



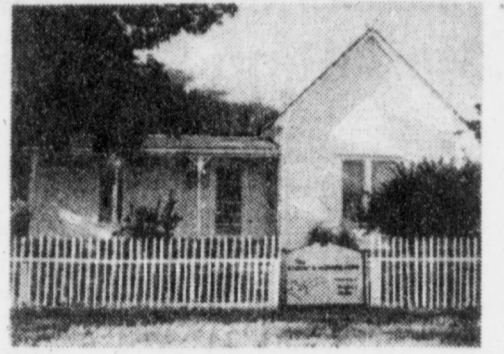
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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: A subscriber, who would like to remain anonymous, sent the following writing whose author is unknown. Please read with your heart. Vanda Anderson Creech

"Free Trip to Heaven. Details Inside!"

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"

An ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

When the restaurant next to the Lutheran Church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one?"

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

"People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

"God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."

"Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"

"When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right."

"Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday."

"Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily."

"How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Non-smoking?"

"Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives."

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."

"Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."

"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

"If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."

"Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon."

"This is a ch__ch. What is missing?" (UR)

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

"In the dark? Follow the Son."

"Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up."

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

Church of Christ will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, May 16, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Kids And Bikes Help Kids at St. Jude

Each year, while riding their bicycles, kids have fun, get good exercise, and gain tremendous pride in themselves for their physical accomplishments as well as for the help they give children in need. This year the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's local "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon will be held Friday morning, May 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. (no school in Cross Plains that day). Proceeds from the benefit will be used to continue the wonderful work done by the hospital conducting research into catastrophic childhood diseases. St. Jude was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas in 1962. It is the largest childhood cancer research center in the United States in terms of the number of patients enrolled and successful treatment. No child is turned down for inability to pay.

Once again this year there are great prizes available for the riders. These are a dual cassette jambox, \$25 gift certificates, bike helmet, bike gloves, disposable cameras, t-shirts, sports bags, movie passes, video rentals, ice cream and more. Prizes will be given for most miles ridden in each age division and for most money collected.

Pledge forms will be passed out at Cross Plains Elementary and may be picked up from either school office or by calling the Coordinator, Judy Luter at 725-7222. Riders may obtain either flat or per mile donations. On the morning of the event they will meet to ride on 8th street, one block west of Cross Plains Grain and Peanut. Riders will collect the pledge money and turn it in no later than Monday, May 24th.

Please help support a very worthy cause while joining the fun. If you have any questions or can help as a volunteer in this event please call Judy Luter at 725-7222.

No School at C.P.I.S.D. Friday, May 14

There will be no school Friday, May 14. School will dismiss at the regular time on Thursday. Classes will resume on Monday, May 17.

The final semester exams will be given on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 19 - 21. The exam schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday, May 19 - 1st, 3rd and 5th periods

Thursday, May 20 - 2nd, 4th and 6th periods

Friday, May 21 - 7th and 8th periods

School will dismiss at 2:30 on Wednesday and Thursday and at 12 noon on Friday. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria for those who want to eat.

Junior high students are not exempt in any class.

9th and 10th graders can be exempt from 1 of their 4 core courses and all of their electives if they meet the criteria.

If you are exempt in a class you do not have to check in at school.

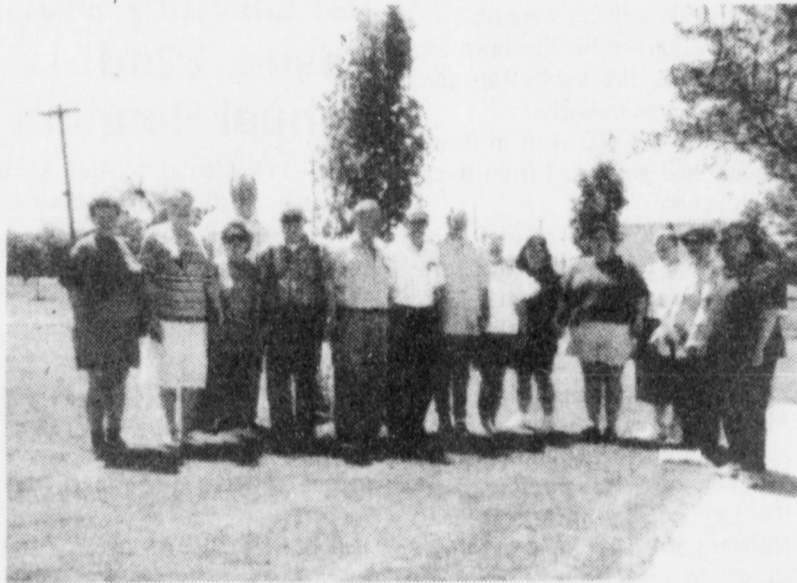
Boosters Meeting May 12

The Athletic Boosters will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. The meeting will take place in the foyer of the gym. Final plans for the athletic banquet will be made.

Annual Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry Friday

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their Annual Fish Fry this year on Friday, May 14th at the Cross Plains Community Center 5-8:00 p.m. The cost this year will be \$7.00 for adults

and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. The menu will consist of fish or chicken strips, French fries, beans, coleslaw, tartar sauce, all the usual condiments and will include ice tea and peach cobbler for dessert.



LOCAL CHRISTIANS GATHERED FOR NATIONAL PRAYER DAY AT THE CITY HALL DOWNTOWN.

National Prayer Day Observed by Local Citizens

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH
Editor

A group of individuals joined forces for National Prayer Day last Thursday at noon on the lawn of the City Hall.

The number may have been small, but the prayers were powerful indeed. Prayers for leadership in national, state, county, city, school and personal issues were offered.

Requests for assistance to the tornado stricken areas were addressed.

Protection and knowledge concerning the rash of violence in schools was asked for.

Strength and commitment in the home was requested. A particular prayer for men to claim their place of leadership in the home and church was very touching.

Assistance was requested for the people of Kosovo who are being persecuted during an ethnic cleansing.

The Lord was praised and uplifted by the host of Christians. The prayers were sincere and dedicated to asking God's assistance during

these very troubled times and thanking him for the many blessings He has bestowed.

If you have never attended this event, you have missed a special blessing. You could not help but be moved by the beautiful prayers. Try to picture the millions of prayers voiced on National Prayer Day rising up to God.

"Amazing Grace" was sung at the close of the service. The words of the song were never so meaningful and the harmony of voices uncanny.

Some present noted that more days should be dedicated to prayers for our nation and its people. The privilege to meet publicly and pray was also acknowledged.

