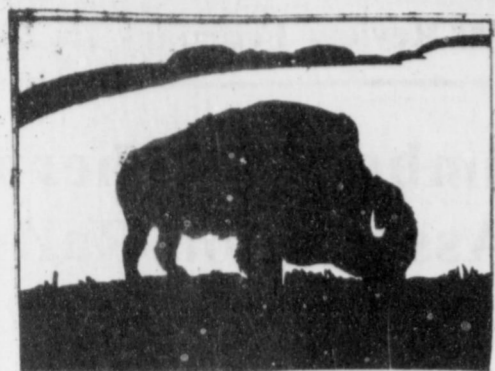


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DISTRICT 10-A RUNNER-UP— Toni Mae Wyatt (Manager) (front, from left), Candice Bailey, Shena Thomas and Erin Stephens (Manager); Judith Hartman (kneeling, from left), Amanda Kitchens and Sarah Nixon; Coach Mitchell Atchley (standing, from left), Jennifer Turner, Dani Marion, Angela Rodriguez (Manager), Amber Wilson, Tessa Wyatt and Head Coach Mike Cavender.

VARSITY LADY BUFFS FINISH RUNNER-UP IN DISTRICT 10-A

By **COACH MIKE CAVENDER**
On Tuesday the Lady Buffs traveled to Baird in their final regular District 10-A contest. They were defeated by the Bears by the score of 76 to 36. It was a tough emotional loss and we just never got anything started at

any point. The girls struggled from the field shooting 13 percent for the game. They missed a lot of free throws early when we could have kept the game close, until things settled down going 1 for our first 13 attempted and 24 for 45 total from the line.

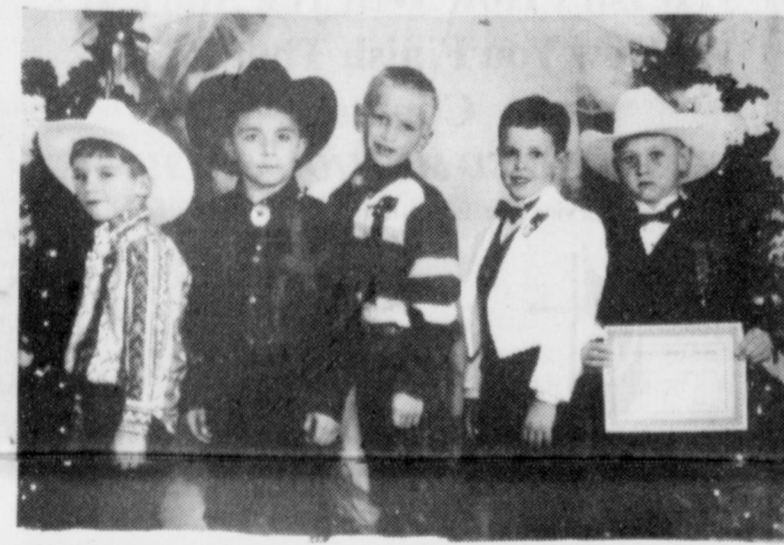
With this loss the Lady Buffs fell back into a 2-way tie with May at 5-3 for the district runner-up spot. On Friday the Lady Buffs traveled to the neutral site of DeLeon for the district play-off match with May. We came away with a big victory by the score of 47-40.

The 1st quarter went back and forth, ending with a 10 to 10 tie and we went in at halftime up by 4, 26-22. The kids had an excellent 3rd quarter and started the 4th up by 15, 42 to 27. The first 5:00 minutes of the 4th the girls couldn't get the ball to drop from the field or the free throw line, but when the game got tight with 3 minutes to go, we did what we needed to do to

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Overall Photogenic Winner — Jurnee Thomas, daughter of Travis and Kim Thomas



1ST GRADE ESCORTS— Tony Skidmore (from left), Ethan Wells, Cody Self, Dakota Gilliam, Dakota Bomar- Judge's Choice. Not pictured Jayten Ames.



MISS SWEETIE PIE (Pre-K) — Christa Potter (Pageant Photos Courtesy of Tammy Weiser of Weiser Weddings and Photography).

Miss Valentine Pageant A Great Success for Sorority

The annual Miss Valentine Pageant was presented last Saturday and was reported a success by all involved. There were 38 contestants in the pageant and 40 plus entries in the Photogenic Contest.

Beta Sigma Phi would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who helped with the event in any way. The joint cooperation made the evening flow smoothly. A

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KIWANIS Pancake Supper Monday

Just four days away, on Monday night February 19th, is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year — the Kiwanis Pancake Supper! It is the night for great food and great fellowship.

The price for so much eating and fun together remains the same as in the past — \$3 per person (thanks to a lot of donations). That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water. Where can you get an eating deal like that?! A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanians with their many programs of help during the year — too numerous to list.

The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Monday night, February 19th, beginning at 5 p.m., going until 7 p.m. The place is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy them now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two — maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. As stated last week, if you wait to pay at the door, Charles Rodenberger just might talk you into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, February 16, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving beef stew with corn bread, coffee or tea at \$3.00 per plate. Sandwiches and pie will also be available. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and musical entertainment commences at 6:00 p.m.

Mary E. Weaver will be the emcee for the evening. Admission is free.



DEMONSTRATING A BIRD TRAP—Cottonwood resident David Jones, at right, demonstrates how pigeons are placed inside a bird trap used to train Brittany Spaniel bird dogs. A film crew spent the day Wednesday, Febru-

ary 4 at the Jones ranch filming an episode about the Brittany dog breed. Jones will be featured in an upcoming episode for the Animal Planet's "Breed All About It" sometime in July or August.

Local Bird Dog Breeder to Be Featured on National T.V.

The Animal Planet television network will air an episode of the show "Breed All About It" in which Cottonwood residents David and Debbie Jones will be featured.

A production crew from Littleton, Colorado spent all day Wednesday, February 7 filming at the Jones 60-acre ranch on County Road 461.

The 30-minute show "Breed All About It" will detail the different life stages of the dog breed Brittany Spaniel. Jones operates a Brittany hunting dog training school and also operates an Internet website "brittanygundogs.com."

Jones, who has owned Brittany's on and off for 30 years, said the episode will also show Brittany's are great family pets as well. Jones

will train Brittany's for some 45 days while the animal is six months to one year old and then go through a finishing school for another 45 days when the animal is two years old. The dogs are trained to spot quail, pheasant and grouse. Jones says the schooling also teaches the animals obedience. "A trained dog is a happy dog," Jones stated.

David is a 1979 graduate of Clyde High School. His wife, Debbie, is the former Clyde resident Debbie Watts. Debbie is still employed by Abilene Christian University, where both her children, Melissa and Clint attend school.

Jones said the production company Rocket Pictures heard about

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Cross Plains EDC Announced \$45,000 Loan for New Company

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, Inc. is pleased to announce that the EDC Board and the City Council of Cross Plains has approved a \$45,000 loan to Mr. Hugh 'Bo' Barr to be used in the establishment of a new company located in the city of Cross Plains.

The business, Barr Fabrication LLC is owned by Sandra and Bo Barr. Sandra is the president and Bo is the vice president of the company. Barr Fabrication is in the metal fabrication business and specializes in manufacturing items for the railcar industry.

Barr will also receive a loan/grant in the amount of \$10,251 from the EDC to build a portable office building and to help defray the cost of wiring the manufacturing facilities. The business has leased a vacant building in the city.

Mr. Barr brings over 25 years of experience in railcar and pressure vessel manufacturing and long-term

relationships with several high profile railcar manufacturing firms including Trinity Industries, Gunderson, Inc., ACF Industries, and Union Tank Car. Barr's business plan indicates that it will start production with three production employees and two administrative employees. An additional two production employees are anticipated in the next 60 to 90 days.

Terry Thomas, EDC Director, said, "The city of Cross Plains is very pleased to welcome Barr Fabrication and looks forward to a long mutually beneficial relationship."

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Bennett Receives Foster Building from Local EDC

The Cross Plains E.D.C., Inc. is pleased to announce that the EDC Board and the City Council of Cross Plains has approved the granting of the "Foster Grocery" building on Main Street to Bryan Bennett, owner of Bennett Economic Security Team (BEST). Mr. Bennett plans to renovate the building and operate his business from the site. BEST specializes

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

David H. Cowley, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Marriage Licenses

David Strange Covington and Gayla Jane Norbury, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Nicky Hal Harris and Evelyn Marie Harris, divorce.

Kasle Energy, Inc. vs. Olga Beasley, et al, appointment of a receiver.

Deborah Fay Canada and William Severne Canada, divorce.

Colonial Oaks Services

First Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 18, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 4, 2001 through February 10, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-83
Complaints-89
DWI-1

Vehicle Accidents

There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

There were seven outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$2,018.00 collected.

Kimberly Kay Hughes and Donald Gene Hughes, Jr., divorce.
Carol Ann Rogers and William Craig Rogers, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Iona Louise Smith and Ronnie Truitt Smith, divorce granted.

Sandra Kay Burks and Ricky Lloyd Burks, divorce granted.

Sarah Howell and Jason Monroe Howell, divorce granted.

Criminal Info. & Complaints

Criminal Indictments

Criminal Minutes

Irene G. Martinez, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$224.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.

2-12-01

Three confirmed rabies cases reported in Callahan County in 2000

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division reported three confirmed rabies cases in Callahan County between January and December 2000, according to a recently released Department of Health report.

Two skunks and one bobcat were confirmed for rabies during the 12 months of 2000 in Callahan County.

The Department of Health said 21 cases were determined as negative for rabies in 2000 in the County. Those included five negative cases from skunks, two from fox, one bat, five dogs and eight cats examined throughout the year 2000 in the County.

The Texas Department of Health tested a total of 11,023 animal heads for rabies between January and December 2000. The Zoonosis Control Division reported some 830 cases were tested positive for rabies in 2000.

OBITUARIES

Lester R. Bush

Mr. Lester R. Bush, 96, of Cross Plains, died Saturday, February 10, 2001, in the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 12, at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Lester was born October 23, 1904, in Cottonwood to Eddie Lee and Ida Viola (Powell) Bush. He married Lucille Champion on May 8, 1926 in Baird. Mr. Bush has lived in Cross Plains and the Cottonwood area all his life. He was a farmer, carpenter and a member of the Church of Christ in Cross Plains.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Bush, of Cross Plains; two sons, Neil Bush and his wife, Shirley of Borger and Gene Bush of Cross Plains; three granddaughters, Susan Kate Lawson and her husband, Britt of Dallas, Ronda Anderson of Lubbock and Brinda Cates and her husband, Jeff of Amarillo; three great-grandchildren, Jay and Judy Anderson of Lubbock and Logan Cates of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clarence Bush.

Pallbearers were James Alexander, Benny Callaway, James Lawrence, H.T. Peevy, R.T. Peevy and Walter L. Thomason.

Billy Bacon, Jr.

CISCO—Billy Bacon, Jr., 70, died Friday, February 9, 2001, in an Eastland hospital. Services were held Sunday afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Ronnie Shackelford officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, directed by Chambers-Wilcox, Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bacon was born in Breckenridge. He was in the U.S. Navy, serving in Korea. He worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone as a repairman. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rex.

Survivors include his wife, Polly Bacon of Cisco; a son, Mike Bacon of Cisco; two daughters, Becky Reynolds of Cisco and Karen Rutledge of Scranton; two brothers, Tommy Bacon and Truman Bacon both of Cisco; and six grandchildren.

Curtis E. White

Curtis E. Witte, 71, Clyde, died Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at Lovelace Hospital in Albuquerque, NM following an extended illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Bailey Funeral Home with Jim Hall officiating. Burial was in the Eula Cemetery.

Mr. Witte was born September 25, 1929, in Mertens. He married Alene Farmer in Eula in 1948. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954. He was employed by Safeway Grocers for 31 years, working as assistant manager in Abilene and San Angelo and retiring in 1985. He worked for Mrs. Baird's Bakery as a supervisor until 1990, when he retired and moved to Clyde. He was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Alene Witte of Clyde; two sons, Randall Witte of Baird and Gary Witte of Midland; three daughters, Vicki Arnold of Austin, Paula Kolb of The Woodlands and Darla Burks of Garden City; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Brownwood Art Festival Calls Out For Area Artists

The festival production team of 2nd Annual Old Depot Arts Festival is currently accepting applications from artisans and craftsman throughout Texas for the festival scheduled for September 15 and 16, 2001.

Applicants vie for 10 x 10 exhibit spaces both indoors and outdoors on the festival grounds, the historically renovated Santa Fe Depot in downtown Brownwood.

Interested artists and crafters should call or write the Old Depot Arts Festival to obtain more information about applying. Available spaces for artists are limited and all art will be juried.

Show planners say that last year's art festival drew visitors from all around Texas and in parts of Oklahoma and Arizona. Its unique railroad theme finds artists and volunteer staff in costumes reflective of the heyday of the railroad and of the 20, 30 and 40's eras. The show features live musical entertainment, a special children's arts area, a train ride, arts, crafts and foods.

Interested artists are encouraged to call the Arts Council at 915-643-2482 from an application today.

Library Heralds Genealogy Meeting

For those interested in genealogy, there will be a meeting at the Cross Plains Public Library on Friday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come share experiences in searching for their ancestors.

Deadlines

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Articles - noon Mon.

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Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally Meeting Set for Tuesday

The Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association will hold a Rally Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at New Hope Baptist Church, 1045 West Commerce (old Bangs Highway), Brownwood. New Hope Baptist Church is a new congregation and the pastor is Tim Boykin.

An Executive Board Meeting and WMU Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. the quartet from First Baptist at Bangs will present the music. The guest speaker will be evangelist Bill Brett.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association has twenty-three member churches located in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Stephens and Taylor counties. The association is affiliated with Southern Baptist of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information about this meeting, contact Dwaine Clower, Association Moderator at 254 725-7574.

Girling Health Care to Provide Hospice Services In This Area

Girling Health Care, Inc. has applied for a license to provide hospice services in Brown and surrounding counties, and expects to be operational by late spring.

The addition of hospice will make Girling Health Care the only full-service home care company in the Brownwood area, where the company also provides Medicare home health and a variety of long-term home care services for the elderly and disabled. "We are putting together a very impressive team of experienced hospice professionals," said Sue Hunter, administrator. "For 25 years, Girling has been providing home care services to the citizens of Brownwood and surrounding communities. We intend to bring the same high-quality approach to our hospice division."

One of the leaders of that team, Melinda Fraley, RN, who has 10 years experience in hospice service and will be the Director of Patient Care, describes hospice this way: "It is a holistic approach to providing physical and emotional support for the patient and for the family at the end of the life period. We approach each patient with a full team available, including nurse aide, nurse, social worker, chaplain and the physician."

The company has applied for Medicare certification, and for accreditation from the nationally recognized Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Organizations.

Dr. Guillermo Minnhaar, Medical Oncologist, will serve as Medical Director. He is also Medical Director of the Walker Cancer Center at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Other key team members include Leigh Rall, RN, as Clinical Director and Jenny Peresta, MSW, as Volunteer and Bereavement Coordinator. All of these professionals have extensive experience in hospice.

"Brownwood has been without hospice services for more than a year," Ms. Hunter said, "and we have received enormous encouragement from the medical community who want to a high-quality hospice operation here."

Girling Health Care is a private home care company started more than 33 years ago by Bob and Bettie Girling. Bettie Girling grew up in Brownwood, and the couple remains committed to serving this community.

An important aspect of the hospice philosophy is the comfort and attention patients can receive from community volunteers. Ms. Hunter said they are currently building their volunteer network. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Ms. Peresta at (915) 643-5525.

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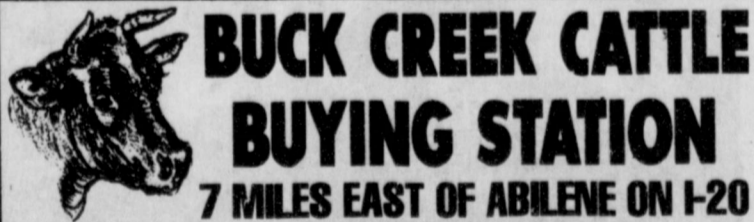
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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



MISTY YATES

Misty Yates has been selected as the employee for February. She was born on March 12, 1982, in Cisco and is 18 years old. She enjoys playing basketball, tennis and going skiing. Her favorite food is chicken. Misty received a badge and a cash gift. Congratulations Misty!

Our thoughts and prayers for June Hickman who is in the hospital.

A warm welcome for our new resident, Clifford King.

Appreciation to Dee Harrell for the candy and to Cottonwood Baptist Junior Youth for the cute Valentines they gave the residents.

Violet Edwards of Cisco visited with Delilah Goble.

Nena and Gilbert Alvarado of Big Spring, Katie Williams of Ovalo, Luke and Sam McKenzie, Lorine Bryson, Joy McKenzie and Emma visited with Carl McKenzie.

Ethel Champion visited with Jessie Casey and Pauline Switzer.

Sara Wells visited with Pauline Regian, Pauline Champion and Gladys Smith. Also visiting was W.W. Thomason.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited with Jake Childers.

Pat Bush was here visiting Wayne Brown and others.

Charleene McGowen of Brownwood, Naomi McCowen, Tamara and Sylvia Brown, Doris and Donald Duke and Charlene Grider of Rising Star visited with Raymond McCowen.

Dee Harrell, Josh and Willa and great-grandson, Lane Alen Harrell, visited with Ruby Harrell.

Jodie Bradley and Regina O'Neill of Abilene visited with Doris Adams. Marie Peavy visited with everyone.

Lurene McNutt, Charlou Cowan, Cheyenne and Hannah Cowan and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louse Richardson.

Nikki Callaway visited with Victor Long.

Walter Thomason and Alice Clark visited with Pauline Champion.

David Cloud visited Maxine Crockett and James Teel.

James and Deborah Griswold and Michael Curry of Hawley visited Deen Haddox.

Richard Lee from Comanche visited with Pauline Regian.

Carl Weaver from Houston visited with Mary Weaver.

Kathy Purvis visited with Gladys Smith.

Activities:

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey, Clifford King and Gladys Smith (2) and Falba Shofner. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise Skip-Bo games.

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were: Gladys Smith (2), Jessie Casey, Vera Belyeu and Falba Shofner. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

SUNDAY: First Baptist Church

A Heart that Seeks God Finds Him.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies are still working on the same three quilts as last week. We had several ladies out due to illness and doctor appointments. We hope all are well and can be back Tuesday.

Glenda Phillips' brother, Gainer Boyd, had a cerebral hemorrhage and was taken to the Parkland Hospital in Dallas. He had surgery on Thursday night in ICU. Our prayers are with Glenda and her family.

Earlene's brother and sister-in-law, Rudolph and Sarah Brown of Denton, came for the weekend. They had a nice lunch at the "Cotton Patch" in Abilene. Saturday, Jessica Stultz and Cindy Ochoa from Brownwood came and they all had an enjoyable visit before leaving for home.

Lessie Baum spent three days last week in Abilene with her sister, Oddie Kintehen.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean traveled to

Putnam Friday to the musical. Saturday Oliver and Frankie visited with Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, also Frankie's sister, Mrs. Pidgeon and friend, Jay of Weatherford. Saturday night Oliver, Frankie and Jean attended the Scranton Musical.

Jim Walker from Coppell visited with his aunts in this area Monday. He is a nephew to Olena, Pauline Parsons and Uva Jones. He visited another aunt who is in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

A few days ago, Cowan and Laverne Hutton met their friends, Otis and Charlene O'Kelly of Santo, at the Smokestack Cafe at Thurber for lunch and a visit together. Their granddaughter, Tabitha, and great-granddaughter, Laren, visited them during the week.

Rural Pearl: Prepare the child for the path, not the path for the child. Karen Eiler

GARDEN CLUB NEWS



James Nichols presented library with book from Garden Club.

Eva Fleming - 2nd Vice President, Julene Franke - Treasurer, James Nichols - Recording Secretary, Joyce Odom - Reporter and Audrey Lovett - Parliamentarian.

