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Down Home

"The Pie!!!"

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

You have heard all about my cooking disasters---so how about a victory for a change?

Richard doesn't request a lot of cooking, so when he asked for a homemade chocolate meringue pie, my first thought was..."What is he thinking? He knows I can't make that kind of pie."

Well, I decided I could give it another try. Just because it didn't work out twenty-some odd years ago, I might do better now.

I had to make the crust from scratch because I didn't have a frozen one to cheat with. Now that was a long ordeal. However, I did follow the recipe to the letter and it turned out great. I think the butter-flavored Crisco had a lot to do with the success.

Would you believe they didn't have a chocolate filling recipe in my old cookbook, so I had to substitute using the vanilla one. Even the filling thickened and had the right flavor, after a guess amount of cocoa. I made one mistake with the vanilla (mixed with the egg yolks instead of individually) but it didn't seem to affect the overall results. This filling recipe was tricky with all the stirring, adding milk slowly, then adding more ingredients.

So far, so good! What do I do about the meringue? I had never been able to make meringue, even with all the right ingredients. And, guess what? I didn't have any cream of tartar. Richard's mother said it wouldn't matter, but the meringue just wouldn't be as high.

Believe it or not, it looked pretty good. I poured it on the filling and peaked the top and popped it into the oven to brown slightly. When I took it out it looked wonderful.

I had my creation sitting on the bar cooling and Richard came by and asked, "Well, do we get to eat it, or do we just look at it?" I told him we were just going to look at it for a while because I couldn't believe my eyes. He asked me why didn't I take a picture of it, but I didn't have any film in my camera.

The best part was that it tasted good. I have had some desserts that looked fantastic, but you couldn't eat them. What an accomplishment---it looked good and tasted good, too!

I have a new found appreciation for meringue pies. I see why they are quite expensive, as they take some time to prepare. I had flour and sugar all over my kitchen and cleaning up was time consuming, too.

This just proves that many times we give up too soon on a project and declare ourselves failures. I was determined to make this chocolate pie and it worked!!!!

The Cross Plains Review
CLOSED MONDAY
for LABOR DAY
Please bring all Articles in by Friday at Noon and all Ads in by Tuesday at Noon



LIBRARY RECIPIENT OF GRANT CHECK—Cherry Shults (front sitting); Esther Kerr (back, from left), Max Verzele, Bobbye Hinkle, Mayor Ray Purvis and Charles Rodenberger.

USDA Rural Development Announces Grant for Cross Plains Public Library

Bryan Daniel, state director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced that the Friends of the Cross Plains Library received a \$3,950 grant through the Community Facilities (CF) loan and grant program, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help rural areas build and enhance essential community facilities.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "With lower populations and tax bases than urban areas, rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

The grant funds will be used to replace the central heating and air

conditioning unit in the Cross Plains Public Library. The existing unit is approximately 25 years old and cannot be repaired. The new unit will allow library users to continue to enjoy a safe and comfortable environment.

Max E. Verzele, Community Development Specialist for the USDA Rural Development in Abilene met with Ray Purvis, Mayor of Cross Plains, Charles A. Rodenberger, President of the Friends of the Cross Plains Library, Cherry Shults, Librarian, Bobby Hinkle, Assistant Librarian, and Esther Kerr, Library Aid, on Wednesday, August 21, at 10 a.m. at the local library to present the library a check and a framed award letter to The Friends of the Library.

In Fiscal Year 2001, a total of \$6.3 million in CF loans and grants were infused into rural

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W.G. MCCOY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT—Tom Turner, President of the Texas Heritage Bank, presented Angela Swift with a scholarship at a reception in her honor.

Texas Heritage Bank Hosts Reception for Angela Swift

A reception was held Thursday, August 15, to honor Angela Swift, the 2002 recipient of the W.G. McCoy/Texas Heritage Bank Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 1994 in recognition of Mr. McCoy's many years of service to the bank and the community.

Approximately 50 people attended the reception held in the

lobby of Texas Heritage Bank. Tom Turner presented Angela with a check for \$1,000 to be used for tuition and books. The Salutatorian of the Class of 2002, is enrolled at Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a major in Accounting and a minor in Music.

Congratulations, Angela!!!!

BARBARIAN FESTIVAL Downtown C.P. Saturday

The annual Barbarian Festival will be held this Saturday, August 31st in beautiful downtown Cross Plains. Popular opinion demanded the location after last year's success.

We have 26 vendors, as of last week. There are craft vendors, commercial vendors and food vendors. At this time, we have vendors for roasted corn, sausage on a stick, turkey legs, BBQ sandwiches, nachos and others. When you come to the festival, plan on eating well.

Don't forget the domino tournament at the EMS Ambulance bay, behind Wheeler's Paint and Body Shop. It will start at 1:00 p.m. and will run until 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., with the winning team collecting half of the entry fees as a prize. No need to pre-register---just show up ready to play. Hollis Shults, Jr., Joan and Alton McCowen will make you welcome and show you to your seats. (By the way, the room will be air conditioned.)

The Kiddy Parade has grown! We are expecting the young people to participate as well as ladies from the Red Hat Society and others. If you want to participate in the parade, come to the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen

by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Registration is not required. We only ask that your entry be tasteful and safe. Ribbons for the young people are to be awarded. Everyone is welcome.

The current parade route is from the bank lot, north on Highway 206 to the Senior Citizen's Center and then right to "D" and back to the bank lot. Officer Gosnell has agreed to lead the parade, so it should be easy to find the proper route. Mayor Purvis will be our Parade Grand Marshal and has agreed to ride in a Texas National Guard HUMMV.

Don't forget the Armored Personnel Carrier to be on display. The National Guard has agreed to open this vehicle up for public inspection. Come see some of the equipment being used in the protection of our great country.

If you have any questions or comments during the Festival, just look for someone wearing a bright orange vest. No, we don't have TxDOT helping out. Festival Committee members and helpers will wear these vests to make it easier to find someone who knows what is going on at the Festival.

Don't forget the Senior Citizens

Quilt Show at the Cross Plains Community Center. A \$1.00 donation is requested to enter the show or to view the entries. All proceeds will go to benefit senior citizens of our area.

Dub Meador will have skating sessions all day on Saturday, starting about 9:45 a.m. If you enjoy skating, this is an opportunity to enjoy yourself at Skateworld.

"Cross Country" will be performing Country and Western music at Skateworld beginning at 7:00 p.m. for your listening and dancing pleasure. A cover charge will apply.

Know anyone who plays a musical instrument? Anyone who sings? How about a stand up comic? Tell them to contact Bobby Hinkle at the Cross Plains Public Library (254) 725-7722 or Keeka Byrd (254) 725-6836 if they would like to display their talents to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to show what you can do!

If anyone has found a little spare time on their hands, we need volunteers to join the Barbarian Festival committee or, if you don't want to join, we need helpers during the Festival. We will need help with everything from food servers to assistance in ensuring our town is not littered during and after the Festival. Contact Keeka Byrd if you are interested. We can promise you a good time and a "Thanks a LOT!" for your efforts.

For additional information concerning the Festival contact Keeka Byrd at (254) 725-6836 or Jerry Biggerstaff at (254) 725-4189 (email: jerrychnris@netzero.net).

See you at the Festival Saturday!!!!!!

NOTE: I guess everyone has seen the newest citizen in Cross Plains. The buffalo in the park next to City Hall is the result of efforts by Bill Richardson, who thought up the idea, located the critter and provided the talent to paint him, once he was brought to town. Thanks, Bill!!!!!!

