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"Kye and Wheels"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

I couldn't resist writing about my son Kye's experiences on various wheels. He received the first set when he was one year old -- a little red tricycle.

All the encouragement in the world could not make him use the peddles. He just pushed it around with his feet. I thought maybe a fancy trike, one that looked like the "Chips" motorcycle, would entice him.

My Dad even took off a few days from work, with the objective of teaching this kid how to peddle. He finally gave up! I think he got the hang of peddling about the time the tricycle was worn out.

Now he advanced to a bicycle. My Mother had taught the girls and she attempted to teach Kye. She eventually admitted defeat. I was determined that he learn and every evening we practiced.

He was doing pretty well, as long as I held to the back of the seat. He was headed down hill and balanced so I decided to let him go. Our neighbor, VonDell Bailey, was working in her front yard. I shouted a warning and she turned around just in time to catch Kye's bike by the handlebars before it ran over her. Kye was so angry that I had let go, but after that he could ride by himself.

He received a dirt bike for Christmas one year and on his first trial run he came peddling across the ditch to the house and the handlebars flew off and he did a forward somersault in front of the bike. He still had the handlebars in his hands when he made a 3-point landing. My Daddy witnessed the unplanned stunt and laughed uncontrollably. Kye questioned, "Darin, why are you laughing? I'm hurting!" Daddy replied, "I'm sorry Kye but it was just so funny."

Next we attempted skating. The girls could both skate forward and backward by the time they were four to six. Following many attempts, I decided all the falls were too hard on his body, since he had already experienced several surgeries. His long legs and feet just didn't work together. He can't skate to this day.

When the skateboards first came out my Mother asked him if he wanted one and his reply was, "Nanny, do you want me to kill myself?"

Daddy bought a miniature Model-T for the kids to drive and boy did they have fun. Leah wouldn't drive it, but Blandye and Kye loved it. One day Kye was driving and Leah was giving him a little push from behind when she lost her balance and fell. Her ring caught on something on the back bumper.

Kye pulled her all the way across the parking lot of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. Her finger swelled so that her ring had to be cut off. She was upset that he didn't stop sooner and Kye was in big trouble for not being considerate.

Then we got a riding lawn mower and this took Kye's fancy. I had a great helper until the new wore off. Of course, he would mow a while, then take a little spin down the road and wheel it around on two wheels.

Next came his first vehicle -- just had to have a diesel truck. I think all

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Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their first Country and Western musical of the new year on Friday, January 21, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The musical will begin at 6:30 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Smokey Callaway. All Country and Western musicians are invited to attend.

Submitted by Mary St. Peter

Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Pageant is Back!

The greatly anticipated Valentine Pageant and Photogenic Contest will be held Saturday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains School Auditorium. Notice: This is not a "beauty contest". The entrants will be judged on poise, personality and talent. The judges have been selected from out of the area in order to assure fair and impartial decisions.

Any girl in Grade Pre-K through 8th is encouraged to enter this event. It's a lot of fun for the children and in addition, benefits Beta Sigma Phi in its contributions to our community.

Pageant entry forms will be handed out to the girls who are interested. Photogenic entry forms will be in today's paper or can be secured from Nora Odom at school.

If you have questions, contact Nora Odom (254) 725-6840 or Jamie Apple 825-6296 after 5:00 p.m.

New Extended Hours At DHS Announced

ABILENE — Local Department of Human Services offices in Abilene, Brownwood, and Midland will offer extended office hours to new applicants and current DHS clients utilizing the Abilene Old Courthouse (301 Oak Street), Abilene North Willis (400 North Willis), Brownwood, and Midland Wall Street (901 West Wall) offices. The extended hours will be on Tuesdays until 7 P.M., and on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 A.M. until Noon.

The extended hours will be offered on an experimental basis. The department will assess the number of persons utilizing this service, and determine whether or not to continue these extended hours, after a period of several months.

Extended hours will begin January 18.

The initiative is aimed at the working families who access the Food Stamp program. "The Texas Department of Human Services is dedicated to helping working families during the transition to self-sufficiency. By providing them access to our offices, after normal working hours, we can help ease that transition," said Eric M. Bost, Commissioner of the agency.

The Texas Department of Human Services administers more than 30 state and federal human service programs in Texas. The programs are designed to benefit low-income families and children, and people who are elderly or disabled.

Recently, the Legislature and Governor honored DHS with the first Texas Star Award for outstanding customer service. The United States Department of Agriculture also honored the agency for efforts to enhance the access of eligible persons to the Food Stamp program during welfare reform.

Praying for rain expands throughout the community

A prayer session will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Cross Plains City Hall with the main objective -- RAIN. The first meeting was held last Wednesday and approximately 20 individuals attended. They have vowed to meet each Wednesday until the Lord sends rain. Everyone is invited to join in their dedicated effort.

Believers Fellowship, located on East Highway 36 about 3/4 miles from the blinking light, will meet each morning from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, for prayer. They will be praying for rain, individual and

community needs, etc.

It was reported that the Monthly Farmers and Ranchers Prayer Breakfast at Ophelia's was well attended. One man who was present called it "a wonderful spirit of unity". The Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month and the next meeting will be February 19th.

Everyone is welcome to participate any of the prayer sessions. Make plans to attend and become involved in this appeal to the Lord for rain. Sister Ruby McCowen would be so proud of this overwhelming effort!

Callahan Co. commits to ensure safety for employees saving \$3,076 on Workers' Compensation bill

AUSTIN—In a recent ceremony, Callahan County was awarded \$3,076 for the enhancement of their safety efforts. The award comes from the Workers' Compensation self insurance pool in which Callahan County participates. This self-insurance fund is owned and operated by Texas Counties and County related political subdivisions.

In 1999, Callahan County officials took a pro-active stance on improving workers' safety by implementing several safety improvement measures recommended by Texas Association of Counties who administers the self-insurance pool. The Texas Association of Counties accident prevention criteria ensures that their safety program provides a comprehensive safety effort on the part of Callahan County in exchange for Workers' Compensation savings.

The resolution to participate was adopted earlier in 1999 by the County Judge, Hon. Roger Corn, County Commissioners Hon. Harold Hicks, Hon. David Bryan Farmer, Hon. Tommy Holland and Hon. Orville Charlie Grider and also endorsed by County Sheriff, Hon. Eddie G. Curtis.

A board of county officials oversees the county's partnership with 300 other Texas counties and public entities in a non-profit Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool and made approximately \$3,076

available in exchange for the enhanced safety effort. The board has "invested" this money with the County, confident that the comprehensive safety efforts will pay off for Callahan County, their employees, and other members of the self-insurance pool.

Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers the program, provided safety specialists at no additional charge to the county to assist in realistic, cost effective measures for accident prevention.

TAC's Mike Strawn, who oversees this initiative stated, "It's great to see County officials taking their safety efforts seriously."

He added, "There are so many things that county officials can let fall through the cracks and unfortunately, many taxpayers would never know. Safety programs usually fall into that category, so seeing this commitment is a testament to these officials working together to prevent unnecessary accidents and save on Workers' Compensation Costs to taxpayers."

Strawn also stated, "Our board has thrown in these incentives on their Workers' Comp bill, which should lead to some really substantial long term savings. Sometimes, the best thing that comes out of these programs is keeping people from getting hurt on the job and seeing improvement in morale and productivity."

