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VARSITY GIRLS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS—DISTRICT RECORD 6-0—Coach Atchley (standing, from left), Liz McCarty, Whitney Giles, Laura Ricci, Mindy Mitchell, Jolena Fleming, Coach Cavender, and B.J. Reed, Mgr.; Candice Francy (kneeling from left), Amanda Dillard; Jennifer Turner (sitting, from left), Holly Butler, Ashley Beggs, and Brandi Richey. Candice Bailey and Shena Thomas film and stats (kneeling, middle).

Lady Buffs Win District 24-A

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The Lady Buffs won district 24-A for the second season in a row going undefeated both seasons.

On Tuesday, the Lady Buffs defeated Santa Anna by a score of 53 to 18. Our defense didn't allow a field goal by Santa Anna until the 3rd quarter. Offensively we were sluggish, turning the ball over on unforced errors.

Leading all scorers was Laura Ricci 16, Liz McCarty 7, Whitney Giles 6, Jennifer Turner 5, Mindy Mitchell 5, Jolena Fleming 5, Amanda Dillard 3, Holly Butler 2,

Tabby Clark 2, and Candice Francy 2.

On Friday, the Lady Buffs hosted the Lady Elks of Evant for the district championship. We didn't have any problem getting up for this one emotionally. We played our best combination of offense and defense of the season defeating Evant by a score of 73 to 32. I'm proud of these kids for the outstanding season and the recognition they have gained for themselves.

Leading all scorers in the game was Laura Ricci 14, Mindy Mitchell 11, Whitney Giles 11, Amanda Dillard 10, Holly Butler 8, who also

collected 8 assists, Ashley Beggs 4, Jennifer Turner 4, Jolena Fleming 4, Brandi Richey 3, Liz McCarty 2, and Candice Francy 2. Tessa Wyatt also saw her first varsity action.

As we stand right now, it looks like we will play Woodson for bi-district on Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m., at McMurry University in Abilene.

We've worked hard to get back to this point. Now the fun begins.

On Friday, February 13, the boys and girls will play a practice game against Throckmorton at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. here. This should be some great basketball games.

Ordinance passed to condemn property on Chestnut Street

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

The Cross Plains City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 3. Mayor Ray Purvis called the meeting to order with these officers present: Councilmen W.C. Pringle, Ray Womack, Jerry Cassle, Edwin Weiss, James Nichols, and City Secretary Debbie Gosnell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A motion to condemn the structure at 700 Chestnut Street according to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs options was made by Pringle, the Ordinance was titled Ordinance 98-001. Motion seconded by Weiss and was passed.

The condemned property can not be used as a habitation, must have all utilities disconnected, and the structure must be boarded up.

See CITY page 3



VICKY WORLEY
...resigns from Senior Citizens

Site Manager at Senior Citizens Center Resigns

Vicky Worley, site manager of Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center for the past nine years, has resigned her position as of Friday, February 6. Vicky will be missed by the seniors, and we all wish her well in her future pursuits.

Callahan County Nutrition Project hopes to find a new site manager as soon as possible.

For applications or information, please contact the center at (254) 725-6521 or Minnie Martin at Baird (915) 854-1277.

Rural Resource Team Schedule

Cross Plains, Texas - Feb. 10-13, 1998

Tuesday Feb. 10

11:30 Team arrives
12:00-1:00 Lunch with Kiwanis at Dairy Queen
1:30 Tour of the Area
6:00 Team Dinner

Wednesday Feb. 11

6:30-7:15 Agriculture/Agribusiness and Breakfast at Jeans
8:00-9:05 Parents
9:15-10:20 Housing, Real Estate, and Construction
10:30-11:35 Civic Clubs
11:45-1:15 Team Lunch
1:30-2:35 City and County Government/Law Enforcement
2:45-3:50 Outlying Areas (Pioneer, Cottonwood, Cross Cut, etc.)
4:00-5:00 Education
5:05-6:10 Utilities/Oil and Gas Production
6:15-7:20 Business and Retail
7:30 Team Dinner

Thursday Feb. 12

7:00-8:00 Health Care and Breakfast at Dairy Queen
8:15-9:20 Banking and Financial
9:30-10:35 Senior Citizens
10:40-11:45 Churches
12:00 Team Lunch
1:30 Youth (High School Economics Class at CPHS)
2:00-6:00 Team meets to prepare report
7:00 Team Dinner

Friday Feb. 13

8:30-9:30 Team Breakfast
10:00-11:30 Town Meeting - Team presents Oral Report

All meetings are to be held at the Community Center except those noted above. All community members are invited to attend the session they identify with most closely, or the one with the most convenient time.

"The Whole Wide World"

Based On The Novalyn Price Book
One Who Walked Alone

Showing

Thursday, February 12

Paramount Theatre 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$4.00 At Door

Reception Following For

Cross Plains Delegation In Lobby

Project Pride Invites

Local Residents To Attend

Early Voting Begins Mon., Feb. 23

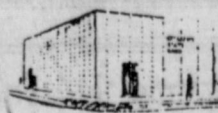
Early voting for the Democratic Primary Election begins Monday, February 23, at three locations in Callahan County.

Early voting will take place at the Justice of the Peace offices in Clyde and Cross Plains and the County Treasurer's Office at the Courthouse in Baird.

Early voting by personal appearance will take place during regular office hours on weekdays at all three

See VOTING page 5

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VARSITY BOYS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS— DISTRICT RECORD 6-0—Jarad Richards (from left), Joesph Turner, Benji Blackstock, Dusty Hargrove, Zach Edington, Nathaniel Swift, Coby Richards, Scott Ricci, Jody Pancake, Coach Boyd.

Buffaloes District Champions

By COACH BILL BOYD

The Cross Plains Buffaloes will enter the state playoffs as the District 24 A Champions. Last Friday night in front of a packed house at the "New

Improved Buffalodome" the Buffs defeated a highly touted Evant squad 59-54. This combined with the Santa Anna victory Tuesday night clinched the title.

Congratulations to the varsity team

members. These young men have represented Cross Plains with class and hustle. This is the seventh gold basketball the seniors have their name on. We can only hope there is more to come!

Basketball Schedule

Fri., Feb. 13 - CP Girls & Boys vs Throckmorton (H) 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 16 - CP Boys vs Midway @ Poolville 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 17 - Girls Bi-District TBA (Tentative @ McMurry)

Fri., Feb. 20 - Girls Area Round TBA

Sat., Feb. 21 - CP Boys vs Graford or Alvard @ Reunion Arena Time TBA

Tues., Feb. 24 - Boys Bi-District TBA

GAMES CROSS PLAINS IS HOSTING

Tues., Feb. 17 - Evant vs Trent (Girls Bi-District) Time TBA
Fri., Feb. 20 - Gordon vs Panther Creek (Boys warm-up) Time TBA

Night Filled With Beauty

Beauty filled the Cross Plains School Auditorium last Saturday night during Beta Sigma Phi's annual Miss Valentine Parade. As always, all the girls were lovely and it was a joy to watch them on stage.

The young ladies were judged on poise, appearance and personality. Personality scores were determined from answers they gave to questions asked them on stage Saturday evening and by a separate set of judges on Friday.

See PARADE page 7



OVER-ALL PHOTOGENIC WINNER
Emily Winfrey, daughter of Tony & Paula Winfrey

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Vincent Wade Wallace, DWI.
Tony L. Cate, possession of mari-
juana.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Chapman, motion dis-
missed. Probation.
More, TPC (theft of
property) charge dismissed.
Having been made.
More, TPC, \$400 fine.
More, \$904.86 restitu-
tion. Probated for 1 year.
More, TPC charge dis-
missed. Rest of justice.

DRIVER LICENSE
Baird, Jody J.
Baird, Jody J.

42ND DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes
Ricky Ray Bullock, \$9240 retro-
active child support charged with
payments to begin 2-1-98.
Billy Ray Holmes, \$3600 retroac-
tive child support charged with
payments to begin 2-1-98.

John Samuel Brown, found to be
\$4800 in arrears on child support;
new schedule of payments began 2-
1-98.

Divorce granted:
Smith, Lisa Louise & Kenny
Wayne.
Williams, Guy Cletus, Jr., &
Brenda Diane.
Smithwick, Rose Ann & Donal
Dewayne.
Bagley, Garnette A. & Ronald Dee.

Felony Indictments
Jerry D. Hollis, aggravated assault.
Jason Travis Lee Knapp, posses-
sion of a controlled substance.

Felony Minutes

Bridget Mitchell, securing execu-
tion of a document by deception,
\$100 fine \$164.50 court costs,
\$10,644 restitution, 5 years deferred
adjudication probation.

Melanie E. Tennison, theft; 8
counts, \$100 fine \$164.50 court
costs, \$6467.90 restitution, 3 years
deferred adjudication probation.

Probations discharged: Christo-
pher Lee Harris, Steven C. McMil-
lian.

Shawn Ballard, deferred adjudica-
tion probation discharged.

Jeremiah Don Gibson, burglary of
a building charge dismissed at re-
quest of complaining witness.

John W. Morris, probation re-
voked; sentenced to 10 years at TDC.

Coy B. Greenrock, burglary of
habitation, \$1000 fine \$199.25 court
costs, \$1050 restitution, 6 years
probation.

Selected Scriptures

Open my eyes that I may see
wondrous things from your
law. Psalm 119:18
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

OBITUARIES

Bransford Eubank

Memorial services for Bransford
Eubank will be Sunday, February
15, 1998, at 2:30 p.m. at Grosvenor
Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill
Merritt and Dr. Fred W. Cassell, vice
president of Princeton Theological
Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey,
officiating.

Following the service, friends and
family are invited to visit in the fel-
lowship hall.

Lorena Wright

Lorena M. Wright, 88, passed
away Monday, February 2, 1998, at
Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

Services were held at 10 a.m.
Thursday in Higginbotham Funeral
Home Chapel with Dr. Jim O'Dell
officiating. Burial was in Cross
Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. Wright was born in Sabanno
in Eastland County and graduated
from high school in Liberty Hill.
She was a homemaker. She was a
member of First Baptist Church and
was the widow of William E.
Wright, whom she married in 1926
in Cross Plains.

Survivors include one son, Billy P.
Wright of Clyde; one daughter,
Bobby W. Johnson of Cross Plains;
one sister, Vida Balkum of Cross
Plains; three grandchildren; five
great-grandchildren; and several
nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Hadden Payne,
Charles Payne, Glen Payne, Bobby
Dale Payne, Charles Grider, and
Dick Grider.

Gladys Garrett

Gladys N. Garrett, 91, passed away
Monday, February 2, 1998, in a
Brownwood nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday
in Cross Plains First United Meth-
odist Church with Baylis Pope and
Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating.
Burial was in Cross Plains Cem-
etery, directed by Higginbotham
Funeral Home.

Mrs. Garrett was born in Coleman
County and was a homemaker. She
was a member of First United
Methodist Church and was the
widow of Clarence M. Garrett,
whom she married in 1926 in Cross
Plains.