Submitted by
Jerry Biggerstaff

Callahan County Student Enrollment

	Clyde CISD	Eula ISD	Baird ISD	Cross Plains
1991	1,488	512	472	446
1992	1,447	527	481	457
1993	1,511	511	491	451
1994	1,532	558	503	454
1995	1,528	568	490	449
1996	1,530	595	438	450
1997	1,539	575	454	470
1998	1,517	558	454	437
1999	1,520	573	427	474
2000	1,521	574	391	430
2001	1,489	513	385	409
2002	1,494	532	373	410

Cross Plains ISD student enrollment up 1

Student enrollment at Clyde CISD, Cross Plains ISD and Eula ISD increased at the start of the 2002-2003 school year, while Baird ISD reported enrollment declined to start the new school year.

Eula ISD reported the largest increase among the four public schools in Callahan County with an enrollment jump of 19 students to 532 students.

Clyde CISD reported an increase of five students over last year to 1,494 students to start the new school year. Clyde CISD Superintendent Tony Reed said Clyde CISD has a total of 58 student transfers districtwide. He said of those 58, 23 students are transfers from Baird and 23 students are transfers from Abilene schools.

Cross Plains ISD said the student enrollment was up just one student to 410 students, compared to last year.

Baird ISD reported the largest decline in student enrollment from last year. Baird reported 373 students to start the new school year—a decline of 12 students from the previous year.

Eula ISD enrollment by grade includes:

Pre K 15, Kindergarten 30, First Grade 21, Second Grade 31, Third Grade 35, Fourth Grade 38, Fifth Grade 31—Elementary Total 201.

Sixth Grade 47, Seventh Grade 43, Eighth Grade 54—Middle School Total 144.

Ninth Grade 43, Tenth Grade 51, Eleventh Grade 51, Twelfth Grade 42—High School Total

187.

Clyde CISD student enrollment per grade includes:

Hamby Elementary: Kindergarten 12, First Grade 8, Second Grade 14, Third Grade 12, Fourth Grade 7, Fifth Grade 14, Total 67.

Clyde Elementary: Early Childhood 5, Pre-Kindergarten 20, Kindergarten 96, First Grade 79, Second Grade 104, Third Grade 99, Total 403.

Clyde Intermediate: Fourth Grade 82, Fifth Grade 87, Sixth Grade 125, Total 294.

Clyde Junior High: Seventh Grade 102, Eighth Grade 147, Total 249.

Clyde High School: Ninth Grade 149, Tenth Grade 111, Eleventh Grade 112, Twelfth Grade 109, Total 481.

Baird ISD student enrollment by grade includes:

Kindergarten 22, First Grade 18, Second Grade 26, Third Grade 23, Fourth Grade 25, Fifth Grade 30, Sixth Grade 28, Total 172.

Seventh Grade 27, Eighth Grade 32, Ninth Grade 30, Tenth Grade 37, Eleventh Grade 44, Twelfth Grade 31, Total 201.

Cross Plains ISD student enrollment by grade to start the 2002-2003 school year are:

Pre-Kindergarten 25, Kindergarten 25, First Grade 15, Second Grade 26, Third Grade 26, Fourth Grade 24, Fifth Grade 30, Sixth Grade 22, Total 197.

Seventh Grade 37, Eighth Grade 35, Ninth Grade 37, Tenth Grade 39, Eleventh Grade 35, Twelfth Grade 30, Total 213.

VARSITY vs. ROBERT LEE
AUGUST 30, 2002
8:00 P.M.
HOME

J.V. vs. CISCO
AUGUST 29, 2002
5:00 P.M.
CISCO

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jody D. Harris, possession of marijuana.
Brad Robb, theft of property by check.
James M. Thompson, theft of property by check.
Elizabeth M. Woods, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Audra Hare, motion for early termination of probation granted.

Cara E. Toler, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Kristi Slate, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$263 court costs, \$160.95 restitution.

Trampas Belew, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$156.87 restitution.

Trampas Belew, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Hood Co. granted.

Angela Hill, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$63.33 restitution.

Angela Hill, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.

Robyn Davis, plea of guilty to theft of service, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs.

Sherry Floyd, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$263 court costs, \$865.82 restitution.

Johnny Markham, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$50 fine, \$263 court costs, \$218.59 restitution.

Ronda Moore, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$263 court costs, \$501.77 restitution.

Ronda Moore, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.

Andrew Hooker, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, \$50 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$62.57 restitution.

Donald Wright, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated - 2nd (DWI), 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$243 court costs.

Donald Wright, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Midland Co. granted.

Augustine Leal, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$70.92 restitution.

Becky Brooks, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$292.25 court costs, \$441.89 restitution.

Dinah Davis, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$106 restitution.

Joe Slate, Jr., plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$263 court costs, \$83.60 restitution.

Colt Anthony Pettit, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Phillip Fuller, order extending probation granted.

Harrell Burch, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Marriage Licenses

Leslie Ray Jones of Baird and Danielle Marie Durden of Rowlett.

Philip Wright Saunders IV and Tanya Anne Burt, both of Clyde.
Danny Joe Brammer of Clyde and Amy Lynna Cantu of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Vonda Kay Stockton and James Dean Stockton, divorce.
Shannon Suzette Hargrove and Hal Dean Hargrove, divorce.

Barbara Jean Haas and Daniel Ray Haas, divorce.

The Recovar Group, LLC vs. Extraco Banks, application for writ of garnishment after judgment granted.

Civil Minutes

Sharon Bruner Woolf and Sharon Onglee Woolf, divorce granted.

Cheryl L. Armstrong and Daniel L. Armstrong, divorce granted.

State of Texas vs. Timothy Wayne Skiles, principal and Jimmy Browning, surety, final judgment of bond forfeiture granted.

State of Texas vs. Coy B. Greenrock, principal, and Lynn autry, dba, Ace Bail bond, surety, final judgment of bond forfeiture granted.

Byron William Hatchett and Deborah Ann Hatchett, divorce granted.

Sears, Roebuck and Company vs. Deborah Rounsaville, agreed final judgment, plaintiff to recover from defendant the amount of \$1840.30 granted.

General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Curtis L. Hines, agreed final summary judgment, plaintiff to recover from defendant the amount of \$11,325.74 granted.

Jane B. Rown, Kelly and Jean B. McWilliams, independent co-executors of the estate of Rosalea C. Bonner, deceased vs. Ida Virginia Windham, order on defendant's motion for directed verdict granted.

Noel Franklin Glazner and Debora Gail Glazner, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Shane S. Ussery, plea of guilty to tampering with anhydrous ammonia equipment, 5 years in prison.

Matthew A. Stanton, plea of guilty to unauthorized use of a vehicle, 2 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$211 court costs.

William E. Sneed, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 6 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$231 court costs.

Grand Ole Oplin Friday

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce that this Friday, August 30th, the Jack Rosser Band will be playing and not Touch of Texas as originally planned. We're happy to welcome Mr. Rosser and his band back to the Grand Ole Oplin as it has been several years since he's had the opportunity to entertain us. Everyone is invited out to hear your favorite tunes and dance the evening away.

The Grand Ole Oplin at F.M. 604 & F.M. 2926 in the Oplin Community Center. Admission is still only \$3.00 per person, and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m.

So gather the family and friends and come on out for an evening of good friends and good music. See y'all there.

Submitted by Pam Ruffield

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OBITUARY

Johnny Pancake

Johnny Pancake, 60, of Brownwood passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2002, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, August 23, at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Johnny was born on September 3, 1941 in Gorman to L.W. Pancake and Lola Lee Arnett Pancake. He married Mary Koenig in Cross Plains on June 26, 1959. He was a member of Cross Plains Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Pancake of Brownwood; two daughters and sons-in-laws, Melissa Richards and husband, Monty, of Cross Plains and Jennifer Caraway and husband, Kyle, of De Leon; a son, Gregory Pancake and wife, Kelly, of San Antonio; six wonderful grandchildren, Jarad, Coby, and Kelsey Richards all of Cross Plains and Calvin, Caleb and Kyler Caraway all of De Leon; three brothers, Edward Pancake, Bill Pancake and Jackie Pancake, all of Cross Plains; and a multitude of friends.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Pancake, Randy Pancake, Jeremy Pancake, Jody Pancake, Lynn Koenig and Eddie Koenig.

