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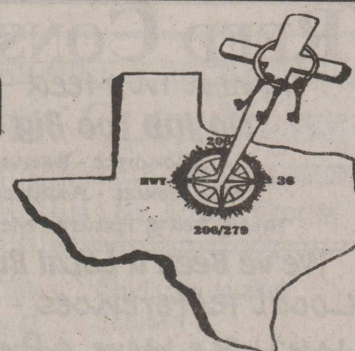
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DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following poem was written by Geneva Nelson of Cross Plains and expresses the emotions of many elderly individuals nearing the end of their earthly journey. She also presents the other side of the coin— what caregivers glean from those they assist. I had never thought about it in this light, but it makes perfect sense! **Vanda Anderson**

"The Where and The How"

By Geneva Nelson

Some people say of the old,
"What use are they now?"
I say, "they teach the young,
the where and the how."

The "where" to go to, with
questions so hard.

The "how" to learn from the
love of the Lord.

In being in this life, in this place
and this time.

They teach some lost hearts to
be patient and kind.

They teach us to reach down,
with a heart filled with love.

To touch with kind hands when
they return with a shove.

They're not always pleasant and
kind with their words.

Perhaps it's because they too
often have heard.

"What good are they now?"
And the answer they can't seem
to find.

You can teach someone
compassion and how to be kind.

"What good am I now, old and
alone?"

The look in their eyes, "Why
can't I go home?"

"I want to see Jesus," some have
been heard to say.

Can I start that sweet journey
at the end of this day?

Have you learned the
compassion I've been teaching
you?

Can I go to my rest, and be no
longer alone?

Like I've been since the day I
was placed in this home.

I've only had Jesus to fill the
quiet in here.

He is coming now for me, there
is nothing to fear.

His arms of compassion are
opening wide, I expect to see you
someday by our side.

For if you learned the
compassion I wanted you to
know.

Someday we will join hands
and to glory we will go.

*Dedicated to the elderly and
nursing home residents.*



Pray For Rain

Cancer Walk Nets \$3,700 With Still More to Come

On Saturday, September 22, the Community of Cross Plains came together for a joint effort to show support for those of our town who have been touched by Cancer, and to honor those who lost the battle.

The event began with the Cross Plains Marching Band leading a parade of team walkers down Avenue D from the lot next to Dollar General toward the school's football field.

Audrey and Jewell Purvis, in their classic car, followed along behind. Along the parade route were well-wishers to cheer the group along.

After arriving at Buffalo Stadium, everyone congregated at the south end of the field to have a short program. Mayor Ray Purvis welcomed everyone and encouraged them to have a fun night. Then Pastor Margaret Friend of the United Methodist Church gave a blessing for the night and the activities.

Georgianne Conway, from Abilene, was our guest speaker and gave her testimony on how thinking positive thoughts through her battle with Cancer led her to a better recovery. She also had a booth about the Lebed Method of exercise that helps Cancer patients.

Then all the survivors of Cancer were asked to take the track for a lap while everyone cheered. Then the caregivers joined them in a lap. Everyone was carrying red, white and blue balloons donated by the Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church. Then the walking teams were asked to take the field to begin their walking. At that moment, all the balloons were released and everyone stood in awe as they watched the wave of color sail into the western sky toward the setting sun.

At that time all the booths, entertainment, and activities opened for all to enjoy. There was plenty of food from hot dogs cooked by the Masonic Lodge to Frito pies made by the Church of Christ ladies, cookies prepared by the Cottonwood Baptist Church, nachos made by Living Water Ministries, sacked sweets made by the United Methodist Church, bagged popcorn from the First Baptist Ladies Ministry, sausage wraps cooked by the Kiwanis to soft drinks sold by Beta Sigma Phi. There were even watermelons donated by Reuben McCowen.

The entertainment ranged from Cloggers from Eastland to Gospel singing from some local church groups. At 8 p.m. the Barbarian Festival Group had a drawing for a quilt and it was won by Claud Champion of Abilene.

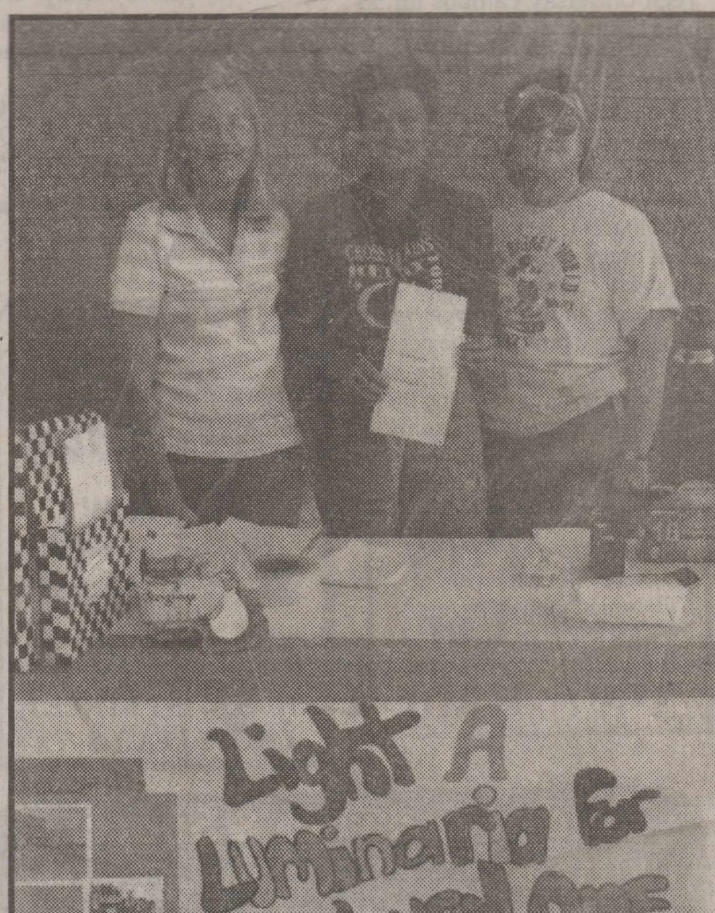
Later the Girling Group had a drawings for a \$25.00 gift card, two large stuffed animals, and a chair donated by Wal-Mart.

The highlight of the evening was the memory walk with the Luminaries outlining the football field. This was a project by Melissa Richards. Each sack had the name of a loved one who either died of Cancer or was in honor of that person who was a survivor.

After a prayer by Pastor Matt McGowen, a song was played called "Shine On!", the lights were turned off, and Pastor Bob Pipes read the names of the deceased while everyone walked



WAY TO GO—Kathy Purvis, director for the Cancer Walk, congratulates David Pancake on his determination to walk the entire time.



LUMINARIA PROJECT LITE THE WAY EARNING OVER \$700—Melissa Richards (center) and her committee Barbara Barnett (left) and Leslie Lawrence (right) are pictured.

in silence. It was an awesome sight and moving experience.

Afterwards, everyone finished their walking, helped clean up, and commented that it was a good night to be a part of such a "caring community".

At this time I would like to personally thank everyone who had any part in planning and working in this event. Without all the volunteers, there would not have been such a successful outcome. I want to thank God that I live in such a community as Cross Plains, and that there are friends and neighbors who I can call on at any time. Thanks again.
Kathy Purvis

A great big "THANK YOU" goes out to the following for making our Community Cancer Walk a success this year: Cross Plains Schools and Jackie Tennison; Matt Sowell and the

CPHS Band; Coach Sides and the football boys; April Cowan, P.E. teacher; Homer Parson, Clarence and Tammy Tennison; Masonic Lodge; Cottonwood Baptist Church; Living Water Ministries; Kiwanis; United Methodist Church; Barbarian Festival Group; First Baptist Church, Men's Ministry and Ladies Ministry; Kerry Mann; Melissa Richards and her team; Beta Sigma Phi; church of Christ; YWCA of Abilene; Girling Health Group; Susan Starr with Hendricks Cancer Center; Tina Wyatt and Georgianne Conway; EMS of Cross Plains; Texas Heritage Bank; Cross Plains Review and Vanda; Cloggers from Eastland; Gene Dillard and singing groups; and everyone who volunteered! You made my dream come true!!!

Submitted by
Kathy Purvis
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Interactive Programs Add Innovation to Learning at CPISD

By Deborah Lowitzer
Special Writer

In the first regular School Board meeting since school started, Elementary Principal, Margie Sowell commented that everything seems to be off to a really good start and everyone is enthused about all of the new renovations on campus. Some of the major upgrades include a new surface on the track, new flooring and paint in all the buildings and a new awning outside the entrance to the Elementary School.

High School Principal Stacy Loyless commended the efforts of the Cross Plains Buffaloes. He remarked they were working hard and making great progress. Mr. Loyless praised the new award winning on-line interactive program, Odyssey.

Similar to the Success Maker program added last year, this approach allows students to use educational software to tutor them in basically all of the major subjects. These programs are geared to individual learning paths and are tailor-made to fit each student's ability and level of understanding.

Both Success Maker and Odyssey are aligned with State and National standards. Capable of delivering systematic direct instruction, they promote real-world exploration, problem solving and independent study.

Students who are falling behind and those who want to jump ahead can both benefit from these

high-tech programs. Another feature is that teachers now have the ability to change up the test questions on quizzes to keep it fresh without predictability.