James Nichols, chairman for Trades Day, gave an update on this event.

Also the board members will meet to plot out future projects for the upcoming year.

The hostesses carried out a St. Valentines theme in the table and refreshments. Mary Ella Weaver and Helen Tillotson served as hostesses. They served red punch and coffee, cherry topped cookies, small cherry pies, mints and candies, along with a vegetable tray.

Those present were: Bob and Barbara Powell and Tony, Eva Fleming, James Nichols, Audrey Lovett, Joyce Odom, Mary Ella Weaver and Helen Tillotson.

The next meeting will be March 9 at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular meeting on February 9, at 2:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center. The topic for the program was "Create Texas Gardens".

Bob Powell, president, resided for the meeting and led the members in repeating the Club Collect.

Eva Fleming conducted the program, "Learning to Garden in Texas" by having each member to relate their experiences in gardening in different regions of Texas.

Afterwards, correspondence was read, March 9-10, 2001 was the date for VIII Spring Convention to be held in Del Rio.

Barbara Powell, flower show chairman, passed out flower show schedules. On May 5-6 "Spirit of Texas" will be staged at the Senior Citizens Center on Main Street - a yearly event.

In fulfillment of one of the club's projects, James Nichols will present the book titled "Complete Book of Houseplants" to the Cross Plains Library.

The following slate of officers were chosen for the club year September 2001-2002: Bob Powell - President; Mary Ella Weaver - 1st Vice President,

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

This is dedicated to someone I know. I'm not saying who, but you will know who are you!

If I live to be on hundred, I'll still remember the day; the day you bungled and blundered into my life that way.

Right from the plane you parachuted and straight down my chimney. I'll not forget the sight of "Skinny," as she stood yelling, shoot it!!

Seems she thought you were a goner and that with any luck, you wouldn't stay stuck in the chimney much longer.

I guess you could say it really doesn't pay to fall that way, on any hot summer day.

It was actually quite a trick to dislodge you at all, from that chimney of spattered

bricks. Surprise! With you came the wall.

Now it's all been repaired even though father glared, for his bank account had really been pared, to the bone, it'd been bared!

....and...I heard him declare.... as he chased you up the stairs, I'll trap you like a bear; and ship you off to Zaire!!

Father really didn't thin it funny that after our honeymoonin'..... We spent the rest of the money on a cut li'l place, we called the "DO DROP INN"!!

The story is true, but the names, places and certain incidents have been changed to protect the guilty, as well as the innocent. Did I say that??? I can't believe I said that. Anyway, if you recognize yourself, don't blame me, I tried to disguise you---really!

LIBRARY NEWS

February 5-9

Well, I listened in on the Library Board's meeting on Monday. Whew! Those are busy folks. You should check them out if you're looking for community service. They can find plenty for you. Sure! There are things you can do. Sack books. Help with food sales. Bake a cake, cookies, bread. They could have used them last week. They got home-prepared "stuff" from the best cooks in town. That's what makes the library so special. (Believe me -- I've nibbled!)

Also, the Board planned for the next to or three "Meet the Author" programs. The next one will probably be

on Tuesday, April 7. Mark your calendars. We'll tell you more later.

Parents, encourage your school-age children to enter the writing contest the library is sponsoring at school. Those writing skills will come in handy.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, February 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- PRAYER**
1. Minutes
 2. Open Forum
 3. Discuss and act on BE (local) meeting place and time of board meetings.
 4. Discuss and act on CHD (local) purchasing and acquisition (purchasing procedure).
 5. Discuss and act on EIA (local) academic achievement (grading/progress report)
 6. Discuss and act on EIE (local) retention and promotion
 7. Discuss and act on joining Medicaid administrative claiming con-

8. Discuss and take action on PS9 grant application
 9. Discuss and take action on CPHI using facilities for chili supper.
 10. Alcohol and drug policy (tabled at January meeting).
 11. Discuss and approve Cross Plains campus improvement plans.
 12. School board election: A. Election date B. Election site C. Appoint judge D. Appoint alternate judge E. Appoint absentee clerk F. Absentee site
 13. Executive Session (if needed)
 14. Personnel: A. Athletic Director Contract B. Elementary Principal Contract C. Secondary Principal Contract D. Other Employee Matters (if needed)
 15. Review bills/financial report
 16. Adjourn
- Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

TAAS Testing Next Week Students Please Be Prepared

Passing exit TAAS tests is required for high school diplomas in Texas. Next week these tests will be given to sophomores and anyone who has not passed this requirement. Writing for fourth grade, eighth grade, and exit level is scheduled for February 20. Exit math is scheduled on Wednesday, February 21, and exit reading on Thursday, February 22.

The following suggestions have been made for parents of students involved in TAAS testing:

- *Be positive, supportive, and encouraging especially as testing time grows near.
- *Reassure your child they have done a very good job preparing for the tests and this will result in success.
- *Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test.
- *Provide breakfast each morning of testing.

*Remind students to take highlighters, #2 pencils with erasers, and something to read if they finish early.

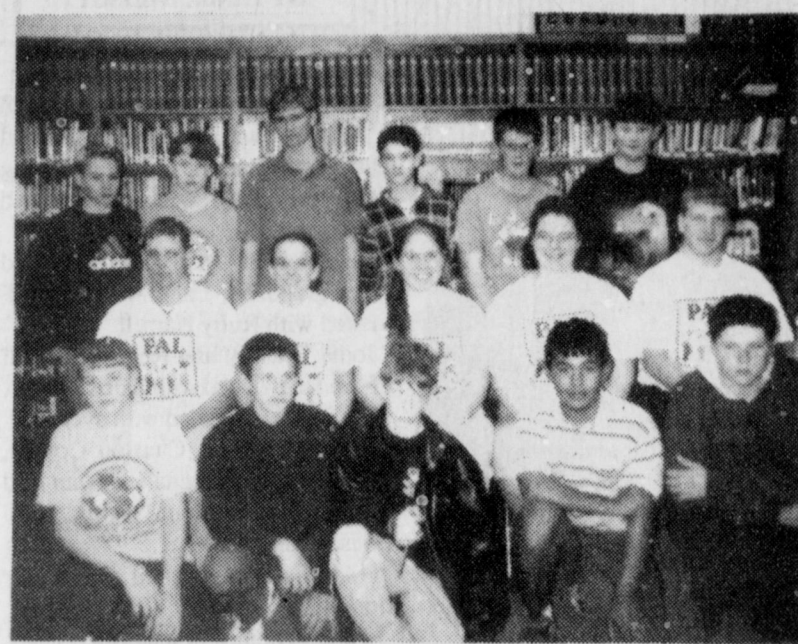
*Encourage students to relax and take their time (it is not timed). Students speeding through exams often make careless errors.

*Encourage students to read directions thoroughly, even if they have done that particular test before and think they know what is being asked.

*Tell them to answer all the questions, starting with easier, then moving on to the harder ones.

*Remind them to check their work after completing a question to make sure the answer makes sense for the question asked.

*Make sure your student is on time to school.



J.D. Cook (front, from left), James Purcell, Elias Bennett, Ross Sifuentes and Michael Gregory; PAL's George Mathews (middle, from left), Tessa Wyatt, Melanie Chesshir, Toni Mae Wyatt and Roger Carey; Brandon Horton (back, from left), Heath Walker, Cody Harris, Thomas Dimitri, Brenton McNutt and Chris Beaty.

BUFF SEASON ENDS Following Play-off With May

After THREE months of hard workouts and a tough schedule, the Boys Basketball season has come to an end. After beating May a couple of weeks ago the Buffaloes had a chance to make the play-offs as the district runner-up.

The Buffs played the District Champs, Baird Bears, last Tuesday night with the chance to clinch a play-off spot. However, it was not to be, as the Bears put on a shooting clinic like no one else had all season. The Bears built a 19 point lead before the Buffaloes began storming back. The final score was 56-53 Baird, but the

final minutes were very exciting. Losing to Baird forced Cross Plains into a 2nd place play-off with May.

After having played them three times earlier in the year and having lost 2 out of the 3 games, the Buffaloes figured they were due. However, this was not to be the case as the Tigers continued to make play after play that kept them in the lead.

Cross Plains could only muster seven 2 point baskets and three 3 point baskets for the entire game. The final score has Cross Plains 40 May 52. Cross Plains' season record was 16-11.

Final Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Games Reported

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The Junior Varsity Lady Buffs finished up their basketball season with a loss to Baird on Tuesday evening.

The girls played them close in the 1st quarter, trailing 8 to 6, but a 16 to 5 second quarter found us trailing at halftime 24 to 11.

We never could get anything going in the 2nd half of the game to build on. The final outcome was 60 to 21.

Leading the scoring were D. Rivard 6, J. Mauricio 6, J. James 3, K. Wooten 3, J. Young 2 and C. Galloway 1.

This brings the J.V. kids final season record to 7 wins and 11 losses.

The last 4 weeks of the season we combined 3 teams into 2 teams because of the number of players able to play. Some of the original J.V. members were bumped up to the varsity and all the freshmen were bumped up to J.V. play.



Nicole Clark (front, from left), Justin Kelly; Dusty Cooper (middle, from left), Seth Potter, Cody Reed, L.D. Whitehead, and Natasha Wolford; Ray Ward (back, from left), Jason Goains, Erin Isbell, Marcos Navarro and Misty Roesler. Not pictured are Nicolas Dimitri and Violeta Vasquez.

4-H Shooting Sports First Meeting of Year

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold their first meeting of the year on Saturday, February 24, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the range located between Baird and Clyde on FM 18.

Anyone between 9 years old or third grade thru 18 years old or senior in high school may participate. All interested persons who wish to be in shooting sports need to attend this meeting. Parents are asked to attend, also.

For further information, please contact David Nichols at 915-529-4243.

Shooting Sports' New Range Hours

The Callahan County Shooting Sports Range announces new hours of operation for the 2001 year. The range will be open the first Saturday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting February 3, 2001. The next open date will be March 3, 2001. Any member needing special range access may call David Nichols at 915-529-4243.



February 19-February 23

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 TUESDAY--Cheese Toast, Assorted Juice
 WEDNESDAY--Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice
 THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 FRIDAY--Toaster Pastry, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

- MONDAY--Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Brownies
 TUESDAY--Veg-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Pears
 WEDNESDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Crackers, Pickled Beets, Apple-Wedges
 THURSDAY--Turkey & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
 FRIDAY--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie



Katie Mack (front, from left), Karen Ross, Dayna Bennett, Misty Callaway and Amanda Rivers; Stephanie Edington (middle, from left), Tessa Wyatt, Toni Mae Wyatt, Melanie Chesshir and Amber Phillips; Kelli Phillips (back, from left), Travis Black, Josh Nelson, Marie Besselaar, Kelsey Richards, Jera James and Robert Floyd. Not pictured are Mitch Byrd and Liana McGough.

PAL'S Tutor 8th Grade Students for TAAS Testing

The PAL's, Peer Assistance and Leadership group tutored the 8th grade students for their TAAS writing test. The Cross Plains I.S.D. PAL's include Tessa Wyatt, Toni Mae Wyatt, Cody Reed, L.D. Whitehead, Melanie

Chesshir, Nicholas Dimitri, Violeta Vasquez, George Matthews, Roger Carey and Seth Potter. The PAL's are hoping that the 8th Graders will all be successful. They are a great group to work with.

BASKETBALL

win.

Scoring for the game was Candice Bailey 12, Tessa Wyatt 12, Jennifer Turner 10, Amanda Kitchen 4. Also contributing with another great defensive performance was Shena Thomas.

The Lady Buffs achieved several of their goals with this victory. We accomplished the 20 win season and advanced to the state play-offs. Our

regular season record concludes at 20 wins, 11 losses. All of these kids did a great job of fighting back to achieve these goals the last three weeks, under a ton of pressure and adversity in every game.

The Lady Buffs will be playing Monday for Bi-District Championship.

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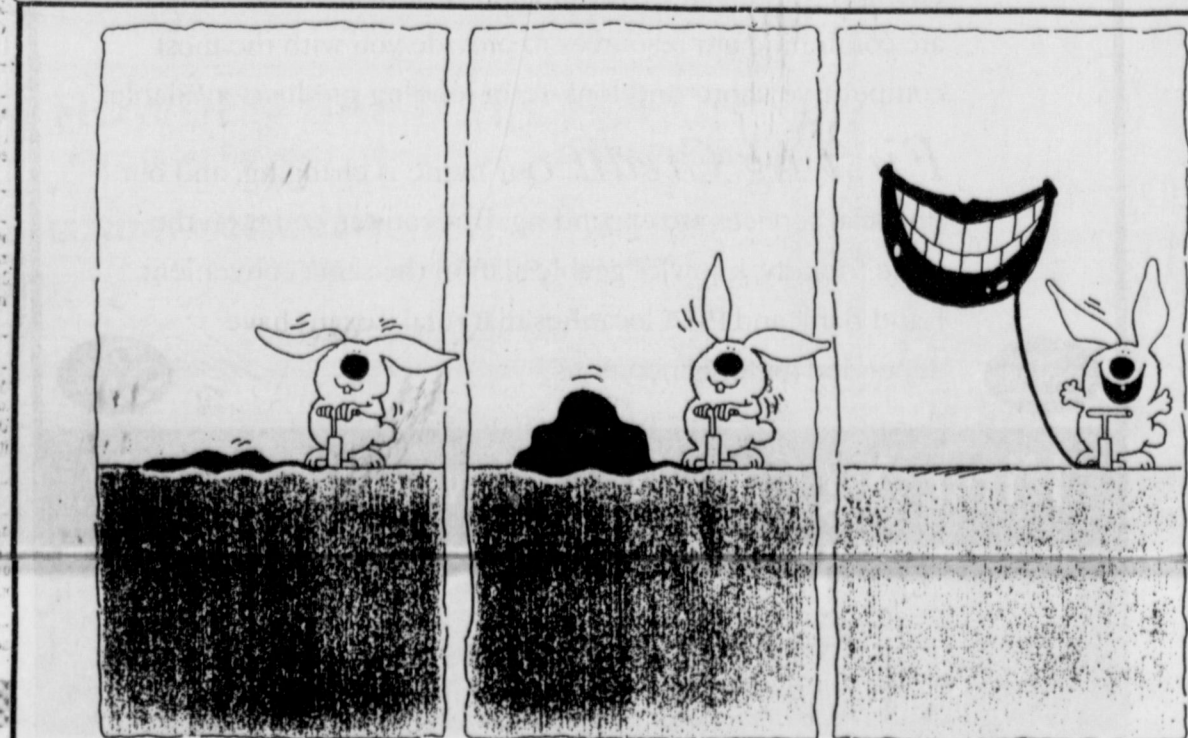
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Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm
Commission on 21st Century Agriculture

The Commission on 21st Century Agriculture appeared before the House Agriculture Committee this past Wednesday to discuss their report, "Directions For Future Farm Policy."

The commission was formed to take a hard look at what role the government should have in support of production agriculture. In particular, the members of the commission studied the 1996 Farm Bill, "Freedom to Farm," and conducted a review of the nation's agriculture programs.

Some disappointment was expressed at the commission's failure to make specific policy recommendations. Nevertheless, the report can be viewed as a foundation to work from as the House Agriculture Committee begins work on the 2002 Farm Bill.

Disaster Assistance
Sign up for disaster payments began on January 18. Payments will be sent out after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) certifies the regulations and the Office of Management and Budget completes the clearance process. In the event there is a delay, it is hopeful Agriculture Secretary

Veneman would consider giving folks a partial payment. I would emphasize, however, that there is currently no indication that Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices will encounter difficulties in mailing out checks by March 1.

Ag Outlook
Some help for the Ag sector came this week as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cut interest rates by half a point.

This should help the export demand for agriculture products and lead to higher prices for domestic producers.

Even better news is the amount of moisture we have been receiving in the Big Country this fall and winter.

Hopefully, this precipitation will continue and we will have a wet spring that will pull us out of the drought that has consumed West Central Texas.

Livestock Prices
We are also still experiencing strong cattle prices. The USDA reported Wednesday that cattle prices are up 6 percent from last year, and hog prices are up 31 percent.

This is a big help to producers who have been hard hit by depressed prices over the last few years.

Senator Sibley says Texas deregulation plan is sound

AUSTIN—Severe power shortages in the state of California coupled with rising energy costs this winter have many Texans concerned about the impacts of deregulation when it is implemented in the Lone Star state. Not to worry, according to state Senator David Sibley (R-Waco), author of the legislation that will result in choice of electrical providers for consumers beginning Jan. 1, 2002.

Today in Austin, during the annual Leadership Conference of the Texas Farm Bureau, the state's largest, general farm organization with over 300,000 member families, Sibley offered assurances that the Texas deregulation plan is sound. The Senator also complemented the farmers, saying, "Many groups are process oriented but farmers and ranchers are results oriented."

"What we need in Austin are results oriented people, and I appreciate what you do. If there is one thing I want you to take home with you today it's this: We are not California. We did it differently," Sibley said, predicting better results for Texas electric deregulation. Sibley said he and other Texas lawmakers involved in crafting the legislation last session visited California and were disconcerted with what they found.

"On the way back, I said, 'If that's electrical deregulation, I don't want

any part of it. I came back very satisfied to leave it alone. Then we visited Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We even took a trip to England. The conclusion we came to was that those of you in a regulated system, where we're telling TXU or Reliant Energy how much they can charge and that no matter how bad an investment they make, we're still going to give them a 10 percent rate of return on their investment.

Consumers are the ones who bear the risk of loss," the senator explained. "We wrote our law so that the person generating the electricity bears the risk of loss." Sibley further noted that the transmission lines and wires coming into homes will not be deregulated, in order to ensure that lines, when down, are quickly restored and service is uninterrupted.

"I want you to know. I've looked at this right side up and upside down. I am confident in our plan. We have people from all over the country calling. It is being called the model legislation for the U.S. We will hold hearings on it in this session. I'm proud of it."

Sibley emphasized that the plan he helped craft does not compel rural electric cooperatives to come into the system.

"It leaves lots of freedom to the people who have historically served the state in rural areas," he said.

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Heritage Museum Meeting Set for February 20, 2001

The Callahan County Heritage Museum of Ranching and Rodeo is being organized and an organizational meeting been set at the Baird Senior Citizen Center at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20. The meeting will bring together the offices of the museum organization and those of the public who will be interested in it and its future.

History Professor Don Frazier of McMurry University will be planning to attend. He is head of the McWhinney Foundation that operates the Museum in Buffalo Gap. His knowledge of organizing local history will be most helpful and anticipated.

Tourism program's new name reflects heritage emphasis

AUSTIN—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently announced the new name of the Texas Travel Trails Regional Program. The new name, Texas Heritage Trails Program: A Regional Tourism Initiative, more accurately reflects the program's emphasis on heritage and cultural tourism.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program promotes Texas heritage tourism by providing technical, educational and financial assistance to historical and cultural sites in selected regions. The program is modeled after the THC's highly successful Texas Main Street Program and utilizes the Texas Department of Transportation's travel trails system developed in 1968 as a marketing tool.

The pilot program, the Texas Forts Trail Region, began in 1998. Since then, the Texas Independence Trail Region and the Texas Forest Trail Region were designated to participate. Contingent on legislative funding, THC will incorporate the remaining seven regions in years to come.

Free travel guides for the Texas Forts Trail Region and the Texas Independence Trail Region can be requested via the THC web site www.thc.state.tx.us, by email: thc@thc.state.tx.us or by calling 512/463-6255.

