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Down Home

"Having an Identity Crisis?"

By VANDA ANDERSON **CREECH** Editor

Isn't it funny how different people perceive you, compared to how you view yourself?

A couple of weeks ago Eddie Albrecht came by the Review to put in an ad and he asked, "Vanda, do you feel alright?" I replied that I was fine. He then said, "You are not your bright and bouncy self today."

I questioned, "That is how you see me?" He remarked, "That's how you have been since I have known you back in high school."

Well, I didn't feel bright and bouncy and I thought, "Who are you anyway?" No earth-shattering answers arrived.

I went to the Post Office where I ran into Frankie Neeb. I was teasing about having an identity crisis. As usual, she was very sympathetic and understanding. Helen Freeman had heard me announce this personal dilemma and she came by and said, "I hate to tell you but it don't get any better."

Oh no, I thought. At this point Frankie deemed a prayer was needed and that is exactly what she did. It was a sweet prayer for self discovery and the comfort of peace. Thank you Frankie for those great words.

When I went to pick up my lunch at Jack's Place. Wanda Martin said, "Vanda, do you feel well today?" By now I thought there must be some apparent and even visible change in me today.

At that point I realized that everyone tries to be their very best personality, especially when you work with the public, however, there are days when you just can't pull it

This is similar to how everyone dislikes the sound of their voice on a cassette. Everyone else sounds completely natural and then there is your horrible voice. Of course, I sound like a hick -- which is exactly what I am.

When I worked for Ford Motor Credit I had a customer who called me "the southern belle". Now that helped my feelings a lot.

I'll never forget when my publisher, Don Tabor, told me, "It's a good thing you don't write like you talk." The thought of that is really

He even remarked that I would need to type, because my writing was not legible. If you have ever seen his signature you would know he has no room to talk. You would never get Don Tabor out of that scribble. Sorry Don, I just had to tell it like it is.

You can at least read my signature, when I can remember my

Then there is the video tape. They say the camera adds 10 pounds. Well, you are in BIG TROUBLE when you are already overweight. I never want to see myself again. It took me two weeks to recuperate. All the other people in the video looked great and then there was the

I think it must be better to think of yourseil as omers see you, because you are too harsh on yourself. Who knows the truth anyway!

Gosh, isn't life complicated!



BASKETBALL ALL-DISTRICT PICKS - Jennifer Turner(front, from left), Ashley Beggs, and Brandi Richey; Elizabeth McCarty (back, from left), Laura Ricci, Whitney Giles, Mindy Mitchell and

District 28-A Girls All-District **Basketball Picks Announced**

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

Laura Ricci was named District MVP for the second year in a row. Mindy Mitchell and Whitney Giles were selected to the first team for the second year in a row. These three young ladies were our leading scorers, rebounders, steals, and assists. They have been the nucleus of our team over the last 3 years compiling an over all record of 79 wins and 17 losses. Over the course of 79 wins there have been 8 Tournament Championships, 3 undefeated District Championships, 3 Bi-District

Championships, and 1 Area Championship.

Honorable Mention All-District selections were Jennifer Turner. Ashley Beggs, Jolena Felming, Liz McCarty and Brandi Richey.

I really feel like we got the short end of the stick on selections, we were far and away the best team in the district. We should have had more selections.

The accomplishments that our team received over the season would not have been possible without the contribution of all members of our

Final Update on Local Elections Early Voting Begins April 14

Three candidates including incumbents, Rex Beggs, Monty Richards, and Dr. Scott Childress are seeking election to two board of trustee vacancies for the Cross Plains I.S.D. The three year terms of Beggs and Richards are expiring.

There is no opposition in the City Council election. Incumbents James Nichols, Edwin Weiss and Joe Ingram are the only candidates for the two year term positions.

Early voting will begin April 14 and continue through April 27 at the City Hall in Cross Plains during their regular hours. Early voting is designed for the convenience of registered voters who may not be able to vote on election day, May 1.

WTU president visits Cross Plains & Clyde

West Texas Utilities Company President Paul J. Brower reports the local electric company is ready for the year 2000.

Brower, visiting local communities including Clyde and Cross Plains Wednesday, March 17, said he's relatively confident the local electric company is ready for January 1, 2000.

While in Clyde, Brower dropped by the Clyde Journal newspaper office to give WTU customers updates on three major issues confronting WTU. The issues include the Year 2000 computer software problem, WTU's parent Central and South West Company's merger with American Electric Power and the electric utility deregulation in Texas.

The WTU president and general manager reports WTU has performed a number of tests with the Year 2000 problem and said no major catastrophes have occurred. He said WTU is currently testing three such dates-September 9, 1999, December 31, 1999 and leap year on February 29,

Brower said he expects no major problems with customer meters because the majority of electric

See WTU page 8

CPRC To Host Bullriding, Barrel Racing & Cookoff April 16 & 17

The Cross Plains Roping Club will be hosting several events on April 16 and 17 at the Roping Club Arena on West Highway 36.

The Turkey Creek Cook-off Classic will begin on Friday, April 16 and continue to April 17. People may call in entries until 5:00 p.m. April 16. Categoroies consist of Brisket, ribs, chicken, chili and beans. For information concerning the cook-off you may call (254) 725-6545 or 725-7777.

Barrel Racing will be on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Divisions and fees are Pee Wees 8 & up \$10; Juniors 9-12 \$12; Seniors 13-19 \$15 and Open \$25. To enter call (254) 725-7458.

Following the barrel racing event at 6:00 p.m. will be the Bullriding Showdown. Entry fee will be \$50. The first fifty entries will be accepted. Call in entries to (254) 725-7458. Books will be open April 1 to April 12; 5-10 p.m. Entry fees must be paid by 5:30 p m April 17.

Beginning at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, everyone is invited to dance under the stars to the music of Borderline.

Kiwanis Club's Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper March 25

The annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Super is TONIGHT, Thursday evening, March 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Cafeteria. The pancake supper is a wonderful time for the people of Cross Plains and all the surrounding communities and towns to visit and eat together.

Tickets for the Pancake Supper are \$3.00 each for all the pancakes you can eat, with sausage and coffee or tea. (Sugar-free syrup will be available for those who request it.) Tickets are available from Kiwanis members and at their places of work/ business. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Be sure and remember -- tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for food and fellowship, and to help the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains in this fundraiser to help our community.

Burn Ban Lifted

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn announced Friday, March 12, that the burn ban for Callahan County has been lifted due to the recent rain the county has received. The ban was implemented on Feb-

Judge Corn said the ban will be re-

Love Fund **Established** For Ginger Bowerman of the Cottonwood Community

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH Editor

Ginger Bowerman remains in serious condition at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Last Friday she made some great improvements and the life supports are gradually being removed. She is now conscious and her recovery is looking optimistic. Joe Coppinger, pastor of Cottonwood Baptist Church remarked, "The changes in her physical condition has been a true miracle."

Mrs. Bowerman will be remembered as the lady who lives in the "doll house" at Cottonwood. Each year at Christmas she take great delight in decorating her antique two-story home with a multitude of lights. Her home is indeed a "bright spot" in the small community.

She has long been a private contributor to her beloved community, never seeking personal

She has three children, Jenny Newsom of Cottonwood, Sheena of Grayford, and Jim Lanham of

If you would like to contribute to the love fund established at Citizens State Bank, it would be greatly appreciated.

Her family soknewledges the kindness of the Cottonwood Baptist Church and neighbors in terms of funds, food, etc. during her recent

Spring Fling Pageant & Photogenic Results Set For Saturday, March 27

The Spring Fling will be held Saturday, March 27, at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. The double back doors of the auditorium will not be accessible for the event. Please enter at the south door near the cafeteria entrance.

Pageant contestants from age Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade will compete in the pageant. The girls will be escorted by young men of their choice.

Last years winners will also be introduced.

Winners of the Photogenic Contest will be presented throughout the pageant.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students twelve years and

The Spring Fling is sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi and proceeds will be used to benefit the community.

Everyone is welcome!

Harlem Thriller Action on Monday, March 29

Just a reminder, on Monday, March 29, in the Cross Plains High School Gymnasium, the fantastic Harlem Thrillers Basketball Team led by Team Captain "Bingo" Knight and Clown King of Comedy Basketball Art "Bones" Smith will bring their star-studded operation to Cross Plains.

The Thrillers play a 100 ball game schedule covering 12 states and Canada. They will take on the "Local Yokels" coached by Jackie

"Tenderheart" Tennison at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a Pec Wcc Basketball game and a 6th grade girls game.

Advanced tickets are available from any Sophomore Class member for \$5, while tickets at the door will be \$6 for students and \$7 for adults. with children under 6 admitted free.

A concession stand will be open and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.