National Prayer Day is a special occasion which should demand precedence. Continue to pray on a daily basis and plan on joining the group next year.

St. Matthew Chapter 18: 19-20
19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM 2ND PLACE IN PLAYOFFS

By COACH CORD WOERNER

We finished up the regular season on May 11th at home vs May. The team will enter the playoffs as the 2nd place team behind Baird.

There will be a practice game with Jarrell at Hamilton on Thursday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Trying to split with Baird on May 2nd, we had 13 hits but lost the decision 10-8.

Edington and Richards did a good job on the mound. Edington had 2 homers and 4 RBI's while going 3 for 4 at the plate. Richards also went 3 for 4 getting his 4 RBI's on a grand

slam home run.

Others getting more than one hit were Beggs going 2 for 3 and Whitehead going 2 for 4.

On Friday they played Meridian at Tarleton State University. Richards got the win with Pancake pitching 3 and 2/3 innings for the save. Our team won 12-8 and it was a good experience for some of our younger players.

Having a good evening at the plate were Bailey going 3 for 4 and Kitchens 2 for 3. Richards had 3 RBI's and Callaway and Edington each had 2.

See you at the ball park.



NIXON FAMILY — Sarah (front); Sam (back, from left), Leon and Terry.

LEON NIXON BENEFIT SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

Please mark your calendars for the LEON NIXON FAMILY BENEFIT to be held May 15 at the Cross Plains Gymnasium and Football Field from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Leon Nixon is a resident of Cross Plains who has been diagnosed with advanced liver cancer. Leon is considering a rare treatment in Canada. All proceeds will go toward medical treatment not covered by insurance.

This will be a wonderful Christian day filled with family oriented activities including games, food (BBQ at 11:00 a.m.), silent auction, a drawing for a 99 Ford XLT Ranger Pickup, musical entertainment and many personalities including the dynamic Jon Randles, motivational speaker associated with Fellowship

of Christian Athletes.

Musical entertainment will include Billy Bob White and His Warrior Worship Team, Ron Fox and Band and Fishers of Men, all from Abilene; Jerry Lewis and Band from Midland; and others from the Cross Plains area.

If you would like more information/clarification, or would like to make a donation, please contact Mrs. Kim Woerner at (254) 725-7570.

Those who can help set up tables and chairs, please meet at the gym at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 14th. Also, everyone will be needed to help return all tables and chairs when the benefit is over. For more information, please call Charles Chesshir at (254) 725-7119.

Fresh Cut Flowers and Greenery Needed For Leon's Day

Bring freshly cut ligustrum, holly and nandina 4-6 feet long; pots of monkey grass; pots of nandina and fresh cut flowers to the Cross Plains Gym on Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m. At least three pickup loads are needed for decorative purposes at the Leon Nixon Benefit.

Your cooperation will be appreciated. SEE YOUR GREENERY IN ACTION FOR A WONDERFUL CAUSE!

Remember the Cake Walk

An outdoors Cake Walk will be held during the Leon Nixon Benefit planned for Saturday, May 15.

Anyone who would like to donate a cake may contact Paula Winfrey at (254) 725-7787 after 5 p.m. If you would like for Paula to pick up your cake for the benefit, call her at the same number.

These cakes will be separate from those donated for the Silent Auction. Your kind contribution of baked goods will be appreciated.

Members of the Freshmen Class at Cross Plains High School will be donating baked goods for the benefit. Don't forget to have your cake, pie, etc. ready for the festivities.

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C.P.H.S. All Sports Banquet Monday, May 17

Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club will host the annual All Sports Banquet Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Tickets are \$9.50 each. You may purchase your ticket from Debbie Gosnell at City Hall, Roxie Thomas at Citizens State Bank or Peggy Bailey at Cross Plains ISD.

The menu contains brisket, sausage, potato salad, coleslaw, homemade bread and peach cobbler.

Mark your calendar for May 17 and come help us "Salute Our Stars."

Packer/Feeder Simulation Marketing Seminar Thursday

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Callahan and Taylor Counties will be offering a one-day Packer Feeder Simulation Marketing Seminar on Thursday, May 13, in the Taylor County Extension Office.

This national award winning workshop involves the simulation of the fed cattle market where participants play the role of feedlot marketing manager and meat packing plant cattle buyer. A large portion of the game involves interactions among teams in the trading of cattle.

The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Registration for the course is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee.

The game is fairly fast paced, said Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in

San Angelo, and seminar leader. It compresses one week's worth of real time trading into five-to-eight minute trading sessions.

Participants enter whatever they do, whether it is selling cattle or trading in live cattle futures contracts, he said. The computer summarizes this information, then takes the combined actions by all players in the fed cattle arena to drive the boxed beef and feeder cattle markets.

This is when things can get a little bit dicey, said Johnson. The actions by individual players will determine the profitability of each team, whether they represent a feedlot or packing plant.

The exercise helps participants see how their decisions can directly impact, aggregate market movements. The computer program keeps track of the financial performance of all teams (or firms), the economist explained.

The simulator gives participants a different way of observing most aspects of the fed cattle market. It's a great way to learn about cattle marketing in an entertaining and educational setting.

Interested persons need to pre-register for the seminar by Monday, May 10. For more information and to register call Gary Bomar at the Taylor County Extension Office in Abilene at (915) 672-6048.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid or accommodation are to contact the Taylor County Extension Office at (915) 672-6048 one week in advance of the program. Extension programs serve all people regardless of socioeconomic level, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Submitted by Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent

Atwell Cemetery Memorial Day May 30

Atwell Cemetery Association will have their annual Memorial Day meeting May 30 at the cemetery shelter beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Vondell Hutchins, Roxie Fletcher and Clois Purvis will have charge of program this year.

Bring a picnic lunch and come enjoy the day. Drinks and plates will be furnished.

OBITUARIES

Pearl Viola Sigler

GRAND PRAIRIE—Pearl Viola Sigler, 96, died Monday, May 3, 1999, in a local hospital.

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

Mrs. Sigler was born in Rising Star and attended Salt Tank Schools. She also attended John Tarleton Teachers Normal. She owned and operated restaurants in Dallas; Oakland, California; and Brownwood before returning to Rising Star. She moved to Abilene and then Grand Prairie, where she had lived for the past seven years. She was a Methodist. She was the widow of Henry Duncan and Frank Sigler.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Neil McClain

EARLY—Neil McClain, 86, of Blanket and formerly of Bangs, died Friday, May 7, 1999, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Eastlawn Memorial Park, directed by Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

Mr. McClain was born in Brown County and graduated from Bangs High School.

