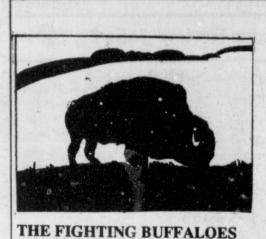
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"In Appreciation of the Medical Profession"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH Editor

This past year I have spent quite some time in the hospital while my mother, Wanda Anderson, was ill. It truly makes you appreciate those individuals who have dedicated their lives to the medical profession.

Following three separate stays, we became well aware that there is a shortage of nurses. All that we came in contact with were helpful, and if you stay long enough you become personally acquainted.

You can understand how they become burned-out after all the long 12-hour shifts. Those who continue to hang in there are genuinely concerned about your comfort and health. Thank God for their dedication.

I hope there are upcoming generations who will answer the call to the medical field. With the baby boomers coming up, they are going to need some head count to take care of us.

The importance of having a doctor or physicians attendant you can talk to and who treats you as a person has become increasingly important. My family has been fortunate to have such a man and I guess he has spoiled us. Jerry Bingham has a wonderful quality of treating his patients like they are family. He has always been willing to talk to you and let you ask those sometimes foolish questions. He is quick to refer you to a specialist when he feels it necessary. I called



JOSEPH DILLARD AND L.D. WHITEHEAD



BE SAFE!!! **Spend Your** 4th of July at **Cross Plains**

The City of Cross Plains, along with the Barbarian Festival Committee, are hosting a free hot dog, firework and musical entertainment evening of fun. Beginning at 7 p.m. at Treadway Park, the City will provide free hot dogs and cold drinks with fireworks to follow at dark. Entertainment sponsored by the Barbarian Festival Committee will feature the band "Freeride". This Big Country area group plays music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Freeride will also be the headliner band at the Barbarian Festival September 1st.

Sweets and glow-in-the-dark goodies will also be available for you to purchase.

You are encouraged to bring the entire family and enjoy this free event. Bring your card tables, chairs and favorite table games. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages. Dress in your favorite 50's, 60's or 70's outfit and show your special dance moves on the dance floor Make your plans now to attend this family event. You will have fun!

AEP Increases Contribution to Low Income **Programs** by \$500,000 ABILENE-American Electric Power's (AEP) electric operating companies in Texas will increase by a total of \$500,000 the amount contributed to low-income assistance programs in 2001. This increases the total amount contributed to these programs by West Texas Utilities (WTU), Central Power and Light (CPL) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to nearly \$1 million. AEP announced the contribution increase in conjunction with a statewide initiative launched by The Association of Electric Companies of Texas (AECT). AECT has announced the Texas Heat Relief Initiative to help consumers stay cool this summer while minimizing their electricity consumption. The Texas Heat Relief Initiative outlines strategies for all consumers and particularly low-income, senior citizens and hard-to-reach customers of Texas' investorowned utilities to reduce their electricity consumption without harming their well-being or safety. WTU, CPL and SWEPCO already work with community action agencies throughout AEP's Texas service territory by providing bill payment assistance to qualifying lowincome customers. The Neighbor to Neighbor program is funded by customer donations that are matched dollar for dollar up to specified funding levels at each of the AEP Texas companies. WTU and SWEPCO each contribute \$100,000 to the program while CPL currently contributes \$250,000. The additional \$500,000 will be available to all three companies as the need arises. The Neighbor to Neighbor program is administered in Callahan County by Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. of Coleman. The Central Texas Opportunities can be reached by calling (915) 625-4167. AEP also has committed \$2 million to low-income energy efficiency programs. One of these, The Home Queers Frogram provides weatherization and conservation measures installed in homes of qualifying low-income customers. The program, which began in 1998, See AEP increase Page



MATTIE FAYE WILSON

Dedicated Teacher Retires from Cross Plains I.S.D.

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH Editor

Mattie Faye Wilson has fulfilled a lifetime dream of being a teacher -having taught a total of forty years. The desire to teach started when she was in the first grade at Wylie. Mattie Faye remarked, "Mrs. Edmonson had a way of making me feel like I could do anything. I wanted to give that feeling to my students."

She earned the distinction of being Valedictorian of her graduating class at South Taylor High School, which is now Jim Ned. With the scholarship she received her next step was to enroll at Hardin Simmons University. Mattie Faye worked hard to get her degree while holding down three separate jobs. She was employed in the school library, at the school switchboard, and served as a dorm advisor. In 1961 she graduated and was ready to meet the challenges of teaching. The first five years she taught at the Navaho Indian Reservation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She taught one year at Elmdale, one year at Jim Ned and the next thirty-three years were at Cross Plains. Mattie Faye recalls that each day of class started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas flag and then her class repeated the following motto: "If what you do doesn't make everyone happy, don't do it. And if what you say doesn't make everyone else feel good, don't say it." I'm sure former students remember the routine and benefited from the words of wisdom. " My students all know the words to 'Froggie Went A' Courtin' and if they don't by now, they never will," Mrs, Wilson remarked. Music time was a part of first grade curriculum up until a few years ago, and Mattie Faye's love of singing fit in perfectly. She began singing with her mother, brother, and sister when she was around 6 or 7 years of age. They sang in church and at various Taylor County singings, etc. During her college years she performed with a group called "Mattie Faye and Her Bunch of Preachers" that consisted of herself and four young men. They didn't charge for their entertainment, but asked that donations be mailed to the college financial office on their behalf. Mrs. Wilson taught first grade excopt for the past three years when she taught third grade and English As a Second Language. She never wanted to be anything but a first grade teacher, but she said the change was good. "The ESL group tell you every

day how much they appreciate you," Mattie Faye said. The way she talked about these students you could tell she was so proud of their accomplishments. She explained how they had to learn to apply the English language in a short time to be able to pass the TAAS tests.

