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EDITOR'S NOTE: Jo Boatright, a former Cross Plains resident who now resides in Canterbury Villa in Baird, provided this beautiful poem to share with our readers. Jo calls my office at least once a week just to see how we are doing, and actually I should call and see how she is. She talks briefly and always tells me she prays for me and that she loves me. Isn't that just the sweetest thing. It is her desire that this poem will touch someone's life and change their attitude to be more Christ-like. Once again, please read with an open mind, heart and soul. Vanda Anderson Creech

"One Another"

Let us think of one another
As the moments come and go;
Just a thought of kind remembrance
As we hurry to and fro.

Let us speak of one another
In a gracious, loving way;
Cruel censures we have uttered
May return in kind some day.

Let us talk to one another
In a gentle, Christ-like tone;
Loving words leave naught to be
To regret or to bemoan.

Let us pray for one another;
How we need each other's
prayers,
In this world of sin and sorrow,
With its worries and its cares.

Let us care for one another—
Seek their good more than our
own;
We will cease to be Christ-
centered
If we live for self alone.

Let us bear with one another,
Quick at all times to forgive;
We will see ourselves more
faulty,
If in His presence we live.

Let us live for one another,
Though we meet with cold
disdain;
Upon the just and unjust
God sends the sunshine and the
rain.

Let us all love one another,
'Tis the badge by which we're
known
To the selfish, sinful worldling,
That we are Christ's very own.

Let us do for one another,
All of this, in love, when He
Will reward it all by saying,
"Ye have done it unto Me."

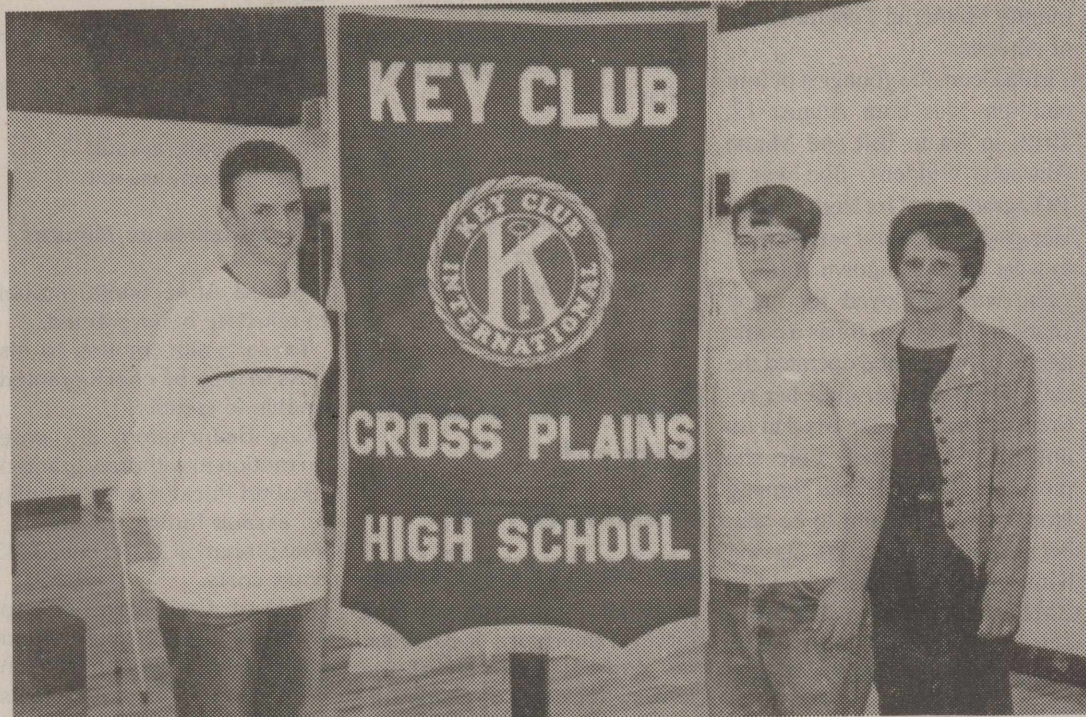
Hugh Kane

Game Night Tuesday at Sr. Citizens' Center

The Senior Citizens' Center will be hosting a Game Night on Tuesday, February 11, beginning at 5 p.m. until ????

Everyone is invited to join in the fun, as you do not have to be a senior citizen.

If you like, bring some kind of finger foods. They report having a great time playing cards, dominos, etc. and snacking on goodies. Come expecting a great time!!!!



KEY CLUB DEDICATES BANNER AT KIWANIS MEETING—A.J. Carouth, President of the Key Club (from left), Remington O'Dell, District 35/36 Lt. Governor, and Charlene Fleming, Faculty Advisor for the Cross Plains Key Club are pictured with the new banner.

Key Club Held Assembly to Dedicate Their Banner

The Cross Plains Key Club recently held an assembly on January 22, 2003, to dedicate the Key Club banner purchased by the local Kiwanis Club. Key Club President, A.J. Carouth, was the master of ceremonies and Dani Rivard, Senior Representative, opened with an invocation. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance along with the Key Club Pledge, which was followed by singing of "God Bless America" by a local Kiwanian, Donnell Clark. Our Key Club Secretary, Marian Reed, informed everyone about National Key Club Week, which occurred in November. To include the younger students in our school, we held a coloring contest that week for students in Early Childhood through Sixth Grade. Out of 92 entries, a first, second, and third place in each grade was se-

lected, as well as an overall winner and overall runner-up. Special awards were also given out to each participant. Following the awards, Key Club Ambassador, Kevin Scott, introduced some special guests in attendance that belong to the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club. Afterwards, Remington O'Dell, a Key Club member and District 35/36 Lieutenant Governor, spoke and introduced the Key Club Officers: President - A.J. Carouth, Vice President - Nathan Joy, Secretary - Marian Reed, Treasurer - Judith Hartman, Reporter - Karen Ross, and Ambassador - Kevin Scott. Then Judith Hartman gave a brief history of our local club, followed by the presentation of our Club Banner by Mr. Bob Pipes. It was graciously purchased through funds furnished by the local Kiwanis Club. On behalf of the

Cross Plains Key Club, we would once again like to say thank you to the Kiwanis Club Members were then asked to come forward and accept the new membership cards that were given out, and A.J. Carouth then adjourned the meeting. We would also like to thank those who attended and hope that you will continue to provide our club with your generous support that you have shown us in the past.

