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## Down Home

"Time's Wastin"

By VANDA ANDERSON  
CREECH  
Editor

You may not be a Country and Western music fan, but there are songs which tell it like it is. I heard one about a "busy man" which demanded my attention.

First of all, this doesn't just apply to men, but women as well.

The song tells about a man who doesn't have time for his wife or children because he is so involved in making a living and trying to "go far."

You probably know plenty of folks who are doing the same thing. They think time is wasting if they are not working all the time and never have time for any fun.

I am not saying a person shouldn't work, but balance your life to include other activities, too. I am a firm believer in the old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

I am talking from experience, as I once was so enveloped in the newspaper that I didn't have time for anything else. Then on the weekends I had to do the "Mrs. Clean" routine to the point of ridiculous.

My Granny Ethel finally told me a little secret. She remarked, "Vanda, these old houses will be here when we are all dead and gone, but your children will not be at home forever. You had better spend the precious time with them." How right she was.

Now that was great advice and for once in my life I took it! We rescheduled our lives to get everyday chores done as a family and on the weekends we had fun.

Believe me, I have never regretted it. Don't fall into this busy man/woman trap. Get your priorities in the right order:

1. God
2. Mate
3. Children.

There are people in the world alone today because they didn't learn this very simple concept. God declared Sunday as a day of rest, so it's alright to take it easy at least one day a week.

If you will be honest with yourself, you will find that Sundays not devoted to God are unfruitful.

The Bible says what has a man gained, if he wins the whole world but losses his own soul. That is a powerful statement indeed. Besides you can't take it with you, unless you plan on writing a travelers check, as my witty husband says.

Don't be guilty of "wastin time." Life is so short and you don't have to regret sharing your time with those you love most.

I guess recently turning 50 years old really had an impact. Richard said I had my own little party for a week and I did some serious soul searching.

Just have faith in the Lord, he will take care of your needs.

LOOK TO THE  
CLASSIFIED  
PAGES FOR  
SOME GREAT  
BARGAINS

## Get Those Photos Ready For Photogenic Contest

Beta Sigma Phi will once again be sponsoring the Photogenic Contest held each year in conjunction with the Spring Fling (formerly Miss Valentine Parade).

Competition will be open for boys and girls from birth through 12th grade who reside within the Cross Plains School District.

Any size photo up to an 8x10 unframed may be submitted. An entry fee of \$5.00 per photo will be required. You may enter as many photos as you wish each accompanied with the corresponding fees. There will be one winner from each division plus an overall winner. The winners will be announced and presented a trophy at the Spring Fling March 27. Photos with the entry form found elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper must be in no later than Monday, March 22. Nora Odom will collect them at the Cross Plains School. Be sure to put names and grades on back of photos. For further information or questions contact Nora Odom 725-6840 or Jamie Apple 725-6296.

## Controlled Burns Discussed by County

By BILLY HARRIS  
SPECIAL WRITER

The season for "controlled burns" is here again and county residents who live in unincorporated areas are allowed to have such burns under certain guidelines.

No burn bans have been enacted in 1999 in Callahan County as conditions have not reached a dangerous level yet.

County officials request that anyone planning to burn to please call local authorities before lighting a controlled burn. Many hours are wasted by Fire Departments each year when they respond to "Controlled Burns" that haven't been reported as such.

To report a "Controlled Burn" in Callahan County call the Sheriff's Office in Baird at 854-1444 and give them the location (county road or highway address, and nearest intersection), property owner, person to contact with a phone number, and time the burn will take place.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission rulings, that took effect in September of 1998, give specific guidelines on all outdoor burning. Some excerpts from these regulations are as follows:

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## New Councilman Appointed at City Council Meeting

By Billy Harris  
Special Correspondent

CROSS PLAINS-The Cross Plains City Council appointed a councilman and heard about some new businesses interested in locating in the city at their regular meeting Tuesday, February 2nd.

Joe Ingram was appointed to the seat vacated by W.C. Pringle's resignation. The term will end in May of this year.

Cross Plains Economic Development representative Keith Lawrence met with the council and discussed several items.

Lawrence told the council of a prospective business that was interested in the old Foster Grocery Building on Main Street west of the WTU building.

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## Community Shower Planned For Kirkham Family Sat., Feb. 20

A Community Shower will be held for the family of Cliff, Connie and Bay Kirkham who lost their home to a fire on Monday, February 1. The shower will be Saturday, February 20, at the Cross Plains Community Center from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Selections will be available at Higginbotham Brothers and Company, Neal Drug, Johnson's Dry Goods, Bryan's Variety, Tim's Floral and Gifts, Coyote Flat and The Secret Garden in Cross Plains.

Cowboy themes (no southwestern

please) will be used throughout their new residence. Colors will be country blue and white in the bedrooms; baths beige/off white; living room, dining room and kitchen navy, beige and brown tones. White small appliances for kitchen, please.

The entire community is invited to attend the reception -- no personal invitations will be sent. If you have already presented the family with a gift, please come and enjoy the fellowship.

## Love Fund Established at CSB

A Love Fund has been established at Citizens State Bank for Connie and Cliff Kirkham following the loss of their home to a fire. All contributions are greatly appreciated.



1998-99 GIRLS JUNIOR VARIETY DISTRICT CHAMPS—Tessa Wyatt (bottom from left), Candice Bailey, Shena Thomas and Vanessa Webb; Stephanie Parker (2nd row from left), Angela Swift, Erin Stephens and Judith Maruicio; Jennifer Hartman (3rd row from left), Ashlee Hutchins and Lindsey Barnett; Christy Beaty (top row from left), Tabby Clark, Ann Stephenson, Toni Mae Wyatt, Jolena Fleming and Amber Wilson.

## JV Girls Win District

The JV girls played Ranger on Friday, February 5 to clinch district with a 5-0 winning record. Overall record 15-7.

Scoring for the JV were Wilson 9, Bailey 8, Wyatt 6, Thomas 4, Parker 2, Hutchins 2 and Swift 2.

To the JV girls, You had a good season and I hope you enjoyed this year. The success

that you achieved only comes with hard work and dedication. If you want success every year then you must be willing to work hard, because success in sports is like life, nothing is guaranteed, and only through your determination and hard work will you be successful.

Coach Atchley

## Baseball Meeting To Be Held Feb. 14

There will be a baseball meeting for coaches, officers and parents of children who will be playing T-ball, Little League and Pony League on Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

## EDC To Hold Public Hearing Feb. 18

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation will be holding a Public Hearing to present the proposed 1999/2000 Fiscal Year Budget and Projects. The public is invited to attend the meeting to be

held at City Hall 4 p.m. Thursday, February 18.

A called Board meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 18 at City Hall.

## Callahan Co. Commissioners Addressed Issues From Hiring Part-time Help to Moving Funds to CD's At Meeting

By BILLY HARRIS  
Special Correspondent

BAIRD-Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 8 in the Commissioners Court Room. County Judge Roger Corn called the meeting to order with these officials present: Commissioners, Charlie Grider, Precinct 4, Tommy Holland, Precinct 3, Bryan Farmer, Precinct 2, Harold Hicks, Precinct 1, County Clerk Jeannie Bohannon, and County Treasurer Dianne Alexander.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and Judge Corn mentioned that the Auditors Report had not been approved during the last meeting.

Resolutions to support legislation that would aid counties with Capital Murder Trials and improve the County Road Systems was approved after a motion by Grider and seconded by Corn.

A resolution to support the Texas Association of Counties Loss Control Classes was approved. Motion by Farmer and seconded by Holland.

A request by the District Clerk for hiring part time help was discussed.

Corn recommended hiring a part time employee to work in the district clerk's office Monday, Tuesday, and 1/2 of Thursday.

Corn said that Rhonda Vestal had been hired to help part time in several offices, but more help was needed because both the Justice of the Peace Office and District Clerk's Office needed help on Monday and Tuesday.

"I'd like to see Rhonda go to the Treasurer's Office on Thursdays to learn that job so if something happens to Dianne," said Corn, "someone would know that job."