Callahan Divide SWCS Now Taking Windbreak Tree Orders Until Feb. 17

The Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the district offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock.

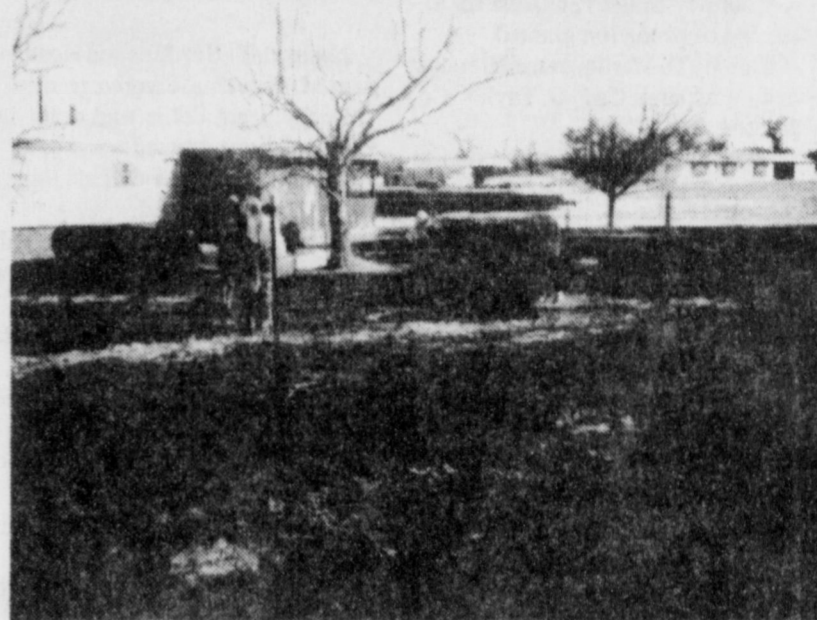
This year selection of available trees include four varieties of evergreens. They are Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar and the Austrian Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for \$2.50 each or \$70.00 for a box of 30. In addition to the evergreens, several varieties of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list include Green Ash, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak, Catalpa, Sand Plum, Sand Cherry, Nanking Cherry, Hackberry, Lacebark Elm and Amur Honeysuckle. These hardwood seedlings are offered in

bundles of 10 for \$8.00.

Tree orders will be taken until February 17th, 2000 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on February 21, 2000. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order and delivery is guaranteed. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Baird at (915) 854-1349. You can also drop by our office which is located at 141 W. 4th-Suite B.

All services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District are available to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.



LOCAL MAN'S HOME SURROUNDED BY FIRE — Dennis Daniell's house (left) had a close call with a grassfire and Jerry Brown's home (right) was in the path of the flames.

Two Houses Narrowly Escaped Damage in Afternoon Grassfire

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

Last Wednesday, January 12, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department was called to two separate grassfires, a small one near Rocker H Feed on West Highway 36 and a much larger one about 2 1/2 miles from Cross Plains on West Highway 36 at the home Dennis Daniell.

An electrical spark from a bird on the transformer caused both grassfires according to Charles Wetsel, representative of West Texas Utilities. At the Daniell home, Dennis went to investigate when the electricity flickered and went off and found his front yard on fire. Two law officers who were passing by were fighting the flames with car floor mats.

Before the fire department arrived

the blaze was at the foundation of the mobile home and it was thought that the house would be lost, but the wind changed directions saving the house. The pump house, a backyard fence and a large tin shed were destroyed.

The flames encircled the Daniell's home and separate garage before moving toward Jerry Brown's home next door. Only the pasture was burned at Mr. Brown's. Approximately 3-5 acres were burned in the grassfire. Three units were dispatched and kept the fire from spreading.

It is amazing how quickly the flames move when the grass is so dry. It is very traumatic to watch your home come so terribly close to disaster.

If drought conditions continue, more grassfires will occur. Everyone is encouraged to plan ahead to protect their property and be extremely cautious.

Callahan County Handling 911 Rural Addressing

As of January 1, 2000, Callahan County will be taking care of all 911 Rural Addressing (new or existing). If you have any questions concerning your 911 address contact: Rhonda Vestal, 911 Coordinator, Callahan County Courthouse, Room 102, (915) 854-2835.

First Baptist Church to host gospel quartet

The First Baptist Church is proud to host a gospel concert featuring the mixed quartet, "In His Name," this Sunday evening, January 23, at 6:00 p.m. The gospel group comes from the First Baptist Church in Bangs. Members of the group include Wayne Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bishop, Sherrill McIlvain, Jimmy Doud, and Melodee Huggins all of Bangs. Their purpose in ministry is stated in their own title, "In His Name." They sing simply because they love to sing for Christ. They have performed at area churches, nursing homes and gatherings when given the opportunity.

Everyone is welcome to come worship and rejoice together with us, enjoying an evening of "good of gospel music." There will be a time of fellowship following the concert. If you would like, bring your favorite snack or finger food.

Colonial Oaks Services

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 23, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding
Misdemeanor Minutes

Motion for continuance granted to the following: James Wesley Bradshaw, James Allen Johnson, David Vance Smith, Jr., Misty Abernathy, Byron Dan Voss, Bob Gene Breeding, and Billy Joe Sims.
Jason Wyatt Stewart, motion to revoke probation granted.
Kelli Foster, order amending conditions of probation granted.
Courtney Massey, request for extension of probation granted.
Tammy D. Martin, transfer request from Eastland Co. to Taylor Co. granted.
Amy Diane Davidson, motion to dismiss granted.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Edward Hancock and Jennifer Lee Andrew, both of Abilene.
Dwayne Allen Smith and Cynthia Gayle Ramos, both of Abilene.
Jeffery David Waggoner and Renee Christine Ballard, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding
Civil Filings

Christie Patterson Henderson and Sevron Henderson, divorce.
First Select Corporation vs. Reba Rymes, default on account.
Cynthia Hogue Armstrong and David Hoyte Armstrong, divorce.
James Henry Gerhart and Yvonne Marlene Gerhart, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Nasayah Y. Hawkins and Hoshanam M. Hawkins, divorce granted.
Peggy Jean Collie and John D. Collie, divorce granted.
Duane Lee Allen and Linda Emma Allen, divorce granted.
Dean Dillard vs. Milton Ward, judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$16,500.
Danny Joe Bamber and Linda Louella Bamber, divorce granted.
Susan G. Jones and David Bruce Jones, divorce granted.
Beverly Ruth Schnabel Mosley and John Roy Mosley, divorce granted.
Crissy Roberson and Larry Joe Roberson, divorce granted.
Calvin Lynn Trout and Michelle Denise Trout, divorce granted.
Kelly Pinkerton as an individual and as next friend of Travis Pinkerton, a minor vs. Lyman Henry Brigham, judgment to plaintiff for \$850.
Marvel H. Vannuys and Katherine G. Vannuys, divorce granted.

Obituaries

William L. McCarley, Jr.

William L. McCarley was born Christmas Day, 1925, in Dallas and passed from this life on Sunday, January 9, 2000, in Austin.