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ACREAGE:

- NEW LISTING**--219.5/A, water well, stock ponds, small lake, super hunting, good views, good stock farm North of Cross Plains.
- NEW LISTING**--House and 57.34/A, Eastland Co., brick and very nice, large rooms, with 3bd/2 bath, large trees, and backed up to a lake, Rising Star area--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--225/A with 3 bd/2 bath rock house, waterwell, pecan orchard, mountains, good hunting, north of Cottonwood.
- NEW LISTING**--400+/A, 5 large ponds, over 250/A in coastal, large trees, older home, large barn, working pens.
- NEW LISTING**--3bd/2 bath **UNDER CONTRACT** Cottonwood, large trees, native pasture, creek, waterwell, good hunting, good buy.
- NEW LISTING**--157.34/A north of Cross Plains 3bd/2 bath home, 2 waterwells, approximately 100/A trees, remainder in native pasture and cultivation, on pavement, good hunting.
- NEW LISTING**--40/A, rural water line, Good dove hunting, home site and stock farm.
- NEW LISTING**--54.6/A in western Eastland County, good hunting, good homesite, waterwell, septic system, fenced on 3 sides, approx. 15/A. cultivation, remainder in trees.
- NEW LISTING**--64.5/A, good fences, cross-fenced, spring fed stock pond, good hunting, good stock pond, western Eastland County.
- NEW LISTING**--10/A High Fence, city water, stock pond, some exotic deer.
- NEW LISTING**--370/A lots of hills, Liveoak, mesquite, 7 large stock ponds, super good hunting.
- NEW LISTING**--249.5/A, 40/A in coastal, 79/A in cultivation, hills, native pasture, 4 stock ponds, rural water line, excellent hunting, minerals, central Eastland County.
- NEW LISTING**--206.83/A in Eastland County, thick cover, 80/A tall grass, excellent hunting, remote, good water area.
- NEW LISTING**--72.42/A **UNDER CONTRACT** in a wooded area, good fences, some improved grass. Good home site and stock farm.
- NEW LISTING**--4 large residential lots in the Tom Bryant addition to Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.
- * 112/A, 3bd/1 bath **SOLD** home, wooded, fenced, good water, stock pond, native and improved pasture.
- * 210/A in Comanche County, stock pond, 4 waterwells, 80/A in coastal, deer hunting cabin, large barn--Call Pauline.
- * Approx. 140/A in Cottonwood area, large trees, good home site.
- * 92.42/A, good fence, stock pond, some woods, Coastal, Eastland County.
- * 240/A, stock pond, 15/A lake, Coastal, native pasture, trees, pivot irrigation system--Call Pauline.
- * 370/A, 14 irrigation wells, 4 stock ponds, good fences, Liveoak, Bermuda grass, good hunting--Call Pauline.
- * 200/A, 3 tanks, good fences, excellent hunting, good water, trees, good building site--Call Pauline.
- * Approximately 140/A, has everything. Creek bottom w/large pecan, oak, elm, & Liveoak, hills & canyons w/ mesquite, 4 stock ponds, large creek, on pavement, rural water line, excellent deer, turkey & hog hunting w/ quail, dove & ducks. Located west of Cisco.
- * 187/A, 5 stock ponds, 70/A in cultivation, good hunting & good stock farm.
- * 320/A heavy oak, native grass, 2 stock ponds, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, hogs, quail.
- * 11.41/A, waterwell, fenced, native grass, good home site.
- * 185/A in North Brown County, 2 stock ponds, rural water line, on pavement, wooded, creek, some cultivation. Good hunting & fishing!
- * 570/A Coleman/Callahan counties, lake on Little Pecan Bayou + 4 stock tanks, metal barn & cattle pens. Part in cultivation, prt Oaks & mequites. Coleman water system. GREAT HUNTING! REDUCED.
- * 22/A Cottonwood area.

ACREAGE WITH HOME:

- NEW LISTING**--1/A lot and older house, great fixer upper, nice lot, in Rising Star-- Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--Beautiful 3bd/3 bath brick, CH/A, on 7/A Cottonwood area. water well, large barn, fenced, Fantastic View.
- NEW LISTING**--3bd/2 bath CH/A Frame home on 10/A, Cottonwood area, 2 water wells, stock ponds, trees, pretty views, secluded, on pavement.
- NEW LISTING**--2bd/2 bath Log Cabin on 20/A, large trees, barn, pens, on pavement, near town.
- NEW LISTING**--8.32/A, approximately 1,200 sq. ft., home, barn, waterwell, trees, 5 miles from town.
- NEW LISTING**--3bd/1 bath home on 5/A, waterwell, landscaped, on pavement, close to town.
- * 3bd/3 bath, brick on 5/A, fireplace, large trees, workshop and barn--Call Pauline.
- * 3bd/2 bath, brick, CH/A, **SOLD** barns & pens, good waterwell, NW of Rising Star.
- * Nice remainder **UNDER CONTRACT** on pavement, good location, good waterwell, near Cross Plains.

RESIDENTIAL:

- NEW LISTING**--Very nice 2bd/1 bath, well landscaped, roof is 2 years old, has patio, garage, in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--1bd/1 bath home, fenced, carport and nice storage, well insulated, nice place, in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--1,428 sq. ft. nice brick home on Main Street in Cross Plains, CH/A, brick, excellent location.
- NEW LISTING**--Comfortable living in this extra nice 3bd/2 bath home on Tom Bryant. Large fenced yard, double garage, new a/c an. **SOLD**
- NEW LISTING**--0 DOWN, \$1,000 Move in - 3bd/2 bath, 3 years old, CH/A, in town - nice.
- NEW LISTING**--House in Rising Star, near church--4bd/2 bath, large lot, very nice place--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--3bd/2 bath, large lot, fruit trees, Liveoaks, in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--4bd/2 bath, brick on large lot, big pecan trees in Cross Plains.
- NEW LISTING**--2bd/1 bath, frame, large trees, on 2 lots in Cross Plains, reasonably priced.
- NEW LISTING**--2bd/2 bath, brick, fireplace, landscaped, on 4 lots, large pecan trees, cellar, waterwell, carport in Rising Star.
- * Nice 3bd, brick, **SOLD** lot in Tom Bryant Addition.
- * 3bd/2 bath on large lot, 16 pecan trees in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- * 2bd/1 bath, on large lot, garden spot, pecan trees, a homestead in town.
- * 2bd/1 bath **UNDER CONTRACT** on. ready to move in.
- * REDUCED--2bd/2 bath home, with glassed in porch. Also 1bd/1 bath apartment w/shop building on South Main. GOOD BUY!
- * 2bd/1 bath on 2 1/2 lots in Cross Plains.
- * 2 bd/1 bath on 2 lots in Cross Plains.
- * 3 bd/1 bath on 2 lots in Cross Plains.
- * 2 houses, One with 2bd/ 1 bath and the second with 1 bd/ 1 bath located in Cross Plains.

BUSINESS:

- NEW LISTING**--Business with home, Excellent opportunity, 1 city block, metal shop building, vehicle storage, fenced, other outbuildings, Plus 3bd/2 bath brick home, CH/A, privacy fence, good location.
- NEW LISTING**--PK's or Buffalo Inn Bld. Across from school, use for home or business.
- NEW LISTING**--2 story brick restaurant building in Cross Plains. All equipment included--would make a good antique shop, cafe, etc. Excellent location.
- NEW LISTING**--4,500 sq. ft., 2 story brick building, excellent condition, on Main Street in Antique Capital of Texas. Full of Antiques & Collectables- Excellent Buy. Priced building only or building & Antiques. Would make excellent restaurant, residence tea room, etc.
- * Automotive & truck repair business, on I-20 & Hwy.6, 40"X100" metal bld., 4 bays, 3 offices, on 1 1/2/A, fenced --call Pauline.
- * Turkey Farm, Eastland County, 3 metal barns 360'X50' slab floors, 30'X40' shop bld., 2 water wells, 15/A, 50 pecantrees-- Call Pauline.
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- 54 ACRES** County water, great hunting & oaks, great homesites, county road frontage.
- 69 ACRES** Wheat pasture, mesquite & some liveoaks, tank. Great hunting!
- 92+/- ACRES** 45 acres coastal. Nice pond, water well, 45 acres heavy oak cover.
- 99 ACRES & HOME** 3BR-2B, w/formal living & dining room, 2 car garage, nice pond, Coleman county water, nice horse barn with pens.
- 101 ACRES** Nice farm. Price right. Just off Hwy 206 at Echo. \$495/Acre
- 121 ACRES & MOULDER** Under a live oak heavily wooded, 2 tanks & creek; \$129,000
- 172 ACRES** 150/Acres cultivation, excellent farm land, stock tank. Hwy. 206, Burkett \$500/Acre
- 220 ACRES** Great hunting; beautiful trees, 2 ponds, Great Building Site. \$145,000.
- 248 ACRES** West of Navice, 2BR-1B cabin & barn, 3 surface tanks, 2 water wells & county water. Post oak & mesquite. Good hunting. \$175,000
- 257 ACRES & HOME** Beautiful 3BR-2B home, over 2,000 sq. ft., 3 surface tanks, good hunting, Hwy. 206.
- 290 ACRES** 1/4 mile south of Colorado River. Heavily wooded hills, excellent hunting-deer, turkey, & dove. 3 ponds, \$750/Acre
- 297 ACRES** Excellent wheat pasture, beautiful hills, liveoaks, homesites, county water, great hunting. \$650.00/acre. **UNDER CONTRACT**
- 510 ACRES, BEAUTIFUL HOME WITH SCENIC VIEW** Completely renovated with luxurious extras. 4BR-2 1/2B, formal living room w/fireplace, lg. family room w/fireplace, formal dining room and lg. utility room. Huge master bath w/Jacuzzi tub, CH/A, 4-car garage w/walkway to house. Must see to believe. Many beautiful large oak trees. Deer, dove, turkey & quail. Will sell home and 21 acres separately. Owner financing available, located 4.5 miles south of Cross Plains. **REDUCED**
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Commissioners Approve Cloud Seeding Agreement, By-Laws

Callahan County Commissioners approved an Interlocal Agreement and updated by-laws to join the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association.

Commissioners, in a regular monthly meeting Monday, February 12 at the Commissioners' Courtroom in Baird, approved the measures securing Callahan County's participation in the cloud seeding program which is slated to start this April.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by County Judge Roger Corn, Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the Interlocal Agreement and corrected by-laws of the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association. The weather associations' by-laws follow:

INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into between the following Political Subdivisions collectively called Members to form an Association known as the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association (Association) and shall be effective as of the date hereinafter shown:

Coleman County
Comanche County
Eastland County
Callahan County
Nolan County
Runnels County
Brown County
Taylor County
City of Abilene

WHEREAS, the Association is created to provide a weather modification program throughout the geographical region of the Members;

WHEREAS, Members desire to work together to attempt to modify weather through the mutual cooperation and for the mutual benefit of its members;

WHEREAS, the Members recognize the importance of coordinating together their activities as it relates to weather modification and to share the expense of such activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is Agreed and Understood among the parties as follows:

SECTION ONE INTENT AND PURPOSES

1.01 It is the intent and purpose of the Association to coordinate and share expenses for the purposes of attempting to modify weather in the geographical region of the Members. The Board of Directors of the Association shall carefully review, study and consider the effects of the Association's weather modification activities at least annually and make a report to the Members of the effects. The Board of Directors shall at least annually provide an assessment of the costs associated with the operation of the weather modification activities. The Board of Directors may upon a majority vote allow other political subdivisions to become Members of the Association and be assessed on a basis agreed to by the Association Bylaws.

SECTION TWO ELECTION OF PARTICIPATION

2.01 Each Member hereby elects to become a Member of the Association. Each Member shall designate two representatives to be voting Directors of the Board of Directors of the Association. Each voting Director shall be a registered voter in the entity that they represent.

2.02 The initial term of this Agreement shall be for four (4) one (1) year periods, commencing on the 1st Day of January, 2001 and shall continue in full force and effect until the end of each respective fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st of the same calendar year. At the end of the first fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter of the initial term, this Agreement shall be renewed automatically for an additional one (1) fiscal year term without the necessity of any action by the Members. Continuation of the Agreement past the initial term shall require agreement of the Members.

2.03 Each Member may elect not to renew this Agreement by giving written notice to each other Member at least 120 days prior to the end of the original term of any renewed term. Any notice to terminate must be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Member.

2.04 The Association may invest any and all funds that are on deposit with the Association and such funds shall be invested pursuant to the Texas Public Fund Investment Act. The investment earnings from these funds shall be used for the

benefit of the Association.

SECTION THREE POWERS AND DUTIES

3.01 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an Association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

3.02 The Association shall have no duty to take any action, except as specifically provided for in this Agreement, or the bylaws, except, as it shall hereinafter agree to take in writing.

3.03 By execution of this Agreement, the Members agree to comply with and abide by this Agreement and the bylaws of the Association.

3.04 The bylaws of the Association are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement for all purposes as if fully set out herein.

SECTION FOUR NOTICE TO MEMBERS

4.01 The Members shall appoint two directors from their geographical territory to serve on the Board of the Association. The name of the Directors and the addresses for which notices and other information may be given by the Association shall be set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The Directors shall be the primary contact with the Association and the Association shall not be required to contact any other individual regarding matters of the Member.

4.02 The Association Member may change its Directors and/or address for such Directors by giving written notice to the Association of such change prior to the effective date of the change.

SECTION FIVE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

5.01 The Members agree to pay the Association their pro-rata share of the Association's annual operating costs as indicated in the "% of total" column in the Cost Allocation attached as Exhibit "A". This cost includes the cost of insurance.

5.02 The shares of operating costs are payable quarterly to the Administration Office on the first day, and no later than the 25th day of January, April, July and October.

5.03 Payments for the first quarter of 2001 will be based on the estimated costs listed in Exhibit A. The Association shall provide notice to each Member by September 1st of each year as to the actual cost for the upcoming year.

5.04 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, a Member's Membership in the Association may be terminated upon ten (10) days' written notice, if any assessment owed by the Member is not paid as required by this Agreement.

SECTION SIX PARTICIPATORY FUNDING

6.01 The Members acknowledge and appreciate that various entities, organizations and individuals are providing participatory funding. A list of the known contributors is attached as Exhibit "B". Their participatory funding is governed by separate agreements between members and the contributors.

6.02 The members further acknowledge that a significant portion of the funding for operations comes in the form of reimbursements from the State of Texas. Should these reimbursements cease for any reason, this Agreement will terminate as of the ending date of the State reimbursements.

SECTION SEVEN MISCELLANEOUS

7.01 Except as provided in this Agreement and the bylaws, this Agreement shall not be amended or modified other than in a written agreement signed by the Members.

7.02 This Agreement is entered into and executed in the State of Texas and all questions pertaining to its validity or construction shall be determined in accordance with laws of the State of Texas.

7.03 In case any provision of this Agreement is held illegal or invalid for any reason, said illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

7.04 The Association and the Association Members have the exclusive right to bring suit to enforce this Agreement and no other party may bring suit, as a third party beneficiary or otherwise to enforce this

Agreement.

7.05 This Agreement constitutes the sole agreement of the Members and supersedes any prior agreements respecting the services to be provided under this Agreement.

SECTION EIGHT DISSOLUTION

8.01 Upon dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed to the Members according to their pro-rata share of the Association's annual operating expenses. Members who leave prior to dissolution forfeit any and all rights to assets.

SECTION NINE SELECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY FOR THE ASSOCIATION

9.01 The West Central Texas Weather Modification Association agrees to select the West Central Texas Council of Governments to serve as its Administrative Entity.

9.02 The West Central Texas Council of Governments will be paid for its services on a basis agreed to by the Board of Directors. This cost is included in the estimated costs listed in exhibit A.

9.03 The West Central Texas Weather Modification Association and the West Central Texas Council of Governments shall develop a contract for the purpose of outlining services to be rendered by the Council and the method of payment for said services.

SECTION TEN LIABILITY

10.01 The Association shall defend and indemnify each member of the Association against any and all actions brought alleging a cause of action as a result of the activities of the Association, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or designees.

10.02 In the event of an action brought against any Member of the Association alleging a cause of action resulting from an activity of the Association, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or designees, each Member shall:

- a) Cooperate with and join in the defense of the suit;
- b) Take no action that would impair the defense of the other members, including not settling any claim without permission of the Board.
- c) Indemnify and hold harmless all other members of the Association for any result of an action of the Association, its servants, employees, contractors or designees.

10.03 Any Member choosing to leave the Association shall remain committed under this Section to the defense and indemnification of the Association and of the other Members for any action of the Association, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or designees which took place during the departing Member's time with the Association.

10.04 The Association shall purchase liability insurance covering the Association's activities, with its Members, funding participants, and donors listed as insureds.

SECTION ELEVEN LITIGATION VENUE

11.01 Since the Administrative entity is located in Taylor County, Taylor County will be the venue for any litigation, which might arise out of this Agreement.

Sales & use tax totals for second quarter of 2000

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the second quarter of 2000 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office on Monday, February 5.

Rylander reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the second quarter of 2000 at \$15,370,630 which was 2.0 percent higher than the gross sales of \$15,066,388 reported during the second quarter of 1999. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the second quarter of 2000 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$139,715. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the second quarter of 2000 in Callahan County was

Bennett.....

in selling and installing security systems in businesses and homes.

Bennett plans to build a showroom and offices in the front end of the building with a storage warehouse in the back. BEST will soon offer satellite TV sales in the showroom.

The Foster Grocery building has been vacant for about 20 years. The EDC acquired the building in 1998 with the hopes that it would eventually house a new or expanding business.

Terry Thomas, EDC Director, stated, "The Cross Plains EDC is pleased that Mr. Bennett will take an unproductive, vacant building and put it back into production. BEST will be a good corporate citizen of Cross Plains and the "new" storefront will be a very welcome sight on Main Street."



RIBBON CUTTING—Ribbon cutting and opening ceremonies for the new State Veterans Home in Big Spring will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 19. The 160 bed facility is located approximately one quarter mile north of Interstate 20 on Highway 87 (Lamesa Highway) and is on the west side of the road.

This will be your chance to tour the most modern care establishment and witness the fine work done by the State of Texas Cooperation with the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hope to see you there!!
RIBBON CUTTING NO. 2—The new quarters for the Abilene VA Out-Patient Clinic will be open for your inspection following a ribbon cutting at 3:00 p.m. on February 26. We are told that Congressman Charles Stenholm will be there along with several other dignitaries.

The new location is on Industrial Blvd., just east of Treadaway. The address is 1111 Industrial Blvd., and the turn in street from Industrial is WOODS. This new site will make a shorter trip for Callahan County Veterans as compared to previous quarters adjacent to the Abilene Regional Hospital.

Hope to see you there as well!!
EYEGASSES & HEARING AIDS—These items and Dental Care are areas where VA is usually quite stingy. One new angle comes to light wherein a Veteran recently benefit for Aid & Attendance or Housebound will be provided eyeglasses and hearing aids. There is a question of how said Veterans would be able to get to the VA Medical Center if on an A&A or Housebound!! Former POWs and those receiving compensation for a service-connected disability also qualify for optical and hearing care.

Otherwise, hearing aids and eyeglasses will only be provided in special circumstances, and not for generally occurring hearing or vision loss.

A THOUGHT—"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest" Mark Twain

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BRITTANY TRAINING—Brittany Spaniel bird dogs take to the fields during a bird dog school demonstration for an Animal Planet production crew near Cottonwood. David Jones, who trains Brittany's

at his ranch on County Road 461, will be featured in an episode of "Breed All About It" for the Animal Planet to air sometime in July or August.

DOGS

Jones and his training of Brittany's through his Internet website. He said he tried to send the production company to the Brittany's parent club, but they insisted on visiting the Cottonwood Brittany school.

Jones said the producers of the show were particularly interested in how he uses pigeons, instead of quail, to train a Brittany. He said pigeons are placed in a live trap and the trap is opened by remote control when the dog approaches. He said the pigeon is unharmed and returns back to the pigeon coop later in the day.

Todd Skougor, producer of the episode, and photojournalist Fred Garvin, flew in from DFW Airport and stayed in Abilene Wednesday night before heading for Los Angeles and another animal story there. Skougor said Rocket Pictures produces episodes for Animal Planet, as well as for the Food Network and Home & Garden Network.

The "Breed All About It" episode about the Brittany dog breed and Jones should air sometime in July or August, although the exact date is not known. The Animal Planet show airs at 2:00 p.m. every day of the week.