Forty years of teaching has provided her with many personal memories. She noted that if she ever wrote a book she would title it "Why Boys Restrooms Turn Lady Teachers Gray". Mrs. Wilson regrets that she didn't keep a daily diary of events. however, some will stand out in her memory forever. Mattie Faye married Randy Wilson on June 7, 1981, at her parents farm in Tuscola and treasures the eighteen years they shared. Her beloved husband passed away in August of 1999. Health issues contributed to her retirement. She remarked, "I was going to die in the saddle, but the doctor said to hang it up." At this time she doesn't have any definite plans for her future. "My Dad always said the Lord doesn't shut a door without opening another one. I just hope I have enough sense to know when He is telling me what to do," she said. Co-workers of Mrs. Wilson gave her a surprise party on Thursday, May 24, after school. They presented her with a money tree decorated with owls. Mattie Faye collects owls and this made it special. Cross Plains I.S.D. presented her with a plaque in recognition of her thirty-three years of service on Friday, May 25, the last day of school.

Jerry at his home one night at midnight when mother was extremely sick in the hospital and he came directly to see her. He wasn't even responsible for hospital calls, but he cared enough to come.

It makes getting well a smoother transition when you have someone who realizes you know your own body better than anyone else. Every individual reacts differently to medi-

cation, treatment, etc. and if you have already experienced the side effects' you know what to expect.

Over the years I have dealt with many doctors concerning my parents and children and there is just nothing better than a professional with good bedside manners. A doctor may be the best in his field, but if he can't communicate with their patients there is something missing.

There are some special professionals who go that extra mile by being a compassionate person. I hear many great testimonies of these caring individuals.

I have to share with you that the labor and delivery departments at both Abilene hospitals are excellent. I've been able to see both my grandchildren come into this world and the care was great. Of course, there is nothing like witnessing the birth of a new little person. If you are grandparents expecting a new arrival, make sure you experience this miracle. I think you make an instant bond with the child also.

Thanks to all those medical professionals who are kind and compassionate. We are all only human and need that special care when our health is in jeopardy.

Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, June 24, commencing at 3:30 p.m. **CHRIS KITCHENS (batter)**

Three Local Players Selected All-State in **Baseball for Class A**

The Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association announced All-State Team selections for Class A and three local players were recognized

Joseph Dillard was selected All-State Infielder. Dillard was first baseman for the Buffaloes. He is a Junior and the son of Donnie and Barbara Dillard.

L.D. Whitehead was named All-

State Outfielder. Whitehead played right fielder for the Buffs. He is a Senior and the son of Larry and Elizabeth Whitehead. Chris Kitchens was selected All-

State Outfielder. Kitchens played center field for the Buffaloes. He is a Senior and the son of Raymond and Sherry Elrod and Walter and Cindy Kitchens.

First Baptist Church Announces Plans for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for the entire family will begin Sunday evening, July 15th, at 6:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. and continue through Thursday evening. Classes for ages 4 years thru 6th grade will study the "Secrets of the Stone Tablets".

There will be classes for ADULTS beginning at 7 p.m. in the auditorium taught by Dr. Donnie Auvenshine, Dean of Christian Studies of Howard Tayne and popular Dible Study teacher. He is also an archeologist and travels to Israel each summer where he participates in the ongoing excavation of the city of Cesarea-Phillipi.

He will take his audience on a fascinating tour of the country as well as tell them about some of the exciting things that are currently happening in Israel.

There are special activities for the 7th and 8th graders, as they spend time in Bible Study with Praise and Worship led by Sheila Rhyne.

Of course, child care will be provided for babies through 3 years for unuse who are teaching in VBS OF participating in the adult class. Everyone is invited to share in this special week.

