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93 YEARS YOUNG—Troy Crockett recently celebrated his birthday with friends and relatives at the Senior Citizens' Center. He was presented a huge German chocolate cake (his favorite) in his honor. Getting Troy away from a domino game was a pretty good trick. He said, "I didn't come here for cake and candles." Troy has two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Sandra Crockett and D.T. and Mary Crockett, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him. He commented that it didn't take long to blow out that kind of 93 candles. Pictured above are Sandra Crockett (from left), Troy Crockett and Larry Crockett.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Tony McCain, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Pamela J. Hicks, theft by check.
Dennis D. Jackson, theft by check.
Cynthia Elaine Watts, theft by check.
Crystal M. Bush, theft by check.
John N. Hope, possession of marijuana.
David Rodriguez, DWI.
John Mendez, Jr., driving while license suspended (DWLS).
James Purcell, theft.
Cari Bennett, criminal trespass.
Rodney E. Douglas, Ct. I - tampering with a governmental record, Ct. II - possession of marijuana.
John J. Pruet, minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage.

Gordon Sutton, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.
Lisa M. Cooley, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Bobby Ray Johnson, Sr., motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Nicholas McBride, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 8 days in jail, \$292.25 court costs.
Michelle Villeneuve, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs & restitution paid.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

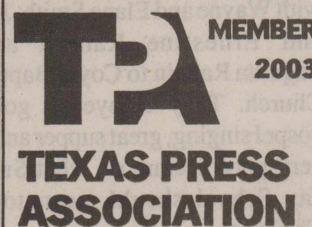
James Earl Edgar, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Tony S. McCain, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$193 court costs.
Jana Rister, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$195.45 restitution.
Benson E. Kilpatrick, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$63.02 restitution.
Klayton A. Wilson, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$293 court costs.
Anthony M. Vasquez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Anthony M. Vasquez, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.
Gordon Sutton, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.

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C.G. "Tuff" Hutchins Family Reunion at Lake Brownwood

The C.G. "Tuff" Hutchins family reunion was held at the Beach Lodge t Brownwood Lake on September 12, 13 and 14. They enjoyed each others company, as they fished and hiked.

Those attending were: Ferne Hutchins, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; Jay Hutchins and wife, Beverly, of Brady and their two children, Kelly Hutchins and Kevin Hutchins of Odessa; Jim and Bertha Lee Calderon, their son, Jiam Calderon and his son, Vlad Calderon (1 year old), Miguel Calderon and wife, Lori, and their son, Miguelito (5 months), all of San Antonio; David and Larue (Hutchins) Williams of Abilene;

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Oakdale Park's Bluegrass Reunion

Oakdale Park, located in Glen Rose, will host its 29th annual Bluegrass Reunion October 2,3,4 and 5. Oakdale, known as the Bluegrass Music Capital of Texas, hosts several Bluegrass events each year.

Band headlining the annual show are the bluegrass gospel group The Lewis Family, Georgia; Williams and Clark Expedition, Tennessee; and The Flint Rivers Boys, Tennessee.

The stage show begins Thursday at 7 p.m. and runs through 11 p.m. On Friday, the stage will

open from noon until 1 p.m. The show begins at 1 p.m. and will close at 10 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday the show goes from 10:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Daily admission charge for the music is \$11/day or a four-day pass can be purchased for \$33. Children age 15 and under are free.

Camping and cottages are available. For more information, contact Oakdale Park, Box 548, Glen Rose, Tx. 76043; (254) 897-2321 or visit www.oakdalepark.com/octbluegrass.

Abilene Quilters Guild Meets October 13th "Workshop Announced"

Abilene Quilters Guild will meet Monday, October 13, at Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road, Abilene, at 6:45 p.m. for the meet and greet and the program commences at 7:00 p.m.

The program will be Amish Quilt Makers and their Quilts featuring a lecture and slide presentation by Shelley Hilton Pace, owner/designer of Wild Prairie Patterns.

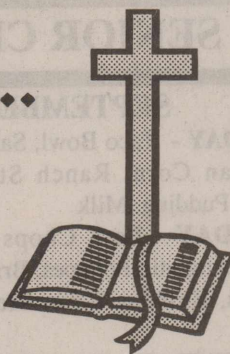
Shelley will also present a workshop exploring Amish color and design titled "Almost Amish". The workshop will feature the exploration of traditional Amish quilt designs by making the most captivating of all Amish quilts—the Sunshine and Shadow quilt. You will begin your wall-hanging size quilt tope during the workshop to be completed at home. If time al-

lows, you will also learn how to draw your own feathered wreaths and swags; and if time permits, there will be a discussion regarding traditional Amish settings and border treatments, as well as on traditional quilting designs. This will be a plan-a-little, sew-a-little workshop. Sewing machines will be needed at the workshop.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Chimney Square Apartments Meeting Room, 3201 South 23rd, Abilene, from 9 a.m. until noon. The cost of the workshop is \$20 for Abilene Quilt Guild members and \$25 for non-members. Space is limited. To enroll, contact Lori Oglesby at (325) 690-1453. Lori will also have the supply list information.