After graduating from CHS, Jones joined the U.S. Navy where he worked as a cardiovascular technologist. After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1995 after 17 1/2 years, Jones said he learned how

to design websites and designed his own in December 1997. Jones said his site located on Yahoo has received some 76,000 hits. Jones now builds web sites for companies, as well as training Brittany's. Jones said his Brittany website offers free training advice, free recipes for wild game and has a message board for Brittany owners. Jones said his website is Brittany intensive because he is very passionate about the breed. Jones said he does not have a Brittany breeding farm, adding he breeds only three Brittany litters annually.

Jones is also a firm believer in the new e-commerce economy, noting that Animal Planet contacted him through the Internet. He also said he sold a trained Brittany to a Lima, Peru customer through his Internet website. "The Internet really does pay," Jones said.

Jones said after retiring from the U.S. Navy, he wanted to come back home to Callahan County, saying he didn't want to raise his children in a big city. Jones has two children from a previous marriage, Brandon, a sophomore at Cross Plains High School, and Tristan, a seventh grader enrolled at Cross Plains. Jones said both his children are big help around the ranch, feeding and watering the Brittany's, as well as training the breed. Jones said his boys both assist him on guided hunts around the Big Country.

Commissioners vote to keep County Road 711 open

Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular meeting Monday, February 12, voted not to close County Road 711 after the Commissioners' Court received a letter against the roadway closing.

County residents Butch Nelson, Duke Seay and Archie Akers met with the Commissioners' Court requesting County Road 711, which joins County Road 110 and County Road 112, be closed to public traffic. Those wanting the roadway closed said it was being used as a dumping ground and by illegal poaching. The roadway is approximately 1/2 of a mile long.

However, after posting notice of the road closing, the Commissioners' Court received a letter from a property owner against closing the roadway. On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by Commissioner Charlie Grider, Commissioners voted 4-0 to not close County Road 711.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners voted to table consideration of purchasing a security system for the County Courthouse in Baird after meeting with a representative from Secure Tech Systems, Inc.

Dave Jacobs with Secure Tech Systems, presented the Commissioners Court with a price estimate of \$9,895 to install 16 button-type security devices throughout the Courthouse which would activate an alarm in the Sheriff's Department. Jacobs told the Commissioners, the company has some 50-60 wireless security systems installed in courthouses throughout the state.

On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to table taking action on the item until more information can be obtained.

—During time set aside for public comment, no one spoke to the Commissioners' Court.

—Commissioners approved and signed the agenda meeting minutes from the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, Commissioners voted 4-0 to lease the County-owned property located on East First Street in Baird. Commissioners voted to lease the property instead of selling it outright.

—On a motion by Commissioner

Holland and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to provide a letter of support to the Texas State Library and Archives in regards to direct aide for Public Libraries Legislation.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by County Judge Roger Corn, Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve a resolution of support for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's funding request for \$265 million in increases to community MHMR services throughout the state for 2002 and 2003.

—Commissioners heard a report from Clint Rollins from the Soil and Water Conservation District and City of Clyde Maintenance Director Norman Smith concerning access to Clyde Lake dam. The Callahan County SWCD continues to operate the flood-control structure, while the City of Clyde oversees vehicle access to the lake dam area. Because of the lake's low water level, it remains closed to public access.

—Commissioners took no action concerning a request for maintenance on County Road 237 by Cecil Harper. Harper was unable to attend the meeting to discuss maintenance on the roadway, which is located in Commissioner Hicks' Precinct #1.

—Commissioners took no action concerning maintenance of a County Road located in Commissioner Hicks' Precinct #1 after meeting with Phil Guitart. Guitart offered to donate some material to maintain the County Road.

—Commissioners took no action on a request to maintain an abandoned roadway located in Commissioner Hicks' Precinct #1 after meeting with John Young. Young presented the Commissioners' Court with a letter from his attorney stating what is considered an abandoned roadway. Commissioners believe the roadway has not been maintained in over 30 years.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to adjourn the February 12 Commissioners' Court meeting.



COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Picking and pecking...

Nothing but naughtiness lurks behind the strange slit eyes of a goat. I'm mad at Leah again. She spends days getting me to forgive her. As soon as I do, she leans at me and kicks the milk bucket again.

I've read books about managing a goat herd. The theory seems applicable, but my first practical application taught me that we don't manage a goat herd. It is all I can do to manage myself, and with luck collar a goat as she darts past.

I discovered early you can't push a goat. You can't pull a goat, either. The book says the trick is to get the goat to trust you, then it will follow you anywhere. That's true, unless the goat thinks it is more fun to lead you on a merry chase.

While I was busy milking a goat one day, another found enough space to poke her muzzle through the gate. Nose to nose, she taunted the goat I was trying to milk, who fussed and complained and stepped in the bucket. I managed to shoo the pest away, but mischief was written clearly across her forehead. I could tell by the look in her eye that she would wait until I turned my back and then do it again. She did, again and again.

My goats do have some preferred routines. Boss goat Reva has her evening routine polished and set in stone. She is the first to greet us when we enter their yard. The others fall in behind. Reva never gets tired of reminding the other goats who's boss.

The first goat jumps up on the milking stand when I set a scoop of grain in the stanchion. MyKeeper leans against the fence. Reva sets her front hooves on the top rail and stands alongside him like they are great buddies. Standing upright, she is as tall as he is. Then she nuzzles his neck, and pretty soon she is mauling him. He says she

gives a pretty good back rub.

If MyKeeper isn't there, Reva revises her routine to pester the milking goat. For an occasional break in the routine, she'll lead a race around and around the shelter. They run as if they were being chased. It starts out in fun, but I think they take themselves too seriously, because they end up spooked.

I like to think back on the personalities of some of the other goats we've had. Jan was the most amiable. She went along with the program, whatever it was.

Ugly thought she was a beauty queen. She was assured her crown because she had the sweetest disposition and the sweetest milk.

Mona tossed her head from side to side as she ran, reminding the others to get behind her. She struggled to maintain her authority, but only just barely, because Droopsilla grew up bigger and thought she could be boss.

Droopsilla had coffee and cigarettes with MyKeeper. He'd offer a cigarette and she'd chew it up and ask for more.

I found Droopsilla one afternoon hovering over a hen roosting on a fence rail. Her eyes were so fixed on the chicken, she didn't notice I was there. As I watched, her focus settled on the chicken's tail feathers flopping in the breeze. Before I could stop her, she plucked at one of the feathers. The chicken's automatic response was to tip head down, tail up, and peck Droopy's head. Surprised, Droopy glared, and with eyes still fixed on the feathers, picked again. The chicken pecked.

They looked like wind-up toys as one dipped to pick and the other pecked. Droopy seemed awfully annoyed when I laughed, but they went on like that for awhile — pick — peck — pick — peck....
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Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale Saturday

The Cross Plains Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the old Grider Station, across from Cliff's (C&C Service Center) on Highway 36 on Saturday, February 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All the folks who were unable to order Girl Scout cookies can buy them at the booth. If you ordered earlier but want more cookies, please come by.

Texas Teen Scholarships

The Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Foundation invites teens to apply to participate in the 30th Annual Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program, April 6-8, 2001, at Baylor University in Waco. The program includes two divisions: Juniors, ages 12-15, and Seniors, ages 16-18. Prizes include two \$1,000 cash awards, and more than \$100,000 in tuition scholarships to various universities. Two students will be flown to Opryland in Nashville, where they will compete July 22-29, 2001, for a \$10,000 and \$5,000 cash scholarship, and numerous \$1,500 Savings Bonds. The National Teen-Ager Foundation has a non-profit, 501C3 status. Admissions Counselor from the following universities will be in attendance: Texas A&M, Baylor, Houston Baptist, Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of Houston, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas at Arlington, East Texas Baptist, Sam Houston State University, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas Lutheran, Southwest Texas State, Howard Payne, Texas Tech, Prairie View A&M, Texas Southern University and the University of North Texas.

For information, please contact: Cheryl Snow, 4708 Mill Crossing West, Colleyville, TX 76304. Parents are encouraged to call (917) 577-2220 if they have any questions. You may also visit our Web Site at www.nationalteen.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In regards to the "Down Home" article.

This contains so much truth, yet it deals with a great deal of erroneous garbage.

Those called by GOD to know his son, "Called out Believers", are called out of this world, and are told to separate, from and not conform to this world (2 Co. 5:17). Just because one has found a "Jesus" does not mean one has found the real "Son of God"! The Word of God says to "search for God while he may be found." Many "Christians", to quote Jesus and Isaiah "In vain do you worship me, teaching as doctrine the precepts of men." i.e. Church Doctrine.

The "TRUTH" will set you free." Denominations will not!

Sincerely,
Robert Powell

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Valentine

special "thank you" is conveyed to the parents who allowed their children to participate. All the children looked darling and you should be proud of them.

The Sorority would like to congratulate the out-of-town judges for the pageant and Sue Mullinax, who judged the photogenic entries.

This year only the photo of the top winner in each age division of the Miss Valentine Pageant will be featured in the newspaper, along with the winning photogenic in each category. Miss Jurnee Thomas was chosen the Overall Winner in the Photogenic Contest.

Winners in the Miss Valentine Pageant are as follows:

Pre-K
Miss Sweetie Pie - Christa Potter
1st Runner-Up - Caroline Cline
2nd Runner-Up - Ashia Chambers

Kindergarten
Miss Cupid - Rebekha Murdock
1st Runner-Up - Lakney Walker
2nd Runner-Up - Nicole Eisenbach

1st Grade
Miss Cherub - Virginia Murdock
1st Runner-Up - Kenzie Taff
2nd Runner-Up - Samantha Dickson

2nd Grade
Miss Heartthrob - Savana Wyatt
1st Runner-Up - Ashley Cozart
2nd Runner-Up - Brittney Crafton
3rd Runner-Up - Sammie Tollett

3rd and 4th Grades
Miss Sweetheart - Shasta Bacon
1st Runner-Up - Ashleigh Gallaway
2nd Runner-Up - Amanda Dunaway

5th and 6th Grades
Miss Valentine - Hailey Beggs
1st Runner-Up - Renee Byars
2nd Runner-Up - Christi Burrhus.

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Nov. 3.3%	Dec. 2.9%
Total Labor Force	5,958	5,925
Total Employed	5,762	5,756
Total Unemployed	196	169

December jobless rate falls below 3%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of December 2000 dropped to its lowest level in over one year to 2.9 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, February 5 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 5,925 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,756 were employed during December 2000, and 169 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 2.9%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in December 1999 was 3.9%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.3% in November 2000. Of the 5,958 civilian labor force in the county during November, 5,762 had jobs while 196 or 3.3% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6% in October 2000, 3.6% in September, 3.6% in August, 3.8% in July, 4.5% in June, 3.8% in May, 3.7% in April, 4.1% in March, 4.4% in February, and 4.4% in January, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for December 2000 include: Brown, 2.9%; Coleman, 4.3%; Eastland, 3.1%; Jones, 2.4%; Runnels, 3.1%; Shackelford, 2.1%; Stephens, 2.8%; and Taylor County, 2.8%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for December 2000 was 3.4%, down six-tenths of one percent from the 4.0% rate in November. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in December 1999 was 4.2%.

Of the 10,436,700 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,086,000 in December. The total number of unemployed in December 2000 was 350,700.

The United States unemployment rate was 3.7% in December 2000. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of November 2000 was 3.8%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in December 1999 was 3.7%.

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VETERINARY NEWS Advances in Preventative Medicine Told

There have been many advances in animal medicine in the last 20 years, just as there have been in the medical field as a whole. Many of the new developments pertain to treatments, surgeries, and drugs, but the most significant advances have been in the practice of preventative medicine.

It is disheartening for a veterinarian of anyone in the medical profession to treat cases of illness when we know very well the problems could have been prevented if only the proper regimen had been followed. In animal medicine, we are in a unique situation of having numerous vaccines available to help us control most of the major disease processes in livestock, horses and small animals.

The livestock industry as a whole, has not taken full advantage of the new resources available to them. Recent advances in immunology has provided a vaccine for pink eye, several vaccines for the respiratory disease complex including Bovine Syncytial Virus, Hemophilus Somnus, and Pasteurella. Several vaccines for reproductive diseases including Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, and Vibriosis and are very effective. With these vaccines, most cases of infectious disease can be prevented.

The equine industry has been more progressive in their implementation of preventative medicine procedures. It has been proven that good nutritional, vaccination and deworming programs can prevent most medical emergencies and illnesses in the horse. Since the nature of the horse is one of "fright and flight", proper handling facilities such as good fences, feeders, and shelters, could also be mentioned as preventative medicine procedures.

In small animal medicine, we have seen the advent of several new diseases and researchers have responded with preventions and treatments. The Parvovirus in dogs swept the United States in the early 80's and now the Coronavirus is causing similar problems in the mid 80's. The Leukemia Virus of cats can cause any number of clinically evident symptoms including abortion, respiratory infections, loss of weight, or any chronic infection. New vaccines for these conditions have been developed and are very effective. Of course, the well known vaccines for Rabies and Distemper help prevent numerous cases of illness every year.

The challenge to practice preventative medicine instead of treating one outbreak of disease after another is a challenge indeed. It cost much less to prevent problems than to treat problems after they occur. Only through well planned regimens and good cooperation can the optimum in preventive medicine be achieved.

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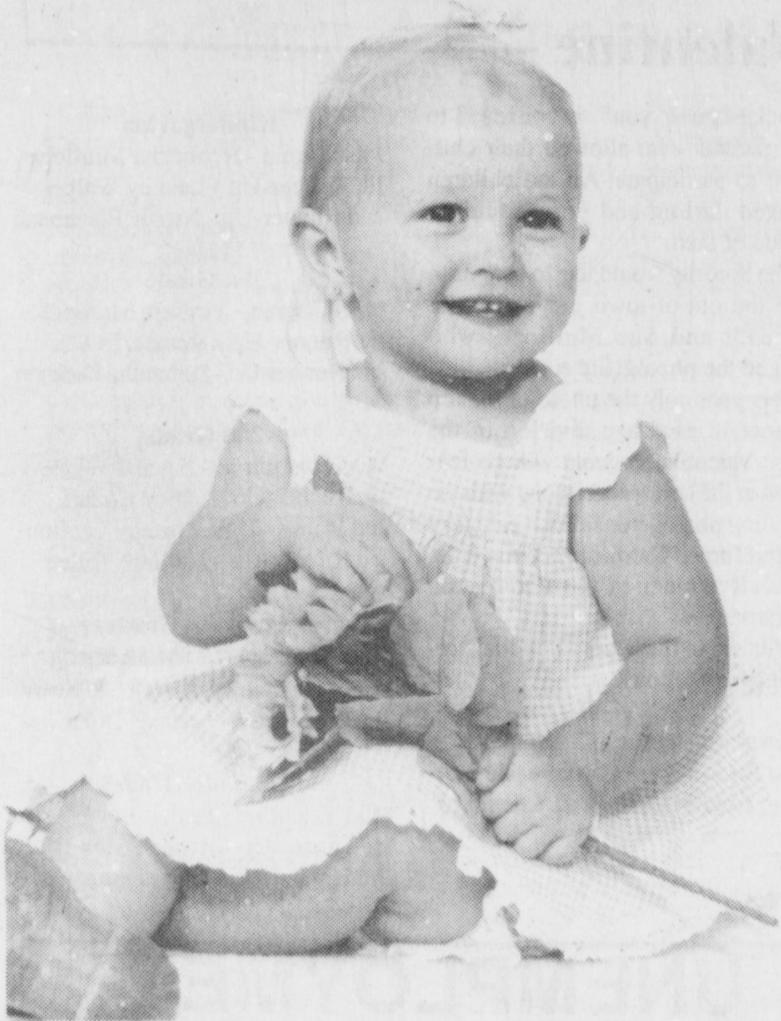
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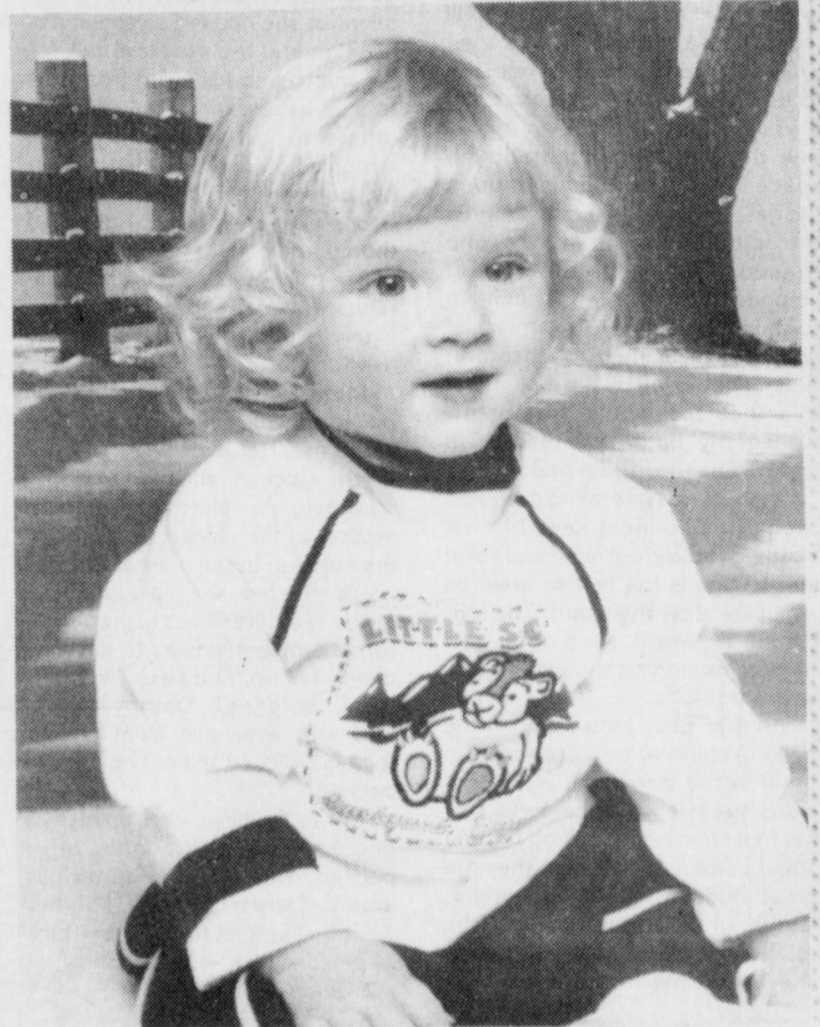
2-3 Yrs. — Hannah Cowan, daughter of Michael and April Cowan



6 Mos. - 1 Yr. — Jevon Tillery, son Daniel and Connie Tillery of Brownwood, photo submitted by Betty Weiss



0-6 Mos. — Tripp Thomas, son of Travis and Kim Thomas



1-2 Yrs. — Stetson Bomar, son of Thomas and Heather Bomar



5th-6th Grade — Austin Dunaway, son of Karen Dunaway



3-4 Yrs.— Emily Pope, daughter of Billy and Becky Pope



K-5 — Mazi Rudloff, daughter of Rodney and Natasha Rudloff of Temple, photo submitted by Nora Odom



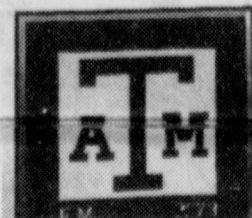
1st -2nd Grade — Zed Woerner, son of Cord and Kim Woerner



4-5 Yrs. — Austin Walker, son of Randy Walker and Tiffany McKenzie



11th-12th Grade — Andrew McNeel, son of Debbie McNeel and the late Fred McNeel of Wichita Falls, photo submitted by Margaret McNeel



Miss Valentine Pageant Winners and Escorts

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(Photos courtesy of Tammy Weiser of Weiser Weddings and Photography)



PRE-K ESCORTS— Taylor Parker (front, from left), Tristen Stephenson-Judge's Choice, and Colton McWilliams



KINDERGARTEN ESCORTS— Travis Sparks (from left), Christopher Wheeler, Cameron Phillips - Judge's Choice, Jordan Miller. Not pictured Tony Skidmore.



