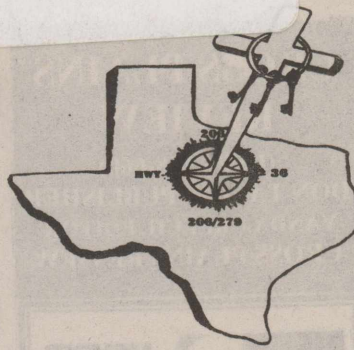


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Listed below are the properties and important features of both water and Coke that you may not be aware of. Some of these are quite fascinating. See what you think. Vanda Anderson

This is really an eye opener... Water and Coke.

Water:

1. 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated.
2. In 37 percent of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger.
3. Even MILD dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3 percent.
4. One glass of water will shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100 percent of the dieters studied in a University of Washington study.
5. Lack of water, the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
6. Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80 percent of sufferers.
7. A mere 2 percent drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.
8. Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45 percent, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79 percent, and one is 50 percent less likely to develop bladder cancer.

And now for the properties of Coke:

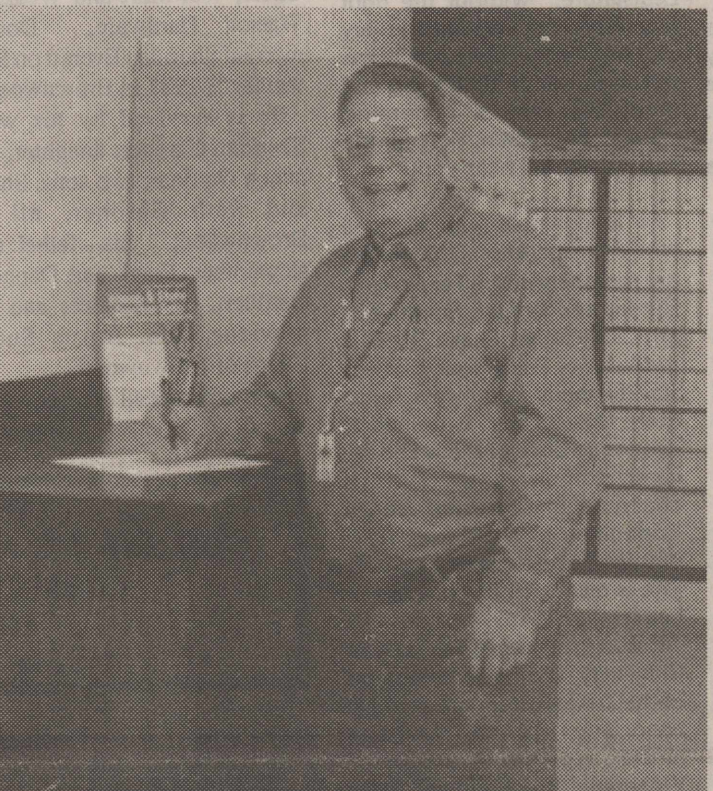
1. In many states the highway patrol carries two gallons of Coke in the trunk of their cruisers to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
2. You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of Coke and it will be gone in two days.
3. To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl and let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.
4. To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.
5. To clean corrosion from car battery terminals: pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.
6. To loosen a rusted bolt: apply a cloth soaked in Coke to the rusted bolt for several minutes.
7. To bake a moist ham: empty a can of Coke into the baking pan, wrap the ham in aluminum foil, allowing the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous gravy.
8. To remove grease from clothes: empty a can of coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent and run through a regular cycle. The Coke will help loosen grease stains.
9. It will also clean road haze from your windshield.

The active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. Its pH is 2.8. It will dissolve a nail in about 4 days. Phosphoric acid also leaches calcium from bones.

To carry Coca-Cola syrup (the concentrate) commercial trucks must use the Hazardous material place cards reserved for Highly corrosive materials. The distributors of Coke have been using it to clean the engines of their trucks for about 20 years.



WHAT A RECEPTION—Postal workers Alvin Hutchins (from left), Billie Kelly, Larry Crockett, Melody McWilliams, and Amanda Waggoner are pictured behind the reception table that was set up nicely to serve the Veterans and other visitors.



SIGN IN PLEASE—Alvin Hutchins is pictured above signing the registry, in the foyer of the Cross Plains Post Office, Monday, November 10, 2003.

Post Office Open House Honored Local Veterans

What an honor and pleasure it was for the employees of the Cross Plains Post Office to host an open house on Veteran's Day for those who have served and are currently serving their country. Music from the forties was played for all to enjoy and punch and cookies were served.

The foyer was decorated with different war memorabilia including an old uniform, American flags, medals, and pictures of our relatives.

Although many did not know about the open house, those who came remarked how nice it was to be remembered and recognized.

Several branches of the military were represented, as we had people from the Army, Air Force and Navy. It was interesting to learn where they served and the duties they performed. We had tank drivers that were on the front line in WWII, a Military Police Officer; and some who served on Naval destroyers.

Stories were told about the Philippines, Germany and Hawaii. One gentleman told how he had been injured and received a

Purple Heart Medal of Honor. Then he was transferred to a warehouse where he had six or seven military employees and twenty or more civilian women to keep this large warehouse in order. You have to remember this was before computers and everything was logged on paper.

Come by the Post Office and check out the commemorative stamps we have to honor those who served our country. As always, we have the American Flag stamps; for a limited time we have Purple Heart stamps; Korean War Memorial stamps; Old Glory stamps and post cards. These would be a great gift for anyone who has served in the military. We still have a few 911 stamps left, where a portion of the proceeds benefit the families of 911 victims.

Note that the POW Flag is currently flying at the Post Office honoring those special individuals.

Thank you to everyone who came by and helped us honor our veterans here in Cross Plains.

Submitted by Melody McWilliams

C.P. Art Club to Meet November 20

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club will meet at the Multi-Purpose Center Thursday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m.

They will have some new tapes of some well known artists to

show. Bring pencil and paper if you wish to take notes.

Visitors are always welcome.

For more information call Betty Beggs at (254) 725-7235 or Marlene Sanders 725-7421.

Old Cottonwood Cemetery Receives Historic Designation

COTTONWOOD, TX.—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has designated the Old Cottonwood Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery.

The designation, reserved for cemeteries that are at least 50 years old and deemed worthy of preservation for their historic associations, means an Affidavit of Designation for Cemetery Purposes has been issued to the Old Cottonwood Cemetery and it has been recorded in the Callahan County Clerk's office.

"The designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources. Such awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a cemetery," said Larry Oaks, executive director of THC.

Cemeteries hold valuable historical information. They are often the last reminders of early settlements, historical events, religious beliefs, lifestyles and genealogy.

"Historic cemeteries serve as directories of early residents and reflect the cultural influences that helped shape our state's communities," said Oaks. "The Historic Texas Cemetery designation program helps bring attention to these community treasures and the importance of their preservation."

While the Historic Texas Cemetery designation encourages cemetery preservation, this designation cannot guarantee that a historic cemetery will not be destroyed. In some rural areas, historic cemeteries are threatened by the absence of fencing, which allows cattle and other grazing animals to topple and disturb headstones. Urban expansion and vandalism often threaten historic cemeteries. Sometimes these cemeteries gradually disappear, one headstone at a time; others disappear overnight. Bulldozers have plowed over neglected cemeteries to clear land for development projects. Cemeteries

have also been the victims of vandalism and long-term deterioration from forces of nature, such as weathering and uncontrolled vegetation.

