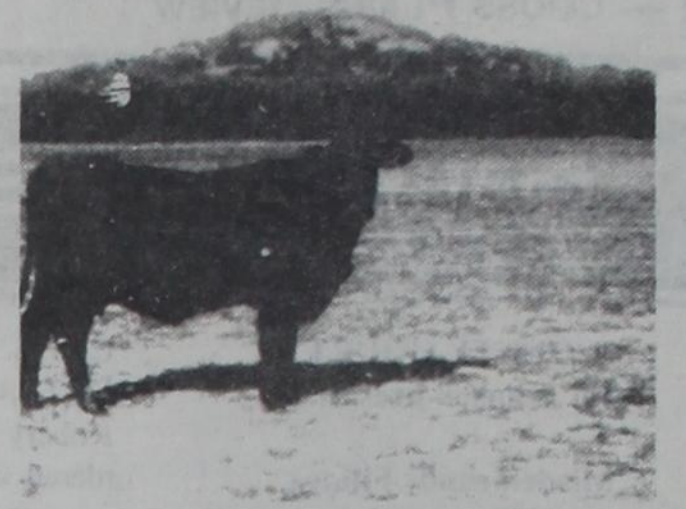




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Buffaloes Lose Heartbreaker In Area Round 60 - 58

By COACH BILL BOYD

The Cross Plains Buffaloes lost a hard fought battle last Tuesday at Coleman. The Water Valley Wildcats hit the game winning shot with less than a second to play to eliminate the Buffs 60-58 in the Area round of the state playoffs.

The game started slow for both teams with numerous turnovers and missed shots. Brock Walker had 7 of the Buffaloes' 9 points at the end of the first quarter. Freshman Benji Blackstock contributed the other 2 points on a nice offensive move.

The second stanza saw Water Valley hit four 3 pointers as the Buffaloes had some mental breakdowns on defense. Offensively Jeremy Barnett and Donnie Dillard led the way this quarter with 5 points each. The Buffs trailed at half 28-23.

The third quarter was probably the best of the year for the Buffaloes. We executed versus the Water Valley zone like a veteran team. Walker hit two 3 pointers in this quarter and freshman Joseph Turner also hit one. The end of this quarter saw Cross Plains take its first lead

46-44.

The fourth quarter was back and forth. We had our chances to win but shot only 50 percent from the free throw line in this quarter. If any youngsters are reading this article, I would like to advise them - practice those free throws it will pay off in the long run.

Walker led the Buffs in scoring with 20 points, followed by Dillard with 13 and Barnett with 11. Rounding out the scoring was Matt Reed and Turner with 5 a piece and Blackstock had 4.

Best of luck to our seniors Matt Reed, Jared Harris and Terry Shults. I appreciate their contribution to the basketball program the last four years, I will miss them.

The Buffaloes reached the Area round of the playoffs for the third time in the last four years. We finished our season with 21 wins and 11 losses. Over the last four years the Buffs have won 90 games and lost only 34. I am very, very proud of this years team and everyone who has proudly worn the Cross Plains uniform over the last four seasons.

In closing I want to tell you a story that

was told to Coach Mclean by a very respected student at Cross Plains High School. This student told Coach Mclean when she thinks of Cross Plains boys basketball over the last four years one word comes to her mind, "CLASS". That pretty well sums it up. Thanks for everything.

Callahan County Commissioners Voted To Approve Tax Waivers To Baird And Cross Plains Housing Authorities February 27

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve tax waivers to the Baird and Cross Plains Housing Authorities during the commissioners' regular meeting Monday, February 27 at the county courthouse in Baird.

County Judge Bill Johnson said the tax waiver granted to the two housing authorities is an annual occurrence.

Other items brought before the county commissioners included:

—Commissioners met with Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District directors in regards to maintenance on two flood control structures in the county.

The directors stated they received one bid to repair fences on the two flood control structures. Commissioners asked the SWCD directors to obtain more bids and repair the fences and to meet again with the commissioners' court.

—Commissioners were presented

The Kiwanis Pancake Supper that was postponed last Thursday night due to bad weather is rescheduled for today, March 9, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. The Kiwanis Club regrets any inconvenience the postponement may have been to anyone, but it was believed that it was necessary due to the inclement weather and accompanying

bad roads.

Club members are expecting an even larger crowd than originally planned for, so come on out and join in the good food

and fellowship. Cost is \$3.00 each for all you can eat, with sausage the first time through the line. See you there!

Co. Tax Office To Be Closed

The County Tax Office will be closed Monday, March 13th thru Wednesday, March 15th, and will reopen March 16th. The reason is, training will be going on to learn the new (RTS) Registration and Title System, the Department of Transportation has spent \$40 million and 6+ years development

time on. This will enable faster processing of documentation and record management for the people in this state. Texas is one of the last large states to have such a system.

It will be necessary not to have phone service during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Dismisses Early Friday

Cross Plains I.S.D. students will be dismissed early Friday, March 10 due to Spring Break. Buses will run at 1:35 p.m.

Spring Break will run March 13-17 with classes commencing Monday, March 20 at 8:10 a.m.

Filings For City And School Elections Slow

At this point one person has filed in the Cross Plains City Council election set for May 6. Councilman Ray Purvis has signed up for re-election. Councilmen Ray Purvis, Leon Nixon and Gary Childers' two year terms will be expiring and Gary Childers has announced that he will not seek re-election.

Only two candidates have filed in the school board election. Randy Foster has announced that he will seek re-election and Mark Norris is seeking his first term. Ron Bagley will not seek re-election. The three year terms of Barbara Sowell,

Randy Foster and Ron Bagley are expiring.

Applications for filing in the city election are available at the City Hall during their regular working hours through March 22.

Candidates wishing to file for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustee need to contact Barbara Sowell 817-725-7625 during the week of March 13-17, as the school office will be closed for spring break. Filing deadline for this election is also March 22.

Historical Commission To Start Project

The Callahan County Historical Commission is starting a project to document and map the location of all old, extinct schools in Callahan County. Nancy Young, of the Bayou area, is coordinating the project, assisted by those listed later in this article. They are seeking the location not only of the old rural schools which had a formal school district, but even the older, less formal schools, which may have had only a few pupils and lasted only a few years. The location of early town schools, academies, or "colleges" is also sought.

The assistance of the public is requested. If you have personal knowledge of the location of an old

school, or know someone who does, please contact Nancy Young or one of the following Commission members who are covering these sections of the County:

Northeast: Ida Mae Waddell and Hugh Shrader.

Southeast: Clara Nell Spencer, Beverly Ross, Susan McNeel.

Central: Nancy Young and Jackie Pruet.

North Central: Tom Ivey and Lynette Bowen.

Southwest: Dr. Paula Windham and Jamie Turner.

Northwest: Frances Bennett and Alleen Briscoe.

School Board Met Twice This Week

The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. met Monday, March 6 and followed this agenda:

1. OPEN FORUM
2. MEET WITH ARCHITECT IN REGARD TO SCHOOL FACILITIES
3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND DRAWINGS FOR FUTURE SCHOOL FACILITIES
4. DISCUSS SERVICES OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR
5. ADJOURN

The board also met again Wednesday, March 8 to address the following:

1. OPEN FORUM
2. MEET WITH FINANCIAL ADVISORS
3. MEET WITH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH CONCERNING NEW GAME UNIFORMS
4. DRIVER EDUCATION

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 95/96 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

6. TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

7. SCHOOL BUS AUCTION

8. REPAIRS TO HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND ELEMENTARY BUILDING

9. SET DATE TO CANVAS LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

10. REGION 14 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION

11. AMEND FEDERAL VOCATIONAL BUDGET

12. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

14. ACTION TO FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

15. ADJOURN

Information concerning the sessions was provided by Lee M. Thompson, Superintendent.

Roping Club To Hold Special Meeting, March 13

The Cross Plains Roping Club will hold a special meeting, Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the arena, weather permitting.

Final plans for the cook-off will be made so all members need to attend. Especially officers.