He was the widower of Winnie Elizabeth Dewberry McClain, whom he married on March 3, 1935, in Brown County. He ranched most of his life and was a Baptist.

Survivors include six daughters, Mary M. Miller of Abilene, Gladys Armstrong of Diana, Cindy McClain of West Virginia, Suzy Russler of Arlington, Denece Hubbard of Rising Star, and Cheryl Bradford of Richardson; seven sons, Johnny H. McClain and Charles R. McClain, both of Dilley, Jerry O. McClain, Donnie Perry and Craig Perry, all of Abilene, and Richard V. McClain and David M. McClain, both of Blanket; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Patsy Jo Nall

RISING STAR—Services for Patsy Jo Nall, 61, of Rising Star were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 1999, at Higginbotham Funeral Home with burial in Rising Star Cemetery.

She died Friday, May 7, 1999, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 27, 1938, in Rising Star to Lanham Burkhalter and Mattie Earline Whitlock Burkhalter. She had lived in Rising Star for 30 years, moving from McCamey.

During many of those years, she was employed at Palace Drug. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Harris.

Survivors include three sons, Billy Nall, David Nall and Mike Nall, all of Rising Star; one daughter, Donnetta Nall of Fort Worth; her sister, Jean Tension of Dallas; and nine grandchildren.

1st Cavalry Div. Assoc. 52nd Annual Reunion

The 1st Cavalry Division Association will be conducting its 52nd Annual Reunion in Killeen, Texas on August 4-8, 1999.

The reunion headquarters will be located in the Plaza Hotel, Killeen. Attendance at this 52nd reunion is expected to reach 1,000. Veterans attending will range the history of the First Team from the Horse Soldier to today's modern day troopers.

All FIRST TEAM veterans and their families are invited to attend any or all activities, but must be registered. Registration will begin on Wednesday, August 4, from 1 to 6:00 p.m. in the foyer of the Plaza Hotel.

For more information or to register for attendance, 1st Cav. Division veterans may contact the Association Headquarters at 302 N. Main, Copperas Cove, TX 76522-1799 (254) 547-6537 or by E-Mail: <firstcav@vvm.com>

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Elyssa D. Rich, DWI, \$300 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

In the matter of Michael Ray Johnson, SOS Bail Bond be allowed to withdraw as surety.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Tracy Vee Cooper & Terry Ray French of Cisco.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Divorces filed:
Collie, Peggy Jean & John D. Barton, Tommy & Rebecca Dale, Randal & Georgia.

Civil Minutes

Divorces granted:
Dyer, John & Sabrina.
Hawk, Loriann & Anthony.
Rodriguez, Ashleigh D'Ann & Draper Tobias.
Schnabel, Beverly Ruth & Lonzie Duane.

Felony Minutes

Coy B. Greenrock, motion filed to revoke probation.
Amy Kilough, probation revoked; sentenced to 5 years at TDC.

Tammy Jasso, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

Probations discharged: Richard Kenneth Graham, Annette R. Valdez, Robert R. Anguish.

Alvin Wayne Childress, DWI; \$1000 fine \$229.25 court costs, 5 years at TDC probated for 5 years.

CALLAHAN COUNTY JAIL PASSES INSPECTION

By BILLY HARRIS
Special Writer

Callahan County's 100 year old jail passed inspection again according to Callahan County Judge Roger Corn and Sheriff Eddie Curtis.

"I want to compliment Eddie and his staff for doing a very good job in keeping the jail up to standards," said Judge Corn.

Corn was on hand for the inspection on Friday, this was the first inspection of the county jail since Corn took office in January.

"This makes 7 times we've passed inspection since I've been in office," said Sheriff Curtis. The only time the jail failed inspection under Curtis' leadership was about a week after he first took office in 1993.

A celebration was held last December to commemorate the century mark of the old jail that was put into service on December 7th, 1898. It is located next to the north-east

corner of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

The Callahan County Jail is listed the 8th oldest county facility in Texas by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. It is thought to be the oldest fully working jail in Texas. Some county jails are used as holding facilities only.

"It (the Callahan County Jail) is a good example that, its not the age of the jail, but the upkeep and continued ability to serve the population," said Jack Crop, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, in a telephone interview last December.

The latest official approval of the facilities, that serve all of Callahan County, was issued Friday, May 7th by inspector Mark Wilson. It stated that no deficiencies were noted and a Certificate of Compliance may be issued after the report is reviewed by the Executive Director.

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Saturday, May 15

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Gymnasiums & Football Field

11:00 a.m. Barbecue

Jon Randles, Motivational Speaker

Silent Auction

Drawing for 1999 Ford XLT Ranger Pickup

Cake Walk

Horse Rides

Musical Entertainment

Billy Bob White & His Warrior Worship Team

Ron Fox & Band

Fishers of Men

Jerry Lewis & Band

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!



NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

This week we are celebrating National Nurses Week. Mark Slaughter, administrator, presented all our nurses with a Nurse's Appreciation Mug with the logo on one side "Nurses Care Beyond Compare" and a sincere verse of thanks on the other side that reads: You approach those in need with a heartfelt smile. In every task you take, you go the extra mile. We appreciate everything you do - we're lucky to have a nurse like you.

The residents are having their birthday party today, Thursday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m. Monty Jones a whistler from Rising Star will be whistling us up some tunes. Residents having birthdays this month are Jesse Harris and Alpha Wilson. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Thoughts and prayers for Myrtle Owen who is in the hospital.

Maxine Crisp sure looks pretty with her new perm and Minnie Swann looks nice with her hair cut. Our men are looking sharp with fresh hair cuts.

Vera Belyeu is our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Appreciation to the garden club for the beautiful flowers, to Best Med for the cookies and to Lilly Dillard and Ray Purvis for keeping our residents looking great.

Ricky Westerman visited with Howet Wilson.

Lois Chalk from Cottonwood visited with Hazel McCoy and Vera Belyeu.

Vonduen Hutchins visited with Louise Richardson and Hazel

McCoy.

Arnold, Nancy and Kane Childers from Brownwood visited Lillie Childers.

Dr. Avi and Sharene Deshmukh from Stephenville, Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Arlington, Shauna and Isaiah Guerrero from Abilene, Charlou, April, Hannah, Michael and Cheyenne Cowan visited with Louise Richardson.

Norman McCoy from Weatherford and Bobbie McCoy from Lake Brownwood visited with Hazel McCoy.

