from left), Tommie Harris, Bill Baucom and Fay Jackson are playing dominoes.

Are You A Senior Citizen?

If you are a senior citizen listen up. Do you ever get lonesome? Do you enjoy good friends, good food and playing games?

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wonderful fellowship. See you at the Senior Citizens' Center!!!!

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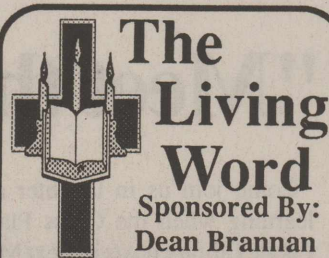
Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 31, 2002 through April 6, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-43
Complaints-28
Vehicle Accidents
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

There was one outstanding warrant issued for a total of \$300.00 collected.



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Dean Brannan

Matthew 13: 5-6 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith (soon) they sprung up, because they had no root they withered away: And the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Down Home

heart?
Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor.

If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get

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3. Did God create in 6 literal days?
4. Why is there death & suffering?
5. Do Animals Evolve?
6. Where did the "Races" come from?
7. What is the only answer to Racism?
8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

Rowden Baptist Church has a free book entitled "Refuting Evolution" for any student or teacher in the area who would like a copy. Call and we'll get one to you.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

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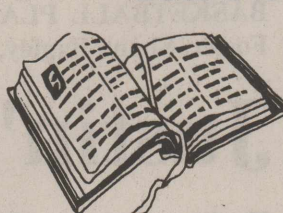
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Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor



Sunday's Sermon

"Bad Eyesight, But Warm Hearts"

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

It's kind of sad around here. As most of you fine folks know this is our last week here at Colonial Oaks. We will be closing and moving to Rising Star Nursing Home. It is a bigger home to hold everybody until the new nursing home is built. We will continue to give our residents the love and

care they need as we have in the past. We appreciate our family members and the support they have given us through the years. So, until we all meet again—take care and God bless.

Sincerely,
Employees and Residents

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club will meet for a regular session on April 12, 2002 at the Multi-Purpose Center at 2:00 p.m.

The program will be a "Design Workshop" (designs from schedule) presented by Julene Franke and Kay Mosley. The door prize is to be brought by Betty Beggs. Hostess's will be Ava Dodd and

Barbara Powell.

Members are to bring containers and plant material to make a design.

Also a reminder: Bring recyclables, grocery coupons and canned goods for the "Food Pantry".

Submitted By: Reporter Joyce Odom

LIBRARY NOTES

April 2002

Yes, I missed you. Even book-worms get sick once in a while. They really do. However, good things continue to come our way. At the Trade Day last week, the library had a great day, despite the weather. We'd saved some metal ceiling tiles from the original building that is being renovated and were able to sell them. Now hope with us that we can sell the "stuff" that has stacked up and perhaps have enough funds to re-

do the inside. Hope with us that we can finish the north section and make of it an ideal children's section. Wishing might not make it so, but it certainly can't hurt. Let's get that children's section renovated this year.

Statistics

Circulation:	
Books	73
Audio	1
Interlibrary Loan	1
LAP	34
Total	109

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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A car was seen, some years ago, coming toward the Padre Island causeway near Corpus Christi. City officials were part of a large crowd waiting at the toll gate for this one millionth driver to cross the bridge and "collect \$500" in prize money. But suddenly the driver, seeing the \$1 charge posted over the gate, turned his car around and went back. The driver of the car behind him drove up, paid the toll, and collected the prize!

Perhaps the first person didn't know of the charge to cross, and seeing the cost, thought it was too high, and turned around for spite. Or he may have felt he just couldn't afford it. But at any rate, he missed the prize. If only he had known that it would not have cost him to cross the bridge, it would have paid!

And that's the way it is with a lot of things in this life. It doesn't cost to be happy and cheerful—it pays—and great dividends at that! It doesn't cost to be optimistic—it pays. It doesn't cost to be a friend and to be friendly—it pays. And the application goes on endlessly...

But one more, specifically. Though it does cost to be follower of Christ—to be a Christian—it doesn't really cost. It pays! Jesus said, "There is no one who has left house or brother or sister or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time...and in the age to come, eternal life," Mark 10:29, 30. Is this the "Breakthru" you've been needing?

Come learn more about this "Abundant Life," the Christians' reward now and for eternity. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Litter-bug Culprits Destroy Work of Quilting Club Volunteers

The Cottonwood Quilting Club Volunteers are incensed that some unthinking, despicable and rat-mongering litter-bug or litter-bugs, came through Cottonwood last Saturday strewing pieces of carpet and padding along the roadways and ditches, erasing the beauty created by the volunteers during the week before.

Each year, the Quilting Club Volunteers participate in the State of Texas "Trash-off Day", an effort to clean up the rural byways by volunteers. It is scheduled annually for the first Saturday in April.

The Quilting Club Volunteers participate by picking up and hauling off trash from along the roadways and ditches and fence rows leading into Cottonwood. The accomplished task always makes the community more presentable for the coming homecoming event in May. "How nice and clean, really clean, it all looked by Friday," said Mary Ella Weaver, who manages the volunteer project.

Then some unthinking clod, or cloddess, or cloddie, comes along to destroy the good works of others. What a dastardly deed!

Mary Ella has called to say that the foul deed has been cleaned up again. And she wishes to express a real big "THANKS" for those who helped in the original cleanup and the re-cleanup, among them: Bob and Lavonne Childress, Wendel Draper and Fred St. Peter. Let's all the echo the "THANKS" of Mary Ella when we next meet the volunteers and get out there to work with them next year.

Speaking of the homecoming event:

Joe Coppinger Signed as Speaker for Cottonwood Historical Meeting

Joe Coppinger, a native born son of Cottonwood and former student of the Cottonwood School, has agreed to be the speaker for the 2002 annual meeting. Joe is currently teaching school in Ranger and lives in Cross Plains. Plans for the May 4th meeting are final and all former residents are urged to attend.