NEW ADDITION TO CITY HALL'S LANDSCAPE - Benny Calloway (from left), President of the Kiwanis Club, Mayor Ray Purvis and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edwards, donors of the Afghanistan Pine, are pictured with the newly planted tree.

Permanent Christmas Tree For CP

When you drive by City Hall, the new Afghanistan Pine tree, located near the handicapped parking, was planted in order for the community to have a real live tree to decorate at Christmas time. This project was a joint effort of the local Kiwanis Club and City of Cross Plains.

After several months of searching for the right tree, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edwards of Cottonwood volunteered the tree as a gift to the community! H.D. (Herman) Weaver of Cottonwood helped to locate the tree and planted same with his commercial tree equipment. We are grateful to and appreciative of

Early Out Thurs., **April 1 At CPISD** For Holiday

The Cross Plains ISD will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, Buses will run at this time

There will be no school on Friday. April 2 and Monday, April 5 due to the Good Friday and Easter holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 6 at regular time.

these two families for their efforts in providing our first live Christmas tree to be used in our annual celebration.

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Leathia Degollado, theft of property by check.
Russell B. Whitehead, public intoxication.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Motions filed to revoke probations: Ivan Ernest Denny III, Victoria Martin Tigert.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Shannon Christine Ramsey & James Edward Sanders of Baird.

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42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filing

Divorce filed: Brown, Tommy Neal & Jennetta Gibbs.

Jean.

Civil Minutes

Sears, Roebuck vs Brandie J. Weir, motion for non-suit filed. Divorces granted: Cannon, Justin Jay & Melanie

Witte, Randall C. & Debra Jo. Parkhill, William Roy & Heather Elaine.

Felony Minutes

Oscar Lewis King, DWI, \$500 fine \$224.25 court costs, 15 days in jail, 5 years at TDC probated for 5

Pamela K. Glaze, tampering with governmental record, \$100 fine \$174.50 court costs, \$2968 restitution, 4 years probation.

Tony Ponce, possession of marijuana, \$750 fine \$224.25 court costs, \$140 restitution, 2 years jail probated for 5 years.

Cross Cut Cemetery Receives Donation

The Cross Cut Cemetery Association received a \$200 donation in memory of Buddy Haun, Jr. by the Newton family.

All contributions are appreciated and may be sent to Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains. The money received goes toward the upkeep of the Cross Cut Cemetery.

Selected Scriptures

The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver.. Psalms 119:72

.Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,... Romans 5:1
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH		
10TH & MAIN Sunday School	CROSS PLAINS	(254) 725-7629 9:45 a.m.
Morning Wership	1/	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	V	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service		7:00 p.m.

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For Information Call (254) 725-6800

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COTTONWOOD BAPTIS	T CHURCH
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time	7:00 p.m.
Joe Coppinger, Partor (254) 725-7730	Church 725-6266
Friendly Church . Bible ?	

ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUR-CITY PARISH Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. St. Francis (English) 809 S. Halbryan Eastland, Texas

OBITUARIES

Buford I. Marshall

HURST—Buford I. Marshall, 57, died Thursday, March 11, 1999, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held at Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst on Sunday, March 14, 1999, at 10 a.m. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

Buford was born April 21, 1941 in Pioneer. He was a graduate of W.W. Samuell High School and attended UTA. Buford was a very dedicated employee and thoroughly enjoyed working as an industrial engineer having worked with Affiliated Food Stores for 23 years and most recently with Anderson Merchandisers. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was a loving and wonderful husband, father, son and friend.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willard R. Marshall in 1986, and a brother, Eldon Marshall in 1973

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 26 years, Carolyn Marshall; beloved mother, Ila Mae Marshall of Cross Plains; son, Kyle Marshall and grandson, Kyle Ross Marshall of Scurry; daughter, Kim Marshall; son-in-law, Nathan Jones; grandchildren, Kris Polley, Ashley Polley, Jordan Marshall and Kasi Jones of Rowlett; nephews, David, Steve and John Marshall and numerous friends and extended family.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Tom Dooley's Christian radio ministry at Master Media 700 Harwood Road, Hurst, Tx 76054; or the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, P.O. Box 130, Cross Plains, Tx 76443.

Gladys Irene Armstrong

MINERAL WELLS—Gladys Irene Armstrong, 92, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Clyde Cemetery with the Rev. Edward Otwell officiating, directed by White's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Armstrong was the widow of G.Q. Armstrong. She was a home-maker and a Sunday school teacher for the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Alan Armstrong of Mineral Wells; two daughters, Willie Otwell of Fort Worth and Gwen McCraw of Bowie; three sisters, Helen Freeman of Cross Plains, Doris Jones of Henderson, and Verda Upton of Palestine; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Billy Rex Zirkle

RISING STAR—Billy Rex Zirkle, 80, died Tuesday, March 13, 1999, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.

Mr. Zirkle was born in Burkett. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was the widower of Bea Haney, and also the widower of Allene Corley, whom he married in Glen Rose in 1971. He was a farmer and a rancher, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Gerald Jones of Trent; one daughter, Sandy Clarke of Fort Worth; two sisters, Glennie Glass of Brownwood and Christine Jones of Coleman; two brothers, Doyle Johnson of Waco and Bobby Johnson of Rankin; seven grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Soc Walker

BIG SPRING—Soc Walker, 82, of Goldthwaite and formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 21, 1999, in Goldthwaite.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity Memorial Park, directed by Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

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Jewel Hicks

MCCAULLEY—Jewel Hicks, 77, died Thursday, March 11, 1999, at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at McCaulley United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Randy Larpenteur and Jeff Sedberry officiating. Burial was in McCaulley Cemetery, directed by Foster-Adams Funeral Home of Hamlin.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Hawley and moved to McCaulley in the early 1940s. She was the widow of Morman "Sonny" George. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse in Hamlin and Abilene and was a school bus driver and substitute teacher in McCaulley. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Carolyn Jeffrey of McCaulley; one brother, Alfred Lee of San Antonio; two sisters, Betty Maberry Douglass of Rising Star and Pansy Hemphill of Abilene; six grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Rubye Darnell

RISING STAR—Rubye Darnell, '76, died Saturday, March 20, 1999, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Darnell was born in Rising Star and graduated from Rising Star High School. She was the widow of Raleigh Edward Darnell, whom she married in Rising Star in 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Daneilia Harrell of Early; two sons, Tom Darnell of Bangs and Ray Darnell of Eastland; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

R.P. 'Buddy' Haun, Jr. EASTLAND—R.P. "Buddy"

EASTLAND—R.P. "Buddy" Haun died Friday morning, March 19, 1999, at his residence in Eastland.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 1999, in the First United Methodist Church in Eastland with Rev. Marc Rogers officiating and Rev. Kyle Glenn assisting. Dr. Jim Newton offered the eulogy. Burial was in the Cross Cut Cemetery.

Buddy was born September 1, 1927, in Coleman, to Ralston Preston and Marian Gardner Thomson Haun. He was raised in Coleman and started his higher education at Texas A&M University, duty called and Buddy entered the U.S. Marines in 1945, in preparation for the Invasion of the Japanese mainland. The war ended abruptly and Buddy returned to A&M University where he earned his Civil Engineering Degree in 1949. Duty called a second time and he returned to active duty in the Marines for Korean service in 1951, where he served with the ordinance disposal and construction teams until 1953. He continued in the Marine Reserve and received his discharge in 1961 as commander of the Abilene Marine Reserve Unit with the rank of Cap-

tain. Upon returning from Korea, Buddy returned to Comanche and a job he held before going to war, with the Texas Highway Department as Resident Designer Engineer. He married Imogene Newton on June 3, 1953, in Coleman and they moved to Eastland in June of 1954, where Buddy retired as Senior Supervising Area Engineer in 1987. Some of his work accomplishments were pioneering the use of light weight Aggregate in Highway construction, perfecting the lime stabilization process, supervising the construction of Interstate 20 through Eastland County. In the private sector, he holds the patent for the use of shale to replace bentonite in drilling mud.

He contributed to the community by coaching the Lions little league team, serving as past president of the Eastland Quarter Back Club and member of the Eastland Lions Club and Eastland Industrial Foundation. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, The Finance Committee and Chairman of the Administrative Board in the First United Methodist Church where he was treasurer of the Fellowship Sunday School Class in years past. He also provided engineering services for the Eastland

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Airport and the Lone Cedar Country Club Golf Course of which he was a charter member.

He considered his greatest contribution as serving 21 years on the Eastland Memorial Hospital Board through difficult times. He was an avid hunter and golfer, his special interest was his family particularly his grandchildren whom he taught to golf, hunt, drive, shoot and be a good soldier.

He also enjoyed the challenge of participating in the Roundtable discussion group twice daily and the many topics covered.

