



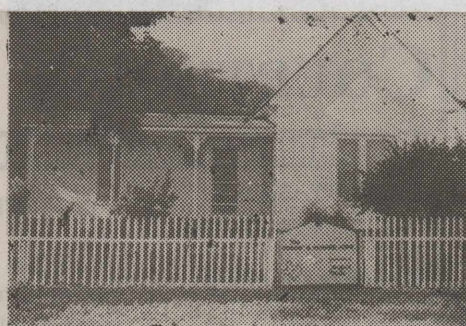
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story reminds us to count our many blessings, which is the "true" theme of Thanksgiving. Don't forget to give God praise and honor on this day. I would like to thank Him for the gift of four grandchildren in 2002, Gwendolyn Joann Creech (2-28), Keegan Lane King (5-29), Kreede Abigaile Orum (6-5) and just this week, Breck Cade Crawford 11-25. Tatym Elice Shaw (7 yrs) and Kyler Paul King (18 mos.) brings the total to six. One more on the way in February, Hailey Bopp. What wonderful blessings indeed. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

A Penny for Your Thoughts

I'll never again pick up a penny without thinking of this.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live.

The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts.

Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure.

How absurd!

What need did this man have for a single penny?

Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been valuable.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before. What was the point of this?

"Look at it," he said. "Read what it says."

She read the words "United States of America." "No, not that; read further."

"One cent?"

"No, keep reading."

"In God We Trust?"

"Yes!"

"And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin."

Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it.

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Annual Xmas Decorating Contests

The annual Christmas decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held on Friday, December 13, at dark. Your lights must be on at this time.

All homes and businesses will be considered, but to make sure you are included, you are invited to call (254) 725-6498 anytime before December 13 and leave your name and address. If you are located outside the city limits it will be necessary for you to call.

Prizes will be awarded for the Best Decorated Home and Business. Project Pride is sponsor for the home decorating contest and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce the businesses.

Non-event Dinner concludes with \$6,675 in donations

Many, many thanks to all of those who participated in our fun event for a most worthy cause. The party is over, but remember the EMS still operates on donations and that they still need volunteers. Beta Sigma Phi wishes you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving season.

Added to the list of those who donated: Bruce Adams (The Area Co.), Mr. and Mrs. John T. Adams, Roger Blackmon, Christi, Tommy and Jason Burrhus, Don and Imo Jeanne Clark, William D. Clark, Dwain Clower, Joe and Delma Copping, James and Helen Cowan, R. H. Golson, Tommie and Phyllis Harris, Wil and Dana Huckle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ingram, Roger Klingberg, Jim and Ida McCowen, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCoy, Dorothy Odom, Glenda Phillips, Drs. Charles and Lou Rodenberger, Jerry and Shirley Smith, Burlie W. Taylor, Lois Vaughn.

All-District Football Teams Announced for 2002

Cross Plains High School Buffaloes named to the 14-A All-District Football 1st Team were:

Cole Koenig - Offensive Lineman and Defensive Lineman, 6'3", 230 lbs., Senior

Jose Mauricio - Punter, 5'6", 150 lbs., Junior

Dustin Purvis - Linebacker, 5'7", 165 lbs., Senior

Players named to the 2nd Team were:

Dustin Purvis - Running back, 5'7", 165 lbs., Senior

Casey Pack - Tight End, 6'1", 170 lbs., Junior

Colby Barton - Wide Receiver, 6'1", 170 lbs., Senior

Dusty Dickson - Defensive Back, 6'1", 160 lbs., Junior

Honorable Mentions were:

Kevin Scott - Center, 5'10", 195 lbs., Senior

Chris Harris - Receiver, 6'1", 140 lbs., Senior

Christmas Lighting and Music Dec. 5th

Traditionally, this time of year is a special time for expressing thanks, sharing and giving, whether it is just among family members or the entire community.

In keeping with the season, Project Pride would like to express appreciation to the community by inviting everyone to share Christmas music and witness the

lighting of the holiday yard art at the pavilion on Project Pride property on West Highway 36.

The program will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 5th. Plenty of parking space is available on the street east of the pavilion. Parking on the shoulder of the highway is not advisable. Please come and bring the family. Refreshments will be served.



TASTE OF TEXAS NOW OPEN FOR INDOOR SHOPPING YEAR ROUND

Taste of Texas Expands now open year round Stop by and Shop!!!

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

Taste of Texas, on the corner of Highway 36 and Highway 209, has long contributed to the beauty of our community and its economic growth. Its red and white accents and colorful plants catch your eye immediately, but it now has a new look.

Donald and Vickie Strength, owners and operators, have expanded their business over the past two months. They have remodeled the building and now offer convenient store items with indoor shopping. They stock milk, bread, canned goods, cigarettes, etc. The have a great selection of nuts, fruits, jellies, honey, and salsa. Vegetables including tomatoes, onions, avocados, cucumbers and yellow squash are still available. You can also purchase your bottled water there. A great buy includes an 8 pound bag of ice for 89 cents each. All kinds of snacks are stocked and this week diet 7-up, regular 7-up, and cherry 7-up (20 ounce bottles) are two for \$1.00.

Lottery tickets may be purchased at Taste of Texas and winners are paid in cash.

Laundry and dry cleaning service by Vogue is provided for

your convenience with runs five days per week Monday through Friday. You will get your clothes back faster with this service.

Hunting and fishing supplies are readily available. Deer supplement and corn are stocked for the hunters. Live bait is kept for the fishermen.

Pansies, mums and snap dragons are on hand to add color to your yard for the season.

Pointsettias and Christmas trees, including Douglas fir and pines, will be here within the week. Christmas yard art, candies and fruit are already on display. Just one stop will help you prepare for the special upcoming holiday.

Donald says bulbs, fruit trees, and onion sets will be on hand in time for January plantings.

Check out Taste of Texas' ad on the back page of the Cross Plains Review for weekly specials. Business hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days per week.

Donald and Vickie appreciate your business and they invite you to come by and take a look at their merchandise. With their wide selection items, there is sure to be something for everyone.

Remember Taste of Texas is "Right on the corner and right on the price!"

"Wall of Honor" Established at Bank

At this time in the history of our nation, we at Texas Heritage Bank, feel it would be worthwhile to recognize and honor those who serve us or have served our country in our military. We would like to establish a "wall of honor" in the lobby of our business.

We want to encourage the family and friends of those currently serving, or those who have served to bring in a photo of the ones represented. We will display these photos so everyone in our community may come and see a visible reminder of the commitment and service represented by those willing to defend our coun-

try, whether in time of peace or a time of war.