Memorials may be made to the Pioneer Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Group says water conservation can replace destructive dams

AUSTIN—The State of Texas could - through conservation efforts at the municipal level - avoid many controversial and environmentally damaging projects such as the eight large dams proposed in the new State Water Plan, according to a report released by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). The analyses in the report use the successful programs of San Antonio and El Paso as guides for determining how much water could be saved.

According to NWF's report, Save Water, Save Rivers, Save Money, municipal conservation could yield up to 1.048 million acre-feet per year (341 billion gallons/year) in water savings above that proposed in the 2002 State Water Plan. Eight new multibillion dollar dam projects proposed in the Plan are estimated to provide 1.116 million acre-feet of water per year.

According to Dr. Norman Johns, the NWF author of the report, said "We know that water conservation should be an important part of Texas future water supply strategies, but these results really underline how fundamentally sound this approach is. We could avoid a lot of really controversial and environmentally damaging projects if we get started on a statewide effort at municipal water conservation today."

The recently completed Texas State Water Plan (formally known as Water for Texas 2002) is the principal document guid-

ing the state's future water development. Although the 2002 State Water Plan gives some attention to municipal water conservation, the National Wildlife Federation contends that the potential of water conservation, especially in municipalities, remains largely untapped.

San Antonio and El Paso already have achieved about 30% reductions in per person water use and have plans for future reductions to reach about 37%. The NWF analysis used three scenarios: minimal effort (10% reduction), moderate effort (25%) and higher effort (37%) with no city expected to do more than what San Antonio or El Paso are planning to do. In addition, cities in drier regions were presumed to use slightly more water per person.

NWF's Dr. Johns says the successes of San Antonio and El Paso are key to the analysis. "We wanted to base our work on real-world results here in Texas. We'd like to see the rest of the state follow the admirable initiative that these cities have taken."

The calculation of water savings was based on the projected population and water use data for 94 medium to large cities and heavily urbanized counties for the year 2050 as contained in the State Water Plan. The NWF report found that water savings would range between 0.407 million acre-feet per year for the minimal effort program to 1.048 million acre-feet per year for the higher effort.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The other day, while buying my hunting license, the young lady asked how many ducks I got last year, and the answer was none, because I didn't hunt for ducks last year. But this reminded me of an episode years ago.

One of my secretary/transcriptionists was right out of high school but was a determined learner and had taken a course in medical terminology, so I invited her to come work with me. (No one worked FOR me; some worked WITH me for our mutual benefit, or I found them a job working FOR someone else.)

Anyway, I asked her while she was at the Post Office to get me a "Duck Stamp". "A duck stamp?" Yes, I explained; ducks fly across state boundaries as they come down from nesting places in Canada, so the government considers them as "interstate commerce", under federal jurisdiction.

A federal duck stamp is required, in case I shot a duck and needed to mail it home.

She was a little incredulous until the lady at the post office took the money and gave her a duck stamp.

When she got back to the lab and explained her purchase to the other secretary and the technologists, she found that she had passed her initiation with flying colors and was now a full fledged member of "our gang"!

Come Friday after work, we all went down to White Rock Lake and fed the tame ducks stale bread soaked in beer. For years afterward, if the ducks spotted me, they would follow me, quacking loudly, as I rode my bicycle on the path all around the lake.

G. Curtis Hoskins, M.D.
Consulting Pathologist-retired
Cross Plains, Texas

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MARK 6: 40, 41

And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

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By MACK WATSON-BUSH

Hot! Summer has us in its clutches and escape is not in sight, though there was a time when summer could not, and did not, last long enough. Remember? When the heat was nothing but a friend that warmed us and gave us strength. Long summer days of childhood and early youth. Where have they gone? Those precious days of yesteryear. Bike rides, Cokes and ice cream at the local drive-in; exploration of every single nook and cranny that you and your best bosom buddy could find; late nights that went on and on and on, until your mother called you inside for the last time; and the greatest joy of all--no school!!!! Better than today? Only if we let it be, for each day has a beauty and a sweetness of its own. Make today the best ever!!

Roger Watson is home with us and we are so happy to welcome him here. We missed you Roger. Ellie Elliott has returned to the hospital in Brownwood. We are missing her indomitable spirit and awaiting her return. Ginger Arch, medication aide at the facility, has returned from vacation and we most surely missed her. Her father, Henry Wellmaker, is currently in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Please keep him and Ellie in your

thoughts. Writing of such things would be remiss if we did not mention sadness over the passing of Wanda Bible. A little late, this writer was out of the loop. Our very sincere condolences to that family and especially to Jerrell, her husband.

The monthly birthday party was held this past week and those celebrating birthdays were Jessie Casey, Laura Bennie and Marvin Tarver. Happy birthday to you three! Thanks to the fine ladies of the Methodist Church congregation in Rising Star for the cakes they supplied and to Gene Moore for more superlative piano playing.

Congratulations to resident Bulah Ferguson. Bulah (aka Boots) is now the great-great-grandmother of a baby girl born last week. The darling was named Destinee and we congratulate the family. We will garner the details announce them next time.

Also, congratulations to Angie Williams. She has been attending classes for months now, and has graduated. She is now a certified food service supervisor. Hooray Angie!!!

The bake-porch sale is still on the agenda for this Friday, August 30th, at 8:00 a.m. We are looking very forward to seeing many of you. See you there. Take care.

CPAHI to Host "Free" Chili Supper Tuesday, Sept. 17

The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative is hosting a "FREE" Chili Supper and Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

While the chili is free, donations to the CPAHI are appreciated and needed to offset the cost of the chili supper and to provide operating funds for the organization.

The CPAHI has begun making

plans to assist approximately a dozen applicants to obtain minor repairs to their homes through Helping Hearts and Hands. Anyone interested in applying for these services may contact Kathy Anderson at (254) 725-6521 or (254) 725-6654.

So, mark your calendars for September 17th and come enjoy a bowl of Connie Kirkham's homemade chili.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

September 2 - September 6

MONDAY--CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
TUESDAY-- Pork Chops w/ gravy, Corn, Okra & Tomatoes, Chocolate Cake, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Ham & Lima Beans, Hominy, Mixed Greens, Cheesecake, Cornbread, Milk

THURSDAY-- Salmon Patty, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Lemon Pie, Roll, Milk
FRIDAY--B-B-Q Chicken, Pinto Beans, Raisin Coleslaw, Butterscotch Pudding, Bread, Milk



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
 Cross Plains Church of Christ
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"Just put it on my credit card..."

How many credit cards do you have? I have three in my billfold and several offers at home! I try not to use them any more often than necessary -- but what's "necessary"? We're living in a "buy now, pay later" society. It's almost to the point that in order to pay cash for an item you must have proper identification and three credit cards. And if you offer to pay cash you are asked if you'd like to apply for a credit card!

There are some advantages to credit cards but I suspect they are abused more often than not. I also believe they have lent greatly to the American craze of "buy now, pay later." And since many marriage problems can be traced to financial difficulties, I'm made to wonder how much the credit cards can be blamed. And how many bankruptcies could have been avoided by tighter credit limitations?

Now for the clincher. How much of this attitude has flowed over into other areas of thinking and living, coming out like this: "Sin now, pay later..." Or "drink now, pay later..." And the list goes on and on, the point being that one will pay later, alright. Chances are that someone's paying now though -- and not the right one. Mother and/or Dad, "doing their own thing," and little children are paying. Or maybe it's the teenager who is "doing his/her own thing," and Mom and Dad are paying.