Those who will miss him the most are his wife of 46 years Imogene of Eastland; two children, Mrs. Al "Ann" Folsom of Eastland and Brian Preston Haun of Austin; a grand-daughter, Gardner Folsom and a grandson Maury Folsom both of Eastland; two sister, Ann Haun Fromen of Houston and Jane Haun Steakley of Weatherford; four nieces and one nephew.

Buddy was laid to rest in the Cross Cut Cemetery which is very special and sacred to the Newton Family, who are descendents of Brown County Pioneers.

Maundy Thursday Service April 1

A Maundy Thursday Service is planned for April 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Baird. The community is invited to join church members at 7:00 p.m. for a communion service.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Counting backward from the first day of the week, which we call Sunday, and knowing that this was "The Day" of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; the Passover meal was observed by Jesus and the Apostles on Thursday evening. It was during this meal that Jesus gave us the command to observe what we now call the Lord's Supper.

The term "Maundy" is from Latin and means "to command." Therefore, by holding this Communion Service, we are not only following the command of our Lord, but we are remembering the night in which the New Covenant elements were first given to us by our Savior. Scripture references: Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:14.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 28, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Putnam Homecoming Sat., April 24

MARCH 25, 1999

The Putnam homecoming will be held on Saturday, April 24, at the Putnam School Building. The homecoming, which is held every other year, will be a change from the past years in that it is not being held on the traditional Saturday immediately preceding Easter Sunday. Because the old building is notoriously difficult to heat and because chances for warmer weather will be better, the Homecoming Committee set the later date.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the school building. The general session, with a roll call of classes and crowning of Homecoming Queen and King, will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The graduating classes of 1948 and 1949 will be honored, and ex-students and teachers will be recognized. A memorial marker honoring R.W. Reynolds, former Putnam School superintendent, will be dedicated during this session. Mr. Reynolds became superintendent at Putnam in the fall of 1955 and continued in that position until the Putnam School closed in 1976. Mr. Reynolds and his wife moved to Elmdale in 1978. and then to Abilene, where his wife continues to live following his death in April of 1997.

At 11:30 a.m. the Homecoming Committee will begin serving a lunch of chopped barbecue sandwiches with condiments, chips and tea. Reservations for the lunch may be made by sending a check or money order for \$5 to Mary Green, P.O. Box 908, Putnam, TX 76469, or to LaVerne Rutherford, 441 West Third, Baird, TX 79504.

The Spur and Sportsman Cafe in Putnam will provide the barbecue and will also be open to serve you if barbecue is not your luncheon choice. They will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday for those who come early or stay late. Other local businesses include the Fillin' Station, Hitch-N-Post, Shurshots and the Red Barn.

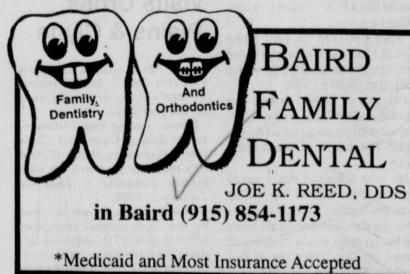
Anyone with ties to the Putnam Community, even one who did not attend school at Putnam, is invited to attend the homecoming and share fond memories with old or new friends. To obtain information about the event, you may contact Mary Green at (915) 662-3631 or LaVerne Rutherford at (915) 854-1001.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



N. Main (Hwy. 206) Cross Plains, Texas Sunuay School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Dr. Richard Chaffin, Pastor

Sunday Sermon
"Two Parades, Two Responses"

LINDA MERRITT **Activity Director**

We all enjoyed having Frances Wolf's granddaughter, Lindie Wolf from Abilene, here visiting with us. She is one good domino player. The residents really enjoyed playing games with her.

A warm welcome for our new resident Christine Kelly.

Our appreciation to Beverly Brown and Teri Brown for the St. Patrick door decoration, to the Thornton family for the pretty ivy, to Ray Dodd and Frances Wolf for the cookies.

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

Betty Montgomery from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery.

Joe and Kathy Nelson from Rising Star visited with Pauline Region and Ralph Lee.

Linda Wilson and Ryan Gordon from Abilene, Bob McCowen and Jo Rhodes visited Blanche Brooks and

Howet Wilson.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Victor Long, Minnie Swann, Howet Wilson (2), Ruby Harrell, Falba Shofner and Maxine Crisp. Exercise

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bobby Jack McCowen. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Art class, exercise class, dominoes and Skip-Bo

Thursday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Victory Long (3), Alpha Wilson (2), Inola Wilcoxen and Maxine Crisp. Bean bag toss and Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!

CPRC Discuss & Set Dates For Upcoming Events

On March 2, the Cross Plains Roping Club met to discuss and set dates for upcoming events.

To begin the meeting, an assessment was taken of property that has come up missing from the arena area. needed to help with our activities. Items missing include: an air condistools and microwave. We sure need month. these items back due to rodeo season is upon us again.

Dates were set for the following 6852. upcoming events:

April 17 - brisket cook-off/barrel race/bull buck-out

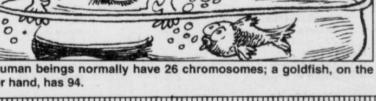
June 26 - Ranch Rodeo - open

July 29-31 - Junior Rodeo Remember volunteers are always Cross Plains Roping Clubs holds tioner, a water cooler, a fan, 3 bar meetings the first Monday of each

> Memberships are available at the meetings or by calling (254) 725-



Human beings normally have 26 chromosomes; a goldfish, on the



Heat Exhaustion

On very hot days a day of sightseeing can leave you weak, dizzy, nauseous, and pserspiring. To prevent heat exhaustion pace yourself, plan regular breaks in the shade, or visit air-conditioned places. Drink plenty of liquids, avoid alcoholic or caffeinated drinks. Avoid hot, heavy meals. Dress properly in lightweight, loose-fitting clothes. Older adults, infants, and people with chronic illnesses are expecially prone to heat stroke.

Your better health is our concern.

PH. (254) 725-6424 **CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS**



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

The president of a soap company -- who was quite a skeptic when it came to the Bible and Christianity -- was talking with a minister, and said, "The gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there's still a lot of wickedness and wicked people in this world."

The preacher refrained from an immediate response but they soon passed a child who was making mud pies. Needless to say, the child had a good portion of the "pie filling" on himself, from head to toes. Now it was the preacher's time to replay -- to answer the sneer of the skeptic. "Soap hasn't done much good in the world, has it, for there's still a lot of dirt and filth around," stated the minister. And the soap manufacturer got the point...

Each day I see places and situations where the advantage of soap and the gospel has not been taken. In some places it is because of limited availability perhaps non-availability. But in many situations, it's simply a matter of not taking advantage of their availability. You see, they are both useful only when and to the

Jesus spoke of some who failed to take advantage of the gospel in saying, "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear not understand," Matthew 13:13. It explained that the reason was that their hearts had become

The gospel is the good news that, in the words of a song, "Salvation has been brought down!" In the words of a great "invitation song," "There's a fountain free, 'tis for you and me: let us haste, O, haste to its brink; 'tis the fount of love, from the Source above, and He bids us all freely drink!"

Have you applied God's "soap," the gospel? Come join us in a study of His good

Sunday Evening Worship Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.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

"Flower Beds, Birdbaths, and Re-Cycle-Ing"

We probably all have tons of junk or at least little tidbits of junk around the house or yard or can acquire some from garage and yard sales, if we so desire.

Whichever route you take to acquire the making for these objects d'arte, here are some suggestions for recycling the junk and also however randomly; beautifying the land-

Set up one of those old metal beds, springs included if available. Cover the center with plenty of good soil overlapping the side rails. Plant with seed or plants for an unusual "flower bed."

While residing in Lubbock, I observed another unusual flower garden container. It sat in the front yard of a well kept lawn and neat cottage style home, blooming profusely. It was one of those old style footed bath tubs. A conversation piece to say the least.

A bathroom lavatory or sink can be recycled into a great looking birdbath. A'little ingenuity, some vines climbing the pedestal. Heaven on earth for our fine feathered friends.

Another unusual container usually gracing the backyard or the south 40 is a bathroom commode (retired). Great for planting mint, marjoram etc. to keep the plants from spread-

ing and taking over the whole area. Another recyclable, though it takes a scad of work, is a truck topiary. Got an old shell of a truck just taking up space?? Beautify it. Plant quick spreading flowering vine, crisscross truck with twine or wire. Train vines to climb between with moss and soil mixture. Soon the vines will climb higher. Fill the bed of the pickup truck or the trailer of the truck with a layer of gravel and then good topsoil. Plant with biennials and perennials. They will grow and bloom on their own. When the vines planted in the ground surrounding the truck finally reach the trucks cab, train them to grow up all 4 sides of the cab. Then cover the trucks top with string or wire trellising and allow the vines to completely cover

The last re-cycle-able on my list for this column needs no introduction. It is a veritable re-cycled cycle. Or bicycle to be exact. Obtain or drag out that old bicycle, one with a bike stand, but preferably the type which is very old which you backed. your back wheel through. It will stand more upright. Then plant or allow vines to grow up through and all around the bicycle, down around and through the spokes, seat, handle bars and the whole nine yards. The basket even. Happy Gardening! "Til

the trucks top.