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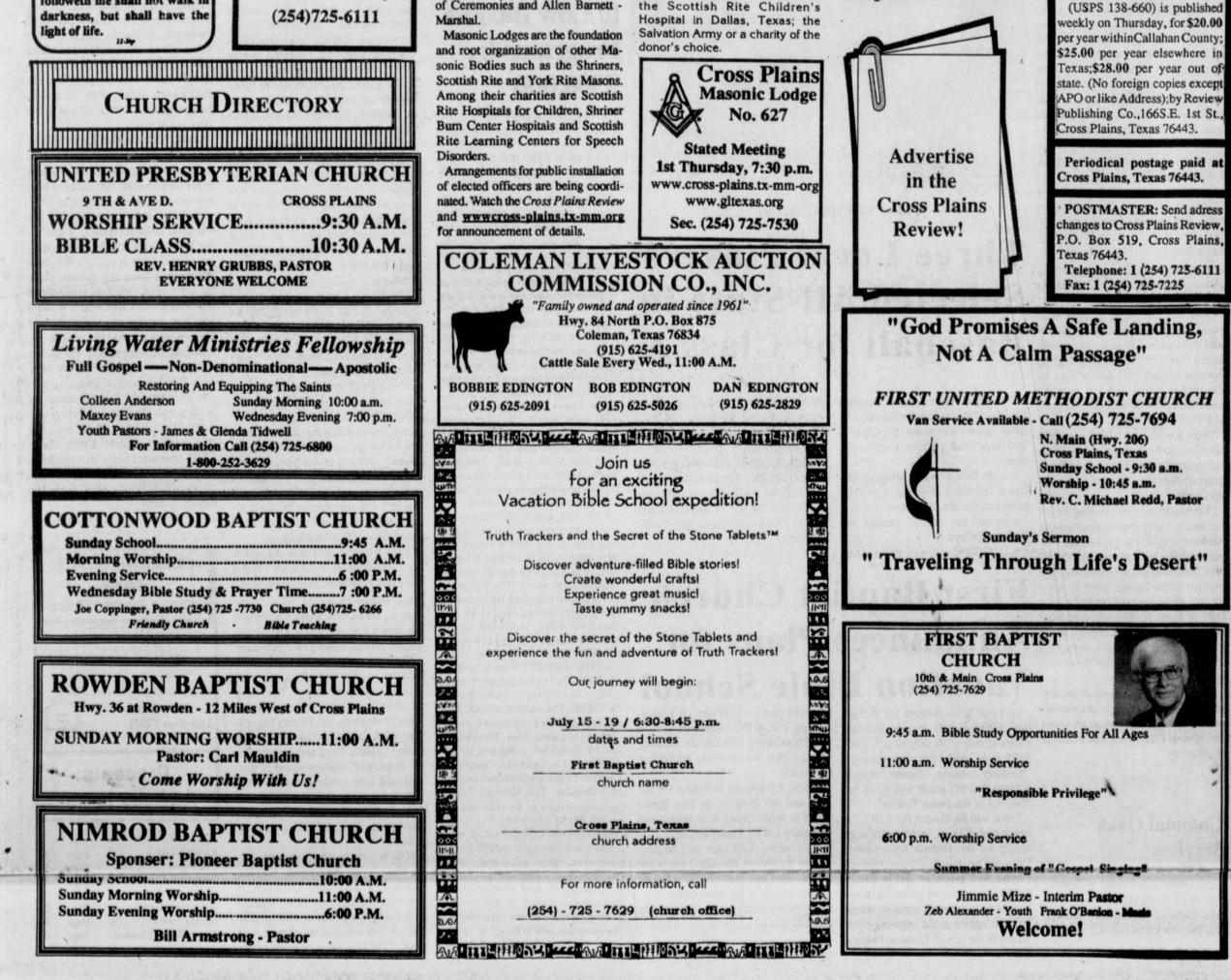


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Members and prospective members are urged to attend and be updated on upcoming events, especially the annual banquet.

The new Board of Directors will meet immediately after the general meeting for election of officers.



On Internet

Dean Brannan

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus

again unto them, saying, I am

the light of the world: He that

followeth me shall not walk in

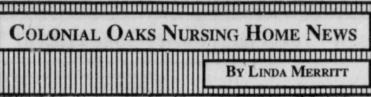
Services Call Vanda or Melody

Barnett - Treasurer, Stan Painter -Tiler, Rev. Bill Reed - Chaplin, E.E. (Smoky) Callaway - Sr. Deacon, Phillip Strength -Jr. Deacon, Jerry Brown - Sr. Steward, Terry Fortune -Jr. Steward, H.D. Weaver - Master of Ceremonies and Allen Barnett -

Newcomb, Cole Hewitt Newcomb and Justin Newcomb. She is also survived by two very devoted sitters Jo Mayes and Beth Dunn.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Baird Foundation, P.O. Box 601, Baird, TX 79504; the Scottish Rite Children's





We had a little contest last week that involved our male residents. We were looking for the best fish story. Here are some of the stories that were told. See if you can guess who told it.

1. Caught a 32 pound channel cat on a trotline at the Rio Grand River. 2. I was not much of a fisherman but I caught a 3 pound catfish in Rockwood tank.

3. I went gigging at Marble Falls. Hung a 40 pound yellow cat, that nearly hung me.

4. At Bridgeport Lake I caught a 35 pound catfish on a rod and reel. 5. Fishing in Richland Springs, I hung a 12 pound carp, cleaned it and ate it.

6. On a trotline at Brownwood Lake had a 39 pound blue cat. Pretty proud of it.

7. Back there in my younger days, my friends and I dove underwater and caught yellow cats weighing 63 pounds.

8. Not much of a fisherman but remember catching a 3 pound catfish on a cane pole.

Our girls on the 7-3 shift will chose the story they think is the best and we will reveal the winners and his story in next week's paper. Good luck guys!

Thoughts and prayers for Falba Shofner who is in the hospital.

