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"About Senior Citizens"

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH
Editor

Having turned 50 recently, I received an opportunity to join the ranks of the AARP. I had been warned this day would arrive. I only wish there was a plan for retirement somewhere in the near future.

Lois Henderson and Lucile Callaway were making copies of the following list describing senior citizens which is entertaining and informative.

After reading it, I don't qualify for a senior citizen just yet. However, it would be to your advantage not to lose your sense of humor while becoming one. What is the magical age for being a senior citizen anyway?

Some of you may recognize yourself in the following -- remember to laugh:

I'm A Senior Citizen

- *I'm the life of the party even when it lasts until 8 p.m.
- *I'm very good at opening child-proof caps with a hammer.
- *I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I'm going.
- *I'm good on a trip for at least an hour without my aspirin, beano, antacid...
- *I'm the first one to find the bathroom wherever I go.
- *I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.
- *I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you are saying.
- *I'm very good at telling stories... over and over and over and over.
- *I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not as bright as mine.
- *I'm so cared for: long-term care, eye care, private care, dental care...
- *I'm not grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, children, politicians.
- *I'm positive I did housework correctly before my mate retired.
- *I'm sure everything I can't find is in a secure place.
- *I'm wrinkled, saggy and lumpy, and that's just my left leg.
- *I'm having trouble remembering simple words like...
- *I'm now spending more time with my pillows than my mate.
- *I'm realizing that aging is not for sissies.
- *I'm anti-everything now; anti-fat, anti-smoke, anti-noise, anti-inflammatory...
- *I'm walking more (to the bathroom) and enjoying it less.
- *I'm going to reveal what goes on behind closed doors... absolutely nothing!
- *I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days.
- *I'm in the initial state of my golden years: SS, CDs, IRAs, AARP.
- *I'm wondering... if you're only as old as you feel; how could I be alive at 150?
- *I'm supporting all movements now... by eating bran, prunes and raisins.
- *I'm a walking storeroom of facts... I've just lost the storeroom.
- *I'm a Senior Citizen, and I think I am having the time of my life.

Author Unknown

Y2K Community Meeting Reassures Local Residents

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH
Editor

The Y2K Community Meeting hosted by Citizens State Bank last Thursday was attended by approximately 55 local residents. Steve Mack, President of the bank, welcomed everyone and introduced each representative who delivered updates on their Y2K compliancy.

David Clark, representing the City of Cross Plains, explained that the water system was manually operated except the pumps for the wells. Currently they are looking for generators to replace the electrical power should it go off for any reason. A reserve of 100,000 gallons are stored in the water tower. Wells located at the city lot could also produce water for filling individual jugs should it become necessary.

Taylor Electric Cooperative sent Greg Henderson to report on their Y2K progress. They serve the Cottonwood and Rowden areas in

Callahan County. The company began preparing early last year. He stated that if West Texas Utilities could serve their customer they would be able to also, as they buy power from WTU. Taylor County Electric has been updating their software which took time and money. They plan to "cold start" their system for testing purposes. Special back-up plans have been made for critical care and television stations, etc. Mr. Henderson noted that his company feels they will be ready to maintain service.

Robert Noriega, representing West Texas Utilities, showed a video which explained steps taken in preparing for a smooth transition. Assessment and inventory was accomplished in 1998. Multiple fuel sources have been obtained to support alternative backup systems. Throughout the years WTU has risen to the challenge of storms, severe heat, etc. to meet the needs of

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Plans Made For Leon Nixon Benefit

An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. to make plans for a "Nixon Benefit". Kimberly Woerner, coordinator for the event, is very excited about the cooperation and generosity of the individuals and businesses involved at this point.

Everyone interested in helping with this event is encouraged to attend. This is going to be an exciting event with lots of fun, See NIXON page 8

Childress Announces Candidacy for School Board Election

Dr. Scott Childress, former principal at Cross Plains I.S.D., has filed application for school board trustee. Rex Beggs and Monty Richards' terms are expiring. Both incumbents have previously announced for re-election to the three year terms.

Only incumbents James Nichols, Edwin Weiss and Joe Ingram have filed for the two year city council seats.

Wednesday, March 17, was the final day to file for either election. A complete list of candidates will appear in next week's issue of the newspaper.

Remember early voting begins April 14 and will continue through April 27 at Cross Plains City Hall during regular hours.

Barbara Sowell will be serving as election judge for the school board and Esther Kerr for the city on May 1st.

Baseball Sign-up March 22 & 23

Baseball sign-up will be Monday and Tuesday, March 22nd and 23rd from 5 - 7 p.m. at the baseball field. The fee this year is \$26 per player. The age groups are as follows: 5-8 T-ball; 9-12 Little League and 13-16 Pony League.

Anyone interested in playing baseball this year must bring an application form to the ball park on one of these two days. Forms will be sent

Callahan Co. Water Supply Corp. Meeting March 22

The annual meeting for the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation membership is scheduled for Monday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center located at 228 Walnut Street in Baird. Between 7 and 7:30 p.m., there will be a reception honoring W.H. (Bill)

One Vehicle Accident Claims Life of Delivery Man

James David Parten, 62, of Cisco was fatally injured in a one vehicle accident at 11:50 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. Mr. Parten was enroute to deliver bread to Cross Plains businesses when his truck left Highway 206 about 3 miles north of the city. The vehicle traveled approximately 250 feet before crashing into some trees.

An employee of Frank Davis' refinery, located on the Cisco Highway, heard the noise and went to investigate. He called the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service who responded immediately. The Jaws of Life were used to free the body.

Department of Public Safety Trooper David Mays of Baird investigated the accident. Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones pronounced Mr. Parten dead at the scene. Jones suspected the victim suffered a heart attack as the brakes were never applied. An autopsy was ordered.

Parten was born April 27, 1936, in Carbon to Lawrence Floyd and Ina Mae (Fenwick) Parten.

He graduated from Carbon High School and received an Associate Degree from Cisco Junior College. He was in the U.S. Army serving during the Berlin Crisis.

He married Dixie Maxwell on January 28, 1981, in Waurika, Oklahoma.

He was a member of I 20 Church of Christ.

Mr. Parten had been employed by Mrs. Baird's Bread for 38 years and was well known in this area. He was named "Outstanding Employee" for Mrs. Baird's Bread in September 1998.

He is survived by his wife, of Cisco; four sons, David Parten of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Larry Parten of Chancellor, Alabama, John Exline and Tod Parten both of Cisco; one daughter, Jennifer Parten of Cisco; a twin brother, Harold Parten of Rockdale; one sister, Florence Mitchell of Fort Worth; and one grandchild, Elizabeth Ann Parten of Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at I 20 Church of Christ in Cisco with Gary Adams officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home. Don Perkins, Plant Manager of Mrs. Baird's Bread, delivered the eulogy.

Pallbearers were Stanley Callahan, Ted Fields, Gene Conger, Burl Petree, Sr., M.D. Lee and Joe Walton.

Tradesday This Saturday, March 20

By KAY MOSLEY

From the pages of the historic past comes a day long revered by friendly citizens through the ages...TRADES DAY!

The fun and activity begins Saturday, March 20, just north of the DQ on the bank lot in Cross Plains. Time for shopping is bright and early, 8:00 a.m. --- and provided you'll keep shopping, we'll be open until 5:00 p.m.

We have some booths you will recall from the Garden Club's 1998 TRADESDAY plus a steady stream of new ones also.

Come by the Garden Club Booth. We will be expecting you. On display, available items will include plants (most likely just the variety you've been searching for), hand-painted (some signed-some not) terra-cotta flower pots in assorted designs by local artisans, hand-painted picks and garden stones, hand-crafted plant racks and plant stand, and many other gardening connected items.

The garden club also is offering from its booth an assortment of white elephant items, books, knick-knacks, what-nots, collectibles, just about anything you might find at an estate sale, also offered are ladies handbags, some appliances, etc.

In addition to that booth, already spaces have been reserved for the following exciting enterprises: at least two, maybe more woodworking vendors, an old and antique glass

Local Masons To Receive High Masonic Honors

Isaac Neal and Ray Purvis are to be distinguished by receiving Golden Trowel Awards to be presented at an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. Presentation ceremonies will take place at the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge located at South 7th and Beech Streets. The meeting is open to the public and all Masons are encouraged to attend.

