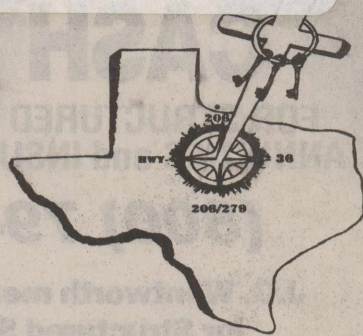


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Frankie McGough of Cross Plains provided the following information for our reader's enjoyment and enlightenment. I happen to be 55, so this really hit home for me. This is well worth your effort to read and then remember to make good use of your TIME!!! **Vanda Anderson**

"A Thousand Marbles"

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement ham-shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it.

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business.

He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles". I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work 60 or 70 hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital," he continued. "Let me tell you something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities."

And that's when he began to explain his theory of "a thousand marbles". "You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about 75 years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about 75 years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up 3,900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part. It took me until I was 55 years old to think about all this in any detail," he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over 2,800 Saturdays."

"I got to thinking that if I lived to be 75, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here

See Down Home Page 8

Mrs. Doris Grider first-ever woman County Commissioner

Callahan County's first-ever woman commissioner, Doris Grider, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Cross Plains Precinct #4 Commissioner Charlie Grider, during a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court Friday, October 8 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Doris Grider, wife of the late Charlie Grider, who passed away Tuesday, September 21, was given the oath of office by Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, to replace her late husband's term on the four-member Commissioners' Court.

After receiving her oath of office, Doris received an ovation from the approximately 10 county residents in attendance at the Friday morning meeting.

Doris, who was born in Arizona and grew up in Junction, will fill the remaining two years of her husband's term on the Commissioners' Court.

According to state regulations, the county judge is authorized to appoint someone to fill the unexpired term of a county commissioner. Judge Corn said he discussed the vacant position with numerous Cross Plains residents and chose Doris to fill the term after she agreed to replace her late husband.

Charlie Grider was diagnosed with a very advanced form of cancer two months before he passed away from the disease Tuesday morning, September 21 at an Abilene hospital. The couple would have been married 40 years this November 7.

Doris will fill the unexpired term for just over two years, until December 31, 2006. Filing for the Democratic and Republican primary elections will take place in the spring of 2006 and the General Election will be held the first Tuesday in November 2006. The new Precinct #4 commissioner will receive his oath of office January 1, 2007.



NEW COMMISSIONER—Cross Plains resident Doris Grider, wife of the late Precinct #4 Commissioner Charlie Grider, was appointed to fill the two year un-

expired term of the late husband as County Commissioner during a Friday morning, October 8 meeting at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Doris said "I have no idea at this point," if she plans to run for re-election to the Cross Plains commissioner post in two years. As Cross Plains commissioner, Doris will oversee a four-man maintenance crew which maintains the county road system located in Precinct #4 which runs from the Cross Plains area in southeast Callahan County to the outskirts of the Clyde city limits in the northwest corner of the county. The Precinct #4 commissioner oversees the largest county road mileage among the four county precincts with some 175 miles of county roads.

The county commissioner is also one voting member of the five member Commissioners' Court which includes Commissioner Harold Hicks, Tommy Holland Bryan Farmer and Judge Corn.

The remaining Commissioners' Court members all agreed to work with Doris on the county's business.

Doris will be required to accumulate some 16 CEU's (Continuing Education Units) during her term as a county commissioner.

Also attending the appointment ceremony were the Griders' son, David Grider, Charlie's sister and brother. David said his father enjoyed working with the Commissioners' Court during his term of service.

See Commissioners' News Page 8

Cross Plains Cowboy Church Announces New Meeting Place

The Cross Plains Cowboy Church is proud to announce they are moving to a new meeting place. They will be assembling at the old West Texas Utility building at 240 North Main Street.

They invite everyone to join them Sunday mornings for worship at 10:00 a.m. beginning October 17th.

great time to meet new friends and visit with old ones.

All proceeds will be used for the maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center building that is available for all community events and can be rented for family reunions.

Let's get together as a COMMUNITY!

All the neighboring communities are WELCOME!!!!

Cottonwood Musical and Turkey Dinner Friday, October 15th

The best turkey and dressing you've had since last year will be served at the Cottonwood Community Center this Friday, October 15th.

Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Adult plates are \$6.00 and children (10 and under) \$3.00.

You are reminded to be sure to stay for the Musical that will follow. There will be some good ole country music and this is a



SWEET STUFF'S NEW OWNERS WELCOMED BY CHAMBER—Tuesday, October 5, 2004 the Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on behalf of the new owners of Sweet Stuff. Those present were JoAnn Thompson (from left), David Estes, Dennis Thompson, Kathy Chesshir, Karen Lenz, Patsy Pipes and Denise Coulter.

Early voting for General Election begins Monday

Early voting for the November 2 General Election will begin Monday, October 18 at three voting locations in Callahan County.

Early voting will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Callahan County Courthouse Room #107 in Baird (100 West 4th St.), the Clyde Justice of the Peace office (318 North First Street) and Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office (424 South Main).

Early voting will take place Monday through Friday, ending on Friday, October 29.

Callahan County Clerk Jeannie Bohannon said there were 9,304 Callahan County residents registered to vote in the November 2 General Election. She said the final day to register to vote for the upcoming General Election was October 4.

Bohannon said the Clyde Precinct #1 voting box has some 2,323 registered voters, while the Baird Precinct #3 voting box is the second largest with 2141 registered voters.

"I've had a real big interest in people wanting to register,"

Bohannon said expecting a large voter turnout in the county.

Bohannon said in the last General Election, which included the race for President, 4,915 of Callahan County's registered voters cast ballots.

"I've never seen so much interest," Bohannon noted. She said 150 Callahan County residents have requested ballots be mailed to them. She said ballots will be mailed on certain occasions, such as people over 65 years of age, or disabled people. She said she's even had interest from college students requesting ballots be mailed to their university.

The only contested race in the county is that for County Attorney between incumbent Allen Wright against challenger Shane Deel.

Other races of interest to county voters will of course be that of President between incumbent George Bush and Democrat challenger John Kerry and the race for District 19 Congressman between Randy Neugebauer and Charlie Stenholm.

"Treasure" Sale Saturday Benefits Scholarships/Service

I have heard that the "early bird gets the worm" and apparently it's also true that the "early comer gets the treasure". That is what I found out when I asked garage sale "expert" (and my daughter-in-law) Debi Bennett as to how early to start our sorority garage sale this Saturday. She has a lot of recent experience with two sales for the cheerleaders. Although they began putting out sale items soon after 7:00 a.m., they already had customers looking through the boxes not yet displayed!

So I advise you to come early to be competitive for the treasures to be sold, yet not too early before we have it properly set out and displayed. The sale officially begins at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 2:00 p.m. or earlier if sold out. See our ad in the Classified Section for some of the items. We will also have a few cakes and other baked goods for sale.

