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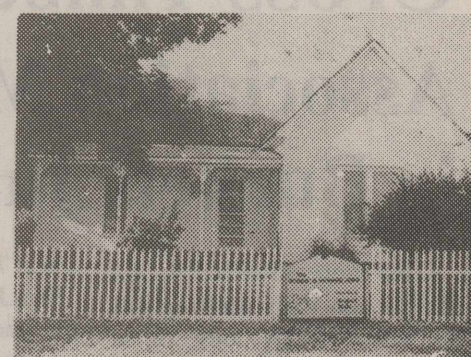
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EDITOR'S NOTE: I just loved the message the following story tells. It is so true! Please read and apply the theory to your life. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"Life Is An Echo"

A son and his father were walking in the mountains. Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: "AAAhhhhhhhhh!"

To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain: "AAAhhhhhhhhh!"

Curious he yells: "Who are you?" He receives the answer: "Who are you?"

Angered at the response, he screams: "Coward!" He receives the answer: "Coward!"

He looks to his father and asks: "What's going on?" The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention." And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!" The voice answers: "I admire you!"

Again the man screams: "You are a champion!" The voice answers: "You are a champion!"

The boy is surprised, but does not understand. Then the father explains: "People call this echo, but really this is life. It gives you back everything you say or do.

Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence.

This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; life will give you back everything you have given it.

Author Unknown

Sales tax holiday set for August 2-4

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that the annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up August 2 through August 4.

"Start making your shopping list for school clothes for the kids and new clothes for mom and dad," Comptroller Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Rylander estimates Texans will save \$42 million in sales tax during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, including \$33.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.8 million in local sales taxes.

"I believe Texans will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther as they shop for a new school year," Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying clothing and footwear."

The savings from Texas' three Sales Tax Holidays thus far total approximately \$108.2 million, including an estimated \$85.3 million in state sales tax and an estimated \$22.9 million in local sales taxes.

"That's \$108 million that Texans have been able to keep in



PHIL SCHAEFER

Liveoak Land and Real Estate Announces Phil Schaefer as Agent

Phillip Schaefer has recently completed state licensing requirements to be a Real Estate Sales Agent.

Phil, born in Cisco in 1953, attended Cisco schools and Cisco Junior College before receiving his Bachelor of Theology Degree from Texas Bible College in Houston.

Phil's parents are Henry and Thelma Schaefer. Phil helped his father in the radio and T.V. business as well as working on the family farm raising livestock and peanuts. Other previous experience includes owning and operating an electrical construction business; supervising plant operations for E.L. Graham Memorial Hospital in Cisco, and 18 years with Enserch Processing.

Phillip pioneered the United Pentecostal Church in Cross Plains and has served as pastor since 1990. He also served in various positions including youth pastor, assistant pastor and District Home Missions Secretary for West Texas and New Mexico District of the United Pentecostal Church.

He enjoys working with people, serving as a past vice-president of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and Cubmaster for the local Cub Scouts.

Phil and his wife, Susan (Certified Public Accountant and owner of a local business since 1987) have been married 22 years and have two children, Starla, age 12, and Benjamin, age 9.

Liveoak Land and Real Estate is pleased to have a man of Phil's integrity working in Cross Plains and surrounding counties. You will enjoy working with Phil to buy or sell real estate, as he works hard to serve your needs in a friendly and professional manner. His wealth of experience and knowledge of the area make him uniquely qualified. As a family owned agency, Liveoak's agents and broker have over 100 years combined experience in Real Estate and look forward to a long relationship with Phil and his family.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 2 through August 4 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Items that can not be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

"I asked the last legislature to expand the Sales Tax Holiday to include backpacks, school supplies, baby car seats, bicycle safety helmets and other safety gear for our most precious resource—our children," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days. Texans don't need a three-day traffic jam. This must be a priority in the next legislative session."

No Texas community has opted out of the Sales Tax Holiday this year. To opt out, a city, county or other local taxing entity must notify the Comptroller by March 31.