Albert Lovell, President of the Cottonwood Historical Association, remarked, "I am proud to be a part of this historical presentation."

The Historic Texas Cemetery designation was developed to address the destruction of historic cemeteries and the illegal removal of cemetery fixtures. Any individual or organization is eligible to submit an application for this designation. For more information, or to receive an application for the Historic Texas Cemetery designation, call (512) 475-4167.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas. See www.the.state.tx.us for further information.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Sr. Citizens

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 21, at 11:45 a.m. Reservations will not be necessary. Everyone is invited to join the seniors for this special holiday meal and fellowship.

If you need additional information please contact Kathy Anderson at (254) 725-6521.

Remember that the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month is Game Night. Come join the fun!!!!

Ladies' Salad Supper Monday

On Monday, November 17, First Baptist Church is proud to sponsor another evening of fellowship for all women of the community. Martha Fisher of San Antonio will be the guest speaker. The Salad Supper will be served at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

Martha describes herself as an "ordinary gal with an Extraordinary God on her side". Everywhere she has gone, it seems God has prepared life lessons galore for her to experience. On stage, Martha makes you feel as if you are having coffee with a good friend.

Bring your neighbors and friends! Share the evening with us at Cross Plains, First Baptist Church, Family Life Center on Monday, November 17. Please call (254) 725-7629 if you will be able to attend.

Rising Star Woman Named "Texas Tuff" by Surgeon

On August 11, 2003, Rising Star resident, Ruth Watkins, endured an 11 hour procedure to remove the lemon-size tumor from between her eyes that was invading her sinus and brain cavity. Dr. Peter Costantino, facial surgeon at St. Lukes-Roosevelt hospital in Manhattan, New York and his team began calling her "Texas Tuff". The 77 year-old was suffering from double vision, hearing loss, loss of taste and smell and was beginning to have problems with balance.

Ruth came home to Rising Star in September. Since that time, she unexpectedly had to have 3 of her heart stints unblocked. She has continued to heal and improve with the help of home health and physical therapy. Her vision has greatly improved. The double vision has gone and blurriness continues to improve. Her hearing and balance are also returning to normal. Her doctors said she will never regain her sense of smell, but she has, on occasion, reported that she CAN smell and taste.

Ruth returned to New York on October 27 to have a follow-up with Dr. Costantino. She and daughter, Becky, are scheduled to return to Rising Star one day next week and United House Calls Home Health, KTAB TV and the City of Rising Star plan to celebrate with her at a surprise "Welcome Home" reception at the Higginbotham Center in Ris-

ing Star at that time. Details were not available at press time, please call United House Calls at (325) 646-5565 for further information. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

When the possibility of surgical help for Ruth materialized in Late July, so many people, groups and organizations pitched in. It would not have been a reality without them.

Special "Thank You's" go out to Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Prater of Brownwood, Kevin McNutt of Early, Central Texas Foundation of Brownwood, David Williams and First Baptist Church of Rising Star, Mrs. W.G. Kirk of Brownwood, Mrs. M. McCain of Early, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hounshell of Bangs, Mr. Walt Allgood and Brownwood Spraying Service, Katie Shelton and Carol Bowlds of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. James DeHay of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allman, Employees of Citi-See "Texas Tuff" Page 2

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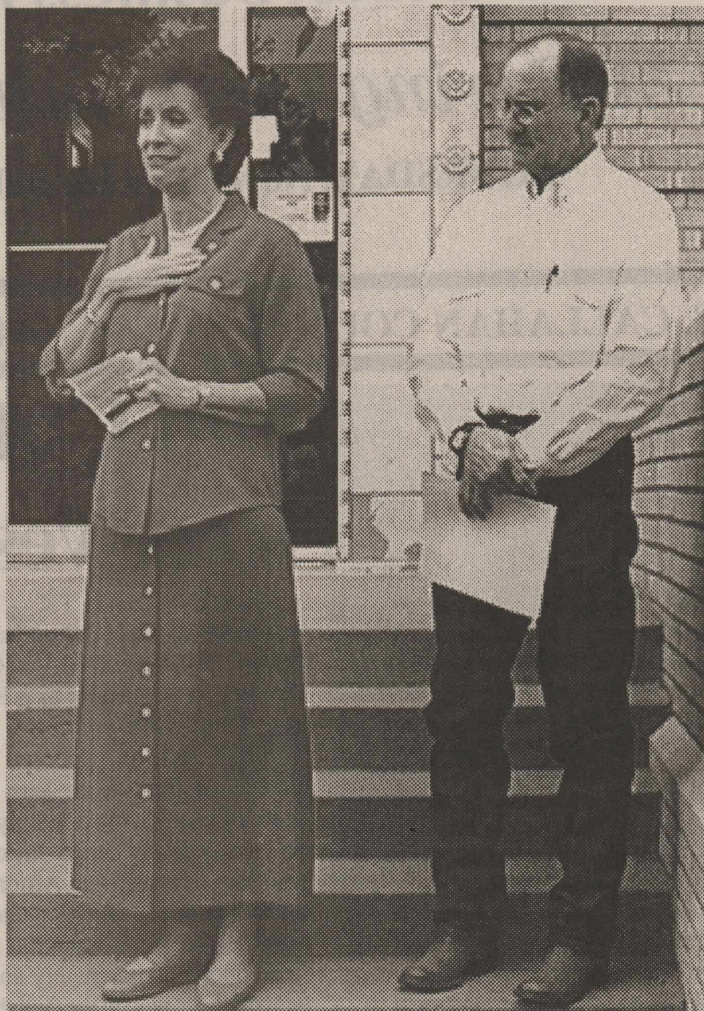
Nicki Harle in race for Texas House of Representatives

This past Wednesday morning November 5, 2003 at 8:15 in the morning, on the steps of the Callahan County Courthouse Mrs. Nicki Harle held her first official press conference to announce her candidacy for District 53 of the Texas House of Representatives.

Touched with emotion, Mrs. Harle thanked her friends and neighbors in Callahan County for coming out to support her during this first announcement and her husband Dr. Rob Harle for his support, "not just 100%, but 110%" and stated further, "those of you who know me, know this is what I have always wanted to do, and I feel everything I have done in my life has been in preparation for this." She continued "I'm Nicki Harle and I'm running for the Texas House of Representatives District 53."

Pledging to take her conservative values to the Texas Legislature, the Baird resident stated the fifteen county district includes Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher and Sutton Counties. "Since May of this year, the last six months, I have visited with the County Judges in each of these 15 counties and in the next two days we will hold press conferences in every county."

"I believe the people of District 53 deserve a State Representative who will listen to constituents and work with Texas'



NICKI HARLE ANNOUNCES—Nicki shows a bit of emotion as she announces her candidacy as Republican nominee for State Representative in District 53. Harle pledges to take her conservative values to the Texas

leadership to solve the problems facing rural Texans. We must protect our natural resources and preserve the quality of life for those who follow us in the years ahead. Without the right representation, we stand the very real possibility that rural Texas will be forgotten by the big city mentality that is becoming prevalent in Austin. "Without the right representation, we stand the very real possibility that rural Texas will be forgotten by the big city mentality that is becoming prevalent in Austin."