Beta Sigma Phi raises these

funds for service projects. The primary fund-raising purpose is to support a scholarship fund that allows us to give worthy Cross Plains area students assistance with their college or technical school tuitions. Other types of learning and/or cultural experiences that will enhance a person of any age may also be worthy of financial assistance (when funds are available).

We are looking to the holidays by assisting some families with extras for those special Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. If you feel like paying double for the garage sale items you buy, think of it as your way to help contribute to others in our community. All unsold items will be placed in a booth at the Cross Plains Library Flea Market for sale each first and third Saturdays of the month.

Submitted by Carol Bennett

Cross Plains Football

Junior High
vs.
Gorman
October 14, 2004
6:00 p.m. There

J.V.
vs.
Goldthwaite
October 14, 2004
6:30 p.m. There

Varsity
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Gorman
October 15, 2004
7:30 p.m.
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Bill Armstrong - Pastor

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
Fund-Raiser to Benefit
Baird Sr. Citizens' Center

The Baird Senior Citizens will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fund raiser on Thursday, 21st of October 2004. We wish to thank Skip Parker for being our chef. The dinner will include your spaghetti, a salad, garlic toast, dessert and your drink. The suggested price of \$5.00 donation will help benefit Callahan County Meals on Wheels and Baird Senior Citizens. We will serve from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We will welcome carry out orders and you can call us at 854-1937.
Submitted by Delores Stewart

Angels to the Rescue

Angel Food is now available to this area. We are fighting the war on poverty by bringing this food ministry to help stretch your food budget. Anyone can participate. There are no qualifications or applications. You may buy a box for yourself, or buy one to give to someone else. Each month offers a different menu. In October, for the low price of \$25.00 you receive:
1.5 lb Baby Back Pork Ribs
(4) 5 oz. Sirloin Strip Steaks
1 lb. Choice Beef Stew
24 oz. Breaded Chicken Breast Filets
1 lb Chicken Tenders
1 pkg. Banquet Meal Toppers
18 oz. Bagels
7.5 oz. Macaroni & Cheese
3 lbs. Apples
16 oz. Green Beans
16 oz. Cut Corn
1 lb. Carrots
3 lbs. Onions
1 Dessert
1 Dozen Eggs
Specials are also available. All food items are good quality, name brands, and fresh produce. There are no outdated or damaged items.
If you would like to order or learn more about this, contact us at The Haven at 893-3777, or come by at 222 Archer Street in Clyde. Angel Food hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10:00 - 4:00, and Wednesday, 1:00 - 4:00. Every box sold benefits The Haven. The deadline to order this month's menu is Monday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m. Orders must be paid for at time of purchase with cash or money order. The food will be distributed on Saturday, October 30th, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Cherry Heights Baptist Church. All October orders will need to be picked up at this time.
Submitted by Debbie Bostick

Callahan County
DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from October 3, 2004 through October 9, 2004 include:
Cases Investigated
Warnings—59
Complaints—100
Consumption of Alcohol—Minor—2
Possession of Marijuana—1
Driving While License Invalid—1
Driving While License Invalid-Warrant—1
Possession of Prohibited Weapon—1
Possession of Controlled Substance—2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—2
Vehicle Accidents
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Minutes
Lois Johnson, order amending conditions of probation granted.
David Huffman, order extending probation granted.
Sablan Reyna, motion to revoke probation granted.
Terry Brown, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$291 court costs.
Teresa F. Smith, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 6 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$241 court costs, \$140 restitution.
Gary W. Tate, plea of guilty to DWI, 5 years in prison, \$321 court costs.

Marriage Licenses
William Doyle Willis, Jr. and Kristi Lou Grimes, both of Cross Plains.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings
Terralynn Swafford and Stacy L. Swafford, divorce.
Jacob Barron and Misty Barron, divorce.

Civil Minutes
Crystal Ann Fagundes and Sandro Afonso Silva Fagundes, divorce granted.
Connie Elaine Tillery and Daniel Lee Tillery, divorce granted.
Denise Annette Stark and Altus Stark, Jr., divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes
William C. Davis, plea of guilty

Love Fund
Established
at Bank for
Rising Star
Family

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Louise and April Bush of Rising Star. Lightning struck their house Friday, October 1st, and all their belongings were destroyed in the fire. The ladies would appreciate your kind generosity during this difficult time.

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OCT. 17-20
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Sunday School 9:45 am
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First Baptist Church
3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX Ronnie B White, Pastor

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Musical and Turkey Supper to Benefit Building Fund

The annual fund-raiser for the Cottonwood Community Center Building will be held this coming Friday night, October 15th. This is an important fund-raiser because the building is in need of roof repair and electrical work.

Musicians from all over Texas have been invited to play for the musical. Among those who have already responded are: Cy Tucker, Bill Comeaux, Dalton Thomas, Buddy Reeder, Earl Hill and Gene Stephens.

The menu will include turkey and all the trimmings, plus drinks, good hot coffee, and dessert.

Now, we all like pickin' and eatin' and there will be plenty of pickin' because the best musicians in several counties will be playing and donating their time. And if you come and donate generously, the picture will be complete. So, please come or send in a donation and open your wallets "wide". We all need to share in the upkeep of the building.

Railroad History of Callahan is Also History of Cottonwood

I came across a photo of the old Baird Railroad Depot the other day and it brought memories to mind. I looked it up in "I Remember Callahan".

According to the book, the T&P Railroad Depot was constructed in 1889-1881, first of wood and later of brick. A second story was added in 1883. A roundhouse for the railroad was constructed to serve six engines and Baird became a division headquarters for the railroad.

I remember also, that there was a wooden overpass crossing the railroad at the same spot where there is now an underpass. We were crossing that wooden "trestle" bridge over the railroad track in a wagon. I was with my

grandad on his way to Baird to "render his taxes". I had my first taste of "Uncle Joe's" chili.

Service along the T&P Railroad began immediately and Baird soon became an important shipping point for cattle, cotton and immigrants.

The immigrants flocked into the county by the trainload in response to a 42 page pamphlet entitled "Homeseeker's Guide", that was published by the T&P Railroad Company advertising "cheap land" for sale.

"Through six decades the depot at Baird was the hub of activity. During World Wars I and II thousands of troops came through Baird. At its peak there were 14 freight trains and 4 passenger trains coming through and stopping at Baird Depot until the engines and cars could be serviced." ("I Remember Callahan", page 12)

Baird was the "big city" and the railroad was "the way to the west", "the golden west", where dreams came true. In those days, all young men learned to look early in life to the West. We never, at least I never, looked to the East to where those trains came from. I didn't even know about Fort Worth, Dallas and points east. It was always Westward, to California. That's where dreams came true.