Survivors include one son, Har-
old Garrett of Cross Plains; one
daughter, Barbara Swinney of Cross
Plains; one brother, Donald Baird of
Georgetown; two sisters, Virginia
Pope of Cross Plains and Kitty Sue
Vine of Cedarville, Ohio; five
grandchildren; and eight great-
grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donald Pope, Joe
Pope, Ronald Pope, Charles Baird,
Robert Baird, and Glen Baird.

Callie Meador

Callie Meador, 89, passed away
Friday, February 6, 1998, at Colo-
nial Oaks Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8, 1998 at Hig-
ginbotham Funeral Home Chapel
with John Swift officiating. Burial
was in Cross Plains Cemetery under
the direction of Higginbotham Fu-
neral Home.

Mrs. Meador was born March 7,
1908, in Callahan County. She
married J. Henry Meador December
25, 1925, in Cross Plains. He pre-
ceded her in death February 14,
1985. She was a homemaker and a
member of First United Methodist
Church.

Survivors include one daughter,
Johnnie Mae Fore of Cross Plains;
one brother, Bud Ingram of
Lingleville; and one sister, Winnie
Luttrell of Baird.

Pallbearers were Richard Wilson,
Greg Turner, Rolan Jones, Joe
Ingram, Cliff Kirkham, and Donnie
Wilson.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Old Time Gospel Mission will con-
duct worship services at Colonial
Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday,
February 15, commencing at 3:30
p.m.

In An Emergency
Call
911

Verna "Lois" Crist

Verna "Lois" Crist, 97, of Wichita
Falls, formerly of Cross Plains,
passed away Thursday, February 5,
1998.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8, 1998 at Rolling
Meadows Chapel with Mr. Jeff
Ratliff, minister, officiating. A
memorial service was held at the
Church of Christ in Iowa Park.

Mrs. Crist was born July 29, 1900,
in Eagle Mill, Arkansas. She mar-
ried Jack Crist who preceded her in
death in 1985. She was a home-
maker and member of AARP and
First Christian Church in Dallas.

Survivors include one sister,
Midge McCall of Cross Plains;
niece Bonnie Illingsworth of Iowa
Park and several more nieces and
nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Good
Samaritan Fund, Rolling Meadows
3006 McNeil, Wichita Falls, Tx.

For Fast Results
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Cross Plains
Review Classifieds

Charles Stanley to Preach at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains

By TOM DUNN

What a drawing card Dr. Stanley
would be. Would you come? Would
you be drawn by Dr. Stanley and his
reputation?

If it were true, would you change
your schedule to make sure you were
there to hear him? Yes, by now you
have realized that he isn't really
coming.

We are a people who are drawn to
man. We look at what men and
women do and focus our attention to
their achievements. The things they
have done in the world and the suc-
cess they have had doing it. This is
human nature. This success builds
big business, fills churches and
makes us feel good. Can we rely on
this strategy all the time? We must be
shrewd business men to continually
watch market trends and consumer
indexes to hedge against a man's
profitability and possible failure. We
have seen many men fail and busi-
nesses fail just because of a leader-

ship change. The Howard Hughes
empire and Gibson Discount chain
are examples of these failures.

Can a church put so much faith in
the man they have chosen to lead and
teach them? Can a church afford to
assemble Sunday after Sunday drawn
to a pastor who's reputation reflects
Christ, and his words are true and
undisputable words of God?

If we are drawn to this man by
appearance or reputation, we are
buying into a religion that elevates
man. If we are drawn by God to a
church for worship and fellowship
we will see the evidence of the spirit,
love, joy, compassion, mercy and
hope. If a church is drawn to a man -
this is like building on shifting sand.
Man is unreliable. He shifts to and
fro. Pastoring is not a popularity
contest. Pastors are chosen and se-
lected for certain churches by God.
So is Charles Stanley coming to
town? No, just Jesus Christ through
the spoken word of God. Lord, let us
have ears to hear and eyes to see you.

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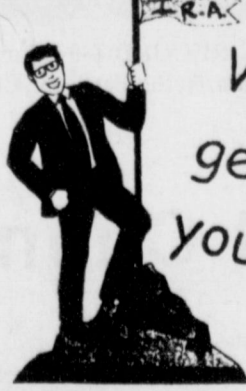
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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

The residents will be having their birthday party February 17 at 2:00 p.m. Those having birthdays are Gertie Powell, Minnie Swann, and Ruby Harrell. Dalton Thomas will be providing the entertainment for us. Employee having a birthday is Ruby Cassle. Wedding Anniversary is Becky Smith.

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of Lorena Wright and Callie Meador. May it comfort you to know that the thoughts and prayers of others are with you.

Appreciation to Albert Hughes for the magazines, to Kenneth Brooks for the video tapes and to Melissa Richards' Sunday School Class for the pretty purple Valentine banner.

Louise Richardson was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Charlene McGowen from Brownwood, Kenneth and Louise Brooks from Arlington, Ray Curry, Tracie Sutherland and Mona Wilson from Abilene, Joan Bullard from Clyde, Ruby and Bob McCowen, Linda Brooks Wilson and Jesse

Norris visited with Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks.

Winnie Lane from Baird visited Louise Richardson.

Delilah Goble visited with Cecil Goble.

Violet Edwards from Cisco visited with Lillie Childers and Cecil Goble.

Activities during the week are:

Monday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (3), Inola Wilcoxen, Dorothy Thomas, Ruby Harrell and Louise Richardson. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson (2), Minnie Swann, Dorothy Thomas, Vera Belyeu, and Inola Wilcoxen. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down basketball.

Sunday: Old Time Gospel Mission.

Much kneeling keeps one in good standing.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Bows, Boughs, and Beaus!"

Again it is that time!
A time of old Victorian lace,
of satin, flowers, and valentines,
Of Cupids, bows and romantic days.

Of roses and doves
Plus chocolates and thoughts of Love!

Come go along with me,
We'll visit dreamy memories.
Of hearts, and islands in the sun.
Of love, and fun and things we've done.

Remember Cupid
with his bow?

He sure slings a mean arrow,
which knocked out my bicuspid.

But back to romance!
It's worth a chance.
We'll live in a manse.
Our dreams we'll enhance.
Just give us a glance!
We'll acquire five hands
and assume a likely stance,
to acquire romance.

We will dance
and we will prance!
Lest Cupid pierce us
with his lance;
We'll take a chance
that though he may fear us,
He and his lance,
will bring us our chance
for more romance.

We await our love though,
As the dove on the laurel bough!

So if you see Cupid
tell him we're not stupid!
We've caught on
that tho' we may run
We're not yet done!!

To find true love,
Though we have roses and a dove,
Valentines, satins and laces,
flowers and candy by the cases.

We still need our Cupid
with his sling, arrows and bow,
to capture romance and love!
But ladies, don't be stupid.
Besides Cupid, you still need your beau!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!!

CITY

This will bring the city into compliance with stated guidelines that had brought a charge of violation of contractual agreement from the TDHCA. A waiver request to allow the electricity to be left on was denied by the TDHCA.

An order to have a mayoral/councilman election was set for May 2, 1998, with a motion by Cassle and seconded by Nichols.

Esther Kerr was appointed as election judge. Motion by Weiss and seconded by Pringle.

Customers that have had their city utilities cut off and still owe delinquent bills will be removed from the billing computer and placed on a manual list. Motion by Pringle and seconded by Nichols. This was done to allow the city to discontinue the expense of monthly billing of these customers but records will be kept and the customers will still have to pay the delinquent amount.

The council decided, by general consent, to allow the city judge to handle complaints concerning

cleaning up the property at 125 S. Ave. E.

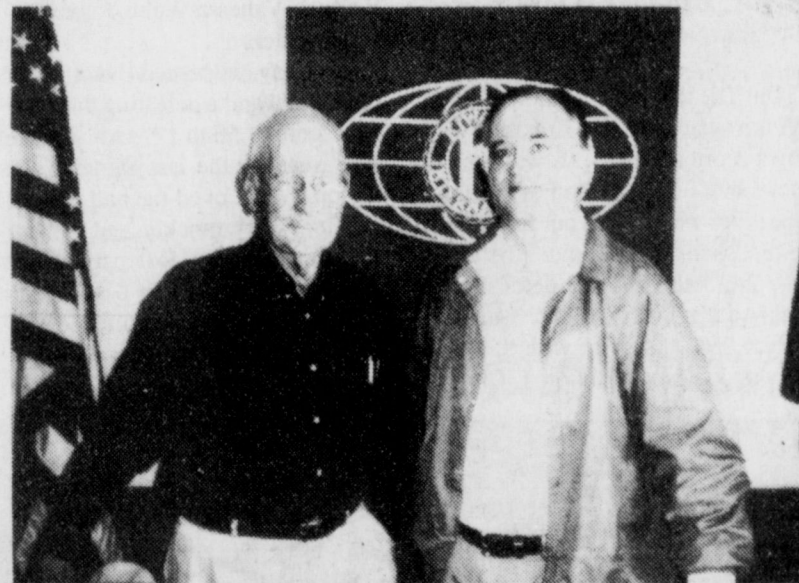
Cassle made a motion, seconded by Pringle, to accept the city judge's monthly report.

Cross Plains Fire Chief spoke to the council stating that the Cross Plains Fire Department had purchased a 1978 Chevrolet 1 ton 4-wheel drive equipped with a 300 gallon water tank. This truck will enhance the local firefighters ability in fighting grassfires in the area.

Gosnell was instructed to write a leash ordinance and present at the next regular council meeting. This was after the council heard complaints from Nancy McGough and Debbie Rice about the dog situation in their neighborhood.

Bills were paid with a motion by Pringle and seconded by Cassle.

A Budget Workshop for the council was set for February 17 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public and will give council time to work on the city budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year.



FORMER COUNTY JUDGE SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING—Former Callahan County Judge Mack Kniffin (shown above with former Kiwanis president Jim O'Dell) spoke briefly at the Cross Plains Kiwanis this past Tuesday. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and also encouraged all the candidates for county offices to be humbly aware that county officials are elected by all the voters of Callahan County and that every city and community deserved to have elected county officials serve and support all the residents.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains certainly appreciates the comments and statements made by Judge Kniffin (as should every resident of Cross Plains and Callahan County) but by far we appreciate the more personal comments made by this man with a humble heart with thanks to God and hope for the future.

Garden Club To Meet Fri.

"It's a Beautiful Time for Wildflowers" is the Cross Plains Garden Clubs theme for its February 13 meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center, 701 East 8th Street.

"Texas Beauties" is the title of Mr. Peter Krause's wildflower program. Mr. Krause is from the Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District Office where he is the districts landscape architect.

The garden club extends an invitation to anyone who would like to see and hear Mr. Krause's program.

Mrs. Arvin Brashear and Ms. Phyllis Taylor are the hostesses for February.

Happy Valentine's Day & Happy Birthday



Paige Marie
b: February 14, 1997
From: Your Family

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PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie Smith visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAnally this past week and had a great time. The Smiths and Jean Fore went to the musical at Carbon Saturday night. They enjoyed the fellowship of the people very much.

Laverne Hutton has been working on a quilt top. She visited Gladys Barns last Thursday.

Earlene Burge visited her daughter, Jessica Stultz and family in Brownwood, and on Monday was in Abilene with the Barr family when Reggie Barr had heart bypass surgery. He

came through the surgery fine and all looked good when they left that night.