The Key Club is an international, student-led organization providing its members with opportunities to perform service, build character, and develop leadership. We strive to uphold our motto, "Caring - Our Way of Life." We carry our several activities and projects each year, and our next event will be a Bake Sale, on Saturday, February 22, 2003.

Submitted by Charlene Fleming

Immunization Clinic Dates Announced Once More

The Texas Department of Health will hold the following immunization clinics in Callahan County on Monday, February 10th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th Street and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beech Street.

On Wednesday, February 12th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. a clinic is scheduled at the Clyde Community Resource Center, 306 N. 1st Street.

For additional information, call (915) 854-4945.

Buffalo Band Boosters to Meet Monday

The Band Booster Club will meet on Monday, February 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the band hall.

The upcoming Band Banquet will be a topic for discussion and all members are encouraged to attend.

Project Pride to Meet Tuesday, February 11 at Local Library

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. All members are urged to attend and the public is welcome.

Membership is open to anyone in the community interested in

helping keep Cross Plains a great place to live. Annual dues are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. You may mail them to Project Pride, P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or bring them with you to the meeting.

Senior Citizens Dance This Saturday at C.P.

Seniors and all ages are welcome to the Country and Western Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, February 8, at 141 South Main, Cross Plains. Stone Mountain Band will be performing.

A variety of sandwiches, chili

Frito pie, pies and cakes (including diabetic desserts) will be available.

The building is warm and has great acoustics with seating for 150 plus. Come, hear and dance to a great sound.

Cross Plains EMS Need Courageous Volunteers Soon

A certain amount of turnover, personnel-wise, is a constant, in regard to any business or organization. Such is the case with the Cross Plains Ambulance Service. Add to that the fact that we have needed more attendants than what we have for a long time, hence, those serving have just to "suck it in" and put in more and more hours—with the potential danger of "burn out". Thankfully, we have been able to add some drivers to our list of workers so the current need still remains, mainly, in the area of medical attendants.

The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service will be conducting another ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) class at our facility beginning March 4 (target date). This is basically a 40 hour course, meeting once each week from 6 to 10 p.m., plus a couple of Saturdays of practical in-the-field training. The instruction course is free with the understanding that each graduate will volunteer to work two years on our service. The student will incur "out-of-pocket expenses" only if they desire to keep their manual and/or purchase their own person stethoscope and/or blood pressure cuff.

Please give this careful consideration—in light of the fact that

this area's Ambulance Service depends on whether we have enough volunteers to "man and woman" it! Without the CP EMS, those needing ambulance service would have to wait for one to come from Brownwood, Cisco, Eastland, Clyde, Coleman or Abilene! In many instances, that would be "too late" at best.

We deeply appreciate the financial support that so many of you have given in the past—even recently. The most recent "Non-Event" fund-raiser, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi—that many of you, including other organizations, supported—was phenomenal in concept and success. We thank you all! Our newest ambulance is virtually paid for, thanks to the success of this campaign.

So now, we ask for your continual help in the way of volunteers to take this class and serve as ECA's. If you are interested, please contact one of the following to let us know and/or for more information: Susan Schaefer (254) 725-6747 or 725-7140, John Swift (254) 725-6116 or 725-6443, Bob Pipes (254) 725-6117 or 725-6700, George Mathews (254) 725-7287, Rhonda Hinten (254) 725-7469 or Curtis Cooper (254) 725-6770. Thank you!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

C.P. Garden Club Annual Trade Day and Plant Sale Told

The Cross Plains Garden Club Annual Trade Day and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, March 22. The Trade Day will be located on the vacant lot north of the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. Everyone mark your calendars.

No reservations are required. The charges are \$15.00 for each 12' X 12' space. Trade Day will open to the public at 8:00 a.m.

For additional information you may contact Bob Powell at (254) 643-2404 or Julene Franke at (254) 725-7712.

Roping Club to Meet Next Monday

There will be a meeting held at the Cross Plains Roping Arena on Monday, February 10th, at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come join us.

Also, every Sunday afternoon around 2 p.m. (weather permitting) we'll be getting together in the arena to ride and have fun.

You are more than welcome to come join in! Bring your horse or just come visit.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2003

Classes Will Resume

Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at Regular Time.

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 25, 2003 through February 1, 2003 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—120
Complaints—100
DWI—1
Possession of Controlled Substance—1
Failure to Identify to Police Officer—1

Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES

Irma Deen Haddox

Irma Deen Haddox, 84, of Ira, peacefully went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 3, 2003, after a lengthy illness. Services were held Wednesday, February 5, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. at the Ira Church of God with her son, the Rev. Bobby Haddox, officiating. Burial was in Ira Cemetery under the direction of Community Memorial Funeral Home of Abilene.

Irma Deen, the youngest of four children, was born August 12, 1918, in Ira to Bill and Mintie (Barnett) Giddens. She was a 1937 graduate of Ira High School. Her graduating class was the first to wear a cap and gown at Ira.

She was employed for many years at the cafe in Ira as a cook, and later owned and operated the cafe, Deen's Place, until her retirement in 1983. She lived in Ira until 1995 at which time she moved to Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains to be near her daughter. When the nursing home in Cross Plains closed in 2002, she moved to Coronado Nursing Center in Abilene. She was a member of the Ira Baptist Church.

Survivors include three children, Deena Levoy (Haddox) Arnold of Livingston, Deborah (Haddox) Griswold and husband, James, of Hawley, and Rev. Bobby Haddox and wife, Lori, of Welty, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, David and Jeff Arnold, Stephen, Timothy and Michael Curry, LaTrisha (Curry) Clark, and Lee and Wesley Haddox; fourteen great-grandchildren, Brittany and Jessica Arnold, Whitney, Justin and Gloria Clark, Brian Curry, Jennifer and Zackery Lee, Brayden, Ethan, Alyson, Trinity, Brianna and Doc Haddox; three step-grandchildren, Randy, James and David Griswold; two special sisters, Edna Branin of Jal, New Mexico and Anna Perry of Lake Charles, Louisiana; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Welcoming her into heaven were her parents; a brother, Winfrey Giddens; two sisters, Ruby (Giddens) Brooks and Mayme Giddens; a granddaughter, Michelle Arnold, and son-in-law, John Arnold.

Dean touched the lives of so

Phyllis Hardin

Phyllis Jane Brown Hardin, 65, passed away Monday, January 20, 2003. A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at the Sisters of Providence Laurelhurst, 4540 NE Glisan Street, Portland, Oregon under the direction of Bateman Funeral Home.