"That's what we decided before," said Holland, "and what we're doing is going against what we did in the first place."

Judge Don Burns said, "Tommy its not working out, that's why."

"It hasn't, cause you haven't had her like you were supposed to have," said Holland, "you haven't had her on Mondays and Tuesdays?"

## An Apology To Callahan Co. Politicians

By BILLY HARRIS  
SPECIAL WRITER

Many of the county's elected officials took great offense to my quote in the last paragraph of the article on the County Stockshow in last week's paper.

I meant nothing with the quote, other than an observation made by a spectator who had also attended last year's stock show. The 1998 show was attended by many politicians seeking local and state offices who were asking for votes. Since in a democratic process this is the only way a person can get elected to an office, it is fully expected that the candidates would be "politicking" at public gatherings.

Most all of our elected county officials attended the 1999 stock show, and I personally saw many of them. Some took the wording of the article to mean that they only show when they want votes. This certainly was not my intention and I am sorry that it looked like I made such an accusation.

This is not an election year and of all the people, elected officials and citizens, at the stock show I didn't see anyone "politicking" for a vote.

"No," agreed Burns, "Sharon needs help with the child-support on Mondays and Tuesdays."

"I don't know anything about that," said Holland, "I just know what we decided and it was said that if the office (district clerk's) was computerized it would be a one person job".

"Wrong," said District Clerk Sharon Owens, "I never said that".

Farmer said, "Also when we did this in October, we sat right here and asked three times, if there were any questions and nothing was said".

There was some discussion over whether Owens was present at the October meeting.

"We called everybody up here that time (for the October meeting)," said Farmer, "newly elected and elected officials. We had the whole bunch here," Farmer said.

"I wasn't here that day," said Owens, "but once I got into the office and saw the work load, then I saw there needs to be someone there on Monday and Tuesday." "The computer sits there idle because no-one has time to work it," she added.

"Do you think you could find somebody to work Monday and Tuesday," said Grider.

"I sure could," said Owens, "if I could have her all day, it would be wonderful and would give her time to work child support in the mornings and the computer in the afternoon".

Both Burns and Owens said that their busiest times are Monday and Tuesday.

"Rhonda's trying to work both offices now and she just can't do all of that," said Burns.

Grider said, "I can see the situation, they both need help on Monday and Tuesday and one girl just can't do that".

It was explained that the District Clerk's, Justice of the Peace, and Treasurer's budgets were all set to cover the salary of the "roving employee". But it was questioned whether there was enough to cover another part-time employee.

Burns said, when asked, "Most of my workload has increased due to DPS tickets".

"Judge (Corn) let me ask you something," said Sheriff Curtis, "are ya'll going to the Omni system".

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

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### 42ND DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Divorces filed:  
Hutchins, Elvin Greg & Kerri Dashea.  
Morrison, Kristi Kay & Bobby Wayne.  
Norway, Teri & Rick, and in the interest of minor children.

### Civil Minutes

Cases dismissed:  
Wyatt, Betty & Joe, Jr.  
Stone, Clara Naomi & Philemon Matthew.  
Vanderbilt Mortgage vs Mark R. Linn, default judgment of \$38,682.08 for plaintiff.  
Sears, Roebuck vs Angie L. Turner, motion filed for non-suit.

### Felony Complaint & Information

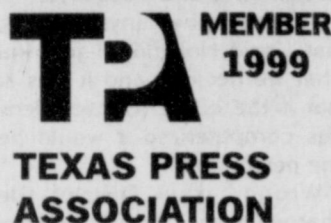
Cynthia Ann Holden, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

### Felony Minutes

Wanda J. Hillgren, tampering with a government record, \$200 fine \$172.50 court costs, \$789 restitution, 2 years state jail probated for 5 years.  
Antonio B. Lopez, forgery, \$750 fine \$174.50 court costs, \$235 restitution, 5 years probation.

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## OBITUARIES

### Lucy Curtis

RISING STAR—Lucy Curtis, 95, died Wednesday, February 3, 1999, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in the Romney Cemetery in Eastland County.

Mrs. Curtis was born in Romney. She was the widow of Wilburn Lee Curtis, whom she married in 1920 in Nimrod. She was a homemaker. She was member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, D.W. Curtis of Fort Worth and J.B. Curtis of Grand Junction, Colorado; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

### Verne Coleman

RISING STAR—Verne T. Coleman, 79, died Saturday, February 6, 1999, at an Abilene hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Starnes officiating. Burial will be in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mr. Coleman was born in Loraine and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was an oiler for El Paso Gas Co. and returned to Rising Star after retiring 25 years ago. He was a member and past master of Rising Star Masonic Lodge 688 and member of First United Methodist Church. He married Billie Tune in 1941 in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, of Rising Star; two sons, Ronnie Coleman of Australia and Mickey Coleman of Denver, Colorado; two brothers, Luther Coleman of Big Spring and Leonard Coleman of Ackerly; two sisters, Leona Hughes of Big Spring and Margaret Norman of San Angelo; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Lillian Verde Keller Harris

COLEMAN—Lillian Verde Keller Harris, 96, died Monday, February 8, 1999, at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Burkett Cemetery Pavilion with Ross Cathy officiating, directed by Walker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harris was born in Burkett and had lived in Coleman County since 1902. She was a homemaker and a member of Woodmen of the World and the Church of Christ. She married Quinn Harris in 1922 in Burkett; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Grady Harris of Coleman and Hulan Harris of Sunrise Beach; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

### Elizabeth Louise 'Bess' Wilcoxon

Elizabeth Louise "Bess" Wilcoxon of Irving passed away Monday, February 1, 1999, in Irving. Mrs. Wilcoxon owned and operated Mama Bess Childcare in Irving for over 25 years.

Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 6, 1999, at St. Lukes Catholic Church with interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Rosary was Friday, February 5, at 7 p.m. at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Father Doug Deshotel officiating.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence of Irving; children, Blanche Lowery Mote of Parker, Colorado, Arthur A. Lowery of LeCanto, Florida, George Lowery of Waco, Robert A. Lowery of Irving, Audrey J. Warren of Richland, Eleanor Prince of Carbon, Lawrence Wilcoxon, Jr. of Blossum, Nancy L. Hall of Irving, Clara M. Watson of Irving, Walter T. Wilcoxon of Run-away Bay; sisters, Bertha Herwig of Poteet, Victoria Krambauer of Seguin, Nita Boethel of Eagle Lake, Lois Jennings of Rockwall; brothers, James Mikulenda of Columbus, Fred Mikulenda of Ellinger; 28 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

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### Anita Henry Chapin

Anita Henry Chapin passed away Wednesday, February 3, 1999, in Dallas. She was born October 9, 1906 in Rising Star, to Walter and Nettie (Cooper) Henry.

She attended McMurry Academy from 1923 to 1925 and McMurry University from 1925 to 1927 where she studied Fine Art. She pursued private art instruction at Hardin-Simmons University from 1927-29. Mrs. Chapin began her career in Tyler and Troup, where she was an instructor in art and illustration from 1930-34. She was an architectural designer and construction purchasing manager at Mid-Tex Lumber Company in Tyler from 1934 to 1940.

She married Noel R. Chapin (formerly of West Plains, Missouri) 48 years ago on September 30, 1950.

Mrs. Chapin served as Vice President of the Noel R. Chapin Company, Inc., a leading nationwide distributor and importer of wholesale picture frame moldings and supplies founded by her husband in Dallas. A pilot, architect, artist, and business owner, Mrs. Chapin was named to Who's Who of American and Notable Women of Texas. In 1998, McMurry University dedicated the Noel R. and Anita Henry Chapin Art and Pottery Building in honor of their lifelong support of the University's fine arts program. She was a Methodist and a member of the Republican Party.

Mrs. Chapin is survived by her husband, Noel R. Chapin of Dallas, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Horace Henry.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 1999 in the chapel of Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Harold Rucker officiating. Interment followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Ben Balke, Dr. Nathan Balke, Dr. Kevin Balke, Keith Chapin, Bob Bocell and Jerry Buster.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the McMurry University, Noel R. and Anita Henry Chapin Art and Pottery Building in memory of Anita Chapin.