Cottonwood Musical This Friday, July 19th

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, July 19, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving homemade ice cream, sandwiches, different kinds of pies, tea, coffee and sodas.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. the musical entertainment begins at 6 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Mary E. Weaver.

The building is now wheelchair accessible, as they have a new ramp.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the food, fellowship and music. There is no admission fee.

Barbarian Festival Wants Your Participation in Their Upcoming Event!!!!

The Barbarian Festival Committee cordially invites you to be a part of their 4th Annual Barbarian Festival on August 31st. The event will take place in downtown Cross Plains on Highway 206.

Attractions will start at 9 a.m. and will include a parade, live entertainment, crafts, car, tractor and motorcycle shows, plus food vendors. Everyone is certain to find something to satisfy his or her appetite.

There is still time, and plenty of space, for more vendors. If you have wares, crafts, goodies or food, contact the Barbarian Festival Committee at (254) 725-4033 or (254) 725-4189. You can email them at jernchris@netzero.net, if you prefer. They will provide you with applications for any or all the shows or with vendor applications.

Please note: Only one vendor for one type of food and first come first served. The Festival Committee reserves the drink concessions, including soft drinks, tea, coffee and bottled water. If you want to serve food, hurry and get your name in the pot.

"Will Rogers Follies" at Hilton

The life of Will Rogers, famous rope spinner and humorist, will be showcased later this month as Cisco Junior College's Hilton Dinner Theatre presents "Will Rogers Follies" July 25-28 and August 1-4.

Dinner Theatre shows are Thursday, July 25 through Saturday, July 27 and Thursday, August 1 through Saturday, August 3 for \$15 per ticket. Sunday desert matinees will be on July 28 and August 4 for \$7.50. Ticket reservations can be made by calling Cisco Junior College at (254) 442-2567.

Attention High School and Jr. High Athletes Time for Physicals

All student athletes who will be in the 7th, 9th or 11th grade or those who did not participate in athletics last school year will need a physical.

Physicals will be given free of charge one time only and those dates are Wednesday, July 24th all day and Thursday, July 25th till noon. The physicals will be given at the One Source Health Care Center in Cross Plains dur-

Joshua Hopkins Wins \$10,000 FFA Scholarship

Joshua Hopkins of the Cross Plains FFA Chapter was chosen as a recipient of a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship at the 74th Annual Texas Convention held July 9-12 in Fort Worth.

Joshua was selected as one of 70 winners of this scholarship. A total of 150 scholarships were presented at the Texas FFA Convention. These scholarships provide graduating FFA members the opportunity to pursue advanced studies in disciplines related to agricultural sciences, life sciences, or natural resources.

Local Students and FFA Chapter Honored at State Convention

Nine students of the Cross Plains FFA Chapter attended the 74th annual Texas FFA Convention held July 9-12 in Fort Worth. Several of the students and the local FFA Chapter were recognized for various awards.

Eight students, Cole Koenig, Kevin Scott, Nathan Joy, Emily Winfrey, Byron McNutt, Aaron Lewis, Chris Slinger and Chris Harris, received their Lone Star Farmer Degree. They were among 1200 other students from across Texas who received the highest state degree offered to FFA members. The FFA degree awards are vital components of the FFA Association. They recognize the students who have completed an active program of projects and participated in FFA activities in the various agricultural fields.

Emily Winfrey also received two individual awards at the con-

Hopkins has been very active in the Cross Plains FFA. He served as an officer, participated on several leadership team, judging teams, and had a very extensive project program. He also attended many leadership activities such as district meetings and banquets, area conventions, and state conventions. His hard work for the past four years is now being rewarded by being awarded this scholarship.

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vention. She was recognized as the state winner of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Award and the state winner of the sheep proficiency award. As the winner of the awards she was presented a plaque, \$100 cash award, and a \$1,000 scholarship. Her state sheep proficiency will now go on to participate at the national level.