Deborah Griswold and Michael Curry visited with Deen Haddox.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson, Howet Wilson (2), Louise Richardson, Minnie Swann, Ruby Harrell (2) and Maxine Crisp. Exercise and Skip-Bo games.

Tuesday: Art class. Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace and popcorn social.

Wednesday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Maxine Crisp, Hazel McCoy, Vera Belyeu (2) and Alpha Wilson (2). Exercise and dominoes.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Maxine Crisp (2), Alpha Wilson (2), Ruby Harrell, Vera Belyeu (2) and Falba Shofner (2). Ball toss and dominoes.

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

Sunday: Church of Christ
TEAMWORK: One is alone - together there is a world of possibilities.

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"I LOVE A RAINY NIGHT"
Memories -- The visions and tales they still bring to mind.
I believe the late Eddie Rabbit sang a song entitled -- "Oh, I Love A Rainy Night."

It seems to me that rainy nights create a sense of languor, a coziness, a peaceful, serene sense of being safely snug, protected, dry and warm in a dreamy, almost surreal kind of enchanting atmosphere or way.

It is also my supposition that whatever memories of rainy nights you might have could vastly color or influence your feelings, ideas and/or opinions of rainy nights.

We never lived on a farm, so I never had to get out in the cold rain to gather the baby chickens into the chicken house, or herd the cows into the barn, nor plow the west 40 nor anything of that description. We always lived in town, which was my fathers preference.

Both parents were employed downtown. Mama was a bookkeeper at a gasoline distributorship and Daddy had his own radio and electrical repair shop. Consequently when there was no school, such as summers and weekends, my sister, Ann and I got to stay home and pretty much do as we pleased.

When it rained, our favorite thing to do was to languish in bed all day, read library books or magazines and eat peanut butter and crackers.

There were some times when Ann would grow bored with this diet and she would then resort to eating p-nut butter and mayonnaise sandwiches on bread. However, I never cared for sandwiches with a combination of those two particular spreads. I also must confess that though Ann did lay in bed and read, she didn't languish as much as I did. I know that she would want me to tell that part to be truthfully accurate, and to set the record straight.

More lately rainy nights conjure up pictures of the large plump raindrops plopping softly upon the soil, aiding the flowers, vegetables, herbs, and other garden plants in their quest to quench their thirst. The rain not only gives them a most welcome drink of water, but it also moistens the soil around the plants which enables them to grow and thrive.

You have probably noticed also how much the birds enjoy the rain. Not only do they get welcome refreshment but they enjoy oh so much, the bath. They flutter their little wings, wriggle their tiny bodies, and hop about in the puddles of water, chirping and just having a grand old time.

It is raining as I write this article and I'm almost positive that little bird near the flower bed is singing a song I recognize. It sounds suspiciously like "Oh, I Love A Rainy Night-it-!!"



WINNER AT ABILENE SPEEDWAY — Dakota Bomar's box car was named Best Looking Car, the Overall Winner at Abilene Speedway. His parents are Samantha Bomar and Jerry Johnson. Special thanks to Danny Sturgill at Sturgill Turbine Service who sponsored the box car races and provided the trophy.



GUESTS AT KIWANIS CLUB — Mrs. Pat Stephens and three of her Gifted/Talented students presented the program at a recent Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meeting regarding the Night of the Notables. Pictured above are Charlie Ross, program chairman, (from left), Katie Mack as Sheryl Swoopes, Karen Ross as Paul Revere, Megan Felty as Joni Eareckson Tada and Mrs. Pat Stephens.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Last Tuesday, Mable Lee of Lubbock spent the night with Cowan and Laverne. Mable is Cowan's sister. Sunday afternoon Laverne attended a baby shower for Janice Phillips at Rising Star.

Some of our members were out of town visiting relatives; therefore, the news is short.

The quilting ladies did get Trisha's "Rail Fence" out. It was beautiful. We are working on Cody's "Nine Patch and Snowballs." We also have Laverne's "Fan Quilt" in. Another pretty one.

We had our monthly meeting. We discussed plans about our upcoming

Quilt Show and Open House. Be looking for more information. It is targeted for October.

We also had some visitors at quilting Tuesday, Little Rachel and Dodge. Well, yes, their mother's, Tamara and Shanna, came also. They are soo cute, all 4. Their grandmother Sandy and great-grandmother Laverne are very proud of them. All the club loves to have them stop by.

Words of Wisdom #76: You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you. Walt Disney

OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH

The Callahan County Nutrition Project will celebrate older American's month by asking the seniors of Callahan County to bring a friend to any of the three senior citizen centers from May 17-21st. The senior who brings the most friends will receive a neat prize!

Wrangler Belles Audition May 16

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles schedules for Sunday, May 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the Cisco Junior College gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$850.00 to \$1,250.00 per year.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU

MAY 17 - MAY 21

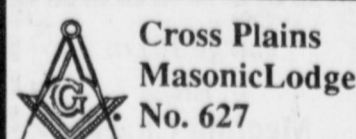
MONDAY—Pepper steak w/ gravy, zucchini, macaroni & cheese, strawberry cake, bread and milk.

TUESDAY—Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, refried beans, peaches, crackers and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Ham & lima beans, spinach, hominy, rosy applesauce, cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY—Meatloaf, new potatoes, California blend veggies, fruit salad, bread and milk.

FRIDAY—Breaded chicken patty, gravy, brussel sprouts, mashed potatoes, chocolate cake, bread and milk.



Stated Meeting
1st Thursday 7:30 p.m.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Vanda,

In the school year of 1950-51 the Cross Plains High School football team won their district championship under Coach Frank Rundel. For the past several years the members of this team, along with Coach Rundel have met for lunch at each homecoming. It has become an event eagerly looked forward to by these men and their wives.

At the last homecoming there was much discussion about a group of people who have been missing from our luncheon. They are the cheerleaders who played such an important part of that season. Unfortunately we have lost touch with them and need help identifying and locating all of them.

Is there any way you could help us get in touch with these ladies? We would be most grateful for any assistance. Information can be sent to me at 3402 W. Ohio, Midland, Texas 79703.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Beeler

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Fighting Hay Fever

If you are one of the millions of people who suffer from pollen-sensitive allergies, allergists have these tips: keep windows closed in the car and at home, use air conditioning, avoid outdoor work in the early morning and late afternoon when pollen count is at its highest, wash your hair after spending time outside. There are many over-the-counter medicines available. Always check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking over-the-counter medication if you are taking prescription medication.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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A fellow minister told of a dog they had when he was a kid. The dog had a very unusually long tail -- so long that it was forever knocking things over or brushing up against people and leaving hair. His father decided to cut the dog's tail off -- and did -- seven inches of it! In spite of his father's assurance that dogs had little to no feeling in their tails, Spot indicated otherwise -- and it didn't seem that he was just trying to gain sympathy...