Recipients of this rare and prestigious award must be nominated by a committee, elected by their lodge, and approved by the District Masonic Education Officer and The Grande Lodge of Texas. It is an esteemed honor presented to members of Texas lodges who have consistently demonstrated outstanding and exemplary service to

Citizens invited to open forum on community issues

What are the issues and concerns that need to be addressed in Callahan County to help the citizens and our total county in the years ahead? What can be done to assure a better quality of life and prosperity in the 21st century as we plan for the future?

Everyone interested in a better future for themselves, their family and their community is encouraged to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on March 25 at the County Extension Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Courthouse. The Forum process will start at 6:30 p.m. The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of The Texas A&M University System to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups

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bazaar, a vendor of Indian replicas fashioned by American Indian descendants, a booth featuring the delectable bar-b-que of a well know established area restaurant, a featured booth on home improvements not to mention the booth with the rare videos, also some unusual videos.

Also already booked are booths for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Watkins Products, hand-made items, and dolls and personal items. LADIES - we also already have booked two Tupperware vendors who send you this message, bring with you any tupperware items which need replacing.

We have already rented at least one booth strictly offering garage sale items, another booth which as a sideline is offering donated items, from that historic area the Texas panhandle.

Just for your pleasure the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. -- AARP booth is offering many early shoppers a free hot cup of coffee. Have questions or comments on TRIAD, AARP, Neighborhood Watch? While you're enjoying your coffee, they'll help with information, brochures, etc. plus a friendly greeting.

There are booths already booked of varying items of interest, still not listed above so drop by, feel free to explore other booths, many exciting possibilities are therein. The cub scouts are featuring a bake sale. Perhaps you may be the lucky discoverer of our reputed mystery booth.

their lodges and communities. As cited in their nominations, both men have made meritorious contributions to both their lodge and their community. They have faithfully served in various and numerous capacities. Each has coached numerous candidates through Masonic degrees and conducted Masonic funerals. Consistent execution of their duties with the fidelity of their Masonic obligation has been of invaluable assistance and inspiration to their lodge and community. Both are endowed members and Past Masters of the Cross Plains Lodge. Content to remain anonymous, neither has sought recognition for their efforts.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Robert Francis Votruba, Jr., DWI, \$200 fine \$189.25 court costs, 10 days in jail.

Jeanne M. Leonard, theft of property by check, \$150 fine \$176.25 court costs, \$1187.75 restitution, 1 year probation.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Civil Minutes

Robert L. Oliver vs Tex-Pack, dismissed with prejudice.

Divorce granted:
Hawk, Loriann & Anthony Fredrick.

Felony Indictments

Lance L. Davis, possession of a controlled substance.
Billy R. Elliott, 3 counts injury to a child.

Bret Jason Charboneau, possession of a controlled substance.
Charged with tampering with a government record: Dawn Michelle Rogers, Jackie Mendez.

Charged with DWI: Randall Gene Edwards, Michael Clinton Stultz, Johnny Garcia.

Juan P. Garcia, sexual assault.
Brian J. Tingler, burglary of a habitation.

Heather Lyn Godsey, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Felony Minutes

Jimmy Roger Wilson, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

OBITUARIES

Charles V. McCowen

Charles V. McCowen, 50, of Houston, died Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 1999, at Pioneer Cemetery officiated by Bro. Wayne Lenz. Patrick Hamilton sang "Amazing Grace," and Bob McCowen sang "Supper-time." Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McCowen was born May 2, 1948, in Fort Stockton. He married Darylene Hargrove in Cross Plains. He was an administrative assistant at the University of Houston. The University of Houston, downtown, flew the university flag at half mast in memory of Charles who was assistant coordinator of urban education. This distinct honor represented the impact he had on his co-workers and those he met. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife January 8, 1972; and a daughter Angie Michelle McCowen.

Survivors include one son, Todd McCowen of Stephenville; one daughter, Aimee Russell of Pinkton; his parents, Jim and Ida McCowen of Early; one sister Charlotte Montgomery of Cross Plains; two brothers, Jim D. McCowen of Lake Brownwood and Mark McCowen of Greenwood; one grandson and one granddaughter; and his paternal grandmother, Ruby McCowen of Cross Plains.

William Franklin 'Bill' Slusher

William Franklin "Bill" Slusher, 92, of Cisco, died Monday, March 15, 1999, at Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 1999, at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Coppinger officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Slusher was born March 14, 1907, in Wier City, Kansas to Thomas Henry and Mary (Kennedy) Slusher. He married Rose Belle Slusher on March 22, 1930 in Independence, Kansas, she preceded him in death, June 1, 1989. He married Susie E. Davis on January 6, 1990, in Scranton.

He worked as a machinist for Sinclair Oil and Bunker Hill Mining. He was a member of the Machinist Union and a member of the Putnam Baptist Church.

Mr. Slusher is survived by his wife, Sue Davis Slusher of Cisco; three daughters, Ruth Lindsey of Rainbow, Hazel Hickman of Worley, Idaho and Ethel Sperry of Lewiston, Idaho; one son, James W. Slusher of Colorado Springs, Colorado; 15 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

George Raymond Dick, Sr.

TUSCOLA—George Raymond Dick, Sr., 79, died Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at his home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Tuscola Church of Christ with Johnny Snow and Jackie McCarty officiating. Burial was in Cedar Gap Cemetery, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home.

Mr. Dick was born in Gainesville and raised in Oplin. He was the widower of Mary Stewart Dick, whom he married in Cedar Gap in 1942. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and received the Purple Heart. He was scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 219 in tuscola and a member of the Order of Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the South Park Church of Christ in Abilene and retired from the city of Abilene.

Survivors include four sons, George Raymond Dick, Jr., of Bangs, Danny Carroll of Panama City, Florida, and Frank Fannin Dick and Young Bartlett Dick, both of Tuscola; two daughters, Mary Ruth Cozby and Deana Beatrice Newman, both of Tuscola; four sisters, Alma Johnson of Tuscola, Elva Mae Woody of Cross Plains, and Wilma Jane Johnson and Mamie Ruth Crane, both of Abilene; one brother, William "Bill" Dick of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country 3113 Oldham Lane, Abilene, TX 79602 or Cedar Gap Cemetery Fund, c/o David Spurlin, 641-A CR 150, Tuscola TX 79562.

Allen Eugene Gann

COLEMAN—Allen Eugene Gann, 86, died Saturday, March 13, 1999, in a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Glen Cove Cemetery with Roger Ellison officiating, directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Gann was born in Eden and attended school in Glen Cove and Coleman. He married Anna Mae Starnes in Cross Plains in 1941. He worked on a ranch in the Ozona area for over 20 years before moving to California. He returned to the area in 1976. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, of Coleman; and one brother, Troy Cotton Gann of Gallup, New Mexico.

Georgia Karin Autrey

Georgia Karin Autrey, 94 of San Angelo passed away Sunday, March 7, 1999, at 11:30 a.m. at Baptist Memorial in San Angelo.

Services were held Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Santa Anna with Rev. Raymond Jones officiating assisted by Carl Smith. Interment was in the Santa Anna Cemetery directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

Karin was born to the late William Elijah and Leona Hair Ragsdale in Jarrell, on November 12, 1904. She was raised in Santa Anna where she graduated from Santa Anna High School and she continued her education at Howard Payne University.

Karin married Carl Autrey in Coleman on March 27, 1927 and they celebrated forty-eight years of marriage. Carl preceded her in death in 1975. She was a resident of Santa Anna, moving to San Angelo in 1974 where she was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church. Karin taught school for two years and was a homemaker.

Besides her husband, Karin was preceded in death by her children, C.W. Autrey, Mary Jo Autrey Ricks, Martin L. Autrey and Patricia Ann Autrey Smith.

Survivors include three sisters, Leta Parker of Denton, Arabell Conner of Frisco, and Armenta and husband Durwood Hartsfield of San Angelo; two daughters-in-law, Patsy Autrey of Lubbock and Velma Autrey of Cortez, Colorado; two sons-in-law, George Ricks of Baird and Jackie Smith of Santa Anna; 12 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the Santa Anna Cemetery Association or your favorite charity.