### Thomas Elmer Thackerson

DUBLIN—Thomas Elmer Thackerson, 96, died Thursday, February 4, 1999 at his home.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 Saturday at the Upper Greens Creek Cemetery with the Revs. Jesse Bigbee and Neely Carter officiating, directed by Harrell Funeral Home.

Mr. Thackerson was born in Cottonwood. He was the widower of Irene DeBusk Thackerson. He was a member of Greens Creek Baptist Church and a former member of the IOOF.

Survivors include six daughters, Fay Gooch of Red Oak, Florene Allen of Granbury, Juanita Davis of Fort Worth, Alma "Sally" Thackerson of Weatherford, Artie Mohler of Cedar Hill, and Nora Carter of Dublin; two sons, Elmer B. "Pete" Thackerson of Irving and James "Sonny" Thackerson of Dublin; 20 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Upper Greens Creek Cemetery Association Maintenance Fund, c/o Mary Blackman, Rt. 5, Box 257, Dublin 76446.

### Jo Tolleson

Josephine Julia Harris Tolleson, 79, died Sunday, February 7, 1999 in Longview after a battle with cancer. Services were held Wednesday at 12 noon at Rader Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Welch officiating. Burial was in the Memory Park Cemetery in Longview.

Mrs. Tolleson lived in Longview since 1971, moving from Henderson. She was born December 8, 1919 at Sabana, Eastland County, the daughter of H.B. Harris and Pearl Harris Moore. She finished high school at Cross Plains in 1937, then moved to Gladewater where she met and married Ross Tolleson in 1939. After living briefly in Rodessa, Louisiana, Magnolia, Arkansas, Hawkins, Texas, Carthage, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana, managing Arkmo lumberyards, they bought a lumberyard at Turnertown in 1949,

and operated under the name "Oil County Lumber & Supply." She was an active member of the Mt. Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Joinerville, President of the Gaston PTA in 1958-59, a member of the Wednesday Study Club, and a past President of the Pilot Club of Henderson.

In 1961, she and Ross moved their lumberyard to Henderson as Tolleson Lumber Company and in '63-'64, they acquired the Rusk County Lumber Company, which they operated until 1970.

From 1971 to 1973, she and Ross were among the founders and co-owners of the Longview Home Center during which time she worked closely with many Longview home builders as a lighting and decorating consultant. In 1974, she joined the R.B. Williams Company as a real estate sales agent and in 1978 and a few years thereafter, she was the top sales person in the Longview MLS, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Million Dollar Club.

In 1984, she opened her own real estate office as Tolleson Real Estate, which she operated until 1991, when she joined Lenhart Properties as a Broker-Agent, where she continued her work as an active real estate agent until her recent illness. She was a member of the Longview Home Builders Association, the Longview Board of Realtors, the Oakcrest Women's Club, the Longview Newcomers Club and a member of the First Methodist Church of Henderson.

She was well known in the Longview community, having helped hundreds of families find and acquire their homes, and enjoyed many friendships as a result of her 25 years of work with her many clients and business associates.

Mrs. Tolleson was predeceased by her husband, Ross Tolleson.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Mike Tolleson and Jo Ann Schatz of Austin, and grandson, Max; Kim Tolleson and Prudence Maseth of Santa Cruz, California, and granddaughter Tara; daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Doug Hegebarth of San Diego, California, and granddaughter, Erica; sister, Helen Bowers of Highland, California; nephews, Skip Jenkins, Dan Longley, Marion Longley, Mack Earl Needam, Brad and Jay Harris; nieces, Glenda Nicols, Kathy Baker and Liz Cox; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Eula and Ray Jenkins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Longview.

### Masonic Dignitaries Visit Cross Plains Lodge Recently

A retinue of Masonic dignitaries headed by Marvin D. Kays, District Deputy Grand Master, visited the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge during their monthly meeting this past Thursday. The District Deputy represents the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas concerning inclusion of local lodges in Masonic programs, goals, and charities.

H.L. (Tex) Evans, District Instructor; Jimmy L. Robertson, Education Officer; and Robert A. Young, Masonic Relations Officer accompanied District Deputy Grand Master Kays. Each of the Grand Lodge representatives gave presentations addressing their respective areas of expertise and responsibility.

District Deputy Kays presented the Grand Master's Official Pin to Tex Evans, Master of Cross Plains Lodge, during his formal oration.

Also in attendance for the occasion were Masons from Albany, Baird, and Rising Star Lodges.

### County Clerk Attended Educational Conference in Jan.

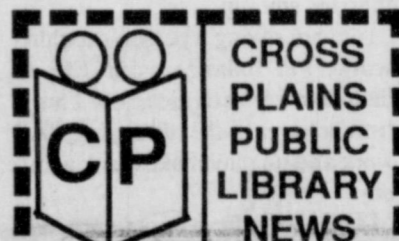
Jeanie Bohannon County Clerk attended the University of Texas School of Law, County and District Clerks Educational Conference in Austin, January 13-15. She completed 10.75 hours continuing education. A clerk must annually complete 20 hours of continuing education courses including at least three hours regarding registry funds and one hour regarding fraudulent court documents.

### Scranton Musical a Great Success

The musical at the Scranton Community Center on Saturday, February 6 was attended by over 100 people. The entertainment was excellent with many musicians participating. This is held the first Saturday of every month to provide entertainment for the area people. Your attendance and participation as a musician is greatly appreciated. The money taken in by the kitchen is the only means of keeping the center open and operating. Thank you for helping achieve this goal. We hope to see you at the next musical that will be Saturday, March 6.

### COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Old Time Gospel Mission will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 14, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



February 1-5

"A human mind, once stretch to new ideas, never returns to its former dimensions." (Holmes)

WESTERN READERS: Check for new westerns

New Books:

Marilyn Monroe by Barbara Leaming.

If you're a Marilyn Monroe fan, check this out. The "blurb" suggests that it "will change the way we view the most enduring icon of American sexuality. To those who think they have heard all there is to know about Marilyn Monroe, think again." Also, "It is a book that shines a bright light on one of the most tumultuous, frightening and exciting periods in American culture."

DONATIONS:

Books: Katy Propest for her mother, Boots Ferguson  
Books: Linda Chandler  
Large Print Books: Helen Freeman

MEMORIALS: For James Chesshir - Kathryn and Jack Tunnell  
Loretta Rouse Wynn and Mildred Ford - Billie Loving, Hollis and Cherry Shults

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10:00 a.m. St. Rita (Rectory) ..... 1109 Blackwell Rd. ..... Ranger, Texas  
10:00 a.m. \* St. Francis (Spanish) ..... 806 S. Halbryan ..... Eastland, Texas  
11:30 a.m. St. John ..... Hickory Street ..... Strawn, Texas  
Pastor: Fr. Vincent B. Inametti (254) 647-3167  
\* Deacon Jesus Ruiz (254) 653-2536

# NEWS

By  
**LINDA MERRITT**  
Activity Director



**MILDRED NEWTON**  
February Resident of Month

The residents will be having their monthly birthday party Friday at 2:00 p.m. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day by having the residents choose what flavor sundae they would like. Our entertainment will be provided by Brandi Johnson. All family and friends are invited to come. Residents with birthday's are Minnie Swann and Ruby Harrell. Employee with a birthday is Ruby Cassle and our wedding anniversary is Becky Smith.

We are going to start choosing a resident of the month and let you know a little about them. Each one of them are special in their own way.

Mildred Newton is the chosen resident for this month. She was born on March 14, 1924, in Illinois. Mildred is a pleasant and friendly lady. She is active and enjoys the activities in the home. Her favorites are sing-a-long and art class. She has been a resident here since March 1998. Congratulations Mildred, we love you.

Alpha Wilson is our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

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Appreciation to Dee Harrell for the birthday cake.

Ricky Westerman visited with Howet Wilson.

Terry Simmons and Clayton Wilson from Rising Star visited with Melba Crisp.

Violet Edwards from Cisco visited Lillie Childers and Alpha Wilson.