We believe this will involve us as a community to hold those currently enlisted in our thoughts and prayers as they are facing days of uncertainty. We also feel this will remind us to remember those who have served in the past and given their lives or were dedicated to defending our nation as they completed their enlistment.

We look forward to participation of our community in this upcoming project. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Jane or Roxie at (254) 725-6141.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Is Coming

Yes! Yes! Yes! Santa is coming! He'll leave his sleigh and reindeer out at the Hoskins' place with the goats and come on in on the fire truck. He'll arrive south of Texas Heritage Bank at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 6th.

Be there, because there will be no waiting around, unless weather is bad. In that case Santa will be taken to the old high school gym.

The Kiwanis group brings Santa to Cross Plains each year. Their main purpose is to improve the quality of life for children and families all over the world. Their projects each year include glasses for children in need, support for the Boy Scouts, Project Graduation, and school supplies for needy children. Yes, in their meetings it seems their main purpose is fun, and they do have fun, but they also accomplish their goals.

Kiwanians hope that people interested in drawings at the Christmas Party will register at 5 p.m. Ike and Sue Neal, Jess Bigbee and Charles Rodenberger are in charge of registration. When Santa comes at 6 p.m. the children can begin having pictures made

with him. There's no better gift for grandparents. The first picture is free. All additional pictures are \$1.00 each. Ron Bagley and Kathy Chesshir are in charge of photographs.

All throughout the evening, different music groups will entertain. Sue Neal has arranged for Christmas music.

No one needs to rush to supper. There will be a food booth so that everyone can come right on to the festivities. Roy Stambaugh and Don Clark are the cooks again. Those who have eaten their goodies know that they have cooked before. Keep them busy!

A Cake Walk will be held at the Senior Citizens' Center. Don't miss out on the fun!!! Win yourself a great cake for Thanksgiving.

Other committees who have made Santa Clauses' visit a memorable one are these: Street barricade - Benny Callaway and H.D. Weaver; Sacking Candy - Kathy Chesshir; Lighting and P.A. System - W.G. McCoy and Dale Bishop; Decorating Tree - Bob Pipes, Rodger Hart, H.D. Weaver and Mike Redd.

Cake Walk, Games, Drawing All at Sr. Citizens' Center Friday, December 6th

A Cake Walk will be held at the Senior Citizens' Center on Friday, December 6th, beginning at 6 p.m. Come and join the fun. Also the Angel Quilt will be given away during the Cake Walk. You still have time to purchase a ticket at the Senior Citizens' Center during their regular hours. Tickets are \$1.00 each and you do not have to be present to win.

On Tuesday, December 10, another fun night of playing Texas 42, dominoes, and cards such as Skip Bo has been planned at the Senior Citizens' Center. Come

and enjoy an evening with us.
Submitted by
Walter Thomason
and Kathy Anderson

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

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Robert V. Lane, obtaining dangerous drugs by telephone.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shawna Wall, motion to revoke probation granted.
Daniel Fry, motion to revoke probation granted.
Tasha Penrose, order extending probation granted.
James O. Perry, order extending probation granted.
Robert V. Lane, plea of guilty to obtaining dangerous drugs by telephone, 10 days in jail, \$243 court costs.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Ann Carol Sims and Samuel Christopher Sims, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Michelle M. Alvarado and Michael Antonio Alvarado, divorce granted.
Nola Ann Wade and Melvin Louis Wade, divorce granted.
Russell Bert Eoff and Jacquelyn Kay Richardson Eoff, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Shelly A. Davis, Ct. I - theft, Ct. II - misapplication of fiduciary property.

Criminal Minutes

Alfonso R. Salazar, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 5 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$231 court costs.
Timothy P. Dill, plea of guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child, 35 years in prison, \$325.25 court costs.

Shiloh Quartet in Concert at First Baptist

On Sunday, December 8, the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will host an evening of Southern Gospel Music at its finest when it opens its door for The Shiloh Quartet in concert beginning at 6 p.m.

The Shiloh Quartet has blessed the lives of all that have heard their music. Not only do their incredibly tight harmonic voices make for an outstanding concert, their songs, ministry and lives are centered on the theme of God's infinite grace, love and mercy.

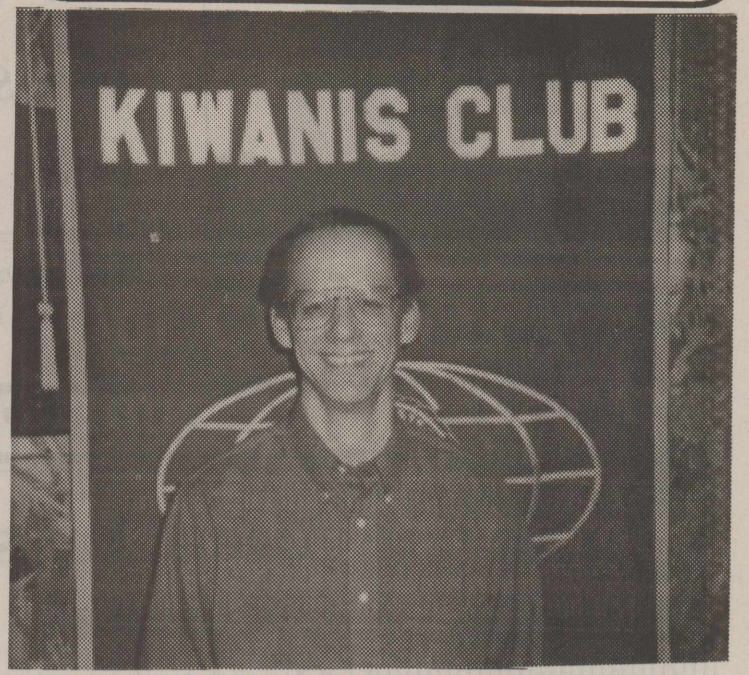
Considered to be one of the premier groups "on the rise" in the world of Southern Gospel music, The Shiloh Quartet came together in 1995, and has its roots in Arlington, Texas. All four men have been active members of the same church, Pleasantview Baptist in Arlington, and have long since garnered the respect and support from their home congregation which sends them out as "singing missionaries" to the world. As their pastor D.L. Moody states, "They are men who believe and live the message which they sing about." Their desire from the beginning has been to spread the Gospel of Christ far beyond their state's borders. God has indeed given them a ministry that has reached far beyond Texas' borders! Their selection, and subsequent journey, to perform at various ministry programs at the 2002 Summer Olympics in Sydney Australia is a testimony to that.