However, the T&P Railroad was one of three routes that came through Baird making it easy to be reminded to look westward, in the directions that dreams came true.

An air-mail route was established through Baird sometime before I was born. I am not sure, but I believe it was established to use the T&P Railroad as a line-of-sight reference. An emergency landing field was set up just east of Baird with a rotating light to mark the spot. We could see the light from my grandfather's front porch, 12 miles to the south. It was a

constant reminder that true west was to the left.

Then there came the Bankhead Highway, traveling from coast to coast along the T&P Railroad. Its right-of-way is never far from the railroad and often uses the same grade.

For many years, during my school years, my father operated the Blue Arrow Filling Station. It was on the corner, across the street from the Courthouse in Baird.

That station was a good vantage from which to watch the great migration of people fleeing the dust-bowl of Oklahoma and Arkansas along the Bankhead. I also saw America go to war, WWII, along that highway.

So it was that the troop trains of the T&P Railroad and the endless convoys of army trucks going back and forth along the Bankhead; providing me a first hand eye-view. Later I was to enlist in the U.S. Navy in Abilene. I went to Dallas for a physical exam and a "swearing-in" ceremony. We were assigned a troop train going to California along the T&P. We went through Baird and stopped for water and engine changing.

I got to hang my head out the window and talk to the beautiful girls of Texas who came down to the railroad to pass out cookies and punch. Ivadell Mitchell was one of them.

Since then, I have been over the hills, down the mountain paths, and along the rivers. I enjoy every single day and am thankful that I have a good home in "America the Beautiful".

(Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 for new or personal items for this column. E-mail is csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail is 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Some of the "fleas" at the last Flea Market day made me cry serendipitous tears!

No, they weren't biting me. But a customer purchased two old, old, old baby dresses and in visiting with the seller, discovered that they had originally been stored in an 1848 trunk that the buyer had gotten from the seller years ago. The dresses had been removed at that time just 'cuz. Now the little dresses are living in their own trunk once again.

Wonder what treasures await at the Flea Market this Saturday??? Maybe somebody will find the 1948 edition of "The Egg and I" that I saw over there?

Our library is so much more than books.

CU-BW

Statistics October 4-8

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| Books | 18 |
| Interlibrary Loan | 0 |
| Internet Users | 13 |

Memorials: Charles and Lou Rodenberger In Memory of:

Katie Lou Cottrell
Charlie Grider
Joe Howser
Eula Rhodes

Donald and Ariane Maeker In Memory of Rozell Gary

Donations: David and Mindy Estes
Alton and Joan McCowen
Curtis Stahnke
"Anonymous"
Leo Thompson

Library Activity Report

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| Patron: | 55 |
| Programs: | 10 |
| Copies: | 5 |
| Reference: | 10 |
| Check In/Out | 9 |
| Calls In: | 2 |
| Internet Users: | 13 |

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C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met on October 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall and car-pooled to the home of Bob and Delores Carter, who live beyond Cross Cut.

The theme of the club this year is "There Is a Time" and this meeting dealt with a "Wildlife Habitat". This was carried out at their abode by the plantings and birdhouses for all kinds of birds (for them to nest, feed and live). Their entire place was a "drawing place" to entice birds of all kinds to live and return to, or stay yearly.

The business meeting was presided over by Eva Fleming. A memorial gift to the Cross Plains E.M.S. was given in memory of Rozell Gary.

Betty Beggs is to purchase a book to be donated to the Cross Plains Library as an ongoing project of the club.

Also the date for the VIII Texas State Fall Convention in Lubbock is October 25-26.

The Cross Plains Flower Show will be held April 16-17 at the Senior Citizens' Center. Julene Franke is the chairman for the event.

Wanda Martin was responsible

for the door prize that was won by Sandy Lusk, who in turn will be responsible for the door prize at the next meeting.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Barbara Powell and Lena Gage. Guest was Karen Webb of Rising Star. Members present were: James Nichols, Lena Gage, Barbara Powell, Mary Ella Weaver, Eva Fleming, Betty Beggs, Sandy Lusk and Julene Franke.

We enjoyed the warm and gracious hospitality of Bob and Delores Carter in allowing us to see their beautiful and interesting home, and also the informative talk and demonstration by Delores.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene on November 12th at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Announcement to Garden Club Members—Meeting October 12, at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Hall to quilt on the embroidered bird quilt top that Wanda Martin donated to the club for a fund-raiser. Proceeds from the project will be used to paint two outside walls of the American Legion Hall.

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

C.P. Paint and Palette Club Art and Crafts Exhibit Set for October 23rd

Saturday, October 23rd, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. the Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club will award cash and ribbons for the best pictures from three other art clubs and our own home folks.

Displays of sculptures and crafts from foreign countries and locals will also be exhibited.

These activities will take place at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

For additional information contact LaJuan Killian at (254) 643-6861 or Betty Beggs at (254) 725-7235.

"Christmas in November" Planned Locally

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center will be having a Crafts Sale on Saturday, November 13th.

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And here's another "Breakthru" from the comics (10-11-04)—"B.C."—and I don't know their names either! One asked the other, "Ever notice how often politicians go to church?" To which the other replied, "Yeah, why do you suppose that is?" And the first one replies back, "The things they say require a great deal of forgiveness."

Not to be "political," rather simply Christian, Jesus said that the words that come out of our mouths should leave no doubt as to whether they are true or not: "Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one" (Matthew 5:37). Boy, that would cut down on a lot of verbiage, make political speeches and debates shorter, wouldn't it?! And we might even be able to better believe them—at least know where they stand...

Of course politicians aren't the only ones subject to needing forgiveness, even for lying. I'm glad we have been provided a way of forgiveness, aren't you (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:9)?

I/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...

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Time Attitude And Other Thoughts

You wake up in the morning and lo! Your purse is marvelously filled with 24 hours of unmanufactured tissue of the universe of your life. It is yours. The gift of time is one of the most precious of possessions. No one can take it away from you. It is unstealable. And no one receives more or less than you. Spend time wisely or it will use you harshly. You cannot go back and "make up" time. Neither can you use tomorrow's time today. There once was a soap opera called "Days of Our Lives." We might not be a soap opera but we are all living "the days of our lives." Let's try to make the most of them.

Attitude—Do you need what I call an "attitude adjustment"? Attitude is the way you think. A certain TV personage talks about "stinkin' thinkin'". Surely none of us would be guilty of that. I am a great promoter of the attitude of gratitude. You know also that I like slogans and calligraphy. One of my favorites is by an artist named Michael Podesta. It reads "THOU hast given us so much - Give us one thing more. A GRATEFUL HEART."

The "attitude of gratitude" will grow in your life. Attitude is the way you think. Your attitude is something other people can see. They can hear it in your voice, see it in the way you move, feel

it when they are with you. Your attitude expresses itself in everything you do, all the time. If you have a positive attitude, you are looking for ways to solve problems, that can be solved, and you are letting go of the things over which, you have no control.