Great-grandsons served as pallbearers.

E.G. 'Bobby' Elliott

RISING STAR—E.G. "Bobby" Elliott, 88, died Thursday, March 11, 1999, in an Eastland hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery.



LOCAL CHURCH PARTICIPANTS IN MUSIC FESTIVAL—Choirs of Brown Baptist Association present special music at the annual Music Festival held in the Hammons Auditorium at Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment.

Music Festival Features Festival of Praise

Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment (H.O.T.B.E.) hosted the third annual Brown Baptist Association Music Festival, Sunday, March 7th. This year's program coordinated by Steve Faulkner, music director of Early First Baptist Church, was attended by a large crowd of six hundred fifty to seven hundred people from the area.

This year's event, entitled "Festival of Praise," opened with prayer and immediately music filled the auditorium as choirs and guests sang "Worthy of Worship." Choirs from participating churches sang their renditions of praise songs, then all choirs joined together, (about 250 in number) to sing joint praises to the Lord.

Music was both diverse in style and presentation from the newly formed Central Texas Children's Choir which sang "My God Is There" to the Brownwood Greater Faith Adult Choir, who were accompanied by their own band and presented "There's A Balm in Gilead." The Cross Plains First Baptist Church Adult Choir, under

the leadership of Jason Kempf presented "Redeemed Medley."

The program closed with prayer and a special challenge to leave in unity, to win the people of Brown Association to the Lord.

Participating choirs: Early First Baptist Church Adult Choir, Coggin Avenue Baptist Church Ladies Rejoice, Youth, Adult and Senior Adult Choirs, Cross Plains First Baptist Church Adult Choir, Central Texas Children's Choir, Goldthwaite First Baptist Church Senior Adult Choir, Brownwood Greater Faith Adult Choir and Brownwood Southside Baptist Church.

Located on the shores of Lake Brownwood, the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment hosts children and youth camps during the summer months. Dorms, motel rooms and a 700 seat auditorium are available year round for retreats, family reunions and special events. Marilyn Felts is Administrator. Information may be received by calling Rhonda O'Banion, Program Director at 915-784-5821 or visit the web page www.web-access.net/~hotbc/

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Medshares Hospice Volunteer Support Group to Meet

Medshares Hospice Volunteer Support Group will be meeting Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1000 North Main in Cross Plains.

The meal will be "potluck" and entertainment will be provided by "The Group." A special message will be delivered by Brother Bill Reed.

Volunteers, friends and persons interested in Hospice are welcome. Need more information? Call Joe Howser at (254) 725-7351.

Selected Scriptures

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes. Psalms 119:71

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus....

Romans 3:23, 24
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Sunday Mass:
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10:00 a.m. St. Rita (Rectorial) 1109 Blackwell Rd. Ranger, Texas
10:00 a.m. * St. Francis (Spanish) 806 S. Halbryan Eastland, Texas
11:30 a.m. St. John Hickory Street Strawn, Texas
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* Deacon Jesus Ruiz (254) 653-2536

CP Cemetery Association Offering Cemetery Listing

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association is offering to anyone interested, a copy of the cemetery listing of alphabetized names along with the row and lot number assigned to the name. This will be contained in a hardback binder for \$25.00. Smaller editions are also available at a reduced price. To place an order or for more information, please contact Jillmilee Payne at (254) 725-7538 or Lucille Koenig at (254) 725-6367.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Cornerstone Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 21, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

2nd Annual TRADESDAY

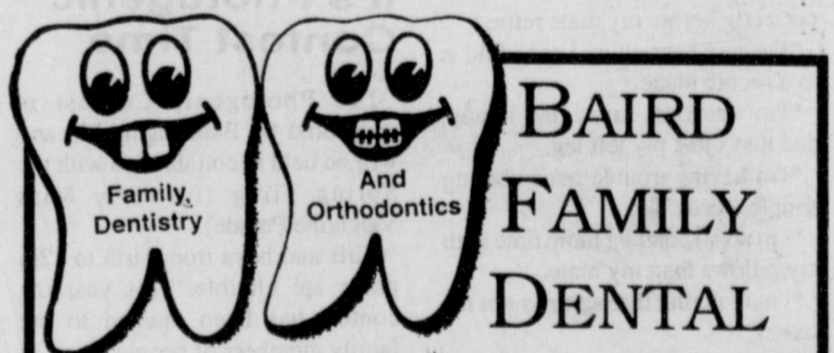
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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

We celebrated employee recognition day last week. Mike Mayo, the owner donated pizza for everyone. We all appreciate his thoughtfulness.

A warm welcome is extended to our new residents Ralph Lee and Victor Long.

Minnie Wilson was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Alpha Wilson reports that she enjoyed a pleasant visit with some old friends that she use to live by when she was at Abilene, Floyd and Margaret Thompson.

Charlou Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson visited with Pauline Region.

Don, Jane, Wayne and Lois Rhyme visited with Mildred Newton.

Eulala Stover and Misty Callaway here visiting everybody.

Laquetta Rakin, Frankie Smith and Angie Clower visited with Jo Boatright, Falba Shofner and Pauline Region.

Joan McCarty Bullard from Clyde and Mona Wilson from Abilene visited with Blanche Brooks.

Monday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson, Howet Wilson, Ruby Harrell (2), Minnie Swann (2), Maxine Crisp (2) and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Nash Tucker, Louise Richardson (2), Maxine Crisp (2), Minnie Swann and Inola Wilcoxon.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class and Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell, Alpha Wilson (2), Minnie Swann (2), Howet Wilson, Maxine Crisp and Louise Richardson (2). Bean bag toss. Skip-Bo games.

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

Sunday: Physical strength church. **Physical strength church never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force.**

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Cotton Pickin!"

I vaguely remember as a very small child being picked up along with my parents at our home by some people in a horsedrawn wagon. We lived in Cross Plains and were on our way, to pick cotton for wages that day. Of course I couldn't have been more than two or three years old at the time.

I can also recall arriving back home after dark. The house was dark also and Mama had to light the coal oil lamps. For supper, the best I can remember we had milk and cereal. Very probably Post Toasties, that's the kind we ate the most.

I can't remember the actual picking of the cotton. But I heard the stories that Mama and Daddy used to tell about going up and down those rows dragging "THEM" cotton sacks, how their backs used to hurt, and the pain in their hands too. About all the dust and how much of the dust they swallowed. Then when their sacks were full, or the day was done; they

took their cotton sacks up to be weighed. That's how they got paid, so much per pound of cotton picked.

Mother always told with relish and a chuckle about how I'd follow her and Daddy up and down the dusty rows. I'd play as they went along, she said, and then ever little once in a while I would pick a bit of cotton and put it down the bib of my overalls.

I have not doubt I thought I was being a "BIG" help and they thought I was doing something cute.

That's two things you scarcely see nowadays, (maybe never); people on foot picking cotton in the fields and horsedrawn, rattledly, old wooden wagons.

Like the cotton I picked and put down the bib of my overalls; I've been tucking these memories away and after so many years, now I'm putting them down on paper. I like to think that maybe they'll help someone, some way and the reminiscing gives me pleasure.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver and Frankie traveled to DeLeon Friday on business. They then visited kinfolks in Gorman and Kokomo. They then traveled on to Ranger and visited Mrs. Dorothy Rogers and Mrs. Ruby Ainsworth.

Friday Oliver, Frankie and Jean attended the Putnam musical. Saturday they attended the Scranton musical.

The quilting club finished Juanita's "Color Wheel" quilt. It is beautiful. We are now working on Lou's "Flower Applique" and Frankie's "Nine Patch." We went to Jack's Place for lunch. We had a very good time. They kinda spoil us. We always look forward to the second Tuesday of the month.

We were all thankful for the moisture we received during the week. Everyone had a much broader

smile. We are praying for more.

Bill and Mary Langlitz from Graham visited with D.P. and May Jones on Tuesday.

Be looking forward to the next "Domino" party night. It will be March 25. Everyone come on out and join the fun.

Do not forget the Pioneer Historical Association has called a meeting on Friday, March 19 at 6:30 at the Pioneer Club House. Anyone interested in the cemetery should plan to be there.