It was noted that several students who didn't graduate in past years have re-enrolled and are using the programs to earn their high school diploma. In the State of Texas any student who wants to have access to the public school system can do so until the age of 26. The ADA or Average Daily Attendance at CPISD is between 345 and 350.

Margie Sowell gave a report on the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. This program is geared toward students who are limited in their proficiency of the English language. The goal of the program is to eventually immerse the students into regular English speaking classes. Last year there were 3 students who participated in ESL, who primarily spoke Spanish.

Superintendent Jackie Tennison informed the Board that 2 new school buses would be picked up next week, and JHLH Enterprises was renewed for the Bookkeeping Services they provide to the school.

Tina Wyatt, Susan Holland, Terry Lichty and Leann Loyless attended this meeting. The next regular School Board meeting will be October 16th at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.

ASAP Set for Wednesday October 3

The next After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library will be Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

The exciting activity planned for this month will be painting pumpkins! Fall has officially arrived and the traditional fall decorations have started appearing around the community.

We invite the children to come design their own pumpkins by using tempera paint and their imagination.

Call the library at 725-7722 if you plan to attend so we can make sure plenty of pumpkins will be available for everyone.

Submitted by
Linda Burns

American Legion Meeting

The American Legion Post 423 will hold a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27.

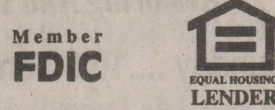
A meal will be provided and all wives of members are always welcome.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by
Audrey Purvis



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vs. Tolar**
September 28, 2007
7:30 p.m. Home

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 Sunday10:00 am Thursday7:00 pm
 Pastor Max Evans
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 Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Lucille Gould Creek
 Lucille Gould Creek, 86, of Coleman, passed away Friday, September 21, 2007 at Coleman County Medical Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 23, 2007 at the Burkett Church of Christ with Mike Brady and Russell Gould officiating. Burial followed at Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home of Coleman.



Lucille was born May 27, 1921, in Burkett to Dee Burnice and Eva Lena Strickland Blutworth. In 1940, she married Dalton Gould. He preceded her in death in 1992. On July 30, 1994, she married Ben Creek. He preceded her in death on August 23, 1998.

ROBERT CLARK
 Abilene-Robert Gordon Clark 75, of Abilene and formerly of Clyde, died Friday at his home. Military graveside services will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Clyde Cemetery with James Teel officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Brady and Glenda Callaway, both of Burkett; son, Russell Gould of Abilene; brother, W.B. Blutworth of Burkett; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Clark was born January 30, 1932 in Alpine to William McKinley Clark and Vera Lea Andrews. He grew up and graduated from Cross Plains High School. He married Patsy Sue Harvey January 11, 1952 in Cross Plains. She preceded him in death in 2003. He married Marie Middleton Whetsel May 31, 2004 in Abilene. He was a driller/tool pusher having worked for West-Tex Drilling for 26 years and Patterson Drilling before retiring.

Memorials may be made to the Burkett-Adams Cemetery, c/o Linda Brady, 1001 CR 178, Burkett, TX 76828.

After retirement, he worked for the Wal-Mart Super Center on Southwest Drive for 3 years. He moved to Clyde from Tye in 1997 moving to Abilene in 2004. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Korea and a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

Beef in the 'Big D'

Beef was the star during Dallas Restaurant Week where the Texas Beef Council (TBC) aired radio advertisements encouraging consumers to visit more than 20 restaurants throughout the city featuring beef dishes. TBC also conducted two Central Market Cooking Classes where TBC Chef Tiffany Collins, Chef Richard Chamberlain from Chamberlain's Steak and Chop House in Dallas and Chef Chris Ward from the Mercury Chop-house in Fort Worth, featured a 'Power of Flavor with Beef and Wine' session.

He is survived by his wife: Marie of Abilene, 2 sons: Ronald Clark and Robert Clark both of Abilene, 1 daughter: Linda Warren of Clyde, 1 brother: James R. Clark of Brownwood, 2 sisters: Nelda Hardin and Doris Dean Jones both of Abilene, 9 grand-children, 6 step grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 10 step great-grandchildren.

Beef on a Budget


The Texas Beef Council (TBC) recently hosted a 'Lean Beef on a Budget' course at the Texas Tech University campus for 55 area Extension family and consumer science (FCS) agents. The 'teach the teacher' course began with a nutrition session where beef's role and importance in a healthy diet was the focus. FCS agents learned about the different cuts of beef available, matching cuts of beef with the best cooking method and new ideas for utilizing beef while staying on a budget. The course was designed to educate and assist FCS agents enabling them to host similar beef programs in their area.


Special thanks to Hospice of the Big Country, Dr. Anton Melnyk & Staff, family and friends who have helped our family through this difficult time. God Bless each of you.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding
Misdemeanor Filings
 Jose Fidel Morales, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Ashley N. Bullock, theft by check.
 Richard A. Carderas, theft by check.
 Erin C. Jones, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Michael F. Jones, motion to amend complaint granted.
 Sabrina bullard, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
 Michael Jones, plea of guilty to Ct. II deadly conduct and order of dismissal to Ct. I - DWI, 18 month probation, \$2,000 fine, \$406 court costs.
 Michael Jones, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Andres Aguilera, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 month probation, \$500 fine, \$306 court costs.

Andres Aguilera, transfer request from Callahan Co. to El Paso Co. granted.

Leigha Quiroz, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$306 court costs.

Cameron L. McRae, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.

Rosalinda Earhart, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Fountain Wesley Bullard, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Sharon Kinnard Hendrix, affidavit of surety to surrender and issuance of warrant granted.

Fountain Bullard, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

William B. Harmon, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Amanda Stanford, plea of guilty to theft by check, 45 days in jail, \$306 court costs.

Inez Hernandez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$1,200 fine, \$306 court costs.

Angela Shelton, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Joshua Raney, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

William Harmon, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$306 court costs.

Jose Fidel Morales, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 60 days in jail, \$381 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Daniel W. Inman of Angleton and Tara A. Fowler of Clyde.

Urineo D. Flores of Hawley and Stacy A. Copeland of Clyde.

42ND DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Michael D. Reynolds, motion to dismiss to possession of prohibited weapon granted for plea to other cases.

Michael D. Reynolds, motion to dismiss to burglary of a building granted for plea to other cases.

Michael D. Reynolds, motion to dismiss to evading arrest granted for plea to other cases.

Civil Filings

In Re.: order for foreclosure concerning Corky Glenn Wristen and wife, Linda Sue Wristen, 10514 County Road 224, Abilene, Texas 79602, application for expedited foreclosure in regard to home equity loan.

Kinsley Renee Whitehead and Matthew Shayne Whitehead, divorce.

Jeffrey Lloyd Sellers and Tonya Renee Sellers, divorce.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Thanksgiving Comes Early In Cottonwood

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will host their traditional Thanksgiving musical and Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings on Friday, October 19. The club will start serving at 5:30 p.m. and music starts at about 7:00 p.m. There will be a few musicians well-known to the Cottonwood listening audience and a few new ones including some local talent. Mary Weaver will not be able to act as Master of Ceremonies this year but Dalton Thomas, from Brownwood will be taking her place. Mark your calendar now.

Historical Association Needs Your Help

The Cottonwood Historical Association is trying to mail flyers out to all the people who bought the Cottonwood Recipe book but many of them are being returned due to an incomplete address. Remember to notify Beverly Brown of your correct address including a P.O. Box Number if appropriate. Her number is 254-725-7369.

(For personal or organizational news information, please contact me at 254-725-7474, write to 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, if I don't know about it, I can't print it.)

RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

By Nikki Perez

Well, howdy ya'll! This is the last full week of September. October is just around the corner. Can you believe it? They always told me that after you graduate high school, the years just fly by. I didn't believe them until now. My little boy just turned nine (9) years old and it seems like yesterday he was just born. I'm sorry but I don't have that much to talk about this week. We have our resident birthday party on Thursday and as I have mentioned earlier, Jacque Childress and Ladies from Cross Plains will be here to provide our entertainment. Family and friends

are welcome to attend. Come up and celebrate our residents' birthdays, eat some cake and have some punch.

I would also like to say thank you to Don and Ramona Dudas for bringing up a cake for everyone to enjoy. And they did.

Glenda Barr was in the hospital over the weekend, but she is back and doing well.

Well, I guess that's 'bout all I got for this week. Next week, however, will be more interesting. We have got some special news coming up. Until next week, everyone take care and God Bless.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

OCTOBER 1 - 5

MONDAY - Chicken & Dump-ings, Peas & Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Mixed Fruit, Bread
TUESDAY - Baked Ham, Steamed Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Plum Cobbler, Cornbread
WEDNESDAY - Beef Tips w/ Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Steamed Broccoli, Buttered Corn,
2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Banana Pudding w/Cookie, Roll
THURSDAY - Chicken Cacciatore, Buttered Rice, Zucchini, Tossed Salad, Gelatin, Bread
FRIDAY - Chili Cheese Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Raisins, Apricots

Local Couples Daughter-in-law Receives Master's Degree

Melissa Porter, wife of Lynn Porter and daughter-in-law to Bill and Judy Porter of Cross Plains, participated in commencement exercises on August 11, 2007 in Nacogdoches, Texas at Stephen F. Austin State University at 9:30 a.m.