The local chapter was also recognized at the convention. The Cross Plains FFA was awarded the Superior National Chapter Rating and was recognized as a Silver Emblem Chapter. These awards are based on the chapters participation and its members participation in FFA activities, such as leadership events, judging events, project programs, and award programs.

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Cross Cut Reunion Sunday, July 21st

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 21, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All alumni, friends and family are invited to attend this event, as we enjoy a covered dish luncheon and silent auction followed by the annual business meeting of the Cross Cut Cem-

etry Association.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction. Please call Chris or Jerry Biggerstaff at (254) 725-4189 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, July 18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Open Forum
4. Discuss/Take Action on Band Uniforms
5. Discuss/Take Action on Marquee for CPISD
6. Discuss/Take Action on Student Insurance Catastrophic Program
7. Discuss/Take Action on Unemployment Compensation with TASB
8. Discuss/Take Action on Drug Dog Contract
9. Discuss/Take Action on Gasoline and Milk Bids
10. Texas Primary Reading Inventory Report Tabled from June Meeting
11. CPISD End of Course Scores Report (2002-2003)
12. Discuss/Take Action on PDAS Calendar for 2002-03 School Year
13. Discuss/Take Action on Wills and Prophecies at Jr./Sr. Banquet
14. Discuss/Take Action on

- Student Absences (Absences, Tardies, Absentee Notes, and Sign Outs) Tables from June
15. Discuss/Take Action on Independent Study Courses Correspondence Courses, Tabled from June
16. Discuss/Take Action on Student Schedules/Student Aides, Tabled from June
17. Discuss Final Test at CPHS (Exemptions/Schedules) Tabled from June
18. Discuss/Take Action on Class Rankings Policy at CPISD
19. Changes and Approval of Student Handbook-Code of Conduct
20. Discuss and Approval of Teacher Handbook
21. Executive Session (if needed)
22. Personnel
 - A. Resignations
 - B. Hire new teachers
 - C. Substitute pay
 - D. Pay scale for other employees
 - E. Other personnel issues
23. Set Budget Workshop
24. Review Financial Report
25. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on July 15, 2002 at 3 p.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

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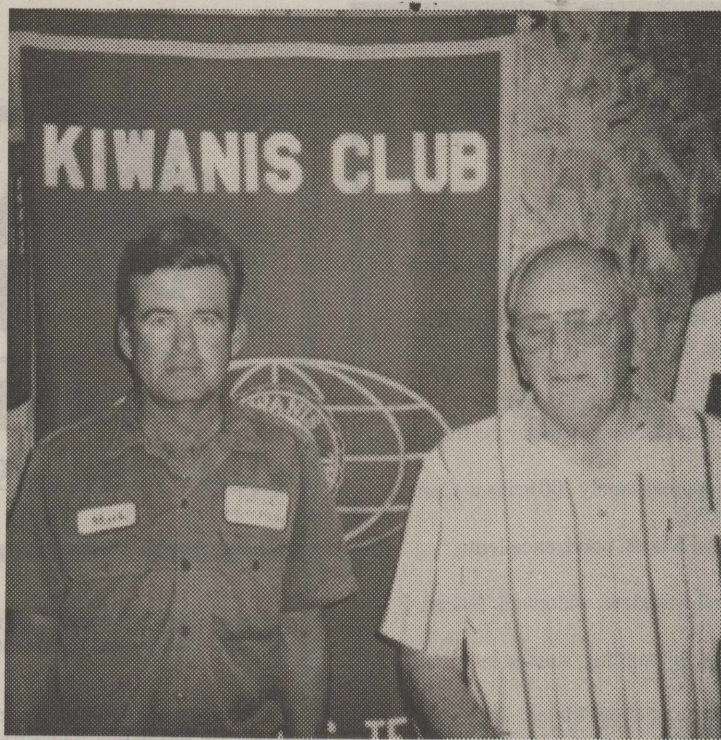
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KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER— Mark Norris, City of Cross Plains water superintendent (left), delivered a very informative program on the city water system. He also reported the condition of the water. He was the guest of Dale Bishop, President of the Kiwanis Club, (right). The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

Customers encouraged to manage energy bills by conserving electricity

ABILENE, Texas, July 8, 2002 —The combination of longer days, increasing temperatures and another hot summer will likely result in higher energy bills. As a help to its customers, WTU Retail Energy is encouraging residential and small commercial customers to conserve energy in order to manage their electricity consumption and reduce costs.