Spring Convention of District VIII **Texas Garden Clubs Meets March** 26 & 27 In Breckenridge

The Spring Convention of District VIII of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., will convene in Breckenridge, March 26-27, 1999. Host club will be Breckenridge Garden Club. Mona Craig and Nelda Carter are the co-chairpersons for the meeting.

Pre-convention activities on Friday, March 26 consists of registration, dinner and entertainment at the First National Bank Tower Room at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27: Registration and lite morning coffee brunch at Elks Lodge, 2231 FM Road, Breckenridge from 8:30 - 10 a.m. followed by luncheon and program. Speaker for the program is Mr. Bobby Teiser, President of the Native Plant Society in San Angelo.

Registration Chairman is Mrs. Wayne Huestis, 3007 CR 318, Breckenridge, TX 76424-9782.

The Way It Was

By CLARA NELL SPENCER

Just Us

CHERYL Cheryl was the one Yankee in our

southern school. Her family had come to Cross Plains, a small country town of 2,500 that was "booming" because oil had been discovered there. It was during the late 20's and early 30's. The entire family of Crabbs gradually settled in the large house Grandma and Grandpa Crabb had bought. There were Mel Crabb with a son and wife; The Marchant Family with three boys and Mrs. Marchant, a daughter; Vernie, an unmarried daughter; and Lucy Lutgens, a daughter, and her children, Cheryl and Donnie. As the economy improved, various members would move. Cheryl Avis Lutgens was born in Illinois on February 14, 1918, to Lucy Crabb and Al Lutgens. They were later divorced. Cheryl was a very attractive girl, about 5'6", with beautiful, naturally curly, light brown hair and green eyes. She was haunted by "her shadow," Donnie. He was a pill and we were always trying "to ditch him," with little success. This family was of German descent and were Presbyterians.

Cheryl was a happy-go-lucky girl who was interested in basketball, pep squad and Just Us Club, not necessarily in that order. Fate was not to be good to Cheryl. In the summer of 1932, Cross Plains had an annual two day picnic complete with merry-go-round, ferris wheel, and all the trimmings. All teen-agers looked forward to it. There were two boys in our crowd who were fortunate enough to get a car with a rumble seat that one of the boy's (T.H.'s) dad (who was a successful oil man) let his enly son ust quite often. That first night of the picnic, seven teenagers decided to take a ride to Cisco. Four were in the front seat and three were in the rumble seat, two girls (one of them was

Cheryl) and one boy. A tire blew, and the three in the rumble seat were thrown out. Cheryl's left arm was caught between the back of the seat and the pavement, tearing the flesh from the bone. The other two were injured on their shoulders. The injured were taken to the Graham Hospital in Cisco, operated by Dr. Graham, a veteran doctor and surgeon of World War I. At first, it looked like amputation of Cheryl's left arm would be necessary. The other teenagers begged Dr. Graham not to amputate.

Cheryl remained in the hospital nine months, having her arm grafted to her stomach and flesh from her legs was grafted to her arm. Cheryl was a brave and courageous girl. She entered the fall term of 1933 and adjusted to her new life, a fine Christian girl. After graduation from Cross Plains High School in 1935, Cheryl entered Trinity University. After finishing college, Cheryl taught school. She taught at Cisco for several years. World War II had started and an army camp, Camp Bowie, was located there. Cheryl met Bob Rahnlow, a native of Hornell, New York, whom she later married. Bob was from a large family, so the young couple were to move to New York for sixteen years. After most of Bob's family were gone, Cheryl and Bob returned to Texas. They settled in the East Texas town of Terrell. Cheryl began a very successful career as a teacher. She was recognized as an outstanding educator. Bob was happy to be back in the shoe business which he really enjoyed.

Bob is in bad health now, and Charyiremains the strong help-mate and wife, not unlike the sweet thirteen-year-old girl who faced long months of pain and suffering with that buffalo spirit she loved.

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PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Jean Fore and her nephew and niece from Arlington left Tuesday morning for New Mexico to visit relatives. They visited Paul and Vi Harlow of Lovington, a nephew, John Bedingfield in Artisia, a sister-Bessie McDaniel and niece Doris Hunter in Alamagordo. Our sister Bess had broken her shoulder and was in the rest home. Paul and Juanita Harlow spent some time in Clovis after Juanita's surgery in Lubbock on Monday. She has received a good report so far. Jean, Grasson and Myrtle returned to their homes in Pioneer and Arlington.

Oliver and Frankie made a trip to the state park at Cleburne to be with their daughter and son-in-law Roxie and Bobby Nance. They were then joined by Joey Nance and friend Stephanie and also Mrs. Shirley Harelleson of Fort Worth.

There was a good attendance at the "domino party" last time. Remember the next "party night" is March

25. Come on out and join the fun. The club is still working on Lou's "Flower Applique" and Frankie's "Nine Patch." If you would like to find a "quilting home" dome join us each Tuesday at the Pioneer Quilt-

MARCH 25, 1999

Visiting in the home of James and Jean Alexander were Wallace Culler's of Breckenridge, his daughter Glena Fambro of Colorado City, and his daughter, Susie Sands of Perry, Oklahoma, Susie's two girls Josy and Annie. Everyone had a good time.

D.P. and May Jones made a quick trip to Marshall, to visit with D.P.'s mother, Pate Huffman. East Texas has had a good bit of rain which has made the dogwood trees and the Azaleas beautiful.

Words of Wisdom #69: Better do a good deed near at home than go far away to burn incense. Chinese Proverb

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

By RON RICCI

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Attendance for last week was another good one. We had a high of 30 and a low of 21. This gave us a daily average of 24. The food was as usual was very good, you don't know what your are missing. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship.

If you missed Sears Home Health, don't worry they did too. They will be here Thursday from 9:30 until 12 noon with apologies and free gifts. Come get your blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol checked.

Don't forget our Bake Sale on Saturday, April 3 from 9 until we sell out. You know how good our Seniors can cook. So get your appetite

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S **MENU**

MARCH 29- MARCH 31

MONDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic sticks, orange half and milk

TUESDAY-Pork chop w/ mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, pincapple cake, bread and

WEDNESDAY-Lima beans w/ ham, harvard beets, mixed greens, pear halves, cornbread and milk.

PUBLIC FAX AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW FAX # 1-254-725-7225

> Thursday, March 25 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper Cross Plains School Cafeteria \$3.00

All the pancakes you can eat with sausage, coffee or tea Come eat and enjoy the fellowship with one another of our community

Cross Plains Featured In Houston Chronicle

"What was it about the tiny of town of Cross Plains that helped inspire Robert E. Howard to create Conan and other fantasy figures? With these words, on March 7, TEXAS, the Ilouston Chronicle

Magazine, introduced Cross Plains and Howard to over 1,000,000

Following, there are 8 1/2 pages written by Dallas reporter Carlton Stowers, after a visit to Cross Plains to see the Howard House and the Howard holdings at the Cross Plains Public Library. Shortly following, Christa Jeremiason, a staff photographer for the Abilene Reporter-News, came for the Chronicle, to photograph the Howard House and the Howard books and manuscripts at the library. Catherine McIntosh, also of the Houston Chronicle, called several times to discuss this edition of the paper and later sent copies.

Members of Project Pride feel that this is a special happening for all the people who have supported the promotion of the Howard House and that they should know about the article and the widespread mention of Cross Plains. Even Project Pride supporters in other towns should feel pride in this coverage. Certainly, it is appropriate to recognize and support this effort woring more people to Cross Plains. The magazine section, with outside and inside pictures of the Howard House, has been placed in the Cross Plains Public Library and numerous businesses throughout the

Ask to see a copy. You'll be glad you did.

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

The Cross Plains Tennis Tournament was held Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. The results are as follows:

Girls Singles

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Mindy Mitchell beat Ballinger (8-1) beat Gordon (8-2) Championship beat Brandy Hutton (8-3) First place Brandy Hutton beat Goldthwaite (8-3) beat Panther Creek (8-6) Finals lost to Mindy Mitchell (3-8) Won 2nd place

Boys Singles

Josh Hopkins lost to Ballinger (2-8)

Colby Richards beat Eastland (8-5) beat Panther Creek (8-4) Finals beat Joe Hopkins (9-8) Tiebreaker (9-7) Won 1st place

Joe Hopkins beat Goldthwaite (8-1) beat Panther Creek (8-2) Finals lost to Colby Richards won 2nd place.