Advice and other verbiage. Even great men have warts. The road to true greatness, is often strewn with stones. Learn to laugh—a laugh is better than medicine. Learn to say kind things—nobody ever resents them. Learn to hide aches with a smile—few are interested in them anyway. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. Not many people want to take them from you. Count your blessings—do things for others. If you are holding a grudge—drop it.

So decide today to be happy... to live with what is yours, your family, your business, your job, your gains. If you can't have what you like maybe you can like what you have. Just for today, be kind, be cheerful, agreeable, and understanding. Mark Twain said: I have known many troubles—most of them never happened.

Most of this was anonymous. I have extrapolated from it and added a few thoughts of my own. May your troubles all be small ones and may most of them never happen.

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C.P. Student Review



BUFFALO WINGS—Cross Plains running back Roy Smith (48) sails over the line Friday night against the Eagles at Goldthwaite in a District 13-A contest won by the Eagles, 56-0. Photos courtesy of the Goldthwaite Eagle News.



TAKING OFF—Buffalo Quarterback Russell Thomas sprints around end at Goldthwaite Friday night. Photo courtesy of Goldthwaite Eagle News.

Cross Plains Buffaloes Lose to the Goldthwaite Eagles

The Cross Plains Buffaloes opened district with a loss to the Goldthwaite Eagles, 56-0. The Eagles scored three touchdowns within 45 seconds late in the first quarter and never looked back. The Buffaloes were out gained 210 yards to 423 for the Eagles. Roy Smith carried the ball 7 times for 72 yards, Russell Thomas carried the ball 13 times for 70

yards, Chance Watkins carried the ball 15 times for 42 yards, Brandon Horton carried the ball 7 times for 9 yards, Junior Brown carried the ball 8 times for 8 yards, and Thomas Dimitri carried the ball 1 time for 5 yards. The Buffaloes will host Gorman this Friday night. Both teams are 0-1 in District play. "They put it to us. They are

definitely the best team we have seen. We still did not help ourselves out with turnovers and not being at the right place." "Gorman runs a 5 and/or split on defense. They run the wishbone on offense. Coach Tyson does a good job. They will be ready to play." Submitted by Coach Hagler



TOUGH LOSS—The Cross Plains Junior High Buffaloes played hard but came up short, 40-0, against Goldthwaite last Thursday night. (Jr. High and J.V. photos courtesy of Teresa Koenig)



FIRST DISTRICT GAME—Junior Varsity Buffs lose their first district game of the season against Goldthwaite, 40-0.

Cross Plains I.S.D. Proudly Accepts the Rating of a Recognized District

The Texas Education Agency released the 2004 accountability ratings for Texas School Districts on Thursday, September 30. The accountability system is the technical resource the Texas Education Agency uses to evaluate the performance of public school districts across the State of Texas. This was the first year ratings were released under the new and tougher Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

This assessment included more subjects and grades, and was more difficult than the previous statewide assessment. TAKS indicators evaluated under this new system included Reading/English Language Arts, Writing, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science. Other indicators used to determine schools ratings were completion rates, annual dropout rates and performance on the State Developed Alternative Assessment Texas (SDAA).

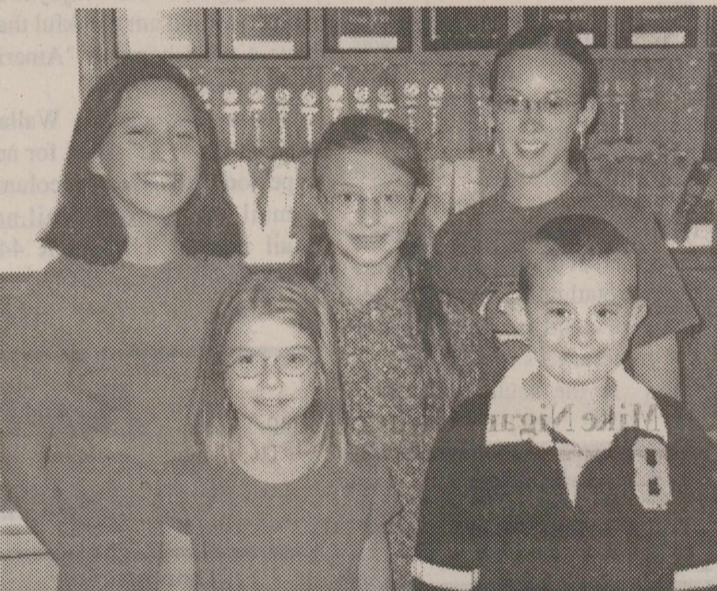
Cross Plains I.S.D. was proud to accept the rating of a recognized district. Only 35% of the districts in the state had a ranking of exemplary or recognized. Cross Plains I.S.D. was the only school district in Callahan County who was rated as a recognized school district. There were only 2% of the schools in the state that were rated exemplary and none in this area were rated exemplary.

Registration deadline announced Nov. 5th for December ACT Test

The ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. It takes three hours to complete. The test fee is \$28. Free sample tests are available from high school counselors and sample questions can be found on ACT's website, which also offers inexpensive practice tests. Beginning in February, 2005, an optional writing test will be added to the ACT Assessment. Since many colleges will not require a writing score, students will only have to take the writing

test if their college requires it. Otherwise, they may opt for the regular ACT Assessment without the writing test. Students who plan to start college in the fall of 2006 should check with prospective colleges to find out if a writing score is required. College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on December 11, 2004, the next national test date. The deadline for postmark registration is November 5. The late registration deadline is November 18 (an additional \$15 fee is

required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or they can register online at www.actstudent.org. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The exam is administered in all 50 states. Students can find the closest testing location closest by searching on ACT's website. Some students perform better on the ACT because it is based on achievement, not aptitude.



BIBLE QUIZ KIDS TEAMS—3-4th Grade -Katherine Goode (front), Riley Lawrence and Shahala Trammell (not pictured). 9-10th Grade-Christiana Burrhus (back), Lauren Goode and Kayla Lawrence.

Bible Quiz Kids Compete with Different Groups

On Sunday afternoon, September 26th The Bible Quiz Kids from the Cross Plains Church of Christ participated with groups from Ranger, Albany and Stephenville in a Bible Quiz over chapters 1-5 of the Gospel of Luke. The two Cross Plains

teams placed 1st in their grade groups. All of the students and representatives from the groups met at the Hwy 36 Activity Center after the Quiz for a great meal before they all headed home.

Cross Plains Cross Country Results Told

On Wednesday, October 6th, 2004 the Junior High and High School Cross Country Runners went to compete in the Strawn Cross Country meet at Eastland. Eleven students from Cross Plains I.S.D. participated in the meet.