The Quilting Ladies finished the "Sunflower." It was beautiful. We now have in Lois "Drunkards Path"; Frankie's "Flower" and May's "Log Cabin." You see we always stay busy.

Congratulations to our "Lady Buffs" and the "Runnin' Buffs" as they both won our district basketball again this year. We have community girls playing with the Lady Buffs.

WORDS OF WISDOM #17
One of the hardest decisions in life is when to start middle age.

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

The Burkett Baptist Church is hosting their annual Community Valentine Banquet Sunday, February 15. Serving will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Burkett Baptist Church. The entertainment will be provided by R.C. Willie and the Sun Riders. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship, food and entertainment.

Friday, February 6, Bill and Addie Walker celebrated the birthday of her sister, Reba, at Carbon Catfish Corner with other family members. Saturday the Walkers were visited by granddaughters, Chelsea of Abilene and Jorie of Coleman, son, Philip of Arlington, daughter, Sallie and husband Devin and their grandson, Cade of Coleman.

Their luncheon guest Sunday were Reba Reeves of Fort Worth; Hazel Campbell of Carbon; Philip and daughter Chelsea; granddaughter Ryan; son, Collin, and Shea of Coleman; and Ann Rasbury of Burkett. The grandchildren and adults all enjoyed the gorgeous weather.

Linda Brady, secretary-treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association reports recent donations to the association. Those donating were Claudia George for Ernest and Mary Delota and Lida Koenig \$10; Mrs. Clyde Sims in memory of Jack DeBusk \$10; Dick Koenig Family in memory of Jack DeBusk \$35; Camille Carter, Mary Beth Thompson and Freida Hood in memory of Jack DeBusk \$30; Bevo and Dorothy

Webb in memory of Jack DeBusk \$25; Mike and Linda Brady \$15; anonymous in memory of Jack DeBusk \$25; Harold Glen and Billie Chambers \$25; and Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence in memory of Jack DeBusk \$20. Each donation is greatly appreciated by the Cemetery Board and the funds will be used for the upkeep of the cemetery.

The following poem was sent to Yuna V. Burkett. It was written by Beans Gains, a Burkett Ex.

"What Is A Church?"

A church is a meeting place
where Christians go to sing and pray,
And to burn it shows disrespect,
And Jesus will judge you all one day.

A person doing such a deed
is taking on a mighty debt,
Jesus know just who you are
and for those deeds, He won't forget.

So when your fun is over
and the last church has been burned,
Then Jesus will step forward
and say, "Friend it's now my turn."

Your punishment will be awesome
and that's how it should be,
For you cannot sin against God's house
and come away scot free.

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Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

PUBLIC FAX
AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Immunization Clinic in Cross Plains February 19

There will be an immunization clinic on Thursday, February 19, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beech St.

The service is provided by the Texas Department of Health. For further information you may contact (915) 754-4945.

Medicaid

If you or your children are Medicaid recipients age 21 or younger, you may be eligible for FREE DENTISTRY.
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Flu or Cold?

Mistaking a cold for flu or vice versa is very common. Here are some tips on knowing the difference.

Flu: Fever, chills, body ache come on suddenly. Flu is spread through the air so try to minimize contact with those with flu.

Cold: Sore throat, running nose and almost never a temperature above 101 degrees. Washing your hands is the best way to prevent catching or spreading colds.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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"BLESS THIS MESS" —read the sign left by neighbors of Miss Antonia. And if you could even see the picture of it, you would see their reason for howling about the seventy year old's Chicago housekeeping and yard keeping -- or should I say, "lack off!" The garbage earned the "good housekeeping squeal of disapproval award of the year!" But Miss Antonia didn't agree with her neighbors' objections and sneering remarks -- called them a bunch of loud mouths -- said she was only "cleaning house." Believe me: it needed it!

I wonder how many houses look spotless on the outside, yet are filled with filth and dirt on the inside. I've been quite surprised at times in seeing how some do such a good job outwardly, and yet a terrible job inwardly -- in houses and in lives. The Galilean likened some in His day to tombs that had been whitewashed on the outside, even though the inside was full of dead men's bones -- probably even stunk! "Even so," He said, "you outwardly appear so righteous, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and sin." They were "religious" but not righteous -- yet they should go "hand in hand."

How are your yard and house -- literally? And how are our lives? Let's keep our lives clean on the inside and the outside -- where people see us, and where only God sees us -- religious and righteous, because real religion includes down to earth day-to-day righteousness.

Come, let us help one another...

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

CALLAHAN COUNTY DISPATCH REPORT

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

Traffic Accidents	20
Fires	22
Burglar Alarms	8
Stray Animals	19
Criminal Mischief	
and Vandalism	10
Suspicious Activity	11
Dog Bites	1
Assaults	4
Ambulance Requests	91
Family Disturbances	19
Keys Locked in Vehicles	6
Stolen Vehicles	0
Burglaries	2
Thefts	20
Misc.	144
TOTAL	377

Total calls made in December by each Department dispatched by Callahan County Dispatch.

Callahan County	
Sheriff's Dept.	133
Sheriff's Dept. assisted	
other Dept.	22
DPS	25
Clyde PD	83
Baird City Marshal	33
Cross Plains PD	3
Citizens EMS	72
Cross Plains EMS	19
Rural Metro Ambulance	0
Clyde FD	8
Baird FD	7
Eula FD	3
Cross Plains FD	7
Hamby FD	0
Oplin FD	0
Cottonwood FD	1
Putnam FD	2

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



JV GIRLS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS—DISTRICT RECORD 4-0—Coach Atchley (standing, from left), Christy Beaty, Nikki Bushnell, Brandy Hutton, Jessica Childers, Mary Jo Nickerson, Coach Cavender, and B.J. Reed, Mgr.; Tabby Clark (kneeling, from left), Tiffany Guise, Tessa Wyatt, Vanessa Webb, and Jody Payne; Stephanie Castleberry (sitting, from left) LeaJean Wyatt.

JV Girls Win District Title in Basketball

By COACH MIKE
CAVENDER

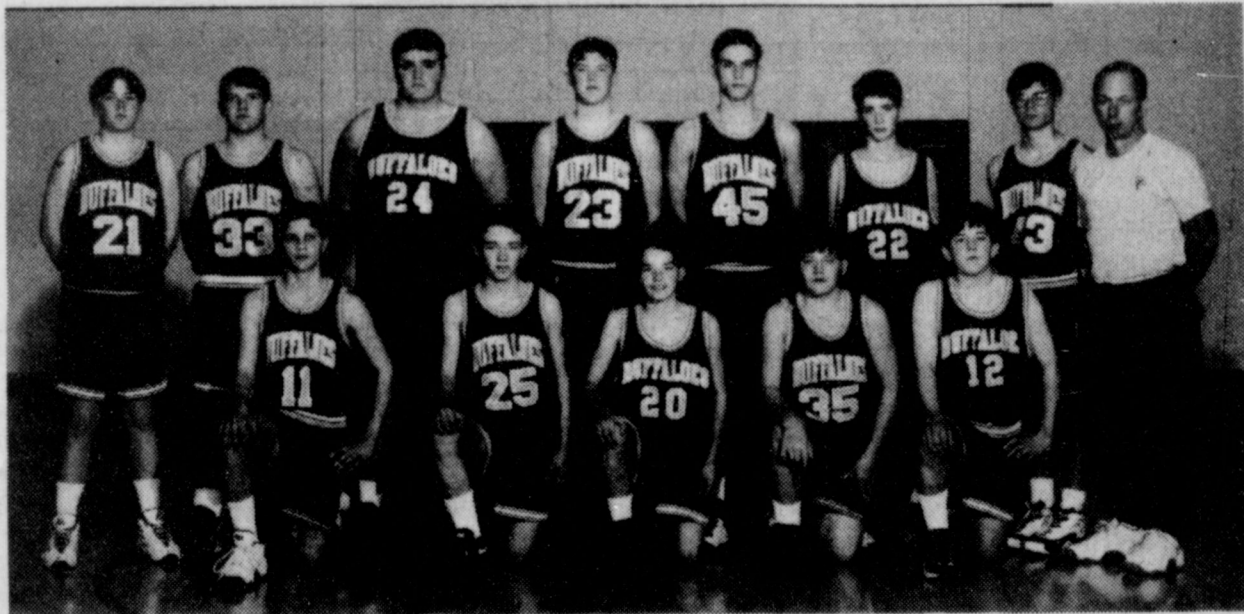
On Tuesday, the Junior Varsity girls traveled to Santa Anna and won by a score of 26-13. It was a slow start shooting wise and at halftime the score was 11-6 in our favor. We didn't shoot the ball much better in the 2nd half, but our defense and rebounding was solid. LeaJean Wyatt led all scorers with 9, Tessa Wyatt 5, Brandy Hutton 4, Christy

Beaty 4, Vanessa Webb 3, and Jessica Childers 1.

On Friday, we hosted Evant in our last district game defeating them big by a score of 50 to 17. Our offense was great for the last game of the season. We moved the ball around the floor very quickly and hit our open outside shots. Defensively our pressure created some easy steals and our rebounding on offense created some 2nd and 3rd shot attempts. Tabby Clark and Christy Beaty led

all scorers with 14 each, Vanessa Webb 10, LeaJean Wyatt 4, Brandy Hutton 4, Stephanie Castleberry 2, and Jody Payne 2. Tessa Wyatt, Tiffany Guise, Nikki Bushnell, Jessica Childers, and Mary Jo Nickerson are also members of Coach Atchley's 97-98 championship squad.

Congratulations girls you worked long and hard to improve as individuals and as a team to reach your goals.



JV CROSS PLAINS RUNNIN' BUFFS—Landon Hill (back, from left), Sam Nixon, Benji Switzer, Cody Reed, Kenneth Ratliff, John Peters, Jeremy Gilliam, Coach Larry Barte, Clint Bailey (bottom, from left) T.J. Harris, Brandon Gilliam, Robert Walters, L.D. Whitehead.

JV Boys End Season Tied With Evant for District Title

The Junior Varsity hosted Santa Anna on January 20 and won 42-36. Leading scorers were Cody Reed 16 points and Sam Nixon 16 points, Clint Bailey 2, L.D. Whitehead 2, Brandon Gilliam 2, Landon Hill 2 and Benji Switzer 1.

On January 27 the boys traveled to Evant and were defeated 46-35.

Leading scorer was Nixon with 14 points, Clint Bailey 7, Gilliam 6, Whitehead 3, Switzer 4 and Reed 1.

February 3 Junior Varsity traveled to Santa Anna to bring home a victory 58-50. Leading scorer was Nixon with 16 points, Switzer 15, Kenneth Ratliff 12, Reed 9, Bailey 4 and Whitehead 2.

They finished district Friday playing Evant on February 6 and came away with a win 48-36. Leading scorers were Switzer 17 and Nixon 17, Bailey 8, Whitehead 4 and Reed 2.

The J.V. team tied with Evant for the District Championship.

Jr. High Girls Defeat Lometa

By COACH MIKE
CAVENDER

On Monday, the Junior High Girls Basketball traveled to Lometa. The Purple Team won a close one by the score of 28-26. Candice Bailey made two free throws in the final seconds to insure the win. We missed a bunch of easy shot around the basket that created a very close game.