We are having a birthday party today at 2 p.m. for those who have birthdays this month -- Doris Adams, Zelda Milam and Victor Long. Bob McCowen will be providing the entertainment for us. All family and

friends are welcome to come. Our prayers for a fellow employee, Tabatha Franke on a fast recovery. Glen and Charlotte Gardner from

Coleman visited with Roy Gardner. Evelyn and Emily Harris, and Frank Bartek, Jr. from Brownwood visited with Frank Bartek.

Reuben and Ruby McCowen of Lubbock visited with Myrtle Owen. Wes and Sheila Hilburn of Abilene visited with Jo Boatright.

Martha, Kim and Chad Switzer visited O.B. and Pauline Switzer. Lurene McNutt visited with her

mother, Louise Richardson. Troy Sawyer of Brownwood visited with Pauline Regian. Activities

MONDAY: Bingo winners were: Clifford King (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Ruby Harrell and Jessie Casey (2). Singing with Dorothy Reynolds. TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise.

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

THURSDAY: Manicures, ball toss. FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Delilah Goble, Clifford King (2), Vera Belyeu and Jessie Casey (2). Popcorn. SUNDAY: First United Methodist Church

PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Club is very busy trying to finish three quilts by the end of June. Bee has a beautiful painted embroidery quilt, Dee has a very pretty variation of a nine patch, and Lou has her pretty black, red and white quilt in. We had a good turn out at quilting Tuesday. Some of us went out to eat and some stayed at the club house

Saturday the ninth, Christy Dallas took her mother to the Hendrick Home Ranch northeast of Leuders for the yearly Home Reunion. They had a very enjoyable time visiting with old friends and eating. They had a fun time at the auction and got back Saturday night.

Jim Walker from Coppell visited his Aunt Olena and Anna and other members of the family last weekend. Jim worked on a little house he has bought in Rising Star sometime ago. He plans to visit here often, later when he retires from General Motors. Jim also helped Skipper and Willie get an irrigation system together.

Glenda went with Allen and Janice to see Kali play basketball at Brownwood and Zephyr. She went to the Pioneer School Reunion and enjoyed it. She helped sell cookbooks at the there and the Quilting Club sure

Cottonwood Kids Participating

Several children from Cottonwood

in Summer Reading Program

are participating in the Summer Read-

ing Program at the Cross Plains Li-

brary, according to Mary Ella Weaver.

She stated that a total attendance of

31 and 22 occurred at the first two

sestions and the program will close

"The best book I have read this sum-

mer, so far is, 'The Long Winter' by

Lora Engalls," said Emma Bennett.

"We read books, we draw pictures,

and we get prizes and then we go

Community Center Getting

Facelift

Community Center. The old cracked

withered paint has been scraped away

and for a few days the old school

building stood there all naked and

home," she concluded.

this week.

thanks her. Glenda also went with Allen, Janice and family to Lubbock to take Kali to a basketball camp at Texas Tech. They met Glen Dale, Sonjia and girls there. Kendall came for the camp, too. Kali and Kendall are roommates in the dorm. Krista went home with Kasta and they are probably riding horses and having a Lubbock. They spent the night at Plainview Sunday night and Allen picked up a motor at Floydada Monday. Glenda and Logan had a great time entertaining each other on the way home.

Laverne Hutton attended the Pioneer School Reunion. She was so busy registering students, she couldn't refuse the office of President for the 2002 reunion. Monday she had coffee and visited with her daughter, Wanetta Parson.

We all need to be praying for some rain. It is getting so dry. We are thankful, though, that most of the grain is cut and some hay has been cut also. The state has had the roadsides in Eastland County cut. It really makes

Personals

Pennsylvania. She visited relatives

and friends in the area and enjoyed a

reunion with her former classmates.

One highlight she reported was visit-

ing with former friends of the

Sharpsville Voluntary Fire Depart-

Glory Days of Cottonwood Lives

in Print

ing your nose into the publishing in-

dustry and sticking your neck out by

getting something printed, is that

people either give you a hard time or

let you in on some interesting pieces

One of the nice things about stick-

by-pass surgery).

ment

"The Promise" It is the lovely glow cast by them as they grow; Grow and bloom with all their might.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

That captivates with pure delight.

Their lovely petals, soft as silk seem to sing with a trilling lilt. Delicate blossoms trimmed in gilt. Fill our souls right to the hilt.

Tiny blades of quivering green shimmering grandly, now burst with mirth.

Blades of grass, so new, so keen, Sprouting from the rich brown earth.

Mesquite trees sprout with leaves

- like feathers, That's how you know it's now warm weather.
- Lime green leaves and beans like leather.

Mesquite trees just don't come any better.

Springing up with obvious glee Are those early little green peas? Little peas that will taste so fine Once their liberated from that vine.

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By KAY MOSLEY

Morning glories are creeping in Birds are flying and lives in a spin Butterflies flit, as in a dream Are things really as they seem?

Pansies, petunias and candy tuft. I can name more if that's not enough. Bluebonnets, primroses and Fleur De Lis!

All should prosper and really flourish.

Grassburrs, Goatheads and Dandelions Goats and sheep their scions. If perchance there's rainy weather Mosquitoes are so big you can lead'em on a tether.

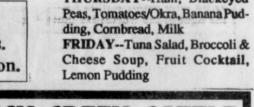
Now that-that is all said and done We can celebrate, what now has come. It's really an exciting thing;

It's the glorious "PROMISE OF SPRING!!"