Let us keep thinking about the water project. There will be more information about this in the future.

Words of Wisdom: He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By
BEVERLY BROWN

Since Thursday, we had cloudy skies, fog, light drizzle mixed with intermittent rain showers. Friday we stayed foggy with rain showers netting us with a total of an inch of rain the area. A powdery snow fell late Saturday afternoon and temperatures kept falling into the lower 30's, and below freezing early Sunday morning. Winter temperatures may still be with us off and on through next week, with temperatures dropping into the low 30's.

The Cottonwood Musical will be Friday, March 10 at the Cottonwood Community Center. The country western music program emceed by Smokey Callaway will commence at 6:30 p.m. Area musicians are cordially invited to participate on the evening program. Refreshments will be on sale in the kitchen. No admission is charged for the musical.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club members want to remind the ladies who left their dishes form the previous dinners held at the center, may pick them up on Thursdays or on musical night. The members meet every Thursday except on the third

week of each month it is on Tuesday to quilt at the center. Ladies of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Glynn Nickerson and Blake of San Antonio visited with his parents, Bill and Nadine Nickerson over the weekend. Glynn, Blake and Matt left on Saturday to go skiing in New Mexico over the spring break week. Recently Janet Purvis and Kathy Purvis of Wimberley were here on business and visited with friends in the community and attended the morning worship services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Jeffrey Champion of Stephenville is spending several days with grandmother, Ethel Champion this week.

Emma and Les Allen of Midkiff were in Cottonwood visiting with her mother, Barbara and Donny Worley and Andrew and Gayla and Lee Creamer, Forrest, Nathan and Victoria over the weekend. Forrest and Nathan went home with their aunt and uncle to visit for several days.

BURKETT NEWS

By
LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer, for the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association reports donations received lately.

Those making donations were: Billy & Lafaye Page \$100; Don & Kathy Tinney \$50; Raymon & Helen Hounshell (in memory of Lela Strickland) \$10; Alma Wright (in memory of Bill Hunter) \$38; Opal Gray, Jerl & Sheila Teeters, Ronald & Linda Gray (in memory of Lillian Harris) \$50; Verda Odom \$20; Mrs. Christine Dempsey (in memory of Ray Dempsey and Martin Wright family) \$25; Mrs. Christine Dempsey (for "Ladies Class Elm St. Church of Christ in memory of Lillian Harris and Tommy Strickland) \$17; Mike and Linda Brady (in memory of Tommy Strickland and Lillian Harris) \$20; W.C. Henderson \$50; R.H. & Julette Hiatt (in memory of Lillian Harris) \$25; Bruce & Rickey Adams (in memory of Tony Burns) \$20; Clemon & Caroline Montgomery (in memory of Lillian Harris) \$25.

Each and every donation is appreciated very much and is used for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

O.W. (Bevo) Webb fell last week and fractured his elbow. Due to his problems, he is now a resident of the Bangs Rest Home. We hope he gets better so he can come home soon.

Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, is visiting Kingfisher, Oklahoma Strickland. He is helping out while Jack is recovering from a bout of pneumonia.

There are several in the community that are sick. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Liz Golson went to San Angelo Tuesday. She hoped to have lunch with Melba Walker.

The Burkett Community extends their sympathy to the families of O.W. Mayfield, Tommy Strickland and Tony Burns. They will be missed in the community.

Burkett received 1/2 inch of rain Sunday and Monday. We were proud to get that, but as usual we could use some more.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

By RON RICCI

Hello from the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center! Last week attendance was good; we had a low of 19 and a high of 26 with a 21 daily average.

The food was exceptionally good - you are missing some good food. I order 30 meals per day and have to throw away the excess, so come help us eat the great food. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, March 18, Sears will be here for a FREE blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol tests from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

If you feel the need to serve your community and the elderly shut-ins, please come see me or call 725-6521. We always need meals on wheels delivery volunteers. You will be the one to benefit.

ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Sunscreens - Use Them or Not?

There has been much reported recently on a study that questioned the belief that sunscreens prevent melanoma (skin cancer). However, dermatologists question that study and continue to tell their patients to use it. According to Darrell Rigel of New York University, "Until there is proof that sunscreens are ineffective, it would be irresponsible to discontinue all recommendations about using sunscreens." A broad-spectrum sunscreen rated SPF 15 or higher is recommended. It should be applied 30 minutes before going into the sun. Since questions exist on its effectiveness minimize your time in the sun.

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TRIAD News

The TRIAD program has several goals. One of these goals, among others; is to warn senior citizens and the physically challenged of some of the dangers of fraud and scams BEFORE they occur. Educating the public is one of the best ways of warning these citizens.

The Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council has had numerous inquiries concerning the TRIAD program. The TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council consists of representatives of three different segments of local citizens. TRIAD (meaning three) stands for those three segments. The S.A.L.T. letters stand for Seniors and Lawmen together. The seniors are local members of the areas AARP chapters. The other two segments making up the lawmen portion are represented by local members of the National Sheriffs Association (Callahan Sheriffs Dept.) and the American Association of Chiefs of Police (City Police Chiefs).

NEWSFLASH

Both the local TRIAD and AARP organizations will have a booth at the second annual TRADESDAY, March 20.

If you would like more information on TRIAD and/or AARP, please come by the booth and talk with local and county members. We can tell you some of the helpful things the TRIAD Council is undertaking to aid Seniors and other vulnerable citizens. Mr. Joe Howser, who is heading the Neighborhood Watch endeavor will be available a portion of the day to discuss that program. Also he and others will be available to assist with the AARP Connections for Better Living program. Mrs. Kerr, Chair-

man of the S.A.L.T. Council will be on hand with information concerning that program. Donations for the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Council will be accepted, TRIAD Secretary-Treasurer Kay Mosley and Vice Chairman Leonard Farmer or other members will be happy to assist you. Brochures and literature will also be available. A member will be present to visit with you briefly and may be share a cup of coffee.

Watch for that friendly TRIAD Banner at the booth. The spring Tradesday extravaganza will be located just north of the DQ in Cross Plains on the vacant lot. Saturday hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU

MARCH 22 - MARCH 26

MONDAY—Chef salad - ham, cheese, egg, baked potato, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.

TUESDAY—Pepper steak, brown gravy, steamed squash, macaroni & cheese, strawberry cake bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Chicken & dumplings, green beans, peaches, oatmeal cookie, bread and milk.

THURSDAY—Bar-b-q ribette, pea salad, pickled beets, pickled spear, gelatin and milk.

FRIDAY—Tacos - lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, ranch style beans, Mexican corn, applesauce and milk

The Way It Was

By CLARA NELL SPENCER

Just Us

Due to the patience and interest of Ada McWhorter Cutbirth, two tables of auction bridge were formed into a club, consisting of eight freshman girls. It met every Thursday night. Others filled in when someone couldn't play.

Ada was the natural mother of Rosalea Cutbirth and the dear substitute for the others. The girls learned to play bridge, set a table and provide refreshments. They were all devoted to each other and named the club "Just Us." The members were

more alike than different. The original members were Cheryl Lutgens, Fanora "Fannie" Neeb, Rosalea Cutbirth, Tommy Kate Mayes, Helen Grace Gray, Bobbie Lee Westerman, Georgia Gwathmey and Clara Nell "Sitter" McDermott. Betsy McAdams and George Cecil Cook Stone were faithful stand-bys. The club stayed active all four years of high school. It was promoted to contract bridge, a game the members are still enjoying (or at least the ones who are still able to play).



BREAKTHRU

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

"There are no free meals." You've heard it said, haven't you -- maybe not those exact words, but the same idea? While I understand the point being made, let me hasten to share, from a preacher friend, "Seven Free Gifts."

The seven free gifts are the gifts of praise, understanding, concession, gratitude, attention, appreciation, and personal presence.

The Bible addresses some of these specifically. Jesus, for instance, revealed the terrible and usual odds between expressed gratitude and ingratitude, Luke 17:11-18. Upon healing ten men with the terrible disease of leprosy, only one of them returned and thanked Jesus. Jesus' question was, "But where are the nine others?" They may have been grateful but they didn't express it -- and until gratitude is expressed, it isn't really realized.