In 1999 the group competed at

the nationally acclaimed National Quartet Convention, in Louisville, Kentucky where they place 6th out of 64 entries. They've also appeared with such noted artists as The Crabb Family, The Hoppers, The Dove Brothers Quartet, The Greenes, The Bishops, The Isaacs, The Talley Trio, Woody Wright and many others. This year they will again be appearing and doing several showcases at the National Quartet Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky.

At most of the Shiloh's concerts, the audience is treated to traditional and contemporary Southern Gospel arrangements. They're also given a dose of some "zany" humorous songs as well because, as they put it "God loves it when His people laugh and enjoy themselves!" The group performs familiar hymns such as *I Bowed on My Knees* along with several original songs from their current project. Songs like *I Wanna Know*, *Great Day* and *The Message Will Go On*—songs that not only appeal to a wide age ranged audience, but have climbed the Southern Gospel charts, and have become a listening favorite on radio stations across the country. This evening of music and laughter is one the whole family will enjoy, so mark your calendar and plan to join **First Baptist Church** for an evening you won't soon forget!

The concert is free to the public with a love offering to be taken during the concert.



KIWANIS CLUB SPEAKER— The Kiwanis program was presented this past week by Rev. Mike Redd. He spoke on critical incident stress debriefing, a form of counseling that helps people in traumatic situations work through the resulting stress from the situation.

Abilene Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival set Nov. 30-Dec. 1

The 10th annual Abilene Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival will be held November 30th through December 1st in the Abilene Civic Center in downtown Abilene. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer and main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming festival would feature a number of first-time participants to the Abilene area. "Some of these newcomers will offer items such as decorative wreaths, yard stakes, holiday decorations, weather stations, Christmas ornaments, swags, soft sculpture, clothing, custom pen and pencil sets, ceramic lighthouses, potpourri, barnwood furniture, marble board games, hand painted floor cloths, wood boxes, rubber stamped candles, and door stop dolls," Prather said.

Also new are those with jewelry, jar candles, wax-dipped soft sculpture, string puppets, wind twisters, stained glass, homemade soaps and bath salts, handmade leather items, woodcrafts, birdhouses, tile furniture, framed prints, metal art, cedar chests, large wood furniture, baby quilts, shelves, stone-ware pottery, tin crafts, quilted wall hangings, vests, Christmas

table runners, hand painted furniture, customized lampshades and pillows, painted frames, and decorative crosses.

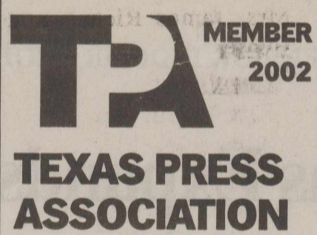
Other first-time exhibitors will offer food mixes, nut crackers, wire art candles, vintage button bouquets, gameboards, vintage linens, Southwest jewelry, candy items, hand crafted mahogany airplanes, chip and dip mixes, 3d wooden animals, gel candles, turned wood, bottle stoppers, wood bowls, scroll saw art, outdoor Christmas decorations, scroll pictures and plaques, appliqued clothing, dolls, model cars, wire crosses, wrought iron furniture, decorative baskets, floral arrangements, fabric crafts, scrapbooks and Christmas gifts.

Returning exhibitors will offer items such as jewelry, belt buckles, peanut brittle, angel pins, beaded jewelry, handbags, quilts, ceramics, leather belts and purses, appliqued sweat shirts and short sets, stained glass, night lights, sports quilts, tole painting, painted furniture, bird feeders, barnwood frames, "Texas" art, hair accessories, outdoor metal art, fishing rod holders, wood crosses, kitchen ceramics, candy, salsa mixes, and divinity.

Others will have name cut-outs, shirt sets, tee shirts, candle holders, decorative ceramics, pewter sculpture, decorative wreaths, floral arrangements, seasonal baskets, scented rocks, and gift items.

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Down Home—

God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him.

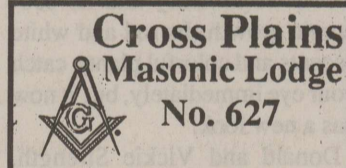
Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust is in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me.

Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful."

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh.

Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful. And God is patient.

Author Unknown



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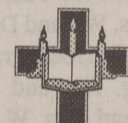
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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday's Sermon

"Let's Be Prepared"

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had quite a successful day as they finished the Rehab quilt, a beautiful "Tulip" and Charlene Chesshir's "Flower Basket". We are working on Frankie Smith's hostess top, the "Flower Garden" that is really Kathy Anderson's quilt. It is pieced with postage stamp pieces and when it is finished it is going to be gorgeous. Glenda Phillips will put her hostess top in next. The club had their November meeting and officers were elected for the coming year. Elected were Earlene Burge - President; Christy Dallas - Vice President; and May Jones - Secretary-Treasurer. The president will name her committees later. We will have our Christmas Party at the house of Christy Dallas at Lake Leon sometime in December. We will not meet again to quilt until the first Tuesday in January. Everyone have a "happy and safe" holiday.

Pioneer had a wonderful turn out for the "Harvest Supper". Billie Freeman did her usual good job of fixing the dressing and Earlene did a great job fixing the turkey. Everyone who attended brought something delicious to eat. You wouldn't believe all the good vegetables and desserts we had. Thanks everyone for making this a festive affair. The building was decorated mostly by Earlene Burge and Jean Fore. They did a super job. Everything looked so pretty and in keeping with the season. Most of the people stayed to play dominos. It seemed that all had a good time. Thanks to all who came out and remember we do have this annually and will be

looking forward to a bigger and better one next year.

Glenda Phillips and her granddaughter, Kali, went to Abilene Saturday to see Glenda's granddaughter from Alpine. Alpine's volleyball team was playing in the UIL Regional Tournament. Kendall is a cheerleader and half of them came to Abilene to cheer and the other half cheered the football team that participated in the playoffs. The volleyball team won so they will go to San Marcos for the state playoffs. Kendall is a sophomore. Glenda and Kali also visited Don and Wanda Nelson at the Abilene Regional Medical Center. Don had to be taken back to the hospital with around his heart. He is doing better.

Charlene Chesshir had the Theo Boyd's and Tip Tippin's for company on Sunday. They had an enjoyable visit. We are looking forward to having new neighbors on Country Road 367. Westly and DeLois Duke are building a new house. Former neighbors, Bowen Clark's, have moved a mobile home to his home place. Welcome to these folks.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith went to the Cottonwood musical Friday night. Saturday they traveled to Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Blont. Jean and Frankie traveled to Brownwood and visited Mrs. Ethel Freeman and picked up some pecans. They enjoyed their visit.