Melissa received her Master's degree in Special Education with additional certifications in the areas of Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility for the Blind and Visually Impaired (O&M). Melissa completed her studies upon fulfilling

requirements of a two-year grant scholarship program from Stephen F. Austin, which included a nine-week internship at the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Austin. Melissa's training included two all expense paid trips to New York City and Rochester, Michigan to tour dog guide training schools.

Melissa wishes to thank her family, as she could not have accomplished all this without their support.

"Life after Loss" Support Group Program Slated

ABILENE, TEXAS: The American Cancer Society and Hospice of the Big Country sponsor a "Life after Loss" support group program. The group will meet once a week for five weeks. Each session is approximately 1-1 1/2 hours and will be led by Hospice of the Big Country staff member Erica Brewer, LMSW.

The program is open to anyone who is dealing with the death of a loved one. There is no charge to participate. You do not have to be associated with Hospice of the Big Country or the American Cancer Society to attend.

The next group will begin Tuesday, October 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. It will be held in the Downstairs Conference Room of the West Texas Rehab Center, located in 4601 Hartford, Abilene. The program will conclude November 6, 2007.

For more information or to reserve a spot, please call 325-793-5450.

Immunization Clinics in Callahan County Announced

Texas Department of State Health Services Immunizations Clinics in Callahan County are slated for:

Monday, October 8th

Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th
Time 10-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
Time 2-4

Wednesday, October 10th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
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C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met September 21 at 2 p.m. at Julene Franke's office and went from there to Joe and Mary Graves' beautifully landscaped residence in Cross Plains which is outstanding. We then drove by and looked at the following places where the trees and shrubs had been set after the destructive fire of 2005 including:

Randy and Vickie Walker
Bradford Pears
Esther Kerr
Bradford Pear and Pecan
Tommy Potter
2 Bradford Pears

Linda Slaymaker
Shrubs
Debbie and Don Gosnell
Shrubs
Nora Odom
Fruit trees and 3 red oaks.

We then returned to Julene's office where Eva Fleming, president, conducted a short meeting.

Door prize was conducted by Eva and was drawn by Joyce Odom. Light refreshments were enjoyed and the club adjourned to meet October 12. Members present were Eva Fleming, Mary Ella Weaver, Joyce Odom and Julene Franke.

LIBRARY NOTES

September 17-21, 2007

Patrons: 59
Programs: 2
Books Checked Out: 52
Copies: 101
Reference: 5
Internet Users: 17

Book Donations:

Carol Walt
Deana and Kathleen Terstegge
Jack and Barbara Baum
Stan Painter

Volunteers:

Azalee Womack
Ginny Hoskins
Arlene Stephenson
Wilma Lawrence

Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner to speak at Annual TMCN Conference

Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples will be the keynote speaker for the annual Texas Midwest Conference, October 17th, at the Abilene Civic Center.

This year marks the 14th annual conference sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network. The regional organization organizes a day of networking for community leaders to find ways to enhance local community and economic development efforts.

A feature of this year's conference is an Information Expo showcasing services and programs available to small cities by state agencies and regional organizations.

Morning seminars focus on ways to grow local economies and enhance quality of life in rural settings. The afternoon session will provide information on a new regional initiative for affordable employer group health insurance.

The announcement of "Community Achievement Award" recipients and the "All-Star Community Award" will be made during the luncheon.

Founded in 1994 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 and networking opportunities.

For more information call 325-676-0329 or go to www.texasmidwest.org.

MAYBE IT'S JUST ME

BUT...

By DEBORAH LOWITZER

This week I had shrimp from Indonesia, bananas from Guatemala, canned Mandarin oranges from China, a fresh orange at \$1.59 lb. from South America. I also enjoyed OJ made with pulp from Brazil and Mexico all without leaving my home in Cross Plains.

While I'm not a world traveler, apparently my food is. Now before you get the idea that I'm bragging, let me assure you that this phenomenon is much more common than most of us realize.

Used to be, the fruit, vegetables and dairy that was raised in your state would be the same food you ate. That's no longer the case. With the exception of a few scattered local Farmers Markets, an orange grown in Florida may very well by-pass Texas and land in China.

I'm all for exporting our commerce and growing our GNP (Gross National Product), that's

capitalism and one of the innovative ideas that made America great.

The problem that keeps arising however for me is this: Why can't we eat American-grown food here in America? Just how much do all of these foreign farmers and their governments really like us and care about our health? Hmm...

Which leads me to ask the same about those in our government, via the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) promoting all of this foreign food consumption. Do they still like us too?

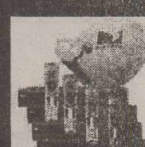
Many farmers are barely surviving these days with the mile-high Federal mandated Do's and Don'ts and regulated pre-approved seed and planting times. Are farmers this "micro-managed" in Brazil? Somehow I doubt it.

P.S. Anyone want a real California grape? I just happen to have a stash in my refrigerator.

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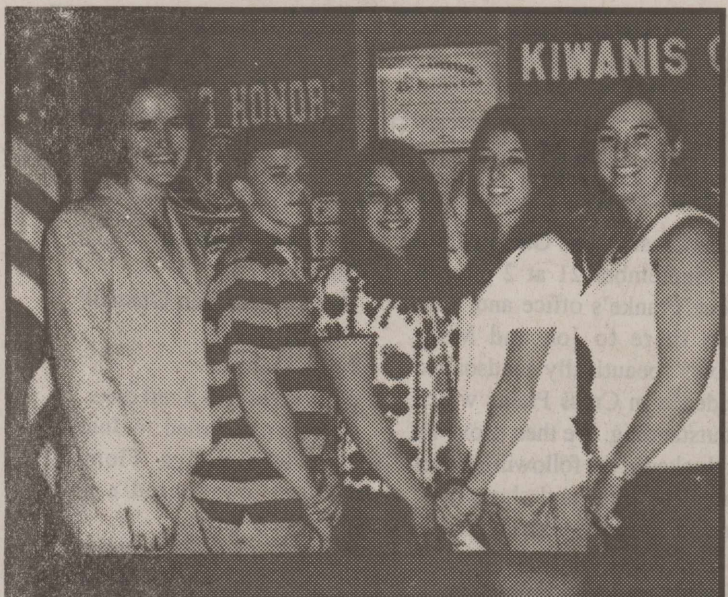
Wearing braces on your teeth has changed from an embarrassment to a status symbol. As with so many other things, now there are varieties in styles and colors. When our children were in braces, occasionally a wire would break or get out of place and we'd have to go to the orthodontist for a repair or adjustment.

When one person went for just such an adjustment, he commented to the orthodontist about how it felt like such a large piece of wire that was out of place. He could feel it with his tongue and it felt so enormous! The doctor replied, "Yes, the tongue always exaggerates."

And isn't that right?! It's not just with golfers and fishermen either! We must be careful to keep the tongue from enlarging upon the truth and stretching it. Jesus' brother, James, said, "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless" (James 1:26).

Maybe you're like me and needed this reminder in order to better "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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.
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WE BELIEVE IN OUR FREEDOM—Students from Cross Plains each gave a speech about what FREEDOM meant to each of them at the Kiwanis meeting last Tuesday. Those participating were Speech/Spanish teacher Amber Green (from left), Cameron Phillips, Tiffany Holland, and Amanda Dunaway. They were the guests of Karen Lenz (far right). Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. New members are always welcome and encouraged.



STUDENT TEACHER IN CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL—Shaina Hyatt is the new student teacher in the Agriculture Education department of Cross Plains High School for the fall school term. Hyatt just moved to the area and will remain in Cross Plains until December. In December Hyatt will graduate from Tarleton State University with a Bachelors in Agriculture Education.

Junior High Wins Their First Game

The Junior High Buffalo team won their first game this past Thursday, beating Evant 20 to 6. Cody Self caught three touchdown passes and one extra point pass from Justin Hass. There were several touchdown runs called back for illegal blocking. This was a game that the Junior High Buffaloes should of won.

Evant had only nine players on the team and this included some 6th graders. All of the Junior High Buffs saw action in this game and enjoyed getting a lot of playing time. The Buffs next game is against Tolar in Tolar at 5:30 p.m. Submitted by Coach Atchley

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

OCTOBER 1 - 5

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Eggs, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Waffle Sticks, Sausage Links, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY-BBQ on Bun, Corn of Cob, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Apricots
TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Stix w/ Cheese Sauce, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas
THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Stick, Pears
FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie

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Cross Plains Buffaloes Fall to the Evant Elks

The Buffaloes traveled to Evant last Friday and played what turned out to be a physically and mentally tough game. Evant racked up 32 points at the half before the Buffaloes scored in the third quarter on a 3-yard run by J.J. Callaway. The point after failed. Evant then scored on a field goal to make the score 35-6. The Buffs scored their last touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard pass from Callaway to Ashton Yates. The point after was good which made the score 35-13. Evant scored with 2:14 remaining in the game to bring the final score to 41-13. The Buffs had 119 yards passing and 193 yards rushing.

The Buffs are working hard this week to be ready for the beginning of district play this Friday when they host Tolar. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the Buffs!

Submitted by Coach Sides

First Baptist Church to Host Buffalo Breakfast Sept. 28th

This week's Buffalo Breakfast will be hosted by First Baptist at the First Baptist Family Life Center beginning at 7 a.m.

All football players, parents of players, cheerleaders, coaches and administration are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the meal. There will be a short devotional and everyone is encouraged to stay and partake of the spiritual food also.