God, through His Word, the Bible, tells of another free gift, givable only by Him through the person of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus or Lord," Romans 6:23. In some translations, the "gift" spoken of here is rightfully specified to be a "free" one. Serious realization of His "free gift" of eternal life should cause one to be very grateful -- and to express that gratitude in word and deed.

By the way, that "free gift" did cost someone. "For you were bought at a price," I Corinthians 6:20a, and that "price" was "the precious blood of Christ," I Peter 1:19.

Are you represented by the one or the other?

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

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Isn't It Nifty? Look Who's 50!



All friends are invited to a **Birthday Roast** for Dora & Nora at the Cross Plains Community Center on Saturday, March 20, 6-9 p.m.

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

CP High School Girls Win 1999 Pioneer Relays

The 1999 Pioneer Relays took place Saturday, March 13, at Cross Plains. Brandi Richey won two events and Laura Ricci won three events which led the Cross Plains High School Girls to the championship with 154 points.

Ricci won the high jump and the 400 while Richey won the triple jump and both hurdle events.

The last two events the 1600 Run and 1600 Relay was canceled due to blowing snow.

The following are the results of the high school girls and boys and the junior high girls and boys:

High School Girls

Team points — 1. Cross Plains 154; 2. Baird 109; 3. Rising Star 42; 4. Trent 40; 5. May 31; 6. Gorman 23.

Discus — 2. C. Francy 97'1" 3. A. Wilson 93' 0"

Shot Put — 2. A. Wilson 31'8"; 3. C. Francy 30' 8"

High Jump — 1. L. Ricci 5' 2" 2. W. Giles 5' 2"

Triple Jump — 1. B. Richey 32' 1/2"; 2. T. Wyatt 29' 1"; 3. L. McCarty 28' 10"

3200 Run — 3. M. Chesshir 16:49.84

400 Relay — 3. J. Turner, T. Wyatt, S. Thomas, A. Stephenson 57:72

800 Dash — 1. B. Bennett 2:48.97

100 Hurdles — 1. B. Richey 16:71

800 Relay — 1. J. Turner, S. Thomas, T. Wyatt, W. Giles 2:03.35

400 Dash — 1. L. Ricci 1:06.17

300 Hurdles — 1. B. Richey 51:40; 2. W. Giles 55:98

200 Dash — 2. L. Ricci 29:91

High School Boys

Team Points — 1. Baird 124; 2. Richland Springs 64; 3. Panther Creek 59; 4. Cross Plains 44; 5. May 44; 6. Trent 41.

Discus — 3. Carey 113' 1"

Shot Put — 4. Switzer 39'7"

High Jump — 2. Kitchens 5' 8"

Triple Jump — 1. Kitchens 40'2"

3200 Run — 4. 13:18.73; 5. Wilson 13:21.30

300 Hurdles — 1. Kitchens 44:08

Jr. High Girls

Team Points — 1. Baird 123; 2. Gorman 69; 3. Cross Plains 68; 4. Santa Anna 61; 5. May 43; 6. Evant 42

Shot Put — 6. D. Rivard 23' 2 1/4"

High Jump — 4. A. Kitchens 4' 4"; 6. J. Hartman 4' 2"

2400 Run — 1. C. Hyles 10:37; 2. S. Hyles 11:18.71

400 Relay — 3. J. Hartman, B. Dillard, A. Rivard, J. Young 1:01.57

800 Dash — 5. S. Watson 3:10.03

100 Hurdles — A. Kitchens 18.97

800 Relays — 5. J. James, E. Winfrey, D. Rivard, A. Rivard 2:16.50

400 Dash — 3. A. Cook 1:19.64

300 Hurdles — 2. J. Hartman 58:32; 5. A. Kitchens 1:01.32

200 Dash — 5. J. Young 31:97

Jr. High Boys

Team Points — 1. Panther Creek; 2. May 66; 3. Baird 55; 4. Santa Anna; 5. Richland Springs 53; 6th Gorman.

High Jump — 4. Harris 4'6"

Long Jump — 2. Mauricio 14' 11"

2400 Run — 2. Bennett 9:42.99

400 Relay — 4. Cross Plains 56:95

Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees To Meet Tuesday

The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains ISD will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at the Cross Plains High School Building, faculty work room.

The following items are on the agenda:

- PRAYER
- MINUTES

OPEN FORUM

1. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF TEXT-BOOKS
2. ADOPT SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1999-2000

3. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SPRING BAND TRIP
4. ELECT MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGION XIV SERVICE CENTER

5. APPROVE TECHNOLOGY PLAN
6. SET DATE TO CANVASS LOCAL BOARD ELECTION

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
8. ACTION TO FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

9. PERSONNEL

A. Consider approval of teacher contracts for 99/2000 school year

B. Other personnel, as necessary

10. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
11. ADJOURN.

Jackie Tennison, Superintendent

Harlem Thrillers B-ball Team Here March 29

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 High School Gymnasium on March 29. 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., Monday, March 29.

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. Pre-game activities will include local groups and warm-up by the Thrillers. Be early as the ball handling before the game will be just as exciting as the game. A concession stand will be open and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Open House at Abilene Remote Encoding Center March 23 & 24

The Abilene Remote Encoding Center, a processing facility of the United States Postal Service, will be holding an open house for the public from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24.

A tour of the processing facility will be available, and participants will have the opportunity to register for the 710 Clerical Examination, the test required for employment consideration with the Postal Service.

The Remote Encoding Center is located at 350 East Industrial Boulevard, near Loop 322. Postal Service representatives will be available to answer questions about employment with the REC.

School Board Candidate Workshop Offers Information and Insight

ABILENE—Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Tuesday, March 30, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Abilene).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6161.

Medicaid Dental/Texas Health Steps Announcement

Free transportation is now available for Medicaid and Texas Health Steps recipients for dental appointments.

The Texas Department of Health recommends children be examined by a dentist at age one.

For further information call Dr. Reed's office in Baird at (915) 854-1173.

United Ostomy Assoc. Brownwood Satellite Chapter Meeting March 21

The United Ostomy Association Brownwood Satellite Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting Sunday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m., on the second floor of the Out-Patient Center of the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. The UOA offers support and information for people who have had intestinal or urinary diversion (ostomy) surgery. This month's meeting will include discussion on types of ostomy surgery and the types of products available for ostomy use. All ostomates, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. For more information, call (915) 643-5820 or (254) 879-3115.

Girls Golf Competes at Robert Lee

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER


On Monday, March 8, the Lady Buff Golf team consisting of Liz McCarty, Whitney Giles, and Tessa Wyatt traveled to Robert Lee to play in their golf tournament.

We finished 11th out of 20 teams and Whitney shot a 114, Liz had a 120, and Tessa had a 142.

For Details About The Internet Contact: Vanda or Deborah (254) 725-6111

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Photos and fees must be in no later than Monday, March 22, 1999. Photos, fees and registration form may be submitted to Nora Odom at Cross Plains Elementary. Please print name, address, age and grade on the back of each photo submitted.

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

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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

AGE AS OF JAN. 1ST 1999 _____ BIRTHDAY _____

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Eastland Co. 4-H Playday Set

The Eastland County 4-H Horse Program will host a series of playdays for 1999. The playdays will be held at the Cisco Junior College arena located on Highway 6 between Cisco and Eastland.

Ribbons will be awarded to all participants for each event and high point awards will be presented for each playday. There will be end-of-the-year high point awards and participation awards for all riders who ride in 5 out of 7 playdays.

Each event will be \$2.00. Stakes, Cloverleaf Barrels, Poles, Flags and one alternating event will be run at each playday.

There are twelve age groups (divided into boys and girls): lead-line, 0-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years, 15-19 years and adult. Ages determined as of January 1.

The Red Gap 4-H Club will host a concession stand.

A current negative Coggins test will be required before entries are accepted.

- Schedule:
- April 11 - 3 p.m.
 - May 9 - 3 p.m.
 - June 13 - 6 p.m.
 - July 11 - 6 p.m.
 - August 15 - 6 p.m.
 - September 12 - 3 p.m.
 - October 10 - 3 p.m.

For more information call (254) 442-4081 or (254) 629-1873.

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. Annual Youth Tour Contest Results

The annual Youth Tour Contest was held on Tuesday, March 2, at Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Merkel in the Cooperative Board Room.