Leading all scorers for the game was Candice Bailey 8, Amanda Kitchens 7, Emily Winfrey 6, Sarah Nixon 3, and Shena Thomas 2.

The Gold Team was limited to a 5th quarter of play because of the low number of junior high players for Lometa. The Gold Team defeated Lometa by a score of 6-4 in the 5th quarter. Melanie Chesshir hit a short bank shot at the buzzer to break the tie and give the Gold Team the win.

Jr. High Buffs Remain Undefeated in District

By BEVERLY ROSS

The Cross Plains Junior High boys team traveled to Lometa Monday night, February 2 and defeated the host Hornets by the score of 46-28.

Leading the scoring was Joseph Dillard with 13 points, Tony Beggs 8, Matt Nickerson 6, James Ross 5, Tim Butler 5, Josh Hopkins 4, Aaron Norris 4 and Kevin Wilson 1.

With only one game left in the season, the Buffs stand at 5-0 in district play and 11-1 overall.

1998-2000 Football District Alignment District 13-A

Baird
Bronte
Cross Plains

Eden
Miles
Santa Anna

1998-2000 Basketball District Alignment District 28-A

Baird
Cross Plains
Gorman

Ranger
Santa Anna

Bufs have three new competitors in District 13-A

Cross Plains High School will compete in a six team District 13-A for the next two years, after football districts were re-aligned by the University Interscholastic League Monday, February 2.

The Buffs will see three new district opponents for the next two years beginning with the 1998 football season—Eden, Miles and Bronte. Moving out of Cross Plains district will be Lometa, Rising Star, Gorman and Evant.

Cross Plains will compete in District 13-A eleven-man football along with Baird, Bronte, Eden, Miles and Santa Anna.

The old District 8-A included Baird, Cross Plains, Santa Anna, Lometa, Rising Star, Gorman and Evant.

Several old District 8-A members are now members of District 14-A

which includes Evant, Gorman, Lometa, May Ranger, Rising Star, Santo and Tolar.

In basketball, the Buffs are members of District 28-A which includes Baird, Cross Plains, Gorman, Ranger and Santa Anna.

The cutoff enrollment for class A was 159 and below. Class A includes 299 basketball schools, 128 eleven-man football schools and 88 six-man football schools.

Schools dropping a classification from AA to A included: Axtell, Charlotte, Chico, Crosbyton, Flatonia, Hart, Iola, Jarrell, Memphis, Pettus, Ranger, Roscoe, Simms, and Valley View. Class A schools elevated to Class AA included Ben Bolt, Colmesneil, Farwell, Port Aransas, Mount Pleasant, Chapel Hill, Thrall, and Brock.



FRESHMAN GIRLS—Coach Atchley (from left), Jennifer Hartman, Kathryn McCarty, Ashley Harris, Amanda Goble, Lindsey Meiron, Toni Mae Wyatt, Amber Wilson, Ashlee Hutchins, and Coach Cavender.

Freshman Lose To Dublin

By COACH MIKE
CAVENDER

We lost a close one to Dublin in the final seconds 23-22. We led most of 4th quarter. We had some critical turnovers in the last few minutes of

the game that put us in a bad position. This was the last game of the season for the freshman kids. They had a good season gaining some experience and playing time to develop their skills.

Scoring points against Dublin

were Ashlee Hutchins 10, Amber Wilson 4, Ashley Harris 4, Amanda Goble 2, and Lindsey Meiron 2. Jennifer Hartman, Toni Mae Wyatt and Kathryn McCarty were also members of the 1997-98 squad.

Something New -- 13-15 year-old Baseball Registration Details

Cross Plains Senior League (13-15) Baseball requires early registration this year so that they may organize a Junior League (age 13) team as well as a Senior League (14-15 year-olds) team. **NO MONEY IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.** This is a required pre-registration for this age group **ONLY (13-15 year old players).**

AGE 13 JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAM INFORMATION

If there is enough participants at the 13 year old level, the age 13 Junior League team will be a traveling team like last years Senior League teams. The league they will participate in may require some long commutes to

ouier towns. There will be at least a couple of parents who will be able to give rides to those who need assistance.

This team will also participate in the Junior League All-Stars at the end of the season. Junior League Baseball has a play-off system to compete all the way up to World Series Level.

Since the number of 13-year-old players in the Cross Plains area is limited. Everyone would probably be able to participate on the Cross Plains Junior League All-Star Team. Junior League has a "must play" rule just like Little League so everyone will get playtime. Coaches are needed also.

AGE 14-15 SENIOR LEAGUE TEAM INFORMATION

Last years Senior League teams will stay intact if possible. This should not change the team you played on last year if you are age 15 this year. It is possible that there would be a realignment of players should there be enough participants for the Junior League team. This is only a pre-registration to determine how many players there will be this year and what teams they will be playing on.

Please pick up a form at the high school office and return it back no later than February 18. If you have any questions, please call Ron Puckett at 725-7105.

SCHOOL MENU

FEB. 16 - FEB. 20
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Biscuit, sausage, gravy, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Cheese toast, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dog, baked beans, pickle spears, orange halves and milk.

TUESDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic rolls, pineapples and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tacos, salad, corn, Jello and milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey & rice, peas & carrots, mashed potatoes, rolls, peach halves and milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, ice cream and milk.

Shooting Sports Yearly Meeting Sat., Feb. 21

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold its yearly organizational meeting Saturday, February 21, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Baird Activity Center.

If you are between the ages of 9-18 years and are interested in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project, make plans for you and your parent to attend.

The meeting will last approximately two hours. Refreshments will be served.

Signs will be posted in Baird directing you to the Activity Center.

If you have any questions or need more information call Bob or Cookie Robinson after 8:00 p.m. at 915-893-5625.

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The Rise and Decline of Cross Plains Due to the Railroad

The following is a research paper written by Kami Lewis, a senior at Cross Plains High School. Kami is an English student of Joe Coppinger. He felt as if the residents of Cross Plains might like to read about the town in the earlier part of the century. Jack Scott, long-time resident, helped in providing the information.

The air was frosty, and the gathered-crowd could see their breaths as they huddled in small groups. They had arrived early, and still couldn't contain their excitement, despite the wait of a good hour. Children and adults alike stared expectantly at the steel rails that lay before them. Finally, a faint vibration was felt by those closest, and the horses stamped their feet nervously. And then, on the cold wind, a whistle could be heard, long and mournful, and heads snapped up. A child, self-appointed as look-out, came running back yelling, "It's a-coming, the train's coming!"

On the morning of January 12, 1911, the incorporated town of Cross Plains was born and christened by the billowing clouds of smoke from the engine of what came to be known as "The Peanut Special." The natives, few of whom had ever seen a train, came in droves to see its arrival that cold morning. They were impressed. As one old man watching put it, "If that thing came in here sideways, it'd kill us all." Over the next thirty-four years, Cross Plains would rise and fall due to those long steel rails.

Unlike the slow and agonized birth of other towns, Cross Plains boomed with a vengeance. The Texas Central Rail Road Company did its best to ensure the Cross Plains - DeLeon line would be a success, and they advertised throughout the south both the opening of a new town, and a new line. As a result, the first train was loaded with 700 speculators, and the town's population grew to 1,530 people by 1930. The town was subdivided into lots, and a sale was held on the afternoon of the 12th. The bidding was sparked by the first sale, (the bank lot) whose new owner, T.E. Powell, proudly declared that building would begin the very next Monday morning. By the end of the day, the proceeds totaled \$77,000. As the population of Cross Plains grew, so did the number of businesses. At one time there were six doctors, two banks, and a hospital. CP also boasted of no less than eight hotels, The Bennett, The Kemper, The Cross Plains, The Palms, The Oasis, The Central, The Beasley, and The Grace. Employees of Texas Central Rail Road included engineers, fire fighters, and brakemen, many of whom lived in Cross Plains. One resident engineer, Kid Wright, or "Skipper," even held church services for those patrons that rode the train on Sunday. Higginbotham's was know as the biggest store under one roof between here and El Paso. This was a far cry from the small settlement on the banks of Turkey Creek, and once booming, there was no going back.

The coming of the train began an expansion process that still hasn't stopped. School districts had been ten square miles, just close enough for students to walk or ride a horse to school daily. Beginning with the railroad, school districts gradually grew to encompass up to 400 square miles. Other things changed too. At the cost of about three cents per mile for a ticket, the train became a popular way to travel. Muddy, impassable roads and long distances to places like the county seat also made the railroad practical. Later, the

trains introduced automobiles to small towns, and the expansion process continued. Model T's were shipped in 6 to a flat car, and Cross Plains received at least two flat cars.

The "Peanut Special" also freighted crops, cattle, supplies, and oil. At one time the oil in the Cross Plains area was being drilled at such a rate that when "Texas Tea" was hit, there was nothing to do with it but contain it with earth in huge, open pits. The train was then used to bring in pumps and miles of pipelines. The railroad provided means of transportation by tankers. Although the "Peanut Special" only traveled to DeLeon, from there one could go on to such places like Waco, which became a big center for everything from ice cream to lumber. Kids also used the train for transportation. After a long day of swimming at Pioneer, Jack Scott can remember avoiding a dusty walk home by jumping on the back of a passing train.

Although most changes at this time were beneficial, some were not. Along with the abrupt increase in population, crime accelerated. While it didn't actually sky-rocket in Cross Plains, some citizens did take advantage of new situations. When one elderly woman was suspected of stealing feed from a standing car in the train yard, the local night watchman hatched a plan. After spending several hours one night inside one of the cars, the woman finally approached. To the night watchman's dismay, before he could confront her, she accused him of stealing! The case was actually taken before a court where both were finally acquitted.

One small boy witnessed the murders of a man and woman behind one of the hotels on his way home from school. When he told his father, however, he was told to never talk about it again - and furthermore, forget that it had happened. A major political rally was the scene of a well-known incident when two men disputed about access to a hamburger stand, and one was show to death in front of what is now Tim's Flower Shop.

Eventually, control of the railroad shifted to the MK&T Railroad company, and during World War II, the "Peanut Special" was discontinued despite pleas and bargaining attempts from leading citizens. For many years the rails were left to the elements. Children who had once stolen rides after swimming grew into teens who positioned their cars on the empty tracks, and sped to Rising Star and beyond. Finally, even the rails were taken up, and all that was left of a major token of Cross Plains memories.

The two banks failed in the Great Depression, and the hotels were shut down one by one. People moved away, and young men left, some to find work in the cities, and others to die in far off wars. Cross Plains claims many distinctions, chief among them has been the patriotism of her sons in wars in which this nation has been engaged. Young men from the shin oaks and prairie country covered themselves with glory in both World Wars I and II. This is probably the only little city in Texas who has two brothers killed in those conflicts, more than a core apart, both of whom are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Those forgotten heroes were Bart and Stanley Coppinger, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Coppinger, early settlers in this area.

Today, the DeLeon depot still stands, and the rail route is remembered by a few who can point to empty fields and tree lines, but for the most part of a chapter of history is closed and forgotten.