Thanksgiving is here. Let's all thank the Lord for the many blessings we have. We need to do this every day of every year. Stay safe and enjoy your families. See you all next time.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

This is your invitation to the annual PARTY that will happen on December 10th at the Community Center at 7 p.m. All citizens of the Cottonwood Community are invited to this program of Christmas music, readings, caroling and other special entertainment, such as a puppet show.

And a special invitation is extended to new residents to come out, participate in the festivities and meet your neighbors. There is no admission fee! Bring your favorite finger food and Christmas snacks to share with each other and enjoy the Cottonwood Community spirit at Christmas time. Decoration of the Community Christmas Tree will take place on December 9, at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. Decorations for the tree have already been donated.

Cottonwood Quilters Do Good Deed

When the Cottonwood Quilting Club heard that a friend was dying of cancer and was in need of help, they pitched in and worked five days in a row to finish a quilt for her.

The friend is a sister-in-law of Isla Stroud's granddaughter and is under home hospice care in Abilene. She wanted to leave her six year-old granddaughter a special gift to be remembered by, but

did not have the energy to work on the quilt.

The Cottonwood quilters donated the quilt top and other supplies, plus five quilting days to finish the effort. The quilt will be delivered this week.

What a great tribute to friendship! And, what a wonderful tribute to the spirit of Thanksgiving, the spirit of Christmas and the spirit of the Cottonwood quilters.

Other Cottonwood Connections

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Sneed of Azle and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hawkins of Mansfield were visitors in the home of Beverly Brown over the last few days and helped install her new metal roof.

At least, according to Beverly, the men did the roofing and the women visited. The roof looks good from the old Cottonwood road and everyone is happy that Beverly will be enjoying the new security and comfort of her home. Local sisters, Billie Kelly, Dena Nickerson and Mary Ella Weaver, visited in the new home of another sister, Shirley Bird, in the Metroplex over the past weekend for their family Thanksgiving celebration.

(Please notify Wallace Bennett of local events and personal items, call (254) 725-7474.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Just a few more days 'til the month of December. Are you ready for Christmas yet??? It kind of crept up on me this year. I have a December birthday, so I get older every time Christmas rolls around. My mother said I fell out of the Christmas tree.

"Have a Happy...."

A long while back, some folks got together and made some plans. The weather was beautiful, sunshiny, with just a hint of briskness in the air. In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue and discovered America. It was after this that this meeting to make plans took place. I wasn't there, but I have it on good authority that this story is based on the truth, according to the turkey who gave me the information.

Quite a few were farmers with families, and there was a mix of lawyers, doctors, clergy, school teachers, trades people, hunters, trappers, ranchers, sailors---and such. They all had worked hard harvesting their corn, beans, grains, wild greens, various roots, nuts and berries, as well as gathering honey, wild onions, apples and turnips to be stored for the coming months. You see there were no grocery stores for them to run out to. It was hard to gather and store enough to last all winter.

Also, many had dried and salted down fish, bacon and ham from wild hogs, and jerky (buffalo meat, dried and seasoned in long sticks or thin slabs). All were trying to preserve enough other foods to carry them through the winter months. Sometimes they made jerky from venison.

There was also fresh game to be had to supplement their diet as needed. Buffalo, deer, wild turkeys, quail, rabbits, squirrels and other game were usually in plentiful supply.

Lovely beautiful fish could be had if a person would just go fishing. Some enjoyed foods such as frog legs, possum, fried rattlesnake, pickled eggs, crayfish, cranberries, homemade sherries, brandies, wild goats' milk and such. These people put together a plan that pooled some of everyone's foodstuffs, culture, music, dialect and ingenuity.

Men came bringing their wives, children, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. They gathered together---some prayerfully, some fearfully, whites as well as Indians; from distant lands and other ranges.

These people were the Pilgrims and Indians and they gathered together to celebrate the First Thanksgiving!

Here's wishing each and everyone "Happy Thanksgiving, 2002"!!!!

LIBRARY NOTES

November 18 -22

By the time you get this, several things will have happened. We will have had a Bake Sale and Book Sale, and Thanksgiving will have gone by. Already, on Monday afternoon the baked goods were coming in fast. It looks as if the bake sale will be a good one. We thank you now, because ten days seems so far away. We believe the book sale will go well, because people have been asking about it and saying, "I just must have some books." So thank you in advance for buying

the books. We also are grateful to all who helped, especially the new library folks. Now, here are the week's statistics:

Memorials:
Glen and Ruthie Lawrence for Jean Trinkner

Janeal and Erin Stephens for Mrs. James Richey and Leif Hunter

Donations:
Zora Mae Bryant
Barbara Barnett

Books:
Charles Rodenberger
Richard Chaffin

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

Welcome to our four new residents: Jack Smith, Clyde Parnell, Willie Wilson and Homer Turner. We are happy to have you in our home. On Wednesday the residents enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal graciously provided by the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Friday we honored one of our best volunteers, Gene Moore. Gene never misses a chance to stop by and entertain the residents with his outstanding musical talent. We served coke floats and presented Gene with a certificate. The renovation is going well.

The center looks clean and bright. The new tile floor makes a big difference. They will be starting on the individual rooms soon. Things will be topsy turvey for a little while but when it's finished it will be beautiful.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Francis McGinn, our neighbor had knee surgery last week. Our condolences to the family and friends of Chloe Proffitt, a longtime resident who passed away. Chloe was a sweet and gentle woman, she will be missed.

Please keep Myrtle Hoggett in your thoughts as she is in the hospital. We hope she gets to come home soon.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Giving grows out of thanksgiving. As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday and reflect on all the things for which we have to be thankful, we should be made to be more giving in return. And of course, I don't mean "things" only in the sense of the material, rather also including relationships, freedom, health, life — and the list is long!

It is amazing what the gift of forgiveness did for those who accepted it early on in Christianity. They were so thankful that God had provided forgiveness of sins through the blood of His only begotten Son that they themselves became very giving in nature toward others. "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common," Acts 4:32. Read the rest of the verses of that chapter along with Acts 2:44-45.

A wonderful example of thankful hearts — thanksgiving — that "translated" into giving — into "thanks-living." My morning sermon this Sunday is an expansion upon this, from Acts 4:32-36, then a look at a very contrasting bad example of thanksgiving and giving, Acts 5:1-11.

Come worship and serve God with us as we strive to share His good news. We really do care about you, too. And "Happy Thanksgiving!"