June 25 - June 29 MONDAY -- Beef-A-Roni, Salad, Cauliflower, Pudding, Bread, Milk TUESDAY- - Pepper Steak w/ Gravy, Zucchini, Macaroni & Chesse, Strawberry Cake, Roll, Milk

WEDNESDAY--Breaded Chicken Patty, Gravy, Brussell Sprouts, Mashed Potatoes, Chocolate Cake, Bread, Milk THURSDAY -- Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Tomatoes/Okra, Banana Pud-



JIBRARY NEWS

The Book Worm tells us that the reading program at the Cross Plains Public Library is going well. It is for students K-6 on Wednesday afternoons. Each meeting time all who wish may share what he/she has read for the week.

Top readers last week were Emma Bennett and Colton Rockett, grades K-3; and Cody Sliger and Brooklyn Strength, grades 4-6.

The highlight for the final meeting will be Patches the Clown from Brownwood, who has entertained the group for several years and is always a hit. Mary Weaver has planned the

programs for this year. The final program will be June 27th. **Statistics**

Circulation:	
Books:	97
Summer Program	68
Inter-library loan	1
TOTAL	166

Donations: Monetary - Tom Ames

Books - Sandy Doss, John Baum, Betty Edwards, Brenda Rivard, Dorothy Petty and Mary Dunn.

great time. Allen, Janice, Logan and Glenda attended church services at Post Sunday morning on the way to

things look nice.

NEWS BY WALLACE BENNETT "There are two cotton gins, one hardware concern, one confectionery, one millinery establishment, one barber shop, two blacksmith and wagon

"There is no religious or political intolerance among our people."

"To those who are renting lands n than is possible elsewhere."

some unparalleled inducements for "living".

Deadlines Ads - noon Tues.

of history. One piece handed to me recently was an article printed the Cross Plains Review April 16, 1956, entitled

Ora Breeding has returned home from the Austin area after conclud-

ing her rehabilitation program (after repair shops, four physicians and one Beverly Brown has returned home newspaper." after a visit to her roots in Sharpsville,

other parts of Texas, Cottonwood offers them unparalleled inducements to them whereby with economy, they can secure homes in a shorter time

And so, Cottonwood still offers

Articles - noon Mon.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is already happy about the new paint job and repairs that are taking place at the

BURKETT NEWS

How beautiful a day can be when

kindness touches it.

III.

for the upkeep of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries. Linda Brady and the rest of the cemetery board appreciate each and every one. Recent contributors were: Oneta Neitzke, In Memory of Nina Walker Edwards, \$100; Helena Strickland \$100; Billy and LaFaye Pace \$100; Gatha Naron \$100; Mrs. J. Melvin Jones (Louise) \$30; Alice Edington \$25; Anna Ducan Belz \$25; B.B. Young \$50; Ray and Faye Hagar \$25; Phil Cowan \$100; Robert Harris \$40; Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Childers \$10; Wayne Brown \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Edington \$50; Garvice and

More donations have been received Jo Nell Boyle \$50; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cross \$30; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Burkett \$50; C.A. and Lucille Barr \$25; Erma Trent \$35; Andy and Barbara Young \$20; Barbara Evans \$15; and Gacia Burkett \$25.

> Michelle Wilkowich of Coleman and Liz Golson visited Grace Green in Lamesa recently. They took Grace out to eat and they all enjoyed the outing. Grace likes living out there. The grain farmers are about to finish up the harvest. They say the turnout has been good. For once, the weather was nice to them.

one like a one-tombstone graveyard.

But, now the first primer coat has been applied and soon the fresh new paint will smile back as you pass by and remember the good old days going to school in Cottonwood.

Have Musicians, Need Listeners Cottonwood citizens friends enjoyed another great musical last Friday. I am sorry to report that the band from Wickett did not show up to display their style of bluegrass music, but, hopefully they will come back some day. I did get two nice phone calls in response to my question, "Where's Wickett?"

Minnie (Coppinger) Cunningham and Jack Jones both informed me of the exact location of Wickett in West Texas. Both are survivors of the old "oil patch" days out there.

The attendance record was not the best, reported one of the CQC. So, a lot of good music fell on deaf ears. But those who came to hear, heard a lot of excellent music and those who didn't come missed a good concert.

"Cottonwood's Fame Widely Known by Cattle Barons, Texas Rangers". This article quotes a former article printed in the Cottonwood Prodigal published in 1888.

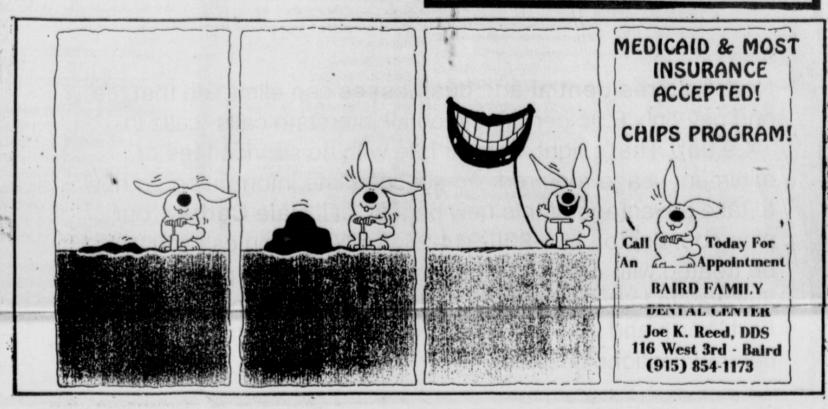
'Cottonwood has been known since the first settlement of Texas to all the old Rangers, cattlemen and Indians, on account of its famous springs, the Van Dorn and Chisolm trails both being close to the town. Cottonwood was platted in 1884, since which time the country surrounding it has been settled up until there is not much land that is not fenced. But land can be bought at prices ranging from \$5 to \$15 per acre."