W.C. McAnally of Fort Stockton visited Ed McAnally.

Sharene Deshmukh from Stephenville, Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Arlington and Charlou Cowan visited Louise Richardson.

Kenneth Brooks from Pioneer, Mona and Samuel Wilson from Abilene and Linda Wilson visited with Blanche Brooks.

Ector, Sr. and Jr., Katrina Mireles and Hazel Lee from Pioneer visited with Pauline Region.

Activities during the week were:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell (3), Vera Belyeu, Louise Richardson, Inola Wilcoxon, Howet Wilson (2) and Nash Tucker (2). Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Bingo winners were Inola Wilcoxon (2), Louise Richardson, Howet Wilson (2), Alpha Wilson and Minnie Swann (2). Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Art class. Exercise class and popcorn.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Louise Richardson, Minnie Swann (3), Ruby Harrell, Nash Tucker (2), Alpha Wilson and Melba Crisp (2). Bean bag toss. Skip-Bo games.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball and Skip-Bo games.

**Sunday:** Old Time Gospel Mission.

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher  
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The Greek word from which "worship" is translated in the New Testament means "an act of homage or reverence," literally "to kiss toward." The only recipient of worship is as an angel directed the aging apostle John: "Worship God." (Revelation 19:10; 22:9)

Actions wherein we worship God may be thought of as "acts" or "avenues." In last week's Breakthru I noted some New Testament guidelines in regard to scriptural "avenues" of corporate worship -- studying God's word, praying and partaking of the Lord's supper. In regard to the Lord's Supper, the first day of the week, Sunday, is the New Testament example and pattern for this time of "proclaiming the Lord's death till He comes." (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 11:26)

Paul also told Christians at Corinth: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made." (I Corinthians 16:2) It is probably not until we elevate "giving" in our minds to an "avenue of worship," as it should be, that we will follow other instructions regarding it -- like "not grudgingly or of necessity," rather as a "cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7) In other words, not until we recognize that it is a way of "kissing toward God," paying homage or reverence to God (not a debt), that it will become a joy rather than a drudgery.

I realize that I am only "touching the hem of the garment" in regard to a discussion of worship and the "avenues" therein. Perhaps I have whetted an appetite for further study or discussion...

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

## Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

### "Recipes for Shoestring Cuisine"

Following are the recipes promised to you in last weeks column.

#### Cent-Sational Chicken

(will serve 6 to 8 people) Cook and debone 3 chicken breasts or a whole chicken). I chose one \$6.00 deli-style precooked turkey breast. Any of the above will be fine. Cut into 2 inch squares. Cook one package cork-screw style pasta according to package directions. Drain and set aside. In a large skillet cook just until translucent, 3 to 4 sections of garlic, 1 bunch of green garden onions, chopped, tops included, or 1/2 white onion, 1/2 tablespoon paprika, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 1/4 teaspoon Marjoram, add 1/2 package any frozen mixed vegetables, salt to taste, when vegetables are just tender, add the chopped fowl, stir lightly blending together, add cooked pasta and one can cream of mushroom soup, (or chicken). Cook on medium heat, stirring until soup is well blended in. Transfer to warmed serving dish, add 8 ounces sour cream and toss. Serve with your choice salad and breadsticks, or melba toast, and ripe olives.

"Steak salad" Good & Low Cost and Healthy.

Tear (or cut) 3 cups lettuce, green herbs and other mixed greens, (spinach, parsley, arugula, tarragon, romaine, sorrel, etc.), thinly sliced red onion (1/2 cup), tomato wedges or cherry tomatoes, 1/2 cup green bell pepper, 1/2 cup red or yellow bell pepper, 1/2 cup thinly sliced zucchini, or cucumber or other raw vegetable. Microwave or heat on stove, one serving broiled round or sirloin steak. Slice very thin and add to salad. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with favorite dressing.

Trust you will enjoy these two recipes. In the meantime, lets all try and remember to do something thoughtful for someone less fortunate during the coming week. Many out there who are shut-ins or who live alone greatly welcome visits, telephone calls, rides to the grocery or to the doctor or drug store and are very appreciative. Remember someday you may be in the same situation. Things happen. It is so much nicer to offer to do a good deed than to have to be asked or to have someone else suffer because of your thoughtlessness. The rewards are great, many many blessings will come your way. Until next time share your blessings.

## The Way It Was

By CLARA NELL SPENCER

No story about the sixth grade would be complete without the "Do unto others, as you would have done unto you!" A lovely lady, Frances Tyson, and I taught the two sixth grade classes, doing departmental work.

The three characters in this episode were Bruce, a boy who wanted to do the right thing, and Mike and Jay, who could care less!

Bruce arrived at my math class late.

He said, "The reason I'm late is Mike and Jay wouldn't let me out of the rest room."

I said, "You are as big as they are, why didn't you come on out?"

Bruce said, "They said they would hit me!"

I told him that they were a couple of bullies and if their hands were called, they would back off.

Bruce goes to Mrs. Tyson's class and tells her his problem. Being the kind, Christian lady she is, she said, "Bruce, they really want you to like them. They were just trying to be nice to you." Mrs. Tyson then took her class to lunch.

When I returned from lunch, she was waiting for me. It seemed Bruce had done his best. He told her he saw Jay and said, "Hello, Jay!"

Mrs. Tyson said, "I'm so proud of you! What did Jay say?"

He told her Jay said, "You old son of a gun!"

Do you think Bruce turned the other cheek?

After being placed (not promoted) in Junior High, things changed drastically. Believe it or not, I loved the boys and girls. My principal, Mr. Jack Watkins, a prince among men, told me this, "You don't have to be crazy to like Junior High, but it helps!" He was so right!

In teaching literature to a class of eighth grade boys, I decided to combine art with it. The poem was about Thomas Jefferson. There were a number of verses about his life as a statesman, author, farmer, inventor and about his burial at Monticello.

He invented an unusual clock, parquet floors, a dumb waiter, writing tools and furniture.

One of the boys from Cottonwood drew a monument in a cemetery with this inscription:

HERE LIES THE DUMB WAITER

One picture is better than a thousand words!

Richard brought an unsuitable magazine to my class. I took it up. He begged me not to give it to the principal.

Richard was not afraid of anything in the world but Charlie, his father.

He said the principal would tell Charlie. I gave the magazine back and told him, "If you ever bring another magazine to my class, it had better be a Baptist Standard."

The next day Richard appeared at my door waving a Baptist Standard.

## Wednesday Study Club to sponsor Mature Driving Class

The Wednesday Study Club of Baird will sponsor a Mature Driving Class, Saturday, February 13th, at the Baird Nutrition Center beginning at 9 a.m. for any driver over the age of 50.

Cost will be \$8 and it will save you 10% on car insurance for 3 years, as well as refresh your memory about driving rules.

Instructor will be Tom Hart of Albany. For more information, call Floy McMullen at (915) 893-4346.

## C.P. Garden Club To Meet February 12

By BARBARA POWELL

Friday, February 12th, the Cross Plains Garden Club will meet at the home of Bob and Barbara Powell.

There will be a no-luck luncheon at 12 noon followed by a program given by Bob Powell. Bob will demonstrate the planting of bare root roses.

Those that wish, may bring a rock for Barbara.

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Jean Fore, Frankie and Oliver Smith attended the Carbon Musical Saturday night. They had a wonderful time as usual.

Earlene Burge and Helen Tillotson visited together at Helen's house. They enjoyed talking and watching the birds as they gathered around the bird feeders.

The quilting ladies did get Juanita's "Dutch Doll" finished. They put in a beautiful quilt pieced with hexagons of many colors. We are still working on Jean Alexander's "Card Tricks" quilt. Another quilt will go in this week. We had our regular first of the month meeting. We also had a visitor, Donna Pickett. We are so proud she has joined us again.

Jean Alexander visited with Cody Hounshell. She saw all the pretty quilt tops Cody has made. Jean

expressed how beautiful they were. Several of us have bought tops from Cody. They all do turn out so beautiful.