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December 2- December 6

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WEDNESDAY-- Chili w/ Beans, Pear w/Cottage Cheese, Onion/Pickle, Cookie, Cornbread, Milk

THURSDAY--Lima Beans & Ham, Pickled Beets, Cheesecake, Cornbread, Milk
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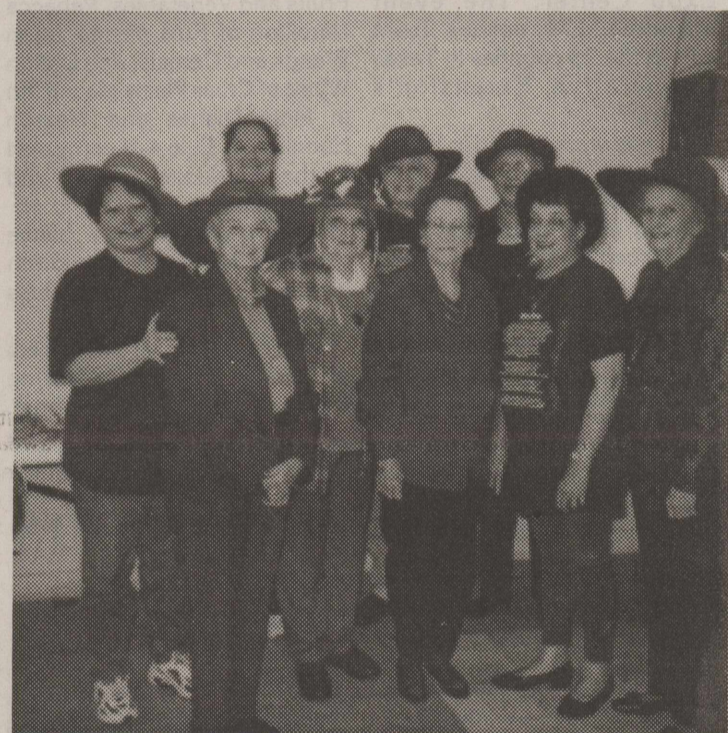
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HAVE A LOOK AT THESE RED HAT SOCIETY GALS—(Front from left) Virginia Callaway, Bernice Payne, Jean Fore, Joan Murdock, and Lena Gage. (Back from left) Kathy Anderson, Denice Hubbard, Barbara Black and Wanda Edwards.

Be On the Lookout for the Red Hat Society

The Red Hat Society was warmly welcomed at the Senior Citizens' Center, Tuesday, November 19, for a wonderful meal of chicken and dumplings. Vanda Creech graciously appeared to take a group picture to mark the occasion for historical purposes. She encountered some difficulty getting all the "Red Hats" in the picture, when someone from the audience (a very slim someone), suggested we turn SIDEWAYS. That brought a chorus of "Well hurry" from the group, as it is very difficult to suck in your stomach and smile at the same time.

Our Exhausted Mother, Barbara Powell, was flatly unable to attend so we had NO leadership, of which Barbara Black took full advantage, as she said to Joan

Murdock, "I wasn't going to mention your new tattoo." She was quickly informed that it was a Scooby Do band-aid. Then, you guessed it, we had a very lively discussion about tattoos and body piercing. We all agreed that we would not get any tattoos, for when we got old they would become wrinkled and distorted and we sure didn't want something that might wrinkle and we would have to iron.

A great time was had by all, and thanks Seniors for letting us have a little fun. Jean Fore, Denice Hubbard, Bernice Payne, Lena Gage, Wanda Edwards, Virginia Callaway, Barbara Black, Kathy Anderson and Joan Murdock are the Pioneer and Cross Plains quilters.

You Are Invited



Christmas Music — Lights Refreshments

Thursday, December 5
6:00 P.M.
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



AT DISTRICT FOOD SHOW—right front row: Shelby Randolph, Callahan County 4-H members participating in the District Food Show held November 16 in Abilene included from left to

right front row: Shelby Randolph, Dalton Wyatt, Rebecca Emma Bennett, Amanda Hamilton, Lance Fiedler, Tracey Dunaway, and Paige Galindo. Back row left to right are: Joe Back Hamilton, and Weston Hamilton.

Local 4-H Members Compete at District Food Show in Abilene

Area 4-Hers showed off Culinary skills that were fit for the coming holiday season during the annual District 7 Extension 4-H Food Show November 16. The show was held in Abilene's Taylor County Expo Center. The event attracted 179 entries from across the 23 counties in Texas Cooperative Extension's District 7.

Winners were named in junior, intermediate, and senior categories. In the junior division, Paige Galindo of Clyde 4-H placed 1st in the Breads and Cereals category and Amanda Dunaway of Cross Plains 4-H placed 2nd in the Nutritious Snacks and Desserts category. Emma Bennett of Cross Plains 4-H placed 4th in the Main Dish

category and Shelby Randolph of Cross Plains 4-H placed 6th in the Fruits and Vegetables category.

In the intermediate division, Tracey Randolph of Cross Plains 4-H placed 1st in the Fruits and Vegetables, Rebecca Hamilton of Eula placed 1st in Breads and Cereals, Joe Dalton Wyatt of Cross Plains placed 5th in Main Dishes and Weston Hamilton of Eula 4-H competed in the Nutritious Snacks and Desserts category.

In the senior division, Lance Fiedler of Baird 4-H placed 5th in the Fruits and Vegetables category.

Each of these 4-H members qualified for District earlier in the Callahan County Food Show. These young gourmets were

judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation principles, and the quality of their food entry. The District 7 Food Show is the culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually in each of the District's counties. Trained volunteer adult and teen leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-H members during the year. Senior level winners will represent the district at the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup June 9-13 on the Texas A&M University Campus. Congratulations to all the 4-H members that participated at this show. They did a wonderful job representing Callahan County.

Submitted by Robert Pritz

Buffaloes Victorious Over Eden 50-44

The Buffaloes returned from Eden on the 19th with their second victory of the year. They defeated Eden 50-44.

Neither team shot the ball very well. The Buffaloes shot 17 percent from the floor. They were impressive on the board with 71 total rebounds, with 44 of them being offensive. The Buffs cut the number of turnovers down by 10 from the previous game.

Scoring were Barton 19, Dickson 4, Mauricio 4, Williams 4, Harris 4, Joy 4, M. Allen 3, R. Allen 3, Goains 2, Purvis 2 and Gardner 1.

Rebounds were led by Dickson 12, Barton 9, M. Allen 9, Harris 9, Purvis 8, Goains 7, R. Allen 8 and Gardner 6. Steals were led by Barton with 7 and Mauricio 5.

CP	8	11	16	15	50
Eden	6	14	8	16	44

Boys J.V. Basketball Update

On Friday, the JV Boys won their third straight game against Bronte, 24-19.

The Buffs were led by Andy Bennett, who scored 10 and Travis Golson 3.