The teams will be beginning District games this week, competing against Tolar this Thursday (JV and Junior High, there) and Friday (Varsity, here).

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Region 14 Education Center Transition Fair Details

Abilene, Texas—The Region 14 Education Service Center is holding its first ever Roadside Assistance Transition Fair for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities on October 5, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Transition Fair will be held at the Service Center on Highway 351.

The purpose of the event is to offer information to special needs students from the forty-two school districts surrounding the Abilene area on a variety of subjects including: employment, going to college, transportation, housing and recreation.

Parents are also invited to attend special sessions on benefits planning.

Lunch will be provided with early registration. According to Norma Whitis, Educational Consultant with Region 14, "The Roadside Assistance Transition Fair is a great place for high school junior and seniors with disabilities to learn about a variety of things that will be important to them after graduation."

Students interested in attending should register no later than September 24, 2007, with Ms. Whitis by calling 325-675-8610 or contacting their campus counselor.

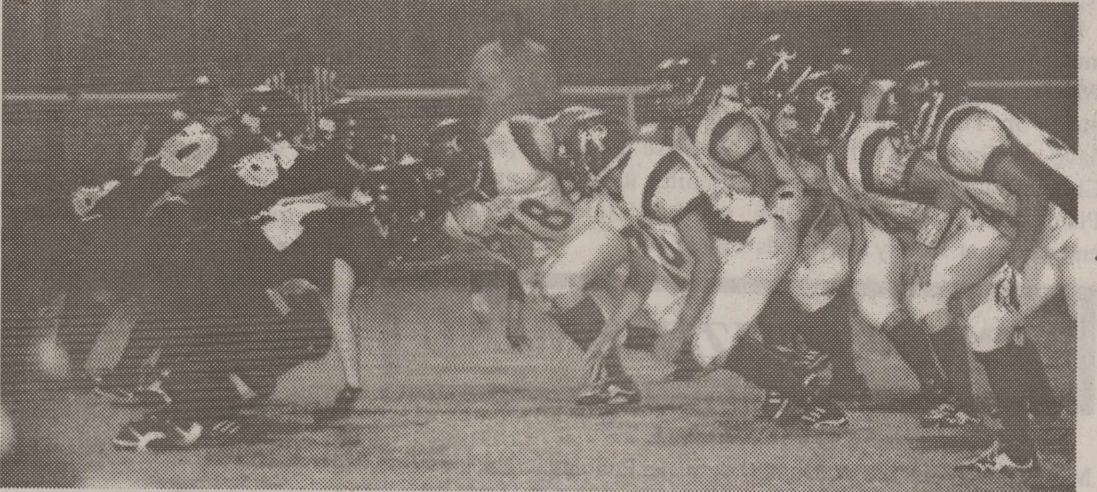
Education Service Centers assist school districts in improving student performance, enabling school districts to operate more efficiently and economically and implementing initiatives assigned by the legislature or the commissioner. Region 14 Education Service Center serves 13 counties in West Central Texas.



Brice Bowden (#14) takes down an Elk.



QB JJ Callaway (#18) throws a pass while linemen Rene Salazar (#77), Tim Smith (#50), Markus Maxwell (#65), Joey Westerman (#64), and Cayson Martinez (#72) block for him.



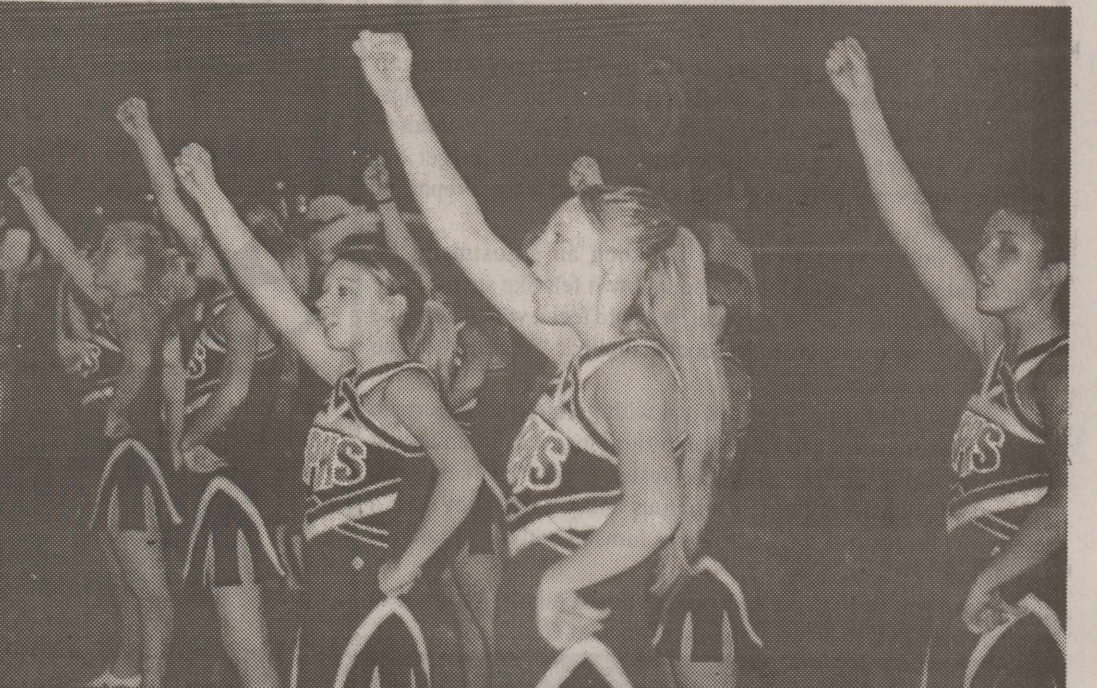
The Buffalo O-Line, led by William Meador (#78) and Anthony Hutton (#70), comes off the snap.



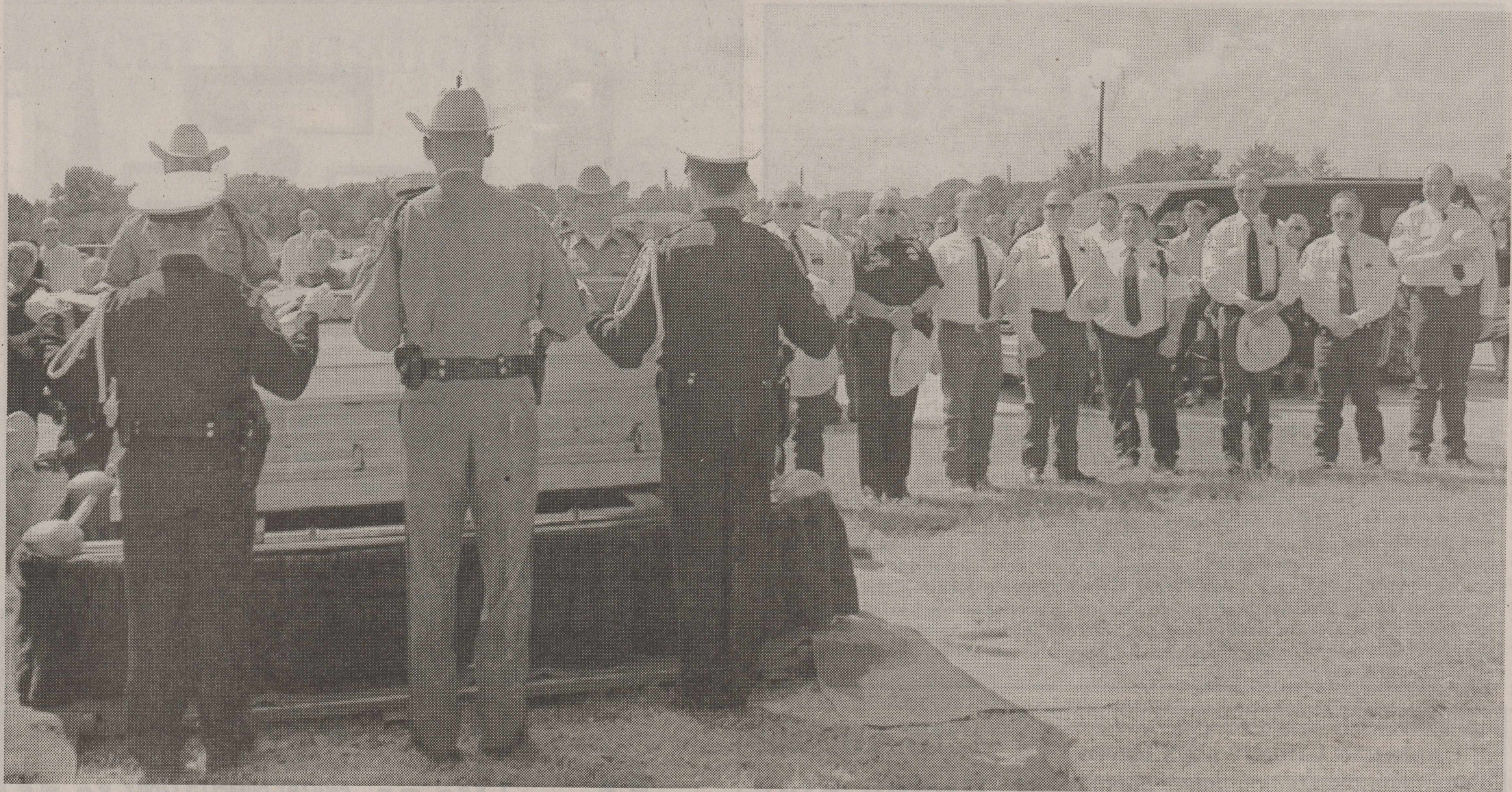
Wide Receiver, Ashton Yates (#10) runs for yardage.