Harle said she knows first hand the needs of our area. She has served as the first and only executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network, a regional organization covering 25 rural counties working with local elected officials and community leaders in more than 40 small cities on the very problems that face all of rural Texas.

Texas Speaker of the House Tom Craddick recognized her leadership role in these vital areas by appointing her to the governing board of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), a state agency established by the 77th Legislature.

"I have gained first hand knowledge of the unique challenges small town leaders must deal with on a daily basis. Infrastructure maintenance and legislative mandates continue to stretch local resources beyond capacity," the Texas native said. "We must not allow rural Texas to be forgotten in the rush to expand the urban landscape."

Married to Dr. Rob Harle in 1974, the couple raised three sons who all graduated from Baird High School and received honors at Texas Tech University. A fifth generation Texan, Harle says I was taught the value of working hard and serving others by my parents and strive to teach those same values to my children.

As landowners with a small ranching operation, the Harles are members of the Texas Farm Bureau and Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn. Nicki, a graduate of Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University), is trained in economic development and recently completed two terms as chairman of the Rural Affairs Committee of the Texas Economic Development Council. She is also a 1996 graduate of Leadership Texas.

Rob, a graduate of Texas A&M University, is an active member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and has served as president of the Academy of Veterinary Practitioners. Both serve as elders of the First Presbyterian Church of Baird.

As a volunteer member of the Chamber of Commerce she was named Citizen of the Year for her leadership role in developing Baird as the "Antique Capital of West Texas". Other career credits include producer/hostess of a public affairs talk show on KRBC-TV the NBC affiliate in Abilene and editor/publisher of West Texas Travel Guide, a publication to market small towns in West Texas.

Harle pledges to conduct an aggressive grassroots campaign "because it is important for candidates to meet the public, listen to their concerns and understand the needs of the district. As State Representative I will bring a lifetime of experiences and an involved rural perspective to the Texas Legislature."

Harle's campaign slogan is "I can hear you." In closing she referred to the telephone commercial quote "Can you hear me now" and stated "vote for me and Austin will hear you."

Innovation Event Makes Purchase

Innovation Event Management, LP is pleased to announce the acquisition of New Century Productions of Marksville, Louisiana.

New Century Productions produces highly regarded Outdoor Sports shows in Louisiana and Texas including shows in Alexandria, Monroe, Longview, and Lafayette in 2003. Notably, "The Acadiana Outdoor Sportsman's Show" held in the Lafayette Cajundome and Convention Center, and now in its eighth year, is the premier outdoor show in Louisiana drawing over 300 exhibitors and 20,000 attendees.

"New Century is an excellent company and a first class producer of Outdoor Shows with high standards for show production and promotion," offers Murray Edwards, President of Innovation, "Our company takes great pride in being a high-quality and professional producer of events which makes New Century a natural fit for us and we are excited about purchasing it."

"I started this company from scratch and was very particular about who I sold to," stated Larry Jorgensen, founder of New Century Productions. "I was very impressed with Innovation and am comfortable with the sale because Innovation understands how to produce an exciting, quality event. I can assure the sportsmen of Louisiana and Texas that this company is in excellent hands and the shows they produce will be first class events."

Innovation, headquartered in Fredericksburg, Texas is the premier producer of Arts and Craft Shows in Texas producing both "The Country Peddler Show" and "The Perfect Peddler Show."

Innovation produces 31 Arts and Craft shows annually in Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Iowa, Kansas, and Ohio. Innovation is owned by Murray Edwards and Tim Powers of Clyde, Texas, and Rachel Edwards of Austin, Texas.

The acquisition was effective October 15th, 2003.

OBITUARY

Donnie Ray Gardner

Donnie Ray Gardner, 57, of Brownwood, passes away Sunday, October 19, 2003, at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 22, 2003, in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Bo Shero officiating. Interment was in Ebony Cemetery.

Donnie was born on July 30, 1946 in Lampasas to Frank and Pauline Ivey Gardner. He attended Lometa, Midland and Cross Plains schools.

Donnie served his country in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star, an Air Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a member of Charlie Company "Charging Charlie" in the 3rd Battalion of the 60th Infantry of the 9th Infantry Division. Donnie enjoyed attending the Charlie Company reunions over the past years.

He had been a resident of Brownwood since 1972 and had been employed by Superior Cable, Wal-Mart and Weakley-Watson Hardware. Donnie married Sheridan Everett on September 5, 1981 in Brownwood.

He is survived by his wife, Sheridan Gardner; daughter, Shannon Gardner; two sons, Shane and Seth Gardner, all of Brownwood; his father and stepmother, Frank and Daphne Gardner of Abilene; and his previous wife, JoAnn Sutter Elkins of Brownwood.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pauline Ivey Gardner.

"Texas Tuff" —

zens National Bank of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barrett of Brownwood, Mr. Norman Smith, Jr. of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graves of Texas Sidewinder Rods of Cross Plains, Wal-Mart of Brownwood, Sisters Bakery and Takeroy of Brownwood, Cousins in Early, Ricon Pharmacy, Bob's L P Gas in Early, Kuts & Such and Percilla Cantwell in Early, Tom Ditmore and Pop-A-Top in Early, Early Lions Club, Cedonia H Roan and Charlene Mitchell of Early, Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Brownwood, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 3278 of Brownwood, All Star Florist of Rising Star, Centex Therapeutic Message in Brownwood, Cross Plains Church of Christ, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Koenig of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pipes of Cross Plains, Texas Heritage Bank of Cross Plains, Sharon Ames of Cross Plains, Ben Childers, Mel Whitworth, Jeff Bolton and the employees of United House Calls of Texas Home Health, Mayor David Brook, City Council and Citizens of Early, Mike McGinn, City Council of Rising Star, Members of the Early Fire Department and Police Department, Brownwood Fire Department, Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

The family also thanks you for the many calls, cards, visits and anonymous donors.

Ruth Watkins is proof that miracles happen. May HIS name be praised!

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PIONEER NEWS

The quilters had a great day quilting Tuesday. We are getting right along on the Rehab quilt. It is going to be so pretty. We are still working on Glenda's "Modified 9 Patch" and Charlene's "Flower Garden". We had our monthly meeting and elected officers for the coming year. Earlene Burge is our new President, Christy Dallas - Vice President and May Jones - Secretary-Treasurer. The committees will be the same.

We always want to thank Tim and Melissa Evans for the use of their panels for our quilt show. The panels make displaying the quilts so much better. Thanks again Tim and Melissa. We do not know what we would do without you! We also would like to thank Angie Ames and Jessica Stultz for helping with putting up the quilts for the show. It was great having Billie Freeman there to help us. We are still counting our blessings for how successful everything went.

We all had an enjoyable day at our quilt show! Charlene Chesshir's sister, Christine Cooper, and her husband, Stewart, came down and viewed all the beautiful quilts. They went to Charlene's home for visiting and lunch. Charlene and Christine never run out of anything to talk about. Charlene came back to help with cleaning up at the club house after they left.