On Tuesday Miles ended the Buffs' win streak with a 38-27 victory, giving Cross Plains a 3-2 record for the season.

Aaron Phillips led the Buff scorers with 13, followed by Cesar Ramirez and J.D. Cook with 4 each.

The Buffs played a hard game, but came up a bit short. They play next on Tuesday at home, against Zephyr.

Submitted by Coach Tyson Stevens

SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 6
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY--Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY-- Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice
FRIDAY--Blueberry Muffin, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Pears
TUESDAY-- Chicken Nuggets w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY--Soft Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Jello w/fruit
THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Crackers, Green Beans, Apricots
FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I. S. D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards, Tony Wyatt. The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, Jackie Tennison; H. S. Principal, Leonard Wilson; Elem. Principal, Margie Sowell and the guest were Susan Holland, Annette Nickerson, Larry Thomas, Gerry Webb, Dianna Webb and Nora Odom.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

The Technology report was presented by Dianna Webb.

The Board discussed students grades and different programs to help student grades.

The Executive Session started at 7:54 p.m. The Board was out of executive session at 8:34 p.m.

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Richards that we adjourn. 7 for 0 against

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Holiday Crackdown on Seat Belt Slackers

Buckling up yourself and all the passengers in your vehicle will give you two more reasons to be thankful next week: you'll be reducing the odds of serious injury in case of a crash and you'll also be protecting yourself from getting a ticket.

Texas is launching the second phase of "Click It or Ticket" as part of a national effort to reduce deaths and injuries from traffic crashes. From November 24 to December 1, state troopers and local law enforcement throughout Texas will be cracking down on drivers and passengers who aren't using safety belts.

"We know that combining stepped up law enforcement with public education works to get people to buckle up," said Susan Bryant, the Texas Department of Transportation's traffic safety director. "Focusing on seat belt law enforcement during Thanksgiving week not only will save lives, but it will also give

Texas motorists the extra incentive they need to always use their safety belts and make sure their children are properly secured."

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children and teens up to the age of 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than three feet tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

As a result of this year's first round of Click it or Ticket efforts during the Memorial Day holiday in May, statewide safety belt use increased from 76% to 81% in Texas. In the 10 major cities, safety belt use increased from 81% to 86%. Officials estimate that maintaining safety belt use in Texas at this level would result in 200 fewer traffic fatalities and 5,000 fewer injuries each year.

J.H. Girls Basketball

Monday November 24, the Albany Lions played two ball games against Cross Plains. The 1st game was the "B" Team. Albany brought 10 girls to play 6 C.P. girls. Albany has a talented bunch of girls and plenty of subs.

CP	1	1	5	6
Albany	10	26	39	41

The C.P. girls tried and never gave up. They are working hard on rebounds, defense and basic skills.

The "A" Team's six girls had their hands full with Albany's 13 girls. Again Albany had talent and subs.

CP	5	11	14	23
Albany	4	15	27	41

This was a fast and exciting game with both teams being very aggressive but the C.P. girls just couldn't keep up (ran out of gas) with the Albany Lions.

The Albany coaches had good comments about this bunch of girls.

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

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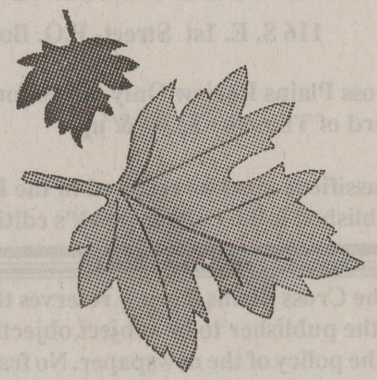
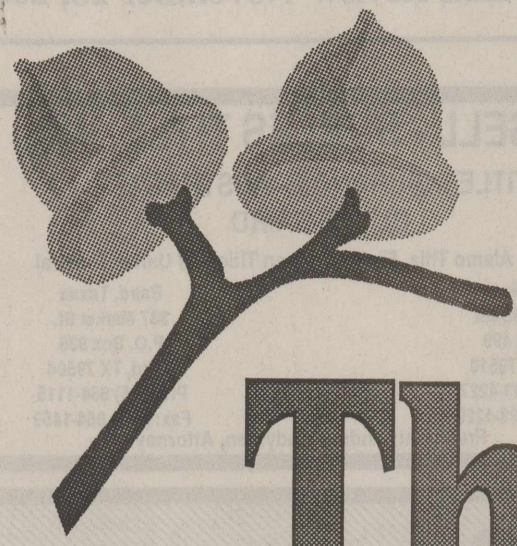
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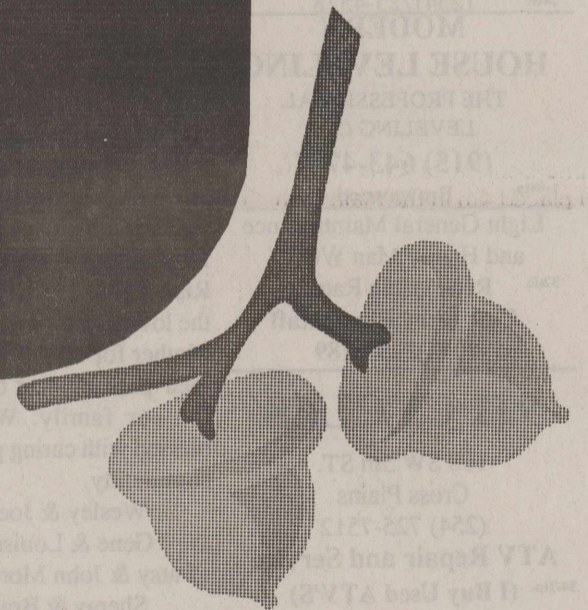
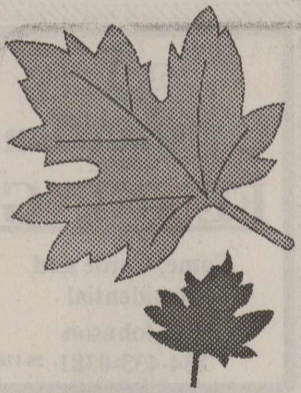
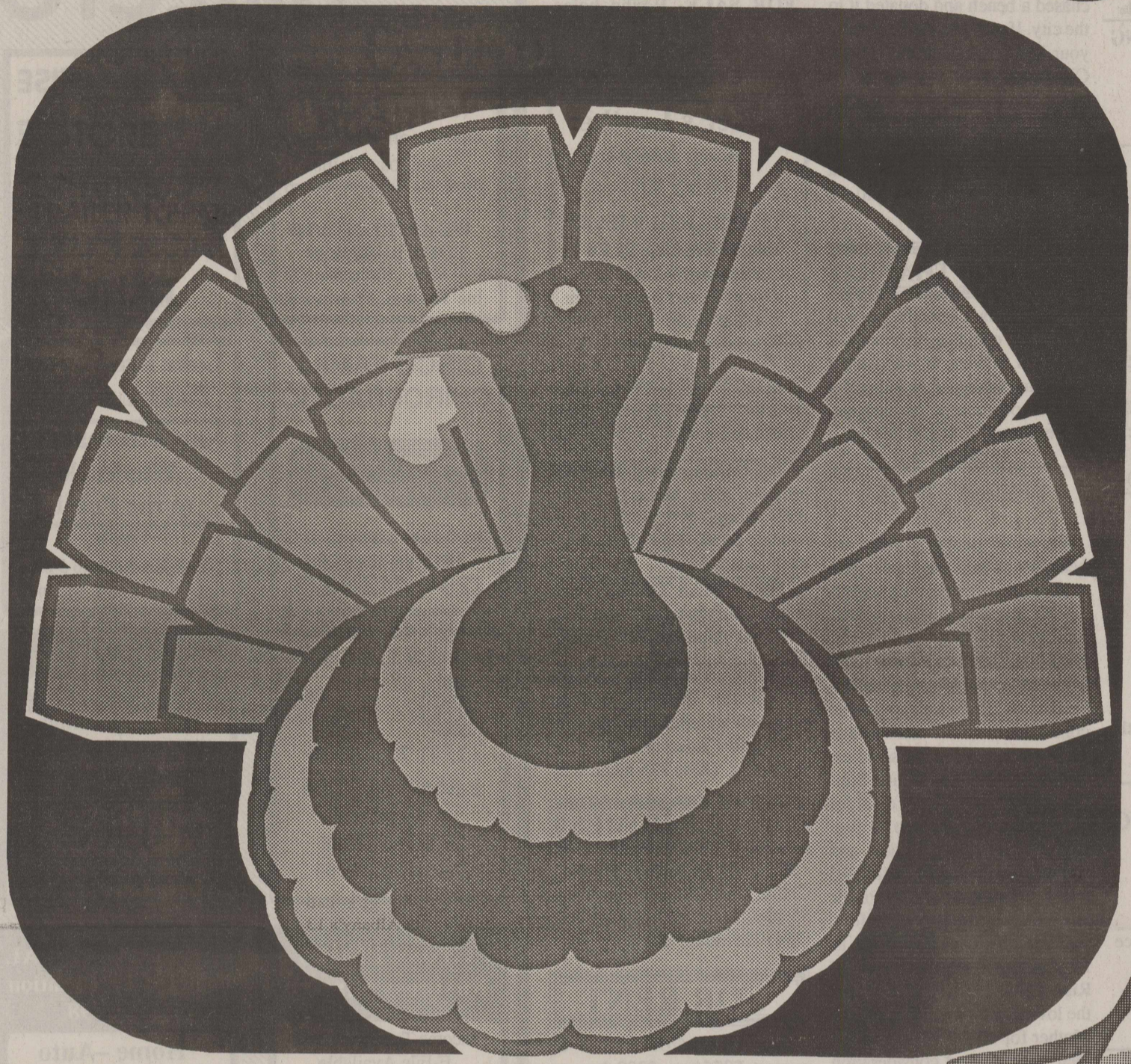
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CARD OF THANKS