"There are in Cottonwood two commodious churches belonging to the Methodist and Baptist denominations. The Churches of Christ and Presbyterian denominations have many members here also, however, as yet they have built no permanent structures."

"There are two public free schools with efficient teachers, and one polytechnic school presided over by Prof. Yonley, Ph.D."



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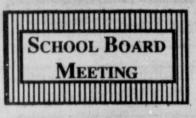
BREAKTHRU **By Bob Pipes Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

Have you ever met anyone afraid of a risk? There is risk, though, in almost everything we do. To laugh is to risk appearing flippant; to weep is to risk appearing too sentimental. To reach out for another is to risk involvement; to not reach out is to risk appearing unconcerned. To place you ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk being called a dreamer and of someone stealing the ideas. To love is to risk being hurt - - and of not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying; to hope is to risk despair; to try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken, because the greatest risk or hazard of all in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing and is nothing. He may avoid suffering, sorrow and shame, but will also avoid knowledge, growth, change, feeling, love - and life!

Some refuse to begin following Christ because of the fear of not being ble to continue on to finish - - too much risk! But to not take that so-called "risk" is really the greatest risk of all! Once Jesus' disciples had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. Jesus said, "Launch out to where it's deep and let your nets down for a real big catch." Was there risk? Yes! It could have been a lot of work for nothing . Someone might have even laughed at them for trying again after catching nothing all night long. But they risked all and came up with so many fish their nets were breaking, and even with the help of another boat, they almost sank. Was the risk worth it? Yes!

Some risks are foolish - - but don't rule them all out. Launch out into the deep with Christ. The rewards make any risks there may be well worth it! Come "fish" and "launch out into the deen" with us We really do care about you!

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study ... 7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus



A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on June 21, 2001, beginning at 7 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:

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Minutes
- 3. Open Forum
- 4. ESL Report
- 5. Gifted and Talented Report
- 6. Texas Primary Reading Inventory
- Report 7. Approve Drug Dog Contract for 2001-2002
- 8. Use of School Facility for Community Function
- 9. Discuss/Act on Tabled Item-Drug and Alcohol Policy
- 10. Discuss/Act on Depository Pledge Contract
- 11. Discuss/Act on Big Country Library Media Co-op Contract
- 12. Discuss/Act on New Gym Construction Issue
- 13. Personnel
 - A. Accept Resignation B. Act on Contracts for New
 - Employees
 - C. Goals and Outcomes for District
- D. Other Personnel Items (if necessary)
- 14. Executive Session
- 15. Financial Report/Pay Bills
- 16. Adjourn.
- Notice of the meeting was given by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

Ranger College Dean's List

Ranger College would like to congratulate Barbara Henson of Cross Plains for maintaining a 3.0 -3.9 GPA and earning the honor of being included on the Ranger College Dean's

Cisco Junior College 2001 Graduates

Cisco Junior College Abilene-Cisco is proud to announce the 2001 graduating class. The following graduates from this area were recently honored at commencement ceremonies in Cisco.

Cross Plains

Dusty Breen Anderson Roy Claren Sliger

Rising Star

Tim Henry Carter Stacey Renee Pena (with honors)

McMurry Spring 2001 Dean's List **Dean's Honor Roll**

The following area students were included in the McMurry University Dean's List by maintaining a 3.5 our 4.0 Grade Point Average during the semester (12 or more hours): Baird **Erin Hughes** Clyde Clara Aragon, Aaron Barr, Kortni Collins, Kathrine Pearson, Bejamin Walton, Jean Wilson **Cross Plains** Samuel Nixon May Amy Lewis.

Dean's Honor Roll (6 to 11 hours): Baird Kristi Barron, Meredith Holland Clyde Patricia Carrigan, Elsie Jackson, Roger McCoy.

3rd Place Local Library (4-Cross Plains Review June 21, 2001 Writing Contest Winner Life After Loss

Krista Phillips' poem won 3rd place in the recent Cross Plains Public Library Writing Contest. She was a student of Dianna Stover's fourth grade. Krista is the daughter of Allen and Janice Phillips.

"My Hero"

By Krista Phillips

I had a stuffed toy elephant, that was big, blue and charming.

He stepped on all my nigtmares, and killed the monsters, too.