Glenda Phillips' son, Glen Dale from Alpine, came in over the weekend and went back on Monday. He had steers here on the feeder and he took them to the sale on Saturday. He attended church and the lunch on Sunday at the Rising Star church of Christ with Glenda and Allen's family. Glen Dale, Howard, Allen and

Logan were Glenda's Saturday night visitors. Janice and the girls had gone shopping. Sunday night Glen Dale, Howard and Allen's family all had supper at Glenda's. She was glad to see her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Wanda and Don Nelson, at the quilt show on Saturday. They always enjoy coming and visiting with people that Wanda has known all of her life. Wanda used to quilt with the quilt club when she lived in Pioneer.

Charlene O'Kelly was a guest of Cowan and Laverne Hutton. She came Saturday and attended the quilt show, then spent the night and attended church Sunday morning. She stayed for the fellowship meal before returning home to Santo.

Earlene Burge's granddaughter from Brownwood came Saturday for the Pioneer Quilt Show. Cindy and Jessica put up on sign advertising the show. They also helped with putting up the quilts. There was a large turnout and many beautiful quilts. Laverne Hutton won 1st place with her "Southern Lady" quilt. People as far away as Houston came. All the baked goods were sold and we were happy with how it turned out.

Well! Football is over for our local boys! We had a good season. The boys tried their best. Now, we turn to basketball! There should be some very good games to see. Why not go out to the local gym, see some very good work so very hard practicing and practicing.

Word of Wisdom: I asked God for all things so I could enjoy life. He gave me life so I could enjoy all things. Author Unknown

RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

Thanks to everyone who brought their little ghosts and goblins to our center Wednesday to "trick or treat". It meant a lot to our residents.

Halloween day we enjoyed the company of Mrs. Keelings' Kindergarten students who came by to eat a special Halloween lunch. The menu was snake sandwiches, skeleton bones with brain dip for dessert and dirt with

worms. The kids really enjoyed the meal and the residents loved spending time with the little ones.

Thank you to Kenneth Goode and Gene Moore for the donation of the books. We have a great head start on our resident library.

One last thank you to Mrs. Callaway for the cute little knickknacks.

Have a great week!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

NOVEMBER 17 - 21

MONDAY - Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Fruit, Cake, Bread, Milk

TUESDAY - Ham, Lima Beans, Turnip Greens, Gelatin, Cornbread, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Chili w/Beans, Pears & Cottage Cheese, Coleslaw, Cookie, Crackers, Milk

THURSDAY - BBQ Brisket, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Pudding, Bread, Milk

FRIDAY - Chicken Breast w/ Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Yam Patty, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin Cheesecake, Bread, Milk

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Finally! It is finally feeling like fall! I think one reason why God gives us variable weather is so we can have something to complain about that's not too serious—because if we weren't complaining about the weather, we'd be complaining about something else.

When the Israelites complained in the wilderness, "it displeased the LORD and His anger was aroused" (Numbers 11:1)—and He consumed some of them with fire! Paul referred to this time in the lives of the Israelites as he wrote the Christians at Corinth, saying, "These things...were written down as warnings for us...to not grumble (murmur, complain), as some of them did—and were destroyed by the destroying angels" (1 Cor. 10:6-10).

I think I will cease from murmuring, complaining, grumbling. How about you?

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

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

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Scott Childress to Head Cross Plains Library Board
Scott Childress, local pecan farmer and former High School Principal of the Cross Plains I.S.D., has been elected to preside over the Cross Plains Public Library (CPPL) Board of Directors.

Childress takes the place of outgoing President Charles Rodenberger, who remains on the Board. Childress' nomination to the Board of Directors came during the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library (the library's parent organization) held November 10th. His election came during the first monthly meeting of the Board. Other members of the new Board of Directors from Cottonwood include Laverne Childress, Judy Luter and Charles Rodenberger.

Childress steps into management of one of the Central Texas area's most active and well known public library programs. CPPL is noted for its holdings of Robert E. Howard manuscripts and its "Meet the Author" series of public meetings featuring face-to-face contact between readers and popular and current authors.

The library also focuses on an after school reading program, a Lapsit (reading to) program for toddlers, computer accessibility to the internet and computer orientation classes to help library users get going on the internet, plus a variety of other library services for Cross Plains area citizens.

Cottonwood Connections
Ashley Bennett, of Mansfield, visited with her parents, Bryan and Debi Bennett, and sisters, Kelli, Emma and Dayna, and grandparents, Carol and Wallace Bennett in Cottonwood over the past weekend.

Don't forget this coming Saturday is workday at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Members and friends are expected to show up at 9 a.m., with work gloves and a happy smile.

In Memoriam
Debra Whitehead, of Cisco, was buried in Cottonwood Cemetery, November 5, 2003. She was the wife of Bryan Whitehead, also deceased and buried in Cottonwood, and the daughter-in-law of Bill Whitehead.

(Please call Wallace Bennett about news and personal items for this column (254) 725-7474.)

LIBRARY NOTES



Boy! Did we have a great meeting this morning! The Cross Plains Public Library Board (NEW) began plans for everything from the bake sales to book reviews. You might as well join. There is hardly any way to escape!

New officers? Well, now look: President - Scott Childress; Vice President - Curtis Creach; Secretary - Ginny Hoskins; Treasurer - Laverne Childress.

What a great place to retire. There are projects for everybody who wants to be a part of keeping our town a good place to live and a good place to retire. Ya'll come. "Check It Out!"

(News Flash! Check out bake sale for Thanksgiving. There are rumors of turkeys. Check with the library. I'm glad I'm a worm!)

Statistics

November 3 - November 7
Circulation:
Books 129
LAP 48
Total 177

Memorials:
Barry L. Evans - In Memory of Donie McCowen
Charles and Lou Rodenberger
In Memory of Franzel Odum
Donations: Books
Charles Rodenberger
Sandy Doss

Electricity bill payment plans: Know your options

If you find yourself behind on your electricity bills, special payment plans may be available. WTU Retail Energy, for example, offers three special payment arrangements. These plans are designed to help keep the power on for customers facing tough times.

"Customers who fall behind on their bills should not be afraid to address their outstanding balances with their electricity company," said Don Whaley, president of WTU Retail Energy. "It is in customers' best interest to contact their electricity provider. At WTU Retail Energy, we want to work with our customers whenever possible to find a payment plan that meets their financial needs."

It is especially important for customers who receive a disconnect notice to contact their retail electricity provider as soon as possible to avoid being disconnected for nonpayment.

"There are more options available to WTU Retail Energy customers if they contact us before they are disconnected instead of waiting until after they have already lost power," Whaley explained.

Those options include the following three payment plans for qualifying WTU Retail Energy

customers. Under each payment plan, customers pay a portion of their outstanding balance along with their current monthly bill.

1. Payment Extension Plan: This short-term plan allows customers to pay a single outstanding bill after the due date. Payments can be made weekly or biweekly over two billing periods or less.

2. Deferred Payment Plan: Customers can pay an outstanding balance in equal installments over three to six billing periods.