Phyllis was born March 18, 1937 in Cross Plains, Texas. She was employed as a machinist for General Dynamics Corporation.

Survivors include a daughter, Deidre D. Hardin, two sons, Brian T. Hardin and Michael D. Hardin; a sister, Helen Ruth Brown; a brother, Harold Don Brown; and three 3 grandchildren.

Rep. Hilderbran named chairman of state committee

AUSTIN—State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, was named Chairman of the House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources by House Speaker Tom Craddick today (January 30, 2003). In addition to being named chairman, Hilderbran was also named to serve on the House Committee on Ways and Means.

As Chairman of the State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee, Hilderbran will oversee matters ranging from the development and promotion of international and interstate tourism to the creation, operation and control of state parks, the preservation of wildlife and fish and the regulation and control of hunting and fishing to the promotion, development, and regulation of the state's cultural and historical resources, as well as Texas' image and heritage. Hilderbran's committee will also have oversight of such state agencies as the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Commission on the Arts.

"I am eager to begin working on promoting the tourism and heritage of our great state," Hilderbran said. "This position will allow me to shine a spotlight on the already rich historical, cultural and recreational character of the Texas Hill Country and District 53."

As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Hilderbran will oversee any legislation dealing with the state's revenue or taxes.

"I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Ways and Means Committee," Hilderbran said. "As a member of this committee, I will be working on issues that not only affect the citizens of my district, but also have an impact on the entire state."

Abilene Writers Writing Contest

Abilene Writers Guild's Spring Writing Contest and Workshop is quickly approaching. Cash Prizes will be awarded! Nine categories of competition will be available. Published writers will share their experience and knowledge. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Your manuscripts and poems must be postmarked before April 1, 2003.

For complete guidelines, check out our websites at http://www.Sharpwriters.com/AWG or contact Jan Carrington at (915) 677-5631.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Lisa Atencio, theft by check.
J. D. Stockton, theft by check.
Herman H. Hinkle III, theft by check.
Robert Flores, Jr., possession of marijuana.
Kristopher D. Hubbard, evading arrest.
Kyle Wilson, assault.
Klay Wilson, assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Melissa Anne Smith, motion to reinstate bond granted.
Taysa Smith, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, unable to identify.
Coy Beauchamp, Jr., order on motion to withdraw granted.
Robert Prickett, plea of guilty to assault-family violence, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$243 court costs.
Clifford Covington, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$245 court costs, \$91.12 restitution.
Richard Cardenas, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$293 court costs.
Shannan Farr, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$243 court costs, \$66.87 restitution.
Kenneth Wilson, Jr., plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$115 restitution.
Kendra Hall, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Kendra Hall, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.
Ben McDougal, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$293 court costs.
Terri Peel, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.

Mary E. Nixon, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, pled to class C misdemeanor.

Sherry Wade, motion to revoke probation granted.
Billy Qualls, motion to revoke probation granted.
Shanna South, motion to revoke probation granted.
Daniel Fry, motion to revoke probation granted.
Robert T. Davis, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.

Marriage Licenses

John Allen Boles of Jacksonville, FL and Crystal Michelle Cooley of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

The State of Texas vs. 1996 Ford Taurus VIN # 1FALP5351TG159890, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.
Misty Michelle Yates and Chris Nolan Yates, divorce.
Wayne Boyd vs. Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. and Texas Workforce Commission, damages-personal injury.

Civil Minutes

Ivonne Alicia Duran and Armando Duran, divorce granted.
Douglas Leslie Blue and Patricia Beaty vs. Jayson Turner Jackson and Robert B. Poyner, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Criminal Minutes

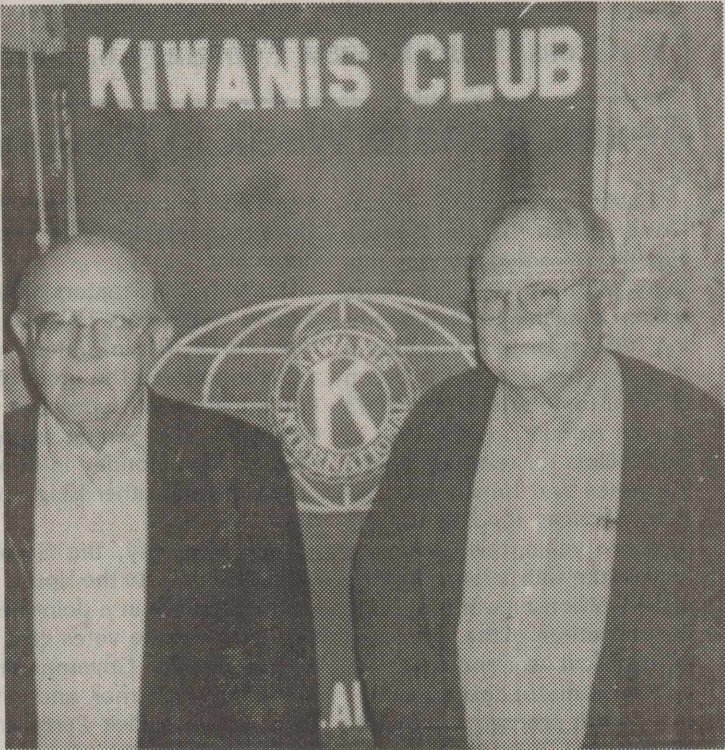
Jason E. Lowe, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

ATTENTION: Kathy Hawk listed in the courthouse records is not Mrs. Endgate (Kathy) Hawk of 413 Paisano, Clyde.

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LOCAL MAN SHARES KNOWLEDGE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN—Tuesday, January 28th, the local Kiwanis Club met at Jean's Feed Barn with James Alexander (left) introducing the guest speaker, John Adams (right), a retiree of Shell Pipeline. John spoke on his favorite subject, Ben Franklin, a great statesman, scientist, public leader and publisher. Mr. Adams has admired, read about, and researched this man for many years. John gave an interesting talk on "What Would Ben Think About This?" This was a comparison of yesteryears to the present.

Rabies vaccine airdrop moves to Fort Stockton

The Texas Department of Health Oral Rabies Vaccination Program airdrop of rabies vaccine to immunize gray foxes continues in West Central Texas, including Callahan County.

The week-long project from Fort Stockton began at day-break on Thursday, January 23. The Texas Department of Health assisted by Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, Texas National Guard and Dynamic Aviation Group conducted the rabies vaccine airdrop to continue to contain a rabies epizootic in gray foxes.