Seems like there are a lot of stray dogs showing up in our community. They are really not wanted!! They are after the chickens and our pet cats.

The Buffalo ball team will be finishing their district games at home this week. They play Gorman. We need to win these - Come on out and support them. Go, Buffs, Go!

This Thursday will be "Domino Party" night. Come out and join the fun. Don't forget!

**Words of Wisdom #64:** We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching. Roy L. Smith.

## MA & PA

By JAMES NICHOLS

When I was growing up, I disliked having to wear feed sack shirts. I would always get one or two every year and several pair of boxer shorts.

There wasn't anything particularly wrong with them, except a whole bunch of nosy old hens got the first look at them most of the time.

If Granny Atwood took a sample of

the sacks on hand and matched them up with the next bunch of laying mash, you more than likely would have a matching set. It was sort of what they refer to now days as "mix and match."

You know those old feed sack shirts might have been forty years ahead of their time!

## Garden Tip Of The Month

By ROBERT POWELL

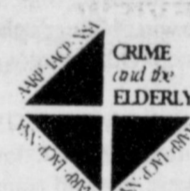
Plant onions, radishes and turnips this month.

Transplant bare root roses also redbud trees may be planted. Plant shallow in loose well drained soil. One may use raised bed method of redbuds.

Later this month use pre-emergent herbicide on lawns for crab grass control.

Know your shrubs before you prune.

Spring flowering shrubs will need to wait until after they bloom.



By KAY MOSLEY

Meeting of the Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council, January 13, 1999. Justice of the Peace Office, Cross Plains, Texas, 3:00 p.m.

Esther Kerr, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Six members were present.

The secretary provided typewritten copies of the last months meeting to each member in attendance. There being no corrections and no additions, the minutes stand as written.

The treasurers report was given by Kay Mosley and was filed subject to audit.

Subjects under discussion were the refund on TRIAD's contribution for the drug dog, progress on grants and funding, distribution and installation of Neighborhood Watch signs, prospective advisory council members and plans for the tradesday which is scheduled for autumn.

On the subject of telemarketing scams and fraud, Rolan stated it is of great importance for all citizens to remember; DO NOT give out your

bank account nor your social security numbers, or any of your credit card numbers etc. over the telephone nor to salesmen at your door who are unknown to you. In addition, do not BUY anything over the telephone nor from salesmen at the door who you do not know. You will be much safer and so will your money.

Also discussed was plans to provide another program for the Senior Citizens Center with an update on crime, fraud and scams. Plans for Connections for Better Living Week in the spring was tabled for action at a later date.

A new program "Faith In Action" is being instigated to help seniors with needs such as changing light bulbs, with heaters, grocery shopping, etc. A meeting was in the works for the following Thursday if anyone wished attend.

Some council members continue to call and check on the well-being of several senior who live alone.

The next meeting is to be Wednesday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU

FEBRUARY 15-FEBRUARY 19

**MONDAY**—Spaghetti w/meat, Harvard beets, lettuce & tomato salad, peach cobbler and milk.

**TUESDAY**—Chicken & dumplings, peas & carrots, tossed salad, chocolate cake, bread and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**—German sausage, potato salad, Ranch Style beans, cinnamon baked apples, bread and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Baked pork chops, broccoli, sweet potatoes, carrot cake, bread and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Steak & onions, au gratin potatoes, green beans, apple crisp, bread and milk

## Deadlines For The Cross Plains Review

Articles Must Be In By Noon Monday  
Advertisements Must Be In By Noon Tuesday

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



**Warm-up Game**  
**Lady Buffs vs Sterling City**  
**at Merkel**  
**Friday, February 12**  
**Beginning at 6:30 p.m**

## Lady Buffs Clinch First Place In District 28-A

By **COACH MIKE CAVENDER**

On Friday, February 5, we traveled to Ranger and defeated the Lady Bulldogs by a score of 54 to 33. We had a super effort hustling hard on both ends of the floor. The free throw line hurt us going only 6 of 22 for the game.

The win clinched us for 1st place in district 28-A, with a perfect 7-0 record. We still need to defeat Gorman on Tuesday to go undefeated for the third straight year.

Scoring the points vs Ranger was Ricci 16, Giles 14, Francy 11, McCarty 6, Mitchell 5 and Beggs 2.

On the previous Tuesday we met Borden County at Merkel, a neutral site to shorten each others travel time. Borden County is currently

ranked in the top 5 in the state. Borden County defeated us by a score of 54 to 37.

We made to many mental mistakes on defense and didn't rebound the ball on either end of the floor. We shot 27% from the field on offense.

Scoring the points was Turner 16, Ricci 9, Mitchell 7, Giles 3 and Beggs 2.

Looking to the future, the Bi-district match-up is looking like the winner between Gordon and May.

Tentatively this game is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30. Game site has not yet been determined.

The second round contest will be with a team from the northeast. Probable teams are Alvord, Henrietta Midway or Byers. It is scheduled to be play Friday, February 19.



**2ND GRADERS ARE PROUD OF THEIR DINOSAUR MURAL—** Charlie Vasquez (from left), Brooklyn Strength, Thor Woerner and Rene Salazar.

## Primary Grades Share Joint Venture in Learning

By **VANDA ANDERSON CREECH**  
 Editor

The kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes have been studying about dinosaurs throughout all their subjects for the past month. Collectively they have decorated the hall of the Primary Building at Cross Plains I.S.D. to reflect what they have learned.

The kindergarten classes, taught by Lynda Edington and Paula Winfrey prepared shadow boxes demonstrating the habitat of dinosaurs and they decorated their bulletin board in the theme as well.

First graders, taught by Kim Woerner and Teri Hunter, had an exhibit of a herd of dinosaurs on their bulletin board. They had very unique aluminum foil sculptures of the huge creatures. The foil worked well to develop the long necks, tails,

etc. They also made trees from the shapes of their arms and hands which were then painted green.

Julia Wheeler and Billie Clausen's second grade classes made giant-size dinosaurs out of paper, painted sponge murals and even displayed three-dimensional paper dinosaurs. The students researched the prehistoric creatures and composed writings as well.

All the instructors were very proud of their students and the cooperative effort of everyone. The students were motivated in every phase of studies because of their intense interest in the dinosaurs. This was an inventive way to make school fun and beneficial at the same time. Plans are already being made for another joint venture.

The public is invited to tour the hall through the month of February. You will feel like you have entered the "land of the lost." Go see what they have accomplished!!!

## CONTROLLED BURNS

All burning must be outside the corporate limits of a town except where the town has enacted ordinances allowing such burning. (No Callahan County Cities have approved such an ordinance.)

Burning shall only be allowed when weather conditions are such that smoke will not cause adverse effect to any public road, water way, or off site structure or residence.

Burning can begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise and will be completed by no later than one hour before sunset. The fire shall be attended by a responsible party at all times during the active burn phase. All residential fires and or smoldering objects must be extinguished if the smoke has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. (There are no allowable controlled burns after dark.)

Burning is not allowed when winds are predicted to be less than 6 miles per hour or greater than 23

m.p.h. Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

Exceptions are offered for fires used for Recreation, Ceremony, Cooking and Warmth. Fires used solely for these purposes are allowed, but are subject to the General Provisions for Allowable Outdoor Burning.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** Responsibility for Consequences of Outdoor Burning. The authority to conduct outdoor burning under these regulations does not exempt a person from the responsibility of damages or injuries resulting from the burning nor does it exempt anyone from complying with all other applicable laws ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction.

## CITY COUNCIL

The council approved the sale of the building by the EDC if the final details could be worked out. Motion by Ray Womack and seconded by James Nichols.

Keith told the council that a veterinarian was planning to move to Cross Plains. Lawrence asked if there were any rules or regulations concerning a vet clinic being located inside the city limits.

Mayor Ray Purvis informed him that the city does have a livestock ordinance. The animal ordinance states that two or more adjacent property owners would have to sign a complaint against the facility for action to be taken. The veterinarian would also need to check with the health department and make sure they were no restrictions on housing animals in the city limits.