Stacy Noel, director of Texas retail marketing, says that although hot summers and increasing energy consumption are inevitable in West Texas, there are energy conservation measures that can help customers save money on their energy bills.

Beginning in June, WTU Retail Energy began providing "Energy Saving Tips" on all residential and small commercial bills. Bill messages offer simple, easy-to-apply energy conservation tips that can help customers manage and reduce their energy costs.

"We strongly recommend year-round energy conservation efforts, but it is especially important to practice them in the summer months when energy bills can rise dramatically along with temperatures," said Noel. "We strongly urge our customers to use these tips because they have been tested and proven to work." A complete list of "Energy Saving Tips" is available free of charge on WTU Retail Energy's web site located at, www.wturetailenergy.com.

In cases where customers need help paying their electric bills this summer, WTU Retail Energy has various payment options available to residential customers to help them pay their energy bills more easily. Customers can contact a WTU Retail Energy customer service representative toll-free at 1-866-322-5563 to establish a Deferred Payment Plan and/or see if they qualify for an Equal Payment Plan.

WTU Retail Energy customers can pay their electric bills;

- By personal check
- By major credit card, or
- In person at an authorized WTU Retail Energy pay station.

"We want our customers to know that we will do whatever

we can to work with them on payment arrangements," said Noel. "We strongly urge any of our customers who have questions regarding their bill, or who anticipate that payment cannot be made on time, to contact us as soon as possible."

Customers having any questions regarding their energy bill may call the WTU Retail Energy Customer Contact Center toll free by dialing 1-866-322-5563.

WTU Retail Energy provides electric services to residential and small commercial customers and is a subsidiary of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP). With the introduction of electricity deregulation in January, customers of AEP West Texas Utilities who did not select another energy provider became customers of WTU Retail Energy.

WTU Retail Energy is not the same company as AEP subsidiary West Texas Utilities and is not regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and you do not have to buy WTU Retail Energy's products to continue to receive quality regulated services from AEP West Texas Utilities.

COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Sweet Pea's allowance...

I watched Sweet Pea walking down the road toward the house, thinking how much she'd grown these past few years. It seemed like just yesterday that we moved to Texas. Sweet Pea came here as a third-grader. Now she's in high school.

MyKeeper, standing beside me, picked up on my thoughts and said, "She hardly resembles the girl who almost cleaned out the collection plate does she?"

His words drew a vivid picture of grade school Sweet Pea on my mind. When we all settled in Texas seven years ago, MyKeeper and I had decided on an amount to give the girls for an allowance. It was supposed to teach them to plan for the things they wanted to do, but it taught us more than it taught them.

Anyway, the allowances were parceled out to Punkin, Sweet Pea, and Peanut on a regular schedule. One week, there was

only enough cold, hard cash to dole out two allowances. Sweet Pea was the one who consented to wait for hers. It was Wednesday.

On Thursday and Friday, Sweet Pea asked if I had gone to the bank for cash yet. Saturday morning she asked if I had forgotten. I told her it would be Monday before I would have her allowance.

Sunday morning we filled a pew, stood to sing a hymn, heard prayers and liturgy and sang another hymn. Just before the sermon, the ushers gathered the offering. As the collection plate came to me, I stuck a bill in it and passed the plate into the hands of the usher.

Two seats away from me, Sweet Pea gasped. She fixed me with an accusing glare and whispered loudly, "You mean you gave my allowance to HIM?"

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