I don't know of another way to thank the one that sent me the beautiful flowers. It was such a nice thing to do and so thoughtful at this special time of the year. Have a great Thanksgiving!
Mickie Dillard

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who made a difficult time more endurable in the passing of our mother and grandmother, Chloe B. Proffitt. Thanks to those who lifted us in prayer, who called, sent cards or flowers or made contributions in her name and to those who attended the services. Thanks to the ladies of First Baptist Church for a lovely meal for our family. Thanks also to Bob and Dee Harrell, to Connie and Rhonda Swift for the beautiful message in music and to Pastor Ronnie White for such a comforting message. Special thanks to Dr. Carpenter and to the staff of Rising Star Nursing Center for the loving compassionate care of Mother for 10 1/2 years, and for their patience and consideration for our family. We are truly blessed with caring people in this community.

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NEW LISTING--40/A. on pavement, pond, good costal, some brush, underground water. \$60,000

NEW LISTING-- 40/A with 2bd/1 1/2 bath, 1,500 Sq. Ft., out buildings, 3 water wells, pond, 4 miles N.W. of Rising Star. \$150,000

NEW LISTING-- 99.76/A. Eastland Co., Mobile Home, 5 water wells, on pavement, some thick brush, deep creek, Hunting, Good Stock Farm. \$850/A.

NEW LISTING-- 100/A Farm with 3bd/1 bath frame house. Several outbuildings, carport and barn. New fences, improved coastal, creek, and 2 tanks, Southern Eastland Co. \$140,000.00

NEW LISTING-- 100/A with 2,432 Sq. Ft. 5bd/4b 2002 model Palm Harbor double wide home, excellent water well, 2 ponds, pretty views, good hunting, on pavement, 5 miles from Cross Plains. \$190,000

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*143.45/A heavily wooded, secluded, close to town, good fences, pond, excellent hunting. \$158,000.

NEW LISTING-- 155/A. Eastland Co., 3/2 brick home, 3 large metal barns, 2 ponds, Costal, woods, 32/A. Vineyard. \$255,000

* 160/A, 3 miles S.W. of Cross Plains, rural water line, excellent fences, 2 ponds stocked with fish, Good deer & dove Hunting-will divide.

NEW LISTING--168/A. Pasture, super hunting, large creek, deep water holes, Eastland Co.

NEW LISTING-- 169/A. Callahan Co., Excellent hunting, 2 large ponds, native pasture, includes 1993, 30' travel trailer, ponds stocked with catfish, bass and bluegill. Owner Finance, 20% down for 15 years.

*185/A in North Brown County, 2 stock ponds, rural water line, on pavement, wooded, creek some cultivation. Good hunting & fishing! \$750/A

NEW LISTING-- 200/A Brown Co. good hunting and fishing, 4 ponds, excellent fences, \$750/A

NEW LISTING-- 223/A. 4 ponds, Good Hunting, 1,100 sq. ft. remodeled home, Rural water, 48% minerals, Owner Financing, Brown County. \$220,000

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*240/A-Comanche County, 20 acre lake, new fences, County Rd., 68 acres cultivation, 110 acres Costal Bermuda, center pivot irrigation system, very productive \$1,600/A Call Pauline

NEW LISTING--247.6/A, 3bd/2b Brick home, large trees, 2 water wells, good fences, barn, Comanche Co. \$272,600

*285/A near Rising Star, costal, good fences, Hwy frontage, \$1,200/A Call Pauline.