The mayor also suggested the veterinarian contact adjacent property owners concerning any objection they would have before starting construction of his office in the city limits.

The Landolt property, recently purchased by the EDC, may be sold soon also. Conditions of a sale agreement are still being worked out.

The EDC will require the property be developed as an industrial park with certain conditions attached.

Other items on Tuesday's agenda: Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell gave his January report, to the council, on his office's activities. There were sixty-one calls for service last month and were broken down in these categories; six assaults, two criminal cases filed, one burglary, two accidents, eighty-nine traffic citations issued, and fifty-six warnings.

Municipal Judge Bob Hill presented his January report to the

council. Eighty-nine citations were issued with fifty-nine still outstanding, 21 are still outstanding for December and seventeen for November. He said that no reminder letters have been sent for this month.

West Texas Utilities was granted an easement for power-pole placement on Lot 17, Block 37 of the Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains. Motion by Jerry Casle and seconded by Edwin Weiss.

The council decided that the city was not liable for damages caused to the Gerald Foster property due to a sewer line backing up. It was discussed that the homeowner is responsible for carrying insurance that would cover such items.

Rusty Reed's bid to remove the structure located south of city hall was approved with a motion by Ray Womack and seconded by Edwin Weiss. The work will now be done by city employees.

Ron Ricci requested that a mural be placed on the north wall of the Senior Citizens Center. He also asked for an additional \$200, from the city, for their part in the cost of the project. Jerry Casle made a motion to put the additional \$200 on the city's 1999/2000 budget. The item was approved after being seconded by James Nichols.

Ricky Carouth spoke to the council about a proposed addition and remodeling of the city's fire station.

Four more bays are needed to house two trucks received from the Texas Forest Service he said.

The additional bays, a roof over the old station, and two new offices would cost an estimated \$33,746.08 said Carouth.

After much discussion Carouth See **CITY COUNCIL** page 7

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Photos of children from Birth through 12th grade and residing within the Cross Plains School District are eligible for entry.

Any size unframed photo up to 8x10 unframed, may be submitted. No cheese cake or swim wear photos will be accepted. An entry fee of \$5.00 per photo will be required. You may enter as many photos as you wish; each accompanied with the corresponding fees. Photos are judged on reflection of personality and photogenic qualities. Entries will be divided into thirteen age divisions. Winners of each age division and an overall winner will be announced and awards presented Sat., March 27, at the Spring Fling. Winners need not be present to win. Winner's photos will be held for newspaper presentation then returned. Other photos may be picked up following the Spring Fling.

Photos and fees must be in no later than Monday, March 22, 1998. Photos, fees and registration form may be submitted to Nora Odom at Cross Plains Elementary. Please print name, address, age and grade on the back of each photo submitted.

If you have any questions, contact: Jamie Apple, 725-6296 or Nora Odom, 725-6840.

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## "Managing Your Taxes"

Date: **Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1999**

Program Times: **12-1 p.m. CST**  
**5-6 p.m. CST**

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## SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 15-FEBRUARY 19  
 (Subject To Change)

**BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**—Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

**TUESDAY**—Eggs, biscuit, bacon, assorted juice and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**—Pancakes, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

**LUNCH**

**MONDAY**—Corn dogs, baked beans, corn, strawberries & bananas and milk.

**TUESDAY**—Chicken nuggets w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**—Fiesta salad (chili beans, rice, cheese, corn chips, salad) pineapples and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Chicken pot pie, crackers, green beans, mixed fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

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## Boys Basketball Update

The 7th Grade Junior High boys team was defeated by Ranger 50-11. Scoring were Gardner 4, Williams 2, R. Allen, Dickson 1, and Mack 1.

The 8th Grade Team was outscored by Ranger 49-13. Scorers were: Mauricio 4, Harris, 4, Kocnig 3 and Phillips 2.

The Junior Varsity Boys played Baird Friday, January 29. The Bears were victorious 46-34.

Scoring were: Norris 11, Whitehead 7, Hill 5, Gilliam 5, Butler 2 and Hopkins 2.

They played Ranger on February 5. Ranger won 47-35. Scoring were: Norris 10, Hopkins 12, Butler 5, Mauricio 4, Sharpe 2 and Hill 2.

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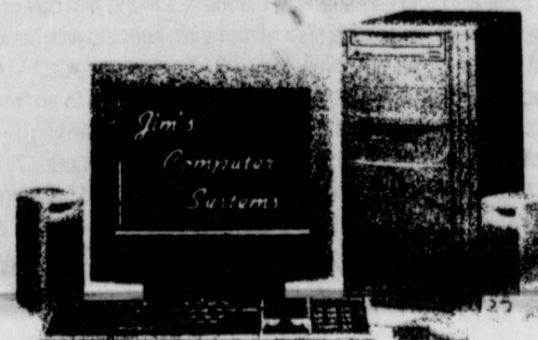
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## COMMISSIONERS

Corn said he had just heard about it in Austin and Curtis explained to commissioners, that it is a new private vendor system on unpaid traffic fines and added that, "It's going to double the J.P.'s work load all over the county".

Fees and fines were discussed. Curtis stated he thought the county was going to lose a lot of money on the deal.

Some discussion about whether commissioners could decide if an elected official hired an employee or not was held.

Hick's said, "I've been against part-time help since budget time, ya'll know how I feel".

"Judge Johnson told me there's extra money in there (the budget) so if this didn't work out, and I'll look at the budget before the next meeting," said Coin.

Farmer made a motion to table the matter for two weeks, seconded by Grider and approved.

Burns said, "What do we do in the mean time, same thing, pot-luck, or what?" "Right now I may get her one day a week, if I'm lucky," he said, "it's not helping me a bit".

"My suggestion to Rhonda was to come and work in your (Burns) office till 9 on Monday then go upstairs and work child-support and Tuesday the same way," said Corn.

"Right now I'm getting her one-hour on Monday morning and one-hour on Tuesday morning and then maybe Friday, if I'm lucky," said Burns, "and its not always a set pattern, I don't always get her when I'm supposed to". "I don't need her at the end of the week," Burns said, "I need her at the first of the week".

Burns was asked why he was so busy on Mondays and said, "That's when the (DPS) troopers turn their tickets in and the phones are ringing off the wall".

"Is there any way they could turn the tickets in on Thursday," asked Farmer?

Burns said, "That's up to the troopers, they've done it this way for many years and I don't think so".

"That would solve this problem if they would turn them in on Thursday," said Hicks.

Alexander said, "Don's (workload) has definitely doubled and Eston's (Clyde area J.P.) has nearly doubled".

—The opening of a special ac-

count for Records Management Fees for the County Clerk's Office was discussed.

It was explained that in the past the funds had been carried in the general fund and is supposed to have its own account. The money can only be used for records management and preservation and not for any daily expenses.

There was some discussion with County Clerk Bohannon about developing a budget for records preservation and she was asked to present the commissioners with some figures at a later time.

—The Cross Plains Housing Authority was approved for a tax waiver with a motion by Grider and seconded by Holland.

—Alexander told commissioners that the auditor had recommended that the commissioners move some of their funds to Certificates of Deposit to garner more interest.

It was the very defiant opinion of the commissioners that the county's voters considered Precincts having C.D.'s very undesirable and declined to follow the recommendations.

Dianne told commissioners that she was considering putting some of the county's general funds in C.D.'s. Commissioners gave her the O.K. to do that.

—Farmer said he and Hicks had attended the Clyde City Council meeting where the FM 604 overpass was approved.

"About all they did was have a question and answer period," said Farmer, "and the City Council voted to build it (the overpass)".

"The only thing I said during the meeting," Farmer said, "if they expected the county to pay for anything before they voted, they need take it to the (commissioners) court". "They opted not to do that," he said, "and I guess basically they are going to fund the whole thing".

Corn said, "Then it came out in the paper that the county will have to buy right-of-way".

Hicks and Farmer both agreed that nothing was mentioned, at the council meeting, about the county having to buy anything.

"When this thing started several years ago," said Farmer, "we told them up front that we would support them building the overpass as long as it didn't cost the county anything". "That's been our position all the time," he added, "and since it hasn't been brought up to us we're not obligated to anything".



## COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Oh Sandra...

"No, darlings. No-No-No. We can't keep him!"

I was thinking back to when our family arrived here in West Texas not too long ago. New house. New neighborhood. New people and weather arid flowers and street names.

We didn't know anyone on our road until the dogs helped us out. Here's how it happened.

A wrinkly black dog trotted by each morning to say hello to our "Maggie" and "Gretchen." He didn't ever stay long. He had lots of dogs to greet on his daily morning jog.

Within weeks, his human family acquired a new puppy. The dog didn't change his routine for one minute. He brought puppy along with him. At least as far as our house. And left him here.

Maybe he thought his daily jog was too far for puppy legs, or that the little guy would slow him down. It occurred to me that the dog might be jealous of the puppy and wanted him to "get lost." Or maybe he didn't want it to know anything about his life down the road.

All I know is, our dogs were happy to baby-sit. They gathered 'up the puppy and led it to a safe den. Nothing could have gotten past

them. "Aunt Gretchen" and "Aunt Maggie" were guardians, teachers, and nurturers. They had made the adoption formal.

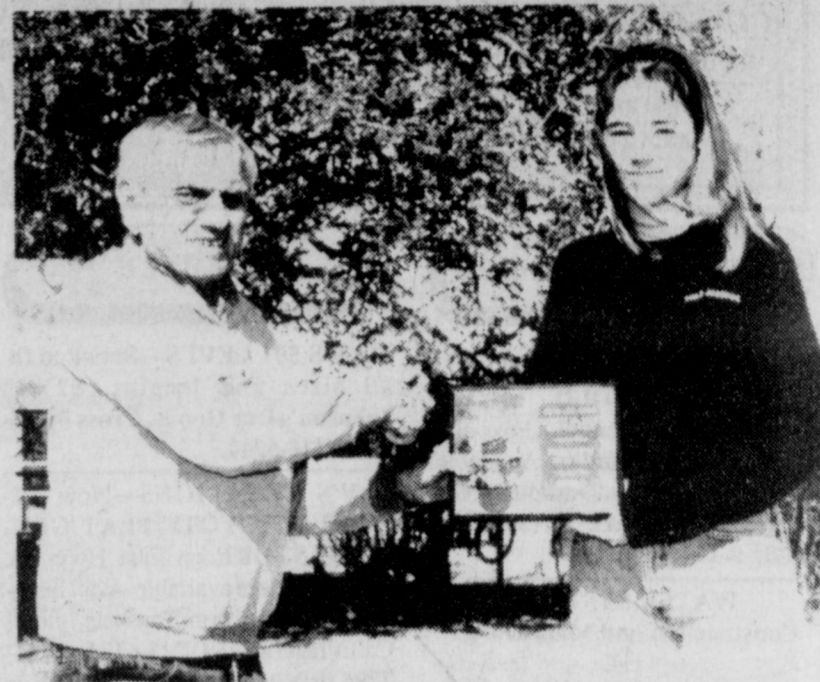
We met a few of our near neighbors while trying to find puppy's family. Meantime, the kids named him Jake. That spurred me to action. I covered our garbage can with butcher paper and shoved it out to the edge of the road. I wrote a note in big, dark letters... "Your lost puppy?" — and drew an arrow towards our house.

Pretty soon, a man came to the door and said it wasn't his puppy, but he might know whose it was. Now we knew one more person who lives on our road. And a bit later we met puppy's family. Nice folks. And they were awfully glad to get their new puppy back.

Well, the dog didn't want to quit his morning routine. And he wasn't into training a puppy. So Jake (his family has a different ended up at our house again.

Next time was easier, though. I shoved the garbage can out to the road, clothed it in butcher paper, and wrote, "Oh, Sandra..."

Sandra showed up after work and took her puppy home. Our dogs and our kids are still pouting.  
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**HIGHEST PLACING COUNTY BRED STEER AWARD**—Bob Dillard received this award when Bree Dillard showed her steer "Goose" which placed first in the Lightweight European Class at the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show. The award was inadvertently listed under Dean Dillard's name last week.

### Pfc. Anderson graduated from DINFOS in Maryland

Marine Corps Pfc. Adam K. Anderson has graduated from the Defense Information School (DINFOS) basic broadcast journalist course at Fort George G. Meade, Laurel, Maryland.

The student received instruction in preparing and scripting news copy, sports, and features material for radio and television broadcasts, including programs on the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFTRS). The trainee also learned various radio and television production and programming, and received training to be a host, announcer, master of ceremonies and actor in broadcasting.

Anderson is the son of C.W. and Kathy A. Anderson of Cross Plains. The private is a 1997 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

### Webelos visit local nursing home residents

On Monday afternoon, February 8, 1999, Webelos Levi Wooten, Jacob Melton, Jake Snell and Boy Scout Jared Wooten visited with the residents of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

The Webelos had made Valentine's and cupcakes which they distributed to each resident during their visit.

Webelos Levi Wooten and Jake Snell had hand-crafted two "shell" angels which were placed on display in the nursing home lobby for all to enjoy.

The guys would like to thank Linda Merritt for introducing them to each resident.

Next pack meeting for the Webelos will be on March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut. We will begin working on the next project for the nursing home residents.

## 4-H Shooting Sports

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports members will hold their annual organizational meeting at the Callahan County Shooting Range on Saturday, February 20th. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. All interested youth and their parents are urged to attend.

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Program has activities for youth from the ages of 9-18 in rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery. 4-H Shooting Sports members develop both sporting and competitive skills

and are regular winners in both local and state events.

The goal of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to develop leadership skills while teaching safe handling and proper use of firearms.

4-H Shooting Sports members and their leaders are looking forward to another fun filled year. Come join in.

The Callahan County Shooting Range is located between Baird and Clyde off FM 18. Signs will be posted.

### Area students qualified for academic honors

LUBBOCK—More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the honor rolls included the following: Janeal Wyn Stephens, Junior, Pre-Veterinary - President's List and Rebekah Darlene Holmes, Junior, Communication Studies - Dean's List.

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### Brian Robinson received Sportsman Ship Award Recently

Brian Robinson, a sophomore at Clyde High School received the Sportsmanship Award for the Junior Division at the State 4-H Skeeet, Trap and Sporting Clays Match at San Antonio.

Over 300 4-H'ers compete in the State Match each year. The winners of the Sportsmanship Award are selected from nominations submitted by fellow 4-H'ers and 4-H leaders.

Brian won a plaque for 2nd in Class B in the junior division in American Skeeet. He also shot 25 targets straight in Trap. Brian has competed in matches and enjoyed the activities of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program for several years.



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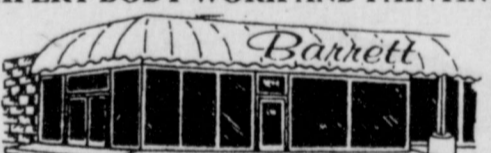
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**CARD OF THANKS**

**Card of Thanks**  
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boring to help us clean up and sift through - much obliged!! We are so blessed by your love and hard work! You are willing to do anything to help out!! To the businesses and individuals who brought food and drinks - What a refreshing you were!! Thanks! For all our clothes!!! Wow - Thanks! Please take time to read Matthew 25:35-40... "You have done it unto us..." A special "Thanks and we love you" to the Methodist Church family for providing us a lovely home and so much more!!! Their unconditional love is overwhelming and so Christ-like! We thank God for all of you and for how beautifully He has met our every need through each of you!! Love all else know we love you and cherish each deed whether you considered it big or small it was not unnoticed! The love fund has been overwhelming!! All your gifts are appreciated and will be used to rebuild our home. We were so blessed by our pastor and every pastor of Cross Plains coming to love on us and pray for us! Just know we love you! Cliff, Connie & Bay Alicia & Chuck Courtney Kevin, Whitney & Korbin

**Card of Thanks**  
We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers and words of comfort on the passing of mother, Mildred Ford. We greatly appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness. A special thanks goes to Dr. Billy Carpenter and the ladies of the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home for your loving care of Mom, The Cottonwood Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains for your prayers, Reverends Knox Waggoner and Joe Coppinger, to the ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club and communities; to Bob and Dee Harrell, Tim Dillard and Vanda and Deborah of the Cross Plains Review. The family of Mildred Ford Beverly & Wayne Brown Teri Brown & Gilbert Ibarra Arlene & John Leonetti & family Maxine & Jay Sneed & family

**Card of Thanks**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**  
was requested to meet with the Fire Dept. and EMS Service to see how much each of the entities could contribute to the construction project. He is to meet with the council in March and advise them of his findings. Cross Plains Fire Chief Bob Harrell and fireman Don Chandler met with the council. Both men spoke to the group concerning matters with the local fire dept. Harrell recommended the council appoint George Mathews as the Cross Plains Fire Marshal. No action was taken pending checking on qualification requirements with the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Annual Reviews of City Personal were conducted during a closed session and no action was taken when open session resumed.