This fellow minister went on to make an application of his story that was much longer than what I have just passed on. He wrote: "We're always willing to make changes in other folks so as to make them more agreeable to us. We nearly always assume that they don't have any 'feelings' in that area -- that it won't bother them. We are quite willing to amputate anything in them which we find offensive. 'I'll love you if, 'I'll accept you when' 'You can be a part of our group if -- and always what's implied is that something about you must be amputated because we don't like it. And we wonder why folks are suspicious, or give us the cold shoulder. Maybe they see that axe raised high in the air and they're not too sure of just what we're aiming for. 'This won't hurt a bit,' somehow isn't much assurance either."

Is Jesus' plea, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them," too simplistic to mention? Or how about Paul's mentioning that "love suffers long and is kind...does not seek its own...bears all things...never fails"? A person who can't strive to follow these guidelines shouldn't expect to be even "a dog's best friend!"

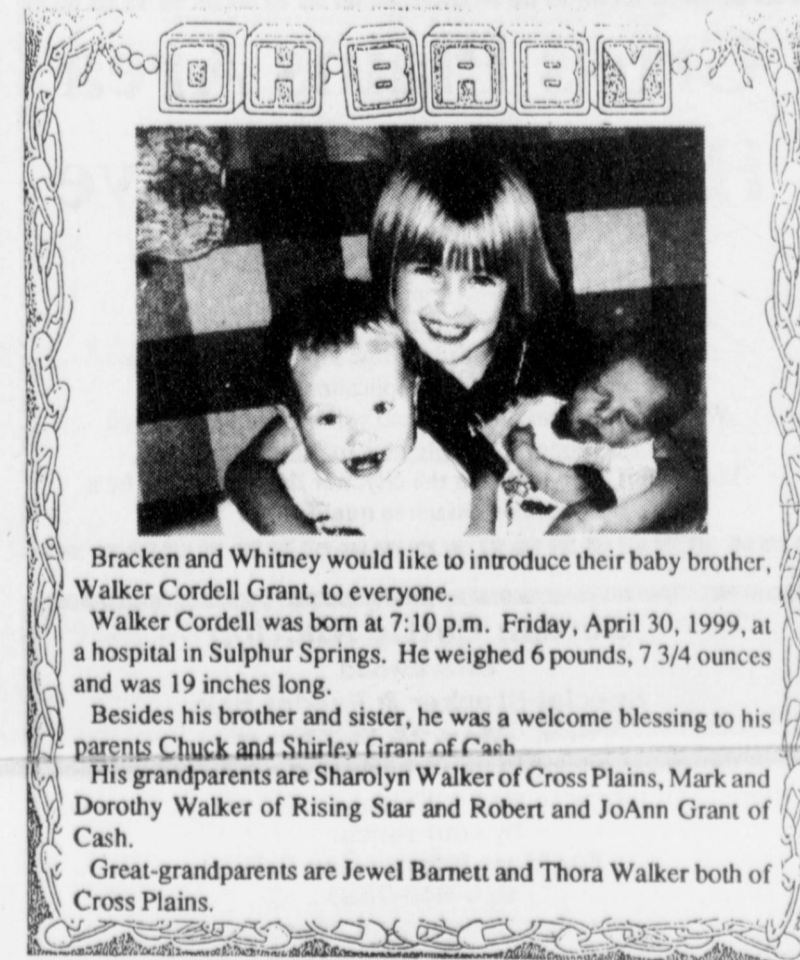
Come join us in our attempt to be changed more and more into the likeness of Christ, II Corinthians 3:18 -- "by the Spirit of the Lord," not somebody's axe...

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

Selected Scriptures

Let those who fear You turn to me, those who know Your testimonies. Psalms 119:79
Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance. Psalms 89:15
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Bracken and Whitney would like to introduce their baby brother, Walker Cordell Grant, to everyone.

Walker Cordell was born at 7:10 p.m. Friday, April 30, 1999, at a hospital in Sulphur Springs. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 3/4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Besides his brother and sister, he was a welcome blessing to his parents Chuck and Shirley Grant of Cash.

His grandparents are Sharolyn Walker of Cross Plains, Mark and Dorothy Walker of Rising Star and Robert and JoAnn Grant of Cash.

Great-grandparents are Jewel Barnett and Thora Walker both of Cross Plains.

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



1998-99 FHA MEMBERS



STATE DAIRY CONTEST—The Dairy Foods Judging team from Cross Plains High School placed tenth in the State FFA Dairy Foods Contest held recently at Tarleton State University. Pictured second from left are Mary Jo Nickerson, Brandy Hutton, Laura Ricci, Brandi Richey and advisor Roy Richey. At left is Connie Fox, Tarleton faculty member and contest director. (Photo Courtesy of Tarleton State University)



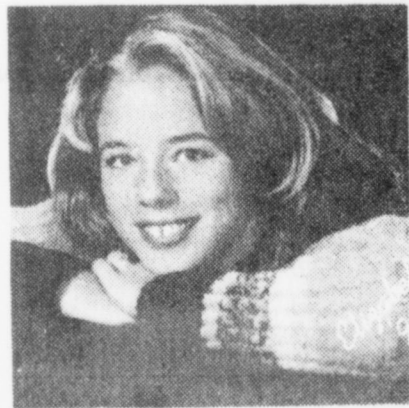
1998-99 FHA OFFICERS—Jeff Worley, Secretary (from left); Jake Meryman, Reporter; Shannadon Black, Treasurer; Marian Hix, President and Brooke Callaway, Vice President.



1999-2000 HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS—Jodi Payne (back, from left), Brandi Richey, Vanessa Webb, Head, and Marian Hix; Jennifer Turner (front, from left), Emily Winfrey, Shena Thomas and Candice Bailey.



GIFTED/TALENTED STUDENTS — Megan Felty (front, from left), Melissa Luter and Julieanne Mack; Russell Thomas, Katie Mack, Karen Ross and Danielle Felty.



ELIZABETH MCCARTY



BRICE HAIL

McCarty and Hail Named FHA Scholarship Recipients by C.P.H.S. Students

The Future Homemakers of America organization of Cross Plains High School awarded two \$240 scholarships this year. The sixty-five FHA members voted on the graduating seniors who would be attending college in the fall. 1996 was the first year that a scholarship was given by the FHA organization and this marks the

fourth year in doing so. A tradition that will be continued. Elizabeth McCarty will be attending Cisco Junior College in the fall. Brice Hail will be attending the University of Texas in Arlington in the fall. The FHA members want to wish Elizabeth and Brice the best of luck and success in college.