NEW LISTING--303/A, Eastland Co., game fence around 203/A, 15/A lake, Sabana Creek runs through it, canyons, live oak, deer, turkey, rural water, super hunting \$450,000

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* large residential lot in the Tom Bryant addition to Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.

ACREAGE WITH HOME:

NEW LISTING--10/A. with 2bd/2 bath doublewide, 30x60 new metal barn, new septic system, water well, on pavement, close to town. \$60,000

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*4.89/A with 1,880 sq. ft. 3 bd/1 3/4 Bath, nice, close to town, large storage bld. city water and waterwell. \$80,000

NEW LISTING--50/A, 2bd home, barn, pens, water well, improved grass, good location. \$120,000

NEW LISTING-- 99.76/A. Eastland Co., Mobile Home, 5 water wells, on pavement, some thick brush, deep creek, Hunting, Good Stock Farm. \$850/A.

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NEW LISTING-- 1bd/1bath house close to school, in Rising Star, \$13,500. Call Pauline

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Texas sky...

This week I'm thankful for the wide Texas sky. MyKeeper has been in the hospital all week after emergency surgery. I'm exhausted but can't sleep. You are all nodding your heads. I know you understand.

I've stood out under the stars this week at 10:00 and 2:00 and 4:30 in the morning. I've watched Orion walk across the sky from east to west. Overhead at mid-watch, the warrior took a drink from the Big Dipper and whispered something to The Bear. Hope came to my porch steps each morning with the Bright Morning Star.

I always confess to missing the vertical scenery of the Pacific Northwest. It's in my genes. I spent four decades there. But there is something so big, so reverent, so reassuring about the Texas sky. It keeps my eyes pointed in the right direction, and it nurtures a grateful heart.

MyKeeper is finally feeling a little better, and could be home

this week in time for a few bites of Thanksgiving Day feast.

Without MyKeeper I feel like I couldn't write. Heck, without MyKeeper I wouldn't have to write. There's a saying that goes, "All is calamity..." That doesn't sound quite right. Maybe that's one I made up. Anyway, y'all are aware the reason for this column is therapy. How else would I make it through this roller coaster life. We never even made it to the ticket gate of the nice merry-go-round he promised me.

This week I am thankful, so thankful: for family that stood beside me; for friends who visited, called, emailed—even arranged for our Thanksgiving Day dinner.

I'm thankful for the Texas night sky that comforted me all week long.

And I'm thankful for MyKeeper. I think I'll keep him.

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Commissioners Approve 4 to New Child Welfare Board

Callahan County Commissioners voted to appoint four members to the Callahan County Child Welfare Board during the Commissioners' Court meeting held Monday, November 25 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by Commissioner Charlie Grider, Commissioners' Court voted 5-0 to appoint the four new members. Two of the members, Jeff and Jamie Fahnrapp, are from the Clyde/Eula area. The other two new members, Davy and Kim Crockett, live in the Cross Plains area.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners Court included:

—Commissioners voted to sign the minutes of the previous meeting.

—Commissioners took no action concerning remodeling of the Department of Public Safety office at the County Courthouse in Baird. County Judge Roger Corn said remodeling estimates are still being obtained.

—Judge Corn read a letter to the Commissioners' Court from Maurice E. Newton announcing he will no longer serve as District Director of the Leon-Bosque RC&D Committee effective January 18, 2003. Newton said he will attend the annual meeting on January 18, but his health will prevent him from attending meetings beyond that date.

—On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted to appoint Steve Odom as County Inspector for septic system regulations in Callahan County beginning January 1, 2003. Odom is filling the position being vacated by Don Burns. Also, on a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 4-0 to keep the County Inspector for septic system regulations within an employee of the County.

—On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to increase the County Mileage Reimbursement Rate to 35 cents per mile. Judge Corn said the State of Texas has increased its mileage reimbursement rate to 35 cents per mile as well.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, Commissioners voted to begin the GASB accounting system in which all Callahan County property must be accounted. The new regulations go into effect in 2004 and County property over \$5,000 in value will be accounted for.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve a grant resolution to apply for a communication tower and site located in Callahan County.

Judge Corn said the Commissioners' Court is currently looking at a site in the Belle Plaine area which would serve the entire County.

—Commissioners heard the annual report from County Extension Agent Robert Pritz.

Some of the extension activity plans for 2003 include:

January: Local Livestock Show and County Livestock Show.

February: Fort Worth Livestock Show, 3 Hour CEU Meeting, San Antonio Livestock Show, West Texas Farm Show.

March: Houston Livestock Show, San Angelo Livestock Show.

April: Forage Field Day, Beef Cattle Short Course, Commercial Steer Show, Lawn and Garden Seminar.

May: District Roundup, Wheat Tour, Heart of Texas Cow/Calf Clinic.

June: District Horse Show, Range Field Day, Steer Validation.

July: County 4-H Camp, District Fashion Show, State Horse Show.

August: Pecan Field Day, Stocker Cattle Program, 4-H Awards Program, Wheat Conference.

September: West Texas Fair, 5 CEU Meeting.

October: White-Tailed Deer Seminar, Lamb and Goat Validation, County Food Show.

November: District Food Show, Area Pecan Show, Swine Validation.

December: 5 CEU Program, Annual Meeting.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 5-0 to allow incoming Clyde Justice of the Peace Roy Chapman to hire the secretary in the Clyde JP office. The new employee will replace Margie Blalock who is resigning effective December 1.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

—Commissioners adjourned the November 25 meeting on a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Hicks with a 5-0 vote.

The Commissioners Court also met Tuesday, November 12 to discuss several agenda items including:

—Commissioners voted to table discussion of the septic system regulations for the County and to appoint the County Inspector for the next four years beginning January 2003.

—Commissioners took no action concerning discussion with Roy Workman concerning and addition off Buck Creek Road. Workman was unable to attend the Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Commissioners voted to canvass the votes from the General Election held Tuesday, November 5, 2002 in Callahan County.

—Commissioners voted to approve a resolution to appoint Bobby McGough to the Brazos G Regional Water Planning Area.

—Commissioners took no action concerning approval of the Department of Public Safety office in the basement floor of the County Courthouse in Baird. Judge Corn stated a DPS official said a seventh DPS trooper will be stationed in the office beginning around the first of December. The DPS official also reported Callahan County will be receiving an eighth trooper sometime in the spring or summer of 2003.

—Commissioners voted to have the County Treasurer's signature to appear on all County bank accounts.

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