What Moses said in the long ago still stands: "... be sure your sin will find you out," Numbers 32:23b. And Paul wrote that the final payment for sin is death, Romans 6:23. It doesn't have to be that way, however, if we'll get away from the "credit card" syndrome of "sin now, pay later." "Cash in" on the debt Christ paid for you and me -- and "live now, live later!"

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
 Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Volunteer Fire Control Unit Meets to Plan Future Activities

The special meeting of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Unit last Tuesday night was not overcrowded with new recruits, according to Fire Chief Walter Thomason, but, the 18 citizens of Cottonwood who did attend included a few relatively new residents who are interested in the future quality of life for citizens of the community.

The group heard Chief Thomason tell that a new and better insurance policy for the fire truck had been obtained. And plans were discussed for a future work day when the weather gets a little cooler.

Richard Parr of Turkey Creek attended the meeting and said he hoped all residents of the community understood how important it is to have this organization ready and willing to respond to any type of emergency.

Please remember, many volunteers are needed in order to preserve the first and quickest response capability of these volunteers for citizens of this community. All citizens, regardless of age or circumstance, can be useful volunteers. Please call Walter Thomason at (254) 725-6603 to express your volunteer support of effort and funds.

Cottonwood Connections
 Beverly Brown is at home and recovering very nicely after a

unique "Gamma Knife" surgery on August 9th at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. The surgical procedure was for treatment of a tumor in the ear. Beverly said the anticipation leading up to the surgery was worse than the actual surgery itself. She is very thankful to be back at home. Her friends and family are also thankful that she is at home and doing well.

Excitement and Anticipation on Upcoming News-making Agenda

Lou Rodenberger has received a personal invitation from Laura Bush to participate in the 2002 "White House Symposium on Women of the West". Dr. Lou (Halsell) Rodenberger, a native of Cottonwood's Last Chance District, is a retired university professor (Texas A&M and McMurray), and is well-known as a published writer on the subject of women of the west and women writers of Texas. She will be journeying to Washington, D.C. in September to participate in the symposium.

"I am very excited and looking forward to this experience," she said, and has promised this reporter an extensive interview when she returns.

(Please report news events and personal items to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474. I can't tell it to our friends, if you don't tell me.)

Senior Citizens Quilt Show This Saturday, Aug. 31st

Saturday, August 31, 2002, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center, 108 Beech. Mark your calendars. Admission is \$1.00 donation. Entry fee for each quilt is also \$1.00 donation. Anyone interested in displaying a quilt or quilts contact Kathy Anderson at 254-725-6521 or 254-725-6654. Sewing related vendor space is also available. All proceeds benefit Cross Plains Senior Citizens and Meals-on-Wheels.

Come see the many quilts, wallhangings, afgans, etc. on display. Some are new, some are antique dating back to the 1930's. Friendship quilts, picture quilt, triple wedding ring, log cabin, applique, etc., just to mention a few.

Shop for scraps, quilt magazines and enter our drawing for a queen size angel quilt to be given away December 6th.

Don't miss this opportunity to support our Senior Citizens.

Submitted by Kathy Anderson

GRANT

Texas communities. USDA Rural Development finances health clinics, hospitals, libraries, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, elder care and child care facilities, and emergency medical equipment such as ambulances in rural areas and cities of up to 20,000 in population. Funding may be used to construct or improve community facilities and may include the costs of land,

equipment, and necessary professional fees. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to nonprofit corporations and tribal governments.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at (915) 690-6162, Ext. 4.

Closing for County Tax Assessor-Collectors Office

The Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, in Baird, will close from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 29. This office normally closes from 12:00-1:00 p.m., the addi-

tional 30 minutes is needed for the State to conduct a training session on the Registration & Title System machinery. The ladies of the office have volunteered to work during their lunch hour to lessen the inconvenience to the public.

FOURTH ANNUAL BARBARIAN FESTIVAL Presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce

August 31, 2002, in Downtown Cross Plains, Texas

Attractions include:

Parade starting at 9:00 AM

Food Booths

Craft Booths

42 Tournament at 1:00 PM at the EMS Ambulance Bay

Car Show

Motorcycle Show and Games

Tractor Show and Games

Live Music

Tee Shirt Souvenirs

The Texas National Guard will have a display of an Armored Personnel Carrier which will be open for public inspection.

Skate World will have several skate sessions throughout the day, starting at 9:45. Bring your own skates or rent from Dub.

The Country-Western dance band, *Cross Country*, will play for a C&W dance starting from 7:00 PM until 10:30 PM at Skate World.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: It's herb harvesting time at our house once again. Somehow every year it comes around, just nudging us to get going on the herbs. The only difference this year, our daughter is in charge of the herbs. That makes her the boss, the harvester, the drier, the mortar and pestle, as well as the bottler. In short it means she's in charge of the whole she-bang. She kind of inherited it since I am no longer able to do so.

"Herbs for Hers and Him"

Of course, I realize that the title is not good English or proper language. I just wanted to rhyme herbs and hers; and hope you'll forgive an old writer who likes the play on words. As stated above, the time has come to harvest some of the herbs. We lost our dill, as we were otherwise occupied (due to circumstances beyond our control), so due to that loss we will just have to try again next year. We have already harvested our fennel. You have to get it in before those little wiggly, multi-colored, green striped caterpillars go on their eating binge; just prior to turning into butterflies. They sure do like that fennel and they are also partial to dill (that's probably what ate our dill down to the quick).

For some reason, none of our parsley came back out this year. We do however, have peppermint, spearmint, apple mint, lemon balm, sage, thyme, oregano, marjoram, tarragon, rosemary, basil, sorrel, and chives, all of which we have three plants, plus two varieties that are onion and garlic. Not only are

they delicious for cooking as condiments, but they are also ornamental in bouquets and also as plate decor; but many of them can be used in making potpourri, as most of the herbs have a very sweet fragrance. There are rosemary, lemon balm any of the mints, marjoram, tarragon, basil and sorrel all go really well in potpourri, as well as the lavender which we grow also.

Herbs should be washed thoroughly 3 or 4 waters and after the water has drained, we place several trays of herbs in the dehydrator and dry them. After that, they should be crushed with a mortar and pestle, or ground in the food processor, and then placed in jars or bottles and sealed. Some of them may also be used in making aromatic oils and vinegars and bottled for future use in cooking. You may use some them, such as lavender, lemon balm, mints, etc. in bath salts---just add the dried herbs to Epsom salts, Alum and maybe a drop or two of food coloring for bath salts.

Dill is very good in deviled eggs and sprinkled on fresh, sliced tomatoes. Oregano is very good when placed in any dish containing tomato sauce. Rosemary is excellent in potato dishes. Sorrel has a light lemony taste, as does lemon balm, and fennel smells like licorice. Placing mint in foods you cook is very tasty, as well as being really good for your digestion. It also works very well as a breath freshener. Include some dried mint in your chocolate fudge, pour into the small cupcake pans and waxed cups and you will have plenty of breath mints for everyone's pillow.

TRIAD/S.A.L.T.

NEWS

We have recently had our attention brought to some information that might be very valuable to senior citizens and the physically challenged.

Look on the back of your drivers license and you will find a Roadside Assistance Number. It is a 1-800 number so there will be no charge for you to call the number.

If you are stranded on the highway, outside any city limit, you can call that number (on your cell phone or nearest telephone) and they will dispatch the nearest state trooper immediately to find

you and see what you need and if you are okay.

If you are having car trouble, they will contact the nearest towing service or service station to come and help you. But YOU are responsible for any and all charges.