Girls Doubles

Fleming/Nixon beat Panther Creek (8-2) lost to Santa Anna (8-9) Tiebreaker (6-8)

Boys Doubles
Joe Hopkins/Nixon beat Eula (8-2)
beat Eastland (8-2) Finals beat
Panther Creek (6-0) (6-2) Won 1st

At present time, team members are working on fundamentals and are progressing very well. Team members made an excellent showing at

the first tournament.

The tennis team will be in Brownwood this Friday for a one day tournament.

Cross Plains Baseball Update & Schedule

By COACH CORD WOERNER

Spring is a real hectic time of year around here. We have numerous kids playing two, three and even four sporting events. Although it stretches everyone thin, we think it's important to have an opportunity to at least try and experience different things.

With our boys once again making the playoffs in basketball, we were late starting and immediately began playing baseball with little or no

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· Denotes District Games

practice. There are 26 boys participating this year which gives us an opportunity to play a JV schedule.

The varsity, after nine games, has a record of 4-5. The JV has played five games and is now setting at 2-3. Our pitchers have done a tremendous job, but we have had a tendency to make fielding mistakes that have hurt us. I know that if these kids keep working hard that we will eliminate some errors and get better and better.

The remainder of our schedule follows:

Tolar	Home	5:30
Hamilton	There	5:00
Coleman	There	4:00
Miles	There	5:30
Wylie	Home	4:00
Eula	Home	2:00
Ranger	Home	4:30
Baird	There	5:30
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Ranger	Home	4:30
May	Home	5:30

Farm Bureau adds two new awards for scholarship program

The Texas Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Ranchers Committee has added to TFB's extensive scholarship program with two new awards for Texas high school students who plan to study agriculture.

The two new scholarships, worth \$2,000 each, will be funded through activities of the TFB Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

David Williams, president of the Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau says of the new program, "We need our state's brightest and most energetic young people in the field of agriculture. These scholarships emphasize Farm Bureau's commitment to higher education."

To be eligible, a high school senior must be a family member of Farm Bureau, and be willing to pursue a degree in some agricultural field.

Application must be submitted with postmarks no later than June 1, 1999. Scholarship recipients will be announced to later than July 1, 1999.

Applications may be obtained from the local County Farm Bureau offices, from the TFB Web Site at www.txfb.com or by calling 254-751-2286.

For Texas agriculture to compete in the twenty first century, we need to train young men and women for jobs on the farm, in the laboratory and in agribusiness," Williams said. "These scholarships will be added to those already tied in with our youth programs."

Texas Farm Bureau now awards more than \$60,000 annually in youth scholarships.

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Spring Pictures March 30 PK-12 no money needed proofs will be sent home.

Class Groups PK-6 only 6x8 - \$7.00

If you have not ordered your '99 yearbook you still have time.

Please do so by April 2. Cost is \$30. There is a limited supply so order yours today.

Varsity Girls Track Compete At Coleman Finished 6th

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The varsity and junior varsity track teams competed at Coleman on Saturday, March 20. The competition was very tough and we had a good day in the field events and on the track. We finished 6th as a team scoring 58 points out of 12 teams.

We were the only class A team competing in the varsity division. It was a 2A and 3A track meet.

The results are as follows: Team Score - 58 points - 6th

Discus - C. Francy 98' 4" - 5th

Shot put - A. Wilson 32' 11 1/2" - 4th place

Triple jump - B. Richey 34' 7" -

High jump - L. Ricci 5' 2" - 1st place; W. Giles 5' 0" - 3rd place 100 hurdles - B. Richey 15.72 - 1st

800 run - B. Bennett 2:48.40 - 6th place

400 dash - L. Ricci - 66.4 - 4th place 300 hurdles - B. Richey 48.10 -

2nd place 1600 run - B. Bennett - 6:32.23 -

Mile relay - J. Turner, L. Ricci, W. Giles, B. Richey - 4:36.06 - 5th place

1998-99 UIL Academic Contest Draw To Close

By TRACI EVANS, UIL Coordinator

Though it seems like it only began, Academic UIL will draw to close on March 27 with UIL District Contest in Eden. However, all is not lost if students advance to Regional Contest at Hardin-Simmons University on April 24. In all, students competed at three UIL invitational tournaments: Bangs, Wylie and Stamford.

Competition at Wylie High School was tough, CPHS students were competing against 45 schools ranging from 1A to 3A. Many of the schools competing were not in our district, but we still need the practice. BeaKay Bell place 6th in Feature Writing at the tournament.

The Stamford UIL tournament on March 6, proved to successful for our students. The contest was small only a few events were offered. CPHS students were entered in two events and were very successful in each. In Computer Applications, Greg Black placed 5th and in Current Events, Shena Thomas placed 1st and Candice Francy place 3rd.

This Saturday, nine students will be traveling to District Contest at Eden High School. Those attending will be Nick Dimitri, Science; L.D. Whitehead, Science; Shena Thomas, Current Events; Candice Francy, Current Events News and Feature Writing; Ashley Harris, Current Events; BeaKay Bell, News and Feature Writing; Greg Black, Computer Applications, Shane Sharpe, Computer Applications; Jerry Bland, Computer Applications.

Local Student Recipient of RadioShack/Tandy Certificate

"Ten years ago, the RadioShack/ Tandy Scholars was created to inspire innovation, quality and competitiveness in math and science," said Leonard Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tandy Corporation/ RadioShack.

"Today, 83 percent of the secondary schools across the country are enrolled in the program, making RadioShack/Tandy Scholars an extraordinary force in recognizing academic excellence. I have absolute faith that great things will come from the brilliant minds of this year's student and teacher recipients."

Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack is proud to announce the 1999 Prize Recipients. A total of \$350,000 in awards and scholarships is presented to teachers and students who have achiever excellence in the areas of mathematics, science and computer science. This year, 42,000

certificates of recognition will be sent to bright academicians across the nation.

The program is funded by Tandy Corporation/RadioShack, administered by Texas Christian University and endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, \$3.5 million and 350,000 certificates of academic excellence have been awarded. The program is open to all accredited high schools. Prize recipients were selected by a panel of distinguished educators and approved by the

National Advisory Council.

Jolena Nell Fleming was nominated as an outstanding math/ science/computer science student from Cross Plains High School. She was in the top 2 percent and received a certificate.

Jolena, a senior, is the daughter of Jim and Charlene Fleming.

High School Boys Track Results

By COACH LARRY BARTEE

The high school boys went to Coleman Saturday, March 20 for a track meet. The results of the meet are as follows:

Triple jump - 5th - Chris Kitchens

High jump - 5th - Chris Kitchens -

High hurdles - 5th - Chris Kitchns - 16.8

Intermediate hurdles - 3rd - sage, assorted juice an sage, assorted juice an

Chris Kitchens - 41.9

800 dash - 4th - Nicholas Dimitri -

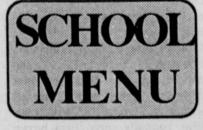
Team Total - 16 points

Athletic Boosters To Meet March 31

The Athletic Booster Club will meet-Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. in the gym foyer.

The track meet and athletic banquet will be special topics of discussion.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.



MARCH 29 - APRIL 2 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Cream of Wheat,
toast, assorted juice and milk.
TUESDAY—French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice and milk. THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk

sorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY—HOLIDAY.

LUNCH
MONDAY—Burrito w/chili &
cheese, salad, crackers, pincapples

and milk.

TUESDAY—Steak fingers w/
gravy, mashed potatoes, green
beans, rolls peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Frito pie, salad, corn fruit crisp and milk.

THURSDAY—Chicken & rice, peas & carrots, rolls, mixed fruit and

milk.
FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

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MARCH 25, 1999

Cross Plains Little League Having Raffle Fund-Raiser

The Cross Plains Little League is having a raffle to raise money for the 1999 ball season. The money raised will help the league to buy equipment

and work on our playing fields.

If you missed the sign-up you may still sign up for baseball from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, before tryouts. After this time there will be no more applications taken.

The players are now selling the raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. We will draw for the prizes on opening day of our season April 24, following the opening ceremonies and between each of the ballgames. One ticket will give you a chance to win one of the following prizes:

1. One night stay at the Abilene Fairfield Inn. Room type to include one queen bed or two queen beds. Complimentary breakfast included.

2. A gift certificate from Target for

3. \$50 worth of gift certificates from Joe Allen's. These are for any of the following: Joe Allen's Bar-B-Que, Cahoots, Borderlands, and The RailHead Grill.

4. \$50 savings bond from Citizens State Bank.

 A gift certificate from Wal-Mart.
 One appetizer and one dessert from Chili's.

7. One appetizer and one dessert from Chili's.

8. A shirt, cap and baseball from the Abilene Prairie Dogs.

9. A one year subscription from the Cross Plains Review.

10. A one year subscription from the Cross Plains Review.

11. 5 quart oil change from T & KTire and Alignment.12. 2 fish dinners from Jean's Feed

Barn.