Runners this week were:
High School- Naomi Isbell, Christi Burrhus, Macayla Cook, Fili Vasquez, and Austin Dunaway
Junior High- Mandy Rose, Emily Harris, Lela Bills, Amber Parker, Charlie Vasquez, and Joe Wyatt

Received Medals- (Top Twenty in Jr. High, 2 miles)-
 16th, Mandy Rose, time 14:58;
 20th, Emily Harris, time 15:08;
 3rd, Charlie Vasquez, time 12:54 (Top Fifteen in H.S., 3 miles)-
 5th, Fili Vasquez, time 20:31.
 **Starla Schaefer was left off of the H.S. list for the Cisco Cross Country Meet on September 29th.

Submitted by Coach Dillard

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THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

- MONDAY-** Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit
TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY- Fiesta Salad (chilli beans, corn chips, salad, rice), Pineapples
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BEN SCHAEFER

Local Young Man Joins Boy Scout Troop in Abilene

Ben Schaefer, son of Phillip and Susan Schaefer, joined Boy Scout Troop 206 in Abilene in August of 2003. Ben is very active in the troop. He is currently a patrol leader. The group has at least one weekend outing each month.

In the past year, Ben has enjoyed a varied number of experiences. He was able to participate in a 4-day Mustang Island camp out, Summer Camp at Camp Tonkawa in Buffalo Gap, a Polar Bear campout (temperatures below freezing), learning to repel at a facility near Big Bend, and backpacking in Lost Maples State Park. His most recent adventure was a backpacking/hiking weekend trip to Caprock Canyon near

Turkey, Texas. The boys backpacked for approximately 10 miles and the total hike was in excess of 15 miles for the weekend.

Ben has learned many outdoor skills. He has attained his Tenderfoot rank and will very shortly be classified as a Second Class Scout. He has earned thirteen merit badges in the past year.

Dr. John Dearing is the Scout Master for the troop. There are approximately 20 boys in the troop ranging in age from 12 thru 17. All parents of troop members are very involved with the boys. This helps to make the scouting experience very rewarding for the scouts.

First Baptist Church Revival Oct. 17-20

Pastor Dickson Rial of Garland will be preaching and Gerre Joiner of Decatur will lead the music for the upcoming revival at First Baptist Church October 17-20th.

Dickson Rial, a native of McGehee, Arkansas, is an evangelist with a pastor's heart. He is the pastor of Orchard Hills Baptist Church, Garland, Texas. For nine and a half years, he traveled throughout the United States as an evangelist.

Gerre Joiner was raised in Lorenzo, Texas. He is a gifted musician, having ministered to numerous churches throughout Texas. The Joiners now live in Decatur, where he serves as Music Minister with the Forestburg Baptist Church as well as teaching music at Weatherford College. Gerre will

be leading the revival choir and congregational worship.

Both of these men have been with us in revival in the past. God richly blessed us with a harvest of souls at that time. Our prayer is that He will use them again during this week of opportunity.

We know that no amount of scheduling, no amount of special activities will bring revival. As outstanding as these men are, we will not experience revival unless it comes from God.

The first service will be Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday the revival will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Join me as we pray... "Lord, please send Revival".

Submitted by
Pastor Ronnie White

Cross Plains residents on unclaimed property list

On Sunday, October 17, 2004, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts will again publish its annual listing of individuals with abandoned property in 33 Texas newspapers across the state.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has presented an advance copy in advance, to help the media alert the Texas audience about this extremely popular publication. This year's list contains the names of over 180,000 people for whom the state is holding at least \$100 in forgotten cash, stocks, or contents of safe deposit boxes. In Fiscal Year 2004, more than \$80 million was returned to claimants.

Financial institutions and businesses report unclaimed cash and valuables to the state every day—from unclaimed checks, deposits or refunds, to the contents of forgotten safe deposit boxes. This is valuable property that may have slipped through your fingers, and the Comptroller's office wants you to have it back.

Readers should look for your name or business named on the list under the city in which you are currently living or under any other Texas cities where you have lived in the past. If the state is holding property that belongs to you, the State of Texas wants to help you get it back.

If you find your name on this list, of if you have found your name in the past but never followed up, your money will be here until you claim it. Visit the

Comptroller's web site or call toll free. You can also search for you unclaimed property by name and by city by visiting the on-line database at: www.window.state.tx.us/up The web site allows you to view additional information to assist you in deciding whether to file a claim for the property. If you decided to file a claim, select the property and follow the corresponding directions to receive a claim form.

Contact Comptroller Strayhorn at www.window.state.tx.us/up or call nationwide at 1-800-654-3463. You can call the direct line at (512) 463-3120 or write: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Unclaimed Property Research and Correspondence Section Post Office Box 12019 Austin, Texas 78711-2019 You can also e-mail the Comptroller at unclaimed.property@cap.state.tx.us.

Readers are reminded the phone lines are very busy during the first few weeks following the release of the list, therefore you may prefer to use the on-line database at www.window.state.tx.us/up.

Those listed from Cross Plainson the unclaimed property list include: Bush, Darwell G.; Chandler, Donald; Hinton, Larry; Lawson, Rhonda P.; Lewis, Tim A.; Luter, Judy; Mauricio, Hugo M.; McBride, Audrey; Melson, Karen J.; Melson, Larry D.; Neal Drug Store; Thornton, Donald.



Ma and Pa Goes Visiting

While visiting Lois Garrett, the question came up just which river is the Brownwood Lake on. Everyone thought it was the Colorado, but not being sure I decided to look on a map.

Lois looked in a book that had a map of that part of the country and began having a hard time locating the Brownwood Lake. I took up the book to look for myself and sure enough there was no lakes of

any kind on the map.

I couldn't figure out why there was no Brownwood Lake on this map then, I noticed the date the book was published 1839.

I told Lois I knew you were getting a little long in the tooth but this here map is a little bit before your time.

By the way, Lake Brownwood is located on the Pecan Bayou that empties into the Colorado River.

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Amazing Grace Fall Festival set for Saturday

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The Country Store and Bakery open at 9 a.m. with handmade goodies and crafts.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. a home cooked Bar-B-Q lunch will be served, consisting of brisket, chicken, potato salad, slaw, beans, cobbler and a drink. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under.

A live auction starts at 2 p.m. with lots of great items and surprises.

Throughout the day, talented and not-so talented performers will entertain the crowd, including the ever-popular "British Invasion" singing group.

For more information, call the church at (254) 629-1022. Please join them for the fun!

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By JoVEDA WATSON

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Each and every contribution is deeply appreciated. If you wish to make a donation to the Pioneer Cemetery, you may do so at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains or mail to Jo Veda Watson, 300 Hog Creek Road, Brownwood, Texas 76801.