1999-2000 JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS—Shanna Hyles (back, from left), Jennifer Young, Bree Dillard and Kristin Hyles; Katie Mack (front, from left) and Stephanie Edington.

NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES PRESENTED RECENTLY

The Cross Plains Gifted/Talented students presented the "Night of the Notables" Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Elementary School. This years notables are as follows:

Abigail Adams, Julieanne Mack; Helen Keller, Danielle Felty; Mark McGwire, Russell Thomas; Suzanna Dickenson, Melissa Luter; Sheryl Swoopes, Katie Mack; Paul Revere, Karen Ross, Joni Tada,

Megan Felty. Students and parents learned some new and old facts about the notables. Each student presented their notables with facts and questions, a timeline of their lives, a fictional (a what if story), and served a special food that told something about their person. The students have worked very hard this year and the night was enjoyed by all.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.
TUESDAY—Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice and milk.
THURSDAY—Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY—Pizza, salad, corn, pears and milk.
TUESDAY—Vegetable-chicken soup, grilled cheese, crackers, peaches and milk.
WEDNESDAY—Sloppy Joes, ranch beans, carrot sticks, pudding and milk.
THURSDAY—Barbecue weiners, creamed potatoes, green beans, slice bread, mixed fruit and milk.
FRIDAY— Sandwich, chips, salad, pickle spears, Rice Krispie treats and milk.

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LITTLE LEAGUE FUND-RAISER A BIG SUCCESS -- Drawing Winners Told

The Cross Plains Little League would like to thank everyone who helped with their fund-raiser this year. It was a great success.

They would also like to thank everyone who donated prizes: Jimmy McNutt; Traders Cafe; Subway; The Cross Plains Buffs' Baseball Team; West Texas Sidewinders; Ci Ci's Pizza, J & J Auto; Pioneer Farmers Coop; The Texas Rangers; Charlie's Truck and Trailer Repair; Tim's Floral and Gifts; Jean's Feed Barn; T & K Tire and Alignment; Cross Plains Petroleum; The Cross Plains Review; The Abilene Prairie Dogs; Chili's; Wal-Mart; Target; Citizens State Bank; Joe Allen's; and the Fairfield Inn.

Below is a complete list of all the winners for the raffle. If you won a prize you may pick it up at the ball park during any of the baseball games.

Ford T-shirt and cap - Jimmy McNutt
Enchiladas for two at Traders Cafe - Becky Sparks
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\$10 Gift Certificates from Jean's Feed Barn - Randy Baker and Mike Rogers

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Cap, T-shirt and baseball from Abilene Prairie Dogs - Linda Strength

Appetizers and Desserts from Chili's - Carol Bennett and Bonnie Dickson
\$20.00 Gift Certificate from Wal-Mart - Lurene McNutt
\$50.00 Savings Bond from Citizens State Bank - Don Rogers
\$50.00 Gift Certificate from Target - Glen Maxwell
\$50.00 Gift Certificate from Joe Allen's - Cindy Smith
One Night Stay at the Fairfield Inn - Mary Ellen Cooper.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LAKEWOOD RECREATION CENTER PRESENTED

By JACK SCOTT

One of the oldest recreational facilities in this part of Texas is the Lakewood Club, on Highway 36, midway between Cross Plains and Rising Star.

The big public playground, as it is usually thought of, was originally built by Phillips Petroleum Company in 1928 as an amenity for their employees and their families. Membership for a very nominal fee was extended to residents of this area. Name of the facility at that time was Phil Pe Co Country Club.

The 20-odd acre lake had been built in 1922 to provide water for a gasoline refinery and nearby housing development which the oil company built at Pioneer. Engineer in charge of construction at both the plant and the lake was W.C. Rouse of Sipe Springs, who also served as superintendent of the casing head gasoline facility.

In addition to the nine-hole, sand greens golf course, Phillips also erected a bath house, a long pier into the water, used by both divers and fishermen. There was no club house in those days but members used the large shade trees for many pleasant gatherings and social events.

Those were the days before America became involved in the greatest war the world ever experienced. Things were less expensive back then. Monthly membership at Lakewood was only \$2 per family.

Many good and great golfers exhibited their skills in tournaments at the old club. Among them were Tommy Bolt who went on to become PGA champion; Ben Hogan, a caddy reared at Dublin, now regarded as one of the world's best shotmakers, and a local boy J.T. Hammett who was raised on Phil. Pe. Co. Property. His record score of 29 was never equaled on the old links.

Golf carts were unheard of back then. Everybody walked and cad-

dies toted heavy bags for 25 cents a round. Those caddies, who included most every boy who lived in Pioneer, learned to play golf well themselves. Many became championship fliers. Most of all, those lads learned early in life the rewards of honest toil. Now they tell their grandsons how pleased they were when tipped with a 5 cent soda pop, after carrying a 75 pound golf bag for 18 holes on a hot summer afternoon.

After World War II, when Phillips Petroleum Company had left this area and their holdings passed to other ownership, the golf course was acquired by a group of local members. Under the leadership of Bob Needham, a man well-known and respected in both Cross Plains and Rising Star, a \$200,000 loan was secured from the Farmers Home Administration and all of the existing buildings and other facilities were constructed. Name of the club was changed at that time to its present designation.

A glimpse at Lakewood today reveals many differences with activities there a generation or so ago. One thing remains constant, the same now as always. It's still a nice place to take the family for a picnic supper, let the kiddos fish, or play a few holes of golf themselves.

Something often seen there now and never in yesteryears are public school contests in which hundreds of boys and girls, both high school and elementary compete. One recent afternoon more than 400 youngsters were there for cross-country foot racing. Twenty buses with more than 30 accompanying adults were evident. They came from as far away as Fort Worth.

Cross Plains with its hometown environment is today one of the finest small cities in Texas and Lakewood contributes to that position with the recreation it affords to people of all ages.

10th Annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale Set for Saturday, June 12, at Wylie

The 10th annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, Abilene, Texas. This sale benefits the West Texas Rehab who was the recipient of over \$19,000 raised from last year's sale. These revenues go directly into treatment services for over 17,000 patients the Rehab serves each year.