3. Credit Arrangement Plan: This plan offers the longest term for paying past due amounts. The maximum time frame is based on a customer's unique situation ability to pay and account history. Under this plan, customers pay an outstanding balance in equal installments over a minimum of two billing periods. The Credit Arrangement Plan is only available to customers who do not have any other active payment plans with WTU Retail Energy.

Contact your retail electricity provider to find out if the company offers payment plans. WTU Retail Energy customers who want more information about payment plans can call 1-866-322-5563.

Need A Unique Christmas Gift? On the Banks of Turkey Creek

A Local Folklore Book Written by James Nichols
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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: From the pages of The Old Indian Doctor Book—Garden Celendine Pile Wort—or Fig Wort. The virtues of this herb are known by experience, that the decoction of the leaves and roots, doth most wonderfully help the piles and hemorrhoids; as also kernels by the ears and throat, called Kings Evil or any other hard wens or tumors. Celendine, made into an oil ointment or plaster readily cures all three ailments. The very herb borne around the body, next to the skin, helps in such diseases though it never touches the palce agrieved. With this, I cured a lady of the Kings Evil, broke the sore, drew out a gill of corrupted matter and cured it without any scar in one week.

"Traditions"

America sometimes referred to as "the world's melting pot", is a country made up of people who come from all the various places and countries of the world; so too are the traditions they bring with them.

This hold true when it comes to Christmas holidays and its old and new and in between traditions. To each his own, I understand that for Christmas dinner in the Orient they serve up

a big ugly fish, with a big head. I believe it is either baked, broiled or poached. One thing I do know, it sure isn't country fried. Although, I've heard of a family in West Texas who tired of the turkey gambit many years back, and made their own Christmas tradition.

On Christmas Eve, they would all get together and have a big BIG fish fry with all the trimmings. Then they played board games, dominoes, went shopping, watched movies, etc. until time for bed (early though).

Early the next morning the children (of course) woke up early-early to see what Santa left under the tree for them. By the time things had quieted down, the adults were up drinking coffee, with hot cocoa for the children and non-coffee drinkers. Then, after that they'd have the tree, merrily passing out the gifts. With the gifts over, the adults would relax and visit, as the children played with their new toys.

About lunch time, they would gather and enjoy a big country breakfast, topped off with large, warm, soft donuts. So whatever your traditions it's yours to enjoy. Let's all make it a Merry One! Remember to pray for Peace on Earth!

Workforce Center System opens new office in Breckenridge

ABILENE—October 30, 2003: In an effort To better serve the people of our region, the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board and Workforce Center System are proud to announce the grand opening of the Workforce Center satellite office in Breckenridge. Located on the campus of Texas State Technical College West Texas at Breckenridge, the new center was formed as a partnership between the Workforce Center System and TSTC. The satellite office will be open to the public Monday-Friday, and will provide a variety of resources to business and job-seeking customers.

Access to valuable labor market information, as well as the state's on-line job matching system, is available to business customers at the Breckenridge facility. Through the use of these resources, employers can access a database of skilled workers and receive valuable information on such topics as wage, tax, and employment law. Job seekers may access job search resources, such as career exploration and resume writing software. Various resources are designed to assist the job seeker in

obtaining and retaining employment, as well as enhance their employability.

The Workforce Center System is comprised of a main office in Abilene and a network of branch offices and satellite sites, thus providing convenient access to workforce services. The Workforce Center System is contracted by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board to offer services to individuals looking for employment or career enhancement and for employers needing skilled workers. The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is one of 28 boards in the state of Texas charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a 19-county region.

To help celebrate their grand opening, the Workforce Board and TSTC West Texas cordially invites the public to a come-and-go reception, to be held from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2003 in the library of the TSTC campus located at 307 N. Breckenridge Avenue. For more information, please call Nancy Smith at (325) 795-4306 or Sherry Strickland at (254) 559-9463.

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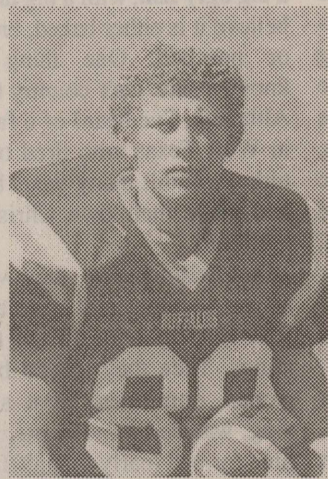
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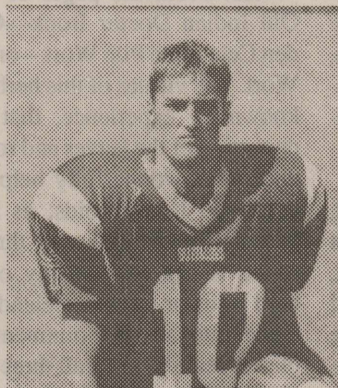
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE



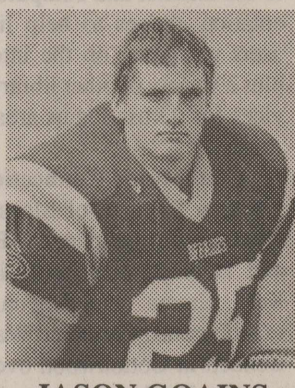
ANDY BENNETT
Tight End - Sr.
Receiving:
3 Catches — 60 yards—3 TD's

OFFENSE



DUSTY DICKSON
Quarterback - Sr.
Rushing:
6 Carries — 72 yards—1 TD
Passing:
3 of 9 for 60 yards—3 TD's

DEFENSE



JASON GOAINS
Middle Linebacker- Jr.
Tackles: 6
Assists: 3
Fumble Recoveries: 1
Sacks: 1/2

Varsity Buffaloes Bury Ranger Bulldogs in Final Game of the Season 37-0

The Cross Plains Buffaloes found the endzone five times while holding the Ranger Bulldogs scoreless Friday night. This was the last game of the year for both teams.

The Buffaloes scored first on a pass from QB Dusty Dickson to TE Andy Bennett. The TD pass play came on a fourth and six from the fifteen yard line. The PAT was no good and with 2:17 left in the 1st quarter, the Buffs led 6-0.

The second TD came with 8:14 left in the 2nd quarter. QB Dusty Dickson scored on a 1 yard run. The try for two failed and the lead was now 12-0.

After the Buffalo defense forced the Bulldogs to three and out, the offense went to work. The Buffaloes scored their third TD of the game driving 51 yards in 7 plays. QB Dickson found TE Bennett in the endzone on a 20 yard scoring strike to make the score 18-0. The PAT was no good.

In the second half, the Buffaloes scored on a 25 yard TD pass. The Dickson/Bennett connection was the third of the night. The PAT was no good and with 8:01 remaining in the 3rd quarter and the Buffaloes lead was 24-0.

The defense once again held the Bulldogs to three and out. The

Buffaloes drove 33 yards for a TD. RB Brandon Horton blasted in from 1 yard out. Jose Mauricio kicked the PAT and the lead was now 31-0.

The final score of the night came on a 28 yard TD run. QB Dickson scampered through the right side for the TD with 7:42 left in the 4th quarter. The PAT was no good and the final score was 37-0.

We played extremely well. The defense held them to 89 total yard (-10 rushing). I was extremely proud of our kids playing with cool heads. There were several times our composure was tested.