The Buffalo Marching band excites the crowd with a great performance.



The CPHS Cheerleaders show their support for the Buffaloes.



COUNTY LAWMAN LAID TO REST—An honor guard begins to fold the Texas flag draped over the coffin of Callahan County Chief Deputy Willie

Cheek during the graveside services for the longtime lawman Thursday, September 20th at the Clyde Cemetery. Cheek, 42,

died suddenly Monday, September 17th at his home in Clyde. In 1994, Cheek moved to Clyde where he served as Assistant

Chief of Police with the Clyde Police Department for eight

years. In 2002, Cheek joined the Callahan County Sheriff's

Department and at the time of his death was Chief Deputy.



PRESENTING THE TEXAS FLAG—Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, standing in white, presents the Texas flag to Brianne Cheek, the daughter of

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Willie Cheek during the graveside service for the chief deputy on

Thursday, September 20th at the Clyde Cemetery. The county lawman died Monday, September 17th at his home in Clyde.

Event planned in Clyde October 6th for Cheek family

Several Callahan County residents are banding together to help the family of Willie Cheek by holding an event at the Clyde City Park on Saturday, October 6th.

According to Sam Cozby, the City of Clyde has agreed to donate the use of the Clyde City Park on Stephens Street, across from the Clyde Nursing Center for the event on October 6th.

Cheek, 42, died suddenly Monday, September 17th at his home in Clyde. At the time of his death, Cheek was Chief Deputy for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. Cozby said the family only had insurance to cover the cost of his burial and a number of people in the county want to do more for the family.

The activities at the Clyde City Park will begin at 11:00 a.m. on October 6th and continue throughout the day.

Cozby said some of the activities include a Bar-b-que supper, which will include either a chopped or sliced bar-b-que sandwich, chips and a drink. The cost of the meal will be a donation. She said Dr. Pepper has donated products as well.

Some activities also being planned include horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments, as well as a dunking booth and jail. Cozby said Big Country Trophies will donate trophies for the contest tournaments.

The group also plans to hold a silent auction, including various items donated by local businesses.

An auctioneer will also be auctioning off various items such as a golf bag, dry cleaning certi-

icates, a basket from Cowboy Candles, food coupons, a massage, knives and various beauty care products. A gas raffle is also being planned.

Also, Dairy Queen and Thrifty's Food Mart are donating coupons to the cause and Clyde Farm & Ranch has donated a deer feeder.

"Help give back to a family that has given so much to us. Come join us in games, food and fun to raise funds for the Cheek family," Cozby said.

Cozby said more details on the activities will be announced in next week's *Clyde Journal*. Anyone wishing to contribute or donate to the effort can call Cozby at 893-2702.

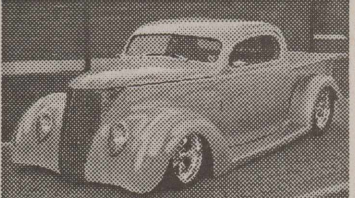
Fund started for Willie Cheek family

A fund has been established for the family of longtime Callahan County law enforcement officer Willie Cheek, who died suddenly Monday, September 17th at his home in Clyde.

The fund has been set up at the First National Bank-Baird under the account number #11054220.

Cheek, 42, was Chief Deputy of the Callahan County Sheriff's Department at the time of his death. In 1994, he moved to Clyde where he served as Assistant Chief of Police with the Clyde Police Department for eight years. In 2002, he joined the Callahan County Sheriff's Department.

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EDC RECEIVES MONEY FROM BETA SIGMA PHI—Members of Beta Sigma Phi service sorority present a check to the Cross Plains Economic Development Commission for \$500.00. The amount was profit from the 'Ashes to Beauty Tour of Homes' in May. Nine new homes were toured by over 80 people from the surrounding area, as far away as Abilene. Homes were featured on Abilene TV stations and in newspapers. Many were interested to see how Cross Plains had rebuilt from the fire of December 27, 2005. Donations to this Beta Sigma Phi project were generous and returned to the community. Pictured presenting the check to Debbie Gosnell (center) of the EDC are some of the sorority sisters, Jacque Childress (from left), Patsy Hareluk, Dora Warlick, Wanda Merryman, Gail Ransdall (Chairman of Tour of Homes), Sarah Brashear, Nora Odom, and Jane Holmes.



IN REMEMBRANCE—Woodmen of the World representatives, Larry Thompson (left), Area Manager, Jeff Datray (second from right) and Laura Londagin (far right) Field Representatives, presented Blake Foster (second from left), Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Fighter, with a plaque, a USA Flag and a Flag Pole for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department in remembrance of 9-11.

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from September 16, 2007 through September 22, 2007 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—85
Complaints—77
DWI—2
Unauthorized Use of Motor

Vehicle—1
Open Container—2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage—1
Vehicle Accidents
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

12th Annual Rising Star Octoberfest

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will sponsor its 12th Annual Octoberfest on Saturday, October 13th in the Rising Star City Park. Events include a BBQ Cook-off which is sanctioned by the Lone Star BBQ Society, Pecan Pie Bake-off, arts & craft booths, musical entertainment, antique cars and tractors and a pumpkin carving contest.

There will be a parade at 10:00 a.m. and the Chamber of Commerce will have BBQ sandwiches and Star Pride will have hot dogs for sale at lunch time. Vendors are welcome and encouraged to come set up. For details call Judy at 254-643-4261.

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Local Longhorn Show Winners Announced



TROPHY STEERS—Reserve Champion Gunsmoke (from left) and Grand Champion ZHI Petro were ridden in the Grand Entry.



GRAND CHAMPION SR. HEIFER AND GRAND CHAMPION ALL AGE FEMALE—SLR Yellow Rose of Texas on left. She is owned by Brad and Robin Hancock. The calves (front) are especially cute.



ANNOUNCER BRAD HANCOCK OF WALNUT SPRINGS—Mr. Hancock is the owner of Dry Creek Amigo the Reserve Champion Junior Steer, who also carried the POW flag and riderless saddle.

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Saturday, September 15th I dressed my little grandsons cowboy style and we headed out to the Longhorn Show at Rocky Oaks Ranch. Stan and Jimmie Jernigan were gracious hosts of the Chisholm Trail Texas Longhorn Association Show.

An overcast sky made for a great morning for the activities as the onlookers sat beneath the mesquite trees.

A unique Grand Entry started off the event with saddled Longhorns with riders parading around the arena. Brad Hancock, the announcer from Walnut Springs, presented a riderless Longhorn carrying a POW flag in honor of Prisoners of War.

Hancock and the Judge Bart May were helpful in explaining how this breed of cattle were judged which includes smoothness underneath the belly, thickness of the brisket, position of horns, utter placement, and even the walking stride. The lean look is rewarded rather than muscling in fat cattle shows.

The judge noted that all the entries were great and he really had to look for a flaw to decide the winners. He commented on the extensive hours spent training the cattle to lead with a halter and handle well in the arena. May complimented all cattle owners on their animals appearance and handling.

Winners for the day included:
FEMALES

- Class 1 - Tye Dye
Danielle Andrews
- Class 2 - KKR Flouncy Kidd
Pamela Kinsell
- Class 4 - FC Simply Amazing
Falls Creek Longhorns
- Class 5 - Lacy's Firecracker
Debbie McCarty
- Class 6 - RO Stormy
Stan & Jimmie Jernigan
- Class 7 - FC Magic Star
Falls Creek Longhorns

- Class 8 - RO Luck's Rockstar
Stan & Jimmie Jernigan

Grand Champion JR Heifer
FC Simply Amazing
Falls Creek Longhorns

Reserve Champion Jr Heifer
RO Stormy
Stan and Jimmie Jernigan

- Class 11 - SLR Yellow Rose of Texas
Brad & Robin Hancock

Grand Champion Sr. Heifer
SLR Yellow Rose of Texas
Brad and Robin Hancock

- Class 12 - RO Spirit Wind
Stan & Jimmie Jernigan

- Class 13 - SLR Karmel Kisses
Krazy Kolors Ranch

- Class 14 - Morning Glory
Danielle Andrews

- Class 14 - Absolutely Gorgeous
Patrece Ramey

Grand Champion Jr. Cow
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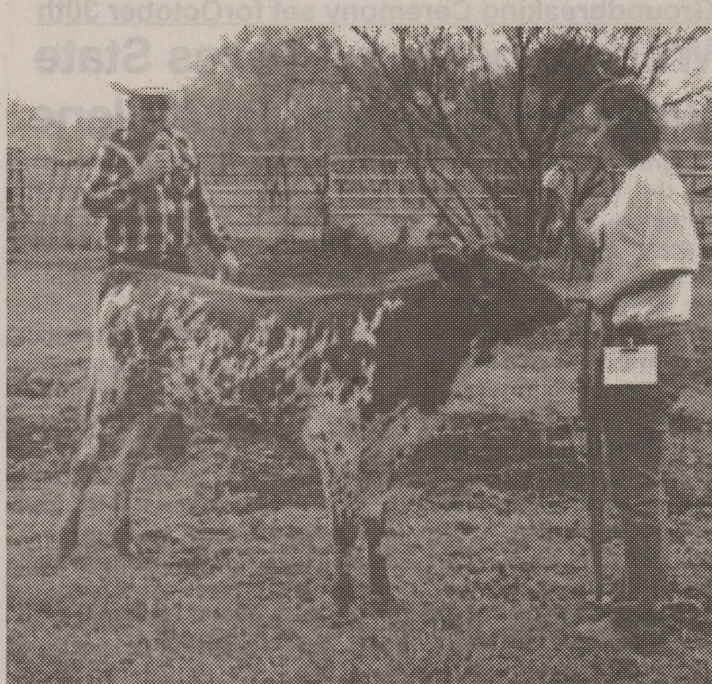
Grand Champion All Age Female
SLR Yellow Rose of Texas
Brad and Robin Hancock

Reserve Champion All Age Female
SLR Karmel Kisses
Krazy Kolor Ranch

- Class 21 - FC Rave Review
Falls Creek Longhorns

Grand Champion Jr. Bull
FC Rave Review
Falls Creek Longhorns

Reserve Champion Jr. Bull
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CLASS I WINNER— Tye Dye shown by Danielle Andrews. Judge Bart May is in the background.