A Navy veteran of World War II and longtime Austin resident, he owned and operated the Alamo Garage and Bill's Auto Service in Austin for many years. He retired from the City of Austin's Transportation Department after 15 years service. CB radios, cars and fishing were among his pleasures.
He was preceded in death by his father, William L. McCarley, Sr., and by a grandson, Matthew Royce McCarley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lucille of Austin; daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Darrel Wyatt of Cross Plains; daughters, Carole McCarley of San Marcos and Linda Lackey of Austin; son and daughter-in-law, Royce and Carlene McCarley of Red Rock; son, Gary McCarley of Austin; grandchildren, William Curtis Wyatt, Torin Brant McCarley; also DeeDee Nichols and Becky Johnson, both of Celina; mother, Elsie Fulks of Paris, Texas; brother, Bobby McCarley of Paris.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at noon Wednesday at the Live Oak Cemetery in Uhlrad.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar.

Glenda Faye Yeager Ivy

BAIRD—Glenda Faye Yeager Ivy, 64, died Sunday, January 16, 2000, at her home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ross Ellis officiating. Burial was in Ross Cemetery Annex, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ivy was born in Putnam and lived in Baird all her life. She retired after 26 years with Lone Star Gas Co. and was a past member of the Baird Independent School District board. She was a member of Shady Oaks Lady's Golf Association and First Baptist Church. She married Randall Ivy in 1953 in Baird.

Survivors include her husband, of Baird; one son, Rodney Ivy of Coleman; two sisters, Helen Curtis of Baird and Nina Hamilton of Gordon; two brothers, Gene Yeager of Cross Plains and F.L. "Sonny" Burleson of Baird; a special friend, Paula Corn of Baird; two grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Floyd 'Big Papa' Chappell

Floyd "Big Papa" Chappell, 86, of Abilene, died Saturday, January 15, 2000, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, 5701 Hwy. 277 South, with the Rev. Garland Wallace and the Rev. Howard Smith officiating. Burial was in Caps Cemetery.

Mr. Chappell was born in Sidney and moved to Abilene from Comanche in 1934.

He was a self-employed farmer and gin manager and a member of First Nazarene Church.

He married Myrtle Hopkins in 1935; she preceded him in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Burks and Ann Fain, both of Abilene and Jeannie Malo of Rising Star; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Nazarene Building Fund, 1389 Vine, Abilene 79602.

DOWN HOME

He wanted was the sound the engine made -- a man thing. The only advantage of this vehicle was that I could listen for the pickup in town and track him down. Family friends, Franzel and Becky Odom and DeWitt and Mildred Newton, would tell me they knew when Kye went by. I could hear him coming home from at least two or three blocks away.

Well Kye boy, you have a come a long way on several sets of wheels.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials? Here are their addresses:

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George W. Bush, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

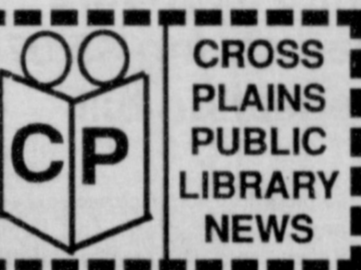
Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.

Washington
Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.



Jan. 10-14

Statistics:
Memorials: Yuna V. Burkett for Vera Pearl Bunnell; Betty Edwards for Burl McCowen; Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin for Burl McCowen
Donations:
In honor of Bobby Hinkle by Betty Edwards; Zora Mae Bryant
Circulation:
Cross Plains Books: 92
Abilene: 8
Audio Books Abilene: 2
LAP: 24
Total: 126

Book Review: February 22 by Elmer Kelton
Each week we'll tell a little more about Kelton so that you'll know him well when he comes. After graduation from University of Texas with a degree in journalism, he became an agricultural reporter for the *San Angelo Standard Times*. In 1963 he became editor of the *Sheep and Goat Raisers* magazine, and in 1968 he joined the *Livestock Weekly*. These experiences gave him insights into the farm and ranch business. Thus he began creating tales about Texas.
Next week: More about honors Kelton has won. You'll agree that Cross Plains is indeed fortunate to have a writer of his calibre.

Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the Callahan County office filings in the Democratic Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 14, 2000.

For Callahan Attorney Allen Wright

Pol. Adv. by Allen Wright County Attorney Campaign Fund, 6000 County Road 203, Clyde, Texas 79510

Shane Deel
Pol. Adv. by Shane Deel, 526 Swenson Road, Clyde, Texas 79510
All political calendar advertising for the Democratic Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

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KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER — Dan Johnston introduced Mary Dunn (center) as the Kiwanis guest speaker, who gave a very interesting program on "hypertension" and the importance of controlling it. Bobbie Johnston is pictured on the right.

3 CEU sessions offered in pesticide safety Feb. 8

There will be an educational meeting worth 3 CEUs held on February 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse in Baird.

This will be a meeting covering pesticide safety issues to help producers acquire 3 CEU hours (1 IPM, 1 Laws/Reg, 1 General) to renew their license.

There will be a \$5.00 registration fee to cover cost of material and

refreshments. Don't forget that some TDA pesticide applicators license will expire the end of February. If you have not gotten your paperwork for renewal you may want to contact TDA.

If you intend on participating in the educational meeting please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on February 7 at (915) 854-1518.

Submitted by Robert Pritz
Callahan County Extension Agent

CJC offers course in automotive alternative fuels

Cisco Junior College will be one of the first colleges in Texas to offer a course in Automotive Alternative Fuels. Jim Latson will be teaching the class.

Latson, in addition to being the Automotive Technology coordinator of CJC, is an ASE Multiple Master Auto and Truck Technician, and Certified in Alternative Fuels. The course, AUMT 2340 will meet Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. with a lab on Friday from 8:00 a.m. until

11:55 a.m.
The course will include a study of the composition and use of various alternative automotive fuels. The course will also include a study of emissions standards, availability of fuels, cost effectiveness and an overview of federal and state legislation concerning alternative fuels. The students will get hands on experience with retrofitting procedures and applications.

For more information regarding Cisco Junior College, call (254) 442-2567.

Toody Byrd to speak at Coleman Chapter of Texas Retired Teachers Assoc.

The Coleman County Unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) is sponsoring Toody Byrd, a former Texas teacher and counselor, as a speaker at the Coleman High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets of \$5.00 will be available from several retired teachers and at the Coleman Public Library. These will also be available at the door for the same price.

Her publications include a Humor Column in the Texas Personnel and Guidance Journal, articles in The Guidance Clinic, Texas School Counselor Newsletter and local

newspaper, as well as being former editor of Texas Association of College Admissions Counselors Newsletter. Her book is entitled, "Toody Byrd Talks, and Talks, and Talks".

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

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Selected Scriptures

Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.
Psalm 119:116

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes... Romans 1:16

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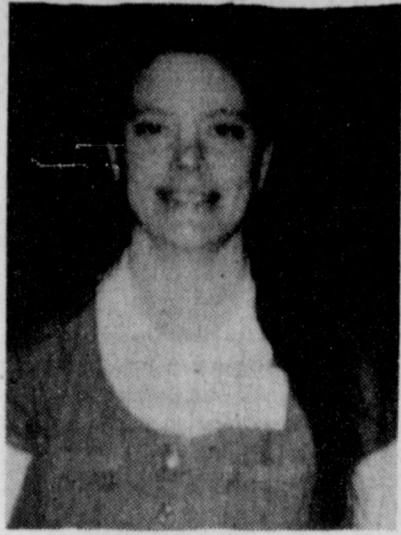
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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt



VERNA MATHEWS
...January employee of month

Verna Mathews was chosen as the employee for the month by our administrator Stormie Jones. Verna is in the housekeeping department and works as a nurses aide also. She is a faithful and dependable employee—a hard worker. Verna is a volunteer attendant for the Cross Plains EMS. She enjoys attending church and doing crafts. Stormie presented her with a badge and a gift certificate to Jack's Place. Congratulations Verna.