The Cottonwood Historical Association (CHA) has responsibility for the administration and maintenance of the two Cottonwood Cemeteries, the Post Office Building and the Methodist Episcopal Church, south building. It holds its annual membership meeting on the first Saturday in May each year.

The association is currently finalizing action for acquiring additional land adjacent to the new cemetery and also finalizing papers to apply for a Texas State Historical Marker for the Old Cemetery. All current actions and Plans of CHA will be discussed at the meeting that begins at 10 a.m.

Plans for the May 4th meeting call for a festive day of homecoming, to include the annual membership meeting, musical interludes, a story-telling contest, plenty of time for visiting and fellowship, and a noon-time meal. Families are requested to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert for the occasion.

Members of the CHA Board of Directors have made a special effort to include and request current residents, as well as former residents, to attend and participate in the meeting. Think of it this way, anyone who has ever lived in Cottonwood, or has family roots here, and everyone who is establishing family roots in Cottonwood, is a member of the Cottonwood Historical Association and are urged to attend.

The Story-Telling Contest will offer an opportunity for members to tell and listen to favorite stories about Cottonwood. The contest will be judged by a panel of local referees and appropriate prizes will be awarded. Stories will be timed for 6 minutes, and judging will be based on time and other merits of story-telling selected by the panel of judges. Final rules will be announced at the membership meeting.

Registration will be required. Call Wallace Bennett, now at (254) 725-7474 or your may register at the door.

Cottonwood Connections

Lou and Charles Rodenberger participated in West Texas State Historical Association Meeting last week in San Angelo. Both presented scholarly papers for the association members. Charles made his presentation on the Oral History of Jack Scott and Lou made her presentation on the western writings of Elmer Kelton. Mr. Kelton was present at the meeting and later remarked to Lou, "Now I know what a frog feels like in a biology lab."

At the San Angelo meeting, Lou was also announced as author of the Best Essay for the 2001 edition of the West Texas Historical Association Year-Book. She was awarded a prize of \$500.

Her article was printed in the spring edition of the *Haley Museum Newsletter* and reviewed in this column a couple of weeks ago.



B A B Y

IT'S A GIRL

Jason and Nikki Higgins would like to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Jayleigh Blace Higgins. Born March 13, 2002 at 7:16 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 lbs. 10.4 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Rex and Edith Beggs and Billy and Debby Whiteley both of Cross Plains. Great grandparents are Joe and Wesley Ingram and Dessa Higgins both of Cross Plains. Great-great grandma is Cloe B. Proffit.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Remember to mark your calendar for April 20th and 21st for the Cross Plains Garden Club Annual Flower Show. Plans are for the flower show to held at the Senior Citizens Center downtown Cross Plains. This year the show will be in conjunction with the Paint and Palate Clubs Art Show. This will allow you to view the handwork of both clubs, so come on out and join the crowd.

"No Spring Chicken, Just Spring Birds!"

The days come and Go—sometimes slowly, other days;—it's the fast lane! No matter how you spend your days—slowly, swiftly or somewhere in between; it's my guess you're as ready for spring and warm weather as I am.

Well, I feel like proverbial kid who picked up 1/2 the objects from the room and said, "OK, I've done my part." I've painted the bird feeders which Marvin has made and got them up, we've cleaned the leaves from the flower beds, bought new herbs to replenish our herb garden, filled the basin with water for the birds, put up the hummingbird feeders,

swept the front porch and put down a new doormat. With all that accomplished I feel I've "Done my part." Now it's time for the birds and the weather to "Do their part!"

I must say the weather has been striving at least i.e.: the recent rains. For those rains, we are most grateful. But—and there's that proverbial BUT....again—Does the wind really have to blow that hard?????—and the tornado clouds have to form so fluently and the hail "have" to make an appearance just for us to get some rain????

Springs a-coming-though; I know for a fact because all the bluebonnets are already up and blooming too!!

I have a cutey for you. My great-nephew-3 year old Evan goes to Day Care 5 days a week (Moms a school teacher), and on Sunday attends Sunday School and Church. Here while back, he got angry at his mother and this is his remark to his Mom...."I don't love you, this I know".

See, some of the things children learn in Sunday School sticks with'em. It's just they way the kid rearranges it that gets your attention.....and your laughter!!!!

PIONEER NEWS

We had a very enjoyable time at quilting on Tuesday. We had nearly all our members there. We missed Christy due to the hail damage in Eastland. She had to help clean up where she worked. We did finish Earlene's "Hands all Around". It is soooo pretty. We are working on Jean Fore's "Bow Tie" and Earlene's "Barn Door". Lessie will put her quilt top in this Tuesday. We try to keep three in frame all the time.

Frankie enjoyed having the company of Jean Fore and Vi Harlow for Easter dinner. On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster from Clyde visited. Norma has about 11 quilt tops that her mother pieced. She is trying to sell them at \$30 to \$60 a top. If anyone out there is interested you might call Norma of Clyde. Norma's mother makes beautiful tops.

Earlene's company this week was Norma and Gene Foster. They live in Clyde and came through to see where all the tornadoes came. We didn't have any around here, nor did we get any of the rain we expected to get. The Fosters used to live here and it was nice to see them again. Earlene got her quilt out of the

frame. It is one her mother pieced. It is so pretty and the ladies did a good job quilting.

Glenda Phillips attended the gospel meeting at 4th and Stewart St. Church of Christ last Tuesday night with Jennine and Dean Bailey. David Harris is the minister there. Glenda went with Allen, Janice and family to Janice's grandmother's Sunday at Winters. They had a delicious lunch and a big egg hunt later. There was fifty some people there. Almost everyone takes part in the egg hunt.