51.1% of deaths in county attributed to Cardiovascular Disease

AUSTIN—On an average day in Texas, 152 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association (AHA), Texas Affiliate. The AHA compiled these statistics using 1995 mortality information released from the Texas Department of Health.

In Callahan County, 51.5% of the 131 deaths in 1996 were attributed to cardiovascular diseases. Of the 55,500 cardiovascular disease deaths in Texas in 1996, 67 were in Callahan County.

In 1995, Callahan County had 72 (48.6%) of 148 deaths attributed to cardiovascular diseases. In 1994, the county had 64 (44.1%) of the 145 deaths caused by cardiovascular diseases.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 55,500 people in 1996 (39.7% of the 139,678 Texas residents who died). That translates into two of every five deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second leading cause of death, claiming 31,959 lives. Accidents accounted for 7,217 deaths and 2,061 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1996.

Nationally, statistics show that from 1985 to 1995 the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 2.8%. One reason for this small decline is that the total

U.S. population, and particularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the AHA is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs, research and revenue generation. Last year the Texas Affiliate reached over four million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$7 million in research funding in Texas.

To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, the AHA recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups, and exercising. If you feel that you might be one of the more than 60 million people in the United States who has some form of cardiovascular disease, please call your local American Heart Association office for more information, or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

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VOTING

locations. Early voting by personal appearance ends Friday, March 6. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

The Democratic Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10.

A number of contested races will be decided on the Tuesday, March 10 Democratic Party's ballot including County Judge, 42nd District Clerk, County Clerk and Justice of the Peace office in Precinct #3 (Baird).

Candidates in Callahan County seeking office in the March 10 Democratic Primary Election:

County Judge

Winford Hogan, 62, who resides at 507 Pleasant Lane in Clyde.

Roger Corn, 57, who resides at 532 Poplar in Baird.

Benjamin Holloway, 75, who resides at 667 FM 603, Clyde.

County Clerk

Jeanie Bohannon, 54, who resides at 601 West 3rd Street in Baird.

Belinda Davis, 51, who resides at 617 Vine Street in Baird.

County Treasurer

Dianne Alexander, 47, who resides at 516 Thelma Street in Baird.

42nd District Court Clerk

Georgie Manion, 49, who resides at 317 Spruce Street in Baird.

Sharon Owens, 48, who resides at 6218 County Road 252 in Clyde.

County Commissioner

Precinct #2 (Eula)

Bryan Farmer, 41, who resides at 9312 FM 603, Clyde.

County Commissioner

Precinct #4 (Cross Plains)

Charlie Grider, 59, who resides at 424 Fos Bond in Cross Plains.

Justice of the Peace

Precinct #4 (Cross Plains)

Rolan Jones, 56, who lists an address at P.O. Box 352 in Cross Plains.

Justice of the Peace

Precinct #1 (Clyde)

Eston Shelnett, 72, who resides at 504 South Third Street in Clyde.

Justice of the Peace

Precinct #3 (Baird)

Don Burns, 53, who resides at 508 Thelma Street in Baird.

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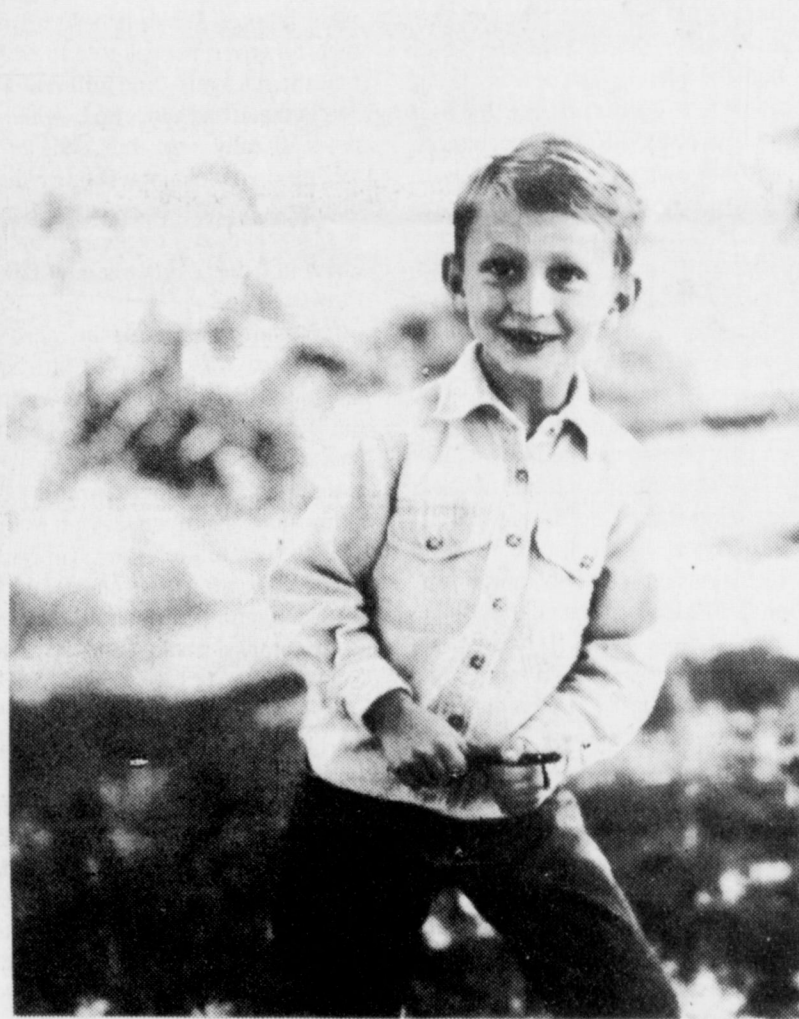
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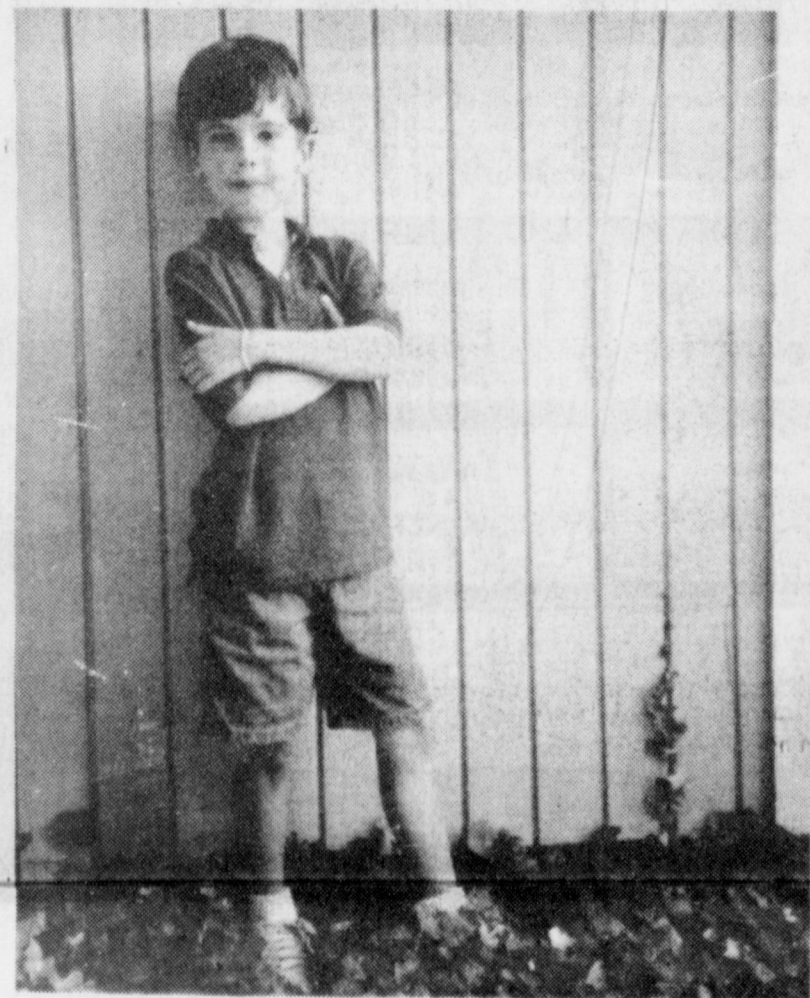
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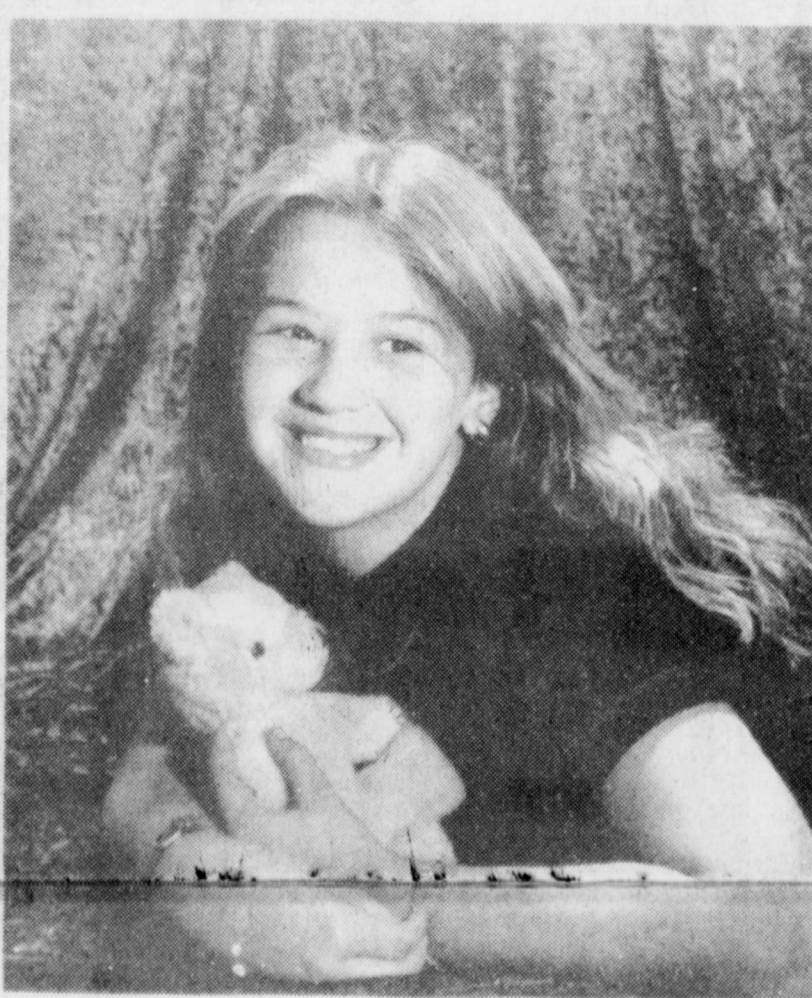
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Samantha Hutton, daughter of Lynn & Pam Hutton