Thoughts and prayers for Docia Denton who is in the hospital.

Allie Dickson sure looks pretty with her new perm.

Victor Long was chosen to receive a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Appreciation to Sheri Kitchens for the candy, to Connie Kirkham, Lilly Dillard and Ray Purvis for keeping our residents well groomed and to Kitty Propest for the Reader's Digests.

Sayra Fox visited with Elsie Stroud.

George and Mary Dawson from Tuscola, Beth and Dub Meador and Bethany Parker visited with Nandell Stiles.

Alice Lockhart from Austin, Sandy Clevinger from Lago Vista and Tricia Lockhart from Austin visited with Myrtle Owen.

Charlou Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Victor Long (2), Alpha Wilson (2), Nandell Stiles and Ruby Harrell and exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, popcorn social and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace, exercise class and Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Alpha Wilson (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Maxine Crisp and Victor Long (2). Ball toss.

Friday: Movie time, and sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist
May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

Cross Plains Students Named to A.S.U. Dean's List

December -- Two Cross Plains area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the university.

Those listed include Jaonna Nicole Harris, an Early Childhood major,

and Amanda Terece Sowell, a Special Learning and Development major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"Experience Lent Expertise!"
I still remember when I learned to iron. AAAAAAnd HOW!

Many young adults of the present may not have found it necessary to acquire the skills needed -- for the practice of this outdated chore. For with the advent of drip dry fabrics such as nylon, banlon, polyester, rayon etc.; it fast became an almost extinct practice.

Nylon I know in the mid to late 1950's was available. By the early 60's many other fabrics had also come on the market which when laundered could then be placed on an ordinary clothes hanger and left to drip dry. Although it was usually still necessary or advisable to touch-up such garments with a warm iron to maintain that "just stepped out of a handbox" look. Later, by the early

to mid 70's, it was sometimes not even necessary to do that. With the invention of the clothes dryer womens ironing duties soon took a nosedive.

Added to the wonder of assembly line production, the cost of a new clothes dryer soon became minimal. So reasonable was the cost of a new dryer that soon everyone (just about) was able to afford the purchase of one. The dryers did and still do such a wonderful smooth job on garments that it is virutally unheard of to iron anymore.

...However, back in the 1940's, clothes still had to be ironed - unless you wanted to appear as tho' you had just crawled out of the laundry bag...See next weeks column for the story of the ultimate ironing learning experience.

Ma & Pa

By James Nichols

Yes ladies, it's time to cook that venison your better half left hanging in that mesquite tree for a week. You know, the one you asked about and he informed you it froze this time last year. I hope this will help.

Venison Tenderloin Sandwiches

2 large onions, sliced
2 cans (4 ounces each) sliced mushrooms, drained
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
8 venison tenderloin steaks (12 oz.) about 3/4 inch thick
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp salt, optional
4 hard rolls, split

In a skillet, saute the onions and mushrooms in butter and Worcestershire sauce until onions are tender. Flatten steaks to 1/2 inch thick; add to the skillet. Cook over medium heat until meat is done as desired, about 3 minutes on each side. Sprinkle with garlic powder, pepper and salt, if desired. Place two steaks on each roll; top with onions and mushrooms. Yield: 4 servings
Nutritional Analysis: One serving (prepared with margarine and without salt) equals 423 calories, 819 mg sodium, 85 mg cholesterol, 39 gm carbohydrate, 30 gm protein, 16 gm fat.

Beta Sigma Phi Meets -- Miss Valentine Pageant Returns

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for the first time in the new millennium on January 10, in the home of Bobbie Johnston. Jamie Apple was hostess for the evening. Even though several members were absent due to illness, the group began planning for the upcoming "Miss Valentine Pageant" and Photogenic Contest. This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

After moving the date last year to the Easter season, it is being brought back to a Valentine's Day time frame by popular demand! This fun event for girls Pre-K through 8th grade is expected to draw a large number of contestants this year. We are reminding everyone that this is not a "beauty contest". The girls will be judged for their poise, talent and personality by judges from outside the Cross Plains area. This will assure that the selection of the winners will be fair and impartial!

Each year the sorority sponsors a trip to Austin and the State Capitol for a fun and educational trip for the seventh graders. President Jamie Apple reported that arrangements are ready for this special trip.

Sarah Brashear thanked members for their hard work and reported that the Christmas Home Tour had the largest attendance yet. Appreciation is expressed to everyone who opened their homes for this popular Yuletide happening and for the citizens who came out to enjoy it.

Are wanting to surprise a special friend or relative with a Valentine gift? Then we have a deal for you! The Beta Sigma Phi Cookbooks have been published and contain new and wonderful recipes. If you have not purchased one, they are available for \$8 each from Wanda Merryman, 725-6476, or any sorority member.

The sorority is grateful that in the past two months, we have been able to provide food baskets to families needing assistance as well as glasses for children. Without the participation of each of you in the fund-raising projects, we would not be able to do this. Thank you!

Members present: Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Mary Ann Chaffin, Jacque Childress, Lavonne Childress, Mary Graves, Elizabeth Hunsaker, Bobbie Johnston, Melanie Long, Nora Odum and Sharon Parr.

Volunteer Fund-raiser Planned

Sparkettes, Inc. are holding a casserole dinner as a fund-raiser for the North Lake Brownwood Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service on January 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.

Donations only will be accepted for the cost of the meal.

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JANUARY 24-28

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TUESDAY—Oven fried chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, birthday cake, roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Lima beans & ham, harvard beets, mixed greens, pears, cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY—Chicken, rice casserole, broccoli, peaches, ranger cookie, bread and milk.

FRIDAY—Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, baked beans, tator wedges and milk.

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Oliver and Frankie and Jean Fore traveled to the musical Friday night. Enjoyed seeing everyone after the holidays. Then they traveled to the Cisco musical Saturday night.

Last Thursday they attended the Church Association meeting at Mangun Baptist Church.

Jean Fore spent Christmas and New Year's in Arlington, with nephew and niece Grasson and Myrtle Harlow. They returned her home Sunday night and spent a few days visiting with Jean.

Leon and Jerry Shedd of Abilene visited with Cowan and Laverne Hutton last Saturday.

Linda Strickland dropped by the quilting club and visited with us a while. It was good to see her and hope she comes back soon.

The Quilting Club had a very good lunch at Jack's Place Tuesday. We have Laverne's "Nine Patch Chain"

in the frame; Frankie put in a membership pay; Donna's "Old Time Square" will come out this week. There is always one available to take the place of the one coming out. We do have a "great" time every Tuesday. We always welcome visitors to drop by.

There was a nice crowd at the 42 Party Thursday night. The next meeting will be January 27. Come on out join some fun and good food.

Ophelia's had a good turn out for the "Farmer's and Rancher's Prayer Breakfast". She plans one of these every month. Hope to see a lot more farmers and ranchers in attendance next time.

We are all praying for some rain and a little cooler weather.

Words of Wisdom #3: If you laugh a lot, when your older your wrinkles will be in the right places.

Joshua Goble Named to President's List

Joshua Goble was recently named to the President's List at Big Bend Community College at Moses Lake, Washington.