CHILDREN TELL STORIES AT LIBRARY—Zack Winters (from left),

Julie Anne Mack and MaCayla Cook.

"Learn About..." Program

Children in the "Learn About..." Program at the Cross Plains Public Library are introduced to a variety of new experiences. In the spring, the kindergarten-bound youngsters, the Greenbeans, tell stories for the group. Last Wednesday three of the group per-

formed, using flannel board materials.

MaCayla Cook, dressed as the leading character told "Sleeping Beauty". Then Julie Anne Mack, handling the props like a pro, told "Peter Pan". Zack Winters completed the stories of the morning, enjoying his presentation of "The Little Red Hen". The story-tellers all handled flannel board materials skillfully and changed voices for characterization.

The children volunteer to tell the stories and have a choice of flannel board or Big Book materials. The first Green Bean to volunteer this year was Hailey Biggs, who set a great example for the others with "The Three Bears". Visitors are welcomed.

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 12, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Cooleys Present Gospel Music At Pioneer Pentecostal Church March 16

The Cooleys (Haskell, JoLee and Cason) present a gospel music program called "A Time For Refreshing." They present gospel music vocally and instrumentally. This family's style of music is easy-listening and is designed to be enjoyed by young and old. In 1981, at the age of 2, Cason began singing with his mom and dad.

Several albums on which Haskell is pianist have been nominated for Grammy Awards by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. The Gospel Music Association and the Singing News Fan Awards have honored him by nominating him as Best Gospel

Musician. In the past he has been pianist for the Weatherfords and the Cathedral. JoLee's bass guitar playing is the perfect complement to their singing and to Haskell's piano playing.

Most of the songs they sing are written by themselves and regularly make the radio station's playlists across the nation. The Cooleys' full-time music ministry takes them throughout the United States and portions of Canada.

They are to be at Pioneer Pentecostal Church, Pioneer, Texas Thursday, March 16, 1995, 7:00 p.m. Free admission, Everyone welcome. Pastor Ruby E. McCowen

USDA Commodities Distributed Locally

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will distribute USDA commodities in Callahan county at Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center March 16, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.; at Putnam City Hall, March 15, from 11:30 to 12:00 noon; at Clyde Senior Center, March 15, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and at Baird VFW, March 15, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

C.T.O., Inc. has no control over what times are available or the quantity of the items. All locations of all commodities depends on the availability of food items from USDA.

All eligible persons will receive emergency food assistance without regard to race, color, age, national origin, political beliefs, religion or handicap. Shut-ins

are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them.

Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much needed program.

Project Pride Meets Tuesday, March 14

Project Pride regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard House on West Highway 36.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Preston L. Willis, assault.
Christopher Speckels, possession of marijuana.
Randy L. Walters, terroristic threat.
Charged with theft of property by check: Lisa K. Lee, Jay Lynn Proctor, Rick Weissirt.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jimmy Begley, theft charges dismissed due to restitution having been made.
Motions filed to revoke probations: D. E. Edward, Randy Tucker.
David M. Tonnison, DWI, \$400 fine \$205 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.
Probations discharged: Stanley L. Johnson, L.N. Henderson.

Carl E. Shiers, Jr., resisting arrest, \$1332 fine \$168 court costs.
Robert M. Cady, attorney at law, ordered to show cause for failure to appear in county court 3-2-95.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Henena Johansson Roosmark, Abilene, Sam Richard Hunt, Clyde.
Amy Shiree Wilson & Perry Dale Noe of Baird.

NEW VEHICLES

Jill Millican, Eastland, Dodge Housecar.
Mark Briley, Winters, Dodge PU.
Bill Deckers, Abilene, Ply Wgn.
Billy Patrick, Dyess AFB, Eagle 2 dr.
Danny Blankenship, Anson, Dodge PU.
Jimmy D. Thomas, Merket, Ply Housecar.
Gene & Bonnie Hewitt, Abilene, Dodge Housecar.
Dennis Woodard, Hawley, GMC PU.
Timothy Hughes, Abilene, Chev PU.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks presiding

Felony Minutes

Probations discharged, indictments dismissed: Joey Roy Cummings, Jr., Arthur Clay Daniel.

Garden Club Meeting Held On Feb. 9

The Cross Plains Garden Club met February 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center, 701 East 8th Street.
Roll call was answered by thirteen members naming their favorite butterfly.
The program was presented by Deputy Sheriff Kirk Beauchamp on the DARE program and Drugs. His guest was the drug dog. He showed the group what the dog could do in finding drugs. Hostesses were Mrs. Barbara Powell and Mr. Robert Powell.
Door prize was given by Sarah Brashar and won by Barbara Powell.
The next meeting will be March 11 at the Multi-Purpose Center at 2:00 p.m.

OBITUARY

Nell McGowen Foster

Nell McGowen Foster of Strathmore, California passed away Sunday, March 5, 1995. Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 9 in Lindsay, California.

Mrs. Foster was preceded in death by one brother Howard McGowen.

Survivors include one daughter, Eva Nell Cranston of Porterville, California; one brother, Buddy McGowen of Porterville, California; three sisters, Lucille Cooper of Rising Star, Ruth Merryman of Las Vegas, Nevada and Outhulla Moorehead of Lindsay, California; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews in this area.

Larry Robbins

Larry Robbins, 83, of Raywood, Texas, died Monday, February 27, 1995, at his residence in Raywood.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Allison Memorial Chapel with burial at the Oakdale Cemetery, under the direction of Allison Funeral Service, Inc.

A native of Cottonwood, he lived in Raywood for 20 years. He was a Field Super attendant for Texaco.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Robbing of Raywood; one son, Jim Robbins of Clear Lake; a sister, Melba Quinn of Portland, Maine; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Charles Loyd Burks

Charles Loyd Burks, 62, lifelong Abilene resident, died Tuesday, February 28, 1995, in a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Midway Cemetery with Ian Shelburne officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Mr. Burks was born in Abilene where he attended school. He worked as a self-employed mechanic and married Jessie Westbrook in 1950 in Abilene. He was a member of Northwest Church of Christ.
Survivors include his wife, of Abilene; two sons, Mike Burks and Johnny Burks, both of Abilene; on daughter, Debbie Turner of Abilene; one brother, Robert Burks of Cross Plains; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Presbyterian Medical Care Mission, 302 Medical Drive, Abilene 79602.

Jane Lynette Womack Starks

RISING STAR—Jane Lynette Womack Starks, 71, died Friday, March 3, 1995, at a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Haynes officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mrs. Starks was born in Cross Cut and had lived in Rising Star for many years. She was retired assistant postmaster and a Methodist. She married Pete Starks in 1942 in Rising Star.

Survivors include her husband, of Rising Star; one daughter, Sharon Kay Alford of Allen; two brothers, Jimmy Womack and Harold Womack, both of Abilene; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bobby Zed Reddell

Bobby Zed Reddell, 58, of Abilene died Sunday, March 5, 1995, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory, with the Rev. J. Lloyd Mayhew officiating. Burial was in Aspermont Cemetery in Aspermont.

Mr. Reddell was born in Knox City and grew up in Cross Plains and Abilene. He was a self-employed painter and a Methodist. He married Annette Provost in 1993 in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, of Abilene; one son, Bobby Luray Reddell of Michigan; two daughters, Dorene Smith of Fort Worth and Darla Kay Glidewell of Hurst; his mother, Thelma Reddell of Abilene; two stepdaughters, Susie Perez of Abilene and Jo Ann Dougherty of Austin; one stepson, Wayne Brock of Abilene; seven grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 41, Abilene 79604.

Unclaimed Property List Released

The Texas State Treasury released the annual Unclaimed Property list of newly

reported names. A complete publication may be found at county officials, public libraries and members of Legislature. A list of names with addresses unknown is also available.

Each name is due \$50 or more. You may claim your money by calling 1-800-654-3463 (Texas only) or 512-463-3120. Phone lines will be busy for the first few weeks.