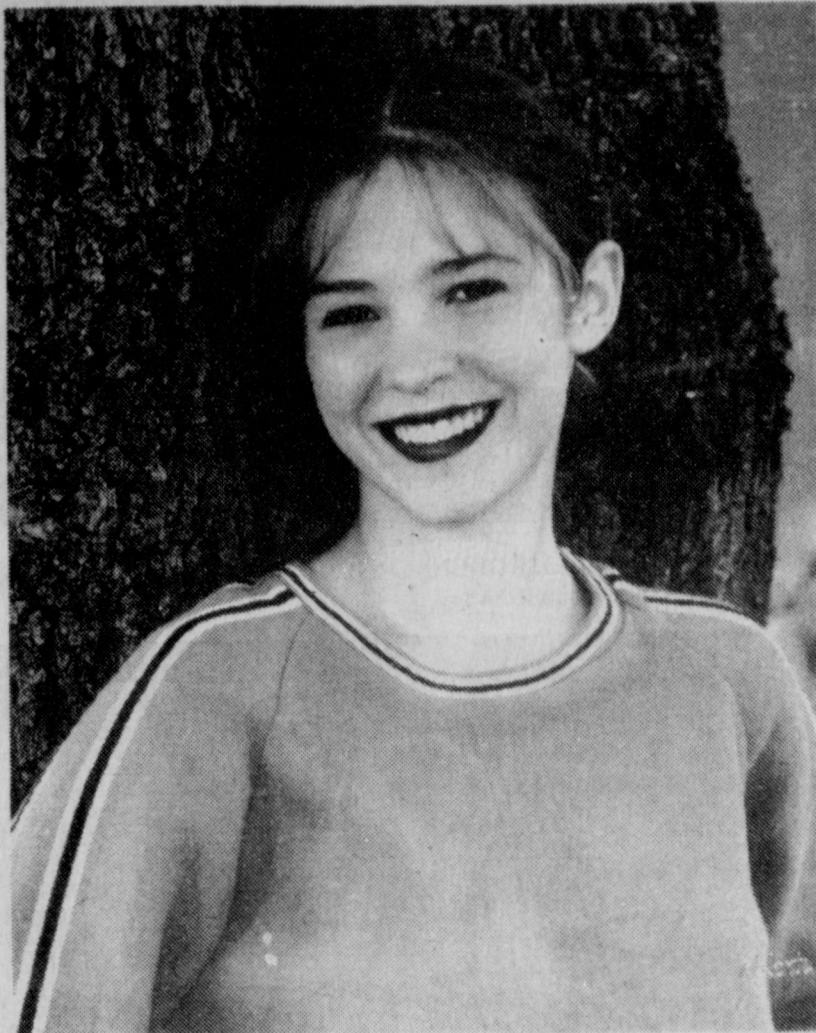
5TH - 6TH GRADE
Brittany Apple, daughter of Rickey & Jamie Apple



7TH - 8TH GRADE
Jenny Pancake, daughter of Randy & Phyllis Pancake



9TH - 10TH GRADE
Kristen Hunter, daughter of Ken & Terri Hunter



11TH - 12TH GRADE
Chandra Heath, daughter of Glenn Heath



1998 MISS CUPID — Whitney Box (middle), Emily Foster 1st Runner-Up (left) and Cierra Odom 2nd Runner-Up (right).



1998 MISS CHERUB — Macayla Cook (middle), Gina Newsom 1st Runner-Up (left) and Krista Phillips 2nd Runner-Up (right).



1998 MISS HEART THROB — Melissa Luter (middle) Megan Thomas 1st Runner-Up (right) and Summer Olvera 2nd Punner-Up (left).



1998 MISS SWEETHEART — Laska Bree Dillard (middle), Brittany Apple 1st Runner-Up (left) and Kim Mosier 2nd Runner-Up (right).

Parade

This event helps the contestants and their escorts develop confidence and poise in front of an audience. The girls love to have an occasion to dress in such an elegant fashion and are set off so well by their escorts in their handsome attire.

Trophies were given to the top winners in each division with banners given to the 1st and 2nd runners-up. All participants in the parade, however, are BEAUTIFUL or HANDSOME and all are WINNERS for what they gain from their experience. The community wins also, in that

proceeds go to various community projects which the organization supports.

Throughout the evening, trophies were also awarded as winners were announced in the photogenic contest.

Videos of the parade may still be purchased for \$10 by calling Judy Luter at 725-7222.

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi would like to thank all who participated, those who attended, the judges and the school for helping make this year's parade another success.



1998 MISS VALENTINE — Ashley Cook (middle), Jamie Davis 1st Runner-Up (right) and Danielle Eppard 2nd Runner-Up (left).

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Social Security Reform: What's Congress Up To?

By CHARLIE STENHOLM

Two events took place in August 1995 which captured my attention. The first made national headlines: Social Security turned 60 years old. This caused me to consider the many millions of lives have been positively impacted by a program created out of the bipartisan wisdom of Members of Congress who are now long gone. Amazingly, over 160 million people have received Social Security benefits since the program first began.

The other event marked a personal milestone for me. My first grandchild was born.

While the success of the Social Security program are impressive, the birth of Cole Stenholm (and the fact that I am long gone. Thinking of this prompted me to become involved in a number of Social Security activities as a way of protecting their future.

One activity was to convene a Social Security Summit in Abilene on May 30, 1997. Over 200 people from across the 17th District came to learn about the problems currently facing the program. Young and old alike gained a new sense of urgency about improving the system.

On the 60th anniversary of the Social Security Act in 1995, Representative Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona) and I founded the bipartisan House Public Pension Reform Caucus (PPRC). We have used the PPRC to educate our colleagues and their staff members about the Social Security system, inviting leading experts to share their wisdom. The meeting have been extremely productive and have enabled many members of Congress to expand their knowledge about the program and various dilemmas which lay ahead. To date, 72 of our colleagues from both parties have joined the PPRC.

In late 1996, representatives from the Center for Strategic and Interna-

tional Studies, a Washington-based nonpartisan policy organization invited me to serve as a congressional co-chair of the National Commission on Retirement Policy along with Representative Kolbe, Senator Judd Gregg (R-New Hampshire) and Senator John Breaux (D-Louisiana). The Commission will make policy recommendations to Congress and the White House regarding retirement issues, including but not limited to Social Security. The Commission plans to release a preliminary report in early 1998. I am also pleased that Dr. Lanny Hall, President of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and the former Deputy Director of the Texas Teacher Retirement System, serves as a member of the Commission.

To date, my work has been to discuss with colleagues and constituents the intricacies of Social Security. Over the last few years, however, many suggestions for reforming the program (ranging from raising pay-

roll taxes to completely replacing the existing system with a different program) have been made. Member of a Social Security Advisory Council submitted their proposals in January 1997. Additionally, many Members of Congress and Senators have introduced legislation to reform Social Security. I will examine a few of these plans in my next columns.

Rep. Charles Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas. He Co-Chairs the House Public Pension Reform Caucus.

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Valentine gift: Only in Texas

If you haven't found that unique gift for Valentine's Day, you can tell your sweetie you had a town in Texas named just for her. Here's a list of towns in Texas with a lady's name:

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Aurora	Flo	Lillian	Natalia	Tara
Bebe	Flora	Lindsay	Nell	Tulip
Cassie	Florence	Lissie	Olivia	Vera
Catarina	Gail	Lolita	Ovilla	Verona
Celeste	Georgia	Loraline	Panola	Victoria
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Courtney	Ida	Mabelle	Rosie	also:
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Dawn	Irene	Marie	Rochelle	Valentine
Desdemona				
Diana				

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.



DR. LOU HALSELL RODENBERGER — Relaxes with visitors after her book review at the public library.



DR. LOU HALSELL RODENBERGER — Shown with Cross Plains Librarian, Cherry Shults (right), and past president, Joan McCowen (left).



VISITING AFTER BOOK REVIEW AT LIBRARY

Library celebrates 20 year anniversary

The public library was filled with a large crowd of men and women to commemorate its 20 years of service to Cross Plains area residents. In recognition of this milestone, an entertaining and informative book review was given by Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger. She chose to discuss the popular novel *True Women* by Janice Woods Windle, a Texas native.

Dr. Rodenberger began with a brief review of Texas history to project the setting of this book - which though fiction, reads like true facts. Legend and real life history of Sam Houston, Santa Anna, and other historical figures appear throughout this novel. The attentive

crowd laughed frequently as Dr. Rodenberger revealed special stories from this book. The author used stories of her own family as a basis for the book which depicts extraordinary characters who lived, loved and died in a river of time reaching from the battle of the Alamo to World War II.

Following the program, the crowd lingered in the library for refreshments, looking over the facility and maybe - most importantly, visiting with each other!

Be watching for other outstanding book reviews to be offered by your library. Perhaps some of your own favorites will be forthcoming in the future.

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CJC Drama Department Present "Rapunzel"

The Cisco Junior College drama department will present "Rapunzel" Wednesday through Friday, February 11-13, in the Harrell Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

In this dramatization of the classic fairy tale from the brothers Grimm, two foolish parents barter away their only daughter to a lonely and selfish witch who imprisons the young girl in a lofty tower from which there is no egress and to which there is no entry save climbing the girl's long, golden hair. The rescue attempt, engineered by a handsome prince and a charmingly silly dragon, provides an exuberant entertainment for children of all ages.

The production features Kathy Toof as Rapunzel, Joe McCollum and Kim Campbell as Rapunzel's parents, Carolyn Ainsworth as the witch, Chris Hersey as the prince and Karl Schmidt as the dragon.

The play will be performed at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, and at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. Admission price is fifty cents, and the entire Cisco area community is welcome to attend. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (254) 442-2567 or (254) 442-2589 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Looking For A Few Good Belles

They mean Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles! If you were ever a member of this wonderful group or know anyone who was, please read the following information and pass it on!

During the weekend of April 24-25, Cisco Junior College will be hosting an "all-years" Belle Reunion. Since the "Belles" began back in the early 1960's, there have been many girls

who will look back fondly on these years of fun, friendship and camaraderie, and the college would like to contact as many former Belles as possible.

There are many activities planned for this weekend, and if you would like to a part of them or know someone who would, please contact Debbie Baker, Wrangler Belle Director, Cisco Junior College, Route 3, Box 3, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Alan Gary on six-month deployment in Mediterranean Sea

Navy Airman Alan Gary, son of Billy Gary of Route 3, Cisco, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 11 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

Gary's unit departed its home base of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, in October as part of the USS George Washington Battle Group.

During the first half of the deployment, Gary's unit supported Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing the U.N. mandated no-fly zone over Iraq. Gary's unit also participated in Exercise Bright Star, a multinational exercise off the coast of Egypt designed to improve unit readiness and interoperability with coalition forces. Gary's unit also visited Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

Gary's unit flies the Navy's SH-60F Seahawk, a multipurpose helicopter capable of conducting search and rescue, anti-submarine warfare, and reconnaissance.

The 1994 graduate of Cisco High School of Cisco, joined the Navy in October 1995.

VETERANS NEWS

WORLD WAR II—On February 9, 1943, the six months battle for Guadalcanal ended with an American victory over the Japanese. Several Callahan County Marines took part in that big fight for a toe-hold on the road to Japan.

KOREAN WAR MIAs—The Pentagon is looking for families of servicemen still missing from the Korean War. Relatives are asked to provide their name, address and the relationship of their loved one to the appropriate service casualty office.

These offices are: Air Force 800-531-5501, Army 800-892-2490, Navy 800-443-9298 and Marines 800-847-1597.