	CROSS PLAINS	RANGER
FIRST DOWNS	15	5
RUSHING YARDS	46-229 (2TD's)	29/-10
PASSING YARDS	3-11-60 (3TD's)	4-10-99 (2INT's)
PUNTS	2-33.5	6-19.8
FUMBLES-LOST	3-2	7/3
PENALTIES-YARDS	5-30	14-117

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
CROSS PLAINS	6	12	13	6	37
RANGER	0	0	0	0	0

SCORES

NAME	TIME/QTR	DISTANCE	NAME	TIME/QTR	DISTANCE
Andy Bennett	1st	15 yd. rec.	Brandon Horton	3rd	1 yd. run
Dusty Dickson	2nd	1 yd. run	Jose Mauricio	PAT GOOD	
Andy Bennett	2nd	20 yd. rec.	Dusty Dickson	4th	28 yd. run
Andy Bennett	3rd	25 yd. rec.			

SCHOOL MENU

NOVEMBER 17 - 21

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Waffle, Bacon, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chili Beans, Cheese, Cornbread, Salad, Mixed Fruit
TUESDAY - Chicken Burger, Pickles, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Chips, Apricots
WEDNESDAY - Vegy-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Oranges
THURSDAY - Turkey, Gravy, Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Salad
FRIDAY - Hamburger, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomato, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

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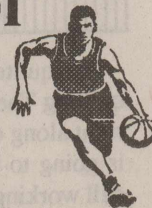
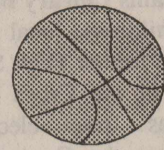
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Cross Plains High School Basketball Schedule 2003-2004



DATE	SITE	OPPONENT	TIME	TEAMS
11/11	T	** MAY	5:00	JVG, VG
11/15	H	** GORDON/LORAINE	1:00	JVG, VG
11/18	T	DELEON	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
11/21	T	EVANT	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
11/24	H	ROTAN	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
11/25	H	LOMETA	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/2	T	ZEPHYR	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/4-6	T	RIISING STAR TOURNEY	TBA	VG, VB
12/9	H	MAY	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/11-13	H	CROSS PLAINS TOURNEY	TBA	VG, VB
12/16	H	SAN SABA	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/19	T	PANTHER CREEK	2:30	VG, VB
12/29-31	T	PRIDDY TOURNEY	TBA	VG, VB
1/2	H	HICO	1:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/6	H	RIISING STAR	5:00	JVB, VG, VB
1/9	H	*BAIRD (GIRLS ONLY)	6:00	JVG VG
1/9	H	HAMITON (BOYS ONLY)	4:45	JVB VB
1/13	Albany	KNOX CITY	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/16	T	*ALBANY	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/20	H	*GORMAN	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/23	T	*RANGER	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/27	T	*BAIRD	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/29-31	T	ZEPHYR JV TOURNEY	TBA	JVG, JVB
1/30	H	MERIDIAN	5:00	VG, VB
2/3	H	* ALBANY	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
2/6	T	*GORMAN	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
2/10	H	*RANGER	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
2/13	H	*BAIRD (BOYS ONLY)	6:00	JVB VB

** SCRIMMAGE * DISTRICT GAMES

VARSITY TOURNFEY TEAMS:

Sidney, Zephyr, Priddy, San Saba, Blanket Girls, Rising Star
Cisco- JVBoys, Clyde- JVBoys

HEAD GIRLS
COACH
BARRY GILL

HEAD BOYS
COACH
JAY WILCOXEN

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FAX:
(254) 725-6559

Junior Varsity Complete Season

The Junior Varsity Buffaloes ended their season last week with a tough loss in Albany. It was the second week in a row that they were shut out. Goldthwaite shut them Buffs out the week before.

The Buffs moved the ball well, but kept turning the ball over before they could score. The game was played in a constant rain and conditions were less than ideal.

The JV Buffaloes were Dusty Cooper, Jordan Dillard, Derik Hamlin, Heath Sellers, Garrett Stephens, Clayton Thomas, Jeremy Torres, River Dillard, Zach Bennett, Dalton Carpenter, Brock Cooper, Justin Dickson, Stevie Garrett, Tony Gonzales, Clay Koenig, Colton Manley, Chris McBride, Russell Thomas and Sean Williams.

CROSS PLAINS JR. HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2003-2004

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	BOY	GIRLS
11/17	EVANT	4:00	H	H
11/24	ALBANY	5:00	T	H
12/1	GORMAN	5:00	H	H*
12/6	EARLY TOURNEY			
12/8	RANGER	5:00	T	T*
12/15	BAIRD	5:00	H	H*

* Girls will play first followed by the boys when the games are at the same site.

1/5	ALBANY	5:00	H	T
1/10	C.P. TOURNEY			
1/12	GORMAN	5:00	T	T*
1/19	RANGER	5:00	H	H*
1/26	BAIRD	5:00	H	H*
2/2	EVANT	5:00	T	T 2 GYMS?
2/9	BAIRD	5:00	T	T*

* Boys will play first followed by the girls when the games are at the same site.
All games are scheduled to begin at 5:00 except the first game.

For Students School will be dismissed at 3:38 p.m.

Friday, November 21, 2003

for Thanksgiving Holidays

Teachers required to work Monday & Tuesday, November 24th & 25th.

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CALL VANDA OR AMBER
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Millions in Refund and Child Credit Checks Returned to IRS—Taxpayers Urged to Update Addresses by Dec. 5th

WASHINGTON, D.C.—IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson reminded taxpayers they have until Dec. 5 to claim 115,744 undelivered checks from this summer's advance child tax credit. After the December cut-off, taxpayers cannot claim the checks until they file their tax returns next year.

These undelivered checks are among nearly 24 million issued this summer and fall for the advance child tax credit. In all, more than \$14 billion in child credit checks have been issued. "Time is running out to get an advance child credit check," Everson said. "We encourage taxpayers to visit IRS.gov to see if they have an undelivered check from the advance child tax credit mail-out."

In all, the IRS has money for more than 200,000 taxpayers whose income tax refund or advance child tax credit checks were undelivered and returned to the agency. Taxpayers need to update their addresses before the IRS can reissue the checks, which total more than \$118 million.

In addition to the 115,744 child credit checks worth more than \$50 million, there were another 92,810 "regular" tax refund checks, those issued to refund tax overpayments, returned to the IRS as undelivered. These "regular" refund checks total more than \$66 million—an average of \$722 per check.

In Texas, there are 21,930 people on the undeliverable tax refund list this year who are due an average of \$526.35. The largest refund returned to the IRS was for \$202,733.06 from Dallas and the smallest was \$1.00.

"Our Web site makes it easy for taxpayers to track undelivered checks," Everson said. "Our goal is to get this money back in the hands of the people it belongs to and we want to get the checks out as soon as possible."

IRS.gov, the IRS Web site, lets taxpayers track both their refund and their advance child tax credit. "Where's My Refund?" provides information about refunds and "Where's My Advance Child Tax Credit?" provides information about the tax credit. Both are available on the IRS home page.