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To the wonderful people of Cross Plains, There is no way my family and I can thank you all individually for all you did for us during the illness and passing of James. There were so many calls, cards, and visits that I wasn't able to keep account of them all. Most of all the prayers were what kept us all going. Then at his passing, the food started arriving at the farm and at Charles and Kathy's home. The number of people at the funeral was such a comfort to us. Thank you is not enough, but that is all I can say. Charlene for all The Chesshirs

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## Ruby McCowen Honored With 98th Birthday



RUBY MCCOWEN

By VANDA ANDERSON  
 CREECH  
 Editor

Ruby McCowen was honored with a reception celebrating her 98th birthday at her home on January 29th. Her granddaughters, Garnette McKoy and Charlotte Montgomery, hosted the party which was attended by many friends and family members.

Ruby was born to Ed and Jessie Curry on January 29, 1901, in Pioneer. She married Charlie McCowen on April 12, 1922, in Mountainair, New Mexico and the couple had seven children, Burlie Paul McCowen, Charlene McGowen, Jimmy McCowen, Bobby Jack McCowen, Naomi McCowen, Rueben McCowen and Bonita Horton; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. What a living legacy!

With fond memories she recalled teaching one year at the Dressy School. They didn't have enough for a basketball team and she filled the vacancy.

Ruby and her husband lived in Mountainair, New Mexico when they first married and farmed pinto beans. Ruby helped Charlie in the fields, driving a team of horses pulling a cultivator. She noted that she loved working with the horses.

In case, it was in the bean field where she had her first experience with the Lord. Ruby remarked, "The Lord told me if I would repent and confess him before men he would bring a rain on the land."

She related how that it took her three or four Sundays to get up the nerve to do this, as she was a very bashful person in her youth. Charlie and her attended church at the school building which was alternately used by the Methodist, Baptist and Church of Christ.

Charlie didn't attend the Sunday she was saved, but she remembers when she returned home he was pulling the windows down as the rain began. The crops were in dire need and the lakes were low. The rain was a great blessing.

Ruby returned to New Mexico for eleven years after moving back to Texas just to pray for rain in that area. She said each time the Lord provided the much needed precipitation. She has been instrumental in praying for rain in this community also.

During 98 years she experienced many changes and events. She told me about hauling water for their stock in barrels which cost 10 cents a gallon. Of course, the arrival of electricity was a great wonder, along with other technical advancements.

This precious lady still plays the

piano and sings. For many, many years she and her family played at the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home for the enjoyment of the residents. She has been a blessing to all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

Her home nurse, Vivian Wooten, says she asks each morning who is sick and needs prayers and what is going on in the community and the world. She is troubled by the recent activities taking place with the impeachment process of President Clinton. She suggested that everyone pray for the leaders of our government. She prays for everyone in need each morning.

Having been an ordained minister for the Pentecostal Church since 1924, she preached until 1996. She loves to tell the story of Jesus and knows that her appointment in life was to do so. She said, "I am not through yet. My work is not finished."

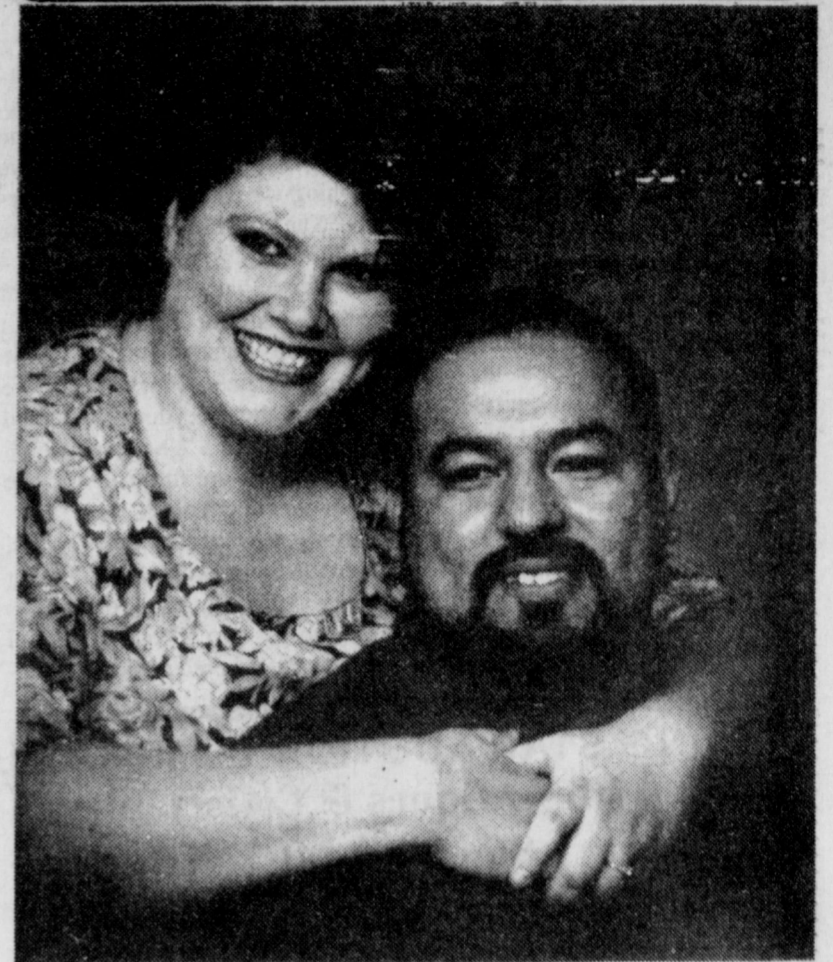
I must tell you that being with her was like a brief visit to heaven. She makes everything in this world make perfect sense. What a wonderful testimony she has about her personal Savior. Having known her my entire life, she has always been very, very special to me.

I love you Ruby and I know that the Lord will bless you and keep you. We all wish you many more birthdays!

### Tarleton 1998 Winter Grads Announced

Jason Jerry Fleming of Cross Plains was among the winter 1998 graduates at Tarleton State University's commencement exercises held December 18, 1998.

Jason received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fleming of Cross Plains and a graduate of Cross Plains High School.



MELISSA BURCH & LUZ SANCHEZ

## Burch - Sanchez to Wed Sunday, February 14

Melissa Lucette Burch and Luz Ramirez Sanchez will be united in marriage on Sunday, February 14, in the Church of God in Baird, Business 20 and Thelma Street, at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. James Radford officiating. A reception will follow at the Clyde Lions Club at North 1st and Rusk Street.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Harrel and Yvette Burch and the granddaughter of Dorothy Heathington all of Cross Plains.

The groom to be is the son of Henry and Olga Sanchez of Crystal City. Melissa is a 1991 graduate of Cross

Plains High School and a beauty school graduate of Cisco Junior College. She has been employed as a truck driver for 2 1/2 years with Rapid Freight of Texas out of Austin.

Luz is a Crystal City High School graduate. He has been employed as a truck driver for 9 years with Rapid Freight of Texas out of Austin.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to the ceremony and reception.

The couple will reside in Cross Plains following a wedding trip to the Bahamas for a week.

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