Visitors are always welcome to attend any of the Guild meetings.

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could find a way to share this with our fellow countrymen. I was wondering if there was any way to get this into your papers to let the world know that "WE

HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN" and are proud to serve our country. Semper Fi

1st Sgt Dave Jobe 'Baker 8'



ENTHUSIASTIC ROBERT E. HOWARD SCHOLARS PICTURED IN FRONT OF THE HOWARD HOUSE—David A. Sluder and Josh Snook, Huntsville; Jason Ruen and Jason Osborn, Spring and Ted Childers, Houston, professors from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville and universities in the Houston area, were in Cross Plains Saturday as guests of Project Pride. Following lunch the group spent the afternoon touring the Howard House and Museum and visiting the Library. All were very complimentary of Cross Plains and plan to return for the Howard Day festivities in June.

Organic Gardening 101 Offered Thursday, Sept. 25th in Abilene

Do you want to learn how to grow healthy plants and vegetables, how to conserve water and attract beneficial bugs? Thursday, September 25, 2003 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Organic Gardening 101 will be offered at the Taylor County Extension office, located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. The session will be taught by Jeanine Murray, Regional Director - Region 1, of the Texas Organic Grower's Association. The cost for the class is \$17. Registration is limited, so if interested in attending, send check, made payable to Taylor County Extension, to 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX 79602. For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 672-6048.

CJC Homecoming Saturday, September 27

Plans are underway for this year's Homecoming and Parents' Day at Cisco Junior College scheduled for Saturday, September 27. Cisco Junior College president John Muller explained that Homecoming and Parents' Day is a special time at Cisco Junior College. "Each year the college sets aside a day to invite exes to return to campus to visit with friends and teachers and to invite parents to share this special time with their children," Muller said. Homecoming organizers will kick the event off earlier in the week with a bonfire and pep rally on the CJC campus hillside immediately following the Lady Wranglers-Hill County volleyball game beginning on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27, a registration and reception will be held in the Student Union Building from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The CJC Bookstore will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and CJC sweatshirts, t-shirts, bumper stickers, key chains and other commemorative mementos will be available for purchase. The football game will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Chesley Field as the CJC Wranglers face Trinity Valley Community College. Pre-game recognition begins at 2:45 p.m. with the presentation of 1952-9153 CJC football team. Half-time festivities will include performances by the Wrangler Band and Belles and presentation of the Homecoming Queen. There will also be a Parent and Exes Appreciation Dinner from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the CJC Ag Building. "It is our hope that everyone will join us during this day and allow us to demonstrate our appreciation for the support shown to our college," Dr. Muller said.

Enrollment at CJC Up and Taxes Down

At the September meeting, the Cisco Junior College Board of Regents received a report that enrollment at the College was at an all-time high of 3,207 students. The Cisco campus has an enrollment of 723 students that is an increase of 20 students from the 2002 fall semester. The Abilene Educational Center has an enrollment of 2,484 students that is an increase of 220 students from the previous fall semester. The board also adopted a tax rate of \$.15440 per \$100 valuation that is \$.01576 less than last year's rate. The board was able to lower the rate because of an increase of valuations in the district. The lowered rate will provide an estimated increase in proceeds of approximately 3 percent. President Dr. John Muller stated that the board has taken actions that position the college

well when the result is "higher enrollment and lower taxes". Other actions taken at the September meeting were discussion of solicitation of bids for the purchase of college property, a grazing contract on college property, and the purchase/trade of college vehicles. The board was informed that all building projects are progressing as scheduled. On the Cisco campus, restoration of Bivins Hall as a dormitory has moved from the demolition phase to the renovation phase. The baseball/softball fields project continued to move forward, but at a slower pace because of the need to haul dirt to the site. Both projects will be complete and in place as planned for the 2004 fall semester. Construction of the Abilene Educational Center was on schedule and will also be complete for the 2004 fall semester.

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ASHLEY BEGGS MOSES

Local Couple's Daughter Graduates from Tarleton

Ashley Beggs Moses received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology August 9, 2003, from Tarleton State University. Ashley is the daughter of Rex and Edith Beggs of Cross Plains.

She and her husband Gary now reside in Amarillo, where she plans to attend Pharmacy School. Ashley is a 1999 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

MS Support Group to Launch in Cisco

Saturday, September 30, will see the start of many new free services for people with multiple sclerosis (MS). A new support group will have its first meeting at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, I-20 in Cisco, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This new support group is sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA).

MSAA provides a variety of free services, including home assessments and modifications, provision of safety and mobility aids, daily living aids, educational materials, a quarterly magazine, MRI scans for the financially challenged, cooling therapy and a toll-free information line.

MSAA regional staff will be present for the launch to provide information on these free services, and how the MSAA hopes to develop new programs in Cisco based on the support group and its members.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a disease of the central nervous system, affecting an estimated 350,000 people in the United States.

For more information regarding this new support group, call Shilo Thompson at (254) 442-2481 or MSAA Mid-South Regional Office toll-free at 1-800-532-7667 ext. 137.