Lessie Baum spent several days this week in Abilene with her sister Oddie Ann Kevelehen.

Olena Ezzell had Easter dinner for Janet, Doc, Becky and Scott Murphree, Anna and J.R. The meal was bar-b-que pork ribs and pork steaks, frozen green beans, corn casserole (Janet's), pudding pie cake and rolls. (You are making us readers hungry, Olena!) Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal. Olena enjoyed phone calls from her children and sisters.

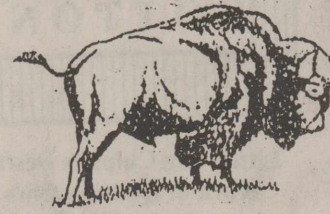
Word of wisdom: Some lives, like evening primroses, blossom most beautifully in the evening of life. C.E. Cowman

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 15 - April 19

MONDAY-- B-B-Q Chicken, Fruit, Bread, Milk
Ranch Style Beans, Raisin Cole-slaw, Pudding, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY-- Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Apple Crisp, Crackers, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Swiss Steak, New Potatoes, Spinach, Mixed

FRIDAY-- Chef Salad, Ham/Cheese/Egg, Baked Potato, Jellow/pears, Crackers, Milk



Bufs Fall to 2-1 in Their Current Baseball Record

Last Tuesday the Bufs traveled to Ranger for a district game. The final score was Ranger 3, Bufs 1. This was a game that featured only 5 hits, 3 by Ranger and 2 by Cross Plains. There were 14 strike outs, and 3 errors which were made by Cross Plains.

The Bufs, had 9 fly-outs and on the windy day the ball just floated in the air but it was caught. Ranger scored 1 in the 1st inning. It was a walk on error, 2 stolen bases, then a SAC fly. During the 3rd inning, Ranger scored 2 more on 2 hits, 2 errors, to take a 3-0 lead.

The Bufs lone run came in the 5th inning, with a walk to Norris, then after one out a walk to Beggs and then a hit by Hopkins scored, Andy Bennett, the pinch runner for Norris. Chuck Norris pitched a good game, 3 hits and 10 K's with no hits after the 3rd inning.

The Bufs will play ACHS on the 9th in Abilene and then play Comanche the 16th in Comanche. The next home game will be against Ranger on the 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By: Coach Atchley

LADY BUFFS Qualify Five to Area Track Meet

The Lady Bufs finished 6th as a team with 48 points and qualified five athletes in six events to advance to the Area Meet on Thursday. In order to advance you must finish in the top four in your event. We had a lot of 5th place finishes that just missed advancing.

*Shot Put - Kelsee Richards 34' 10 1/2" 3rd
 High Jump - Bree Dillard 4'6" 6th
 Discus - Kelsee Richards 101' 5th
 *Pole Vault - Erin Stephens 6'6" 3rd
 3200 - Christin Hyles 13:23.87 5th
 *800 Run - Shana Hyles 2:36.56 3rd
 *400 Dash - Kim Mosier 61.61 1st
 *300 Hurdles - Ashley Cook 51.22 3rd
 *1600 - Shana Hyles 6:05.87 3rd
 Mile Relay - Angela Swift, Candice Bailey, Shana Hyles, Kim Mosier 4:37.71 5th

*Advancing to Area at Winters on Thursday

Also contributing to the District effort was Melanie Chesshir, Dayna Bennett, Stephanie Edington and Karen Ross.

Karen ran the 800 and 400 Dayna Bennett threw the shot and discus, ran the 100 Melanie ran the 2 mile and mile Stephanie ran the 100 and 200.

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Cross Plains E. M. S. Still Need Your DONATIONS Towards a New Ambulance

Junior High Girls Win Zone District Once Again

Thursday, April 4, 15 girls demonstrated excellent teamwork to take home the District Title by beating out Baird (by 7 points, May, Ranger and Gorman.

Team results are:
 *2400 Run-2nd (12:17.11) Christina Avants
 *400 Relay -3rd (61.19) Isbell, Bacon, Hutchins, Scott
 800 Run - *1st (2:55.40) Naomi Isbell
 *3rd (3:11.79) Rainey Bacon
 100 Hurdles - 4th (22.20) Brittani Libey
 *5th (22.82) Kassie Milam
 100 Dash *1st - (13.28) Brittany Adams
 (16.58) Jamie Campbell
 (16.59) Megan Thomas

TAAS Testing Next Week For Grades Three to Eight

Passing TAAS tests is an important part of education in Texas. Next week these tests will be given students in Grade 3 through 8. Grades 3 through 8 will be taking mathematics on Tuesday, April 16, and Reading on Wednesday, April 17. Eight graders will be taking Social Studies on Thursday, April 18, and Science on Friday, April 19.

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

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

* Remind students to take highlighters (if used on their testing level), #2 pencils with erasers, and something to read if they finish early.

* Encourage students to relax and take their time. The tests are not timed. Students speeding through exams often make careless errors.

* Encourage students to read directions thoroughly, even if they have done that particular test before and think they know what is being asked.

* Tell them to answer all the questions, starting with the easier, then moving on to the harder ones.

* Remind them to check their work after completing a question to make sure the answer makes sense for the question asked.

* Make sure your student is on time to school.

Boys and Girls District Golf Standings Announced

The 1st round of District Golf was played a week ago Tuesday at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene. First round scores were:

Boys
 James Ross 88 - 18th Place
 Nathan Joy 108
Girls
 Stephanie Parker 104 - 11th Place
 Angela Swift 135
 Carrie Rogers 142.

Both rounds will consist of 18 holes of golf, for a 2nd round total of 36 holes. Advancement will be determined by the overall best 2nd round scores.

There are 31 girls and 70 boys competing from 10 District schools. Our entire boys team did not get to compete due to a sched-

uling conflict this year.