He is a certified welder and plans to continue study in underwater welding.

Josh is the son of Cherei Goble and Lenley Goble and the grandson of Delilah Goble and Joyce Marton, all of Cross Plains.

Defensive Driving Course Offered at CJC

A National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course will be offered at the Cisco campus of Cisco Junior College on Monday and Wednesday, February 7 and 9, from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$25 and must be paid at the time of registration. Students must attend both nights of class. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the National Safety Council/C1194, Provider CP228, TEA License #763.

For more information, contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at (254) 442-2567, extension 115.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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"Early birds" are already figuring their income taxes; some have already filed. For more reasons than one, I wait until - until about April 15! (This year I can wait until April 17...) One reason I wait is that I want all the time possible to remember deductions I have coming. At least one of the other reasons that I wait is too obvious to mention-but I will anyway: procrastination!

Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus once about taxes. As they were always trying to trick Him or entangle Him, they sent some of their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God in truth; nor do you let people sway You because You pay no attention to who they are."

Once they had Jesus, sufficiently in their minds, "battered up," they asked: "Tell us, therefore, what do You think-is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" I'm sure they wanted Jesus to say "No" so they could tell the Roman officials-"But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you tests Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' And He said to them, 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God.'" (Matthew 22:18-22)

At least once a year we ought to remember what Jesus said about paying to the government what belongs to the government. And at least once each waek we ought to remember what He said about "paying" to God what belongs to God. And it might make it easier for us to do what's right in both instances-to remember these things each day...

Come hear more from Jesus' teachings this Sunday morning with us

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.

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Student Review

B-Ball Time



Lady Buffs Suffer 1st District Loss

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The Lady Buffs suffered their first district loss of the season to Baird Tuesday night by a score of 50 to 38. The kids played hard and aggressive ball the whole game. We did a super job on defense in the half court set and rebounded the ball very well on both ends of the court. We felt like we played good enough to win except for shooting the ball. We shot 18% from the field. With 3 minutes to go, it was a 4 point game, but down the stretch we couldn't get the ball to fall and they hit their free throw attempts.

Leading scorer for the game was Richey with 9, Wilson 8, Bailey 7, Francy 5, Turner 4, Kitchens 3 and Beaty 2.

In non-district action on Friday night, we hosted the #8 team in the state, the Brooksmith Lady Mustangs. We were in the game until the final minutes. Our offense was finding the range on the basket, shooting 40% from the field. We did a good job getting the ball inside for some easy baskets. We are starting to learn how to relax and score points against good defensive teams. Our defense which is usually solid on rotation to the ball was a little behind and got us in some foul trouble. With 4 minutes to go we trailed 48 to 54. Turnovers and Brooksmith's good free throw shooting hurt us down the stretch. Brooksmith scored the last 14 points of the game on the free throw line for a final score of 68 to 48.

I'm proud of the way the kids are progressing in their development. We are playing a number of quality teams through the second half of the season and a couple of big plays on offense and defense could change the outcome. We are right there in the thick of it and that's where you learn to make plays.

In JV action we played once during the week and lost to Baird 48 to 38. We dug a deep hole to start the game and played catch-up for the next 3 quarters. We outscored Baird 28 to 15 in the second half, but the damage from the slow start was hard to overcome.

Scoring the points for the JV Lady Buffs was Jennifer Hartman with 10, Rogers 8, Winfrey 7, Parker 4, Mauricio 1, Judith Hartman 4, Vasquez 2 and Nixon 2.



Jr. High Girls B'ball Report

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

Saturday, January 15, the girls played in the Cross Plains Jr. High Tournament.

In the first game, the 7th grade team bounced into the lead over the Brownwood B team. All the 7th graders had a hand in this victory. Cross Plains 24, Brownwood 11. Team scorers were Clark 8, Richard and Edington both 6 and Mack 4.

In the second game, the 7th grade team had a battle with the DeLeon girls. This was a very close game and the girls couldn't seem to pull themselves out of this one. Edington fouled out in the last quarter and many of our shots wouldn't go in the hoop! Final score Cross Plains 24, DeLeon 31. Team scorers were Richards 11, Clark and Edington 5 each, Ross 2 and Mack 1.

The first 8th grade game also bounced into the lead against the Brownwood B team. All of the 8th grade girls had a part in this victory. Cross Plains 24, Brownwood 12. Team scorers were Dillard 10, James and Rivard 4 each and Davis, Young and Wooten 2 each.

In the 8th grade second game, the girls tried to keep the lead against DeLeon. The girls played a very exciting game keeping about a 3 to 4 point lead at the end of each quarter. Young fouled out in the last quarter and the girls didn't let up taking the win Cross Plains 24, DeLeon 17. Team scorers were Dillard 11, Rivard 6, Young and James 3 each and Wooten 2.

These young junior high ladies are great to work with and are hard workers as well.

On Monday, January 17 these young lady Buffaloes traveled to Baird.

Baird's quickness and ball skills over powered us this time.

The 7th grade team struggled to keep the game as close as it ended up. Baird had one girl #12 who put in 15 of their points. Our girls had one scoreless third quarter which let Baird have the jump on us. We had many turnovers and our girls weren't playing as well as I know they can.

Finals score was Cross Plains 14, Baird 21. Team scorers were Edington 5, Clark 4, Richards 3 and Ross 2.

The 8th grade team was blown away in the first quarter. Baird pressured us into making many turnovers. Baird stopped their press and we were able to make a few nice baskets. Final score was Cross Plains 19, Baird 48. Team scorers were Dillard 11, Rivard 6 and Young and Hyles 1 each.

Buffaloes Begin District Play

By COACH CODY CHANDLER

If you weren't at the gym this past Tuesday night for the game against district rival Baird, you don't know what you were missing. The Buffaloes came into the game with a 1-0 district record and a winning 15-4 overall record. The stands were packed and players responded to the crowd with one of their best performances of the year. After a shaky start, the Buffs settled down and began to play with some emotion. At the end of the first quarter the Buffaloes trailed Baird 15-9. After that point it was all Cross Plains. With a swarming defense and timely shooting, the Buffs mounted a 30-25 halftime lead. The spark plugs for the team were Srs. Jody Pancake, Coby Richards and Jaden Winfrey. They provided every point in the second quarter and we never looked back from then on.

The second half continued with an intense crowd and a court full of players giving their all. As the third quarter ended, the Buffs extended their lead to 6 points. The final quarter may have been the best quarter they played all year. The fourth quarter was dominated by Jr. Cody Reed and Soph. Joe Dillard. Combined they accounted for 14 of the 21 fourth quarter points. The final score was Cross Plains 60, Baird 45. Other key players included Brandon Mahler, Tim Butler and John Peters. Congratulations on the win.

Friday nights game against Brooksmith wasn't quite so pretty. After taking a commanding 13-0 first quarter lead, the Buffs relaxed and allowed Brooksmith to play their way back into the game. After the first quarter, the Tigers outscored the Buffaloes by 2 points, but it wasn't enough to make up for what they had spotted us already. The game was ugly, but it was a win. 17-4 record; congratulations Buffaloes. Friday the Buffaloes will take on Gorman in Cross Plains. The JV games will start at 4:00. Hope to see you there.

Callahan Co. Junior Livestock Show Begins Jan. 27

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 27th - Saturday, January 29th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 27th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Damon Garvin of Eula is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Frances Hyles as Vice President, Darlene Tyler as Secretary, and Kay Wadley as Treasurer.