Callahan County ranchers continue 30-year tradition

FAX# 1 -254-725-7225

The American Simmental Association of Bozeman Montana recently announced new trait leaders and cow awards and Callahan County ranchers Nicki and Bill Burkett were again among the recipients. This continues a 30 year tradition of award winning genetics within the Burkett Valle' Verde' Cattle Company breeding program. High Ridge Solid State was again announced as a two-trait leader in the growth traits of weaning and yearling weights. This solid black six year old bull is now one of the top ten bulls in the breed for calving ease to yearling weight spreads and continues to sire sale topping and show winning progeny as well. He has sired show winners at the World Beef Expo and Houston, and sale toppers at Denver as well as bull test winners. At the recent Koepplin Ranch Bull Sale three of the top five sellers were Solid State Sons averaging \$3000. Solid State progeny continue in strong de-

Nicki Burkett's Ms Red Brother E5 cow was also awarded the excellent award for producing 5 consecutive calves with a maternal production probability (MPPA) of +77 -ranking within the top 3% of all registered Simmental cows in the breed.

The Burketts recently moved their headquarters to Belle Plaine after headquartering North of Abilene for the past 18 years. They began breeding registered Simmental cattle in Clovis and Roswell, New Mexico in 1970. They hold ASA membership number 8970.

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The American Cancer Society's LIFE AFTER LOSS sponsored by the Hospice of The Big Country will be offered beginning Monday, July 2.2001 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at 4601 Hartford, located on the 2nd floor of the West Texas Rehab Center. The group will meet each Monday for five weeks, July 2-30th.

Life After Loss is a five week grief recovery seminar for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one within the past two years, regardless of the cause of death. The program is designed to help bereaved people better understand the grief process, their emotions and how to cope with them.

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mand. Solid State progeny EPDs rank within the top 1% of the breed for weaning and 5% for yearling weights while ranking within the top 20% for calving ease.

to tiny little parts. He did indeed. I cried so much, so now my doggy has to sleep with

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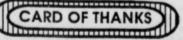
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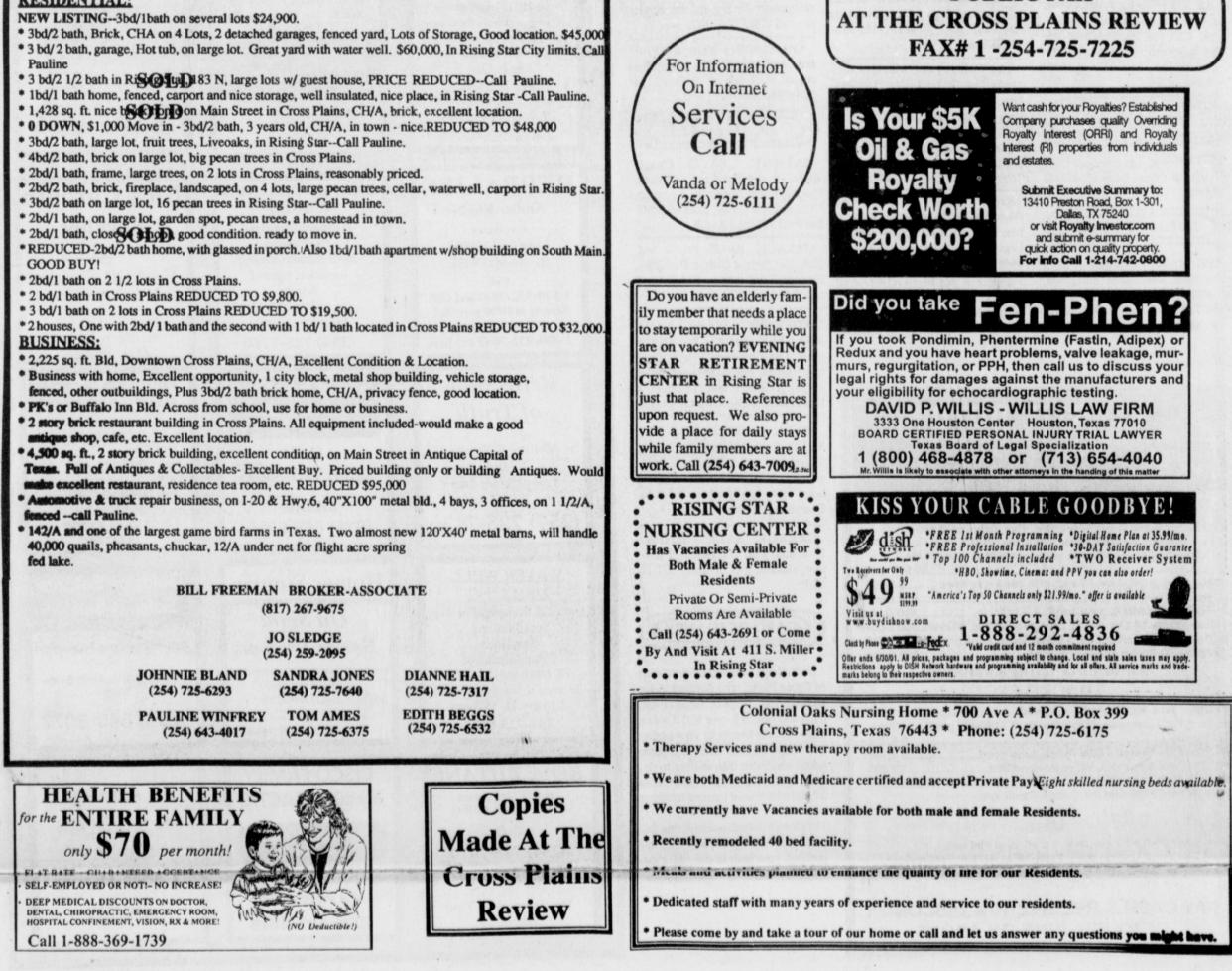
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Endless loop...