The 2nd round scores were played at San Saba on Monday of this week. In order to advance you must be a member of the top two teams or finish in the top 6 spots for individual medalists. Advancing team members are eligible for individual medalist positions. Results are as follows:

Boys
 James Ross 88+86+174 9th Place
 Nathan Joy 108+114+222
Girls
 Stephanie Parker 104+106=210 (10th)
 Angela Swift 135+125=260
 Carrie Rogers 142+153=295

Submitted by Coach Mike Cavender

Junior High Girls May Track Results Reported

Tuesday, March 26th, the Junior High Girls competed in the May Tigers Relays II, along with twenty other teams.

The team results are as follows:
 *Long Jump - 4th Adams (14'1")
 *100 M Dash - 1st Adams (13.53)
 *400 M Run - 2nd Adams (1:08.37)
 *200 M Dash - 2nd Adams (28.78)

400 Relay (1:00.24) - Hutchins, Bacon Scott, Isbell
 800 Relay (2:14.09) - Hutchins, Libey, Norris, Douglass
 1600 Relay (5:20.92) - Norris, Libey, Douglass, Isbell

800 M - Isbell (3:11), Bacon (3:19)
 100 H - Carpenter (25.40)

100 M - Scott (15.73), Milam (16.97)
 400 M - Milam (1:27.78)
 300 H - Hutchins (1:02.19), Libey (1:04.56) Carpenter (1:13.91)
 200 M - Norris (33.37), Douglass (34.16)
 1600 M - Bacon (7:39.97) Scott (8:38.87) Carpenter (8:47.59)
 Long Jump - Isbell (12' 2 1/2") Libey
 Triple Jump - Isbell (23'10 1/2") Libey
 Discus and Shot - Douglass, Hutton, May
 *Indicates Medalists

C.P.I.S.D. Enrolling in Health Insurance Program by May

The Cross Plains I.S.D. will be enrolling its employees in the TRS Active Care State Health Insurance program the next couple of weeks. The employees must enroll in the program by May 17, 2002. The school employee health insurance program is the program passed by the State Legislature during the last legislative session.

This is a state health insurance plan furnished by the state at no cost to the employee. Although the language states that the program is provided by the state does not mean the state pays the entire premium and it is no cost to the employee then where does the remainder of the funds come from?

Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, the state will contribute \$75.00 per employee per month and Cross Plains I.S.D. will pay \$150.00 per employee per month toward health insurance. At the present time, Cross Plains I.S.D. contributes an average of \$87.00 per employee per month toward health insurance.

Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, Cross Plains I.S.D. will be required to pay an additional \$63.00 per employee per month in health insurance programs. This will cost the Cross Plains I.S.D. approximately \$49,800.00 in additional health insurance premiums per year. Additional tax hikes will be required to cover these health insurance premiums. With the current tax values that Cross Plains I.S.D. has, it will take approximately an 8.3 cent tax hike to cover the cost of the health insurance. Cross Plains I.S.D. my qualify for the phase-in payment plan which may allow them to pay over several years which would not require a tax hike all at one time.

Submitted by the Cross Plains I.S.D., Board of Trustees

Katie Wooten National Rural Educational Association Contest Winner

Katie Wooten was the 1st Place Winner in the Winter 2000-2001 National Rural Educational Association Contest. She competed in the Junior High division and was awarded \$500 for her efforts.

The essay was published in *The Rural Educator* along with her picture. This was a very prestigious honor for this Cross Plains I.S.D. student, especially considering the number of entries in a national contest.

Her essay in its entirety is as follows:

I believe that the person who has done the most for my rural school and rural school and rural education would be my principal. He has done an outstanding job helping, teaching, and listening to me and the other students of this school.

Before my school's principal came here he had been to many other schools that were bigger and smaller than our school. He had changed every one of those schools into a better and safer school. When everyone had found out that he was our new principal no one would have guessed what kind of changes he would make and what kind of influence he would have on both teachers and students.

My principal has done many wonderful things for this school and the students. I think that one of the most important things that he does for us is listening to us. He listens to all the students carefully and then he helps with our problems. He always takes whatever we have to say into consideration.

My principal also helps and teaches us in many ways. He teaches us about life and school. My principal also helps us get along and learn from each other in addition to learning how to respect each other. He learns from us and we learn from him. And whenever we all do something that is good and work together he acknowledges it and rewards us.

When he makes promises, he always keeps the promises. We trust him for that. He has never broken promises or lied to us. He makes us feel safe in our school and community environment.

My principal also helps the teachers. He helps them control and maintain the students. He doesn't just listen to the students but he also listens to the teachers and staff members. When the teachers and principal work together (which they do all the time), our education system improves one hundred percent.

My principal also does a great job supporting the students in everything we do. He supports us in our academics and in our sports events. My principal attends all of our football, basketball, track and tennis events whether they are at home or away. He yells for us and cheers us on and tells us to never give up. He always tells us we did well no matter how bad we did and he always congratulates us when we have participated in an extracurricular event. He also supports us when we go to our University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic events and competitions.

Overall, I think that the best thing that my school's principal has done is that he has helped so many students since his arrival. He has talked to so many students in our school and we appreciate his efforts. Since he arrived there has been a dramatic decrease in the students that have dropped out this year and I believe he deserves special recognition for that.

In conclusion, I believe that my principal is the person who has made the most difference in our community's school and our education. He does so much for the students, teachers, and staff members. He listens to us and our teachers and helps us all. (*Kati's Teacher Sponsor was Melissa Wooten.*)



FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT— A.J. Carouth of Cross Plains High School finished among the top 20 high individuals in the Dairy Foods judging contest held recently on the campus of Tarleton State University. A.J. was the 14th high individual among over 280 participants. The Statewide FFA Invitational Career Development event featured 11 judging contests with the top 20 individuals in each event receiving a plaque and t-shirt. Tarleton faculty members Linda Talley (left) and Deana Gage (right) were contest directors. (Tarleton news service photo.)