They had three contestants from three area schools giving a 5 to 8 minute speech on the topic "Given a choice, what services would you expect from your energy provider in the millennium?"

All three contestants did an excellent job, which made choosing two winners very difficult. The two winners were Jason Holloway from Wylie High School and Justin Estes from Clyde High School.

They will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 17-29 with other Youth Tour Contest winners from various other Texas Cooperatives.

Sandra Thorp from Trent High School was chosen as alternate.

SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 22 - MARCH 26 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY—Muffins, assorted juice and milk.

TUESDAY—Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

FRIDAY—Eggs, toast, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY—Corn dogs, potato wedges, corn, cake and milk.

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

WEDNESDAY—BBQ on bun, corn cob, okra, cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY—Lasagna, peas, garlic sticks, pears and milk.

FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookies and milk.



Barbara Jordan



Ma Ferguson



Jovita Gonzalez de Mireles

SOURCES: Carole Keeton [Treasurer], Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; *New Handbook of Texas, Black Texas Women, and Women in Texas.* Illustrations by Gilbert Conwoop.

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Outstanding women shape Texas history

Women have played an important role in Texas history. Among them are:

Barbara Jordan, first African-American Texan to serve in the U.S. House 1972-79, recipient of Medal of Freedom award; **Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson**, first woman governor 1925-27 and 1933-35; **Sonceria Messiah-Jiles**, African-American woman who purchased the Houston Defender newspaper in 1981, tripled its circulation and made it one of the leading papers in the Southwest; **Hattie Henenburg, Hortense Ward, and Ruth Brazzil**, first and only all-woman Texas Supreme Court for 5 months in 1925; **Jovita Gonzalez de Mireles**, first and only Mexican-American woman to serve as president of the Texas Folklore Society (1931-32); **Emma Tennyana Brooks**, strike leader Tejana leader of the Texas Pecos Shell, original in 1939 over wages; **Lucy Gonzales Parsons**, native of Waco, leader of the Chicago working class movement, a writer, editor, orator and founder of the Industrial Workers of the World; **Adina de Zavala**, Savior of the Alamo helped save the Alamo structure and charter member of the Texas State Historical Association in 1892; **Francisca Alvarez**, Angel of Goliad, a nurse at the 1836 Battle of Goliad who saved many of Col. James W. Fannin's men; **Ellsabet Ney**, famous German Texas sculptor whose statues of Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston appear in the Capitol; **Jovita Idar**, Tejana who established a free kindergarten in San Antonio in 1917, and supported educational opportunities for women; **Mildred Ella "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias**, leading money winner between 1949-1951 of Ladies Professional Golf Association, and voted Woman Athlete of the Half-Century in 1950; **Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson**, founder of the National Wildflower Research Center in 1982, and recipient of Medal of Freedom award; **Kay Bailey Hutchison**, first woman U.S. Senator from Texas, 1993 to present; **Katherine Anne Porter**, Pulitzer Prize winning author known for her short stories about Texas and her novel, *Ship of Fools*.

Chamber Business Of The Week

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

In June 1914, R.W. Higginbotham purchased the property for the Cross Plains store. Six lots were bought from four different owners. A building was built and business operated under the name Higginbotham Trading Co. on the door. Incorporators were R.W., J.M. and B.T. (Taylor) Higginbotham, Jr. R.W. Higginbotham, president of

this company, deeded property to Higginbotham Bros. and Co. in 1917.

Over the years, Higginbotham's has seen many changes. They currently carry hardware, lumber, paint, furniture, Dickie clothes and DeWalt tools. The addition of a new department, "Bridal Corner," carries gift items for showers.

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce salutes Higginbotham Bros. and Co. and wishes them continued success.



Texas Midwest Day in Austin March 25

A large delegation from the region will travel to the State Capitol on March 25 for "Texas Midwest Day in Austin."

Community leaders representing 36 towns in the Texas Midwest Community Network will spend the day in Austin visiting lawmakers and demonstrating the importance of communities working together to accomplish what one community can not do alone.

"Generally speaking, rural communities are at a disadvantage when it comes to influencing State Legislators. By joining together," says TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle, "a larger group of rural delegates gets more attention and presents a stronger message."

The TMCN Delegation will meet in the Capitol Rotunda at 9:30 a.m.

on March 25 to distribute regional information to legislative offices in the Capitol Complex. The group will be recognized in the Senate and House of Representatives before attending a noon luncheon to honor ten legislators from districts that are part of the Texas Midwest region.

Luncheon honorees include Sen. David Sibley (Dist. 22), Sen. Troy Fraser (Dist. 24) and Tom Haywood (Dist. 30); also Rep. David Lengefeld (Dist. 59), Rep. Jim Keffer (Dist. 60), Rep. Rick Hardcastle (Dist. 68), Rep. David Counts (Dist. 70), Rep. Bob Hunter (Dist. 71), Rep. Rob Junell (Dist. 72) and Rep. Bob Turner (Dist. 73).

Reservations for the luncheon are on a space available basis. For information call the TMCN Office at (915) 893-2099.

Y2K

their customers and they expect to meet the Y2K challenge also.

Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones reported that all the Callahan County offices have replaced their computers and are guaranteed to be Y2K compatible. There are some concerns with the Sheriff's Department and 911. However, they plan to test the system this summer. There may also be some communication problems with the Department of Public Safety. He remarked that all in all the county was in very good shape.

Bob Harrell gave a brief update on the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. He noted that the trucks and pumps operate on gasoline which would not be affected by a possible electricity shortage. Their radios are battery operated so they would be able to communicate with all other counties. If water was available through the city everything would be fine. They are able to extract water from tanks should it become necessary.

One Source Health Center was represented by Randy York, Nurse Practitioner. He stated that medical services were not connected with computers. They are running tests on their computers to make sure they will be ready. York noted that patient charts are all handwritten and would not be affected. He felt that December 31, 1999, would just be another day of business.

Traci Evans delivered an update for Cross Plains I.S.D. She has made teachers aware of the Y2K problem and an inventory of equipment in each room has been made. Since new computer equipment has been recently purchased by the school district it will be Y2K ready. Miss Evans has been contacting suppliers of food for the lunchroom to make sure service will continue. Another concern is with heating and cooling the buildings. Contractors have been notified verifying compliance. If warmth and food are provided, the school doors can remain open.

Joel Johnson, the representative from GTE stated that his company

had been working on the Y2K problem since 1995 and had approximately 12,000 people employed on the project. GTE has spent \$370 million in the process of becoming Y2K compatible. They have generators and extra people available for December 31, 1999, should there be problems. He indicated that if you have a regular telephone (not portable) you should have service. GTE has to prepare for cable cuts and storms at all times. They are dedicated to readiness of services.

Mr. Mack remarked that Citizens State Bank has been dedicated to becoming Y2K compliant. They have been working on the project since 1997 and encouraged customers to maintain confidence in the bank. He doesn't anticipate any disruption of services. Mack reminded residents that FDIC insurance will protect their deposits up to \$100,000. All their computers are year 2000 ready and have been tested. A contingency plan must always be in place in case of any disaster. Back-up records are kept to verify any error on an account. The bank is the safest place for your cash. Direct deposits from Social Security, Veterans Administration and other government agencies will not be affected. Bank personnel indicated that cash will be in good supply. Mack suggested using a common sense approach to the Y2K problem even if there should be a glitch or two.

A letter from Dal-Mar Energy, Inc. and Neal Drug stated they were prepared for Y2K and reassured their customers of continued service.

Questions from the crowd included whether Brownwood Regional Medical Center was prepared. Mr. York stated that they were Y2K ready.

Questions arose about whether water and food should be stored for a few days accommodation. It was agreed that everyone should use a common sense approach, while no one foresees any catastrophe.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A potential healthcare crisis looms over Texas. Assisted living, which is unlicensed in the state, is now viewed as the first choice for older Texans who need 24-hour healthcare. It's a choice that allows for greater independence than traditional nursing homes. However, without regulation and licensing, that choice can compromise residents' safety and care.