3-4 GRADE ESCORTS— Nathan Creamer (from left), Cole Luter - Judge's Choice, Cameron Phillips, Ector Mireles and Joe Dalton Wyatt. Not pictured Justin Pope.



2ND GRADE ESCORTS— Colton Rockett (from left), Austin Sparks - Judge's Choice, Hayden Wyatt and Patrick Border.



MISS CUPID (Kindergarten) — Rebbekha Murdock



MISS HEARTTHROB (2nd Grade) — Savana Wyatt



5-6 GRADE ESCORTS — Jonathan Ray Hollis (from left), Joey Westerman, Thomas Savell- Judge's Choice, Austin Dunaway and Dalton Jackson,



MISS CHERUB (1st Grade) — Virginia Murdock



MISS SWEETHEART (3-4 Grade) — Shasta Bacon



MISS VALENTINE (5-6 Grade) — Hailey Biggs

COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Missing my metal...

MyKeeper turned left. My directional signals shorted out again. I was just sure we should have turned right.

"Oh," said MyKeeper, "you're missing the steel in your nose." "What?"

"You're supposed to have a little piece of steel in your nose. He said he knew me well enough to testify there's not a trace of metal in my nose."

"What's steel in my nose got to do with turning right?"

An article he read some time ago said people have a bit of metal in the bridge of their nose. It helps them to find their way around. The bigger their piece of metal, the better they are at navigating.

It's true, I have no internal compass. My mother had an impeccable sense of direction, but when the genetic pie was divided up amongst my sisters and brother, I must have been standing around the corner.

When I got behind the wheel of my first car, oh, those many years ago, I thought the car would know where to go. I've spent a lot of my life going around in circles. I do much better with a co-pilot.

It wasn't too hard learning to get around Seattle where I grew up. The Emerald City is squeezed between two bodies of water and two mountain ranges, and travel is mostly north or south. And I could always scout my destination from the top of a hill.

One place confounded me time

after time. I never really figured out how to get to my Grandpa's house. I'd drive to the general area and make right hand turns until I spotted his familiar porch.

MyKeeper and the kids never let me forget that I'm the one that can get lost in the bathroom. It happened to be a big bathroom, at a huge airport, with identical exit doors on both sides. When my nephew turned up missing a few minutes later at the same airport, I led the search. He has no metal in his nose, either.

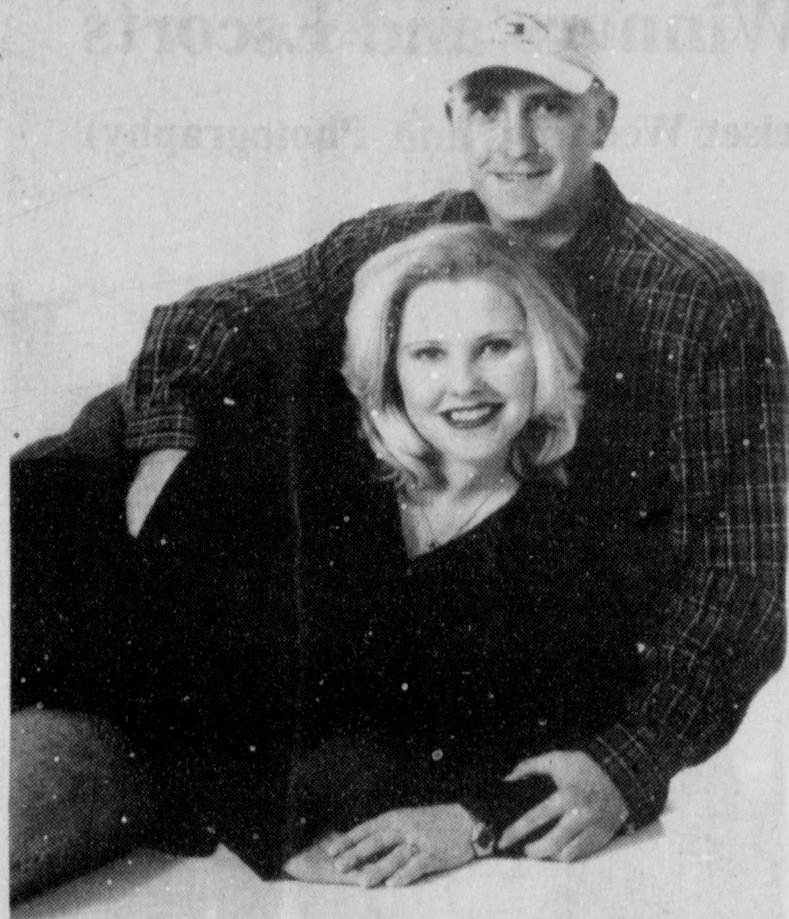
The family also teases me about passing my own driveway three times. I was so busy working out the details of a complex afternoon schedule with my youngest daughter Precious that I drove past the house, turned around at the corner, and missed it twice more.

My compensating mechanism here in the wide flat land of West Texas is to figure out which way the shadows fall, then transpose in my head. Oh, the migraines I get trying to figure it all out. And on a cloudy day, I am clueless. I might as well stay home.

These thoughts stirred a dawning realization. "Oh," I said. "Do you suppose it might be iron instead of steel? Iron that acts like a magnet and points north?"

"Something like that," he said. "Whatever it is, you don't have it." "Yeah, well, if that's the case, I'm the only one who doesn't have to worry about getting too close to a wrecking yard magnet crane!"

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MARLA WATSON AND DAVID FOSTER

Watson-Foster Engagement and March Wedding Noted

Marlie and Becky Watson are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marla to David Foster, son of Steve and Anita Sue Foster of Abilene. Steve is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster of Cross Plains.

Marla, a graduate of Coleman High School, attended Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University and is currently employed with Coleman

Independent School District.

David, a graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and Angelo State University, is currently enrolled in the Department of Public Safety Academy at Austin.

A March 31, 2001, ceremony is planned at Community Baptist Church in Coleman. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present. Minutes of the last meetings were approved as read.

Bob Hill met with the council to give the monthly judge's report. He reported sixty-five citations for January with thirty remaining outstanding. Twenty-four remain outstanding for December and twelve remain outstanding for November. There were eleven reminder letters sent. By general consent the council accepted the report as presented.

Debbie Gosnell read the monthly police report. She reported eighty-nine calls for service, three criminal mischief, four accidents, three family disturbances, fifty-seven warning citations and sixty-five citations being given. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Cecil Barton met with the council as representative of the Cross Plains Public Library. He discussed the goals and accomplishments of the Library. He also presented the council a letter from Charles A. Rodenberger, President of the Library, requesting that the city fund the library in the amount of \$5,000.00, which was the same as last year. Mr. Barton presented the council with a copy of the library's proposed budget and went over the budget. Ms. Joan McGowen also met with council to discuss the LAP program and other programs that are beneficial to the community. All representatives of the library thanked the council for their time and consideration of their request.

Keith Lawrence met with the council as a representative of the Economic Development Board. He presented the council with a packet of information concerning the Goals and Plans for 2001/2002, the 2001/2002 proposed budget, the recommendation for the upcoming appointment for board members whose terms expire 2001, proposed grant of the Foster building to Brian Bennett, and proposals related to Barr Fabrication. Discussion was held at length concerning each item. Jerry Cassle moved to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the items presented to the council from the EDC. James Nichols moved to return to open meeting. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to approve the Economic Development 2001/2002 budget as presented. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to approve the Economic Development 2001/2002 budget as presented. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Joe Ingram moved to appoint Debbie Gosnell to the expired term of Ray Womack and to reappoint Steve Mack, Era Lee Hanke and Dannes Turner to the Economic Development Board. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Joe Ingram moved to approve the granting of the Foster building to Brian Bennett. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to approve the loan from the EDC to Barr Fabrication in the amount of \$45,000.00. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Dean Dillard moved to approve Citizens State Bank loaning the Economic Development Board \$45,000.00. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols moved to approve the grant from the EDC to Barr Fabrication in the amount of \$10,251.00. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols moved to take bids on a used motor grader comparable to a Caterpillar 120G with front scarifiers, articulating 12 ft. blade, between the years 1979-1989. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

The Callahan County Nutrition Project was on the agenda to discuss the annual contribution and to also ask the city to consider any money left over from the Senior Citizens Center repair and maintenance fund to give to the project to deposit in their General Fund. The Nutrition Project asks the city to consider giving \$5,000 as the annual contribution as they did last year. By general consent the council agreed to give the nutrition project \$4,000.00 for the annual contribution and \$1,000.00 plus any money left over from the Senior Citizens Repair and Maintenance Fund to go into a CD in the City's name for the purchase of a new van for the Cross Plains Center when the purchase of the van is made.

James Nichols moved to pay the bills. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Dean Dillard moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held at length concerning the employees.

Edwin Weiss moved to return to open meeting. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

The annual budget was discussed at length.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
AITTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

State Capitol spotlight on Texas Midwest February 21

Texas Midwest Day in Austin will offer several opportunities for regional recognition on February 21st when hundreds of citizens from the region converge on the State Capitol.

Dr. T. Shawn Brewer, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland, will be Pastor of the Day in the House of Representatives, as arranged by Rep. Jim Keffer (House District 60). Dr. Brewer will offer the prayer after the 10:00 a.m. roll call in the House.

Buffalo soldiers, representing the Texas Forts Trail, will present the colors on the Senate floor by invitation from Senator Troy Fraser (Senate District 24). The soldiers will bring attention to the importance of the tourism industry in the region.

Arrangements for an exclusive Open House at the Governor's Mansion have been set for Texas Midwest and Texas Forts Trail representatives. Originally, tours for smaller groups had been scheduled. As organizers realized there would be so many from the region wanting to visit the Mansion, the Open House was arranged. Visitors from the region will be able to roam through the Governor's home and hear from docents stationed in each room.


KTXS-TV has assigned a film crew to accompany the regional delegation to Austin to document the activities of the day for special

news reports on the 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 News. The local ABC affiliate will also produce a live remote broadcast from the early evening Texas Midwest Tailgate reception being held for State Legislators and State Agency directors.

While visiting the House of Representatives, the Texas Midwest delegation will be recognized with a House Resolution authored by Rep. David Counts (House District 70). A Senate Resolution jointly sponsored by Sen. Tom Haywood (Senate District 30), Sen. David Sibley (Senate District 22) and Sen. Troy Fraser will be presented as the group visits the Senate Chamber.

Without a doubt, Texas Midwest Community Network and the Texas Forts Trail will reach new heights of recognition not only at the State Capitol but also throughout the region.

TMCN Member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.



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DISTRICT 10-A RUNNER-UP— Toni Mae Wyatt (Manager) (front, from left), Candice Bailey, Shena Thomas and Erin Stephens (Manager); Judith Hartman (kneeling, from left), Amanda Kitchens and Sarah Nixon; Coach Mitchell Atchley (standing, from left), Jennifer Turner, Dani Marion, Angela Rodriguez (Manager), Amber Wilson, Tessa Wyatt and Head Coach Mike Cavender.

VARSITY LADY BUFFS FINISH RUNNER-UP IN DISTRICT 10-A

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday the Lady Buffs traveled to Baird in their final regular District 10-A contest. They were defeated by the Bears by the score of 76 to 36. It was a tough emotional loss and we just never got anything started at

any point. The girls struggled from the field shooting 13 percent for the game. They missed a lot of free throws early when we could have kept the game close, until things settled down going 1 for our first 13 attempted and 24 for 45 total from the line.

With this loss the Lady Buffs fell back into a 2-way tie with May at 5-3 for the district runner-up spot.

On Friday the Lady Buffs traveled to the neutral site of DeLeon for the district play-off match with May. We came away with a big victory by the score of 47-40.

The 1st quarter went back and forth, ending with a 10 to 10 tie and we went in at halftime up by 4, 26-22. The kids had an excellent 3rd quarter and started the 4th up by 15, 42 to 27. The first 5:00 minutes of the 4th the girls couldn't get the ball to drop from the field or the free throw line, but when the game got tight with 3 minutes to go, we did what we needed to do to

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Overall Photogenic Winner — Jurnee Thomas, daughter of Travis and Kim Thomas



1ST GRADE ESCORTS— Tony Skidmore (from left), Ethan Wells, Cody Self, Dakota Gilliam, Dakota Bomar- Judge's Choice. Not pictured Jayten Ames.



MISS SWEETIE PIE (Pre-K) — Christa Potter (Pageant Photos Courtesy of Tammy Weiser of Weiser Weddings and Photography).

Miss Valentine Pageant A Great Success for Sorority

The annual Miss Valentine Pageant was presented last Saturday and was reported a success by all involved. There were 38 contestants in the pageant and 40 plus entries in the Photogenic Contest.

KIWANIS

Pancake Supper Monday

Just four days away, on Monday night February 19th, is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year — the Kiwanis Pancake Supper! It is the night for great food and great fellowship.

The price for so much eating and fun together remains the same as in the past — \$3 per person (thanks to a lot of donations). That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water. Where can you get an eating deal like that?! A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanians with their many programs of help during the year — too numerous to list.

The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Monday night, February 19th, beginning at 5 p.m., going until 7 p.m. The place is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your tickets yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy them now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two — maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. As stated last week, if you wait to pay at the door, Charles Rodenberger just might talk you into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, February 16, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving beef stew with corn bread, coffee or tea at \$3.00 per plate. Sandwiches and pie will also be available. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and musical entertainment commences at 6:00 p.m.

Mary E. Weaver will be the emcee for the evening. Admission is free.



DEMONSTRATING A BIRD TRAP—Cottonwood resident David Jones, at right, demonstrates how pigeons are placed inside a bird trap used to train Brittany Spaniel bird dogs. A film crew spent the day Wednesday, Febru-

ary 4 at the Jones ranch filming an episode about the Brittany dog breed. Jones will be featured in an upcoming episode for the Animal Planet's "Breed All About It" sometime in July or August.

Local Bird Dog Breeder to Be Featured on National T.V.

The Animal Planet television network will air an episode of the show "Breed All About It" in which Cottonwood residents David and Debbie Jones will be featured.

A production crew from Littleton, Colorado spent all day Wednesday, February 7 filming at the Jones 60-acre ranch on County Road 461.

The 30-minute show "Breed All About It" will detail the different life stages of the dog breed Brittany Spaniel. Jones operates a Brittany hunting dog training school and also operates an Internet website "brittanygundogs.com."

Jones, who has owned Brittany's on and off for 30 years, said the episode will also show Brittany's are great family pets as well. Jones

will train Brittany's for some 45 days while the animal is six months to one year old and then go through a finishing school for another 45 days when the animal is two years old. The dogs are trained to spot quail, pheasant and grouse. Jones says the schooling also teaches the animals obedience. "A trained dog is a happy dog," Jones stated.

David is a 1979 graduate of Clyde High School. His wife, Debbie, is the former Clyde resident Debbie Watts. Debbie is still employed by Abilene Christian University, where both her children, Melissa and Clint attend school.

Jones said the production company Rocket Pictures heard about

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Cross Plains EDC Announced \$45,000 Loan for New Company

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, Inc. is pleased to announce that the EDC Board and the City Council of Cross Plains has approved a \$45,000 loan to Mr. Hugh 'Bo' Barr to be used in the establishment of a new company located in the city of Cross Plains.

The business, Barr Fabrication LLC is owned by Sandra and Bo Barr. Sandra is the president and Bo is the vice president of the company. Barr Fabrication is in the metal fabrication business and specializes in manufacturing items for the railcar industry.

Barr will also receive a loan/grant in the amount of \$10,251 from the EDC to build a portable office building and to help defray the cost of wiring the manufacturing facilities. The business has leased a vacant building in the city.

Mr. Barr brings over 25 years of experience in railcar and pressure vessel manufacturing and long-term

relationships with several high profile railcar manufacturing firms including Trinity Industries, Gunderson, Inc., ACF Industries, and Union Tank Car. Barr's business plan indicates that it will start production with three production employees and two administrative employees. An additional two production employees are anticipated in the next 60 to 90 days.

Terry Thomas, EDC Director, said, "The city of Cross Plains is very pleased to welcome Barr Fabrication and looks forward to a long mutually beneficial relationship."

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Bennett Receives Foster Building from Local EDC

The Cross Plains E.D.C., Inc. is pleased to announce that the EDC Board and the City Council of Cross Plains has approved the granting of the "Foster Grocery" building on Main Street to Bryan Bennett, owner of Bennett Electronic Security Team (BEST). Mr. Bennett plans to renovate the building and operate his business from the site. BEST specializes

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Delta Sigma Phi would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who helped with the event in any way. The joint cooperation made the evening flow smoothly. A

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



MISTY YATES

Misty Yates has been selected as the employee for February. She was born on March 12, 1982, in Cisco and is 18 years old. She enjoys playing basketball, tennis and going skiing. Her favorite food is chicken. Misty received a badge and a cash gift. Congratulations Misty!

Our thoughts and prayers for June Hickman who is in the hospital.

A warm welcome for our new resident, Clifford King.

Appreciation to Dee Harrell for the candy and to Cottonwood Baptist Junior Youth for the cute Valentines they gave the residents.

Violet Edwards of Cisco visited with Delilah Goble.

Nena and Gilbert Alvarado of Big Spring, Katie Williams of Ovalo, Luke and Sam McKenzie, Lorine Bryson, Joy McKenzie and Emma visited with Carl McKenzie.

Ethel Champion visited with Jessie Casey and Pauline Switzer.

Sara Wells visited with Pauline Regian, Pauline Champion and Gladys Smith. Also visiting was W.W. Thomason.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited with Jake Childers.

Pat Bush was here visiting Wayne Brown and others.

Charlene McGowen of Brownwood, Naomi McCowen, Tamara and Sylvia Brown, Doris and Donald Duke and Charlene Grider of Rising Star visited with Raymond McCowen.

Dee Harrell, Josh and Willa and great-grandson, Lane Alen Harrell, visited with Ruby Harrell.

Jodie Bradley and Regina O'Neill of Abilene visited with Doris Adams. Marie Peevy visited with everyone.

Lurene McNutt, Charlou Cowan, Cheyenne and Hannah Cowan and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louse Richardson.

Nikki Callaway visited with Victor Long.

Walter Thomason and Alice Clark visited with Pauline Champion.

David Cloud visited Maxine Crockett and James Teel.

James and Deborah Griswold and Michael Curry of Hawley visited with Deen Haddox.

Richard Lee from Comanche visited with Pauline Regian.

Carl Weaver from Houston visited with Mary Weaver.

Kathy Purvis visited with Gladys Smith.

Activities:

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Jessie Casey, Clifford King and Gladys Smith (2) and Falba Shofner. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise Skip-Bo games.

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were: Gladys Smith (2), Jessie Casey, Vera Belyeu and Falba Shofner. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

SUNDAY: First Baptist Church

A Heart that Seeks God Finds Him.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies are still working on the same three quilts as last week. We had several ladies out due to illness and doctor appointments. We hope all are well and can be back Tuesday.

Glenda Phillips' brother, Gainer Boyd, had a cerebral hemorrhage and was taken to the Parkland Hospital in Dallas. He had surgery on Thursday night is in ICU. Our prayers are with Glenda and her family.

Earlene's brother and sister-in-law, Rudolph and Sarah Brown of Denton, came for the weekend. They had a nice lunch at the "Cotton Patch" in Abilene. Saturday, Jessica Stultz and Cindy Ochoa from Brownwood came and they all had an enjoyable visit before leaving for home.

Lessie Baum spent three days last week in Abilene with her sister, Oddie Kintchen.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean traveled to

Putnam Friday to the musical. Saturday Oliver and Frankie visited with Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, also Frankie's sister, Mrs. Pidgeon and friend, Jay of Weatherford. Saturday night Oliver, Frankie and Jean attended the Scranton Musical.