This is some good information to be aware of, and it might be a big help to some of you some day.

Submitted by
 Kay D. Mosley, Secretary
 Callahan Co. TRIAD/S.A.L.T.
 Advisory Council
 8-20-02

VETERANS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

Thanks again to everyone for your patience while I was in Scott and White Hospital in Temple, TX. The leg pain is still as bad as it was before my back operation so the doctors are considering a second operation to find the trouble spot for sure this time. By the way--the telephone number that I listed in the paper last week is my home number. The office number is 915 854-1520. There is an answering machine at both numbers.

PRESCRIPTIONS AID----The 2002 DIRECTORY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS is now available. This booklet lists 55 pharmaceutical companies that offer assistance to lower income persons and families. A copy of the booklet which contains info on eligibility, etc. is available by calling 800 762-4636. This is an opportunity to reduce the cost of many expensive medications.

V A Expenditures----The Department of Veterans Affairs

recorded \$2,286,962 spent in Callahan County during Fiscal Year 2001 which ended September 30, 2001. This is a very nice increase of \$156,902 over Fiscal Year 2000. \$121,266 of the increase was for Compensation and Pension which goes directly to the hands of disabled Veterans, their survivors or dependents. \$36,372 more was spent on Readjustment & Vocational Rehabilitation which enables our Veterans to better meet the employment needs of our fast moving world. Insurance and Indemnities reflected a slight decrease of \$736 to \$92,816 for the year. This last item is one that we do not like to increase as that means that some of our buddies have made last call.

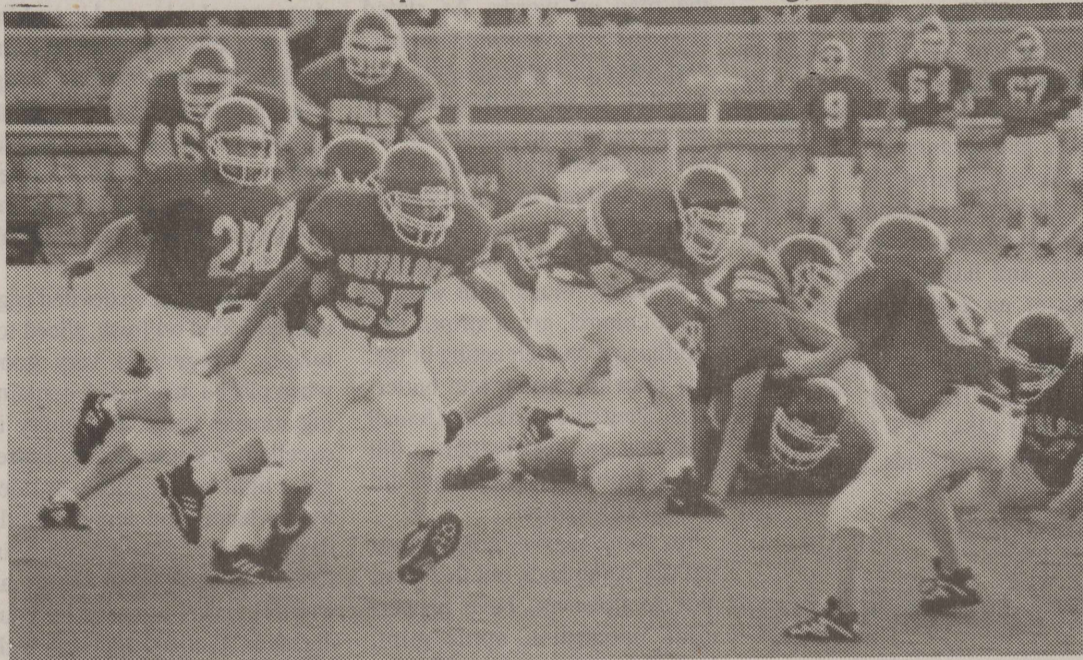
HOLIDAY---Your Callahan County Courthouse will be closed on September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday. Here's wishing everyone a safe and happy day off. Be careful on the roads!!

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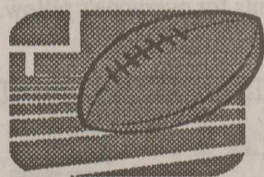


VARSITY BUFFALOES PARTICIPATED IN 3-WAY SCRIMMAGE— Thursday, August 22, the team scrimmaged Hico and Eastland demonstrating growth and strength in their performance. Support the Buffaloes in their season opener this Friday, August 30, at Buffalo Stadium. (Football photos courtesy of Teresa Koenig.)



JUNIOR VARSITY BUFFALOES PLAYED IN 3-WAY SCRIMMAGE AUGUST 22

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SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 6

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY-- NO SCHOOL	MONDAY-- LABOR DAY
TUESDAY-- Blueberry Muffins, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY-- Salisbury Steak w/brown gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY-- Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY-- Taco Salad, Corn, Jello w/fruit
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice	THURSDAY--Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY--Cinnamon Toast, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY-- Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, Fries, Cookie

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST 31
 Danny Johnson
 Jean (Bonner) McWilliams
 Vicki (Stover) Strength
 Terri Jean Vaught Druceger
 Marie Harrell
 Karen Richey
 Rich Holder
 David Gray
 Chester Phillips
 Rennee Byars
 Randy Pope

SEPTEMBER 1
 Terri Lynn Webb
 Michael Sadler
 Jimmy Leon Perry
 Donald Willis

Faye Region
 Brenda Franke
 Carolyn Simmons
 Mrs. Velma Ritter
 Jean Smith
 Dennis Dickson
 Jason Dean Fortune
 Elizabeth Nan Koenig

SEPTEMBER 6
 Ronnie Pancake
 Eddie Gibson
 Elizabeth Smith
 Jami Lewis
 Pete Barbar, Jr.
 Kristin Hunter
 Mrs. E.M. Clark
 Mandy Bushnell
 Jimmy Clark

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2002

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met for a budget hearing with the following members present: Susan Schaefer, Jim Cook and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tenneson and guest, Scott Childress.

Conducted budget and tax proposal hearing for the public.

ANNUAL STAFF NEWS

It's time for sports pictures this week. The annual staff will be taking football pictures this week. Packets are as follows:

- Individual Packages
 - (1) 8X10 \$15.00 each
 - (2) 5X7 10 wallets
- Team Group Package
 - (1) 5X7 \$6.00 each
 - Buttons \$4.00 each.

Payment must be enclosed with order. Checks made payable to CPISD. Forms will be given the students. Extra forms can be picked up in the Superintendent's Office.

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At the football games the annual staff will be selling programs for \$1.00, this includes a chance to win a cake. Drawing will be held at half-time. Ads for the program are \$10.00 each. For more information you can contact Jamie Apple.

There will be 1999, 2000, 2001 annuals on sale for \$25.00. Buffalo license plates for \$2.00 and Buffalo frames for \$3.00.

Upcoming Events:
 September 23rd--Senior Pictures
 October 2nd -- Fall Pictures.

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Athletic Boosters Announce New Officers/Projects

The Cross Plains Athletic Boosters held their first meeting of the year last Monday at City Hall to elect new officers. The new president is Frankie Hyles, secretary- Teresa Koenig, treasurer-Julie Wyatt, and concessions- Kellie Hyles.

Several fund-raisers were talked about. Those present voted to order Afghans in purple and gold with the school mascot on them. Boosters will be selling

chances on a voucher for a trip of your choice and for a game table made from part of the old gym floor that was donated by Frankie and Kellie Hyles. Ricky Potter is donating his labor to build the table.

There will be a Booster Membership Drive the first home game of the Buffaloes on Friday, August 30th. The cost of memberships will be \$10.00 per family. Support the Buffaloes by joining the Booster Club.