Superintendents for this years show are:

- Beef Cattle - Jimmy Seider, Johnny Lee, Eddie Riley and Richey Crow
- Market Lambs - Don Harris, Charlie Palmer
- Market Swine - John Straley, Gerry McDowell, Randy Tyler
- Poultry and Rabbits - Pam Harris and B.P. Stephenson
- Meat and Dairy Goats - Danny and Martha English

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 27th, with Scott Anderson of Brownwood doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 27th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 28th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Pete McDougal of Comanche will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 28th, Jeff Ripley of San Angelo will start judging the Breeding Sheep followed by the Market Lambs. Jeff Ripley will judge the Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Show following the Lamb Show on Friday the 28th.

On the afternoon of the 28th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get under way at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 29th, with the Heifer Show to be judged by Gregg Gruben of Snyder. Mr. Gruben will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction to be conducted by Ronnie Vinson of Clyde. Announcers for the three day show will be Jack Corn, James Trammell, Dick Vestal, Tim Stone and Greg Gemgross.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Submitted by Robert Pritz

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School Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains School District will be held Thursday, January 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school administration board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- PRAYER MINUTES
- 1. SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER
- 2. OPEN FORUM
- 3. DISCUSS MATH CLASS WITH DISGRUNTLED PARENT
- 4. MATH PROGRAM
- 5. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
- 6. PROPOSED DRESS CODE CHANGE
- 7. REPAIRS TO ELEMENTARY BUILDING
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
- 9. PERSONNEL
 - A. SUPT. EVALUATION
 - B. SUPT. CONTRACT
 - C. OTHER PERSONNEL
- 10. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
- 11. ADJOURN

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on January 14, 2000, at 11:00 a.m.

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CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL GENERAL, FOOD SERVICE SPECIAL REVENUE AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	100-199 General Fund			2B Food Service Special Revenue Fund			5B 500-599 Debt Service Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:									
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 742,125	\$ 741,345	\$ (780)	\$ 39,000	\$ 35,915	\$ (3,085)	\$ 82,780	\$ 87,602	\$ 4,822
5800 State Program Revenues	1,972,172	1,990,996	18,824	2,000	1,897	(103)	--	--	--
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	2,497	2,497	80,000	87,277	7,277	--	--	--
5020 Total Revenues	2,714,297	2,734,838	20,541	121,000	125,089	4,089	82,780	87,602	4,822
EXPENDITURES:									
Current:									
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services	1,645,657	1,643,319	2,338	--	--	--	--	--	--
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	145,461	145,610	(149)	--	--	--	--	--	--
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	309,018	314,536	(5,518)	121,000	116,080	4,920	--	--	--
0040 Administrative Support Services	184,352	185,002	(650)	--	--	--	--	--	--
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	254,946	262,289	(7,343)	--	--	--	--	--	--
0070 Debt Service	--	--	--	--	--	--	82,780	92,780	(10,000)
0080 Capital Outlay	133,863	171,089	(37,226)	--	--	--	--	--	--
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	41,000	40,706	294	--	--	--	--	--	--
6030 Total Expenditures	2,714,297	2,762,551	(48,254)	121,000	116,080	4,920	82,780	92,780	(10,000)
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	--	(27,713)	(27,713)	--	9,009	9,009	--	(5,178)	(5,178)
7020 Other Resources	--	9,009	9,009	--	--	--	--	--	--
8030 Other (Uses)	--	--	--	--	(9,009)	(9,009)	--	--	--
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	--	(18,704)	(18,704)	--	--	--	--	(5,178)	(5,178)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	--	542,968	542,968	--	--	--	--	21,055	21,055
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ --	\$ 524,264	\$ 524,264	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 15,877	\$ 15,877

WTU's parent company submits plan in Texas for transition to competition

West Texas Utilities Company's parent company, Central and South West Corporation (CSW) (NYSE: CSR), today filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) its business separation plan required by Texas Senate Bill 7 on Electric Restructuring (SB 7). The business separation plan describes the approach proposed by CSW to separate, or "unbundle," the activities of each of its Texas electric operating companies into three entities. While the plan is directed to meet the requirements of the Texas restructuring legislation, the separation plan should also meet restructuring requirements anticipated in Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

CSW is the parent company of Central Power and Light Company (CPL), Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) and Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO), as well as West Texas Utilities Company (WTU). CPL and WTU operate in Texas. SWEPCO operates in portions of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. PSO operates in Oklahoma.

CSW's separation plan describes the proposed approach that will be taken to separate the traditional activities of its integrated electric companies to provide for competition in Texas. By Jan. 1, 2002, utilities must separate their operations into three basic units:

- A retail electric provider (REP), which will sell electric service to retail customers;
- A power generation company, which will produce the electricity; and
- An energy delivery company (transmission and distribution, or T&D), which will deliver the electricity to the customer.

Based on the experience by other utilities in other states, the total cost to restructure the entire CSW system to implement retail competition in its states could range from \$100 million to \$200 million.

"The plan will ensure a smooth transition for our customers while providing a cost-effective way to separate the energy delivery, generation and retail business functions to comply with SB 7," said Mark Roberson, CSW vice president of regulatory affairs. "The proposed separation is intended to minimize restructuring costs for the benefit of our customers.

"The plan envisions a two-stage structural separation," Roberson continued. "The first stage will be the structural separation of the management and control of the transmission and distribution areas from the generation areas of the corporation and the creation of a separate retail electric provider. This would occur on or before the

Jan. 1, 2002, start date for retail competition in Texas.

"The second stage would occur after a transition period of up to six years following the Jan. 1, 2002, start date," Roberson said. "By Jan. 1, 2008, CSW will have resolved in a cost-effective way existing contracts that restrict transfers of asset ownership and would have transferred legal ownership of generating and T&D assets to the new entities. By that time, operating staffs also would have been transferred into the separate generating and T&D companies.

Taking this two-stage approach is expected to potentially save approximately \$35 million in refinancing costs that likely would occur if there were a requirement to transfer asset ownership by Jan. 1, 2002, according to Wendy Hargus, CSW treasurer. Consequently, CSW is asking the PUCT to provide a decision on an accelerated basis as to whether it will allow its proposed two-stage approach.

"Under the proposed two-stage structural separation plan, separate books and records would be kept for each business unit," Hargus said. "Office, computer systems, accounting systems and similar equipment would be segregated, and the employee Code of Conduct would restrict information exchanges among employees of the businesses. Ownership of the power plants and T&D facilities will continue on the books of our individual electric operating companies during the transition period."

"Our goal in CSW's reorganization planning is to maintain the efficiencies and economies that have been achieved by the CSW system through consolidation of similar activities over the last several years," Roberson said. "At the same time, we must ensure that we meet the requirements mandated by Texas SB 7 while allowing the flexibility to meet the requirements of Arkansas Act 1556, as well as any restructuring requirements mandated in Louisiana or Oklahoma."

Central and South West Corporation is a Dallas-based public utility holding company that owns four U.S. electric utility subsidiaries with 1.7 million customers, a regional electricity company serving 2 million customers in the United Kingdom, and non-utility subsidiaries involved in energy-related investments as well as subsidiaries that offer telecommunications, energy efficiency and financial transactions. On December 22, 1997, CSW announced a definitive merger agreement for a tax-free, stock-for-stock transaction with Columbus, Ohio-based American Electric Power Company, Inc.