SCHOOL MENU

April 15 - April 19

BREAKFAST
 MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 TUESDAY--Blueberry Muffin, Assorted Juice
 WEDNESDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Toast
 THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 FRIDAY-- Donuts, Assorted Juice

LUNCH
 MONDAY-- Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Corn, Crackers, Fruit Crisp
 TUESDAY-- Oven-Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey
 WEDNESDAY-- Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Jello w/Fruit
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TSSWCB Offers Learning Resources to Districts, Schools, Public Organizations

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) offers a large selection of conservation-related videos to the public for loan. Over 150 videos are available at no charge to soil and water conservation districts, public and private schools, and public organizations.

"The video library is a resource that we want the public to take advantage of," said Kris Parker, Director of External Customer Relations. "These are great learning tools on most every subject in conservation."

In addition to the video library, the TSSWCB offers two hands-on educational models to loan. The Watershed Model shows students the effects of non-point source pollution and how it makes its way to lakes and streams. The Groundwater Flow Model shows a cross section of soil layers and illustrates how pollutants can travel in groundwater.

"Both educational models give the students a very clear picture of how pollution affects us and why it is important to take care of our land," Parker said.

The videos and models are available for a two-week long period. The resources can be ordered by contacting your local soil and water conservation district or by contacting the TSSWCB Public Information and Education Department at 254.773.2250. A list of resources are available on-line at <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/infoed/resources.html>.

The TSSWCB is a state agency that administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and coordinates Texas' soil and water conservation programs around the state.

New tax relief for farmers and ranchers

COLLEGE STATION—According to John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency, there is new legislation that offers immediate tax relief through additional depreciation on farm or ranch equipment and property.

The most significant provision for farmers is a 30% additional first-year depreciation allowance signed into law by President Bush on March 9, 2002, the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, is retroactive to 2001 allowing capital investments from the previous year be depreciated.

Under current law, farmers, ranchers and other small businesses can immediately deduct up to \$24,000 of the cost of investment in qualifying machinery and equipment. This is scheduled to increase to \$25,000 by 2003. The remaining amount is depreciated under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS).

In addition to the existing expensing provision, the Act provides an additional first-year depreciation deduction equal to 30 percent of qualified property for investments made after September 10, 2001 and before September 11, 2004. Most depreciable farm or ranch property would be considered qualifying property, including farm machinery and equipment, crop storage facilities and single purpose agricultural and horticultural structures.

Since the provision is retroactive to 2001, farmers and ranchers can immediately benefit from the change on their 2001 returns although they may need to file an amended return. For 2002, the amount of farm capital investment that could be written off is estimated to increase by about 15 percent or \$1.8 billion as a result of this provi-

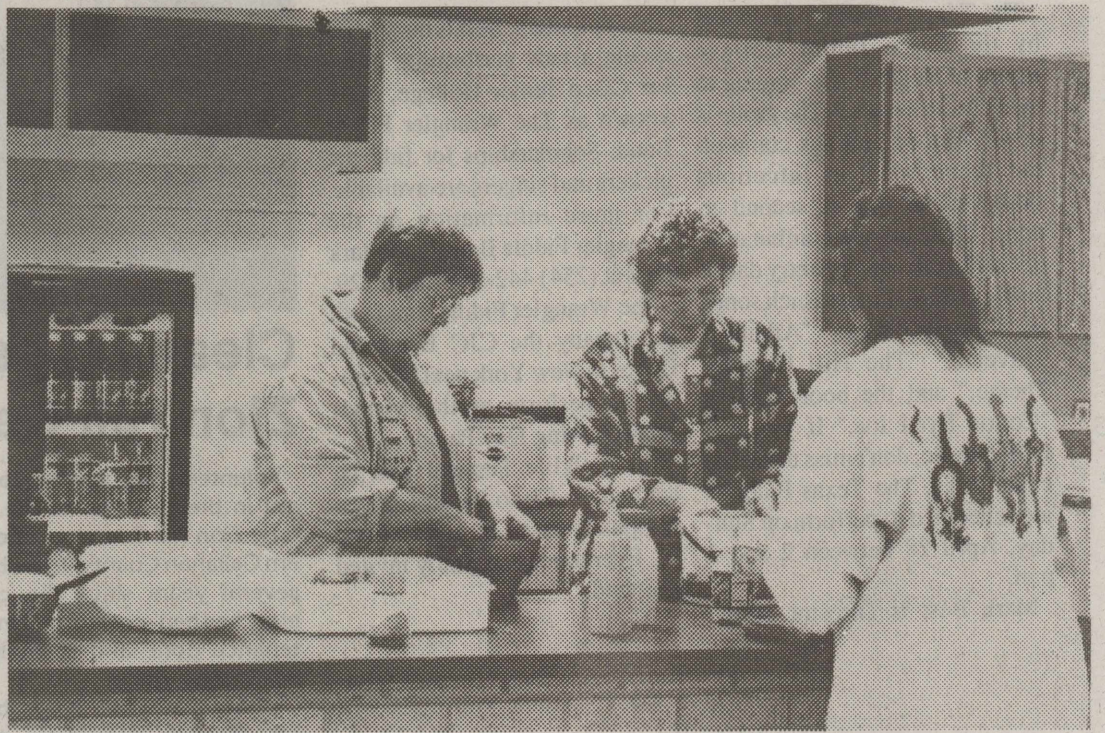
sion. This should reduce Federal income and self-employment taxes paid by farmers by over \$500 million. Annual tax savings in 2003 and 2004 are expected to be only slightly smaller at just under \$500 million per year.