Following recent agreements with North Korean officials (and US Payment of \$672,000 in 1998), US military recovery teams have found what they believe are the remains of seven Americans. One set of remains already has been identified and returned to this family in Louisiana for burial with full military honors. Communist North Korea originally demanded \$20 million for the search!!

Though polite, North Korean officials brushed aside questions from the American Legion representative about access to questions from the American Legion representative about access to Americans living in North Korea. The delegation was

denied a meeting with North Korean Veterans who might be able to assist in the recovery of remains.

VETERANS LAND BOARD—Bill Young, Special Assistant to Garry Mauro, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office visited your Callahan County Veterans Office last week. Bill states that the Veterans Land Board is hungry for loans. Loan interest rates range from 5.925% (APR 6.20%) to 7.925% (APR 8.13%) on houses and home improvement. Land Loans are 6.65% on up to \$20,000 and 7.75% on up to \$40,000.

Bill claims that the Land Board is now able to process a loan in 30 days or less!! He is following up a Callahan County application sent in that day.

MEDICAL EXPENSES—This is the time to turn in your unreimbursed medical expenses for 1997 if you are a Veteran or widow on improved pension. Any medical expenses, including Medicare insurance, private medical insurance, prescriptions, dental, optical, hearing and even mileage qualify for reimbursement to the extent that the expenses exceed 5% of your base pension rate. Expense reports already turned in range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. If in doubt call your Veterans Service Office on Monday or Tuesday, 915-854-1520.

Nostalgia Night at CJC

The Cisco Junior College Jazz Band will be hosting the annual Nostalgia Night Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 20 and Saturday, February 21. There will be a variety of music from the Big Band Era, the 50's, 60's and 70's. Also featured will be the CJC Singers, Wrangler Choral and the Wrangle Belles.

The menu will include roast beef,

oven roasted potatoes, glazed baby carrots, broccoli with cheese sauce, Caesar salad, dinner rolls, apple pie, coffee and tea.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets will be \$10.00 per plate. To make reservations, please call (254) 442-2567.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 10, 1997.

**For Callahan Judge
Winford Hogan**

Pol. Adv. paid by Patsy Hogan, treasurer, 507 Pleasant Lane, Clyde, TX 79510

Roger Corn

Pol. Adv. Pd. by John Belcher, 751 Race St., Baird, TX 79504

Ben Holloway

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Ben Holloway, 667 FM 603, Clyde, Texas 79510

For County Clerk

Jeanie Bohannon

Pol. Adv. paid Karla Gilliland, treasurer, 601 W. 2nd, Baird, TX 79504

Belinda Davis

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Belinda Davis, 617 Vine Street, Baird, TX 79504

**For 42nd District
Court Clerk**

Georgie Manion

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Minnie Martin-Treasurer

Sharon Owens

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Dale Owens, Treasurer, 6218 CR 252, Clyde, Texas 79510

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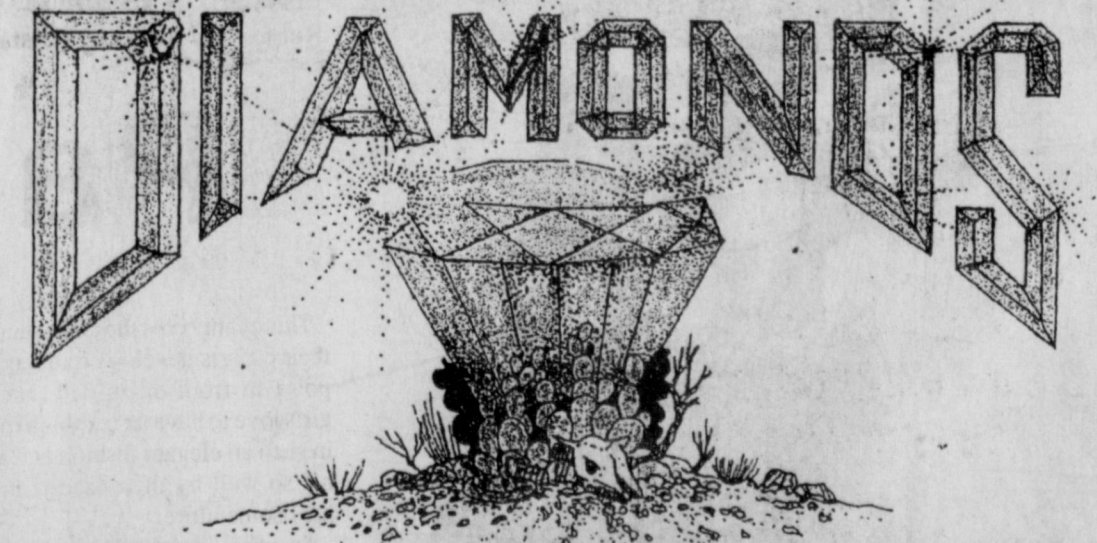
Pol. Adv. Pd. by Joe Pelton, Treasurer, 1059 S. 3rd St., Abilene, Texas 79602

**For Congressman
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Charlie Stenholm

Pol. Adv. Pd. by Stenholm for Congress Committee, P.O. Box 1032, Stamford, TX 79553

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Rekindled feeling of attachment help couples solve problems

HOUSTON — Existing feelings of attachment can help couples weather marital distress.

"Communication, children, finances and sex are the most common causes of conflict," said Bob Beck, a clinical social worker and couples therapist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "However, if there is still some sense of attachment and a shared vision for the future, the couple can make it."

Beck encourages couples to sit together and review courtship and wedding photos. These mementos can help couples focus on their early hopes for the future and on what they loved and cared about when they were first together.

The next step is resolving conflict to start listening to each other.

"The essence of working things out is hearing one another and accepting what the other person has to say," Beck said. "Only then can you begin to understand what is important to your partner and work toward some type of mutual agreement."

Some ground rules for conflict resolution include:

- * Talking through problems to mutual satisfaction rather than getting frustrated and giving up. Realize it

may take several discussion sessions.

- * Creating an environment conducive to discussion -- no television, no children needing attention.

- * Being willing to listen to the other person's viewpoint.

- * Entering the discussion with an open mind and the ability to accept another opinion.

Couples can often solve problems on their own, but if not, Beck recommends seeking professional help.

"Do not seek advice from your friends. They are often too close to the relationship or may have an allegiance to one of you," Beck said. "Rely on friends simply for support."

Beck encourages couples to find a counselor licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy or one who is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Couples therapists can be found at community agencies and clinics, at hospital outpatient clinics or in private practice.

"The most important ingredient is a good 'fit' between couple and therapist. If you cannot work comfortably with the therapist, then shop around for another," Beck said.



STEVE HARDIN

Callahan Baptist Association Evangelism Conference Feb. 22

The Callahan Baptist Association Evangelism Conference will be held Sunday, February 22 at the First Baptist Church in Clyde beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Hardin will be featured as the guest speaker and Jeremy Kirles as the worship leader.

Hardin is a youth and college communicator. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has worked on staff at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, First Baptist Church in Dallas and Lake Pointe, Rockwall. Steve started Grace Ministry in Abilene and is presently interim pastor at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene.

Kirles is a student at Hardin-Simmons University and leader of the Grace Ministry in Abilene.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. A love offering will be received.

Jeanie Bohannon Files For Callahan County Clerk



Deputy Registrar. I have been the Probate Clerk since 1979. I have completed a Probate Seminar receiving 16 hours continuing education, seven computer courses related to Workperfect and Courtch Systems, Inc., and attended Clerk meetings on criminal procedures. I also serve as AIS Tabulator Supervisor and Presiding Judge for the Central Counting Station with the elections. I am responsible for banking, bookkeeping, making numerous reports and have trained all personnel in the County Clerk's Office since 1994.

I am conservative and will manage the office as I would manage my own business. I will work with all elected officials for the best county government and will continue to offer friendly courteous service to everyone.

In my leisure time, I enjoy doing volunteer work with the 4-H program and piecing quilts. I have served as a trainer to 4-H members and leaders in the food and clothing projects, and also have judged for County Food Fashion Shows.

I enjoy working with the public and will use my knowledge and experience, and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the voters of Callahan County as your next County Clerk.

Your vote, support and influence will be sincerely appreciated.

Pol. Adv. pd. Karla Gilliland, treasurer, 601 W. 2nd, Baird, TX 79504



CLAY ALAN BURKHAM

Clay Burkham Birth Announced

Clay Alan Burkham arrived Wednesday, January 28, 1998, at 4:42 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. The proud parents are Angela and Bob Burkham of Canyon.

Grandparents are Glen and Jeanie Bohannon of Baird and Leon and Leona Burkham of Knox City.

Great-grandparents are Lucy Belle Bohannon and Frances Berry both of Coleman and Gladys Teal of Dalton, Georgia. Clay's uncle and aunt are Alan and Paige Bohannon of Abilene.

Meek's Blood Drive Friday

The public is invited to Meek's Blood Drive set for Friday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. at the Abilene Department of Public Service Office, 2720 Industrial Blvd. next to Black-Eyed Pea, or across the freeway from the Mall of Abilene.

Donors of the day will draw for art donated by Abilene area artists in honor of St. Valentine's Day.

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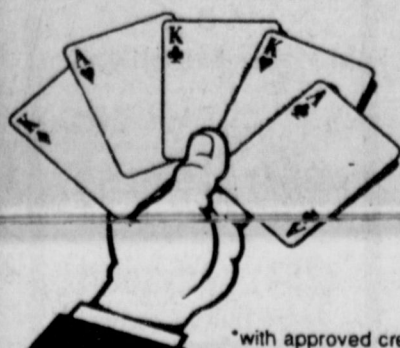


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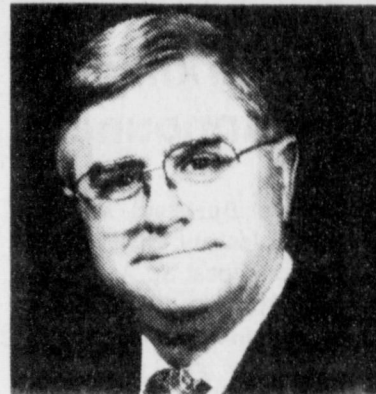
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Three-Quarters of a Million Texans Have Left The Food Stamp Rolls Due to State's Welfare Reform Efforts

AUSTIN -- In a year-end analysis of Texas' welfare reform efforts, State Comptroller John Sharp said that 770,000 people have left the food stamp rolls over the past three years - with 13 percent of the decline directly due to the state's new Lone Star card.

The innovative electronic benefits delivery system is helping taxpayers an average of \$85.5 million a year.

Sharp said an additional 31 percent of the drop in food stamp rolls over the past three years is attributed to the state's other comprehensive welfare reform efforts, many of which were first recommended in his 1995 A Partnership For Independence report.

"We said from the beginning that the Lone Star card would help clean up the food stamp rolls and remove anyone who had no business receiving taxpayer-funded benefits," Sharp said.

"Now that the card has been in place long enough for us to measure the results, it's clear that our original hopes were not only justified -- the Lone Star card has cut the food stamp rolls by more than 100,000 people," Sharp said.

"Few innovations in state government anywhere have worked as well as the Lone Star card," Sharp said.