Area listings are as follows:

- Cross Plains
- Austin, Sarah Johnston Trucks
- Lee, J.H.
- Vaughn, E.C. Mrs.
- Rising Star
- Breeding, Estelle S.
- Cox, James/Doris Gray, H.L.
- Jones, Kenneth N.
- Lusk, C.B. M/M
- Williams, M.
- Woods, Leonard T.



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Erwin of Dallas are the proud parents of a son, Alex, born on February 14, 1995. He weighed 8 3/4 pounds and 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Erwin of Dallas and great-grandmother Zella Erwin of Cross Plains.

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MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

We will be compelled to report on weather conditions this morning. The sun is trying so hard to break through, but the cloudiness seems to be winning at this time. Maybe later there will be some sunshine.

I always enjoy my chat with Lucille Callaway. She is like family to me. She had not heard from our children recently. I just hope they are all well. She reported that this is an A.A.R.P. day.

Reporting on our church services, there was good attendance. The program was very interesting. Dale Bishop led the special prayer service. The music program was excellent.

I chatted briefly with Sally Roady. She was not feeling well this morning. She reported on family activities she passed week. They talked to Cindy in Missouri, also to George in Dallas. They visited in Baird with N.S. and Ghetti Roady.

Mrs. Cole (Helen) Tillotson reported for their family. They celebrated several family birthdays during the weekend. They had special days in February and March.

Betty Beggs did not answer this morning. Also Nell Fleming did not answer. I do so hope they will call me each week when they have news to report.

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Big Country Cancer Coalition Meets, Tues. March 21

The next meeting for Sub-Region 1/3 of the Big Country Cancer Coalition will be Tuesday, March 21, 1995 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the Administrative Board Room of the West Central Texas Council of Governments' office located at 1025 E.N. 10th Street in Abilene.

Updates will be given on the progress of the Speakers' Bureau and the development of the Mobile Educational Module. Also available will be materials and information from other Texas Cancer Council projects. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

**Please note the change of date for the meeting; it was brought to my attention that the date of March 14 fell in the middle of most public school Spring Break periods. I apologize for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

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 Glen Shofner
 Duane Thomas

MARCH 11
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 Darrell Smithson
 Mrs. J. T. Sheppard
 Amanda Goble
 Carl McCord
 Bob Carthen
 Jimmy Gattis
 Vickie Moon
 Amber Denee Jennings
 Ronnie Gene Gregory
 Brenda Simpson
 Stacie Oliver
 Trudy Rae (Newman) Burks

MARCH 12
 Misty Kelly
 James Wilson
 Charley Wright
 Linda Sheppard
 Michael Dwayne Teague
 Mrs. Ray Lee
 Billy Faye Graham
 Tammy Jean Riffe
 Mrs. George Hoover
 Raenell Lancaster

MARCH 13
 Julia Morgan
 Bobby Havens
 Alice Parsons
 Christine Hutchins
 Perry Glenn Strickland
 Mrs. Daisy Rudloff
 Gaylon Jackson

MARCH 14
 Ricky Thomas
 Mrs. R. P. Haun
 Tony Carlisle
 Terry Harris
 Rodney Renfro
 Lisa Dawn Dickson
 Joy Gerking
 Louis E. Richardson
 Mrs. Jim Miller
 Freddy Night

MARCH 15
 Traci (Morgan) Franke
 Ethel Champion
 Debra Denise Stout
 Joe McNeel
 James Barr
 Betty Albrecht
 J. T. Beggs
 Vicky Nigam
 Tracy Lee Long
 Marian (Odom) Scott
 Randy Walker
 Colt Self
 William Hines
 Myra Irwin

MARCH 16
 Leonard Jay
 Beatrice Calhoun
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 Shanda McClure
 Ralph A. Koenig
 Mrs. Buddy Hardin
 Eddy Don Edmondson
 Becky Self
 Janna Pickett
 Mark Baum
 Estelle Freeland
 Robert Kuner

ASCS NEWS

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INSURANCE

Anyone who will receive USDA benefits in 1995 will be required to purchase at least FCIC catastrophic insurance coverage for all insurable crops of economic significance in each county where benefits are requested. Existing CRP contracts, ACP cost-shares, and FMHA loans, and/or wool/mohair incentive payments are exempt from this requirement, if these are all of the USDA benefits being requested. Even though a crop may not be a participating crop, insurance will be required for the non-participating crop if any other USDA benefits are being received. Example: Producer plants grain sorghum but does not participate in the grain sorghum program. Same producer plants wheat and participates in the wheat program. Producer will be required to obtain insurance for the grain sorghum crop and the wheat crops because the producer is receiving USDA benefits from the wheat crop. Peanut producers who plant wheat, but do not participate in the wheat program, must purchase insurance for the wheat crop and the peanut crop, in order to remain eligible for the quota loan for SEG II & III peanuts. This insurance requirement applies to everyone who receives, direct USDA benefits, including landlords and tenants. Insurable crops in Callahan County include: wheat, oats, barley, peanuts, grain sorghum, cotton, and nursery crops. Catastrophic coverage (CAT) will satisfy this insurance requirement or you can purchase buy-up coverage from a sales agent. The CAT coverage costs \$50.00 per crop, per producer, per county. The deadline for purchasing 1995 CAT coverage insurance is March 15, 1995.

1995 FARM PROGRAM

Sign up for the 1995 wheat, Feed Grains, and Cotton Programs is underway and will continue through April 28, 1995. Appointments to enroll your farm into the 1995 program may be made by calling 915/854-1049. 1995 Farm Program details include:

	ACR	Projected	Advance
	(set aside)	Payment	Payment
% of Base	Rate	Rate	Rate
Wheat	0%	.70bu	.35bu
Corn	7.5%	.40bu	.20bu
Milo	0%	.39bu	.195bu
Barley	0%	.40bu	.20bu
Oats	0%	.10bu	.05bu
Cotton	0%	.0370lb	.0185lb

- 1) Advance payments will be available at 50% of the projected payment rate for each crop.
- 2) For Wheat and Feed Grains - a 0/85 option is available if CU for pay acres are given.
- 3) For Cotton - A 50/85 option is

available if at least 50 percent of the maximum payment acres are planted to cotton and CU for pay acres are reported for cotton.

1994 DISASTER PROGRAM

This is a reminder that March 31, 1995 is the final date to sign-up for the 1994 Disaster Assistance Program. If you have greater than a 65% loss on a crop that you are filing disaster on, you will be required to purchase crop insurance for 1995 for that crop. Keep in mind the deadline for purchasing insurance is March 15, 1995 and the deadline for filing for disaster is March 31, 1995.

1995 SMALL GRAIN PULL-OFF DATE

The Callahan County CFSA Committee has determined that producers must remove livestock by March 1, 1995 from any small grain acreages that are going to be carried to harvest. The committee has determined that the livestock must be removed by this date to give the crop a chance to make grain. Any grain acreages not pulled off by March 1, 1995 are subject to a yield reduction.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 15, 1995 - Last day to Purchase "CAT" insurance
- March 31, 1995 - Last day to enroll in the 1994 Disaster Program
- April 28, 1995 - Last day to enroll 1995 Farm Program. Last day to certify small grains. Last day to certify acreages for CAT Insurance purposes.

Scott Odom, Acting CED

CROSS PLAINS POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1995

- 51 CALLS FOR SERVICE**
- 6 - assist other departments
 - 5 - assist citizens
 - 7 - assist motorist
 - 11 - citizen complaints
 - 2 - welfare concern
 - 4 - attempt to locate
 - 5 - suspicious vehicles
 - 1 - family disturbances
 - 2 - livestock calls
 - 1 - dog call
 - 3 - burglary of building
 - 3 - J.P. court
 - 1 - unauthorized use of motor vehicle
- 4 ARREST**
- 36 CITATIONS
 - 3 - expired vehicle registration
 - 33 - speeding

Special Tax Credit For Low-Income Families

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

The EIC (Earned Income Credit) is a special credit for certain workers. It reduces tax you owe, and it may give you a refund even if you don't owe any tax.