USDA Livestock Assistance Program to help livestock producers-signup underway

(Barid, TX) - September 10, 2003 - Callahan County livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses caused by natural disasters will find some relief through the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) offered by the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"This program provides additional relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to severe weather and related causes," said Robert Frost, County Executive Director.

The LAP sign-up period began August 6 and ends October 24, 2003.

"LAP is intended to address the needs of producers who were not adequately covered by the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), but producers cannot receive payments under both programs for the same loss," said Frost.

Frost added, a producer's LAP payment will be reduced by the amount(s) the producer received under Livestock Compensation Program - I and Livestock Compensation Program - II regardless of whether the LAP payment is for 2001 or 2002.

Authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, LAP provides \$250 million, nationwide, to livestock producers for grazing losses that occurred in either 2001 or 2002.

Under LAP, a producer's grazing land must be located in a county that was declared a primary disaster area under a Presidential or Secretarial declaration. The county must have been approved after Jan. 1, 2001, and a designation

requested no later than Feb. 20, 2003, and subsequently approved. Contiguous counties are not eligible.

For those counties designated as a disaster area for 2001 or 2002, additional LAP eligibility criteria must be met for each year. A county must have experienced an average of 40 percent or greater loss of normal precipitation for four consecutive months during the applicable year and suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for three or more consecutive months in a calendar year in order to be eligible for that year. Callahan County was able to meet the eligibility requirements for the 2001 year.

Although LAP is a grazing loss program, payments are based on the lesser of the calculated pasture value or the value of livestock feed allowance multiplied by the producer's maximum grazing loss. The eligible amount is 50 percent of the loss amount. A producer must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock.

During 2001 or 2002, a livestock producer must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestation, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm or other natural disasters.

"Because funding for LAP is limited, a national factor will apply," said Frost. "This factor will be announced after the sign-up period ends."

The 2003 Act requires that

an adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation apply - a change from previous LAP provisions. A \$40,000 payment limitation also applies to LAP assistance. The total value of all applications will be determined and, if in excess of \$250 million, will be adjusted proportionately.

For additional information regarding this program please contact the Callahan County FSA Office at (325) 854-1049 ext. 2.

USDA has developed a Web site that provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing disaster assistance. The Web site can be accessed at <http://disaster.usda.gov>.

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Annual Coleman County Fiesta de La Paloma

The annual Coleman County Fiesta de la Paloma will be held downtown Coleman on Saturday, October 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festivities include food booths; arts and crafts; flea market; sidewalk sales; games; exhibits; continuous entertainment all day; art show; pet show; kiddie train rides; and much more!

A Championship Dove Cook-off offers a \$500 1st place prize, \$300 2nd place and \$200 3rd place winnings. Entry fee is \$30.00.

A Brisket Contest features a \$500 1st place prize, \$300 2nd place and \$200 3rd place winnings. Entry fee is \$30.

Jackpot Pinto Bean Contest has a \$5.00 entry fee with a 40-30-20 split for the winners.

Miss Coleman County Beauty Pageant will also be a highlight, along with a Car Show Contest.

The Texas Tornado Dancers will be performing and a United Fiddler's Association, Inc. "Old Time Fiddler's Contest" will be held.

For more information, contact the Coleman County Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture and Tourist Bureau; Box 796, Coleman, Texas 76834 or call (325)625-2163—e-mail address is coleman@web-access.net.

Grosvenor School Reunion

The Grosvenor School Reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28th, at the Brownwood State Park Recreation Hall.

The fun begins at noon Saturday. Please bring sandwiches and chips or dessert, pictures and memorabilia to share.

An auction will be featured at 4 p.m. Remember to bring items for the auction. Proceeds will be used to support future reunions.

Sunday everyone will meet at noon followed by lunch. Barbecue will be served. Please bring a covered dish or dessert and more pictures.

For more information call (325) 625-3368.

Annual Fiesta Art Show October 3-4

The Fine Arts League of Coleman County, Inc. will be holding their 12th Annual Fiesta Art Show on October 3-4.

Show time is Friday, October 3 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration is at 115 W. Pecan, Monday, September 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entries must be hand delivered with entry information attached to lower left back of art work so that entry information faces the viewer on the right side. No previously entered work will be accepted. Entries are limited to six per artist.

Entry fees are Adult (per entry Professional \$8, Advanced \$5 and Amateur \$4; Youth \$3 per for first entry, additional entries FREE.

No photography, sculpture or computer generated art will be accepted. Over \$2,500 in Cash Awards including \$500 for Best of Show.

Checkout will be Saturday, October 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Artist must have their claim ticket. No early checkouts will be permitted.

For further information contact Millie Martin (325) 636-4477 or Kathy Andrews (325) 624-5544.

Happy Birthday!

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OCTOBER 2
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- Possession of Controlled Substance-Methamphetamine—1
- Possession of Dangerous Drug Without Prescription—1
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
- Vehicle Accidents**
- There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.
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