- Class 23 - Joseph
Double D Ranch
- Class 24 - MK Goosebumps
Kevin Kelly

Grand Champion Intermediate Bull
MK Goosebumps
Kevin Kelly

Reserve Champion

Intermediate Bull
Wake Up Call
Patrece Ramey

- Class 28- Smokin Thunder
Joseph & Marjorie Bashor

Grand Champion Senior Bull
Smokin Thunder
Joseph and Marjorie Bashor

- Class 30 - KKR Popsicle Kidd
Pamela Kinsell

- Class 32 - Easy
Kurt Knoerr
Dry Creek Amigo
Brad & Robin Hancock

STEERS

- Class 30 - KKR Popsicle Kidd
Pamela Kinsell
- Class 32 - Easy
Kurt Knoerr
Dry Creek Amigo
Brad & Robin Hancock

Grand Champion Jr. Steer
Easy
Kurt Knoerr

Reserve Champion Junior Steer
Dry Creek Amigo
Brad & Robin Hancock

- Class 34 - DC Ozark Romeo
Brad and Robin Hancock

- Class 35- Rex
Danielle Andrews

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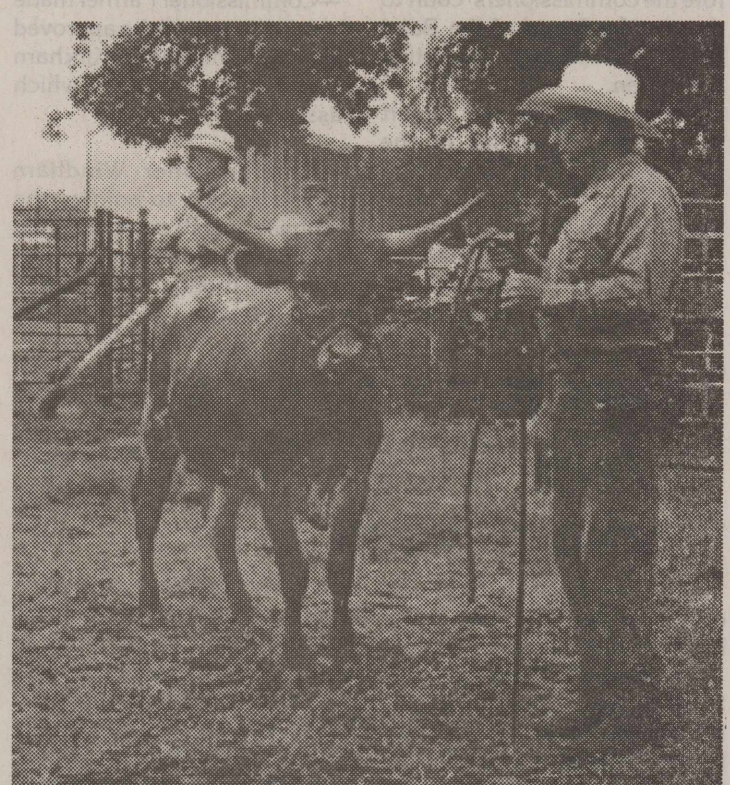
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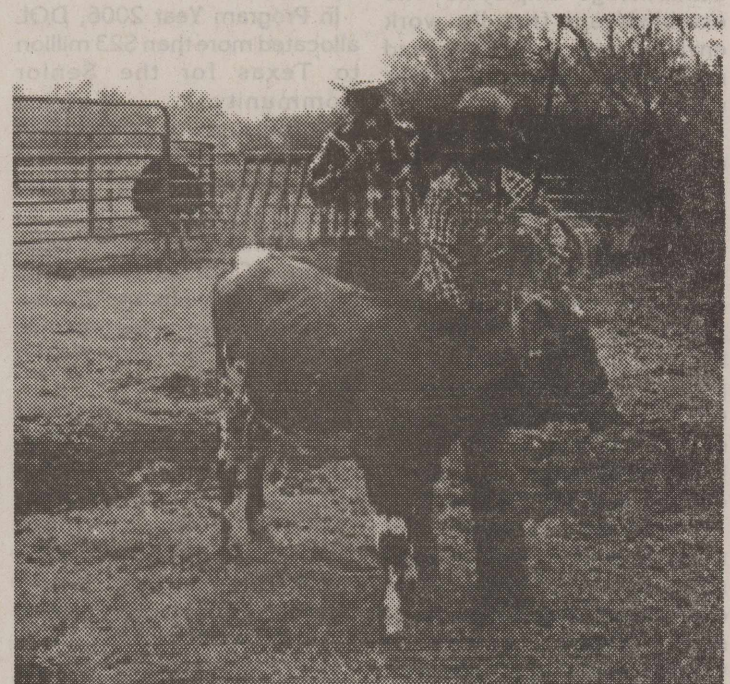
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Commissioners' court sets meeting dates

Callahan County Commissioners voted to set the commissioners' court regular meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month during the commissioners' court meeting held Friday, September 21st.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to set the commissioners' court meetings to be the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present included Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—There was no public comment received.

—Lyman Brigham came before the commissioners' court to discuss the future of the Baird Depot and Museum. No action was taken.

—The commissioners' court discussed the setting of the County Sheriff and County Constable fees. No changes were made and no action was taken.

—Wireless Communications Consultants, working on behalf of Conterra Ultra Broadband,

requested permission to install two dishes on the Callahan County Radio Tower. Commissioner Windham made a motion that the county would rent tower space to Conterra (Ultra Broadband) for \$700.00 per month. There was a second to the motion made by Commissioner Hicks and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn made a motion to designate October Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 1st as Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Callahan County. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. A wreath will be hung on the front door of the County Courthouse in Baird in honor of this declaration.

—The commissioners' court discussed the nomination of a candidate to be elected to the Appraisal District of Callahan County Board of Directors. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to nominate and elect Jimmy Easter to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:01 a.m. Judge Corn seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote.

Texas joins other states in hire Older American workers week

AUSTIN—Texas joins the rest of the nation promoting the hiring of older workers during

Employ Older Workers Week September 23 through 29. Established by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), this special week recognizes the contributions that older Americans continue to make to our nation's economy and to acknowledge employers who establish age-friendly work environments by training and recruiting qualified older workers.

With the growing population of older people and the anticipated shortages of skilled workers, many seniors are choosing to remain in the workplace well past retirement age. Data released earlier this month by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that 23.2 percent of people between ages 65 and 74 were either working or job hunting in 2006, an increase of nearly 20 percent compared to 2000 statistics.

"Employers recognize that mature workers contribute strong work ethic and valuable experience to their businesses," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Older workers benefit from the opportunity to acquire newer skills necessary to meet the demands of today's changing workforce needs."

Census bureau statistics suggest that the number of Texans age 55 and older is expected to increase from its current 4.6 million to more than 5.1 million by 2010 and 10.3 million by 2040. The Texas economy is expected to mirror the rest of the nation's efforts in relying significantly on the contributions of workers in this talent pool.

In Program Year 2006, DOL allocated more than \$23 million to Texas for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which provided on-the-job training and employment opportunities to more than 6,500 qualified older Texans. SCSEP was established more than 40 years ago to serve the employment needs of people age 55 or older with limited financial resources.

Participants provide community services for public entities and nonprofit organizations such as libraries, workforce centers, museums, hospitals, recreation centers, social service agencies, school districts and public housing agencies while they prepare to transition into full- or part-time employment in the public and private sectors. Federal grants are issued to states and a broad network of organizations to operate the program nationwide.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Are You Up

Wake up. Upon waking, make the conscious decision to have a good day. We are likely to have the kind of day we decide to have. I think it was the late Abe Lincoln who said "we are about as happy as we make up our minds to be."

"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24.

Dress Up. The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. It takes many more muscles to frown than it does to smile, so you also save energy. It is inexpensive too.

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. "Man looks at the outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." Samuel 16:7.

Shut Up. Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us one mouth and two ears, so we need to do twice as much listening as talking. Someone said, O let my words be tender and sweet because tomorrow I may have to eat them.

"He who guards his lips, guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3.

Stand Up. Stand for what you believe in. Stand for something lest you fall for anything.