To use the resources on IRS.gov, taxpayers enter information including their Social Security number and their filing status (such as single or married filing jointly). In addition, the refund amount shown on their 2002 tax return is required for refunds. To get information on the advance child tax credit, taxpayers must also enter the number of exemptions shown

on their 2002 tax return. When the information is submitted on-line, taxpayers see Web pages that show the status of their refund or advance child tax credit check. In many cases, they also get instructions they need to resolve problems.

"All we need is a good address," Everson said. "As soon as we get the correct address we can start the check on its way. We urge taxpayers to act before Dec. 5 for the advance payments so we can reissue the checks before the end of the year."

Taxpayers without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund or advance child tax credit check should first check their records or contact their tax preparer before calling the IRS toll free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040 to update their address.

Taxpayers can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds deposited directly into a personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. The option is available on both paper returns and electronically filed returns. More than 44 million taxpayers chose direct deposit this filing season, up 11.6 percent from last year.

Direct deposit was not available for the advance child tax credit checks.

Refund checks go astray for reasons that can vary with each taxpayer. Often, it's because a life change causes an address change. If taxpayers move or change their address and fail to notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS. The Postal Service says more than 40 million Americans change addresses annually.

Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form 8822, Change of Address, with the IRS. Download the form or request it by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

- Related items:
- "Where's My Refund?" — <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/O,,id=96596,00.html>
 - "Where's My Advance Child Tax Credit?" — <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/O,,id=111546,00.html>
 - Local media contacts — <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/O,,id=97242,00.html>
 - Form 8822, Change of Address — <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822.pdf>

RECOGNIZING VETERANS' DAY—Local Post Office honored all branches of the military service personnel past and present.



WHAT A TREASURE—The chest above was filled with war memorabilia, uniforms, pictures, stamps.

CJC Online Registration Underway

Cisco Junior College's online registration is now underway for the spring 2004 semester and the Christmas Minimester at the Abilene Educational Center. The last day for online registration and payment for the Christmas Minimester is December 12 and online registration for the 2004 spring semester ends January 13, 2004.

Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. First class day of the 2003 Minimester is December 13, and spring classes at both locations begin January 14, 2004. Visit our website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us; click on the Student Information link, then Campus Connect for instructions on using Campus Connect's online registration process.

For more information call the main campus in Cisco (254) 442-2567 or the Abilene Educational Center (325) 673-4567.

Abilene Area Pecan Show Slated for Thursday, November 20

The 2003 Abilene Area Pecan Show is almost here! Entries from Callahan will be accepted in the Callahan County Extension Office from Monday, November 17th through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th. An entry consists of 42 nuts of each variety packed in a zip-lock bag. Only one entry of each variety per person will be accepted. Nuts will be cracked and judged on Friday, November 21st. All entries will be displayed at the Mall of Abilene, in the corridor leading to J.C. Penney, Monday November 24th and 25th.

In addition to the nut entries, there will be a food show. Food show entries are due at the Mall of Abilene by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24th.

For more information, call the Callahan County Extension office at (325)854-1518.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from October 26, 2003 through November 1, 2003 include:

- Cases Investigated**
 Warnings—113
 Complaints—86
 DWI—2
 Public Intoxication—1
 Minor in Consumption of Alcohol Beverage—1
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1

Vehicle Accidents
 There were six vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
 There were two outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$650.00 collected.

Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
 Articles Noon on Monday

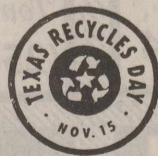


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Texas Recycles Day is Saturday, November 15.

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Garage sale for Abilene Repertory Theatre Saturday

The Abilene Repertory Theatre will hold a garage sale fundraiser Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The garage sale will be held at the Abilene Repertory Theatre located at 834 Walnut (between North 8th and State Streets, under the gold awning).

There will be a large variety of things to be sold. There will be things on sale that have been donated by ART members, by devoted ART patrons, as well as things accumulated by ART throughout the years.

For additional information call (325) 672-9991. Abilene Repertory Theatre is a nonprofit organization.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 2, 2003 through November 8, 2003 include:

- Cases Investigated**
 Warnings—67
 Complaints—42
 Possession of Marijuana—1
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1

Vehicle Accidents
 There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Texas Golf Pass makes a great holiday gift

The holidays are approaching and that means endless hours on your aching feet shopping for those you love. Let the American Cancer Society relieve your foot pain, save you time and avoid all the holiday shopping crowds. No longer will you have to worry about trying to find something for that special person who has everything this gift-giving season.

Over 270 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2004 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays.

For a \$35 contribution, it provides golfers over 703 rounds of golf at 274 Texas courses. The Texas Golf Pass can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.texasgolfpass.com. The

web site has a special search feature to help you find participating courses. American Express, VISA and Master Card accepted.

Thanks to the great support of so many Texas golf courses, golfers now have another way to participate in the fight against cancer; while enjoying the game they love. It also makes it possible to enjoy many different courses throughout the state when traveling for business or for fun. The Pass expires December 31, 2004.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

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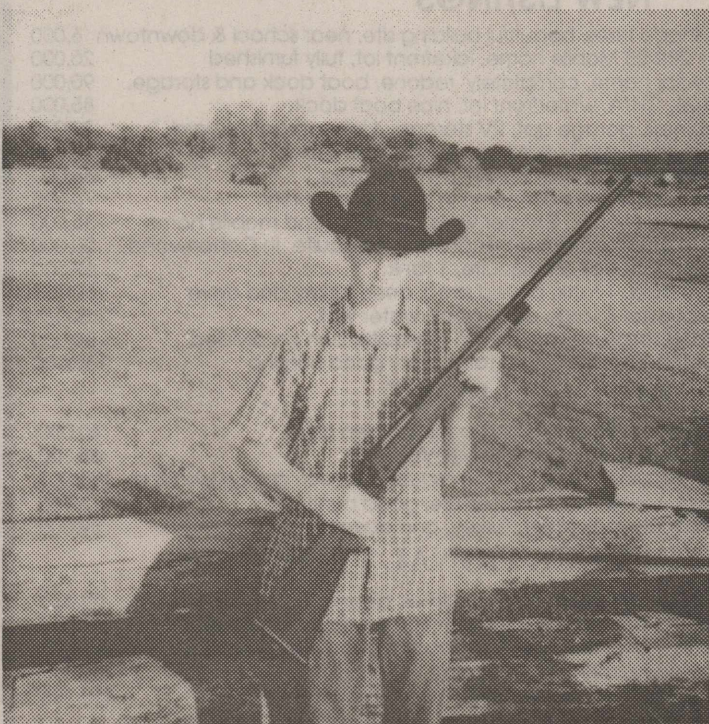
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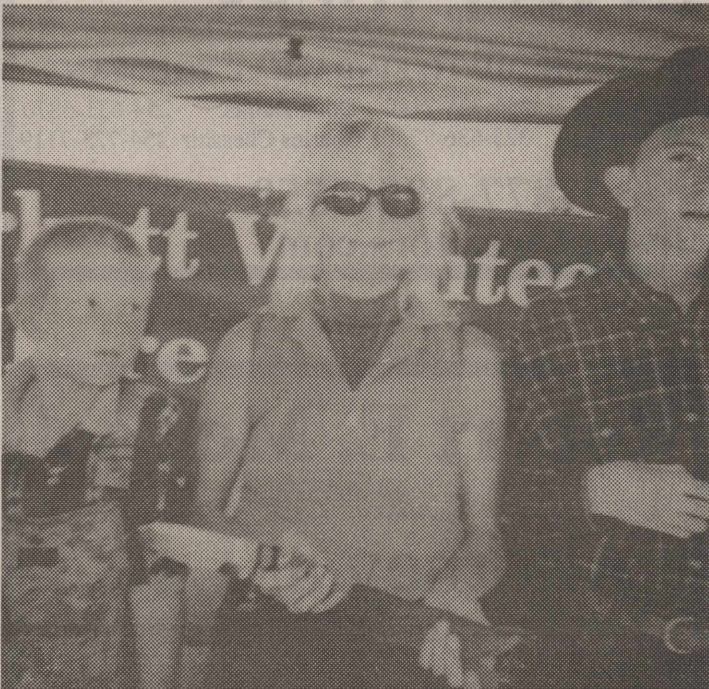
Bennett-McKeehan Engagement and Wedding Plans Told