To be eligible for the credit, you must meet the following situations:

- (1) Have a qualifying child under 18 years of age or 21 and a full-time student;
- (2) and your taxable income is less than \$23,755 for one child and \$25,296 for two or more children;
- (3) if you don't have a qualifying child and you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) is at least 25 years old but under age 65 at the end of 1994;
- (4) you cannot be claimed as a dependent on another claim;
- (5) and you lived in the United States more than half of 1994; and
- (6) your taxable earned income is less than \$9,000.

This year there is a EIC available for taxpayers without children if you meet the guidelines stated above.

The credit can be as much as \$306 if you don't have a qualifying child. If you have a qualifying child, the credit can be as much as \$2,038, and \$2,528 with two or more qualifying children.

The Earned Income Credit was provided to give low-income parents an extra incentive for working and staying off welfare rolls.

Earned Income Credit is the only credit that is refundable. That means it can go to a family whose income is so low that it owes no tax but can receive a refund check of up to \$2,528.

To find out about Earned Income Credit call Pauniece Oglesby (725-6772) to make an appointment with an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

Activities in the Cottonwood community for the month of March:

March 12 Cottonwood Baptist Church 11:00 a.m. services Orchestra Sunday

March 17 Cottonwood Musical Cottonwood Community center

March 21 "Get Acquainted Gathering Coffee" Cottonwood Community Center 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

March 26 Cottonwood Baptist Church 11:00 a.m. services Youth Sunday

March 26 Cottonwood Baptist Church 7:00 p.m. Sing Spritration Night

Two young blue heeler female dogs were abandoned in the Cottonwood vicinity a week ago. This causes a great concern for residents due to the dogs condition and the rabies alert in the state. We feel some child or youngster is grieving for their lost pet that disappeared recently. It is sad to see people

abuse their animals this way. The coyote and skunk population have increased greatly in the area. We urge every one to have their pets vaccinated, spayed and neutered.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Creamer, Forrest and Nathan are happy to announce the arrival of Victoria Lynn Creamer born on February 28 at 12:44 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Barbara Albrecht and Eddy Albrecht; great-grandparents are Maxine Wise of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; Amy Albrecht and Bill Smith of Cottonwood; Paternal grandparents are Grady Creamer of Wyoming; Jeanette Ray of Midlothian and great-grandparent, Isla Stroud of Cottonwood.

We are glad to report Mary Van Der Linden was able to return home on Tuesday from her surgery and long confinement in Abilene Regional Hospital. We all wish you a speedy recovery Mary.

Windbreak Trees To Be Sold

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will be taking orders for windbreak trees left over from the previous windbreak tree sale. "Some varieties of windbreak trees that were sold during the windbreak tree sale are still available to those wanting trees on a first come, first serve basis", says Chance Walker, Range Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Baird.

Currently, all varieties of the evergreens are still available. These varieties include the Afghanistan pine, Eastern redcedar, Arizona cypress and the Austrian pine. These trees will be sold for \$2.50 each or 30 for \$65.00.

There are also several varieties still available in the bare-rooted hardwoods. These include the Russian olive,

Nanking cherry, Sandcherry, Desert willow, Catalpa and Little walnut. These trees are sold in bundles of 25 for \$10.00 or 100 for \$35.00.

These supplies of trees will be going fast, so orders need to be placed quickly in order to insure that the variety you want is still available. Orders can be placed in person at the Soil Conservation Service Field Office located across from the Courthouse in Baird or by phone at (915) 854-1349. All trees will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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You know, maybe — just maybe — people did descend from animals! No don't take me too seriously because I don't really believe in organic evolution — but some people are stubborn as mules when it comes to doing certain things, others are sly as a fox in business deals, some are busy as bees spreading the latest gossip, and quiet as a mouse in spreading good news. Some have eyes like a hawk to see the faults of others, and are mean as a snake when they don't get their way. They are eager as beavers to get into mischief — but lazy as a dog when it comes to doing something good. They are noisy as crows when someone else is speaking, and slow as a snail in their work. Many are night owls on Saturday night — and bedbugs on Sunday morning. Others are slippery as eels when you are looking for some help, and scarce as hens teeth when there's help to be given.

We get the point don't we? Now if you are described herein, needless to say, you need to turn these facts around. There are times to be like animals in some of their traits. Jesus told His twelve apostles as He sent them out to teach: "I am sending you out as sheep among wolves; therefore, be as wise as snakes and as innocent as doves," Matthew 10:16. So let us be "busy as bees" in spreading good news (especially the Good News) — and "quiet as a mouse" in spreading any gossip of the like.

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ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. N.V. GIBBS

It was a beautiful sight to see, ice on all the tree limbs and on the roof tops. It was also a cold day to be outside for farm chores. That's when the cattle and sheep want extra feed. Let's hope warmer days for this coming week.

Dorothy Reynolds attended the Evangelistic conference in the Clyde First Baptist Church Sunday night.

Brad Watson of Arlington spent the weekend with his parents, the Robert Watson's.

Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin had a surprise letter from their friends of Sylvester where they knew each other during their school days. They had seen the 65th wedding anniversary picture in the Abilene paper. The two couples were good friends that hadn't kept up with each other over the years. Her friend is Mozell Cross. Her letter gave Vernie Belle the news of her family during this in between time.

Dorothy Reynolds reported meeting up with Jessie Odom and her daughter Marian Scott and some visiting took place.

It is good to meet up with any Rowden people whether it's at home or in town. Two other persons Juanita Rawson (Swafford) and her brother Leonard Swafford and his wife, Helen of DeLeon have bought a house in Baird and are living there. Juanita Swafford and Leonard are brother and sister of Pete Swafford of Rowden. We are happy that they are near to all the one-tome Rowden people.