To illustrate the potential benefits of this legislation assume that after September 10, 2001, a farmer purchases a combine that costs \$100,000. The farmer would be able to expense \$24,000 under the section 179 expensing election. Under the new law, the producer would then be allowed an additional first-year depreciation deduction of \$22,800, which is equal to 30% of the remaining cost (basis) of \$76,000 (\$100,000 - \$24,000). Finally, the remaining cost (basis) of \$53,200 (\$76,000 - \$22,800) could be depreciated under the current depreciation rules.

This would permit an additional depreciation deduction of \$7,980. Thus, the producer would be able to deduct a total of \$54,780 of the \$100,000 investment in the first year. This is an increase of \$19,380 as a result of the 30% additional first-year depreciation provision. Assuming the producer is in the 15% Federal marginal income tax bracket, the Federal income and self-employment tax savings would equal \$5,440.

Fuston said, "Although this is not a farm program, our agency administers many programs to support farm and ranch income and we want to make sure that producers are aware of this legislation so that they can take advantage of the tax savings." Fuston added that producers should consult with their accountant to discuss the application of the new legislation to their individual situation.

Justin Dickson Baseball Benefit



BUILDING HAMBURGERS—Vondell Hutchins (left) and Joyce McCoy were busy selling hamburgers.



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS—Great desserts, handmade spurs, hot sauce, a Dutch Doll quilt by Nora Green were among the items auctioned.



TAKING A LITTLE BREATHER—Tom Turner (from left), Angie Ames, Sheila Rhyme and Mike Cavender wait their turn to play ball.



HAVING A GREAT TIME—Cheyenne Cowan (from left) and Samantha Dickson stamped their faces with buffaloes for the day.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, sent your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service.
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Think Texas
 by Agriculture Commissioner
SUSAN COMBS

In the 1970s I was an assistant district attorney in Dallas where I handled "failure to thrive" cases of child abuse and neglect involving underfed children. Unfortunately, today we have a different kind of "failure to thrive." Our children are making poor food choices.

By some estimates, 20 percent of American children, or 10 million kids, are obese. In Texas, that translates into 800,000 children. This is more than the entire population of Austin, and this overwhelming number is at risk for a lifetime of health problems ranging from high blood pressure, to Type 2 diabetes, to heart disease and other ailments.

How can agriculture help? As some of the top producers of fresh fruits and vegetables in the nation, Texas farmers are natural partners in promoting healthy eating for our kids. That's why the Texas Department of Agriculture has launched a much-needed nutrition initiative called Healthy Food for Healthy Kids.

This initiative will help persuade Texans that eating fruits and vegetables is the blueprint for a healthy family. We were fortunate to receive \$2.66 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist in this effort, and we will be spending a portion of that to educate our children and their parents about the great variety of produce grown in the state. We plan on working in 11 school districts across the state and hope to reach 140,000 children.

Healthy food builds strong Texans, and choosing local produce helps support our state's farmers. The bottom line is we all must work together to provide "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids."

You're Invited to Celebrate Gail Stallings 80th Birthday!!
Saturday, April 13th from 2 to 4 p.m.
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New Folklife Festival Entertainment Told

The Texas Fiddlers, sponsored by the Cisco Junior College Board of Regents, are coming to the Folklife Festival. The group is newly formed and has come on the scene with an infectious fiddle sound that is second to none. Their unique combination of fiddle tunes and country dance music swings through such songs as "Cripple Creek," "Arkansas Traveler," "The Hill Country Theme," and the boot-scooting "Cotton Eyed Joe." If you like fiddle music, don't miss these talented folks. The Texas Fiddlers are scheduled to perform on Sunday, April 28 between 2 and 3 p.m.

Mark Best is Director of the

Texas Fiddlers. Best is busy organizing a new performing group for Cisco Junior College, to be known as The Wrangler Fiddle Band. Scholarships for fiddlers, pickers and singers are available. For more information on the Wrangler Fiddle Band, call Mark Best at (254) 442-2567, ext. 229.

The Wrangler Fiddle Band will accompany the CJC Band and Belles to New York next November to perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Folklife Festival will be held on the Cisco Junior College campus in Cisco in April 27 and 28. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

It's Up To You To Prevent Child Abuse And Neglect

Appropriate Discipline: Setting Limits With Young Children

Children have to be taught discipline. They are not born with it. Little by little parents have to teach it to them. While teaching discipline does take time and practice, it gets easier as children learn to control their own behavior. And best of all, teaching discipline does not have to hurt either the parents or the children.

Discipline is helping children develop self-control. Discipline is setting limits and correcting misbehavior. Discipline also is encouraging children, guiding them, helping them feel good about themselves, and teaching them how to think for themselves.

Children need to feel good about themselves. Let them know what they are doing right, as well as about the mistakes they make. Hearing good things makes us feel good and makes us want to do more good things. One

way to make them feel better about themselves is to say two nice but true things to them for every time you correct them. Remember, when they are changing their behavior, tell them how well they are doing, even if they only improve a little.

Routines help children feel safe, because they know what parents expect. Some ways to help them are to set routines for bedtimes, meals and chores. Young children have a hard time going from one activity to another. Warning them a few minutes ahead helps them get ready. Be clear about options your children have. Make them choices you can live with. Remind them of your rules. Just saying no is not enough. Children often need reminders.

When children feel good about themselves, have a daily routine and have set limits they learn how to think for themselves and to control their behavior. Take it personally, because it is up to you.



Clean-up set for historic Zion Hill Cemetery April 13

Volunteers are needed to assist in the clean-up of the historic Zion Hill Cemetery in eastern Callahan County. It has been several years since the cemetery has had mowing and maintenance done and is badly in need of attention.