Some 1.8 million dog food-based baits containing an oral rabies vaccine will be dropped from specially-equipped King Air planes from Dynamic Aviation Group, flying at 500 feet. Baits will be dropped over portions of

36 counties in West Central Texas to immunize gray foxes against rabies and reduce the threat of the deadly disease to domestic animals and humans.

Baits will be air-dropped over portions of the following West-Central Texas counties: Bandera, Brewster, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Crane, Crockett, Eastland, Edwards, Gillespie, Glasscock, Howard, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Llano, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Sterling, Taylor, Terrell, Upton, Uvalde and Val Verde.

More information, including project updates, available on the Web at: www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/orvp.



God blessed Ronny and Blandye Crawford of Rhome, Texas with a baby boy, born November 25, 2002 at 6:18 p.m. in Baylor Hospital in Grapevine, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

His big sister, Tatym, had the honor of first announcing his name, Breck Cade Crawford, to family and friends.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Vanda Creech and Terry Harris, all of Cross Plains.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Karis Crawford of Abilene and Ronnie and Stacy Nickell of Midland.

Great-grandparents are Wanda and the late Darwin Anderson of Abilene; Tommie and Phyllis Harris and Christine King and the late Lester King, all of Cross Plains; Georgia Mae and the late Carlton Crawford of Clyde; and the late N.J. and JoNell Bell of Midland.

McMurry University Fall 2002 Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll

The following area students have been named to the Fall 2002 Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours. To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete 6-11 hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average. Students qualifying for the Dean's List are:

Baird
Jeremy Gonzales, Marketing
Clyde
David Bailey, Marketing
Jessica Crawford, Biology
Elsie Jackson,

Multidisciplinary Studies
Joseph Joeris,
Multidisciplinary Studies
Joshua Jones, Chemistry
John Kniffen,
Multidisciplinary Studies
John Simpson, undecided
Cross Plains
Mindy Mitchell, Mathematics
Students qualifying for the Dean's Honor Roll are:
Clyde
Christi Brennan, undecided
Roger McCoy, General Business
Diana Notgrass,
Multidisciplinary Studies
Cross Plains
Terry Nixon, undecided

Pipeline Public Awareness Program set at Abilene Civic Center Feb. 11

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th, in Abilene, Texas.

The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Joe Allen's Pit Earbecue for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

An FBI agent has been invited to make a brief presentation on the possibilities of terrorist attacks on pipelines and under-

ground utilities; and answer questions regarding the role of our guests within the newly created Department of Homeland Security.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

Sponsors for the program include: All American Pipeline LP - Alon USA LP - Chevron Pipe Line Co Devon Gas Services LP/Southwestern Gas Pipeline Inc/ACACIA Natural Gas Corp - DIG TESS - Duke Energy Field Services - Chaparral & Quannah Pipelines - Dynegy Midstream Services LP - El Paso Field Services - EOTT Energy Pipeline Limited Partnership - Falcon Gas Storage Co - OG+ENogex Inc Pride Refining Inc - Shell Pipeline Co LP - Sunoco Pipeline LP - Tepeco Crude Oil LP - TXU Fuel Co/TXU Lone Star Pipeline.

For more information call (800) 982-8752 or visit the group's web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

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ACU professor sends out call to B-17 air crews in World War II England

Dr. Vernon Williams, professor of history at Abilene Christian University, has announced plans for a new oral history project to begin this month focusing on B-17 crews flying from bases in England during World War II.

Williams said he hopes to hear from anyone who served with a B-17 bomb group in England during the war.

"This will be an important study because we know little about the life they lived in these small English farming communities or the relationships that developed between the British farm families and their new American neighbors," Williams said.

Williams plans to spend the next several years interviewing these men and examining the World War II experiences of the air crews, their British hosts and the sense of community that held them together from 1942 to 1945.

During World War II, the United States established air bases in East Anglia in England's agricultural region. Throughout the area, small communities made way for the construction of the bases.

"Farm land turned into concrete, Nissan huts and the implements of war as American

bomber and fighter groups prepared for operations against Nazi-held targets deep inside Europe," Williams said. "The sudden appearance of the Eighth Air Force in rural England, the rapid growth of the number of bases over a short time frame, and the daily struggle for life and death over the skies of Europe made for a unique sense of community in these British villages and towns."

For his project, Williams asks that anyone who served in a B-17 bomb group in England during World War II—including air crewmen, ground personnel and medical staff—contact him

"This will be a monumental project but one that must be done now," Williams said. "We are losing over a thousand World War II veterans per day now, and there is a sense of urgency about this work to save the history of these men and women of World War II."

Veterans interested in participating in this project should call Williams at 915-674-2150, email him at vwilliams@acu.edu or mail details of their service to Or Vernon L. Williams, ACU Box 28130, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 79699.

Grand Ole Oplin Tell February Band Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce their February band line-up for their Friday and Saturday night dances. Starting the month off on Feb. 7th Muddy Creek will be playing all your favorite tunes. On Feb. 14th, gather all your sweethearts and come out and celebrate Valentine's Day and dance to the music of Roland Smith and the Roadrunners, everyone should wear red to celebrate the occasion. On Feb. 15th, our monthly third Saturday Birthday Bash, Jack Rosser will be here to entertain us all and help celebrate your birthday if it falls during the month of February. On Feb. 21st Texas Touch will join us playing the kind of music that makes you want to get up and dance, and closing out the month on Feb. 28th Muddy

Creek will return to again play all your favorite tunes.

Don't forget that if you are interested in setting up a stand at the Oplin Community Center's Garage and Craft Sale to be held on April 5th, be sure and contact Liz Boggess at 529-4303. Spaces are limited, so call early and reserve your spot.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in Oplin. All of our dances start each evening at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed. So gather the family and all your friends and come on out for an evening of dancing, good friends and good music. Be sure to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. See y'all there!

Submitted by Pam Rumfeld

1st Ag Credit Awarded for Exemplary Efforts

First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services was recently awarded the "Chairman's Commendation" by Farm Credit Administration Chairman and CEO, Michael Reyna, for exemplary efforts in the Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Program. The award was based on the association's success in committing to and supporting young, beginning and small farmers.

First Ag Credit was one of only three system associations out of 100 in the U.S. recognized for this award presented at the 20th

Annual Farm Credit Council Meeting. The meeting was held Jan. 20 in San Francisco, CA.