"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good." Galatians 6:9-10.

Look Up. Look up to the Lord. He is sovereign.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

Reach Up. Reach for something higher. Don't stop too soon.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6.

Lift Up. Lift up your prayers. Don't worry about anything. Instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING. Philippians 4:6:

From the Internet

Groundbreaking Ceremony set for October 30th Work to begin on Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene will take place at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 30th. All true patriots are invited.

Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board and Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, will host the event.

"I hope everyone in the Abilene area can join us as we consecrate these hallowed grounds," Patterson said. "The Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene will be a place of honor for those who have served our nation."

The Abilene cemetery will be the third Texas State Veterans Cemetery built under Patterson's stewardship. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$8.1 million to build the facility.

The Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene will be built near Lake Fort Phantom Hill, four miles north of Interstate 20, just east of Farm-to-Market Road 600.

The 63-acre cemetery will be a magnificent facility with an

ultimate capacity for up to 20,000 burials. Among the features: a covered, open-air structure for committal services; a visitors center; a computer system for locating specific graves or interments; an assembly area for special occasions, such as Memorial Day observances; an avenue of flags; and a memorial walkway for future monuments. Construction will be in two or more phases.

The first interments are expected to take place in spring 2009.

The new cemetery will join Texas State Veterans Cemeteries built in Killeen and Mission. The cemeteries complement the states four national veterans cemeteries in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Cemeteries and other veterans programs offered by the Texas Veterans Land Board, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387), or visit the Veterans Land Board Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

TCEQ Publishes Revision to Outdoor Burning in Texas Guide Document Covers All Aspects of the State's Outdoor Burning Rule

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) today released a revision to Outdoor Burning in Texas, a guide which helps summarize and explain Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, sections 111.201-22, the state's burning regulations. The Outdoor Burning Rule prohibits outdoor burning anywhere in Texas, however it allows for exceptions in which burning is necessary.

The 19-page document provides answers to the most often asked questions, including:

Do I need a permit to burn my garbage?

The TCEQ does not issue burning permits. Outdoor burning, in general, is prohibited in Texas, although there are certain exceptions allowed in the rules. For instance, domestic waste may be burned when the local governmental jurisdiction does not collect trash.

Do I have to get my neighbor's approval before I can legally burn?

Written approval must be obtained beforehand, if the burning takes place less than 300 feet from any structure,

including a nearby residence, or business, as well as livestock, or certain vegetation.

How do I report someone who is illegally burning outdoors?

You may report burning to the local air pollution control office, or the nearest TCEQ regional office. The TCEQ also provides a toll free Environmental Complaint Hotline, 888-777-3186.

Complaints can also be submitted by e-mail at complaints@tceq.state.tx.us, or on the agency Web site, using the online form [<http://www5.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/complaints/>].

The document is available free of charge, on the publications page [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/forms_pubs/pubs/rg/rg-049.html] of the TCEQ Web site.

Interactive Programs Add Innovation to Learning at CPISD

Editor's Note: Carole (Cox) Drennan, formerly of Cross Plains, is a professional in health-related insurance claims. She speaks to various groups regarding insurance problems to which there has been no quick resolution. She kindly provided the following information for anyone who might be experiencing this type of problems. **Vanda Anderson**

If you have ever had trouble getting a health-related insurance claim paid, or if you have been unable to obtain a refund from a health provider, you may want to know that the Texas State Board of Insurance can help in most cases.

Most commercial health plans, that is those work-related groups and some individual policies, are governed by guidelines set by the State of Texas. If your healthcare provider is not able to obtain payment on legitimate claims, you may be called upon to help with the process. The reason for this is simple—the insurance company wants to keep your business, whereas they consider the provider of service to be a drain on their resources. The insurance company will usually respond to an inquiry from the Human Resources director of a business. In some cases, they can be persuaded to make an exception to the written contract that governs the benefits.

When your employer considers taking on insurance coverage for its employees, they are presented with what is called a "cafeteria plan". Each unit of coverage has a fee. The employer may select coverage that has high benefits for office visits to a physician, but has low or not benefits for speech therapy or physical therapy, for example. They will spend their money where there is the highest likelihood of use. This means lower benefits for less-often-used services. Lots of people get colds and flu, and very few people need wheelchairs or physical therapy. All these things are considered when the employer is looking at insurance coverage. However, if a patient has a catastrophic event requiring a wheelchair, the employer can intervene and many times a payment will result. Do not hesitate to ask for help from the employer in such cases.

The Texas State Board of Insurance has a very useful website that describes their services. Go to ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us for this information. There is an interactive form for complaints. This can be filled out and e-mailed to them, or it can be downloaded, filled in, and mailed.

If there is any supporting documentation, the form should be mailed with it. This would include copies of Explanation of Benefit forms from the insurance company; receipts for your payments; documentation of medical information which you have obtained from your medical providers; and anything which supports proof of possible mishandling of claims. DO NOT

SEND ORIGINALS. Keep original documents and send copies only, as they will not be returned.

If you are wondering whether you are justified in filing a complaint, ask a knowledgeable person in your provider's business office. That person can provide you with documentation which proves their attempts at collection. Your medical provider will appreciate your willingness to get involved in the process. Many times a simple phone call from you to the customer service department of your insurance company is all that is needed, to obtain payment on a claim.

Yes, it is annoying to sit on the phone and make your way through the prompts before you finally get to a living person. But remember, this is your medical bill, and you are responsible for it until your insurance company pays the claim.

If the insurance claim is denied, your medical provider can and will bill you for any amount left at patient responsibility when the claim is processed.

When you call an insurance company to inquire about an unpaid claim, you will need the following information in hand:

1. Your insurance ID card.
2. The Explanation of Benefits form (EOB) relating to the denied claim.
3. If no EOB is available, you will need the date that the services were provided, and the full name of the provider. If your medical provider has received an EOB, they can give you a copy. Otherwise, you can call them and ask them to give you the claim number from the EOB, and the Customer Service Rep can go directly to the claim.

When you have the Customer Service Rep on the line, make sure that the provider filed the claim correctly. Then ask for the denial reason, and if it is not clear, ask the rep to fully explain why the claim was denied.

Many times, a claim can be reconsidered if you or the provider can furnish additional documentation of need. Keep a log of the date of the phone call, and get the name of the Customer Service Rep. Make notes of what you are told. If you do have to file a complaint with the State Board of Insurance you will need to prove your attempts to deal with the carrier did no good. If you get a service rep who clearly is not well trained, thank her or him, hang up, and call back. And document everything.

Do not hesitate to work with your medical provider to obtain payment for problem claims. Call the business office to report any phone calls you make to the insurance company, and give the date and name of the service rep. If you make a written inquiry, send a copy of the EOB, and again, keep copies of everything for yourself, in case a complaint to the State Board does have to be filed. The better your documentation is, the better your chance of a good outcome.

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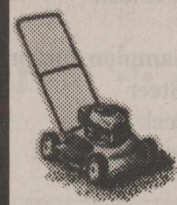
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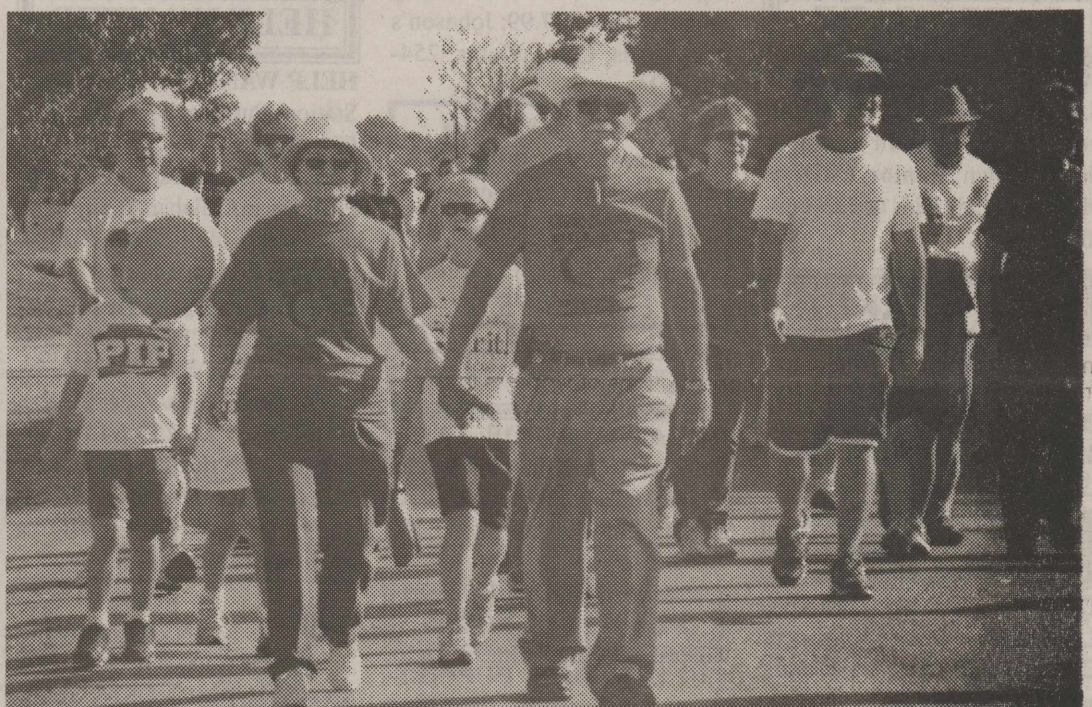
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CANCER WALK STARTED WITH A PARADE—Large crowd participates.