Texas now ranks #2 in the country in assisted living construction. This tremendous growth attracts both reputable and unscrupulous companies. The bad guys flock to Texas from other states where assisted living regulations are strongly enforced. With a growing older population that will demand alternative housing options, Texas need legislation to protect citizens from those companies that wish only to cash in on this lucrative market.

Legislators are now considering passage of SB93 and HB411. The proposed bills satisfy two needed outcomes: (1) Create strong regulation and licensing for the assisted living industry and (2) Offer the flexibility and choice desired by both consumers and the industry.

Left unregulated, assisted living will fall prey to the same pitfalls of abuse, neglect, and financial fraud that led inevitably to nursing home reform. The Texas Legislature must act now to create an environment that balances the protections for assisted living residents yet remains open to a free marketplace. Urge your legislators to support the measures now before a looming crisis becomes a meltdown. Please contact your state senator and state representative in support of SB93 and HB411.

Sincerely,
Ross McSwain
Texas AARP
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God bless each and everyone,
Jewel & Leo Thompson
P.S. A very special thanks of love and concern for the card and signatures of the Methodist Men's Prayer Group.

Card of Thanks
What is a caring community? A caring community is one that comes together in any time of need, whether it is a loss of property, a loss of health, or a loss of a loved one. The Cross Plains and Cottonwood communities are always there for all of their friends and neighbors. We have many angels in the out-field. The families of "Granny Myrt Wilson" would like to thank all of you that were there for her in so many ways for so many years. May God bless you. Special thanks to the Cottonwood Community for the use of the community center, to the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains and Cottonwood for the wonderful food, to all of our friends and neighbors that brought additional food to our homes and the luncheon, to Michael Ingram for the wonderful service, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harrell for their kindness, to Connie Kirkham for making Granny Myrt so pretty for the family, to Tim Dillard for the beautiful flowers and to all of you that called or came by.

There is no other nursing home in this part of the world that can match the Oaks here in Cross Plains. For all that you are and have been to our families in this community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Frances & Don Thornton
Cecil & Naoma Wilson
Ruby & Bill Snowden
Eileen Gardner
John Wilson
Lorine Wilson (Mrs. James A. Wilson, Jr.)
Grandchildren
Great-grandchildren.

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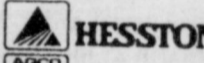
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The City Council will hold its annual public hearing for the purpose of adopting the 1999/2000 budget on March 23, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 201 S. Main, Cross Plains, Tx. Anyone having a comment or suggestion is encouraged to attend. 50-21c

PUBLIC NOTICE

On 3/3/98 the City of Cross Plains passed an ordinance prohibiting dogs running at large. Since that time residents have been very cooperative in keeping their dogs either on a chain or penned, however, as a result there is always a few who do not comply. In the future if a dog is seen running at large by the Animal Control Officer and he is not able to catch the animal, the ACO will issue a warning to the animal owner. On the second offense, the ACO will issue a citation, and according to the penalty clause of Ordinance 98-003, the owner of the dog, if convicted in Municipal Court shall be fined not to exceed \$200 each and every time the offense occurs. 50-21c

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KIWANIS MEMBERS ARE PRACTICING—making pancakes for their Annual Pancake Supper Fund-raiser scheduled for next Thursday, March 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. The cost is \$3.00 per person for "all the pancakes you can eat." Sausage and coffee or tea are also included in the price. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members and at Citizens State Bank -- and will be available at the door. Please help the Kiwanis Club help our community.

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HOUSTON—(March 8, 1999)—Depression is not a natural part of growing old but rather a medical condition that should be treated aggressively.

"Depression in the elderly, or in anyone, should not be thought of as normal," said Dr. Victor Molinari, a Baylor college of Medicine psychologist and director of geropsychology at the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). "Some groups are at higher risk, but the average older person is not depressed any more than a young person."

**Love Fund
Established For
Ginger Bowerman**

A Love Fund has been established at Citizens State Bank for Ginger Bowerman of the Cottonwood Community. Donations will be used for medical and motel expenses incurred during her recent illness. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

In general, only about three percent of the elderly living independently in the community will experience depression. That figure increases to around 20 to 30 percent of persons in nursing homes or with chronic illnesses like emphysema, heart disease or diabetes.

"Two personality types are also at higher risk -- obsessive/compulsive persons bothered by their lack of control over changes related to aging and dependent persons who lose the loved ones they rely on," Molinari said.

"Depression is often not diagnosed because of stereotypes that family, care-givers or even physicians have that the elderly are depressed in general," said Dr. Mark Kunik, a Baylor psychiatrist and director of geropsychiatry at the Houston VAMC.

The elderly often mask their depression by packaging the problem in a physical complaint, so diagnosis can take longer.

Typical signs of depression include:

- * Sleep problems - too little, too much or early rising.
- * Decreased pleasure in previously enjoyed activities.
- * Decreased energy or concentration.
- * Appetite increase or decrease.
- * Feelings of helplessness or helplessness.
- * Thoughts of death or suicide.

"In diagnosing depression, we look for persons experiencing several symptoms for weeks at a time," Kunik said. "Medication, psychotherapy or a combination of both can be effective. The newer antidepressant medications have favorable benefits and fewer side effects such as dry mouth, constipation, light-headedness and heart problems."

Both experts encourage older persons to practice depression prevention by staying active and being connected to other people through family, community activities, senior groups or church.

"If you notice signs of depression in yourself, a friend or family member, don't wait until it becomes severe," Molinari said. "Talk to the person with depression and their physician, and seek treatment from a mental health professional."

**Some Seniors' Drug Cost
More, Study Finds**

By CHARLOTTE HUFF
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

ARLINGTON — Uninsured North Texas seniors pay twice as much for commonly used prescription drugs as large HMOs, the federal government and other purchasers with buying clout, according to congressional analysis released yesterday.

Older Americans on fixed incomes are hardest hit, said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas. Citing the local numbers, Frost threw his support behind recently proposed legislation to standardize senior drug prices.

"Senior citizens sometimes have monthly drug bills that are \$100, \$200 or more," Frost said at a news conference at Ray's Pharmacy in Arlington. The congressman's district also includes large portions of Fort Worth and Arlington.

Introduced last week by Rep. Tom Allen, D-Maine, the proposed Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act would allow pharmacies to purchase drugs for Medicare patients at the same prices available to large purchasers. Medicare does not pay for most medications.

But the bill misses the larger point, guaranteeing lower prices to pharmacies, while an estimated one-third of seniors are still left hanging without drug coverage, said officials at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, based in Washington, D.C.

And many more Americans will miss out, if standardized prices discourage drug research, said Jack Calfee, a resident scholar at the

American Enterprise Institute, a conservative "think tank" in Washington, D.C.

"I think it's really important to hold out the possibility of a lucrative reward if you figure out how to cure a deadly illness," Calfee said.

According to the analysis, North Texas seniors pay an average of 97 percent more for 10 popular brand-name drugs.

The analysis, conducted by Frost's office in conjunction with the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, surveyed 11 pharmacies from Fort Worth southeast to Corsicana. Participants agreed they were not identified.

Zocor, a cholesterol-lowering drug, led the list, costing 156 percent more for uninsured seniors — \$110.03 at the drugstore counter compared with \$42.95 for large purchasers. An anti-stroke drug, Ticlid, showed the least difference of the 10, \$116 vs. \$75.28. Other drugs surveyed included Norvasc (blood pressure), Prilosec (ulcers) and Zoloft (depression).

Harriet Griffin of Fort Worth, who attended the news conference, counts her blessings. Griffin, 87, a retired teacher, usually benefits from a substantial discount under her retirement plan, if she purchases her Norvasc tablets by mail. The cost: \$10 for 180.

But Griffin ran out this month and had to turn to a local pharmacy, paying \$19 for 12 tablets.

"I think we as older people are sick and tired of being sick and tired," she said. "We have to take all these pills, and they become more bitter because of the price of them."

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My dream house...

I got to see the dream home blueprints of the high school Housing class a couple weeks back. Very creative stuff. Some students worked magic with a well-utilized small space, and some designed 8,000 sq. ft. multi-storied palaces. They included rooms important to their lifestyle and their hobbies.

I had some practical hints for them to think about. Like — it would be handy to have the car near the kitchen when you get around to hauling in a week's worth of groceries. And — the southwest corner might not be the best place for a windowed dining room. But, heck, college architecture is soon enough for practicality.