"The Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Program has and continues to be a vital part of our agricultural financing," said Terry Dane, CEO. "We strongly believe that the industry is highly dependent on attracting and retaining this sector of producers and we are pleased we are recognized for our efforts."

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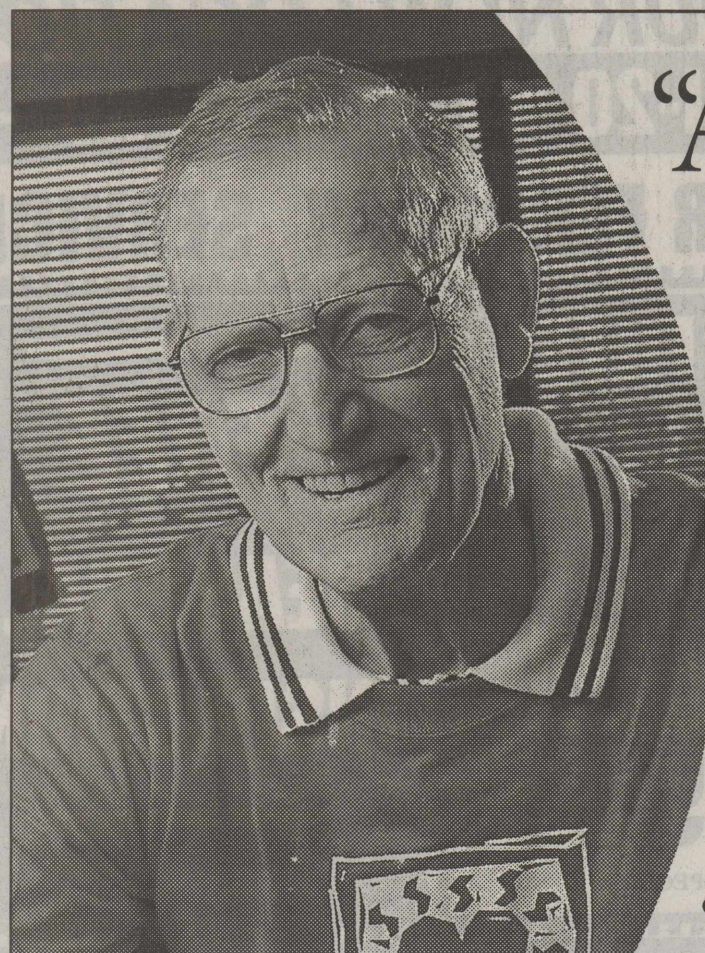
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Comptroller proposes billions in savings

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn released her biennial e-Texas report, outlining savings and additional revenue of nearly \$3.7 billion, including \$1.7 billion in general revenue funds, for the next biennium.

"The mandate delivered by the voters last November demands that the Legislature must resolve this New Year to get a better handle on how it spends the taxpayers' money," Strayhorn said. "This year the purse strings are drawn tight and temptations must give way to necessities. The Legislature dug this hole for themselves. But with these recommendations, I'm handing them a rope. Whether they use it to start pulling our economy up or to tie themselves in knots is their choice."

Noting that between 1990 and 2001 state spending shot up more than 131 percent while population rose by just 23 percent, and having warned for more than two years that the upcoming Legislature is facing a significant shortfall, Strayhorn said legislators simply cannot afford to ignore the 179 recommendations in Limited Government Unlimited Possibilities her e-Texas report.

The Comptroller's recommendations, and their correspond-

ing savings during the biennium include:

- Merging the Texas Railroad Commission and the Public Utility Commission—\$12.4 million (and ultimately \$18.5 million annually)
- Making colleges and universities more accountable in their funding requests - \$137 million
- Maintaining current eligibility standards for children's health care programs under Medicaid - \$282 million
- Reforming Medicaid and retired state employee prescription drug programs—\$165 million

• Privatizing the Aircraft Pooling Board and eliminating the Texas Department of Economic Development—a combined savings of \$24.4 million

• Consolidating the state's 24 state health and human services-related agencies into five efficient agencies—\$9 million

"Some have said that our budget, with its complex spending formulas and required expenses, has long since been scrubbed clean," Strayhorn said. "Well, as the mother of five and grandmother of four—all of whom have been known to get dirt behind their ears—I can tell you that if you look hard enough, you can always find a place to clean."

Postal web site offers convenience

Did you know that you can access the Postal Service online? The Postal Service website, www.usps.com, delivers a wide variety of postal information and services to assist anyone who wishes to use the mails.

The web site averages 10 million visits a month, from residential and business customers. Services range from buying stamps to finding ZIP Codes. If you are looking for a post office, you'll find a locator there that will provide maps and directions. You can send cards and letters, purchase postage and print labels for your packages, send money, obtain change-of-address forms, and calculate post-

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Keep www.usps.com in mind, especially when you need information fast, want to obtain a delivery confirmation for upcoming mailings, or aren't able to visit a local Post Office. A trip to www.usps.com will even help to keep you dry on a rainy day and warm on a cold day. And while you shop online, remember that your letter carrier will be on the way with your mail, stopped by neither snow nor rain. They could even be delivering that commemorative framed artwork you purchased last week at The Postal Store, on www.usps.com.

Application deadline for federal farm program fast approaching

BAIRD—January 23, 2003 — Scott Odom, County Executive Director for the Callahan County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds area farmers and ranchers to make an appointment to sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to update bases and yields is April 1, 2003. This date is outlined in legislation and no extensions or exceptions will be made.

"The new farm legislation is complex in nature" said Odom. "Maximizing benefits received from these programs will require producers to organize and plan ahead before visiting our offices," he said.

Odom, commented that sign-up for DCP is averaging at least one hour per farm. He encourages producers to avoid procrastinating and offers the following advice for preparing for a visit to FSA. If a producer is planning to update bases and yields, Odom encourages using the Base and Yield Analyzer Internet tool available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farmland/tools.asp>. The analyzer assists producers in evaluating a farm's historic data and enables them to make educated

decisions about their specific operations.

If electing to update yields, producers will be required to provide all production records for 1998-2000. For cash leased land, FSA requires a copy of the lease agreement if available and proof of lease payment. If no written lease agreement is provided, the landowner must sign for zero shares.

Additionally, producers who have dropped, added, purchased, sold or otherwise changed their farming operation need to be prepared to report these changes to the FSA office. Also, producers must certify any 2002 crop plantings or land use changes not previously reported.