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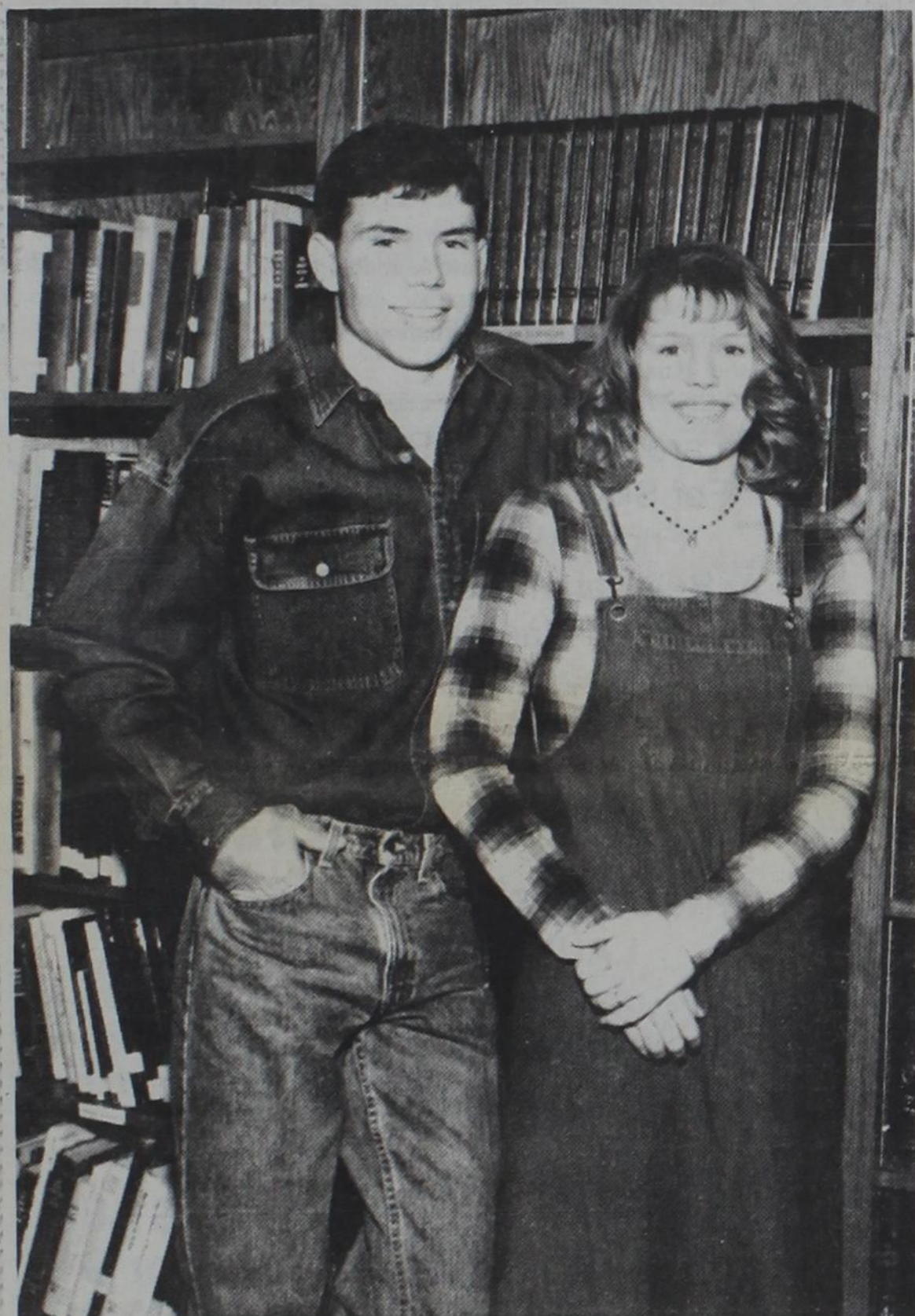
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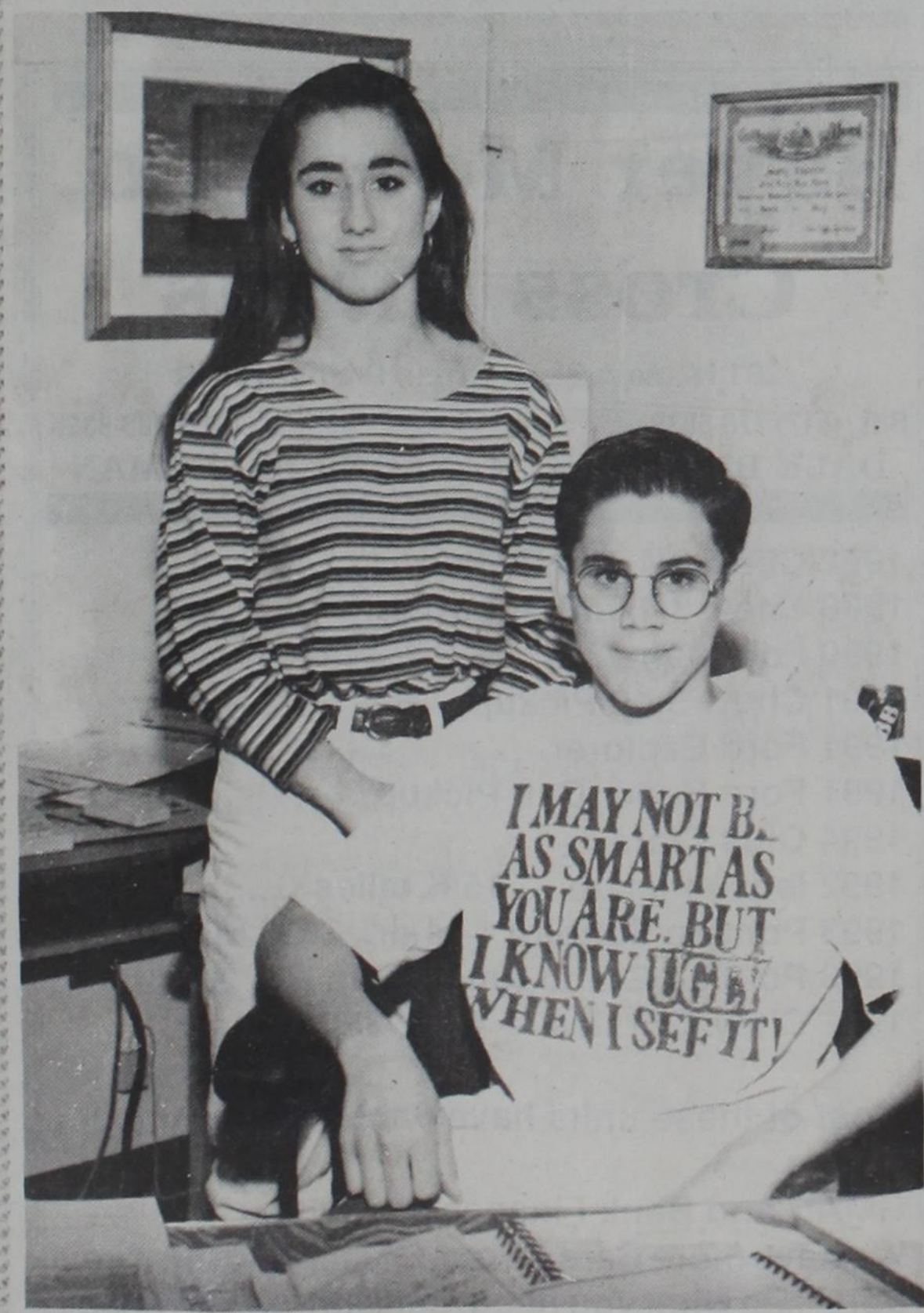
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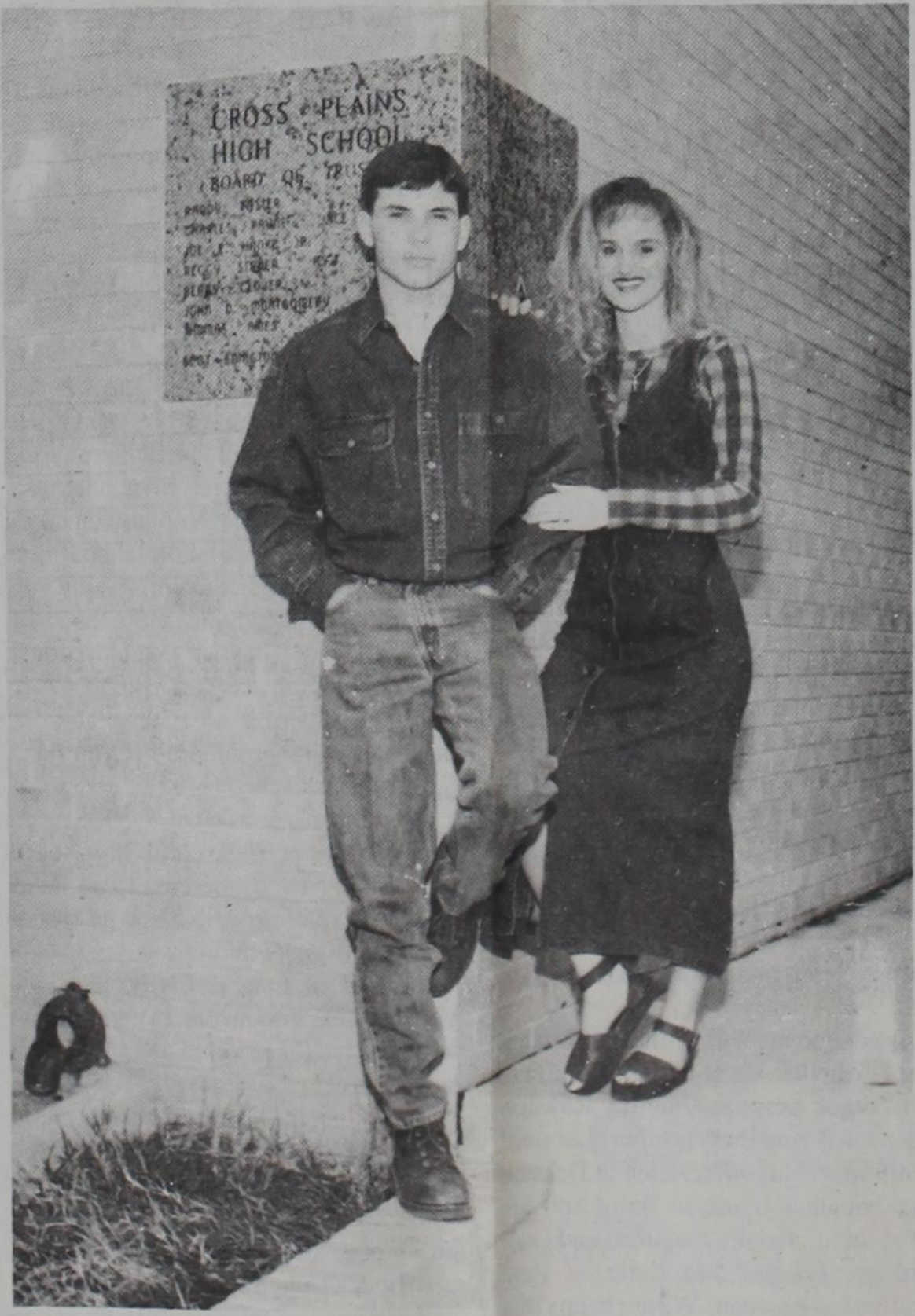
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TEXAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Shooting Sports Practice