It got me to thinking about my own dream home. Some of the student designs came pretty close. Especially the ones with five or more bedrooms and huge living rooms. One featured a small theater and a video storage room for a vast collection of films. It would easily adapt to become my dream library and writing room.

A swimming pool in the center of another house could be redone to be my dance floor. I don't know, though. We have some swimmers in our family and they'd probably balk. One student designed a small, intimate living room on the top floor. Maybe that would work.

But the blueprint that got my attention had a weight training room. It was just about exactly

what I need for my mud room. Yes, my dream sunken mud room.

It would be a place to divest myself of dust, mud, and barn stuff. A place for muddy boots and rain-drenched jackets. The room would be used for dog naps, starting veggie seed trays in February, and for laundry facilities, including a place to rinse out messy things, and a clothesline for wet drippy things. My ironing board would be there, with a bunch of hangers and a place to hang them. The garden tools I grab on my way out to the garden would be there. So would the hammer, screwdriver and pliers that are MINE and nobody is to touch them!!!

This room, to fit my needs, must be nearly as big as the whole rest of the house. It would create new dimensions to the term "great room."

I was thinking how nice it would be to have a summer kitchen out there, and a table to sit at and catch the breezes through the summer screens. I'd put binoculars out there on that table for bird watching.

One student recommended a bathroom for my mud room. With a shower.

Great idea! Then my designer sunken mud room would be the envy of every farmer, gardener, fireman, and every person who comes home sweaty after a long day's work.

Dreaming on...and on...
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**AARP Connections
FBL Week Information**

Local AARP Chapter salutes Connections for Better Living Week.

For this years Connections for Better Living Week, the Cross Plains AARP Chapter will have available at TRADESDAY, March 20, a table display containing information and literature on Connections FBL Week which is designated each year for the recognition of AARP and its members, and for their efforts to aid seniors and retired persons in their quest for a better, richer, and safer life-style during their golden years.

The AARP Chapter will share a booth with the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Council, since the two organizations are working together for the good of senior citizens. The booth will be located with the Tradesday and plant sale, Saturday, March 20 on the empty lot located near the blinking light north of the Dairy Queen just off Highway 36.

An AARP member and other pertinent information, literature and brochures on the AARP organization will be available for interested individuals. Come by and share a visit or a cup of coffee and say HOWDY!

**Local Judge
Attended Seminar**

Judge Rolan Jones was certified at the recent 20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held February 28-March 3, 1999, in San Antonio. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas

Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Effective Communication, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Clerkless Courts, Ex Parte Communication, The Internet and Your Court, Ruling on Negligence Cases, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Alcohol and Tobacco Laws, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues, Evictions, Hearsay, and Deed Restrictions.

**Theft Prevention & Management
Of Horses Workshop March 22**

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is coordinating a Horse Workshop with emphasis on theft prevention and nutrition. The workshop will be held on March 22, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College Arena located between Cisco and Eastland on Old Highway 80. Extension Committees in Shackelford, Stephens, Callahan and Eastland Counties are coordinating this event with the help of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Cisco Junior College Ag Department.

Dr. Rob Harle, D.V.M., in Callahan County will discuss micro chipping and freeze branding for positive identification. Participants are encouraged to bring their horses and branding irons as this service will be offered to the public for a very reasonable price.

Jody Henderson, Joe Roberts and

David Birch from the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will be on hand to discuss their Horse Identification Program (HIP) to assist in the theft prevention.

Dr. Pete Gibbs, Horse Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will present information on nutrition of mare's and performance horses. Dr. Gibbs is one of the top horse management specialist in the nation and will be a big asset to this program.

A sponsored supper will be served by the Eastland County Horse Program. Sponsors for this program to date are Eastland Farm and Ranch, Thornton's Feed Mill and Eastland Ag Center.

Adult and youth horse enthusiast are urged to attend.

If you need more information contact the Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

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MARCH 31
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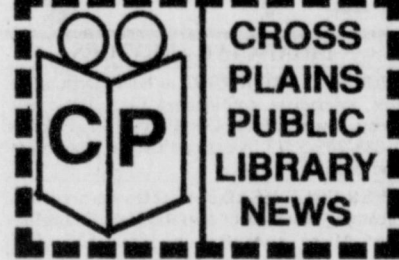
**White House Signs
Stenholm Ag Credit Bill**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Clinton signed into law a legislation introduced by Congressman Charlie Stenholm to speed up the availability of funds under the guaranteed loan program on March 15th.

"While there was between \$450-500 million in unutilized funding for beginning farmers and ranchers under the guaranteed loan program, these unused funds would not have been released until April 1," said Stenholm. "Times are tough in the farm belt and, as a result of my bill, these funds will now be available immediately to the folks who need them."

Stenholm introduced his bill after the Department of Agriculture (USDA) projected they would run out of all guaranteed operating loan funds by March 15. Texas, which has already exhausted its allocation of non-beginning farmer guaranteed unsubsidized operating loans, will be able to utilize nearly \$29 million.

"This bill gives us momentary breathing room, but Congress still needs to move quickly to pass a supplemental appropriations bill in order to provide much-needed credit to our farmers who have been adversely affected by the disaster," added Stenholm.



**CROSS PLAINS
PUBLIC
LIBRARY
NEWS**

March 8-12

Check out a book today. You'll be glad you did.

If you are interested in Project Pride, the Howard House and the library, visit the library to read an article which was in the Magazine section of the *Houston Chronicle* on Sunday, March 7. Cross Plains will be introduced to over 1,000,000 people in that article.

Also, continue to remember Interlibrary loan.

Statistics

Circulation:
Cross Plains books: 64
Abilene books: 16
LAP: 121
Audio: 12
Interlibrary Loan: 5
Total: 218
Memorial: For Charles McCowen by Jack and Katherine Tunnell.

**Look What's New
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Beginning March 22, you have an opportunity to take courses that will improve your skills at work and at home. A series of Home Improvement courses will give fresh insight into inexpensive projects.

For information regarding any of the following courses, please call RC Continuing Education at (254) 647-3234:

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**AA Meeting Held
Weekly At May**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church across from the school in May.

For additional information call (915) 784-9032 or (254) 643-5816.

CITIZENS

and organizations to identify issues and concerns. Once needs are identified, focus teams will be organized to develop specific plans of action.

Broad-based input is needed in this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and Texas as a whole. Other local, state and federal agencies and organizations are encouraged to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through partnerships with other groups and organizations.

The Futures Forum process will help the Extension Service develop its long-range plan for the next four years 2000 to 2003. However, the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common issues and define a process whereby these issues can be solved to create a better economic environmental and social situation in communities across the state. Participating agencies, groups and organizations can better focus on issues and programs related to their missions and interests and the needs of the local people.

So, if you want to have a voice in the future of Callahan County, be sure to call the Callahan County Extension Office by March 22 at (915) 854-1518 to reserve yourself a seat at the Futures Forum on March 25. This is your opportunity to help shape the future!

LIBRARY

costs to assist the library in incorporating high-speed Internet access as a research, communications, and information delivery tool.

Cross Plains Public Library is one of 163 libraries funded as part of the \$11 million TIF Board non-competitive grant initiative for public libraries. Projects begin April 1, 1999.

The library applicants were required to complete a detailed application to receive funding. The awarded libraries will continue to serve as a public arena for access to the Internet. They have committed to developing and implementing Internet Access policies that will protect and encourage their patrons' Internet use. The staff will also attend scheduled Internet training in order to continue to incorporate the Internet into the library as a valuable information source.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Mary Ann Chaffin,

Board President. "We will use TIF Board funds to extend our current Internet capabilities. We'll use this opportunity to purchase the necessary advanced equipment for faster and better public access."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants to 1019 school districts and charter schools (out of 1145), 57 community colleges (out of 57), 592 public libraries and branches (out of 789), and 330 public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities (out of 742). The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

For more information, contact the TIF Board at (512) 344-4300 or 1-888-533-(TIFB) 8432. Additional information is available at <http://www.tifb.state.tx.us>.

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surprises and personalities. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
The meeting will be held at Jean's Feedbar. An exact date and names of personalities appearing will be announced next week.

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