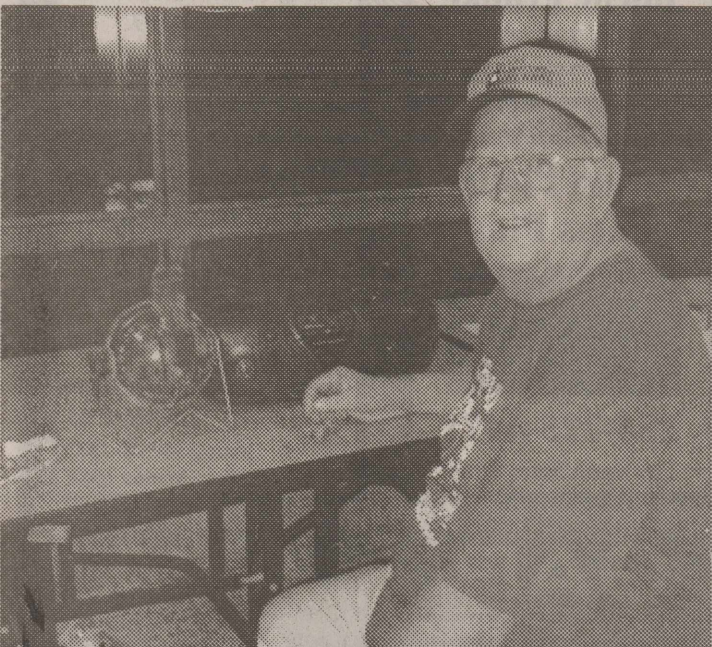


42 PLAYERS—Hollis Shults (from left), Troy Crockett and Emory Lusk.

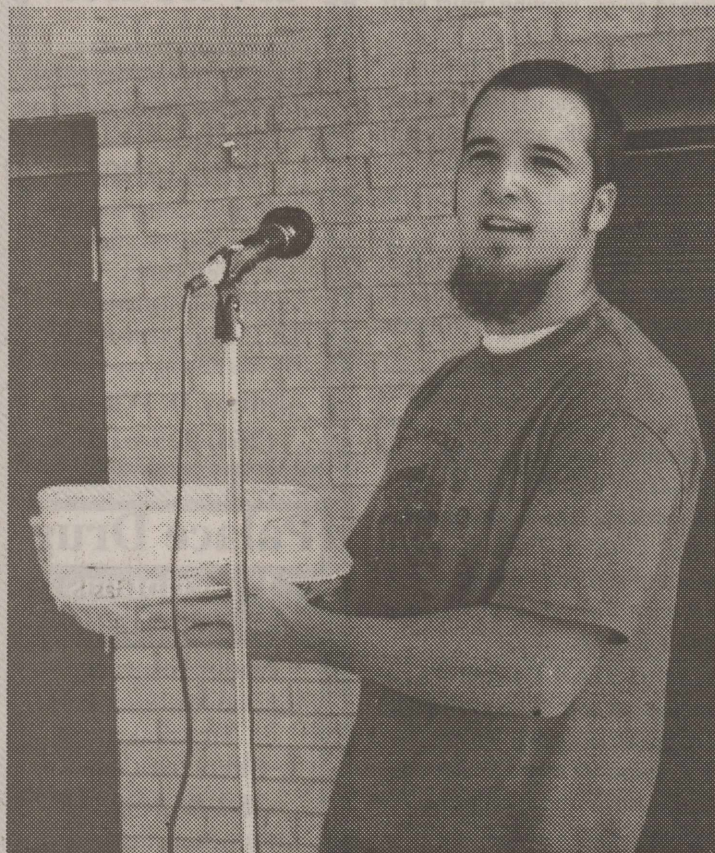
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The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation will be accepting bids until October 18, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. for the removal and installation of a new metal art sign for the existing entry sign located North of Cross Plains on Tx 206. Specification for the sign may be picked up or by contacting City Hall at 254-725-6114. 28-41c

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HELP WANTED- At The Fillin Station, Putnam, TX; Call (325) 662-3550. 27-5tp

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...plan October 13, 2007 wedding

Engagement announced

Lee and Ingrid Myers of Bridgeport, TX, and Hadley Kleeb of Arizona, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Holli Nikole Kleeb of Bridgeport, to Jim Blackwell of Clyde, the son of Jimmy and Becky Blackwell of Clyde.

The couple will be married October 13, 2007 at the MD Resort in Aurora, TX.

The bride graduated from Bridgeport High School and works at the Bridgeport Police Department. The groom graduated from Clyde High School and works for the Tarrant County Hospital District Police Department.

The groom's grandmothers are Velda Warren of Abilene, and Nora Blackwell of Cisco.



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DesOrmeaux-Merrill Vows Exchanged August 17th

Michelle Marie DesOrmeaux of Lafayette became the bride of Robert Glen Merrill, Jr. of Shreveport during an August 17th ceremony in Lafayette at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell D. DesOrmeaux, Sr. She is the granddaughter of the late John Aston and Aline Richard DesOrmeaux and Dana Earl and Sue Price Larson of Lafayette. She is a graduate of

St. Thomas More Catholic High School and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

The groom is the son of Robert Glen and Paula Letteer Merrill, Sr. of Shreveport. He is the grandson of Paul Alton and Ann Delia Letteer of Lafayette and Ella Faye Phillips Merrill and the late Glen Roy Merrill of Cross Plains. He is a graduate of Loyola College Prep in Shreveport and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.



MR. AND MRS. SEAN CONWAY

Crystal Davis and Sean Conway Exchanged Vows May 5th

Crystal Davis and Sean Conway, both of Cross Plains, were united in marriage at seven o'clock in the evening on May 5, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Pastor Ronnie White officiated.

Crystal is the daughter of Bobby and Shirley Davis of Cross Plains. She is the granddaughter of Joan Brown and the late Roland Buck Brown and Muriel Davis and the late Frank Davis, all of Cross Plains.

The groom is the son of Ron Conway of Cross Plains and Peggy Kacal of West, Texas. He is the grandson of Mary Volpert, Ronald Conway, and Ruby Nell Howse.

Jamie Davis, sister of the bride was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Whitney Kirkham, friend of bride and

Hailey Biggs, cousin of bride, both of Cross Plains. Kinley Brown, cousin of bride, daughter of Jeff and Melissa Brown of Waco served as flower girl.

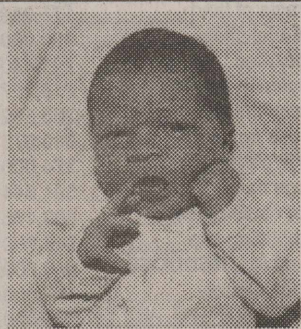
The best man was Richard Conway, brother of groom, of Waco. Groomsman were Gary Hargrove, friend of groom, and Skeet Parker, friend of groom, both of Cross Plains.

The ushers were Kyle Lee, cousin of the bride, and Russell Thomas, friend of bride, both of Cross Plains.

Special guests included Jaide Ashton and Chance Evans Conway, children of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony.

Crystal is employed at Jones Real Estate as a Realtor and Sean is self-employed. They reside in their new home in Cross Plains.



It's A Boy!

Randy and Sheryl Pope of Arlington are happy to announce the birth of their son,

Benjamin Ryan Pope.

Ben was born August 30, 2007 at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine. He weighed 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big brother and sister, R.J. and Allison.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Morgan of Cross Plains and the late Benny Glover.

Maternal great-grandmother is Jewel Barnett of Cross Plains.

Paternal grandparents are

Skip and Helen Jacobs of Texarkana, TX.

Paternal great-grandmother is Maxine Jones of Texarkana, AR.

Helping Heats Helping Hands Work Day set for Saturday, October 13th

The Cross Plains Area Housing-Initiative has set their annual Helping Hearts/Helping Hands work day for Saturday, October 13, 2007. This annual event enlists the support and work of local volunteers to do minor repairs on area resident's homes to help improve the quality of their living area. Those applying must meet the requirements of being elderly or low income.

Donations and volunteers are needed to help in accomplishing this year's projects. The donations will be used to purchase supplies. Some items needing to be purchased in the past have been paint, brushes, caulk, nails,

roofing material and wood.

Volunteers are welcome of all ages and levels of work experience. If you have questions regarding volunteering or donations, please call Connie Kirkham at 254-725-6500 or Roxie Thomas at 725-6141.

This project is a worthwhile endeavor to supply a more comfortable home environment for the elderly and low-income in our community. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13th to be a part of this project. We will have more details in the weeks to come.

Submitted by
Roxie Thomas



It's A Girl!

Colton and Shayna Roberts would like to announce the birth of their new sister,

Amanda Kay Roberts.

Amanda was born September 6, 2007 at Abilene Regional. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Shane and Jamie Roberts. Maternal grandparents are Terri Pursell and Larry Sunday of Willis, Texas and the late John Pursell. Great-grandparents are Willard Banks of Cleveland, Texas and the late Bobbie Banks and Bertha Pursell. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Gail Roberts of Bangs, Texas. Great-grandparents are Bobbie and Wanda Blackwell of Cross Plains and great-great-grandma Nora Green and the late Arzie Green also of Cross Plains.

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