Jim Walker from Coppell visited with his aunts in this area Monday. He is a nephew to Olena, Pauline Parsons and Uva Jones. He visited another aunt who is in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

A few days ago, Cowan and Laverne Hutton met their friends, Otis and Charlene O'Kelly of Santo, at the Smokestack Cafe at Thurber for lunch and a visit together. Their granddaughter, Tabitha, and great-granddaughter, Laren, visited them during the week.

Rural Pearl: Prepare the child for the path, not the path for the child. Karen Eiler

GARDEN CLUB NEWS



James Nichols presented library with book from Garden Club.

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular meeting on February 9, at 2:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center. The topic for the program was "Create Texas Gardens".

Bob Powell, president, presided for the meeting and led the members in repeating the Club Collect.

Eva Fleming conducted the program, "Learning to Garden in Texas" by having each member to relate their experiences in gardening in different regions of Texas.

Afterwards, correspondence was read, March 9-10, 2001 was the date for VIII Spring Convention to be held in Del Rio.

Barbara Powell, flower show chairman, passed out flower show schedules. On May 5-6 "Spirit of Texas" will be staged at the Senior Citizens Center on Main Street - a yearly event.

In fulfillment of one of the club's projects, James Nichols will present the book titled "Complete Book of Houseplants" to the Cross Plains Library.

The following slate of officers were chosen for the club year September 2001-2002: Bob Powell - President; Mary Ella Weaver - 1st Vice President,

Eva Fleming - 2nd Vice President, Julene Franke - Treasurer, James Nichols - Recording Secretary, Joyce Odom - Reporter and Audrey Lovett - Parliamentarian.

James Nichols, chairman for Trades Day, gave an update on this event.

Also the board members will meet to plot out future projects for the upcoming year.

The hostesses carried out a St. Valentines theme in the table and refreshments. Mary Ella Weaver and Helen Tillotson served as hostesses. They served red punch and coffee, cherry topped cookies, small cherry pies, mints and candies, along with a vegetable tray.

Those present were: Bob and Barbara Powell and Tony, Eva Fleming, James Nichols, Audrey Lovett, Joyce Odom, Mary Ella Weaver and Helen Tillotson.

The next meeting will be March 9 at 2 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

This is dedicated to someone I know. I'm not saying who, but you will know who are you!

If I live to be on hundred, I'll still remember the day; the day you bungled and blundered into my life that way.

Right from the plane you parachuted and straight down my chimney. I'll not forget the sight of "Skinny," as she stood yelling, shoot it!!

Seems she thought you were a goner and that with any luck, you wouldn't stay stuck in the chimney much longer.

I guess you could say it really doesn't pay to fall that way, on any hot summer day.

It was actually quite a trick to dislodge you at all, from that chimney of spattered

bricks. Surprise! With you came the wall.

Now it's all been repaired even though father glared, for his bank account had really been pared, to the bone, it'd been bared!

.....and...I heard him declare.... as he chased you up the stairs, I'll trap you like a bear; and ship you off to Zaire!!

Father really didn't thin it funny that after our honeymoonin'..... We spent the rest of the money on a cut li'l place, we called the "DO DROP INN"!!

The story is true, but the names, places and certain incidents have been changed to protect the guilty, as well as the innocent. Did I say that??? I can't believe I said that. Anyway, if you recognize yourself, don't blame me, I tried to disguise you---really!

LIBRARY NEWS



February 5-9

Well, I listened in on the Library Board's meeting on Monday. Whew! Those are busy folks. You should check them out if you're looking for community service. They can find plenty for you. Sure! There are things you can do. Sack books. Help with food sales. Bake a cake, cookies, bread. They could have used them last week. They got home-prepared "stuff" from the best cooks in town. That's what makes the library so special. (Believe me -- I've nibbled!)

Also, the Board planned for the next to or three "Meet the Author" programs. The next one will probably be

on Tuesday, April 7. Mark your calendars. We'll tell you more later.

Parents, encourage your school-age children to enter the writing contest the library is sponsoring at school. Those writing skills will come in handy.

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By Bob Pipes
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The question of "how to be a slave" can be answered in two words: hate someone! The moment you start hating somebody, you become a slave. It controls your dreams, absorbs you digestion, robs you of your peace of mind and good will, and takes away the pleasure of your work and play. It ruins your religion and nullifies your prayers. You cannot even go on a vacation without it going with you. Hate destroys your freedom of mind and hounds you wherever you are. There is no way to escape. It is with you when you are awake and invades your inner privacy even when you are asleep. It is close beside you when you eat, when you drive your car, and with at your job. You can never have much efficiency nor happiness as long as you hate someone. It influences your tone of voice and your countenance -- it requires you to take medicine for indigestion, then ulcers, for headaches and loss of energy. This is a worst kind of slavery!

Doesn't it sound like it would be much easier, wiser and enjoyable to love someone rather than hate them? The apostle Paul referred to love as the greatest gift, the most excellent way. It endures all things and never fails -- is greater than even faith and hope. That certainly makes it far superior to hate! But come to think of it, we must be careful or we might become a slave to love also! However, since it is enjoyable and rewarding, it's a good "master" to which one can become a slave. So a new question arises: "How to be a slave and enjoy it?" Answer: love someone(s)!

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TUESDAY--Smothered Chicken, Dressing, Tossed Salad, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce, Roll
WEDNESDAY--Meatloaf, Cauliflower w/ Cheese Sauce, Green Beans, Cobbler, Roll
THURSDAY-- B-B-Q Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Carrot Raisin Slaw, Apricots, Oatmeal Cookie
FRIDAY-- Chef Salad, Ham-Cheese- Egg, Baked Potato, Cheesecake, Crackers

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, February 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- PRAYER
- Minutes
 - Open Forum
 - Discuss and act on BE (local) meeting place and time of board meetings.
 - Discuss and act on CHD (local) purchasing and acquisition (purchasing procedure).
 - Discuss and act on EIA (local) academic achievement (grading/progress report)
 - Discuss and act on EIE (local) retention and promotion
 - Discuss and act on joining Medicaid administrative claiming con-

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8. Discuss and take action on PS9 grant application
 9. Discuss and take action on CPHI using facilities for chili supper.
 10. Alcohol and drug policy (tabled at January meeting).
 11. Discuss and approve Cross Plains campus improvement plans.
 12. School board election: A. Election date B. Election site C. Appoint judge D. Appoint alternate judge E. Appoint absentee clerk F. Absentee site
 13. Executive Session (if needed)
 14. Personnel: A. Athletic Director Contract B. Elementary Principal Contract C. Secondary Principal Contract D. Other Employee Matters (if needed)
 15. Review bills/financial report
 16. Adjourn
- Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

TAAS Testing Next Week Students Please Be Prepared

Passing exit TAAS tests is required for high school diplomas in Texas. Next week these tests will be given to sophomores and anyone who has not passed this requirement. Writing for fourth grade, eighth grade, and exit level is scheduled for February 20. Exit math is scheduled on Wednesday, February 21, and exit reading on Thursday, February 22.

The following suggestions have been made for parents of students involved in TAAS testing:

- *Be positive, supportive, and encouraging especially as testing time grows near.
- *Reassure your child they have done a very good job preparing for the tests and this will result in success.
- *Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before each test.
- *Provide breakfast each morning of testing.

*Remind students to take highlighters, #2 pencils with erasers, and something to read if they finish early.

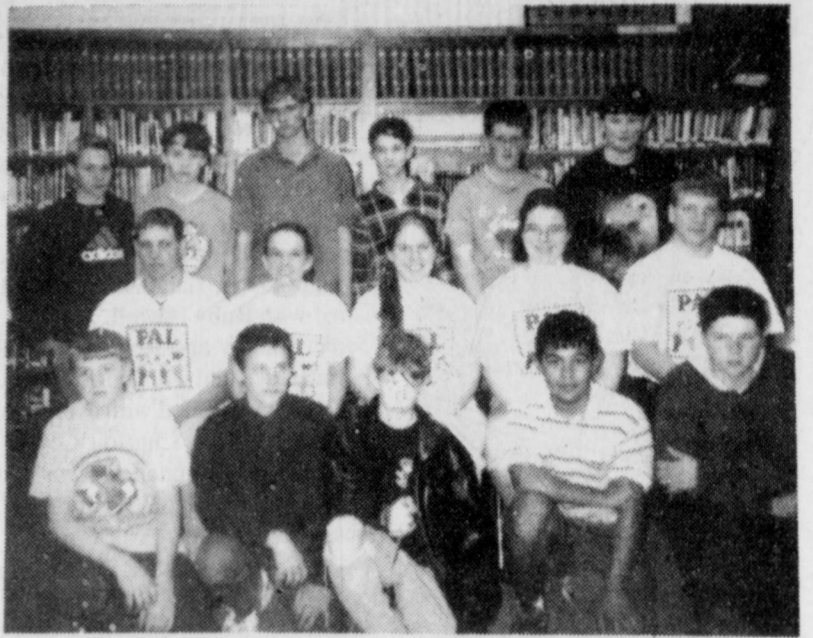
*Encourage students to relax and take their time (it is not timed). Students speeding through exams often make careless errors.

*Encourage students to read directions thoroughly, even if they have done that particular test before and think they know what is being asked.

*Tell them to answer all the questions, starting with easier, then moving on to the harder ones.

*Remind them to check their work after completing a question to make sure the answer makes sense for the question asked.

*Make sure your student is on time to school.



J.D. Cook (front, from left), James Purcell, Elias Bennett, Ross Sifuentes and Michael Gregory; PAL's George Mathews (middle, from left), Tessa Wyatt, Melanie Chesshir, Toni Mae Wyatt and Roger Carey; Brandon Horton (back, from left), Heath Walker, Cody Harris, Thomas Dimitri, Brenton McNutt and Chris Beaty.



Nicole Clark (front, from left), Laura Johnson, Lori Hail, Eddie Rose, Justin Kelly; Dusty Cooper (middle, from left), Seth Potter, Cody Reed, L.D. Whitehead, and Natasha Wolford; Ray Ward (back, from left), Jason Goains, Erin Isbell, Marcos Navarro and Misty Roesler. Not pictured are Nicolas Dimitri and Violeta Vasquez.

BUFF SEASON ENDS Following Play-off With May

After three months of hard workouts and a tough schedule, the Boys Basketball season has come to an end. After beating May a couple of weeks ago the Buffaloes had a chance to make the play-offs as the district runner-up.

The Buffs played the District Champs, Baird Bears, last Tuesday night with the chance to clinch a play-off spot. However, it was not to be, as the Bears put on a shooting clinic like no one else had all season. The Bears built a 19 point lead before the Buffaloes began storming back. The final score was 56-53 Baird, but the

final minutes were very exciting. Losing to Baird forced Cross Plains into a 2nd place play-off with May.

After having played them three times earlier in the year and having lost 2 out of the 3 games, the Buffaloes figured they were due. However, this was not to be the case as the Tigers continued to make play after play that kept them in the lead.

Cross Plains could only muster seven 2 point baskets and three 3 point baskets for the entire game. The final score has Cross Plains 40 May 52. Cross Plains' season record was 16-11.

Final Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Games Reported

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The Junior Varsity Lady Buffs finished up their basketball season with a loss to Baird at Baird on Tuesday evening.

The girls played them close in the 1st quarter, trailing 8 to 6, but a 16 to 5 second quarter found us trailing at halftime 24 to 11.

We never could get anything going in the 2nd half of the game to build on. The final outcome was 60 to 21.

Leading the scoring were D. Rivard 6, J. Mauricio 6, J. James 3, K. Wooten 3, J. Young 2 and C. Gallaway 1.

This brings the J.V. kids final season record to 7 wins and 11 losses.

The last 4 weeks of the season we combined 3 teams into 2 teams because of the number of players able to play. Some of the original J.V. members were bumped up to the varsity and all the freshmen were bumped up to J.V. play.

4-H Shooting Sports First Meeting of Year

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold their first meeting of the year on Saturday, February 24, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the range located between Baird and Clyde on FM 18.

Anyone between 9 years old or third grade thru 18 years old or senior in high school may participate. All interested persons who wish to be in shooting sports need to attend this meeting. Parents are asked to attend, also.

For further information, please contact David Nichols at 915-529-4243.

Shooting Sports' New Range Hours

The Callahan County Shooting Sports Range announces new hours of operation for the 2001 year. The range will be open the first Saturday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting February 3, 2001. The next open date will be March 3, 2001.

Any member needing special range access may call David Nichols at 915-529-4243.



February 19-February 23 BREAKFAST

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Katie Mack (front, from left), Karen Ross, Dayna Bennett, Misty Callaway and Amanda Rivers; Stephanie Edgington (middle, from left), Tessa Wyatt, Toni Mae Wyatt, Melanie Chesshir and Amber Phillips; Kali Phillips (back, from left), Travis Black, Josh Nelson, Marie Besselaar, Kelsey Richards, Jera James and Robert Floyd. Not pictured are Mitch Byrd and Liana McGough.

PAL'S Tutor 8th Grade Students for TAAS Testing

The PAL's, Peer Assistance and Leadership group tutored the 8th grade students for their TAAS writing test. The Cross Plains I.S.D. PAL's include Tessa Wyatt, Toni Mae Wyatt, Cody Reed, L.D. Whitehead, Melanie

Chesshir, Nicholas Dimitri, Violeta Vasquez, George Mathews, Roger Carey and Seth Potter. The PAL's are hoping that the 8th Graders will all be successful. They are a great group to work with.

BASKETBALL

win. Scoring for the game was Candice Bailey 12, Tessa Wyatt 12, Jennifer Turner 10, Amber Wilson, Dani Marion and Amanda Kitchen 4. Also contributing with another great defensive performance was Shena Thomas. The Lady Buffs achieved several of their goals with this victory. We accomplished the 20 win season and advanced to the state play-offs. Our

regular season record concludes at 20 wins, 11 losses. All of these kids did a great job of fighting back to achieve these goals the last three weeks, under a ton of pressure and adversity in every game.

The Lady Buffs will be playing Monday for Bi-District Championship.

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Rep. Stenholm's Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm
Commission on 21st Century
Agriculture

The Commission on 21st Century Agriculture appeared before the House Agriculture Committee this past Wednesday to discuss their report, "Directions For Future Farm Policy."

The commission was formed to take a hard look at what role the government should have in support of production agriculture. In particular, the members of the commission studied the 1996 Farm Bill, "Freedom to Farm," and conducted a review of the nation's agriculture programs.

Some disappointment was expressed at the commission's failure to make specific policy recommendations. Nevertheless, the report can be viewed as a foundation to work from as the House Agriculture Committee begins work on the 2002 Farm Bill.

Disaster Assistance
Sign up for disaster payments began on January 18. Payments will be sent out after the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) certifies the regulations and the Office of Management and Budget completes the clearance process. In the event there is a delay, it is hopeful Agriculture Secretary

Veneman would consider giving folks a partial payment. I would emphasize, however, that there is currently no indication that Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices will encounter difficulties in mailing out checks by March 1.

Ag Outlook
Some help for the Ag sector came this week as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cut interest rates by half a point.

This should help the export demand for agriculture products and lead to higher prices for domestic producers.

Even better news is the amount of moisture we have been receiving in the Big Country this fall and winter. Hopefully, this precipitation will continue and we will have a wet spring that will pull us out of the drought that has consumed West Central Texas.

Livestock Prices
We are also still experiencing strong cattle prices. The USDA reported Wednesday that cattle prices are up 6 percent from last year, and hog prices are up 31 percent.

This is a big help to producers who have been hard hit by depressed prices over the last few years.

Senator Sibley says Texas deregulation plan is sound

AUSTIN—Severe power shortages in the state of California coupled with rising energy costs this winter have many Texans concerned about the impacts of deregulation when it is implemented in the Lone Star state. Not to worry, according to state Senator David Sibley (R-Waco), author of the legislation that will result in choice of electrical providers for consumers beginning Jan. 1, 2002.

Today in Austin, during the annual Leadership Conference of the Texas Farm Bureau, the state's largest, general farm organization with over 300,000 member families, Sibley offered assurances that the Texas deregulation plan is sound. The Senator also complimented the farmers, saying, "Many groups are process oriented but farmers and ranchers are results oriented."

"What we need in Austin are results oriented people, and I appreciate what you do. If there is one thing I want you to take home with you today it's this: We are not California. We did it differently," Sibley said, predicting better results for Texas electric deregulation. Sibley said he and other Texas lawmakers involved in crafting the legislation last session visited California and were disconcerted with what they found.

"On the way back, I said, 'If that's electrical deregulation, I don't want

any part of it. I came back very satisfied to leave it alone. Then we visited Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We even took a trip to England. The conclusion we came to was that those of you in a regulated system, where we're telling TXU or Reliant Energy how much they can charge and that no matter how bad an investment they make, we're still going to give them a 10 percent rate of return on their investment."

Consumers are the ones who bear the risk of loss," the senator explained. "We wrote our law so that the person generating the electricity bears the risk of loss." Sibley further noted that the transmission lines from the plant to distribution lines and wires coming into homes will not be deregulated, in order to ensure that lines, when down, are quickly restored and service is uninterrupted.

"I want you to know, I've looked at this right side up and upside down. I am confident in our plan. We have people from all over the country calling. It is being called the model legislation for the U.S. We will hold hearings on it in this session. I'm proud of it."

Sibley emphasized that the plan he helped craft does not compel rural electric cooperatives to come into the system.

"It leaves lots of freedom to the people who have historically served the state in rural areas," he said.

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Heritage Museum Meeting Set for February 20, 2001

The Callahan County Heritage Museum of Ranching and Rodeo is being organized and an organizational meeting has been set at the Baird Senior Citizen Center at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20. The meeting will bring together the offices of the museum organization and those of the public who will be interested in it and its future.

History Professor Don Frazier of McMurry University will be planning to attend. He is head of the McWhinney Foundation that operates the Museum in Buffalo Gap. His knowledge of organizing local history will be most helpful and anticipated.

Tourism program's new name reflects heritage emphasis

AUSTIN—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently announced the new name of the Texas Travel Trails Regional Program. The new name, Texas Heritage Trails Program: A Regional Tourism Initiative, more accurately reflects the program's emphasis on heritage and cultural tourism.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program promotes Texas heritage tourism by providing technical, educational and financial assistance to historical and cultural sites in selected regions. The program is modeled after the THC's highly successful Texas Main Street Program and utilizes the Texas Department of Transportation's travel trails system developed in 1968 as a marketing tool.

The pilot program, the Texas Forts Trail Region, began in 1998. Since then, the Texas Independence Trail Region and the Texas Forest Trail Region were designated to participate. Contingent on legislative funding, THC will incorporate the remaining seven regions in years to come.

Free travel guides for the Texas Forts Trail Region and the Texas Independence Trail Region can be requested via the THC web site www.thc.state.tx.us, by email: thc@thc.state.tx.us or by calling 512/463-6255.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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- NEW LISTING--4 large residential lots in the Tom Bryant addition to Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.
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RAY GRISHAM, GRAHAM 445# BLKWF HFR @ \$103.00 410# BLKWF BULL @ \$110.00	HERMAN MILLS, J/BORO 775# BLK BULL @ \$79.00 720# RED HFR @ \$82.00
JUD HARWELL, W/FORD 390# RED HFR @ \$103.00 330# BLK HFR @ \$110.00	W.J. HAYGOOD, OLNEY 315# RED STR @ \$130.00 365# REDWF HFR @ \$122.50
MANUEL FARMS, ELBERT 570# BLK HFR @ \$85.00 545# CHAR HFR @ \$91.00	McMURRY RNCH, PALO PINTO 1135# CTR COW @ \$42.00 1175# CTR COW @ \$45.00
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Commissioners Approve Cloud Seeding Agreement, By-Laws

Callahan County Commissioners approved an Interlocal Agreement and updated by-laws to join the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association.