TeamKID Begins September 4th

Summer vacations are over, and it's time for TeamKID, the Wednesday night program for children at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Ages Pre-K through 6th grade are invited for a time of Bible

stories, scripture memory, recreation and snacks each Wednesday from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., beginning September 4th.

All community children are welcome to attend. First Baptist Church hopes to see you there!!!

EARLY OUT FRIDAY

August 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Buses will run at 2:40. p.m.

No School Monday,

September 2, Labor Day

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Tuesday, September 3

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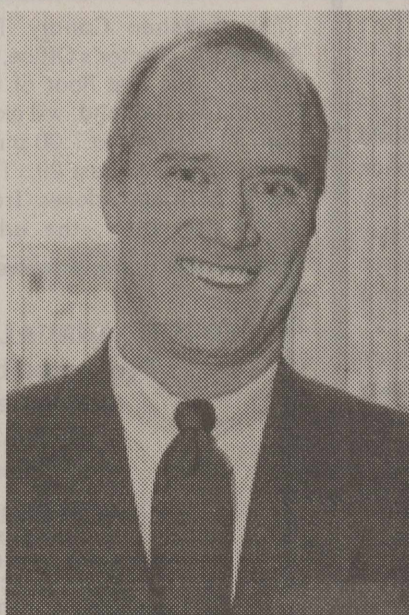
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SEPTEMBER 2
 Sharla Payne Stone
 Stacy Gale Montgomery
 Stephanie Kay Edington
 Katy Morgan

SEPTEMBER 3
 Carolyn Childers
 Norma Jean Franke Kerns
 Sharron Hicks
 Marion Simpson
 Rickey Lynn Carouth
 Ben Wagner
 Kandy Kay (McClure)Sunderman
 Bill Reed
 Trey Mciron
 Jimmy Wilson
 Billy Davis

SEPTEMBER 4
 Eva (Wilson) Fleming
 Glen Winfrey
 Mrs. Theron Whitefield
 Mrs. Ferrell Newton
 Sharron (Dillard) Lewis
 Michael Hargrove
 Gloria Strahan Dominguez
 Lou Allen Browning
 Mrs. Grider Adams
 Darrell Pecvy
 Falon Bass
 Caleb Eldred

SEPTEMBER 5
 Brad Perry
 Wayne Wilson
 Joyce Seals
 Barbara Ege
 C.D. Shields
 Doris Marie Givens



MEET

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LEGAL NOTICE

Callahan County will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at the County Judge's Office. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Cami Robinson for assistance.

Callahan County will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
 2. Verification of income is required. Verification of residence, household composition, and resources is required if questionable.
 3. Maximum Countable income cannot exceed:
- | Family Size | Minimum Income Standards
21% FPIL | Minimum Income Standards
25% FPIL | Maximum Income Standards
50% FPIL |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$155 | \$185 | \$370 |
| 2 | \$209 | \$249 | \$498 |
| 3 | \$263 | \$313 | \$626 |
| 4 | \$317 | \$377 | \$755 |
| 5 | \$371 | \$441 | \$883 |
| 6 | \$425 | \$506 | \$1,011 |
| 7 | \$479 | \$570 | \$1,140 |
| 8 | \$532 | \$634 | \$1,268 |
| 9 | \$586 | \$698 | \$1,396 |
| 10 | \$640 | \$762 | \$1,525 |
| 11 | \$694 | \$826 | \$1,653 |
| 12 | \$748 | \$891 | \$1,781 |
4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2,000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.
 5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Callahan County.
 6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.
 7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payor of last resort.
 8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Callahan County
conducted a public hearing
on a proposal to increase the total
tax revenues of the
Callahan County
from properties on the tax roll
in the preceding year by 4.71 percent
on August 26, 2002 at 8:30 A.M.

The Callahan County
is scheduled to vote on the
tax rate that will result in a tax increase
at a public meeting to be held
on September 9, 2002 at 9:30 A.M.
at the Callahan County Commissioners
Court Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Baird, Texas.

Non-producing Oil Wells Pose Potential Threat

There's a very real threat to Texas lakes, rivers and aquifers looming on the horizon. Few Texans realize that there are some 17,000 abandoned, non-producing oil and gas wells in the state and that many of these wells may very well pose a potential threat to Texas' most precious natural resource—water.

That's why it's important to have a Railroad Commission that's willing to do its job. One way we've done that is through a program of bonding and financial assurance. The Commission now requires operators to be bonded or to provide cash or letters of credit on their operations in order to assure Texans that sites are cleaned up, wells are plugged and our water and rivers protected long after production ceased.

Since changes to the financial assurance requirements took effect in March 2002, a number of groups, including regional oil and gas associations and a group of Texas legislators, are pressing hard to roll back this long overdue program.

Why is financial assurance so critical? The state's Oil Field Cleanup Fund faces a potential liability of \$540 million for abandoned oil field sites and wells and is already stretched too thin for current demands on the fund. A burden of this magnitude cannot and should not be picked up by the taxpayers of Texas.

Financial assurance was a key component to the Commission's Sunset bill passed by the 77th Legislature in 2001. The state clearly had to act to halt the increasing number of unbonded, orphaned oil and gas wells in the state. These wells are draining the state's Oil Field Cleanup Fund and—in many cases—pose environmental risks.

Although critics have been vocal, suggesting that we grant "good guy" waivers to some operators regardless of their financial standing or history, the bonding and financial assurance program is working. We're seeing a significant number of operators able to secure the bonds or letters of credit necessary to stay in business.

In fact, currently, 95% of the oil and 96.2% of gas produced in Texas was produced by operators with bonds, cash or letters of credit, and of the 7,161 registered, active operators, some 50% have financial assurance—a 40% increase from just a year ago.

In July, the Commission had 116 operators seeking exception to the financial assurance program, requesting to be granted a "good guy" exception to the new bonding requirements. Based on past experience, approximately 75% of these applications for exception to the bonding requirements will be withdrawn or dismissed, most frequently because the operator eventually secures the wells with either a bond or letter of credit.

For others, we should note that those 116 operators in question accounted for .14% of the oil produced in Texas and .03% of the natural gas produced. The unfortunate reality is that many of the low producing operators cited here will never generate sufficient revenue from their wells to pay for the cost of plugging when it becomes necessary to do so.

It's time for Texans to take notice because the rules and regulations of the Texas Railroad Commission can and do stand to impact our every day lives. We can create an environment where we find the right balance, an environment where production is valued but our resources, especially our water supplies, are preserved, as well.

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 6, 2002

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present except Joe Ingram. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Cameron Gully, Auditor, met with the council to go over the 2001/2002 audit. He discussed the audit at length, and discussed briefly GASB34, an accounting bill that will change the way municipalities do their accounting. He informed the council that once this bill goes into effect in 2004, the city would have to comply with the bill or not be eligible for federal funds. He informed the council that he and City Administrator Debbie Gosnell would keep them updated on the time line of conforming to the regulations. Edwin Weiss moved to approve the budget as presented. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 96 calls for service, 3 criminal mischiefs, 2 warrants served, 2 prowlers, 2 forgeries, 2 thefts, 1 accident 1 telephone harassment, 1 drug overdose, and 2 disorderly conducts, with 52 warnings and 84 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Don Gosnell, Chief of Police, and Mark Getz, Deputy Sheriff, met with the council to discuss the amount of empty beer cans and bottles that are left at the front side of Treadway Park on Highway 36. It was noted by Mark Norris, Water Superintendent, that the last table in the park has so many broken beer bottles that the table and benches are unusable. He also informed the council that it takes several hours each week to clean up after the weekend because of discarded bottles and cans. Edwin Weiss moved to make the front side of Treadway Park off limits to alcohol. James Nichols seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the number of compensatory time collected by Don Gosnell. James Nichols moved to pay for 100 hours of comp time. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, presented the monthly judge's report. He reported 84 citations for July with 31 remaining outstanding. There are 13 citations outstanding.

ing for June and 8 for May. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Coleman Pillans and Roxie Fletcher met with the council to discuss Avenue A and the section of the street in front of her home located at 125 S. Avenue A. Fletcher asked the council to consider deeding the section of the street not being used by the City back to her. After lengthy discussion by general consent, the council declined Ms. Fletcher's request.