Saturday, April 13 has been set, weather permitting, as a work day for this pioneer cemetery. Volunteers should meet at the cemetery at 8:00 a.m. For directions or other information

please call Jeff Barton at 854-1900 or Mike Konczak at 854-1293.

A cemetery maintenance fund has been set-up at the First National Bank in Baird. They hope to reach a point where they can properly maintain the cemetery on the interest generated by your donations. Donations may be made at the bank or mailed to Zion Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mike Konczak, 219 Market Street, Baird, Texas 79504.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK APRIL 7-13, 2002

WHEREAS, The terror attacks on September 11 spotlighted the work county officials do 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year;

WHEREAS, Counties are the first to respond to emergency situations and are primarily responsible for planning for disasters;

WHEREAS, County officials keep citizens protected and communities thriving;

WHEREAS, Emergency response professionals from all across the nation are able to mobilize and respond quickly and effectively;

WHEREAS, Counties continue to deal with the after effects of September 11 and the ensuing public health threats;

WHEREAS, There are 3,066 counties in the United States, collectively responsible for the well being of more than 230 million residents;

WHEREAS, Counties have a long history of serving and providing for the American people;

WHEREAS, County governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY Callahan County, Texas, hereby proclaims April 7-13, 2002 as National County Government Week.

Signed this day the 2nd day of April, 2002.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
Callahan County, Texas

Farcical Comedy at Dinner Theatre in April

The Cisco Junior College drama department will present "James Skipworth and the Catfish Colonel," a two-act farce by Cy Young, as its spring production for the Hilton Theatre.

The play will be performed Tuesday through Saturday, April 16-20, at the Conrad Hilton Community Center in downtown Cisco. The first two performances are \$1.00 admission nights. Thursday through Saturday are dinner theatre nights with tickets at \$12.00. Dinner service begins at 7 p.m. with curtain time at 8 p.m. throughout the week. Reserve your tickets today by phoning (254) 442-2589, Monday, through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wrangler Belle Auditions Set

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, April 14th, and Sunday, April 21st, at 2 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group are recipients of activity grants that range from \$850 to \$1250 per year.

The CJC Wrangler Belles have recently been invited to make their eighty appearance in the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. We would like to invite all young women in the Big Country to take advantage of this wonderful trip by auditioning for the Wrangler Belles and attending Cisco Junior

College in the fall of 2002.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise and self-esteem. Any young woman who would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College (254) 442-2567, ext. 140 to confirm an appointment for the audition. Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition later in the summer.

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Country and Western Musical Fri., April 12th

A Country and Western Musical is scheduled for Friday, April 12th at, Skate World, 401 East College Avenue in Coleman. The building will be open at 5:00 p.m. Music begins at 6:00 p.m. A snack bar will be available. Every one is invited to bring their lawn chairs if able.

Call Gene Christian at (915) 625-4901 for a spot on the program or for more information.

Submitted By: Dub Meador

Third Annual Friends At Heart Spring Festival

Get ready for our Friends at Heart Spring Festival. This event will again take place on the Early Church of Christ parking lot, which is located at 900 Early Blvd., in Early. It will be Saturday, April 20, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. It will feature Arts, Crafts and Collectibles from exhibitors throughout Central Texas with their original art, handcrafted items, clothing, jewelry, home decorating, barn wood crafts, metal arts, weather stations and gift items. Bring a friend and enjoy shopping with us.

Submitted By: Charlsie Richardson

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UNIQUE BOOTH— Chris and Jerry Biggerstaff are shown with their western metal creations.



CROSS PLAINS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTED— Charlise Richardson (from left), Bobby Hinkle, Dorothy Petty, Chris Biggerstaff, Jerry Biggerstaff, Keeka Byrd, Bill Richardson and Aubrey Stout were preparing tasty brisket sandwiches.



OUTSTANDING GOLFERS— Josh Odom (from left), Landon Westerman and David Evans.

Locally Known Young Golfer Continues to Win

The Rising Star golf team won the District 18-A Championship Tuesday, April 2, at the Sweetwater Country Club with a total score of 315. Landon Westerman also was the District Champion medalist with a score of 75.

Landon, a sophomore at Rising Star High, is the son of Betty and Gary Westerman and the grandson of Noel and Alma King of Cross Plains.

Teammates Josh Odom took 2nd place shooting 77 and David Evans won 3rd place with a 78. Seth Simmons is the other member who shot 85 to place 5th.

The team has won first in on other tournament and third in two more, with some tough competition this year. They will compete in the Regional Tournament April 22-23 at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.



COYOTE FLAT BOOTH AT TRADE DAY— Bill and Charlsie Richardson had handcrafted goodies for sale.



WRAPPED UP FOR THE COLD WEATHER— Kathy Anderson (from left), representing the C.P. Senior Citizens' Center, and Garden Club members, Barbara Powell, Mary Ella Weaver, Wanda Hammel and Julene Franke had a successful morning at the Trade Day.

Abilene Quilters Guild Offer Program April 27

Donna Mullins, decorator for Abilene Lumber, Abilene, will present a program on Principles and Elements of Design as it relates to color. Examples of how colors can change designs will be displayed along with the commentary.

The Abilene Quilters Guild will present a workshop on fabric painting; it is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Please contact Susan Humphrey at 915-698-2042 for more details and to enroll.

Entries are currently being accepted for the Stars Over Abilene Quilt Show to be held May 31-June 2nd. Both members and non-members of the Guild are encouraged to enter quilts and quilted items. For more information, please contact Carolyn Barker, 217A CR 650, Tuscola, TX 79562, phone #915-690-1623 or e-mail her at carolynsr00@yahoo.com. Visitors are most welcome to attend any program.

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 3, 2002. Issued this the 9th day of April, 2002.

Donnie Dillard, Presiding Officer

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Raven conference...

I'm reading a book about Iceland because it's a birthing field of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, and I'm digging into Geology 101.