Commissioners, in a regular monthly meeting Monday, February 12 at the Commissioners' Courtroom in Baird, approved the measures securing Callahan County's participation in the cloud seeding program which is slated to start this April.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by County Judge Roger Corn, Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the Interlocal Agreement and corrected by-laws of the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association. The weather associations' by-laws follow:

INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into between the following Political Subdivisions collectively called Members to form an Association known as the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association (Association) and shall be effective as of the date hereinafter shown:

Coleman County
Comanche County
Eastland County
Callahan County
Nolan County
Rufinels County
Brown County
Taylor County
City of Abilene

WHEREAS, the Association is created to provide a weather modification program throughout the geographical region of the Members;

WHEREAS, Members desire to work together to attempt to modify weather through the mutual cooperation and for the mutual benefit of its members;

WHEREAS, the Members recognize the importance of coordinating together their activities as it relates to weather modification and to share the expense of such activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is Agreed and Understood among the parties as follows:

SECTION ONE INTENT AND PURPOSES

1.01 It is the intent and purpose of the Association to coordinate and share expenses for the purposes of attempting to modify weather in the geographical region of the Members. The Board of Directors of the Association shall carefully review, study and consider the effects of the Association's weather modification activities at least annually and make a report to the Members of the effects. The Board of Directors shall at least annually provide an assessment of the costs associated with the operation of the weather modification activities. The Board of Directors may upon a majority vote allow other political subdivisions to become Members of the Association and be assessed on a basis agreed to by the Association Bylaws.

SECTION TWO ELECTION OF PARTICIPATION

2.01 Each Member hereby elects to become a Member of the Association. Each Member shall designate two representatives to be voting Directors of the Board of Directors of the Association. Each voting Director shall be a registered voter in the entity that they represent.

2.02 The initial term of this Agreement shall be for four (4) one (1) year periods, commencing on the 1st Day of January, 2001 and shall continue in full force and effect until the end of each respective fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st of the same calendar year. At the end of the first fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter of the initial term, this Agreement shall be renewed automatically for an additional one (1) fiscal year term without the necessity of any action by the Members. Continuation of the Agreement past the initial term shall require agreement of the Members.

2.03 Each Member may elect not to renew this Agreement by giving written notice to each other Member at least 120 days prior to the end of the original term of any renewed term. Any notice to terminate must be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Member.

2.04 The Association may invest any and all funds that are on deposit with the Association and such funds shall be invested pursuant to the Texas Public Fund Investment Act. The investment earnings from these funds shall be used for the

benefit of the Association.

SECTION THREE POWERS AND DUTIES

3.01 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an Association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

3.02 The Association shall have no duty to take any action, except as specifically provided for in this Agreement, or the bylaws, except, as it shall hereinafter agree to take in writing.

3.03 By execution of this Agreement, the Members agree to comply with and abide by this Agreement and the bylaws of the Association.

3.04 The bylaws of the Association are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement for all purposes as if fully set out herein.

SECTION FOUR NOTICE TO MEMBERS

4.01 The Members shall appoint two directors from their geographical territory to serve on the Board of the Association. The name of the Directors and the addresses for which notices and other information may be given by the Association shall be set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The Directors shall be the primary contact with the Association and the Association shall not be required to contact any other individual regarding matters of the Member.

4.02 The Association Member may change its Directors and/or address for such Directors by giving written notice to the Association of such change prior to the effective date of the change.

SECTION FIVE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

5.01 The Members agree to pay the Association their pro-rata share of the Association's annual operating costs as indicated in the "% of total" column in the Cost Allocation attached as Exhibit "A". This cost includes the cost of insurance.

5.02 The shares of operating costs are payable quarterly to the Administration Office on the first day, and no later than the 25th day of January, April, July and October.

5.03 Payments for the first quarter of 2001 will be based on the estimated costs listed in Exhibit A. The Association shall provide notice to each Member by September 1st of each year as to the actual cost for the upcoming year.

5.04 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, a Member's Membership in the Association may be terminated upon ten (10) days' written notice, if any assessment owed by the Member is not paid as required by this Agreement.

SECTION SIX PARTICIPATORY FUNDING

6.01 The Members acknowledge and appreciate that various entities, organizations and individuals are providing participatory funding. A list of the known contributors is attached as Exhibit "B". Their participatory funding is governed by separate agreements between members and the contributors.

6.02 The members further acknowledge that a significant portion of the funding for operations comes in the form of reimbursements from the State of Texas. Should these reimbursements cease for any reason, this Agreement will terminate as of the ending date of the State reimbursements.

SECTION SEVEN MISCELLANEOUS

7.01 Except as provided in this Agreement and the bylaws, this Agreement shall not be amended or modified other than in a written agreement signed by the Members.

7.02 This Agreement is entered into and executed in the State of Texas and all questions pertaining to its validity or construction shall be determined in accordance with laws of the State of Texas.

7.03 In case any provision of this Agreement is held illegal or invalid for any reason, said illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

7.04 The Association and the Association members have the exclusive right to bring suit to enforce this Agreement and no other party may bring suit, as a third party beneficiary or otherwise to enforce this

Agreement.

7.05 This Agreement constitutes the sole agreement of the Members and supersedes any prior agreements respecting the services to be provided under this Agreement.

SECTION EIGHT DISSOLUTION

8.01 Upon dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed to the Members according to their pro-rata share of the Association's annual operating expenses. Members who leave prior to dissolution forfeit any and all rights to assets.

SECTION NINE SELECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY FOR THE ASSOCIATION

9.01 The West Central Texas Weather Modification Association agrees to select the West Central Texas Council of Governments to serve as its Administrative Entity.

9.02 The West Central Texas Council of Governments will be paid for its services on a basis agreed to by the Board of Directors. This cost is included in the estimated costs listed in exhibit A.

9.03 The West Central Texas Weather Modification Association and the West Central Texas Council of Governments shall develop a contract for the purpose of outlining services to be rendered by the Council and the method of payment for said services.

SECTION TEN LIABILITY

10.01 The Association shall defend and indemnify each member of the Association against any and all actions brought alleging a cause of action as a result of the activities of the Association, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or designees.

10.02 In the event of an action brought against any Member of the Association alleging a cause of action resulting from an activity of the Association, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or designees, each Member shall:

a) Cooperate with and join in the defense of the suit;

b) Take no action that would impair the defense of the other members, including not settling any claim without permission of the Board.

c) Indemnify and hold harmless all other members of the Association for any result of an action of the Association, its servants, employees, contractors or designees.

10.03 Any Member choosing to leave the Association shall remain committed under this Section to the defense and indemnification of the Association and of the other Members for any action of the Association, its agents, servants, employees, contractors or designees which took place during the departing Member's time with the Association.

10.04 The Association shall purchase liability insurance covering the Association's activities, with its Members, funding participants, and donors listed as insureds.

SECTION ELEVEN LITIGATION VENUE

11.01 Since the Administrative entity is located in Taylor County, Taylor County will be the venue for any litigation, which might arise out of this Agreement.

Bennett.....

in selling and installing security systems in businesses and homes.

Bennett plans to build a showroom and offices in the front end of the building with a storage warehouse in the back. BEST will soon offer satellite TV sales in the showroom.

The Foster Grocery building has been vacant for about 20 years. The EDC acquired the building in 1998 with the hopes that it would eventually house a new or expanding business.

Terry Thomas, EDC Director, stated, "The Cross Plains EDC is pleased that Mr. Bennett will take an unproductive, vacant building and put it back into production. BEST will be a good corporate citizen of Cross Plains and the "new" storefront will be a very welcome sight on Main Street."



RIBBON CUTTING—Ribbon cutting and opening ceremonies for the new State Veterans Home in Big Spring will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 19. The 160 bed facility is located approximately one quarter mile north of Interstate 20 on Highway 87 (Lamesa Highway) and is on the west side of the road.

This will be your chance to tour the most modern care establishment and witness the fine work done by the State of Texas Cooperation with the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hope to see you there!!
RIBBON CUTTING NO. 2—The new quarters for the Abilene VA Out-Patient Clinic will be open for your inspection following a ribbon cutting at 3:00 p.m. on February 26. We are told that Congressman Charles Stenholm will be there along with several other dignitaries.

The new location is on Industrial Blvd., just east of Treadway. The address is 1111 Industrial Blvd., and the turn in street from Industrial is WOODS. This new site will make a shorter trip for Callahan County Veterans as compared to previous quarters adjacent to the Abilene Regional Hospital.

Hope to see you there as well!!
EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS—These items and Dental Care are areas where VA is usually quite stingy. One new angle comes to light wherein a Veteran recently benefit for Aid & Attendance or Housebound will be provided eyeglasses and hearing aids. There is a question of how said Veterans would be able to get to the VA Medical Center if on a AEA or Housebound!! Former POWs and those receiving compensation for a service-connected disability also qualify for optical and hearing care.

Otherwise, hearing aids and eyeglasses will only be provided in special circumstances, and not for generally occurring hearing or vision loss.

A THOUGHT—"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest" Mark Twain

Sales & use tax totals for second quarter of 2000

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the second quarter of 2000 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office on Monday, February 5.

Rylander reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the second quarter of 2000 at \$15,370,630 which was 2.0 percent higher than the gross sales of \$15,066,388 reported during the second quarter of 1999. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the second quarter of 2000 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$139,715. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax assessed.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the second quarter of 2000 in Callahan County was

\$5,969,781. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 257. There were 282 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 2000 was \$8,739,509 which is 1.5 percent higher than the 1999 second quarter gross sales of \$8,610,170.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the second quarter of 2000 was \$49,775.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the second quarter of 2000 was \$4,202,746 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totalled 138 for the second quarter of 2000. There were 152 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 1999.

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BRITTANY TRAINING—Brittany Spaniel bird dogs take to the fields during a bird dog school demonstration for an Animal Planet production crew near Cottonwood. David Jones, who trains Brittany's

at his ranch on County Road 461, will be featured in an episode of "Breed All About It" for the Animal Planet to air sometime in July or August.

DOGS

Jones and his training of Brittany's through his Internet website. He said he tried to send the production company to the Brittany's parent club, but they insisted on visiting the Cottonwood Brittany school.

Jones said the producers of the show were particularly interested in how he uses pigeons, instead of quail, to train a Brittany. He said pigeons are placed in a live trap and the trap is opened by remote control when the dog approaches. He said the pigeon is unharmed and returns back to the pigeon coop later in the day.

Todd Skougor, producer of the episode, and photojournalist Fred Garvin, flew in from DFW Airport and stayed in Abilene Wednesday night before heading for Los Angeles and another animal story there. Skougor said Rocket Pictures produces episodes for Animal Planet, as well as for the Food Network and Home & Garden Network.

The "Breed All About It" episode about the Brittany dog breed and Jones should air sometime in July or August, although the exact date is not known. The Animal Planet show airs at 2:00 p.m. every day of the week.

After graduating from CHS, Jones joined the U.S. Navy where he worked as a cardiovascular technologist. After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1995 after 17 1/2 years, Jones said he learned how

to design websites and designed his own in December 1997. Jones said his site located on Yahoo has received some 76,000 hits. Jones now builds web sites for companies, as well as training Brittany's. Jones said his Brittany website offers free training advise, free recipes for wild game and has a message board for Brittany owners. Jones said his website is Brittany intensive because he is very passionate about the breed. Jones said he does not have a Brittany breeding farm, adding he breeds only three Brittany litters annually.

Jones is also a firm believer in the new e-commerce economy, noting that Animal Planet contacted him through the Internet. He also said he sold a trained Brittany to a Lima, Peru customer through his Internet website. "The Internet really does pay," Jones said.

Jones said after retiring from the U.S. Navy, he wanted to come back home to Callahan County, saying he didn't want to raise his children in a big city. Jones has two children from a previous marriage, Brandon, a sophomore at Cross Plains High School, and Tristan, a seventh grader enrolled at Cross Plains. Jones said both his children are big help around the ranch, feeding and watering the Brittany's, as well as training the breed. Jones said his boys both assist him on guided hunts around the Big Country.

Commissioners vote to keep County Road 711 open

Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular meeting Monday, February 12, voted not to close County Road 711 after the Commissioners' Court received a letter against the roadway closing.

County residents Butch Nelson, Duke Seay and Archie Akers met with the Commissioners' Court requesting County Road 711, which joins County Road 110 and County Road 112, be closed to public traffic. Those wanting the roadway closed said it was being used as a dumping ground and by illegal poaching. The roadway is approximately 1/2 of a mile long.

However, after posting notice of the road closing, the Commissioners' Court received a letter from a property owner against closing the roadway. On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by Commissioner Charlie Grider, Commissioners voted 4-0 to not close County Road 711.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners voted to table consideration of purchasing a security system for the County Courthouse in Baird after meeting with a representative from Secure Tech Systems, Inc.

Dave Jacobs with Secure Tech Systems, presented the Commissioners Court with a price estimate of \$9,895 to install 16 button-type security devices throughout the Courthouse which would activate an alarm in the Sheriff's Department. Jacobs told the Commissioners, the company has some 50-60 wireless security systems installed in courthouses throughout the state.

On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to table taking action on the item until more information can be obtained.

—During time set aside for public comment, no one spoke to the Commissioners' Court.

—Commissioners approved and signed the agenda meeting minutes from the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, Commissioners voted 4-0 to lease the County-owned property located on East First Street in Baird. Commissioners voted to lease the property instead of selling it outright.

—On a motion by Commissioner

Holland and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to provide a letter of support to the Texas State Library and Archives in regards to direct aid for Public Libraries Legislation.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by County Judge Roger Corn, Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve a resolution of support for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's funding request for \$265 million in increases to community MHMR services throughout the state for 2002 and 2003.

—Commissioners heard a report from Clint Rollins from the Soil and Water Conservation District and City of Clyde Maintenance Director Norman Smith concerning access to Clyde Lake dam. The Callahan County SWCD continues to operate the flood-control structure, while the City of Clyde oversees vehicle access to the lake dam area. Because of the lake's low water level, it remains closed to public access.

—Commissioners took no action concerning a request for maintenance on County Road 237 by Cecil Harper. Harper was unable to attend the meeting to discuss maintenance on the roadway, which is located in Commissioner Hicks's Precinct #1.

—Commissioners took no action concerning maintenance of a County Road located in Commissioner Hicks' Precinct #1 after meeting with Phil Guitler. Guitler offered to donate some material to maintain the County Road.

—Commissioners took no action on a request to maintain an abandoned roadway located in Commissioner Hicks' Precinct #1 after meeting with John Young. Young presented the Commissioners' Court with a letter from his attorney stating what is considered an abandoned roadway. Commissioners believe the roadway has not been maintained in over 30 years.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to adjourn the February 12 Commissioners' Court meeting.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Picking and pecking...
 Nothing but naughtiness lurks behind the strange slit eyes of a goat. I'm mad at Leah again. She spends days getting me to forgive her. As soon as I do, she leans at me and kicks the milk bucket again. I've read books about managing a goat herd. The theory seems plausible, but my first practical application taught me that we don't manage a goat herd. It is all I can do to manage myself, and with luck collar a goat as she darts past. I discovered early you can't push a goat. You can't pull a goat, either. The book says the trick is to get the goat to trust you, then it will follow you anywhere. That's true, unless the goat thinks it is more fun to lead you on a merry chase. While I was busy milking a goat one day, another found enough space to poke her muzzle through the gate. Nose to nose, she taunted the goat I was trying to milk, who fussed and complained and stepped in the bucket. I managed to shoo the pest away, but mischief was written clearly across her forehead. I could tell by the look in her eye that she would wait until I turned my back and then do it again. She did, again and again. My goats do have some preferred routines. Boss goat Reva has her evening routine polished and set in stone. She is the first to greet us when we enter their yard. The others fall in behind. Reva never gets tired of reminding the other goats who's boss. The first goat jumps up on the milking stand when I set a scoop of grain in the stanchion. MyKeeper leans against the fence. Reva sets her front hooves on the top rail and stands alongside him like they are great buddies. Standing upright, she is as tall as he is. Then she nuzzles his neck, and pretty soon she is mauling him. He says she

gives a pretty good back rub. If MyKeeper isn't there, Reva revises her routine to pester the milking goat. For an occasional break in the routine, she'll lead a race around and around the shelter. They run as if they were being chased. It starts out in fun, but I think they take themselves too seriously, because they end up spooked. I like to think back on the personalities of some of the other goats we've had. Jan was the most amiable. She went along with the program, whatever it was. Ugly thought she was a beauty queen. She was assured her crown because she had the sweetest disposition and the sweetest milk. Mona tossed her head from side to side as she ran, reminding the others to get behind her. She struggled to maintain her authority, but only just barely, because Droopsilla grew up bigger and thought she could be boss. Droopsilla had coffee and cigarettes with MyKeeper. He'd offer a cigarette and she'd chew it up and ask for more. I found Droopsilla one afternoon hovering over a hen roosting on a fence rail. Her eyes were so fixed on the chicken, she didn't notice I was there. As I watched, her focus settled on the chicken's tail feathers flopping in the breeze. Before I could stop her, she plucked at one of the feathers. The chicken's automatic response was to tip head down, tail up, and peck Droopy's head. Surprised, Droopy glared, and with eyes still fixed on the feathers, picked again. The chicken pecked. They looked like wind-up toys as one dipped to pick and the other pecked. Droopy seemed awfully annoyed when I laughed, but they went on like that for awhile — pick — peck — pick — peck....
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Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale Saturday

The Cross Plains Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the old Grider Station, across from Cliff's (C&C Service Center) on Highway 36 on Saturday, February 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All the folks who were unable to order Girl Scout cookies can by them at the booth. If you ordered earlier but want more cookies, please come by.

Texas Teen Scholarships

The Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Foundation invites teens to apply to participate in the 30th Annual Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program, April 6-8, 2001, at Baylor University in Waco. The program includes two divisions: Juniors, ages 12-15, and Seniors, ages 16-18. Prizes include two \$1,000 cash awards, and more than \$100,000 in tuition scholarships to various universities. Two students will be flown to Opryland in Nashville, where they will compete July 22-29, 2001, for a \$10,000 and \$5,000 cash scholarship, and numerous \$1,500 Savings Bonds. The National Teen-Ager Foundation has a non-profit, 501C3 status. Admissions Counselor from the following universities will be in attendance: Texas A&M, Baylor, Houston Baptist, Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of Houston, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas at Arlington, East Texas Baptist, Sam Houston State University, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas Lutheran, Southwest Texas State, Howard Payne, Texas Tech, Prairie View A&M, Texas Southern University and the University of North Texas. For information, please contact: Cheryl Snow, 4708 Mill Crossing West, Colleyville, TX 76304. Parents are encouraged to call (917) 577-2220 if they have any questions. You may also visit our Web Site at www.nationalteen.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 In regards to the "Down Home" article. This contains so much truth, yet it deals with a great deal of erroneous garbage. Those called by GOD to know his son, "Called out Believers", are called out of this world, and are told to separate, from and not conform to this world (2 Co. 6:17). Just because one has found a "Jesus" does not mean one has found the real "Son of God"! The Word of God says to "search for God while he may be found." Many "Christians", to quote Jesus and Isaiah "In vain do you worship me, teaching as doctrine the precepts of men." i.e. Church Doctrine. The "TRUTH" will set you free." Denominations will not!
 Sincerely,
 Robert Powell

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Valentine

special "thank you" is conveyed to the parents who allowed their children to participate. All the children looked darling and you should be proud of them. The Sorority would like to congratulate the out-of-town judges for the pageant and Sue Mullinax, who judged the photogenic entries. This year only the photo of the top winner in each age division of the Miss Valentine Pageant will be featured in the newspaper, along with the winning photogenic in each category. Miss Jurnee Thomas was chosen the Overall Winner in the Photogenic Contest. Winners in the Miss Valentine Pageant are as follows:
Pre-K
 Miss Sweetie Pie - Christa Potter
 1st Runner-Up - Caroline Cline
 2nd Runner-Up - Ashia Chambers
Kindergarten
 Miss Cupid - Rebekka Murdock
 1st Runner-Up - Lakney Walker
 2nd Runner-Up - Nicole Eisenbach
1st Grade
 Miss Cherub - Virginia Murdock
 1st Runner-Up - Kenzie Taff
 2nd Runner-Up - Samantha Dickson
2nd Grade
 Miss Heartthrob - Savana Wyatt
 1st Runner-Up - Ashley Cozart
 2nd Runner-Up - Britney Crafton
 3rd Runner-Up - Sammie Tollett
3rd and 4th Grades
 Miss Sweetheart - Shasta Bacon
 1st Runner-Up - Ashleigh Galloway
 2nd Runner-Up - Amanda Dunaway
5th and 6th Grades
 Miss Valentine - Hailey Beggs
 1st Runner-Up - Renee Byars
 2nd Runner-Up - Christi Burrhus.