13. A Dream Candle from Tim's

Floral and Gifts.

14. One oil change from Charlie's Truck Repair.

15. An autographed cap from the Texas Rangers.

16. 2 adult and 3 student buffets from CiCi's Pizza.

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With more prizes to be added.

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Cross Plains Little League

1999 Baseball Season

Opening Day	Time	
April 24, Saturday	San PST Scano seri	May 27, Thursday
Buffs vs. Blue Jays	6:00	Buffs vs. Blue Jays
Cats vs. Kilowatts	8:00	Cats vs Kilowatts
May 7, Friday		June 1, Tuesday
Cats vs. Buffs	6:00	Cats vs Buffs
Kilowatts vs. Blue Jays	8:00	Kilowatts vs. Blue Jays
May 8, Saturday		June 3, Thursday
Bhic Jays vs. Cats	6:00	Blue Jays vs Cats
Buffs vs. Kilowatts	8:00	Buffs vs Kilowatts
May 14, Friday		June 8, Tuesday
Kilowatts vs. Cats	6:00	Kilowatts vs. Cats
Blue Jays vs. Buffs	8:00	Blue Jays vs. Buffs
May 15, Saturday		June 10, Thursday
Blue Jays vs. Kilowatts	6:00	Blue Jays vs. Kilowatts
Buffs vs. Cats	8:00	Buffs vs. Cats
May 25, Tuesday	Auto and	June 17, Thursday
Kilowatts vs. Buffs	6:00	Kilowatts vs. Buffs
Cats vs. Blue Jays	8:00	Cate ve Rhie lave



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Chamber Business Of The Week

The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden, owned by long time friends Bettie Cavanaugh of Cross Plains and Connie Davis of Ranger, opened October 1997. The speciality gift shop and retail plant business is open Thursday-Saturday each week.

Unique gift items for the yard, garden, home and personal use can be found at The Secret Garden. Herbs, essential oils, aromatherapy

candles and soaps are feature items.

Spring and fall you will find bedding plants, hanging baskets, herbs, tomato and pepper plants. Soil amendments including Yum, Yum Plant Food, sheep manure, compost, mulch and potting soil will make your flower garden the envy of the neighborhood.

The ladies of The Secret Garden invite you to visit the gift shop and stroll through the garden and greenhouse at 124 East Seventh.



UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County	Dec.	Jan.
Unemployment	3.7%	5.1%
Total Labor Force	6,395	5,783
Total Employed	6,157	5,487
Total Unemployed	238	296

County's unemployment rate rises dramatically in January

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of January rose over one percentage point to 5.1%, according to jobless figures released Monday, March 22 by the Texas Workforce Commission

Callahan County's unemployment rate stands at 5.1% in January 1999, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in January 1998 was

4.2%.
Of the 5,783 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,487 were employed during January 1999, and 296 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.7% in December 1998. Of the 6,395 civilian labor force in the county during December, 6,157 had jobs while 238 or 3.7% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.8% in November, 3.9% in October 1998, 4.3% in September, 4.1% in August, 4.6% in July, 4.2% in June,

3.5% in May, 3.0% in April, 3.6% in March and 3.7% in February, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for January 1999 include: Brown, 4.1%; Coleman, 9.4%; Eastland, 5.3%; Jones, 4.2%; Runnels, 6.6%; Shackelford, 5.7%; Stephens, 4.7%; and Taylor County, 4.0%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for January 1999 was 5.1%, up from the 4.4% unemployment rate reported in December 1998. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in January 1998 was 5.4%.

Of the 10,197,300 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,673,800 in January. Total unemployment in January 1999 was 523,500.

The United States unemployment rate was 4.8% in January 1999. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of December was 4.0%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in January 1998 was 5.2 percent.

The Moving Wall Comes To Early And Brown Co.

A significant part of American History is coming to Brown County this month when the City of Early plays host to The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Moving Wall, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Heart of Texas Chapter 801, will be on 24-hour display beginning at sunrise on March 30 at Eastlawn Cemetery, 1921 Early Boulevard in Early. Viewing will conclude at 5 p.m., April 5.

Opening ceremonies are set for 5:30 p.m., March 30 at Eastlawn Cemetery and will be attended by local, state and national officials. A candlelight closing ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 4 also at Eastlawn Cemetery. The ceremonies and viewing hours are free and open to the public.

The Moving Wall is on continual tour throughout the United States. The touring Vietnam memorial enables people all across the United States to honor and remember the more than 58,000 Americans who died fighting for their country.

For more information, please contact the Early Chamber of Commerce, 104 East Industrial Drive, Early, TX 76802, 915-649-9317.

Willingham Family Reunion Memorial Day Weekend

Descendants of the late Sam and Etta Willingham will be coming "home" to Texas the last week in May for a big Memorial Day Family Reunion on May 30, 1999.

The family lived in Oplin during the 1930's but was scattered around the world during World War II.

Family members will be coming from California, Arkansas, New Mexico, Arizona and Nebraska.

Bluegrass Jamboree April 2-4

For the 28th consecutive year, Oakdale Park in Glen Rose, will host its Bluegrass Jamboree. The date for this outdoor bluegrass musical has been set for April 2, 3, and 4, slightly earlier than the traditional date of previous years when the show was held Memorial Day weekend in May. According to show promoters, "The April show will feature a stage show as well as 'round the clock pickin' and grinnin'."

The stage show will host both professional and semi-professional bands. Out of state bands featured this year are The Carolina Rebels from South Carolina, The Reno Brothers from Tennessee, Twin Rivers Band from Missouri, and White Sands Panhandle Band form Florida. Texas bands to take the Oakdale Park stage include Twice As Nice, Texarkana; Otis and Clovis, Nash; The Shirey Family, Greenville; and WST Bluegrass, Austin. Jim Atchley, Cleburne, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The show will officially kick off Friday evening, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Stage hours Friday are 7:30 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

In addition to the stage show, informal bluegrass jam sessions will be scattered throughout the tree-shaded park. Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, stroll through the grounds and listen to the mountain music as it was played in the early hills of Kentucky. The old-time bluegrass music features the fiddle, upright bass, mandolin, flattop guitar, and banjo.

Tickets are \$10 per person per day, with discounts for two or three days. Children aged fifteen and under are admitted free with their parents. Camping sites are available on the

grounds for \$13 per couple.

Those guests arriving early in the week will be treated to "early bird" activities including evenings filled with pluegrass jam session music, potluck meals, card games, and visiting. Call or write for complete schedule: Oakdale Park, Box 548, Glen Rose, TX 76043, 254-897-2321; www.oakdalepark.com

Texas Senate Review-

AUSTIN-Texas consumers would be able to choose their own electric providers in the new millennium under legislation passed in the Senate Wednesday, March 17. The electric utility market would be open to competition under the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill (CSSB) 7. Supporters of the bill believe Texas consumers will benefit from lower prices in a competitive market. The bill's sponsor, Waco Senator David Sibley, says that despite almost fifty floor amendments there were no major changes in the fall Senate. Sibley praised an amendment by Austin Senator Gonzalo Barrientos that assists low-income electric consumers. Carthage Senator Drew Nixon spoke against the bill, citing deregulation failures in other industries such as airlines and banking. Nixon argued that there is too much at risk, speculating that there will be some unintended consequences of this bill.

The Texas Senate is getting tougher on drunk drivers. Legislation passed Thursday, March 18, will lower the legal blood alcohol content, raise the penalties for refusal to take breath/blood tests. and increase penalties for underage drinkers. Senate Bill (SB) 114, sponsored by Galena Park Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr. would lower the legal blood alcohol content from .10 to .08 percent. One incentive to pass the measure—Texas could get \$26 million in federal transportation funds for making the change. Efforts to lower the blood alcohol content have failed in past sessions, but senators say that support from the current governor and the lt. governor made the difference this time. Brownsville Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. sponsored SB 388 which increases the penalty for refusing to take a breath/blood test to five days in jail and an automatic one-year license suspension. Dallas Senator Royce West sponsored SB 528 which increases the consequences for minors possessing or using alcohol.

Minors who want an abortion

would have to have a parent or guardian involved in their decision under CSSB3O. The parental notification legislation passed its final hurdle in the Senate Thursday, March 18, and is on its way to the Texas House. Plano Senator Florence Shapiro sponsored the bill and argues that the issue is not abortion, it is parental rights. Opponents of the bill argue that parental rights are not as important as is the safety of minors. The bill has a judicial bypass clause allowing a judge to decide whether a minor is mature enough to make the decision on her own. The Senate added an amendment to help protect doctors from prosecution if a minor uses a fake I.D. to prove they are old enough to avoid telling Domestic abusers were under at-

tack in the Texas Senate on Tuesday, March 16. Senators passed legislation increasing the penalty for a second assault offense against a family member to a third degree felony. Flower Mound Senator Jane Nelson sponsored SB 24, and said, "Despite all of our efforts to curtail family violence this epidemic is only getting worse. The status quo is not working and it's obvious we're only going to get a handle on this through stronger punishment."