Back in the olden days, when computers had barely evolved from keypunch to PC, I learned a little bit about the new computers. It was a struggle for sure; hot anything that came naturally to me. While I was able to attach and detach drives and monitors, mostly I saw it as a glorified typewriter. "Mainframe" and "program" were way outside my comprehension. I dreaded problems, because I never could figure out what to do about them. As a matter of fact, that's how it is even now

MyKeeper was fresh off the keypunch, and very curious about the magical new desk computers. He asked me to teach him what I knew. It wasn't much, but it got him going. Within days his cyber knowledge spiraled outside the "box" and way out there somewhere, far beyond my typewriter lessons, into a land of ones and zeroes.

Even so, I've taught him some invaluable lessons. My own mentor told me to save only as much as you don't want to retype. While the wording was awkward, it stuck in my head, and anyone who has lost an unsaved page or pages knows exactly what it means. MyKeeper showed a distinct lack of appreciation at the reminder after a surprise power outage.

I often come up with an unexpected gem. When MyKeeper had a spreadsheet on the screen, it wouldn't store. It wouldn't print. It wouldn't scroll. I have a ready solution for the utterly unsolvable. Just before he warped into outer

space, I said firmly and sensibly, "You might just want to unplug it." I forget just what followed. I do seem to recall, though, that I found

the operating manual on the floor across the room, and it took a fresh batch of Snickerdoodles to pull him out of that one. I'm still in good standing, though.

Every once in awhile, my help is crucial -like the time MyKeeper was furning at the keyboard, ready to punch the monitor in the nose. He was stumped. He knew what he wanted to do. He told the computer over and over, and over again. The program sequenced the same windows in an endless loop. It was a head butting process.

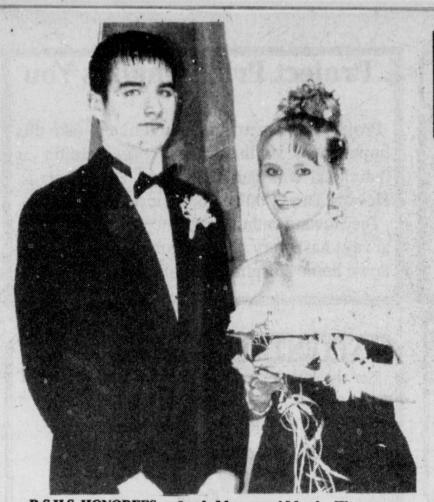
He was having a tough time with it. It was about like me trying to solve a Chinese puzzle. I try the same things over and over again, knowing it didn't work the first dozen times, and it probably won't work the second dozen tries. I try to think outside the box, but it must be jammed over my head.

I stood at his shoulder and watched MyKeeper run through the process once more. The computer did the same loop and ended up at the same place as before. "See!" he said. He was smoking and pawing the ground. I thought he was going to explode.

In a minute, I did see. Across the top of the status line, tucked between other advice data, was the command "F7 to Exit."

"Why not try F7 to exit," I suggested. It worked. He smiled. Patting him on the back, I said,

"We work well together." Then Heft while he still thought I was brilliant. © Ginny Greene 2001



R.S.H.S. HONOREES - Jacob Massey and Mandee Westerman

Locally Known **Young Lady Honored**

Rising Star Seniors, Jacob Massey, son of Richard and Kathy Massey, and Mandee Westerman, daughter of Gary and Betty Westerman were honored as Mr. and Mrs. R.S.H.S. for 2000-2001. Jacob was also chosen

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ball season. Proud grandparents of Mandee are Noel and Alma King of Cross Plains and Sybil Westerman and the late

Football Beau and Mandee named

Band Sweetheart for the 2000 foot-



L.D. Westerman of Rising Star.

To: Editor

From: Roy Woemer

RE: Cord's, Kim's and grandkids' seven years at Cross Plains

Thanks for the memories. As an aging grandparent, I look back and realize that life is nothing but memories that we create or encounter on our journey through life.

There are always anxious moments involved when changing jobs or leaving friends behind that helped to make life more enjoyable. Since my grandchildren spent most of their youth in Cross Plains and Cord and Kim teaching there, a lot of people deserve thanks for their help. Special thanks to the athletes, school band, administration, faculty, coaches, parents, secretaries, churches, lawmen, etc. for their help. I probably should not single out individuals because I probably will forget someone, but I think of certain people who touched Cord's life and mine over a short period of time. We will always have fond memories of people helping when needed, so thanks to all who touched our lives. A special thanks to Betty and Nora who took care of the grandkids at different times and on short notice sometimes. Small town values were very important in the grandkids' early years, yet change is essential for growth. To the athletes and parents who participated on their behalf, thanks for being a caring community during their stay at Cross Plains, also a special thanks to Mark Norris for all he has done.



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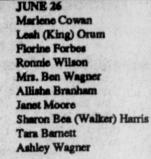
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