Donations were as follows: Johnie and Macy Boyles \$25; D.P. and May Jones \$25; Vincent and Betty Meiron \$50; Mrs. Bessie Coppinger I/M of Lucille Harris \$100; Robert and Ramona (Brooks) Lewis \$50; Mrs. Norma Jean Whitt \$100; Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Acker, Sr. \$20; Mrs. Jay Hughes I/M Jay Hughes \$250; E.C. and Lois Tollerson \$100; Viola F. Hudson \$25; Earlene Burge \$25; Maxine Poindexter \$25; N.A. and Brigitte Roady \$20; Mrs. Becky Rodriguez \$20; Mr./Mrs. Pete Ussery (Gate Fund) \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Harris and Harris Family \$100.

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11th Annual Texas Midwest Conference Held in Abilene

The 11th Annual Texas Midwest Conference is set for Oct. 20th at the Abilene Civic Center.

Community leaders throughout the region will gather to network and learn ways to enhance community development and economic development in their respective communities.

A new highlight of this year's conference is the Business Showcase, which will feature unique businesses from cities throughout the region.

Other features of the conference will be the announcement of the Texas Midwest "Community Achievement Award" recipients, solution seminars, motivational speakers, live entertainment and the luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse.

Seminar topics will focus on quality of life issues and developing local economies. Topics include promotional tips for chambers of commerce, hospitality training for "front line" employees, new industry opportunities through renewable energy and fuel cells, new postal mailing secrets and how to fund local projects.

"The Glitz of Regionalism" is the conference theme centering on the movie industry with Tom Copeland, director of the Texas Film Commission, as keynote speaker.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization that provides a means for

communities to work together to accomplish what one cannot do alone. TMCN activities and programs include marketing for economic development and tourism, legislative awareness, education for volunteers and networking opportunities.

Pre-registration for the conference is \$35, which covers all activities and the conference luncheon. Walk-in registration is \$40. A discount for 5 or more from one community or organization is also available. For information call 325-676-0329 or e-mail tmcn@tmcn.org

TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Paint Rock, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

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Meeting in Cisco to Discuss New Medicare Drug Discount Card

Jeannie Williams, Representative for the West Texas Council of Government, will be at Canterbury Villa of Cisco as a service to the community to discuss any questions that you may have regarding the new Medicare approved Drug Discount Card.

We strongly encourage the public to attend. If you know of anyone who may need assistance with attaining information on the

new Drug Discount Card; please, let them know of the time and date of the meeting.

This meeting will be held at Canterbury Villa of Cisco in the Chapel Area on Thursday, October 28, at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions; please feel free to contact Ken Petty, Administrator, or Rita R. Raymond, Social Worker at (254) 442-4202.

Grand Ole Oplin Invites All to Annual Halloween Dance and Costume Contest October 29th

The Grand Ole Oplin wants to invite everyone out for their annual Halloween Dance and Costume Contest. The year our Halloween dance will be held on Friday, October 29 with Jack Rosser and his band playing all your favorite country tunes.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in four different age groups and a grand prize for the best couple costume. So start getting your costume ready now and bring the entire family out for a night everyone is sure to enjoy.

Our Halloween Dance will be

held at the Oplin Community Center located at FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Our dances begin each Friday Night at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$4.00 per person with children under five free of charge. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

So be sure and mark your calendar for October 29 and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin's Halloween Dance and Costume Contest.

Blood Drive Set for Tuesday, October 19

First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will host a blood drive for the citizens of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities on Tuesday, October 19. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be set up at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Those who gave blood at the drive on August 24 will be eligible to donate again on October 19.

According to Frances Baker, donor recruiter, those who will benefit from the blood donated at this drive include cancer patients, dialysis patients, surgical patients, newborn babies, new mothers following childbirth, accident or trauma victims, and those with chronic anemia or blood disorders. "Our mission at Meek Blood Center is to ensure blood availability at all times to the 17 hospitals and

medical facilities who depend on us. We, in turn are totally dependent on the volunteer donors in the communities we serve."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, in good health, and free of illness or infection. There is no upper age limit. Most prescription and over-the-counter medications are acceptable. To find out the restrictions regarding medications, travel or medical conditions, please call Meek Blood Center at (325) 670-2798.

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As your County Attorney, I will have a policy of being "smart on crime." There are instances which call for leniency, and there are cases which call for harshness. Many obviously fall somewhere in between. One of the most important responsibilities of a prosecutor is to determine into which category a specific case falls in terms of punishment. That responsibility causes many prosecutors the most trouble, especially those who have no experience in the private sector. It can also be very costly to the taxpayers.

Obviously, most of my courtroom experience has been gained outside of Callahan County, as few cases are contested here. In the few contested cases of which I have been a participant in Callahan County, in all but one case the client beat the plea offer from the prosecutor. In the other one, the client received the same sentence as the plea offer on the table at the time the case began. Poor case evaluation costs the taxpayers, with no results to show for the efforts and expense. That's not being "smart on crime." Small county prosecutors can't go around trying every case, but you had better be prepared on every case. Only then can you reach plea agreements which are in the citizens' best interest; and when a case is contested, the results are worth the taxpayer expense.