"Gathering all necessary documentation and arriving at our office with a general idea of specific farm program goals, will insure accurate program decisions and better use of staff and customer time," said Odom.

For more information about DCP, FSA or the farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office to make an appointment at 915-854-1049, ext 2 or visit the national website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Stenholm and Greene to speak at Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2003, in conjunction with the West Texas Farm and Ranch Show, on the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene, Texas. The meeting will be held in the Big Country Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Featured guest speakers include U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm and Bobby Greene. Stenholm, ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, will provide an update on selected federal agricultural issues. Greene, the Chairman of the Board for the National Cotton Council, will address farm bill and appropriations topics and give an update on payment limitations. A lunch catered by The Shed will be provided by associated industry representatives.

Participants are invited to attend the Cotton Production Conference that is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Producers will have the opportunity to earn three CEU hours toward their Applicators License. Billy

Henderson of the Texas Department of Agriculture will update producers on Texas herbicide law. Extension entomologist, Dr. Chris Sansone, will provide information on insect management. Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist, will address cotton production topics.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. was formed in October of 1964 by an area wide meeting of farmers held in Knox City, Texas. The non-profit organization unites cotton producers from the twenty-five counties of the central and northern Rolling Plains, with the mission to improve the condition under which Rolling Plains' cotton is produced and sold.

There is no charge for the meeting or production conference. All cotton producers and other interested associates are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this educational meeting. For more information, please contact the RPCG office at (915) 773-2581 or via email at RPCGINC@aol.com

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to arrive in AUGUST for enrollment in their new high school.

All students are between the ages of 15 and 18, and will attend the high school closest to their host family's home or a private high school. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by ERDT, a non-profit educational foundation. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Office at 1-800-941-3738.

Texas Senate Week in Review

Austin (Jan 17, 2003)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn warned Monday that there will be \$7.4 billion fewer dollars available to the upcoming 78th Legislature. Included in that number is a \$ 1.8 billion shortfall for this fiscal year 2003 ending August 31. Figuring in \$2.5 billion for teachers health insurance and Health and Human Services funding for the next two years, this leaves the Legislature with a total shortfall of \$9.9 billion if it wants to meet the obligations of the remainder of this fiscal year and complete a new biennial budget maintaining current programs and obligations.

Tuesday, January 14, 2003, the 31 Texas Senators, accompanied by their family and friends, convened to start the 140-day 78th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. On Thursday, Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. of Brownsville was elected and sworn-in as President Pro-Tempore. Senator Kenneth Armbrister of Victoria did his appointed duty as head of the committee to notify the Governor and the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to transact business. The 31 Senators then randomly drew lots to determine who will serve a 2-year term and who will serve for 4 years. Due to redistricting, this process was necessary to ensure that there cannot be a Legislature entirely made up of Freshmen.

Immediately following the second day's session of the 78th Legislature, Lieutenant Governor-Elect David Dewhurst held a press conference to discuss the budget situation. He is confident that they will be able to balance the budget, keep taxes low, and address other challenges, such as school finance reform. He promised not to reduce essential services that the people of Texas need and de-

serve and to provide these services more efficiently and economically.

Thursday, the Senators passed Senate Resolution 12, paying tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honored the great civil rights leader with speeches of their own. The Senate will not hold Session Monday in honor of the Martin Luther King holiday.

That same day, the Senate made their way to the House of Representatives in a Joint Session to count the votes cast in the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and officially declared Rick Perry and David Dewhurst the winners of the election.

Also that day, the Senate adopted the same permanent rules from the 77th Legislature with a few modifications. Bills or resolutions must be submitted by 3:00 P.M., an hour earlier than the previous rules stated, in order to be placed on the Intent Calendar. Also, a bill or resolution cannot be taken up until it has been posted on the Intent Calendar for two days. Bills may now come out of committee and be presented to the Senate as late as three days before the end of the Session on June 2nd. During the last session, that deadline was 17 days.

Changes were also made to abolish the Special Committee on Redistricting, to add the Committee on Government Organization, the Committee on Infrastructure Development and Security, and the Committee on International Relations and Trade, and to alter the membership of some of the Standing Committees.

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 11:00 A.M. and David Dewhurst will be inaugurated as Lieutenant Governor that same day at noon.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING



A very special Christmas present was delivered on December 25th in Waxahachie, Texas. Kinley Lynn Cate was born to parents Chuck and Alicia (Kirkham) Cate of Maypearl. Kinley weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. The little blessing arrived at 2:45 AM — one week before her expected due date.

Maternal grandparents, Cliff and Connie Kirkham of Cross Plains, arrived at the hospital in time to welcome their first granddaughter into the world. Paternal grandparents, Charles and Gwen Cate of Lorenzo, are also ecstatic about their first grandchild. Great-grandparents include Alice Roby of Cross Plains, Joe and Zo Landrum of Fluvanna, and Charles Cate II of Granbury.

Kinley has two furry four-legged friends, Tayla and Raimy, who welcomed her with much tail wagging. The Cate family resides in Maypearl where Mom Alicia teaches third grade and Daddy Chuck coaches varsity girls basketball and teaches math. Mom and daughter are enjoying the "nesting and resting" of maternity leave and are doing well. The father should recover sometime soon.

IT'S A GIRL!

The Bradley family wish to announce the blessed arrival of **River Hope Bradley**, born January 22, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds 0.7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her proud parents are Rodney and Tina Bradley and big brother Colton of Cross Plains.

Maternal grandparents are Max and Norma Evans of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Roger and Ginger Bradley of Weatherford.

Maternal great-grandparents are Glen and Ella Faye Merrill also from Cross Plains and Florine Evans from Abilene. Paternal great-grandmother is Mae Dingle of Weatherford.

River also has a maternal great-great-grandmother Willie Phillips of Burkett.

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Community Resource Center News Reported

The Quilting ladies had about 10 present on Tuesday. We are working on Glenda's "Star" quilt and should have it finished this week. Frankie and Jean A. will put their tops in this month. We are gradually getting the "Flower Garden" quilted. Oh! It is so pretty!

Friday, Frankie Smith and Jean Fore attended the Cross Plains musical. Saturday, Frankie went with Freddy and Maudine Blount to the Clyde musical. Monday, Frankie went with Jay Rankin, Laquetta Rankin and Wayne and Arlene Smith to their church association meeting in Abilene. Great preaching, singing, and food was enjoyed by all.