Cold Weather Tips To Help You And Your Pets Survive

It looks as if winter has arrived and cold temperatures can present problems to indoor and outdoor pets. Here are a few reminders that can help you and your pets enjoy the season with minimal risk.

INDOOR: The bedding area should be draft free.

—If he gets wet while outside, thoroughly dry off your pet to prevent catching a chill.

—Warm furnace air may cause your pet's coat to become dry and brittle. Keep him from sleeping too close to warm air vents. If the air in your home is particularly dry, you might want to place a couple of small pans of water near the vents to add a little moisture.

—If your pet is a fireplace or wood burning heater your pet likes to curl up in front of, make sure he is properly protected from popping cinders and ashes.

—Indoor pets exercise less during colder days, so remember your pet needs adequate exercise.

—Salt and other chemicals used to melt ice or to give humans traction can irritate and burn your pet's feet. Be sure to check its feet after every walk and wash the pads carefully. Chemicals can also burn the pet's mouth and throat, so make sure you get there first before the pet licks itself clean.

—If your pet is a small or short haired breed and you notice him shivering when he's outside, you might want to put a sweater on him.

OUTSIDE: Housing should be facing away from the wind, waterproofed, draft free and the door should have some sort of covering over it. He should have plenty of bedding, straw, blankets, and/or

rugs. —Ideally the bedding should be placed on a platform just a few inches off the ground. Since the dog will be warming its winter home with its own body heat, the structure is best kept small—no more than 12 inches longer or three inches higher than the dog's body.

—On colder days cats like to curl up on a warm car engine. Be sure your cat is not under the hood (honk your horn or give the auto a solid bang) before starting your car.

—Depending on your pet's weight and current health status, you might want to increase his food rations by one fourth. Extra carbohydrates and starches provide the additional fuel and energy needed during colder weather.

—Pets should never drink chilled or icy water. It may upset the stomach and bowels.

One of the most common problems seen this time of year is Antifreeze intoxication. People changing their car's antifreeze in preparation for winter should guard against accidentally poisoning their pets. Animals are naturally attracted to ethylene glycol's sweet taste. Consumption of little more than two teaspoons per five pounds of body weight, can be lethal for most dogs or cats. Ethylene glycol, a colorless, odorless, active substance in antifreeze, is broken down by the body into a number of toxic substances. Signs of poisoning include, "drunk and disoriented" behavior, fluid in the heart and lungs and kidney failure. Affected animals can be treated if the owner sees their pet drink antifreeze, but rapid attention is critical.

Stenholm announces "Disaster" designation for Callahan and surrounding counties

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Charlie Stenholm announced today that Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has designated Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Howard and Stephens Counties as primary natural disaster areas, in response to the drought that began March 1, 1998.

In addition, the Secretary declared Brown, Comanche, Erath, Kent, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton and Young Counties as contiguous disaster counties.

"I have been in contact with Secretary Glickman about the conditions we have been experiencing in our area, and I am pleased that he has made these designations," said Stenholm. "The folks in our area need this assistance to help them rebuild their lives and livelihoods."

As a result of these designations, family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties are eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, available security, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Farmers may contact their local FSA office for further information.

CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



U.S. SENATOR

TACKLING TOUGH ISSUES

In recent weeks, I have asked Texans to fill out surveys on important domestic and foreign policy issues. Your answers help me better represent you.

Next year, Congress is likely to examine three important and difficult issues. They include gun sales, taxing Internet sales and international trade. These are issues, as with so many, that offer no clear-cut solutions.

How these issues will be dealt with in Washington will affect all Texans. My aim is that all Texans are affected for the better and that Texas values are protected.

To do that, it helps to know what you think. And so I am pleased that this newspaper has cooperated by printing the following survey. And I thank you for taking the time to let me know where you stand on some of the tough issues.

1) The United States is a member of the World Trade Organization, which is trying to lower barriers to free trade. Supporters of free trade believe that it will help the United States sell its goods and services overseas, thereby creating American jobs and boosting the world economy. It is supposed to provide remedies when other countries subsidize products in violation of trade agreements, especially in the agricultural market. Opponents are concerned that it places more highly skilled, highly paid workers at a disadvantage.

What is your view?

WTO ISN'T PERFECT. BUT IS WORTH TRYING TO MAKE IT WORK.

THE U.S. IS AT TOO BIG A DISADVANTAGE AND SHOULD GO IT ALONE, FIGHTING EACH PROBLEM SEPARATELY.

2) Today, items sold over the Internet are not subject to sales tax. That gives the Internet an advantage over regular "brick-and-mortar" stores. Some think the playing field should be made more even because states depend on tax revenue from store-bought items. If the Internet takes business away from stores, it will shrink state tax revenue. That is a problem for states like Texas that have no state income tax.

Others believe that subjecting Internet sales to a retail tax should not be allowed.

What do you think should be done?

INTERNET RETAIL SALES UNTAXED
TAX INTERNET SALES

3) Congress passed legislation this year that will further block criminals from buying guns at weekend gun shows. It is also considering legislation that would require a background check, that may take longer than 24 hours to process, for people purchasing guns at local shows. Sometimes, the background check won't be finished by the time the show closes. I support instant background checks to allow law-abiding citizens to continue purchases of guns at weekend shows.

What do you think should be done?

MULTI-DAY BACKGROUND CHECKS
INSTANT BACKGROUND CHECK
BAN GUN SHOW SALES
NO BACKGROUND CHECK
OTHER

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your answers will help me make sure that I am properly representing Texans. That is always my top goal.

Please send your responses to me at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I look forward to your response.

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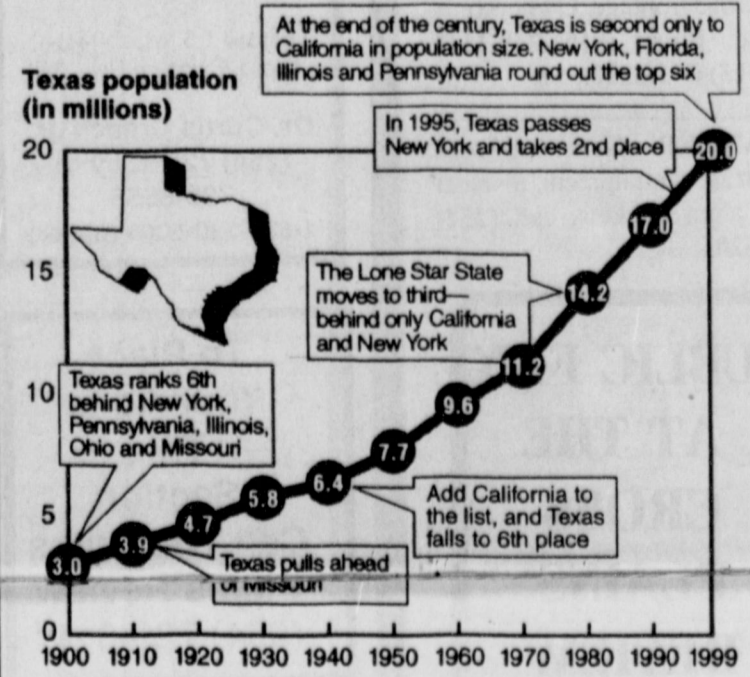
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Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Freeman To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Sun., Jan. 30

Fifty years ago on February 1, 1950, on a very cold, icy night, H.A. Freeman and Billie (Roady) Freeman were married in Cross Plains. Their family will honor them with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the

Community Center in Pioneer on Sunday, January 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Family, neighbors and friends are cordially invited to attend. No gifts please, your presence will be a very special gift.