Gang violence is a growing problem in Texas. Lt. Governor Rick Perry, Attorney General John Cornyn, and Senators Royce West, Robert L. Duncan, Carlos F. Truan, and Jon Lindsay have announced legislation to stop it. The legislation increases penalties for recruiting new gang members and would provide law enforcement officials with more tools to fight those crimes. SB 8 is one of six bills in the gang fighting package. It allows law enforcement officials to share information in a statewide database to make it easier to track gang mem-

Austin Senator Gonzalo Barrientos says the dropout problem in Texas may be worse than expected. Barrientos questions Texas Education Agency (TEA) statistics, saying the numbers may not be accurate and that reported decreases in drop out rates might be false. He thinks TEA statistics may neglect a large number of students, possibly more than 33%, that disappear from the system. Barrientos says he does not know whether schools are under reporting or if the TEA is trying to cover up, "I'm trying to stay as positive as possible in looking at such negative information."

Property tax relief and a teacher pay raise could be on the way under Amarillo Senator Teel Bivins' school finance plan. Perry and Senators Bill Ratliff, Jane Nelson, and Steve Ogden joined Bivins at a press conference announcing the legislation. The proposed \$2000 dollar rise in benefits for teachers is far from the \$6000 dollar pay increase many want, but Ratliff, who serves as the Finance Committee chair, says it is the best they can do for now.

Other legislation passed this week includes:

CSSB 138, by Sibley, prohibits a government agency from substantially burdening the exercise of religion unless there is a "compelling interest", such as protection of citizens' health or safety. A federal law with similar provisions has been ruled unconstitutional. The legislation was inspired by a disagreement between the city of Boerne and a local church. The city stopped the historic chapel from building a new addition because of city ordinances that protect a historical district; SB 427, by Sibley, increases the penalty for the direct shipment of alcohol into Texas. He says direct shipment gives minors easier access to alcohol and cheats the state out of tax money;

CSSB 44, by Shapiro, requires that parents who check their children into drug treatment must give consent for their release; and CSSB 42, by Shapiro, allows public schools to set up a drug testing program to test students at a parent's request.

The Senate will reconvene Monday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Callahan County FSA newsletter NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGIN. rules. In other words, anything you such as the amount of acreage or

NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGIN-NING WEDNESDAY APRIL 14TH, 1999

Due to extremely heavy workload conditions, beginning Wednesday, April 14th, the Callahan County FSA Office will start to temporarily close to the public on Wednesday mornings each week thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) in an attempt to catch up on extreme backlog of work. We will continue to take appointments during the rest of the work week. This "QUIET" time will allow us the time needed to process applications and payments more efficiently and therefore benefit our producers.

CROP LOSS DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CLDAP)

The Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Bill included \$2.375 billion for emergency financial assistance to farmers who suffered losses due to natural disaster. Farmers are eligible for compensation either for losses suffered to the 1998 crops (single year) or losses in at least three or more years between 1994 and 1998 (multi-year). Farmers can receive payments under either the single year or multi-year provisions, but not both and USDA will make payments at the higher of the two levels. Please call for more information or to make an appoint-

MULTI-YEAR LOSSES-Insurable Program Crops - If you received multi-peril or CAT indemnity payments or NAP payments in three or more years from 1994 thru 1998, you will be eligible for 25% of the total payment received. If requests exceed available funds, your computed payment will be factored down. The multi-year program is not crop specific, as long as you drew some sort of disaster payment on a crop for three different

1998 CROP YEAR LOSSES - 1998 losses are applicable to all crops (including haygrazer, honey and pecans) EXCEPT grazing crops. Producers must be able to provide production evidence for 1998 crop losses to be eligible (# of bales, days grazed, & # of head, etc.). The 1998 losses will be figured on units, the same as multiperil insurance or units will be established based on CAT insurance

rules. In other words, anything you have 100% share of will be one unit. Land that you share rent from different landlords will be separate

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) covers non-insured crops in the county. Category of crops include: forage (grazing), hay, pecans, and other non-insured crops. Producers are requested to keep records of how many and what type of cattle (yearlings, cow/calf, etc.) weight of cattle and on what type of grazing (where, what type and how long). Seed/ fertilizer and chemical receipts must be furnished at the time of filing. A unit must have at least a 50% loss before it is eligible. Callahan County has applied to be included as a NAP area and therefore sign up will announced once we approved.

1999 ACREAGE CERTIFICA-TION REPORTING

Producers are encouraged to report all crop acreage on their farms. Reports are very important to insure that cropping history and eligibility for program benefits are maintained. Acreage reports can be filed anytime after the crop is planted. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT. Timely filed acreage reports are required:

*when a farm has a Production Flexibility Contract (AMTA) and fruits, vegetables or nut trees are planted on the farm

* when a crop is planted for which a commodity loan or loan deficiency payment will be requested * on any farm in which a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payment is received

*to maintain eligibility for the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) in the event a noninsured crop fails.

The final certification reporting dates are: Wheat, Oats, and Barley: May 1,

1999.
Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Hay & Crops and Native & Improved Pas-

tures: July 15, 1999.

FAILED ACRES REPORTING

LOSSES

Crops losses must be timely filed

at the FSA office within 15 days after it is evident that a loss has occurred. A field visit must be performed to verify information given

whether the claimed loss or prevented planting condition occurred as claimed or whether the loss or damage was the result of a natural disaster. DO NOT DESTROY the crop until a loss is filed and a farm visit has been made. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP) EQIP is the program that cost shares producers to perform conservation practices such as grass seeding, bush control - mechanical or chemical, terraces, waterways, livestock water type practices and critical area shaping to name a few. Funds have been extremely limited. However, if you feel there is a great chance of performing the project, by all means sign up. The ranking dates are scheduled for March 31st. Producers who sign up prior to that date will be considered. A second ranking date of July 1, 1999 will consider unawarded applications from the first ranking period along with new applications filed March 31st. Cost share considerations will be from 0-75% contingent on the producers discretion and the benefits that will be acquired on the environmental scoring process from the USDA side. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

PROGRAM (LAP)

The Livestock Assistance Program has been extended until March 25th. LAP provides payment to eligible livestock producers who suffered losses due to drought conditions in 1998. Producers suffering from grazing losses on native and/or improved pastures and have not filed an application should contact the FSA for an appointment as soon as possible. Payments are scheduled to be issued sometime in mid-April for all producers who have filed a LAP application. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

LOANS AND LOAN DEFI-CIENCY PAYMENTS

Producers are reminded that final dates to request 1998 crop year loans and loan deficiency payments are as follows:

Wheat, Oats, and Barley, March 31.

Cotton and Grain Sorghum May

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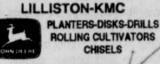
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Plains are down slightly in 1999 as

compared to 1998, according to the

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The state comptroller released the

city sales tax rebates to the Texas

cities Monday, March 15 including

those in the City of Cross Plains.

The City of Cross Plains reported

\$21,628.69 collected in 1999 tax

rebates to date, down 1.41% from

Cross Plains rebate payment for

March 1999 was \$5,885.08, down

2.90% from the \$6,061.12 payment

State Comptroller for Texas,

Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a

total of \$172.8 million in monthly

sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas

cities and 118 counties, a 5.8 percent

increase over the \$163.3 million al-

located to cities and counties in

March 1998, and a 7.4 percent in-

crease for the first three month of

1999, compared to the first three

Other Callahan County towns re-

-The City of Baird is reporting

porting sales tax payments include:

1999 city sales tax payments run-

ning 0.53% below the 1998 pay-

ments of the tax. Baird's 1999 sales

tax payments have amounted to

\$20,201.18, while the 1998 sales tax

The city's monthly sales tax check

for March 1999 was \$4,595.64, up

14.03% from the \$4,029.99 pay-

-The 1999 sales tax payments in

the City of Clyde are 20.66% above

tax payments made to the city in

1998. The sales tax rebates for the

City of Clyde have amounted to

\$43,437.41 so far in 1999. The 1998

payments to the city during the same

The city's monthly payment for

March 1999 was \$12,665.18, an in-

crease of 26.63% from the

\$10,001.50 tax rebate reported in

—The City of Putnam is reporting

the 1999 payments to the town to-

talled \$2,927.74, up 15.54% from

the 1998 payments to the city in the

Putnam's tax payment for the

month of March 1999 was \$357.33,

a decrease of 48.97% from the

700.26 tax rebate check received in

tank, 20 ac.+/- Coastal Burmuda \$118,000.

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March 1998.

March 1998

\$160,000.

amount of \$2,533.87.

payment period were \$35,998.17.

ment collected in March 1998.

rebates were \$20,309.58.