Pioneer game night was a great success. There were eight players and we all enjoyed our supper. The next game night will be February 6th. Come join us for fun and food. The same group met at Cross Plains Monday night with 8 players present. They enjoy hot chicken soup, chicken and dressing, and cake with coffee and tea. Everyone does enjoy these fellowships.

Krista Phillips and Emily Harris spent Friday night and most of Saturday with Glenda Phillips. They have a playhouse there and have such a good time fixing it up. They also came on Monday after school to work on it. Even grandma got out there helping them winterize it. Saturday afternoon Glenda attended the baby shower for Robert and Terry Hutton. It was at the home of Charlene Chesshir. Glenda went with Allen and Janice to ACU Saturday night to see the PIP's perform. Both Krista and Emily are in the PIP's. On Monday, Glenda went to Abilene Regional Hospital to be with her sister and family while her sisters husband, Winifred Dodd had carotid artery surgery. He did great and has already gone home.

Glen Dale Phillips, from Alpine came to Glenda's last night after hauling two tractors to Temple

for a friend. That is the only place they could be worked on. Glen Dale and Allen loaded a load of hay for him to take back to Alpine. He will go home on Wednesday. The Phillips' always enjoy his short visits.

Charlene Chesshir, along with her church friends, hosted a baby shower Saturday the 25th for Terry Hutton, wife of Robert Hutton. We had a good crowd and she got a lot of useful gifts.

Jim Chesshir came this week-end and as usual did a lot of repair work around the farm. He also cut some wood to take back to his home.

Jean Alexander and May Jones attended the wedding shower of Kristi Mitchell and Chris Fambro on Saturday afternoon. Kristi is attending McMurry. Chris is a graduate of McMurry and is coaching in the Leonard School District. Chris is Jean's and May's great nephew.

The last appearance for the PIP's program was held at the gym Friday night. If you have not seen them you have missed something "special". Several of our community kids are in the program. The kids always do a "super" job. This program spotlighted the six graders, most have been in the program since its beginning. I hope all of you out there read the article in last weeks paper that Terry Thomas wrote about the PIP's program. It is a "great" program for our young folks. It teaches basketball "SKILLS" and along with it social and emotional skills. A GREAT BIG THANKS to Terry and those who help with the program. Not only are the kids winners for being in the program, but all who watch them are winners. A job well done, see you next year!

WORD OF WISDOM: When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2
See you next week!

By Exhausted Queen Mother Barbara Powell

Those "Root-ootin, Boot Scootin" Red Hat Society gals are letting their hair down. They are ready to do some toe-tappin and hand clapping at Jean's Feed Barn Thursday night.

Those Red Hat gals are ready to hear some guitar strumming and fiddle playing. They're all ready to whoop-it-up.

I wanta tell you, those Red Hat Society gals, try to be prim and proper, but when they hear some 'down home' foot stomping music

they swarm to it like bees to honey. It wouldn't surprise me if some of them didn't get carried away and start dancing a jig.

If any of you 'over the hill gals want to join us, dust off your red hat and don a purple dress and have some fun doing some of those things we've been too busy to do.... "But maybe I ought to practice a little now? So people who know me are not so shocked and surprised when I suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple."

If you need some practice, "Come on down".

Folic acid a crucial vitamin for women of childbearing age

AUSTIN—Giving birth to a healthy baby is a wish all expectant mothers share. "Having a healthy baby means making sure the expectant mother is healthy," says Ann Latham, registered licensed dietitian and an assistant director for the Outreach Health Services (OHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. "Making sure you get enough folic acid" especially before conception and during the first trimester, is one of the most important things you can do to help prevent serious birth defects in your baby."

Folic acid, sometimes called folate or vitamin B9, has been proven to reduce the risk of babies being born with serious birth defects. Between the 17th and 30th days after conception, a neural tube develops, and when it closes it becomes the baby's spinal cord, spine, brain and skull. A birth defect occurs when the neural tube fails to close properly, leaving the developing brain or spinal cord exposed. The two most common defects are spinal bifida and anencephaly. Because this development occurs before most women even realize they are pregnant, all women of childbearing age should consume at least 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day.

The importance of folic acid and the different forms a woman may choose from to make sure she receives enough in her diet is the topic of one of the classes taught this quarter by the Outreach Health Services WIC clinic in your area. Please call the clinic for a class schedule.

Several easy ways are available for getting enough folic acid:

- Take a vitamin with 400 mcg of folic acid every day. Both folic acid pills and multivitamins can be bought at grocery stores, pharmacies or discount stores.
- Eat a bowl of a breakfast cereal that contains 100% of the daily value of folic acid per serving.
- Eat a healthy diet that contains lots of fruits and vegetables and foods fortified with folic acid. "Enriched" cereal grain products such as pasta, rice, bread, flour and cereals have been fortified with certain amounts of folic acid. Foods containing folate include fruits and orange juice from concentrate; green,

leafy vegetables; and dried beans and legumes.

"Several WIC-approved foods, such as peanut butter, orange juice, cereal and beans, contain folic acid," Latham says. "You can get folic acid from foods, but most women don't get enough every day from food alone. Taking a daily vitamin that contains 400 micrograms of folic acid is the easiest way to be sure your body gets enough folic acid and the best way to prevent a neural tube defect."

Since unplanned pregnancies are quite common, it is important for all women of childbearing age to receive enough folic acid—not just those who are planning to become pregnant. According to the Nemours Foundation, a pediatric group that cares for more than 225,000 children with complex or chronic medical conditions, doctors and scientists still are not sure why folic acid has such a profound effect on the prevention of neural tube defects. But they do know it is crucial in a baby's development, so any woman who could become pregnant should make sure she's getting enough folic acid.

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, and meal planning assistance, immunizations and breast-feeding instruction and support.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 58 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle-to low-income women who are pregnant, breast-feeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply. For information on WIC services, contact the Callahan County Outreach Health Services WIC clinic in Clyde located at 605 Hunt Street (915-893-4552) or visit www.outreachhealth.com.

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

It has come to my attention that not everyone knows where we are located, what we do and if so inclined, where to make a donation in our name. Our physical address is 306 No. 1st. We are west of the Laundromat & next to the building for sale - The Longhorn. If you stood in the parking lot of Dollar General and looked North across the railroad tracks you would see our building. What used to be a gas station is on the west corner and Trinity Church is across the nearest side street.