Lamb chairmen John Helmer of Merkel, Charlie Palmer of Clyde, Gaines Price of Roscoe, and Wade Stephens of Cross Plains are expecting close to 150 lambs from donors throughout Texas, Okla-

homa, New Mexico, Nebraska, Missouri & Illinois for the sale this year. Jennifer Morris, goat chairman from Colorado City, expects around 75 goats to be donated from top Texas breeders. Only lambs and goats bought at this sale will be eligible for the Rehab Jackpot Show, December 11, at the Dorthea Griffin Arena at Taylor County Expo Center.

To donate a lamb or goat to the sale, call any of the chairmen or contact Danny Isbell at the Rehab Center in Abilene at 915-793-3507 or Dee Lackey at the Rehab Center in San Angelo at 915-223-6311.

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The event will be held at the Abilene Regional airport.

Racing will be held from sunup to sundown, the gates to the airport's west side entrance will open at 7 a.m.

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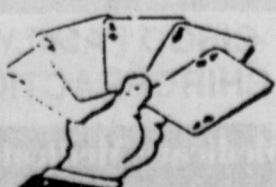
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Safe and Sober Graduation

AUSTIN—The Coalition for Vehicle Choice (CVC) is reminding parents and students to act responsibly and encourage safe and sober driving for both prom and graduation festivities.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 1997, alcohol was involved in 38.6% of fatal crashes and that one alcohol-related fatality occurred every 31 minutes.

The Coalition is calling for students, parents, and teachers to encourage and support safe driving efforts. Local businesses and community leaders across the country are sponsoring alcohol-free prom parties or all night graduation "lock-ins," places where entertainment and fun activities are provided throughout the night to keep teens off the roads and sober.

Barcellona suggests these four simple messages to help make this years prom and graduation safe, fun and memorable: • Keep it alcohol-free. Sponsors of prom/graduation parties should ensure that no alcohol is served to minors, and take extra steps to guard against alcohol being brought in. • Don't drink and drive. Three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. Positive peer pressure can discourage alcohol-impaired persons from driving. Refuse a ride from anyone who has been drinking. Party sponsors/parents can also help by providing "no-hassle" free rides home. • No sleepy drivers. Make proper arrangements if a party is expected to let out late. Parents need to let teens know that it's okay to call home or some other responsible party if they are too tired to drive. • Always wear your safety belt. Even if you are a sober and alert driver, others on the road may not be. A safety belt is your best protection in an automobile crash, and a good defense against drunk drivers - not only on prom/graduation night but each time you travel by car. Barcellona said, "Let prom pictures evoke lasting, pleasant memories and not tragic unforgiving ones." Following this simple advice during prom and graduation can help provide greater peace of mind for students, friends and parents alike.

Residential Programs Work in TDCJ Study

AUSTIN—A Texas Department of Criminal Justice study tracking Texas felons sentenced to residential treatment instead of prison for violating their community supervision shows that more than 75 percent had not been arrested again for a new offense two years after being discharged.

The study of 2,600 convicted felons discharged in May 1996 also found that the average cost of sending offenders to residential treatment is 23.6 percent less than the average cost of sending them to prison, over the length of the average sentence. Local courts send more than 10,000 offenders to residential treatment each year.

"The results support our belief that residential programs reduce recidivism and are a cost-effective alternative to sending nonviolent offenders to prison," says Wayne Scott, TDCJ executive director.

A council of residential facility directors in community supervision and the Community Justice Assistance Division (TDCJ-CJAD) conducted the two-year study. Only residential programs funded directly by TDCJ-CJAD were included. The programs are boot camps, restitution centers, intermediate sanction facilities, court residential treatment centers and substance abuse treatment facilities.

TDCJ-CJAD gives more than \$210 million annually to the state's 122 community supervision and corrections departments. The departments serve 254 counties and supervise the 440,000 misdemeanants and felons placed on supervision by local courts.

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Eck-Flatt Announce Engagement and Approaching Marriage

Announcement is being made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Tiffany D. Eck of San Antonio, originally from Cedar Falls, Iowa and William Colby Flatt of Eula.

Parents of the couple are David and Paula Eck of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Schrenia Spurlock of Dublin and Cotton and Clarice Flatt of Wichita Falls. Colby's grandparents are

W.D. and Billie Clark of Cross Plains and Wade and Sid Flatt of Wichita Falls.

The bride elect is a first grade teacher in San Antonio. Her fiancé is the owner of a cable contracting company.

Vows are planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Texas Rural Development Housing Programs Announced

The Texas USDA Rural Development Agency has several Housing Loan Programs available to assist qualified very low, low and moderate income applicants in the construction or purchase of a home in communities with less than 10,000 population. Under certain conditions, loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 population.

These loans require no downpayment nor mortgage insurance and can be made for up to 100% of the market value of the property, which in some cases allows for financing of the closing costs. Loan terms are from 30 to 33 years, with fixed interest rates. Payment assistance is available, based on family size and income, which may reduce the interest rate on the loan to as low as one percent (1%).

The Agency also administers Home Repair Loans and Grants for qualified very low income owner-occupants.

Grant funds are available for homeowners 62 years of age and over who cannot repay a loan and must be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, water and waste disposal, installing screens, windows, insulation and other items to make the home safe. Grant assistance may not exceed \$7,500.

Home Repair Loans may include similar purposes as the grant, but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodel and make overall improvements to the home. The loan term can be of up to 20 years, with a fixed one percent (1%) interest rate. The loan amount cannot exceed \$20,000.

For more information and qualification requirements for these programs, please contact the Rural Development office at 4400 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite 4150, Abilene, TX 79606 or call (915)690-6162 extension 4.

Erfing The First...

Erfing. Erfing, Erfing, Erfing. I love the sound of that name. He started out Elmer. Elmer and Daisy, two robust, squealing weaner porkers that we carried screeching from The Pig Man's delivery truck to our barn. Everyone on the mountain knew we were getting new pigs. Everyone within squealing distance.

Elmer and Daisy settled into their pen; a little corner of the barn with lots of bedding hay thrown into it, for these were early piglets, still needing to survive the remainder of a Washington State winter before they could begin to pork out on summer's bounty. It was months before they would want to wallow in a mudhole to cool off on a hot summer's day.

Quite a pair they were, darting as one into a corner at my approach. From that safe haven, they would regard me with their beady little stares. There's no stare like a pig stare. You begin to feel transparent under their gaze. It is evident they are sizing you up and forming their irreversible opinions.

My Keeper and I became quite fond of them, and were learning quite a bit about pigs, and then Daisy died. Elmer was desolate and would not be consoled. He tried to tell us how much she meant to him, and how he couldn't bear to go on without her.