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Fencing 'em in... For anyone else, I'm sure that putting up an electric fence is a routine kind of project. Not here. Never at our house. It took only a few hours to pound

fence posts and string wire. But the charge was so weak it didn't matter to the goats. The box the charger came in said "for livestock" and "for up to six miles," and had pictures of cows, goats, sheep, etc. I showed the goats. They were unimpressed.

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As soon as the goats got out they'd make a mad dash for my new peach tree start. The leaves are gone now, along with half the branches, and the poor baby tree has been mauled flat to the ground more than once. I fear for its survival.

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Each morning it went like this: Run and get a can of grain.

Un-hook the top fence wire and

· Open the gate.

· Enter the pen, holding the can

· Knock the goats off me.

· Throw the grain into their feed trough to distract them.

· Dash to the gate and hook it open, leap over the wires, reconnect the electric fence, race to the house - up the steps - open the outlet cover - grab the cord - plug in the charger...

I turn around and there are the goats, on the steps behind me.

· More grain.

· Unplug everything.

· Get the goats back in the pen. Start over again at Step One.

Today the fence is supposed to be working. Again. I run the goat gauntlet THREE TIMES!!! I check and double check everything that could go wrong. I huff and puff to catch my breath, and I sweat rivers.

I blew. It was not a pretty sight. I wished I was Superman and could yank on the nearest post and watch the entire fence pop out - bloop, bloop, bloop, bloop - one post after the other, all the way around the field. Oh, it would have been so gratifying

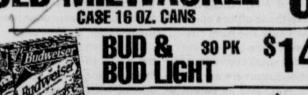
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UPDATE GIVEN-Kiwanis Club member Tommie Harris (left) had Brenda Willars, LVN (center) and Randy York, FNP (right) as guests for the Kiwanis Club's meeting on Tuesday, March 16. Randy York presented the program for the meeting, giving updated information about Columbia One Source Health Center - Cross Plains. Everyone is always welcome to the Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting at noon on Tuesdays at Jean's Feed Barn. Inquiries for membership are encouraged and may be made at the meetings or to any Kiwanis Club member during the week. P.S. -- Remember the Pancake Supper tonight, March 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

meters are non-digital.

On Central and South West Company's merger with American Electric Power, Brower said the merger is still proceeding and expects the merger to close by December 1999. In December 1997, the two companies announced a stock transaction which would create the largest electric company in the U.S.

The merger between the two companies has taken longer than expected. Brower said the merger is moving slowly because the two companies must receive approval from 11 states as well as several federal regulatory agencies.

The WTU president said he expects no job reductions on the local level. He said to expect some job reductions at the corporate headquarters in Dallas and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brower said the merger between CSW and AEP will create a stronger company.

Locally, Brower said there are no plans to close the small town WTU offices, including the one in Clyde. Brower said adding merchandise sales in the local WTU offices has helped to keep those offices open. "We will make sure the rural customers are taken care of," Brower said, adding the small commercial and residential customers are the backbone of WTU and its parent company CSW.

On the deregulation front, Brower said there are currently

three bills before the state legislature dealing with electric utility de-

regulation. He expects the gover-

nor to sign some type of deregula-

tion legislation in May.

"All customers will benefit from deregulation," Brower said. He said WTU wants legislation in which all electric companies will be allowed to compete. He said WTU also seeks restructuring for electric companies and to maintain reliability. Another issue WTU favors is allowing electric companies to somehow be paid for its stranded investments. Brower said Central and South West Company has little stranded investments. Stranded investments are electric generation investments electric companies made for the future, which are no longer needed.

Brower said deregulation could alter what electric companies in Texas provide. He said some companies might only generate electricity, while others maintain the wires and still others provide transmission distribution.

The big change caused by electric deregulation is that consumers will be allowed to choose their electric provider, Brower said.

Brower, who has been with Central & South West 23 years, has been president and general manager of WTU for one and one-half years. He has spent the last eight years with WTU at the Abilene headquarters.

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Mabel Falls Halsell Is Just Getting Her Second Wind At Age 95

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH Editor

Mabel Halsell was honored with a birthday reception last Saturday, March 13, in her daughter and sonin-law's home, Sue and Ike Neal. Her daughters, Dr. Lou Rodenberger and Sue Neal, hosted the celebration. Many, many friends came by to visit with her and wish her well. She received over fifty birthday cards which brightened her

Mabel noted that Yvonne Peevy made her cake which looked too beautiful to cut. Yvonne remarked that it was the only one she prepared that day and it had to be special because she loved Mrs. Halsell.

Born in Rising Star the daughter of Henry Fletcher Falls and Louisa Weatherman, she graduated from Rising Star High School in May 1922 with the honor of being Valedictorian.

That summer she attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood and attended a Summer Normal Class, in which she took courses preparatory to a Teaching Certificate. She received her certificate in the fall.

Her first teaching position was at Romney School where she met her husband, Carl Halsell. He was the new principal and revealed years later his instant thinking, "There is the girl for me." On December 1, 1923, the couple was married at the Baptist Parsonage in Rising Star by Reverend Joe Nation. Mabel told me they were very loyal to each other. "Losing my husband was the hardest thing I ever had to face," she explained.

Their love for each other blessed them with two daughters, two sonsin-law, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eleven greatgrandchildren and eight step-greatgrandchildren. She loves her family and is extremely proud of each one. This union was the beginning of a



MABEL FALLS HALSELL

life of teaching and preaching. Mr. Halsell was a Methodist preacher and taught school, too.

In later years she took correspondence courses, attended Cisco Junior College, McMurry and Abilene Christian. In 1947 she and her late husband received their degrees from Daniel Baker College.

Mrs. Halsell has taught at Kokomo, Okra, Cedar Bluff, Pulltite, Woodson, Dickens and Cross Plains just to mention a few.

She was dedicated to her students and remembers events in such details. She remarked with remorse. "I have had more students to die tragically and early." She was one of those exceptional educators who became involved in her student's lives and made an impact upon them.

She has written "My Saga" in memory of her husband for her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. Mrs. Halsell has always kept a daily journal and memorable events of each day are recorded. This allowed her to tell the story of her life in depth and accuracy.

Poetry is another love of hers. She has won various contests including Famous Poet of 1996 in the United States. One of her prize-winning poems was limited to one subject "love". The following is her creation:

WHAT AM I?

ONE WORD WILL ANSWER. ONCE WE SEE "I AM THAT I AM" ALL POWERFUL, ETERNAL AND INFINITE TO AN ENDLESS DEGREE STARS, GALAXIES, SATELLITES, SO FREE HELPERS, ANGELS A LITTLE LOWER THAN THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH HE MADE FOR HIMSELF. -HIS IMAGE, THEN HE COULD SAY, "I AM LOVE."

She is unable to attend services at United Presbyterian Church where she once taught a class and played the piano. Mabel still plays the piano. Every Saturday evening she checks in with Eunice Starr and Collis Eager concerning Sunday's class. She is an amazing individual.

I JOHN 4:16

ALSO PSALMS 8

My visit with Mrs. Halsell was most interesting and inspiring. Her daily prayer is that God will allow her to keep her eyesight, hearing and walking to an extent with various aids. She noted that He had answered her prayers, too. She said, "God is good. I haven't seen a doctor in a year or two. I just doctor myself." She doesn't even take a prescription drug.

She contributes her long life to God having a hand in everything. She fills her days with reading, researching various subjects and writing. Just this week she began writing once again on her extended

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Cross Plains (254) 725-6111 saga. She writes in long hand and her son-in-law, Dr. Charles Rodenberger compiles it on his computer.

Her enthusiasm to study the Bible and continue to learn daily is impressive. At this time she is studying the first five chapters of the Bible, which she finds fascinating. Her interest lies in the beginning of creation. She wishes she was young enough to be out teaching the Word.

She feels that we are living in the end times. "This generation has more to contend with and decisions to make. There are too many choices," she noted. Mrs. Halsell feels that the 7th Commandment "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" has been left out in our teaching of young people. She would like to see this change.

She finds television shocking and "not fit to check in on". The recent scandal concerning President Clinton was a subject she never expected to be covered on television.

Mrs. Halsell is such a breath of fresh air. Every day is another challenge filled with reading, learning and composing. "I'm up to my neck in what I want to do," Mabel said. What an inspiration to others!

She made this comment about her life, "Everything that has happened came from somewhere else and resulted in something you didn't expect."

Mabel remarked, "I am not quite sure what my purpose in life may be, but I know the Lord had his hand in

Her message to everyone is, "No matter what anyone does to you -love them, and get familiar with the

It was crystal clear to me why Mrs. Halsell has lived a long and fruitful life -- she has a desire to contribute to the betterment of this world and a strong love for the Lord. She has the ability to inspire you to excel and get excited about living!

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