Money donations can be made at 306 No. 1st on Tuesdays only because we are open on that day of the week. If you mail a donation, address it to CCRC, P.O. Box 1181, Clyde, Texas 79510. You can also go to People's State Bank and tell them to deposit in our account. That's all there is to it!! Your donation can be made anonymously or by recognition (leave your name, address, & phone number if you would like a thank you card, a call or receipt for tax purposes).

Now, what we do takes a few more words. We are a 501(3) C organization, meaning a non-profit faith-based entity without

government support. Our building houses CTO, which helps with utility bills, CHIPS (insurance coverage program for children), health nurses (immunizations for children) and until last year, a GED class (we need an instructor to teach) and partner with Harmony Family Services of Abilene providing counseling and other services to those qualifying (must have children at home). Our services include food once a month, clothing and referrals to other agencies when we can't assist in house. Cassandra Mays is our new referral & information person and we welcome this hard working lady to our growing organization.

I would like to thank our loyal volunteers for their presence on Tuesdays and willingness to work. Call 893-3919 if you would like to join us. Age doesn't matter. Positions available were in last week's article. Also, thanks to Rick Rhodes and his great students for helping us.

Our prayers go out to the families of the shuttle disaster. May our Lord heal their pain and loss at this time.

Submitted by Nancy Kuhn, Director



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Flight genes...

Flight genes—all the astronauts have got them. That's what they say of each other. It's a space generation's way of talking about pioneers.

Imagine being among those who landed at Plymouth Rock or Ellis Island. Imagine yourself walking west beside a conestoga wagon, or driving cattle north through Texas, coming upon rivers with no bridges, and a destiny on the other side.

Pioneers take brave steps, pushing back frontiers as they advance. Those first ones went first at all or any cost. They broke new trail. The rest of us rush back and forth across wide highways.

Circling the globe, landing on the moon, building and living on a space station for six months to a year - all are pioneer adventures. Astronauts are people who crave to know more about what's out there and beyond. Their work is dangerous, but they tuck that fear into a small place while their courage carries them forward. Their footsteps tread a widening path for those who would follow.

The tragedies are hard to bear. The space generation has endured great loss from the Apollo fire, the Challenger launch fail-

ure, and this week's Columbia explosion at reentry, only 15 minutes from touchdown. These space shuttle accidents took the lives of those who traveled with no guarantees.

Even before the grief is spent, everyone accepts that space travel and exploration will continue. It must, to honor the loss of so many of America's Best - to honor the work they've already done.

Interviews with family members reflect support and deep reserves of strength. In speaking of her son, David M. Brown's mother said her son died doing what he loved. She said the real tragedy would have been if he hadn't been able to go. Those are pioneer words if ever there were any.

Each of the Columbia's seven crew members had flight genes. So do all of the former astronauts. John Glenn has flown into outer space twice. He came back safely, but even so, suffers side effects. He is now 81, and says he would go up again tomorrow morning if it were possible.

Hail to the pioneers who have always gone before us.

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Estate planning saves taxes, frustration

"A properly drawn estate plan may save some farm and ranch families up to \$400,000 in estate taxes, income taxes, and administrative fees". This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have property worth \$2 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children and grandchildren.

This is an eye opening fact for many people. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in settling an estate or paying estate taxes. "But", Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large - if they have smaller operations. In fact, for many families, the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

Texas-Cooperative Extension will be presenting four two-day seminars discussing these complicated tax topics at the following locations:

March 6-7, 2003 Lubbock, Ramada Inn.

March 20-21, 2003 Houston, Harris County Extension Office.

March 24-25, 2003 Abilene, Taylor County Expo Center.

March 27-28, 2003 Austin, Thompson Conference Center.

The program is structured to help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed, also. "There are two problems with making excessive gifts - the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient. A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

Two problems that affect family operations - planning for inflation and growth of the business will be discussed. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not will be addressed.

The registration fee is \$100.00. Call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 for registration information or email: s-wehring@tamu.edu



MR. AND MRS. JACOB EASTERLING

Bell-Easterling Exchange Vows

Wanda Bell and Jacob Easterling, both of Cross Plains, were united in marriage at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. The Reverend Richard Chaffin officiated. The bride is the daughter of Ron and SharaLynn Bell of Cross Plains.

Hospice of the Big Country Announces "Hearts Remembered"

The Hospice of the Big Country, a service of West Texas Rehabilitation Center is hosting Hearts Remembered, a special event in conjunction with Valentine's Day, at the Mall of Abilene, Penney's Courtyard; First Coleman National Bank; Eastland National Bank; Citizens National Bank, Breckenridge; and First National Bank, Sweetwater.

Held in conjunction with Valentine's Day (February 14), Hearts Remembered is a unique way to acknowledge someone dear to your heart...whether in memory of a deceased friend or loved one, to recognize the birth of a baby, to celebrate an anniversary, or to just honor someone special.

National Bank in Sweetwater. Volunteers will be selling the angels at each location.

"Funds raised from this event will help Hospice of the Big Country continue our mission of providing the best hospice care possible, regardless of ability to pay, to the terminally ill in Abilene and eleven surrounding counties," said Jo Ann Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator. "Hearts Remembered is a beautiful way to honor someone special," she said.

If you would like to purchase a heart, or hearts, visit one of the locations listed above, or send \$10 per name to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605, and specify the location you want them displayed. You may also call 915-793-5450 for additional information.

Sponsors for Hearts Remembered are The Star Family of Dealerships, Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes, Texas Cancer Center, National Central Pharmacy, KTXS-TV, Choice Medical Supply, and Elmwood Funeral Home.

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Carl and Mable Joyce Mauldin on their wedding day in February, 1953.



Carl and Mable Joyce Mauldin will celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Saturday, February 8, 2003.

Carl and Mable Mauldin to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Carl and Mable Joyce Mauldin of Comanche are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Please join family and friends on Saturday, February 8th, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., as they celebrate this wonderful occasion. The

reception will be hosted by the Mauldin's children and held at the Rowden Baptist Church, 12 miles west of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

The Mauldins ask that you bring no gifts, but would like all their friends and neighbors to join them in this celebration.

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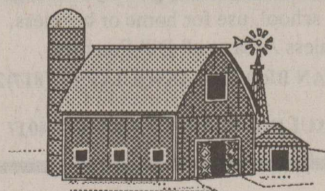
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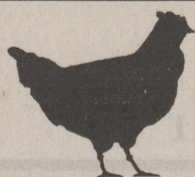
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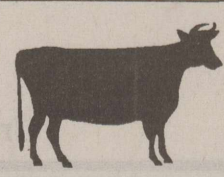
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