Janice Ratliff met with the council to request a speed bump be put on Beech Street, somewhere between North 1st Street and North 4th Street. She discussed with the council the fact that the traffic on that street drives at extremely high speeds and her main concern was for her grandchildren's safety and other children in the neighborhood's safety. Discussion was held at length concerning the drainage problem those streets face during the rainy seasons and what a speed bump would do concerning drainage. By general consent the council tabled the discussion until the next regular meeting while the matter could be studied further.

Bids were opened on the sign for the city park next to City Hall. Bids were as follows: Reed Construction \$6,280.00; Turner Landscape \$1,800.00.

Bids were opened on the construction of a gazebo in the park next to City Hall. Bids were as follows: Reed Construction \$8,878.00; Turner Landscaping \$7,250.00.

Dean Dillard moved to accept Turner Landscaping bid for the sign in the amount of \$1,800.00 and the gazebo in the amount of \$7,250.00 and to amend the budget to reflect a change in "replenishing reserves" from \$30,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and put \$10,000.00 in park expenses. Jerry Cassle seconded and the motion carried.

James Nichols moved to apply for a grant for a chipper for the street department. Edwin Weiss seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn and James Nichols seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

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You are our family and you continue to sustain us with your love and prayers.

Thank you to Daisy, Mary, and Gladys for preparing the lunch on Saturday and for helping with decisions we had to make.

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful meal prepared for our family on Monday.

Thank you to Bob Pipes for the wonderful service, to Henry Ring for the song service and to all those who loved Nanny so much, especially Daisy, a faithful and true friend. Thank you for the cards, flowers, and prayers that ease our hearts.

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NEW LISTING-- 22/A, Brown County, high water table, brushy, great hunting, has creek, \$30,000

* 50/A in Brown County near Blanket, stock ponds, **UNDER CONTRACT**, on County Rd. \$75,000

NEW LISTING-- 93 +/-A., 960 sq. ft. doublewide, 2bd/2 bath, CH/A, septic, new barn, water well, on pavement, close to town. \$130,000.00

NEW LISTING-- 101/A with 3bd/1 bath frame **SOLD** 35/A coastal, rural waterline, waterwell, fenced, 2 miles from Cross Plains, on pavement. \$130,000

NEW LISTING-- 105 ac., 1 mile east of FM 374, **SOLD** 200 ac. rural. Trees, good water, crossed fenced, good building site, \$900 per acre.

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NEW LISTING-- 179 +/-A, near Eula, 20 miles from Abilene, 30 miles west of Cross Plains. 35/A costal, 90/A cultivation, remainder in Native pasture. Water well, city water line, stock pond, good fences. Quail, Dove and Deer. \$179,000

* 185/A in North Brown County, 2 stock ponds, **UNDER CONTRACT** 200 ac. rural, wooded, creek some cultivation. Good hunting & fishing! \$750/A

NEW LISTING-- 200/A Brown Co. good hunting and fishing, 4 ponds, excellent fences, \$750/A

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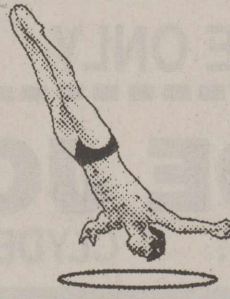
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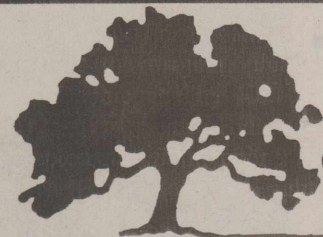
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Trying to talk...

Precious is telling me about Smiley Riley. All I could hear was static. I said "what?" and then she said "what?" back.

"I said, you're cutting out. I can only hear about every third word." After one long beep the phone went dead. My conversation with Precious was severed in the middle of a sentence again.

This cell phone used to have better manners. It once issued several warnings before the disconnect. I guess it decided I'm familiar with the routine by now and switched to the condensed version.

"Drat!" I yelled. I snatched the land phone from its overnight snooze on the charger. It used to be called simply The Phone, but these days it has to be distinguished from cell phones and other technical advances of communication.

Two minutes into the conversation I thought I heard a beep. "Just a minute," I told Precious, "I think I have another call." Clicking over to the second line, I said, "Hello? Hello?"

"It's still me, Mom," said Precious.

"Oh, then I guess it means we're going to be disconnected again..."

Click.

The phone should have been rested and ready for a marathon conversation. It has to be laid in its cradle just right, though, or the prongs don't seat solidly. There may be no spark in this phone, but plenty of sparks are flying.

The next phone is the one that can only hold Kentucky and Texas together for 10 minutes. After a breather the battery revives. I can make local calls all day, but this phone suffers extreme exhaustion from long dis-

tance calls.

This is also the phone that demands I stand in one spot while talking. Severe static is administered if I move even an inch out of line. It's worse than being hooked up to a short phone cord, and it makes me feel I'm in the same lab as Pavlov's dogs.

As the 10 minute warning sequence begins, the beeps disrupt conversation. All we talk about is the beeping. A final terminal beep is the last sound we hear.

At my house, a phone call becomes a phones call. It takes at least three phones to make one call.

Now I have three phones on their chargers and many more words to say to Precious. I redialed from the last phone, thinking we could talk while plugged in. We said our hellos again and were getting back to where we left off, when — Beep. Must be we're talking faster than the battery can charge.

By now, phone #1 has been on the charger at least 10 minutes longer than the others. "Hi!" I said. "I just want to say goodbye. So goodbye - talk to you tomorrow..." Our words were sliced with a sharp knife.

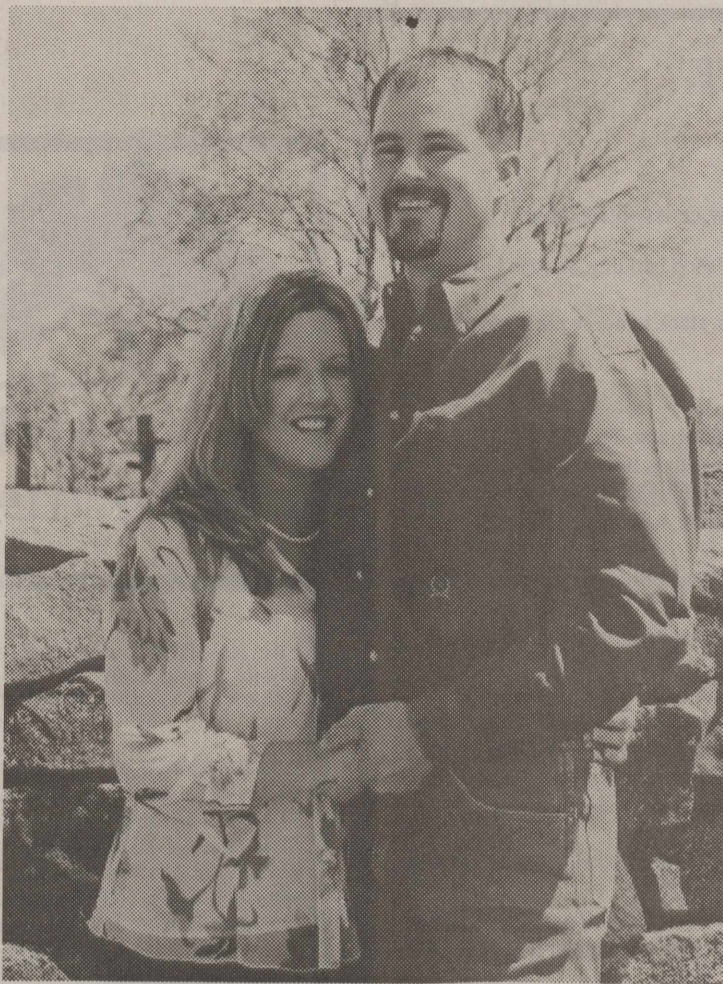
I ran to the fax machine and wrote out a quick "Bye!"