Shugy's out rambling...

On a hot, steambath day in summer, my best defense is to think about snow.

Somehow, summer got lost in January this year. It registered 86 sweaty Fahrenheit degrees on our County Road at 3:13 p.m., Weds, 1/12/2000. So I was tracking my memory creases where I store past snows. I have known and loved, and out popped Shugy.

Sugar was an old horse who lived up the hill at the next farm. He led a placid life, ambling around his pasture, his head bobbing in time to his gait—a one-speed horse among the spirited mares.

The younger horses trotted and galloped, wheeled and bucked and dashed the length of the pasture in the cooling of the evenings, just for the sheer joy of the wind through their manes.

They whickered thank-you to the little neighbor girls who didn't have a horse of their own, but loved to pick handfuls of clover and tall grass for these horses in exchange for petting their necks.

"C'mon, Shugy," one of the kids would call. Shugy would eventually get to the fence if the kids kept reminding him.

Sugar stood around most of the time, leaning on one back leg and then the other to rest his weary bones. He'd stood in the shade of the aspen grove through many summer suns. And he'd stood sculpture still with his rump to the wind and snow blanketing his broad back through many Northwest winter storms. Winter weather never seemed to

bother Sugar. He was a stolid figure standing for hours with his head down, but behind the serenity of his old eyes burned a fire, a patient secret about waiting.

He waited until the snow piled up around him, another inch, and just one more inch. When the snow topped the fence, he lumbered over his snow stile to wander free of fences.

For a few days, Sugar rambled the mountain roads and the fields perfectly camouflaged, a white shadow on a snow background, seeking out his favorite winter barns filled with sweet, stacked hay.

He couldn't be shooed away, because there was not one ounce of "shoo!" left in him. And he couldn't be kept in the pasture while the snow was drifted high against the fence.

So the neighbors kept an eye out, reported sightings and counted up the bales Sugar ate out of their barns. He would wander in and out of the gloomy mists of winter, visible now and then as a pale, water-mark silhouette on a gray-white snow page.

Soon enough the thaw would come. The snow would melt, and Sugar would be led back to his pasture. He'd stand at the spot with a look both wistful and pleased.

"Till next year," Sugar was probably thinking as he turned from the fence and ambled away.

"Till next year," laughed his owners as they toted make-up bales of alfalfa to their neighbors' barns.

P.S. Thank you kindly, Mrs. M!

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City Council Minutes

January 4, 2000

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members of the council were present except for Ray Womack who was absent due to an accident. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell met with the council to give the police report for December. He reported seventy-seven calls for service, one assault, three criminal mischiefs, one burglary, one family disturbance, five prowler calls, with seventy citations being written, and forty-seven warnings. By general consent the report was approved as presented.

Bob Hill met with the council to give the judge's report for December. He reported sixty-eight city citations for the month of December with forty-nine remaining outstanding. He reported twenty-six remains outstanding for November, and ten remain outstanding for October. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Nancy McGough met with the council to discuss her opinion of the need for a second patrolman. She informed the council that during the last several weeks she has had two prowlers at her house. Floyd McGough also met with the council to discuss the way people drive in Cross Plains once the patrolman goes home. He informed the council that he works for Food Plaza and witnesses vehicles running through the red light in excess of 100 miles per hour. He has also witnessed other acts of recklessness at the red light and in front of the store. He stated that it was almost impossible to catch any of these individuals if someone has to get out of bed, get dressed and then get to where the offense is occurring. He also discussed calling the Sheriff's Office concerning the matter, but by the time a deputy has to come from the other end of the county, the incident is over. They felt that if another officer was on duty, then he could get across town in time to at least locate the individual or individuals involved. Frankie Neeb also met with the council concerning incidents she has encountered with prowlers at her home. They also informed the council that in their neighborhood there were ten individuals either living alone or being alone during the night and

would like for the area to be patrolled more. Discussion was held at length concerning the matter, and the council instructed Debbie to look into the grants that are available for additional police officers and report back at the next council meeting.

Correspondence from GTE was discussed concerning their franchise fee. Debbie informed the council that all the paperwork concerning the franchise fee has been sent to the Public Utility Commission.

The Chamber of Commerce has presented the city with the proposed annual budget for the Motel Occupancy Tax. It was noted that since this is the first year, this would mainly be an "in the making" budget.

Correspondence from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) was received concerning the Wastewater Treatment Plant and also the Used Oil Collection Site and it was noted that no violations were reported.

Terry Thomas, EDC Director, met with the council. She discussed an infrastructure grant with the council concerning the water and sewer lines to the property purchased by EDC west of Cross Plains. After lengthy discussion, the council instructed Terry to look into the matter further and meet again with the city at the next meeting.

Terry also discussed a City of Cross Plains Profile that she can send to prospective companies looking to relocate their businesses. She asked the city what incentive they could offer such businesses. She informed the council that most cities offer no taxes or abated taxes for several years, which the City of Cross Plains already offers. Also water and sewer services were discussed. She stated she would check with other cities to see what they offer.

She also informed the council that the roof of the old icehouse blew off during the high wind on Monday and asks that the city make a claim on their insurance.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

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

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Texan Elected AFBF President Recently

HOUSTON -- Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman was elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the organization's 81st annual meeting here. Stallman, a Colorado County rice farmer, served as Texas Farm Bureau president since 1993.

Stallman, 47, succeeds Dean Klechner, of Iowa, who had served as AFBF president since 1968.

"I will miss the wonderful farmers and ranchers of Texas. All the Farm Bureau members in Texas have been very supportive," Stallman said. "I look forward to working for and

with all the farmers and ranchers of America as we work together for agriculture."

Stallman, who becomes the national organization's 11th president, has served on the AFBF board of directors since 1994. He is a past chairman of the AFBF Audit Committee, and also chaired the 1998 AFBF Farm Economy Committee. He also served as a member of the AFBF International Trade Advisory Committee.

In 1996, Stallman was appointed by Texas Governor George W. Bush to the Citizen's committee on Property Tax Relief. Also, in 1996 he was appointed by then House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts to the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, a panel that is conducting extensive hearings on future farm policy alternatives. In 1998, Stallman was elected chairman of the board of FB BanCorp, a new company that began providing financial services last year to Farm Bureau members in 39 states.

A third generation rice farmer, Stallman began farming in 1975. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the University of Texas in 1974. From 1977-87, he was a member of the Colorado County Farm Bureau board of directors, and served in all officer positions including president. He was selected as 1986 "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Columbus Rotary Club. In 1999, Stallman was the recipient of the Texas A&M "Friend of Agriculture" award.

Stallman is a member of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture Development Council and a life member of the University of Texas Ex-Students' Association. He has served as Co-Chair and on the Executive Committee of the Texas Agriculture Summit. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Texas Rice Task Force.

Stallman is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus, Texas. He has two daughters, Angela, registered nurse in Temple, and Kimberly, a student at the University of Houston.

Stallman resigned as president of Texas Farm Bureau upon his election. TFB Vice-President Donald Patman of Waxahachie, a grain and cotton farmer, will become president of the state's largest farm organization.

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