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports had a good turnout for their first practice day for the 1995 season. There were many new shooters and their parents. We want to welcome them.

The experienced shooters showed they were still very skillful this year. There were lots of silhouettes knocked down, lots of clay targets broken and lots of arrows hitting the targets.

Everyone had an enjoyable time.

The next practice will be Sunday afternoon, March 12th.

4-H Leader Training

A 4-H Leader Training for new shooting sports leaders was held on Saturday, March 4, in the County Extension Office.

Eleven new leaders received training in History of 4-H, 4-H Philosophy, How to Teach and Teaching Aspects of Rifle and Shot Gun Training. The following 4-H Leaders were certified as Rifle Instructors: Joe Speckels of Clyde, Lynn Wilson, Gary Franke, Richard Wharton and Charlie Greenway of Baird.

Certified as shotgun instructors were Cookie Robinson, Lynn Tatom and Kelly Young of Clyde; Mike Carcy of Cross Plains, Randy Tyler and David Nichols of Oplin.

Instructors for the day long clinic for the new leaders were Terry Ellis of Oplin and Bob and Cookie Robinson of Clyde.

Our congratulations to all the new leaders and we are looking forward to working with them in this project area.

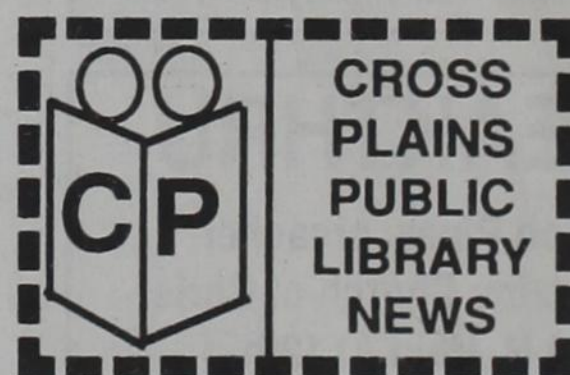
The first practice session at the new Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Range was held on Tuesday, March 5. 4-H'ers or potential 4-H'ers who would like to join and participate in this project area are asked to contact the County Extension Office at 915-854-1518.

Education programs provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

4-H'er Deadline

Callahan County 4-H'ers are reminded that the deadline for submitting State 4-H futurity entries is March 13. 4-H'ers or new 4-H'ers must fill out nomination forms by the 13th in order for the entries to arrive at A&M University on the 15th.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office at 915-854-1518.



February 27-March 3

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 13 — MARCH 17
SPRING BREAK

By LENEEL SLIGER
Reporter

The Comanche County Car Club met at Cook's Fish Barn on February 14. A wonderful Catfish Dinner along with Valentines Cake was enjoyed by the crowd.

Our visitors were Mack and Jon Davis and Jack and Nell Walls. They seemed to have had a good time and we hope they

Greeting From Senior Citizens Of Cross Plains

By THELMA LONG

The new heating system is real nice, especially these last few cold days. We no longer have to raise our voice to be heard above the old loud mouth heating unit.

On our special day (of serving chicken and dumpling) we had over 50 people signing the register. That's great! Our visitors were: Larmen and Marie McMillan, J.D. and Jean Moore, Margaret Allison, Joe Howser, Bob and Ruby Wallace, George Wheeler and James Johnson from Lometa, Mrs. Nash Tucker, Francis Tyson, Jewel Foster and her "kidos", Lois Henderson, Velma Chambers from Brownwood, Billie Chambers from May and our friend Arnold Horton from Rising Star. If any name was left out, it was not intentional. We were happy to have you and want you to come again, especially you that are from Cross Plains. Ruby McCowen and sons Burl and Bobby Jack played some beautiful music. Our thanks to the McCowens.

Claudia Watkins and June Hickman were back. We have missed them. Claudia has health problems and can not come often.

Hazel Marsh had her sons for a visit. They ate with us on Wednesday.

Earl Mosley has been out of town again. We missed him. Welcome back Earl.

We are missing Pearl Greenwood, Ila Mae Marshall and Delores Garret. Hopefully they will be back soon.

On Thursday, the van made a trip to Baird for a Chili Supper at the Senior Citizens Center. Those going were: Chuck and Elva Woody, Fay Jackson, Mary Bates, Esther Kerr, Nash Tucker and Vicky Worley. Returning through Putnam, local historical land marks were pointed out by Chuck Woody. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The center was closed Thursday, due to the cold weather. That's good as we seniors did not need to be out on that ice. The little daffodils are hanging their heads. They look so sad. This reporter is ready for spring.

French Proverb: "Write injuries in sand, kindness in marble."

will join us again.

There was no new pig award given out because James Wyatt, last month's winner, was on a trip and unable to attend. That's o.k. because as hard as James worked for that pig he deserves to keep it another month. James, so you'll know it was mentioned that Pedro Westmoreland would have made a good candidate this time so keep that in mind.

David Sliger started the meeting and Rae Jean Hasty read the minutes from the last meeting and she also gave the treasurer's report. Both were accepted by the club and Rae Jean did a fine job.

Those having been to car show activities the past month were: Pedro Westmoreland had been to a sock hop at Bosier City and he had also been to San Antonio Jake Westmoreland had been to Stephenville and Clarence and Nelda Evett and David and Lenell Sliger and their family had been to the World of Wheels in Abilene. Glenda and J.S. Ripley were going to show their Corvette in this show but they have been busy with some new grandchildren the past few weeks, which goes to show some things are more important sometimes than cars. Congratulations on those new grandkids!

Bess Moore said she still had Car Club Caps for sale, if anyone wants one give Bess a call.

New business this time was a discussion about a swap meet or if there was going to be a swap meet. A committee was selected to check on swap meet details for later in the year.

Up coming events for March are: March 3-5, Fort Worth Car Show; March 18, 11:00 a.m. Dublin Parade in Dublin; March 11, Independent, Texas Travelers Rod Run, Pleasanton; March 12, Old Car Picnic, San Jacinto; March 11 and 12, Lockhart; March 18 and 19, The Joy Ride, Freeport and March 25 and 26, Spindletop Rod Run, Beaumont.

PIONEER COMMUNITY NEWS

By EARLENE BURGE

Most everyone I've talked to have stayed close to home through the week because of the icy weather.

Nell Fleming said the weather had kept her home and she was glad to be out Sunday to attend Sunday school and church. Afterward she had lunch with Lorene Bryson and her daughter Katy Williams from Abilene.

Barbara and Bob Powell were also happy to get out for a walk Sunday. They checked on an owl they have been watching build a nest in a tree near the golf course.

Irma Miller has passed on this infor-

mation about a musical program at the Pentecostal Church on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. The musicians are the well known "Cooley Family". They are husband and wife, their teenage son and 11 year old daughter. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you like gospel music you will want to hear this family.