State lawmakers first approved Sharp's recommendation to replace paper food stamp coupons with the Lone Star card's electronic delivery system back in 1991. In 1995, lawmakers also approved the majority of his A Partnership For Independence proposals.

Sharp's year-end analysis covers the period from January 1995, when the Lone Star card was being piloted in the Houston area, to October 1997 -- nearly three full years -- and is based on data reported by the Texas Department of Human Services, which runs the federal food stamp program in the state.

The new electronic card was implemented across the state in phases throughout 1995. Since then, the overall number of Texas food stamp recipients has fallen from 2.62 million to 1.85 million, a decrease of 770,000, according to DHS.

"The state of Texas showed vision in creating the Lone Star system, which has a 99.9 percent availability rate while processing 93 million transactions a year," DHS Commissioner Eric M. Bost said.

Greg Coler, President of Transactive Corporation, the Austin-based operator of the new electronic system, said the Texas system has come to serve as a model nationwide for efficiency and effectiveness in delivering public benefits.

"The success of the Lone Star card has proven to the rest of the nation that this system plays a central role in welfare reform," Coler said.

"While taxpayer savings are welcome, the real purpose of the card was to return food stamps to their original goal -- feeding hungry children," Sharp said.

The Comptroller's analysis concluded that Texas' robust economy accounts for slightly more than half of the total decline in food stamp cases in the state since January 1995.

The analysis also showed that sweeping welfare reforms enacted by state lawmakers have helped the state tighten its eligibility requirements, encourage job placement, and produce accurate and up-to-date records of food stamp recipients.

"The Lone Star card has had the same positive effect in Texas as finger imaging and other welfare reform programs have had in other states -- flagging people who aren't eligible for benefits and removing them from the rolls," Sharp said.

The Lone Star card has also changed the way needy Texans shop for their groceries, according to Joe Williams, executive director of the Texas Gulf Coast Grocers Association in Houston.

"With the Lone Star card, our food stamp recipients now have the luxury of buying fresh food for their families when they need it," Williams said. "No longer do recipients purchase 75 percent of their food during the first week of the month for fear that their coupons will be lost or stolen."

Moderate amounts of exercise can improve health

Whether the motivation is a new year, the first day of the month, boredom with television reruns or just that day when the waistband won't button, the response is often the same: Now is the time to get in shape.

The benefit from this reaction, according to Jennifer Smith of the Chronic Disease Community and Worksite Wellness Program at Texas Department of Health (TDH), is that people are in the mood to take on physical activity. The drawback, she said, is that people often try to do too much too quickly and become sore, tired and discouraged. The key is moderate physical activity on a consistent basis.

"You don't have to do strenuous aerobics or run a marathon to improve your health and fitness," she said. "It's good just to become more physically active than you have been."

And physical activity, Smith points out, is doing anything rather than just sitting. The health benefits can come from accumulating 30 minutes of physical activity on most days. "Even a moderate amount of exercise such as brisk walking, bicycling, pushing a baby in a stroller, playing a game of volleyball, vacuuming the house, or digging in the garden will reduce the risks of developing coronary heart disease, hypertension, colon cancer and diabetes," she said. "And it does not have to be all at once -- people can spread physical activity throughout the day."

The idea of involving physical activity throughout the day also solves some of the problems people have in finding time for a regular exercise program. Small things such as parking farther away from the door, taking the stairs rather than the elevator or playing games with your children in the park rather than watching from a bench can increase physical activity and improve health.

"People may not think spending the day with the family at the park or a zoo is exercise, but it's a great way to be physically active and enjoy a family outing at the same time," Smith said. "It's fun, and it's simple and often costs nothing extra."

A health report by the US Surgeon General notes that more than 60 percent of American adults are not physically active on a regular basis. And one in four adults is not active at all.

Smith advises people to get prepared to take advantage of opportunities for physical activity on a

regular basis. And one in four adults is not active at all.

Smith advises people to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities for physical activity any time of any place. People can keep comfortable shoes and a T-shirt at work or some equipment such as a ball or racquet in the car, she says.

One note: Smith cautions that just becoming more physically active will not necessarily lead to weight loss. "You do have to watch your diet intake and expend more energy to lose weight," Smith said.

Increased physical activity also will not prepare a person for a marathon or a week-long bicycle race. "What increasing physical activity creates is general health benefits," Smith said.

Regular physical activity helps:

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To avoid soreness and injury, people increasing physical activity should start out slowly and gradually build up. People with chronic health problems such as heart disease, diabetes or obesity and those who are at high risk for these problems should first consult a physician before beginning a new program of physical activity. Men over age 40 or women over age 50 who want to begin a vigorous physical activity program also should consult a physician first.

The TDH Chronic Disease Community and Worksite Wellness Program staff work with groups such as businesses, chambers of commerce, senior citizens programs, PTAs, churches and community health coalitions to help plan and implement wellness activities. "We can help a community map out mileage points or provide ideas to businesses such as signs urging people to take the stairs," Smith said.

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MR. AND MRS. AUSTIN JACKSON

MR. & MRS. GEORGE FRIEND
...celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. George Friend To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

George Ellis and Patricia Ann McNeel Friend will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, February 14 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. The reception is hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The couple reside in Denver but are familiar faces in the Cross Plains community. They invite friends and relatives to attend their special occasion. Your presence will be gift enough.

Better Business Bureau Tips

"Donating Your Used Car to Charity"

With increasing frequency, radio announcements, classified ads and television promotions are mentioning used car donations as a giving alternative that can result in a handsome, income tax write-off while also providing a simple way for both individuals and businesses to dispose of unwanted vehicles. Better Business Bureaus around the country have reported increasing interest in donating used cars to local charities and affiliates of national organizations.

Before you donate your vehicle, the BBB suggests you do some homework.

*Ask for a copy of the organization's Internal Revenue Service determination letter that verifies the soliciting group is tax exempt as a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Don't assume that a charitable-sounding organization requesting donations is eligible to receive tax deductible gifts.

*Ask the organization for copies of its latest annual report and IRS Form 990 that specify how they spent their funds in the past fiscal year. Check to make sure that the charity is registered to solicit with your state government's charity registration office. Also, contact your Better Business Bureau at (915) 691-1533 for information it may have on file.

Find out what happens to the donated cars. Some charities may state that donated cars will be used to help carry out the group's program service activities (such as providing transportation for needy families). However, if the charity is involved in major promotions for such contributions, chances are that the volume donated will result in most cars not being used but, instead, sold to raise funds for the organization.

*Cars can be sold directly by the charity or through an outside seller, such as an auctioneer or used car dealer. If an outside seller is involved, the charity might receive a flat fee (for example, \$100 per vehicle), a percentage of the actual sales price, or a combination of both. In some cases, less than 20 percent of the actual sale may go to the charity. Ask the charity for a receipt that verifies a car donation was made. For cars that need to be towed-in, the charity may need to mail receipts and titles to the donor.

This is all the more reason to check out the charity before making the donation. It is also up to the donor, not the charity, to place an accurate value on the car donation. If the donated value, as claimed exceeds \$500, the individual or business contributor will need to complete IRS Form 8283 as an attachment to his/her tax return. If the claimed value is over \$5,000, the donor will need to obtain a qualified written appraisal of the car.

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50 YEARS TOGETHER — LILLIAN AND AUSTIN JACKSON

Mr. & Mrs. Austin Jackson to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jackson will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Friday, February 13, 1998. They will be honored with an anniversary dinner at Underwood's Cafeteria in Brownwood, hosted by their children.

Austin Jackson and Lillian Stewart met in the May Community in Brown County, and exchanged vows in the home of the Rev. Jesse Bigbee, uncle of Austin, on February 13, 1948, in Brownwood. The Jacksons moved to Andrews where they resided for almost 20 years. They relocated for a short time to May before moving to Abilene where they lived for four years. In 1972, the couple moved to the Pioneer Community near Cross Plains and are now enjoying semi-retirement.

Austin has been an auto body me-

chanic since their marriage and also farmed. Lillian was a postal employee for six years in Andrews, before the couple adopted two children. Lillian retired in 1996 from the Cross Plains School Cafeteria after 20 years of service.

The Jacksons are members of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Lillian continues to work in the children's Sunday School department. She also enjoys watching her granddaughter, Candice, play basketball and part-time baby-sitting five-year-old grandson, Joel.

Austin works around the farm and still repairs cars on occasion.

The Jacksons have a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Larry Hinten of Cross Plains; a son, Gaylon Jackson of Cross Plains; four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

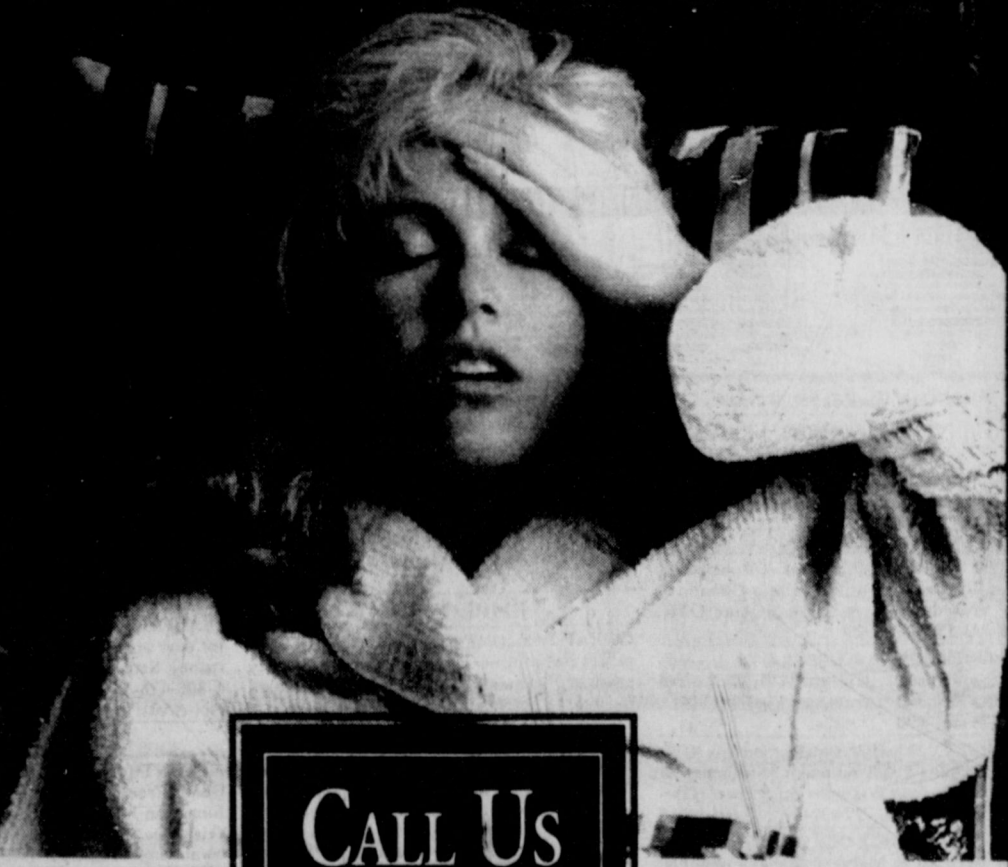
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