VETERINARY NEWS

Advances in Preventative Medicine Told

There have been many advances in animal medicine in the last 20 years, just as there have been in the medical field as a whole. Many of the new developments pertain to treatments, surgeries, and drugs, but the most significant advances have been in the practice of preventative medicine. It is disheartening for a veterinarian of anyone in the medical profession to treat cases of illness when we know very well the problems could have been prevented if only the proper regimen had been followed. In animal medicine, we are in a unique situation of having numerous vaccines available to help us control most of the major disease processes in livestock, horses and small animals. The livestock industry as a whole, has not taken full advantage of the new resources available to them. Recent advances in immunology has provided a vaccine for pink eye, several vaccines for the respiratory disease complex including Bovine Syncytial Virus, Hemophilus Somnus, and Pasteurella. Several vaccines for reproductive diseases including Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, and Vibriosis and are very effective. With these vaccines, most cases of infectious disease can be prevented. The equine industry has been more progressive in their implementation of preventative medicine procedures. It has been proven that good nutritional, vaccination and deworming programs can prevent most medical emergencies and illnesses in the horse. Since the nature of the horse is one of "fright and flight", proper handling facilities such as good fences, feeders, and shelters, could also be mentioned as preventative medicine procedures. In small animal medicine, we have seen the advent of several new diseases and researchers have responded with preventions and treatments. The Parvovirus in dogs swept the United States in the early 80's and now the Coronavirus is causing similar problems in the mid 80's. The Leukemia Virus of cats can cause any number of clinically evident symptoms including abortion, respiratory infections, loss of weight, or any chronic infection. New vaccines for these conditions have been developed and are very effective. Of course, the well known vaccines for Rabies and Distemper help prevent numerous cases of illness every year. The challenge to practice preventative medicine instead of treating one outbreak of disease after another is a challenge indeed. It cost much less to prevent problems than to treat problems after they occur. Only through well planned regimens and good cooperation can the optimum in preventative medicine be achieved.

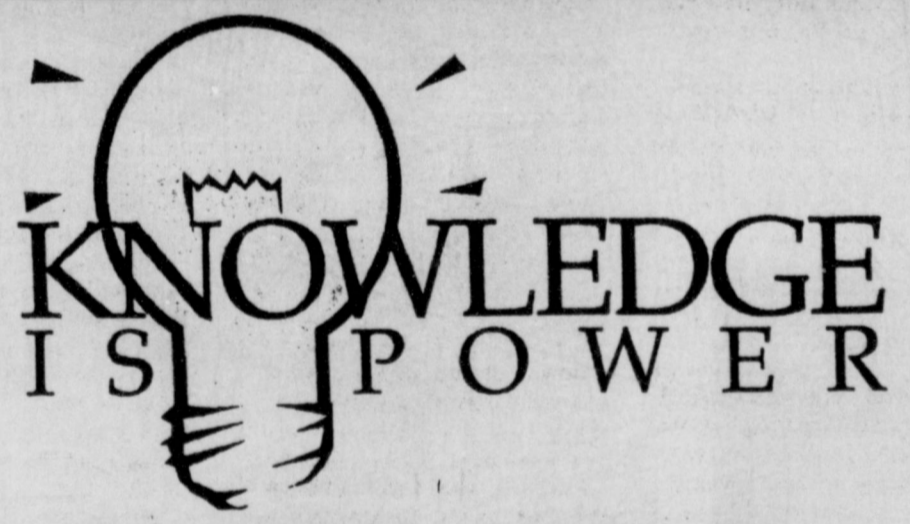
UNEMPLOYMENT		
	Nov.	Dec.
Callahan County Unemployment	3.3%	2.9%
Total Labor Force	5,958	5,925
Total Employed	5,762	5,756
Total Unemployed	196	169

December jobless rate falls below 3%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of December 2000 dropped to its lowest level in over one year to 2.9 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, February 5 by the Texas Workforce Commission. Of the 5,925 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,756 were employed during December 2000, and 169 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 2.9%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in December 1999 was 3.9%. Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.3% in November 2000. Of the 5,958 civilian labor force in the county during November, 5,762 had jobs while 196 or 3.3% were unemployed. Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6% in October 2000, 3.6% in September, 3.6% in August, 3.8% in July, 4.5% in June, 3.8% in May, 3.7% in April, 4.1% in March, 4.4% in February, and 4.4% in January, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for December 2000 include: Brown, 2.9%; Coleman, 4.3%; Eastland, 3.1%; Jones, 2.4%; Runnels, 3.1%; Shackelford, 2.1%; Stephens, 2.8%; and Taylor County, 2.8%. The unemployment rate in Texas for December 2000 was 3.4%, down six-tenths of one percent from the 4.0% rate in November. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in December 1999 was 4.2%. Of the 10,436,700 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,086,000 in December. The total number of unemployed in December 2000 was 350,700. The United States unemployment rate was 3.7% in December 2000. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of November 2000 was 3.8%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in December 1999 was 3.7%.

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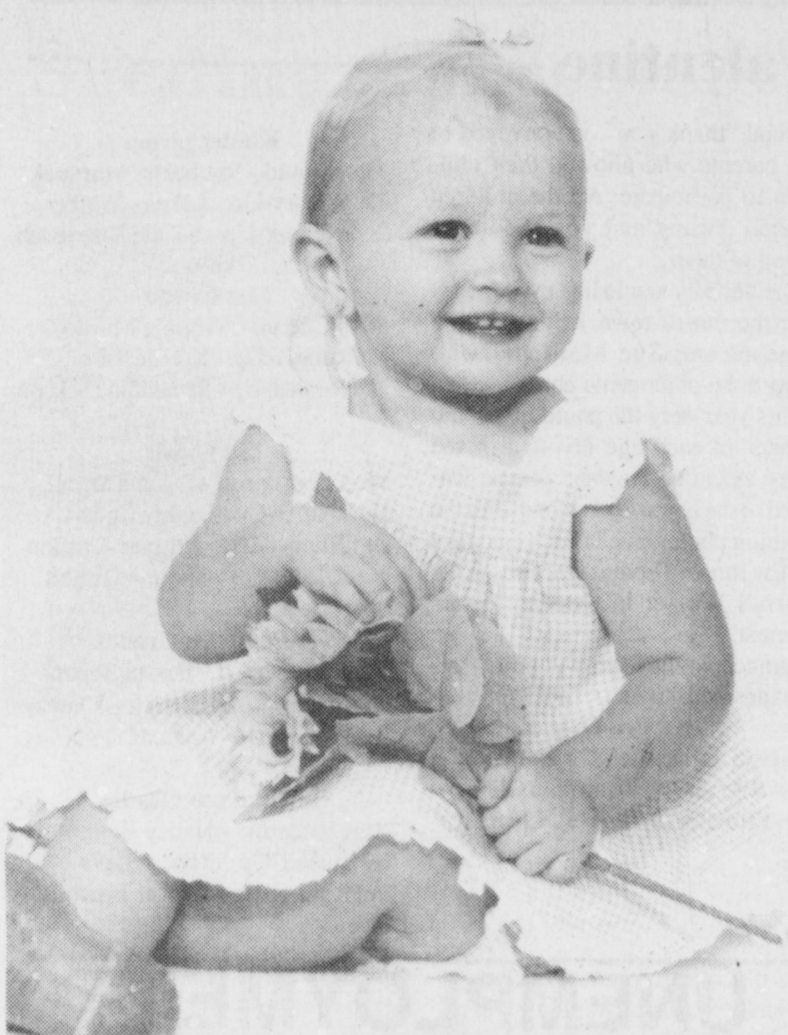
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2-3 Yrs. — Hannah Cowan, daughter of Michael and April Cowan



6 Mos. - 1 Yr. — Jevon Tillery, son Daniel and Connie Tillery of Brownwood, photo submitted by Betty Weiss



0-6 Mos. — Tripp Thomas, son of Travis and Kim Thomas



1-2 Yrs. — Stetson Bomar, son of Thomas and Heather Bomar



5th-6th Grade — Austin Dunaway, son of Karen Dunaway



3-4 Yrs.— Emily Pope, daughter of Billy and Becky Pope



K-5 — Mazi Rudloff, daughter of Rodney and Natasha Rudloff of Temple, photo submitted by Nora Odom



1st -2nd Grade — Zed Woerner, son of Cord and Kim Woerner



4-5 Yrs. — Austin Walker, son of Randy Walker and Tiffany McKenzie



11th-12th Grade — Andrew McNeel, son of Debbie McNeel and the late Fred McNeel of Wichita Falls, photo submitted by Margaret McNeel



Miss Valentine Pageant Winners and Escorts

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(Photos courtesy of Tammy Weiser of Weiser Weddings and Photography)



PRE-K ESCORTS— Taylor Parker (front, from left), Tristen Stephenson-Judge's Choice, and Colton McWilliams



KINDERGARTEN ESCORTS— Travis Sparks (from left), Christopher Wheeler, Cameron Phillips - Judge's Choice, Jordan Miller. Not pictured Tony Skidmore.



3-4 GRADE ESCORTS— Nathan Creamer (from left), Cole Luter - Judge's Choice, Cameron Phillips, Ector Mireles and Joe Dalton Wyatt. Not pictured Justin Pope.



2ND GRADE ESCORTS— Colton Rockett (from left), Austin Sparks - Judge's Choice, Hayden Wyatt and Patrick Border.



MISS CUPID (Kindergarten) — Rebbekha Murdock



MISS HEARTTHROB (2nd Grade) — Savana Wyatt



5-6 GRADE ESCORTS — Jonathan Ray Hollis (from left), Joey Westerman, Thomas Savell- Judge's Choice, Austin Dunaway and Dalton Jackson.



MISS CHERUB (1st Grade) — Virginia Murdock



MISS SWEETHEART (3-4 Grade) — Shasta Bacon



MISS VALENTINE (5-6 Grade) — Hailey Biggs

Missing my metal...

MyKeeper turned left. My directional signals shorted out again. I was just sure we should have turned right.

"Oh," said MyKeeper, "you're missing the steel in your nose."

"What?"

"You're supposed to have a little piece of steel in your nose. He said he knew me well enough to testify there's not a trace of metal in my nose."

"What's steel in my nose got to do with turning right?"

An article he read some time ago said people have a bit of metal in the bridge of their nose. It helps them to find their way around. The bigger their piece of metal, the better they are at navigating.

It's true, I have no internal compass. My mother had an impeccable sense of direction, but when the genetic pie was divided up amongst my sisters and brother, I must have been standing around the corner.

When I got behind the wheel of my first car, oh, those many years ago, I thought the car would know where to go. I've spent a lot of my life going around in circles. I do much better with a co-pilot.

It wasn't too hard learning to get around Seattle where I grew up. The Emerald City is squeezed between two bodies of water and two mountain ranges, and travel is mostly north or south. And I could always scout my destination from the top of a hill.

One place confounded me time

after time. I never really figured out how to get to my Grandpa's house. I'd drive to the general area and make right hand turns until I spotted his familiar porch.

MyKeeper and the kids never let me forget that I'm the one that can get lost in the bathroom. It happened to be a big bathroom, at a huge airport, with identical exit doors on both sides. When my nephew turned up missing a few minutes later at the same airport, I led the search. He has no metal in his nose, either.

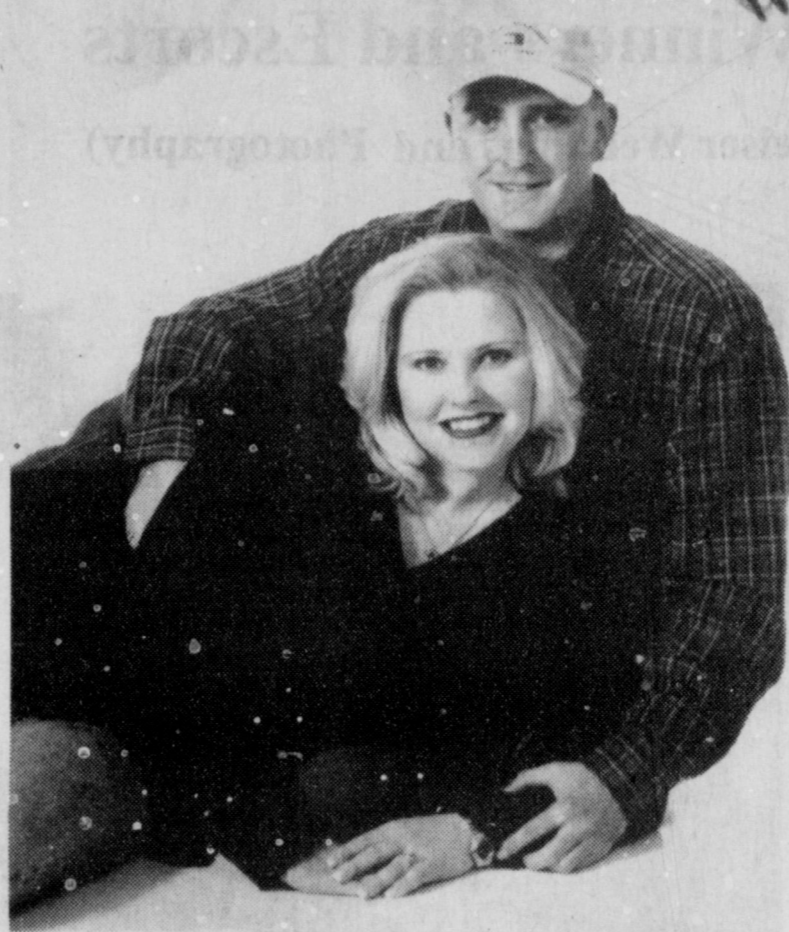
The family also teases me about passing my own driveway three times. I was so busy working out the details of a complex afternoon schedule with my youngest daughter Precious that I drove past the house, turned around at the corner, and missed it twice more.

My compensating mechanism here in the wide flat land of West Texas is to figure out which way the shadows fall, then transpose in my head. Oh, the migraines I get trying to figure it all out. And on a cloudy day, I am clueless. I might as well stay home.

These thoughts stirred a dawning realization. "Oh," I said. "Do you suppose it might be iron instead of steel? Iron that acts like a magnet and points north?"

"Something like that," he said. "Whatever it is, you don't have it." "Yeah, well, if that's the case, I'm the only one who doesn't have to worry about getting too close to a wrecking yard magnet crane!"

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MARLA WATSON AND DAVID FOSTER

Watson-Foster Engagement and March Wedding Noted

Marlie and Becky Watson are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marla to David Foster, son of Steve and Anita Sue Foster of Abilene. Steve is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster of Cross Plains.

Marla, a graduate of Coleman High School, attended Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University and is currently employed with Coleman

Independent School District. David, a graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and Angelo State University, is currently enrolled in the Department of Public Safety Academy at Austin.

A March 31, 2001, ceremony is planned at Community Baptist Church in Coleman. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present. Minutes of the last meetings were approved as read.

Bob Hill met with the council to give the monthly judge's report. He reported sixty-five citations for January with thirty remaining outstanding. Twenty-four remain outstanding for December and twelve remain outstanding for November. There were eleven reminder letters sent. By general consent the council accepted the report as presented.

Debbie Gosnell read the monthly police report. She reported eighty-nine calls for service, three criminal mischief, four accidents, three family disturbances, fifty-seven warning citations and sixty-five citations being given. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Cecil Barton met with the council as representative of the Cross Plains Public Library. He discussed the goals and accomplishments of the Library. He also presented the council a letter from Charles A. Rodenberger, President of the Library, requesting that the city fund the library in the amount of \$5,000.00, which was the same as last year. Mr. Barton presented the council with a copy of the library's proposed budget and went over the budget. Ms. Joan McGowen also met with council to discuss the LAP program and other programs that are beneficial to the community. All representatives of the library thanked the council for their time and consideration of their request.

Keith Lawrence met with the council as a representative of the Economic Development Board. He presented the council with a packet of information concerning the Goals and Plans for 2001/2002, the 2001/2002 proposed budget, the recommendation for the upcoming appointment for board members whose terms expire 2001, proposed grant of the Foster building to Brian Bennett, and proposals related to Barr Fabrication. Discussion was held at length concerning each item. Jerry Cassle moved to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the items presented to the council from the EDC. James Nichols moved to return to open meeting. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to approve the Economic Development 2001/2002 budget as presented. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

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Joe Ingram moved to appoint Debbie Gosnell to the expired term of Ray Womack and to reappoint Steve Mack, Era Lee Hanke and Dannes Turner to the Economic Development Board. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Joe Ingram moved to approve the granting of the Foster building to Brian Bennett. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to approve the loan from the EDC to Barr Fabrication in the amount of \$45,000.00. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Dean Dillard moved to approve Citizens State Bank loaning the Economic Development Board \$45,000.00. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols moved to approve the grant from the EDC to Barr Fabrication in the amount of \$10,251.00. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols moved to take bids on a used motor grader comparable to a Caterpillar 120G with front scarifiers, articulating 12 ft. blade, between the years 1979-1989. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

The Callahan County Nutrition Project was on the agenda to discuss the annual contribution and to also ask the city to consider any money left over from the Senior Citizens Center repair and maintenance fund to give to the project to deposit in their General Fund. The Nutrition Project asks the city to consider giving \$5,000 as the annual contribution as they did last year. By general consent the council agreed to give the nutrition project \$4,000.00 for the annual contribution and \$1,000.00 plus any money left over from the Senior Citizens Repair and Maintenance Fund to go into a CD in the City's name for the purchase of a new van for the Cross Plains Center when the purchase of the van is made.

James Nichols moved to pay the bills. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Dean Dillard moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held at length concerning the employees.

Edwin Weiss moved to return to open meeting. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

The annual budget was discussed at length.

Edwin Weiss moved to adjourn. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

State Capitol spotlight on Texas Midwest February 21

Texas Midwest Day in Austin will offer several opportunities for regional recognition on February 21st when hundreds of citizens from the region converge on the State Capitol.

Dr. T. Sbawn Brewer, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland, will be Pastor of the Day in the House of Representatives, as arranged by Rep. Jim Keffer (House District 60). Dr. Brewer will offer the prayer after the 10:00 a.m. roll call in the House.

Buffalo soldiers, representing the Texas Forts Trail, will present the colors on the Senate floor by invitation from Senator Troy Fraser (Senate District 24). The soldiers will bring attention to the importance of the tourism industry in the region.

Arrangements for an exclusive Open House at the Governor's Mansion have been set for Texas Midwest and Texas Forts Trail representatives. Originally, tours for smaller groups had been scheduled. As organizers realized there would be so many from the region wanting to visit the Mansion, the Open House was arranged. Visitors from the region will be able to roam through the Governor's home and hear from docents stationed in each room.

KTXS-TV has assigned a film crew to accompany the regional delegation to Austin to document the activities of the day for special

news reports on the 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 News. The local ABC affiliate will also produce a live remote broadcast from the early evening Texas Midwest Tailgate reception being held for State Legislators and State Agency directors.

While visiting the House of Representatives, the Texas Midwest delegation will be recognized with a House Resolution authored by Rep. David Counts (House District 70). A Senate Resolution jointly sponsored by Sen. Tom Haywood (Senate District 30), Sen. David Sibley (Senate District 22) and Sen. Troy Fraser will be presented as the group visits the Senate Chamber.

Without a doubt, Texas Midwest Community Network and the Texas Forts Trail will reach new heights of recognition not only at the State Capitol but also throughout the region.

TMCN Member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

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