The story watches over a scientist couple spending a remote summer at the edge of the world. Shelter is a centuries-old farm (without electricity or other amenities) on a strand between the seas and the lava fields. Their existence at the base of stunning mountains, glaciers and volcanoes, is thrall to the tides for their avenue to civilization. If the tide is out, it is a 20-minute hike across the marshes to their car. If the tide is in, the only access is an hour and a half walk around the long way.

Their adventure today is a Sunday outing with their young son. They are picking their way up the steep sides of Eldborg, ("Castle of Fire" in Icelandic), just to see the top of the spatter ring cone that keeps sentinel watch over their back yard.

Their path leads them past ravens that screech and swirl around their heads. Next, the birds hobble the "wounded wing" feint, and the intruders know this is parent birds protecting young.

Icelandic lore includes much about ravens. It is said ravens hold assemblies every spring and autumn. The reference reminds me of the crow conventions in the hills of the Okanogan where I used to live.

The climbers are fluent in the nature, history, culture, and language of the island continent. They've heard many of the sagas from the full basket of mythology and stories of the ancient days. While they talked of ravens and Vikings and Odin, I roamed the foothills of the Cascades.

Nearing the peak, they spoke of 9th century explorers and the ravens loosed to sniff out land. They told of an Icelandic folk belief about ravens flying in the same direction as a man's foot

travel. I dallied some distance back down the hillside with the black-eyed, black-feathered, black-beaked birds.

The couple leaned over the edge of the crater. It is said that a Scotsman in the 1800s climbed down inside to see what the clouds looked like from down there. They noticed the crumbly vestiges of that path etched two centuries ago. Icelanders treat six-century history like current events. It has to be older than that to be relinquished to the realms of ancient history.

Hikers were at the top of a volcano in Iceland, but I was under the blue skies of Eastern Washington, listening to the squawks and cackles of the throngs that met every year in the amphitheater on the mountainside.

I got back to my desk in Texas just as the couple stooped to examine the pyroclastics of Eldborg. I was back in time to hear them mention the names of the pioneers who measured the diameter of the crater sometime in the mid-1700s.

Thinking about those ravens reminded me that it wasn't only the crows that crowded the outdoor convention hall in the Okanogan. Their two weeks of social high-fiving, backslapping, and gossip was followed by blackbirds — cousins that swarmed in on the heels of their departure.

The crow council appeared social, a reunion perhaps. The blackbirds were rush-around industrious birds, busy every minute. It seemed they must be the cleanup crew, readying the stage for the next semi-annual gathering of the larger crows.

This book set me high over Iceland, airlifted me to the Cascade foothills, timewarped me to my desk in Texas, all in milliseconds. A book is a wonderful thing - a pool of words that float the mind.

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KELLIE ANN FRANKE & CHRISTOPHER GRADY DODSON
...plan June 1, 2002 wedding in Cross Plains

Engagement announced

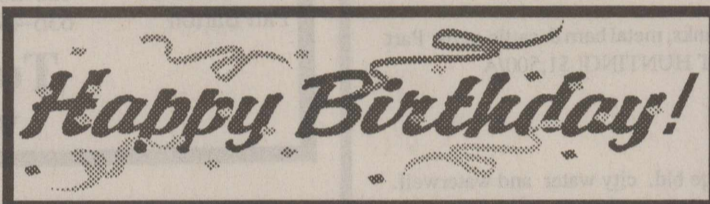
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The prospective bride graduated from Clyde High School in 2000. She is employed at Lawrence Brothers in Clyde. She also attends Cisco Junior College in Abilene. The prospective groom graduated from Eula High

School in 2001. He is currently working at Circuit City and attends TSTC in Abilene.

A June 1, 2002 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

The couple would also like to invite their friends to a bridal shower on Sunday, April 21 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



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I/M Morris, Sam & Shawn Odom by Dorothy Odom	50.00
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I/M Harlow & Foster Family by Paul & Juanita Harlow	200.00
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tem, TRICARE, and veterans service organizations will discuss veterans benefits and medical services, and assist with questions and claims.

Veterans who would like to discuss the status of their claims should contact Bill Murphey, Brown County Veterans Service Officer, at (915) 646-0335 by April 22 to arrange for an interview.

Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts to Hold First Annual "Shootout"

The Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, announces the first annual Chisholm Trail "Shootout" scheduled for May 3-4. The "Shootout" will benefit the Council and its mission to provide a quality Scouting program for the youth of West Texas. Chairman Dr. Austin King says, "The event will consist of an exciting sporting clay shoot on Saturday, May 4th, preceded by a preview party at the famous Perini's Ranch Steak House in Buffalo Gap on Friday, May 3rd. Tickets are available for either event, or both."

The clay shoot will be held at Abilene Clay Sports, located at the intersection of Hwy 707 and Spur 707 in south Abilene. For a \$100 entry fee, shooters will compete on a custom course designed to duplicate multiple types of hunting situations. The 10-station course will take approximately 2 hours to complete. Shooters will be eligible to com-

pete for a number of prizes. Even first-time shooters have a chance to win. Younger shooters (age 12-16) and participate in a youth division for \$35. All youth shooters will receive a special patch and participate in a drawing for a new shotgun.

Tickets for the Friday night Preview Party are \$50, and non-shooters as well as shooters are invited Party goers will enjoy Tom Perini's world famous steaks and dance to the music of "Slim Chance and the Survivors". A silent auction will feature game hunts at some of the area's most historic and desirable ranches.

Dr. King said, "This is going to be a terrific event for shooters and non-shooters alike." He added, "you can't lose when you combine good fun with a good cause."

Please call (915) 677-2688 for further information and reservations. The clay shoot is limited to the first 100 contestants; so call soon. All reservations must be made before April 26th!!!!

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