Cindy Barr visited her parents Reggy and Glenda Barr Sunday. Cindy has been preparing for a trip to Alaska during spring break, from her teaching job in Breckenridge. She will be visiting friends who are teachers in Alaska.

Frankie and Oliver Smith and Jean Fore went to Eastland on Saturday to do some shopping. That night they attended the musical at Sipe Springs.

Janice and Kali Phillips, daughter-in-law and granddaughter of Glenda and Vernon Phillips, went with the local group of 4-H girls to Heartland Mall in Early to spend the night. They were joined by all area 4-H girls. They had games and entertainment for the girls. I guess you could say they had a giant slumber party.

I drove to Brownwood Friday (enjoyed the winter scenery) to visit my grandchildren, Cynthia and Jon Ochoa, Delicia and Andrew and Cameron Chisholm. We had dinner together and watched a tape of "The Lion King". It was played for little Cameron, but we all enjoyed watching it.

"For by thy words thou shall be justified, and by thy words thou shall be condemned." - Matthew 12:37.

After the up coming events were discussed it was decided that a donation would be given to a local family that had lost their home recently to a fire.

Jake Westmoreland had bought a new car, A sharp looking 31 Ford Coupe. T.J. Dudley had bought a new 4 door pickup and it was reported that Franke Hall had bought coffee sometime or another.

The meeting was then adjourned and visitation began.

We can not thank J.C. and Katie Cook enough for all they do for our club they are very much appreciated.

If you like to eat great catfish and talk cars then join us on March 14 for our next meeting. See Ya There!

By LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

Talk about changes in the weather. Spring like for a couple of days then turn around it's winter. During those cold icy days two of our residents made cute comments. Everett Wright said it's cold going to have to bring out the red flannels and Mary Keele said we all need to put on our long johns.

Our appreciation to Connie Swift and Barbara Sowell for helping us out with Wednesday morning singing, to Pete Golson for the candy, to Ray Dodd for the sour dough bread and chili and to Debbie Thomas for the brownies.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were: Sylvia Smith, Allie Dickson (2), Midge McCall (2), Mildred Ford (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Gertie Powell (2), Mary Keele, Suma Dill, Elsie Porter and Ressa Glover. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Popcorn and dominoes.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Connie Swift and Barbara Sowell. Harmonica Time with Vernon Falkner.

Thursday: Bingo winners were:

Midge McCall (3), Mary Keele (4), Allie Dickson (2), Gertie Powell (2), Vera Belyeu, Suma Dill and Ressa Glover. Exercise class.

Friday: Sit-down-basketball. Afternoon singing with Bob Wallace. Dominoes.

Sunday: Believer's Fellowship. A special friend warms the season.

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"special payments", they may be excluded from the annual report, according to Ken Hargis, manager of the Abilene Social Security office.

"Special payments are earnings you received after you began getting Social Security benefits for work you did before," Hargis stated. "If you worked as an employee, earnings received after retirement count as a special payment if the last thing you did to earn the payment was completed before you stopped working for your employer."

Beneficiaries under 65 who earned at least \$8,040 in 1994 and those aged 65 to 69 who earned at least \$11,160 must report their earnings to Social Security by April 1. Earnings over the limit reduce benefits \$1 for every \$2 for beneficiaries under 65, and \$1 for every \$3 for beneficiaries 65-69. Beneficiaries 70 and older are not subject to the earnings limits.

Some special payments to employees include: bonuses, accumulated vacation or sick pay, severance pay, back pay, standby pay, sales commissions, payments on account of retirement, or deferred compensation reported on a W-2 form for one year that was earned in a previous year. These amounts may be shown on your W-2 in the box labeled "Nonqualified Plan."

If you were self-employed, net income received after the first year you retire counts as a special payment if you performed the services to earn the payment before you were entitled to receive Social Security benefits. "Services" are any regular work or other significant activity you do for your business. Some special payments to self-employed people include income derived by an owner of a business who does not perform significant services in that business, farm agricultural program payments, income from carryover crops, royalties paid to a person over 65 for a copyright or patent created before age 65, and commissions on insurance policies sold before retirement.

If your earnings in 1994 exceeded the limit but include an amount you think may be considered a special payment, contact Social Security before you file your annual report. Tell us you think your earnings for 1994 include a special payment. If we agree, we will not count the amount of the payment as part of your total earnings for 1994. To reach us, please call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Free Income Tax Service

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Through the Tax-Aide program, volunteers provide free personal income tax assistance to the Senior Citizens, low-income families and the general public with basic tax returns. Individuals with complicated tax returns will be advised to seek professional tax assistance.

Volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to understand those provisions of the tax code that affect Senior Citizens as well as the low and middle income families. Tax-Aide volunteers provide personal, one-on-one assistance to help you complete your federal tax returns, including special rebate programs.

Tax-Aide volunteers are available from February 1 to April 15 each year. There will be only one volunteer working the Cross Plains area using the Multi-Purpose Center on East 8th Street as headquarters. Tax returns will be prepared by APPOINTMENT ONLY so you will need to call the volunteer (Pauniece Oglesby, 817-725-6772) for an appointment. The volunteer in Cross Plains is Pauniece Oglesby. Mrs. Oglesby prefers to volunteer on Tuesdays, but will make appointment on other days if necessary.

When you meet with a Tax-Aide volunteer, you should bring the following: (1) a copy of last year's (1994) income tax return, (2) any W-2 forms you have received showing your income from working, (3) all 1099 forms you have received which show the interest and/or dividends, (4) all 1099-R forms which show all pension monies paid to you, (5) form SSA-1099 which shows the Social Security paid to you, (6) records of any other income you have received, and (7) receipts or cancelled checks for any of your medical/dental expenses and any contributions you have made to charities.

This is a community service available to those stated above and the Tax-Aide volunteers are eager to be of assistance, so please call for an appointment and let me assist you.

SSA Prosecutes Individuals For Fraud

Attempting to defraud the Social Security Administration (SSA) can lead to criminal investigation and prosecution, with stringent penalties for conviction, including imprisonment, fines, and mandatory restitution of funds. Additional fines may result from subsequent civil suits. One individual who was prosecuted for filing multiple fraudulent disability claims received all four of these types of penalties following his conviction on both criminal and civil charges.

In addition to state-of-the-art systems security safeguards to protect your records, SSA has trained employees nationwide to detect potential fraud situations.

Fraudulent activity can take various forms. Individuals may file false claims or make false statements, or conceal factors such as work that will affect their entitlement to benefits. Claimants may also falsify medical evidence in order to establish their eligibility for disability benefits.

Nonclaimants may also attempt to defraud these programs through theft and forgery of benefit checks, or by concealing the death of beneficiaries with intent to fraudulently continue receiving their payments. Other examples involve representative payee misuse of funds received on behalf of another, the filing of fraudulent social Security applications, and schemes to print or sell social Security cards.

All suspected fraud cases are referred for investigation and prosecution. The efforts of alert SSA employees contributed to the successful prosecution of the following cases:

◊ A Washington, D.C. woman was investigated for receiving widow's benefits exceeding \$60,000 that were issued to her mother, who had died many years ago. Instead of criminal prosecution, the woman was charged under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, whereby penalties may triple the amount of damages that can be assessed. In this case, the judge imposed a civil penalty of \$196,800, payable to Social Security.

◊ Nine individuals in Alabama were investigated for stealing Social Security benefit checks. The checks were stolen from mailboxes and negotiated using false identification documents. The individuals were charged with various counts of possession of stolen mail, forgery of Government checks, and aiding and abetting. All nine pleaded guilty and received sentences of up to 15 months in jail, five years probation, and were ordered to make full restitution, totalling \$24,280.

◊ A bookkeeper for a Georgia nursing home pleaded guilty to 76 counts of embezzlement and three counts of tax evasion after investigation showed that

132 Social Security checks for patients had not been deposited in the nursing home account. The woman was sentenced to 33 months in jail, three years probation, and was ordered to make restitution of \$74,943.