Soon, he leaned on us for companionship. He looked forward to our visits, even if we were just passing by his pen on the way into the barn.

He greeted my approaching footsteps. "Erf, erf, erf," he called, and I responded in kind. He'd peer over the top of his gate and run to peek between each of the slats between boards as he followed me.

It bothered us to have only half of the Elmer and Daisy team, so he

became Erfing. Erfing, The 1st. Our first pig. Erf, for short.

It became a habit somehow that Erf would startle me by crouching behind his wooden gate until I leaned over to find him. Then he'd jump up and bump me with his snout.

The habit progressed to bumping his pan as I attempted to set it down beside him. At my dismay, he would chortle — like this — heh, heh, heh, heh. I know he did!

His bowl would be buffeted and tossed, and I'd have to rake it toward me.

I was creating a monster. He fed on my timidity. It's a good thing, because the goat milk spilled and soaked into the ground. He'd never fatten up that way.

Once I surprised myself and bopped him on the snout, yelling, "Stop that, you brat!"

Erfing sat back in surprise. He eyed me, cocking his head one way and then the other.

I shivered in my shoes, thinking now I've really gone and done it. He'll turn mean, alone by himself with no company and only humans to reason with.

Erfing turned his back on me and trotted away into the depths of his barn pen, toward his bedroom area where he regularly whipped up the hay with his snout to create cozy nesting spots. He would all but disappear into them to keep warm on cold nights.

He nosed around a bit, unearthing something. It was his pan. He set it down squarely in front of me and sat back on his haunches, waiting. I dutifully filled it with milk still warm from the udder. He waited politely.

I thanked him. He thanked me. We had come to an understanding, Erfing and I, and he was henceforth mannerly, gentle, and kind. © Ginny Greene, 1999

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Cosmetology 1507	Princ of Manicuring	TBA	Night classes held on Monday and Wednesday are as follows:		
Cosmetology 1508	Princ of Haircoloring	TBA	ENGL 2322	Readings in Eng. Lit.	6:15-10:15p.m.
Drama 1220	Rehearsal and Perform.	TBA	HIST 1301	Hist. of US Since 1865	6:15-10:15p.m.
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Registration for the first summer session at Cisco Junior College's Abilene Educational Center will be held on May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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HIST 1301	Hist. of US to Reconstr.	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
PSYC 2314	Human Growth & Drip	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
SOCI 1301	Principles of Sociology	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
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ECON 2301	Principles of Econ (Macro)	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
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ENGL 1302	Eng. Comp & Rhetor	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
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HIST 1302	Hist of US since Reconstr	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
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SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
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MATH 1314	College Algebra	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.
MUSI 1306	Music Appreciation	1:00p.m.-2:55p.m.
PHIL 1301	Intro to Philosophy	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.
PHED 1101	Aerobics & Fitness	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.
PHED 2101	Aerobics & Fitness	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.
SOCI 2301	Marriage & Family	8:00a.m.-9:55a.m.
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	1:00p.m.-2:55p.m.
DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION		
Developmental Writing I:		
Monday through Thursday	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.	
Developmental Writing II:		
Monday through Thursday	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.	
Tuesday and Thursday	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.	
Developmental Writing III:		
Monday through Thursday	10:00a.m.-11:55a.m.	
Tuesday and Thursday	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.	
Basic Math:		
Tuesday and Thursday	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.	
Elementary Algebra:		
Monday and Wednesday	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.	
Monday through Thursday	1:00p.m.-2:55p.m.	
Intermediate Algebra:		
Monday through Thursday	8:00a.m.-9:55a.m.	
Monday and Wednesday	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.	
Technical Classes will be as follows:		
MA 2601	Med Assist Externship	TBA (12 weeks)
Monday and Wednesday classes will be as follows:		
CJ 2306	First Line Police Suprv	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
MGMT 2301	Computers & Bus I	8:00a.m.-10:00a.m. V
MGMT 2320	Spcl Tps/Word/Win95	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
RE 2308	RE Investments	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
MA 1301	Med Terminology	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday classes will be as follows:		
HS 2312	Training Aich Trainers	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
MGMT 2301	Computers & Bus I (12 weeks)	6:15-10:15p.m.
RE 1301	RE Princ & Pract	6:15p.m.-10:15p.m.
Distance Learning Classes: (12 weeks)		
GOVT 2306	State & Local Govt.	TBA
HIST 1302	Hist of US since Reconstr.	TBA

The first class day is May 24 at all locations.
For more information, contact the CJC office in
Abilene (915) 673-4567
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Spring Fling Videos Ready

If you ordered, or want to order a video tape of this years Beta Sigma Phi's Spring Fling, they are now ready to be picked up. The cost is just \$10.00. Also, you may pick up the pictures submitted for the photogenic contest. Please contact Wanda Merryman at 725-6476, or Nora Odom at 725-6840.

Sorority Installs New Officers

The Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its bimonthly meeting Monday, May 10, 1999, at the home of Kathy Anderson with Jamie Apple as hostess.

Sisters will be helping with the Silent Auction at the Leon Nixon Benefit on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We will also be setting up on Friday, May 14, at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with this worthy cause may contact Kim Woerner at 725-7570.

Scholarship essays were handed over to the scholarship committee. Winner of \$300 scholarship will be announced at the Graduation Ceremonies, Friday, May 21.

Officers installed for 1999-2000 are:

President Jamie Apple, Vice President Cathy Wood, Extension Officer Sarah Brashear, Recording Secretary Mary Ann Chaffin, Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Hunsaker and Treasurer Wanda Merryman.

Members attending the meeting were Joyce McCoy, Mary Ann Chaffin, Bobbie Johnston, Kelly Lafoon, Jamie Apple, Sarah Brashear, Cathy Wood, Kathy Anderson, Wanda Merryman and Nora Odom.

AA Meeting Held Weekly At May

Aiconomics 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.

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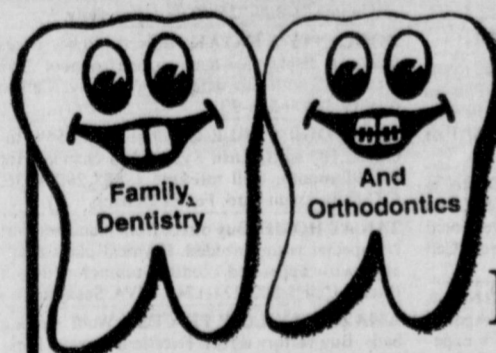
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