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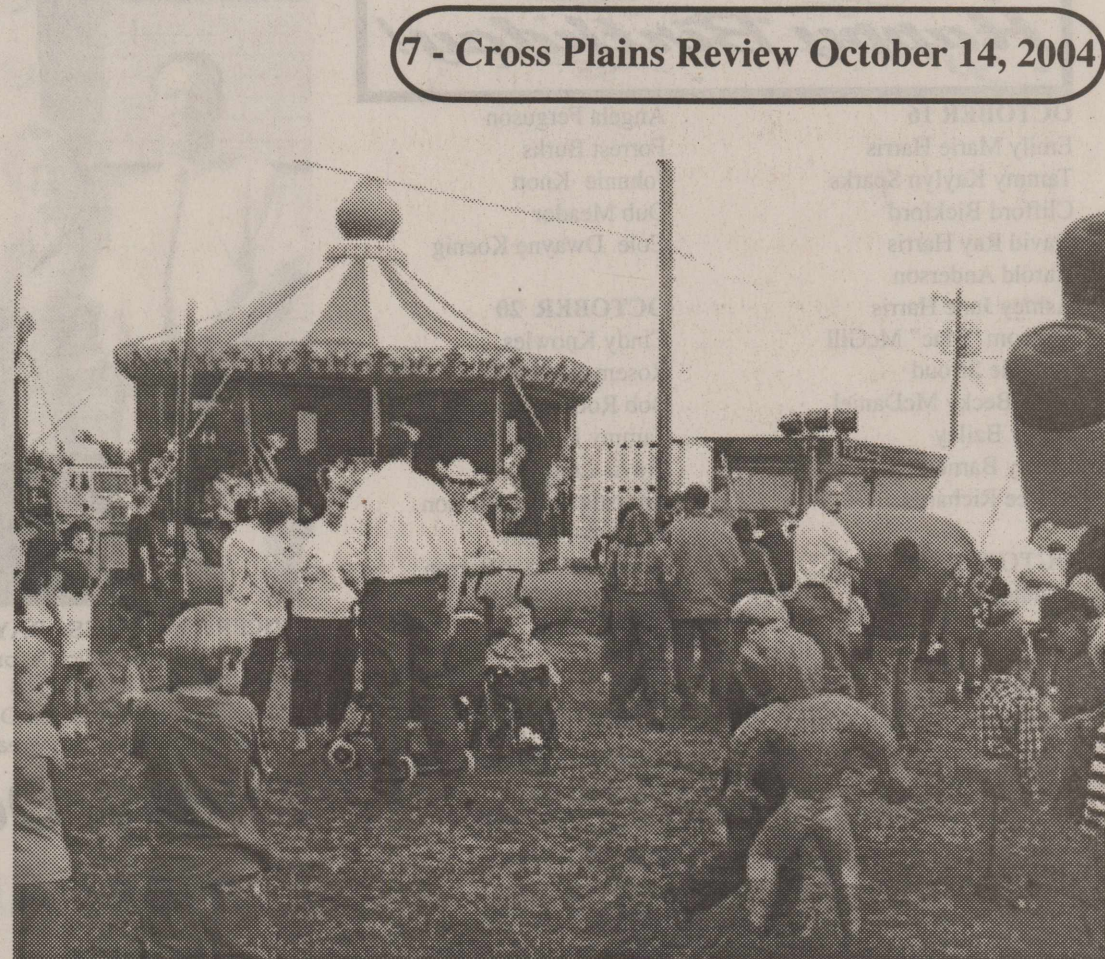
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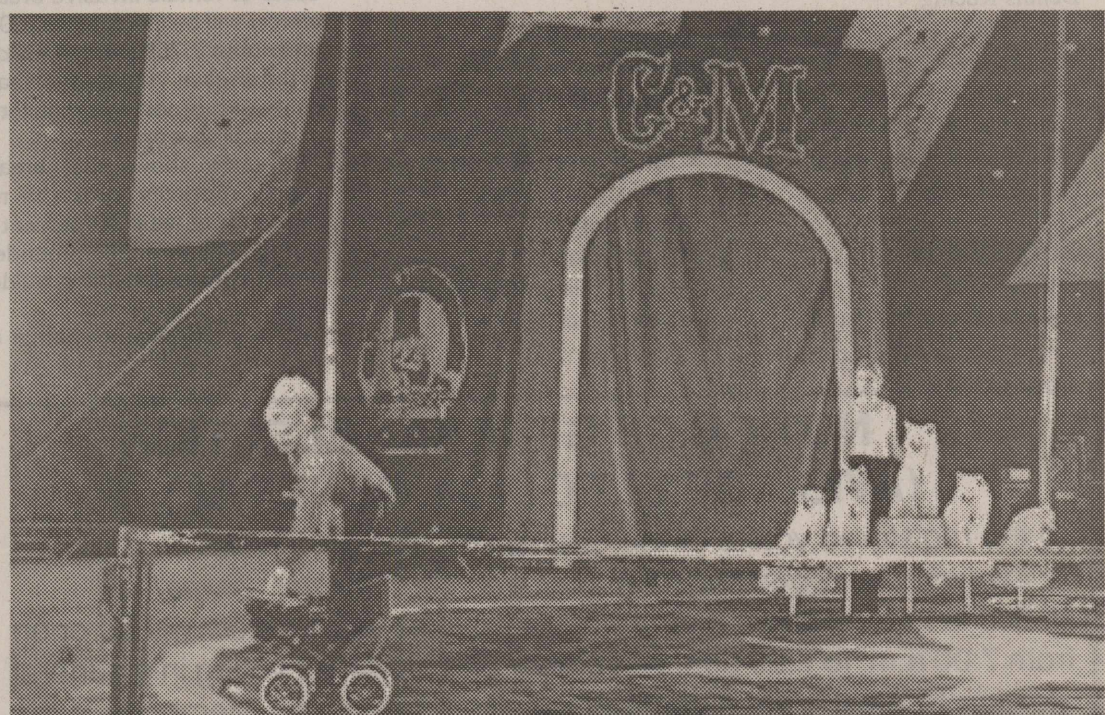
CULPEPPER & MERRIWEATHER CIRCUS TENT RAISED—A Bobcat and manpower were utilized. (Circus photos courtesy of Vanda Anderson, Editor)



INTRODUCTION TO CIRCUS—Cross Plains Elementary students learn about Culpepper & Merriweather Circus as they watch the big top go up.



ENJOYING THE MIDWAY—Area folks brought their children for the big day.



RINGMASTER'S CANINE ACT—Natalie Cainan (left) is preparing props for her American Eskimos.

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The CIRCUS— Fun for All Ages!

By Vanda Anderson
 Editor

Smiles were the order of the day Tuesday, October 5th, when the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus came to Cross Plains.

The day started off with the raising of the BIG TOP. Cross Plains I.S.D. Elementary students were bused to the location to watch the event. The little Bobcat, along with plenty of manpower, put the giant tent in place.

The children of this area enjoyed the midway attractions prior to the two performances. A huge blow-up slide, bouncing room, pony rides, and a petting zoo with goats kept everyone occupied. Traditional popcorn, peanuts, cotton candy, and souvenirs made for a festive mood.

A couple of lions were also on exhibit. Their cage was very close to the goats and it was obvious they were keeping a close eye on the goats.

The lovely Natalie Cainan was the ringmaster. She also presented Eskimo Escapade with her canine colleagues.

Natalie married Casey Cainan, the animal superintendent, in 2001 and they have a little daughter, Georgia. Casey is in charge of the training and care of all the animals. His dog act with Twyla, was greatly enjoyed by the crowd.