SSA takes most seriously its responsibility for protecting the confidentiality of personal information about wage earners. Sophisticated systems safeguards monitor employee access to computer records and establish an audit trail each time a sensitive file is accessed. A review is automatically triggered whenever there is an unusual pattern of access. Other measures have been implemented to ensure that all employees are aware of their responsibility with respect to confidentiality of records, and the penalties for noncompliance.

HSU Accepting Applications For New Program

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology is accepting applications for its new Master of Divinity program this fall.

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Locally Known Young Lady Honored By Optimists Recently

Lauren Ogden was honored as the Optimist Club's Girl of the Month for February at the club's regular weekly meeting at Henderson Memorial Hospital.

She is a senior at Henderson High School.

Lauren, the daughter of Richard and Carolyn Ogden, has a grade point average of 97.79. She was a member of the Student Council for two years; Academic Octathlon and Decathlon; Fellowship of Christian Athletes for one year; Helping Hands for one year; JETS for two years; and the National Honor Society.

Her favorite course of study, she said, is math "because it is the easiest and requires the least amount of studying. It is also very logical and has exact answers, unlike life."

Lauren said her favorite teacher is Mrs. Zullynn Leverett. "She cares about her students personally, and she is very funny. She uses a lot of wit and sarcasm, both of which I like. She was also very easy to talk with outside of school."

Her most difficult subject, she said, is English, because "I had to learn and memorize specific facts. Every story in literature that I read was subject different interpretations. I do not enjoy making note cards for research papers."

Lauren's participation in extracurricular activities included: band, seven years; Section leader (French Horn); All-Region Band 7-12 grades; All-Region Orchestra 9th-11th; All-Area Band or Orchestra 9th-12th; performed French horn and piano solos at solo and ensemble contest; outstanding brass award at SFASU Band Camp (two years); and leader and organizer of jazz band for 1994-95 school year.

"I have learned responsibility and the importance of remembering to do all the slightest details or they won't get done," Lauren said when asked what her participation in extracurricular activities had done for her. "I have learned patience, endurance and the value of keeping my word."

Her favorite instructor is her French horn teacher, Dr. Charles Gavin. "He brings out the best in me when I play the French horn. His optimistic and realistic philosophy encouraged me going on even when the results were not great after a competition."

She is a member of Westminister Bible Church where she is a member of the youth group and pianist. She attended the Carmen Concert in the Oil Palace in 1992 and went on a mission trip to the Ukraine in 1993.

Asked how church has influenced her life, she said, "It has helped me set my standards and keep them. The Ukraine trip showed me how much we take for granted here—running water, air conditioning, gasoline, full grocery stores. I became closer to God and I am very thankful of the life I have."

Lauren's plans after high school are to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon and major in music education with emphasis in French horn and piano.

To her parents, Lauren said, "Thank you for life, love and freedom. You provided a strong foundation upon which to build my character. You also let me

choose the activities that I want to do. You taught me how to live." Lauren is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell of Cross Plains.

Social Security: What's In It For The "Thirty-Something?"

So you're "thirty-something" and you've been working and paying into Social Security for 10 years or more. Now, you're thinking about the years that lie ahead until you're "sixty-something" and can start receiving social Security retirement benefits. This is a good news/bad news situation.

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But there's more to Social Security than just the monthly checks you'll receive when you retire. All through those years you are working and paying into Social Security, you and your family are protected by the disability and survivors programs.

This means that if you become disabled and are unable to do any kind of work for which you are suited for at least 12 months, you could receive monthly Social Security disability checks. To get those checks, you must have worked and paid Social Security taxes for up to five years just prior to becoming disabled, and earned enough credits to be fully insured—no more than 10 years of work.

The chances of becoming disabled or dying before reaching retirement age are not as remote as you may think. Studies show that about 42 percent of men and 30 percent of women will die or become disabled before reaching their retirement years. If this happens to you, not only would you receive Social Security benefits, but your spouse and young children may qualify as well. No one likes to think that they will be disabled or die before enjoying a long life. But it should be comforting to know that if the unthinkable happens, you and your family will have a safety net.

To learn more about the Social Security programs and what they mean to you, call or visit your Social Security office and ask for a copy of "Understanding Social Security." You also can call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

Two-fold Use Of State Jail Sites Will Not Include Violent Offenders

The use of state jails as transfer facilities for regular prison inmates has been publicly acknowledged and a planned part of the state jail concept since the Legislature authorized the system in 1993.

But that does not include housing violent offenders in the facilities. I regret that Texans in some areas have been needlessly alarmed by erroneous reports that "rapists and murderers" were coming to their area jails.

The co-use of state jails as transfer facilities was publicly discussed when the law authorizing state jails was passed in 1993. It was discussed and covered by the news media at Texas Board of Criminal Justice meetings in 1993 and 1994. It was published in the Texas Register and it was covered in a state jail implementation report to the Legislature last summer.

Today, Texas is fortunate that our prison expansion program has given us enough capacity to house all violent inmates in maximum security prisons.

We put every new inmate through testing and diagnostics to determine his or her likelihood of violent behavior. We don't rely on an inmate's conviction offense because we know that truly violent persons are often convicted of so-called "non-violent" crimes.

Our diagnostic process determines an inmate's security classification which in turn determines whether the inmate goes

to a minimum, medium or maximum security facility.

Obviously, we don't put violent inmates in minimum security units in regular prisons and we won't do it with state jails either. Strict use of a proven security classification system is critical for the safety of the public, staff, property and the prisoners themselves.

By mandate of the Legislature, we are building 25,000 state jail beds in 18 locations. Today, we have nearly 5,000 of these beds completed. But as of today, we have only 163 state jail confinees. Unless and until the court system produces significantly more state jail offenders, the alternative is for these beds to stand empty.

That is absolutely not necessary. The mission of the state jails can be accomplished to its fullest, totally without compromise, in tandem with a non-threatening, segregated use of the balance of the state jail sites.

The Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council recently surveyed all felons waiting in county jails for transfer to state prisons. The survey showed that 83 percent were convicted of non-violent, drug and property related crimes of the same nature as state jail offenses. That is the pool of prisoners where our testing and diagnostics can identify non-violent inmates suitable for housing in the transfer facilities.

Most Frequently Asked Questions About SSI

Those of us who work at social Security sometimes assume most people know at least enough about SSI to know when they may be eligible to apply for benefits. Sadly, this is not necessarily the case. Many people have never heard of SSI, and those who have heard of SSI probably don't know enough about SSI to know when they may be eligible. This column will answer basic questions about the SSI program, questions most frequently asked when people first hear about SSI.

What we mean by "SSI"?
SSI is short for "Supplemental Security Income."

Who can get SSI?
The SSI program pays monthly benefits to people who are 65 or older, or blind, or have a disability, and who have little income and few resources that can be turned into cash. Monthly benefits can go to disabled and blind children, too.

Blind means you are either legally blind or have very poor eyesight. Children as well as adults can get benefits because of blindness.

Disabled means you have a physical or mental problem that keeps you from working and is expected to last at least a year or to result in death. (Children as well as adults can get benefits because of disability.)

For the purpose of SSI eligibility, how are "income and resources" defined?

"Income" is the money you receive, such as wages, Social Security checks, and pensions. Income also includes certain non-cash items you receive such as food, clothing, or shelter. Resources include items such as real estate, personal belongings, bank accounts, cash, and stocks and bonds. Social Security doesn't count everything you own, however.

How does someone sign up for SSI?
Just visit your local Social Security office or call us at 1-800-772-1213 for an appointment with a Social Security representative who will help sign you up.

You should bring with you when you apply: your Social Security card; your birth certificate; information about the home where you live, such as your mortgage or your lease and landlord's name; your checkbook, bank statement, or other documents that show your name and bank account number; your most recent W-2 form, or your tax return if you're self-employed; and your military discharge papers if you had military service.

You must bring or mail the original documents, or certified copies, to the local Social Security office, where they will be photocopied and returned to you.

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