Each phone had recharged just enough to dial and call out, "Bye!"

I was laughing like a maniac. I turned on the computer and screeched onto the net — "Bye!!!"

Precious sent an email back to me. "Gee, Mom, you must have tripped your circuit breaker. Get some rest and call me tomorrow when all your phones are ready."

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KELLI BROWN AND KEVIN SWITZER

Brown-Switzer to Exchange Vows

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. Richard Brown of Harvest, Alabama announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelli Gayle Brown, to Kevin Ray Switzer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Switzer of Cross Plains.

Kelli is a graduate of Mount

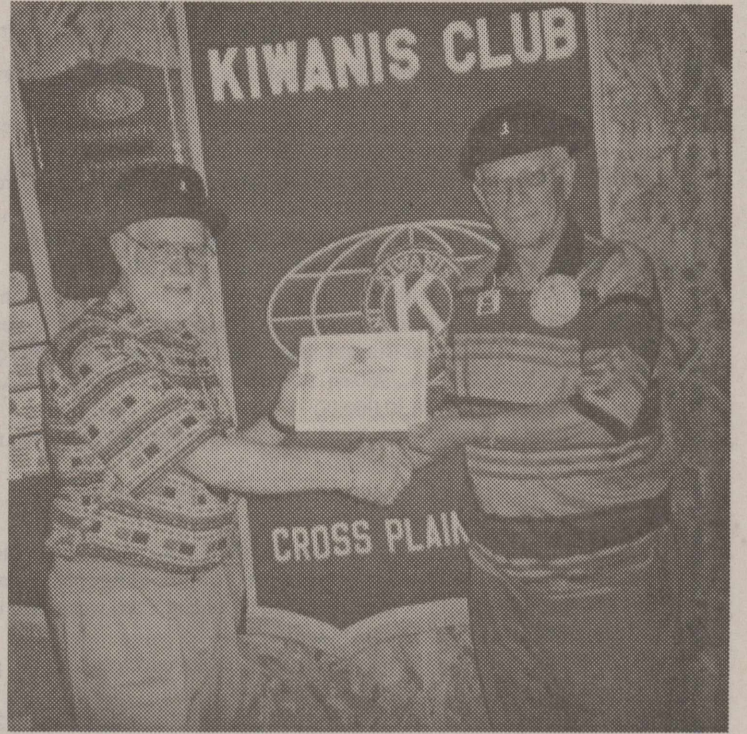
Vernon High School, Alexandria, Virginia and Cisco Junior College.

Kevin is a graduate of Cross Plains High School and is currently employed by Housley Communications.

The wedding will take place October 5th in Cross Plains.



Pray For Rain !



SPECIAL GUESTS—The Bonehead Club of Dallas again invaded Cross Plains through the local Kiwanis Club recently and provided each Kiwanian an opportunity to secure 100 shares of the newly formed Bonehead Gourmet Spaghetti Farm. Ten of the Boneheads presented a delightful program. Kiwanians meet each Tuesday noon at Jean's Feed Barn.

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Subsidy Increase for Citizens EMS

Callahan County Commissioners approved a new three year contract with the Citizens Emergency Medical Service including a \$390 increase in the monthly subsidy to the ambulance service which covers the northwestern two-thirds of Callahan County.

Commissioners approved the new subsidy increase during the Commissioners' Court meeting held Monday, August 26 in the County Courthouse in Baird.

The current subsidy of \$1,750 per month for all the three entities of the cities of Clyde and Baird and Callahan County is currently only covering 29 percent of the total expenses of the Citizens EMS, down from the 36 percent at the beginning of the contract.

Commissioners approved a 22 percent increase in the monthly subsidy, bringing the total to \$2,140 per month, per entity. The new subsidy will bring the Citizens EMS back up to the 36 percent range of total expenses covered.

The Citizens EMS will also request a 5 percent increase in the subsidy at the beginning of fiscal year 2004 and 2005. This will bring the monthly fees to \$2,247 for FY 2004 and \$2,360 for FY 2005. The new subsidies should keep the Citizens EMS near the 36 percent range over the three year contract period.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners held a Public Hearing on the proposed tax increase for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. There was no public comment received.

—Commissioners set a Public

Hearing to adopt the 2002-2003 budget and tax rate for Monday, September 9th at 8:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird. The Commissioners are scheduled to adopt the budget and tax rate for the 2002-2003 fiscal year at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 9th.

County Judge Roger Corn said Commissioners will adopt a tax rate a total of two cents per \$100 of property value. The Commissioners are scheduled to vote for an increase in the County's General Fund tax rate from .31972 cents per \$100 of property value to .33472 cents per \$100 or one and one-half cents. Commissioners are also scheduled to increase the Road & Bridge tax rate from last year's .1049 cents per \$100 of property value to .1099 cents per \$100 or one-half a cent. The Road & Bridge tax rate funds are dedicated to improve County Roads and bridges in the four Commissioner Precincts.

—Commissioners received no public comment during time set aside in the agenda for such discussion.

—Commissioners voted to approve a resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program under provisions of the Fair Defense Grant Act enacted during the Texas Legislature's 77th regular session.

Under the resolution, counties are eligible to receive financial assistance from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide indigent defense services in the county. This grant program will assist Callahan County on the implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the

improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in the county.

Judge Corn is designated as the Program Director and Contact Person for this grant and County Treasurer Diane Alexander is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

—Commissioners voted to table approving the final draft of the memorandum of understanding relating to the Intelligent Transportation Systems proposed by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Roy Wright, Director of Transportation Operations for TxDOT is scheduled to meet with the Commissioners' Court to discuss the ITS Integration Program.

The purpose of this agreement is to get Callahan County's input as to what kind of system the county is operating now and what the county will have in the future.

The memorandum of understanding will also be sent to the cities of Clyde and Baird for the City Councils' approval.

—Commissioners voted to approve the Texas Association of Counties as the health insurance provider for Callahan County employees for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The new health insurance rates are increasing 17 percent. Several other changes in the health insurance plan include increasing the office co-pay visit from \$10 to \$15; increasing the drug plan co-pay from \$5, \$15 and \$25 to \$10, \$25 and \$40; increasing the surgery co-pay to \$175 per surgery and increase the hospital admission to \$400 co-pay per admission.

—Commissioners tabled taking any action to approve the Boy Scouts using the Old Jail for a meeting place. The item was tabled so Commissioners could determine the liability coverage on use of the building. Commissioners are to consider the item during the September 9th Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and voted to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

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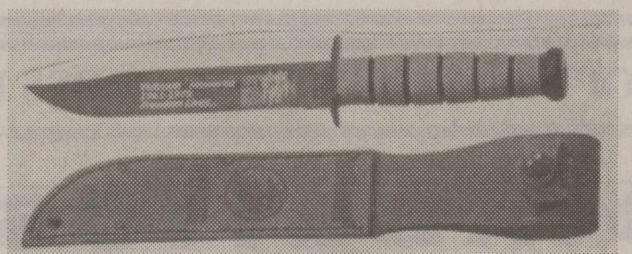
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