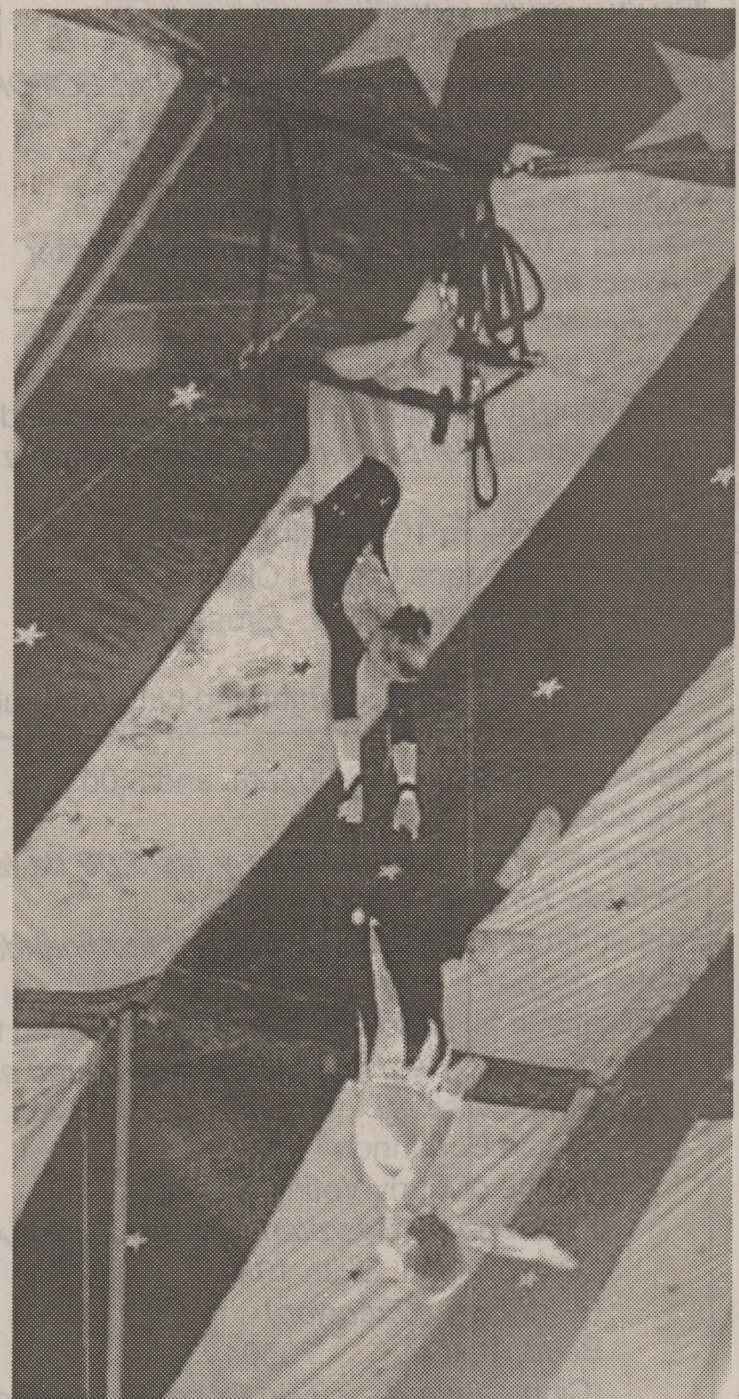
The Arlise Troupe, a multi-talented Canadian family, were fabulous in their unicycle act.

Miss Simone continues a family tradition of aerial excellence as she presented her lyra act high above the ring. Her gracefulness was also demonstrated with her "Birds of Paradise" act.

The Barone Duo exhibited an aerial act of strength and daring. Performing without a net made their act very dramatic.

Mychelle, a Brazilian beauty, delighted the crowd with her creativity with hula hoops.

Las Bonitas, featuring three South American beauties, displayed their skills in juggling



OUTSTANDING AERIAL ACT—The Barone Duo exhibit strength and daring high above the ring without a safety net.

everything from knives to lit pas' spirit and sense of rhythm was contagious and the crowd loved their enthusiasm. This exciting group left you wanting more!

The children loved Melvino, the clown. My little grandsons got so tickled at his "so-called" high wire act.

Los Pampas brought the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus to a dramatic finale with the colorful traditions of Brazil. The drum performance and rope tricks were very unique. The charm of their youngest member stole the show. Their trampoline mastery was amazing. Los Pampas' spirit and sense of rhythm was contagious and the crowd loved their enthusiasm. This exciting group left you wanting more!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who purchased children's tickets so that all the younger students could attend the circus free. Thanks also to the parents who brought their children out for a day to be

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CANCER AWARENESS DAY—Callahan County officials proclaimed Friday, October 8 as Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Callahan County with a wreath

laying outside the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Callahan County officials recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Day include from left to

right: County Attorney Allen Wright, District 42nd Court Clerk Sharon Owens, Clyde Justice of the Peace Roy Chapman, County Judge Roger Corn, Tax

Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, County Clerk Jeannie Bohannon, Lanette Boen and Yvonne Livingston.

Friday, October 8 recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Callahan County

Proclamation

Approximately 13,300 new cases of female invasive breast cancer will be in Texas in 2004, and about 2,700 women will die of the disease. Nationally, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women.

Research shows that breast cancer mortality could be reduced by at least 30 percent if women followed recommended breast cancer screening guidelines.

All women have a chance of

developing breast cancer. Women 50 or older are the most likely to develop breast cancer. African American women are the most likely to die of breast cancer than any other group of women. Getting a mammogram and breast exam only once is not enough.

The American Cancer Society recommends a breast health program of annual mammograms starting at age 40, routine clinical breast examinations yearly by a health professional starting at age 20, and a monthly self-

examination is the most important action a woman can take to detect breast cancer at its earliest stage.

Further, Medicare helps pay the cost of a yearly mammogram for women 40 or older with Medicare Part B.

In recognition of the important lifesaving early detection practices available for breast cancer, Roger Corn, County Judge of Callahan County and the County Commissioners of Callahan County do hereby proclaim Oc-

tober 2004 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 8th Callahan County Breast Cancer Awareness Day. I urge Callahan County women to become aware that they are at risk and to discuss a screening program with their health care providers. I urge all other Callahan County citizens to encourage a woman they love to do so.

Signed this the 27th day of September 2004.

(s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Callahan, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Callahan, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. November 2nd, 2004, for voting in a general election to elect a President, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrian desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2nd de noviembre de 2004 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Presidential, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto.

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(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 1st day of September, 2004.

(Emitada este dia 1st de September, 2004.)

(s) Roger Corn
Signature of County Judge
(Firma del Juez del Condado)

Down Home

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"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I

hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 Year Old Man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work

on the next club newsletter.

Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles...

Author Unknown

Commissioners' News

Judge Corn also presented Doris with a presentation of a plaque for Charlie's dedicated service to the Commissioners' Court.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court meeting included:

—The Commissioners' Court reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, September 27.

—There was no public comment received.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 4-0 to table a request from Citizens Emergency Medical Service to increase the monthly subsidy from Callahan County.

Citizens EMS representatives attending the Commissioners' Court meeting included Larry Ivy, Jim Hall and Margo Stafford.

Hall, speaking on behalf of the Citizens EMS board of directors, said the ambulance service has no administrator since former Administrator Ron Young moved to Johnson County. Hall said all paperwork is being done by the Citizens EMS personnel. Hall said the ambulance service needs the additional funding. "We (Citizens EMS) need a new truck. Those things are rather expensive," Hall said.

Hall said he's pleased with the operating of the service without an administrator. Hall said he would be in favor of appointing a new administrator if that administrator work for free.

The Citizens EMS board of directors is scheduled to meet on October 18 to consider what action to take concerning an administrator.

Hall said both the Baird and Clyde city councils have agreed to the ambulance service funding request.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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