Stephanie J. Bennett and Shawn C. McKeehan will be married on Saturday, December 20, 2003, at noon at the Collin Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Plano. The mother of the bride is Rebecca S. Turner and the mother of the groom is Sandra E.

McKeehan of Cross Plains. After the wedding, the couple will reside in Irving. There will be a wedding shower for the couple on Saturday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen.



RIFLE DRAWING WINNER—Travis Golson



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The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department Has A Winner

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department held a drawing for a Remington 700 BDL 270 as first prize. The second prize was a handmade hunting knife. The drawing was held Saturday, November 1 in Cross Plains at the annual Hunters' Feed. The winner of the first prize rifle was an excited Travis Golson, 15, of Burkett. He is the son of Randy and Deanna Golson. The winner of the second place knife was Deanna Golson of Burkett. The Burkett community is grateful to all the people who

bought tickets and helped with our fund-raiser. The proceeds help us with funds for renovating our firehouse for our fire truck. Anyone wanting to make a donation may mail checks to: Burkett Volunteer Fire Department (or BVFD), P.O. Box 324, Burkett, Texas 76828. We sincerely appreciate the donations made recently by Roland Wilson, Ronny and Terry Jordan, James and Lucille Koenig, and Marty and Glenda Callaway and everyone who has made donations and contributions.

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IRS, FTC urge care when seeking help from credit counseling organizations

WASHINGTON—The Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Trade Commission and state regulators today issued a consumer alert for those seeking assistance from tax-exempt credit counseling organizations.

Paying bills is never easy, but job loss, divorce or unexpected medical bills can be devastating to a consumer. Many consumers seek help from nonprofit credit counseling organizations in managing their debt or "repairing" damaged credit. The IRS, FTC and state agencies urge consumers to be cautious when choosing a credit counseling organization.

Many credit counseling organizations provide valuable advice, education and assistance to those seeking to better manage their debt. But an increasing number of complaints to federal and state agencies indicates that some organizations are engaging in questionable activities. Federal and state regulators are concerned that some credit counseling organizations using questionable practices may seek tax-exempt status in order to circumvent state and federal consumer protection laws. State and federal statutes regulating credit counseling agencies often do not apply to Section 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organizations.

"Many of these groups provide a valuable service to consumers, but some use the tax code to skirt consumer-protection laws," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "The IRS will work to protect the integrity of the tax law to ensure that tax-exempt organizations understand and comply with the rules. We will work with other federal agencies and state regulators to combat abuse in this area. It is not fair to taxpayers struggling

with financial problems to be taken advantage of by credit counseling groups exploiting gaps in the law."

Consumers need to be wary of the "quick fixes" offered by some organizations.

"Consumers who are struggling financially need to be careful not to lose even more money to someone offering a quick and easy way to fix credit problems," said Timothy J. Muris, Chairman of the FTC. "We want all consumers seeking help to take some common sense precautions." Consumers can help protect themselves from deceptive credit counseling practices by following these tips:

- Check that the organization will help you manage your finances better through counseling and education. Carefully read through any written agreement that a credit counseling organization offers. It should describe in detail the services to be performed; the payment terms for these services, including their total cost; how long it will take to achieve results; any guarantees offered; and the organization's business name and address.
- Beware of high fees or required "voluntary contributions" that, with high monthly service charges, may add to your debt and defeat your efforts to pay your bills. It is illegal to represent that negative information, such as bankruptcy, can be removed from your credit report. Promises to "help you get out of debt easily" are a red flag.
- Make sure that your creditors are willing to work with the agency you choose. If they are, follow up with those creditors regularly to make sure your debt is being paid off.
- Check with state agencies and your local Better Business

Bureau to find out about a specific credit counseling organization's record. A list of helpful Web sites appears at the bottom of this release.

"State charity officials are working with other state and federal agencies to remedy abuses in this area, and to assure that nonprofit credit counseling organizations operate in accordance with the charitable trust or nonprofit corporation laws under which they are formed," said Mark Pacella, president of the National Association of State Charity Officials (NASCO). To address some of the concerns, the IRS has stepped up its enforcement efforts to ensure that existing Section 501 (c) (3) organizations are complying with the applicable rules and regulations. Further information and background can be found in Fact Sheet 2003-17. IRS, FTC and NASCO regulators recommend that consumers considering using the services of credit counseling organizations, check the following Web sites for useful information:

- www.ftc.gov - Become familiar with the latest scam alerts;
- www.irs.gov/charities - Determine whether the organization is tax-exempt and what an organization must do to maintain that status;
- www.nasconet.org - Obtain a list of state charity official offices;
- www.treas.gov/financialeducation.gov - To find more information on federal financial education programs and resources.

Consumers who believe that they have been victims of credit improvement fraud, they should immediately file a complaint with the FTC by calling toll free: 1-877-FTC-HELP, or on-line at www.ftc.gov.

COPS Grants Total Nearly \$30 Million

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released its summary of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants for Fiscal Year 2003, and the news was good for Texas. Nearly \$30 million was disbursed to over 50 jurisdictions in the state. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, praised DOJ's efforts, calling the grants "a critical source of funding for our hometown security."

"Cities from Abilene to Weslaco received grants for safe schools,

technology, training, and other priorities for our state," Cornyn said. "I appreciate the Department of Justice providing this critical source of funding for our hometown security."

In addition to providing grants to state and local jurisdictions, the COPS program offers training on community policing strategies, technical assistance, and publications that help law enforcement agencies address specific crime problems. COPS has awarded more than \$10.6 billion to more than 13,000 state and local law enforcement agen-

cies throughout the country since 1995.

"The COPS program plays an important role in making our streets, our schools and our citizens safer," Cornyn said. "As we move into the new fiscal year, and new rounds of grant funding, I look forward to working with local communities throughout the application process."

Community policing focuses on crime and social disorder by supplementing aspects of traditional law enforcement, as well as prevention, problem-solving, community engagement, and partnerships.

For assistance with COPS or other grant programs and funding, jurisdictions should contact Cornyn's offices in Texas or Washington. More information is available at: <http://comyn.senate.gov> and <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov>.

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