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## Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Thursday, July 19

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. The Chamber will be honoring the health care entities that serve Cross Plains, including Colonial Oaks Nursing Home, CMS Health Care, Girling Health Care, One Source Health Center and Tri-Star Home Care.

The guest speaker for this event will be Robert Echols, a native of Albany, Texas, and is the General Manager for Best of the West Motels that includes 36 West Motel in Cross Plains, along with nine additional motels in West Texas.

He is currently the President of the Texas Forts Trail Board of Directors and a member of the Executive Committee for the Texas Midwest Community Network. Mr. Echols has been named as winner of the Thomas

Jefferson Award for Volunteerism in Midwest Texas, and received a national award in Washington, D.C.

Robert is the founder and producer of the Albany Mainstreet Playhouse Theater Company in Albany and also serves on the Board of Directors for Aztec Theater, Fort Griffin Fandangle and the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and is a deacon at the First Christian Church in Albany.

The banquet will be catered by ZJ's of Gorman and the menu includes chicken fried chicken with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10.00. More information about the banquet will follow in the newspaper as the banquet approaches. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, please call the Chamber office at (254) 725-7251.



FOLKS HAVING A GOOD TIME AT THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION— Mary Pillans (from left), Doris Goble, J.D. Goble and Coleman Pillans.



CUTTING WATERMELONS FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION — David Clark and Frankie Hyles, City of Cross Plains employees.

## Independence Day Celebration Held Locally Was A Big Hit!!! Will Be Held Annually

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH  
Editor

The 4th of July celebration hosted by the City of Cross Plains and the Barbarian Committee was a great success. Over 400 hot dogs were served to residents, along with cold drinks and watermelon. Everything was tasty, especially when you are eating outside.

Everyone brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed the food, visiting with friends and the good music.

The band, Freeride, that consists of four young men who are students at Clyde High School, was very professional. They performed all the most popular tunes of the 50's, 60's and 70's to the delight of the crowd. The songs were familiar to nearly every age group and they kept the musical entertainment rolling.

Speaking of age groups, Cross Plains is blessed with senior citizens

up to the age of 90 years who attended the community function. We have a wealth of seniors who remain active and seem ageless. Way to go!!!

All in all it was a nice opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors to celebrate the 225th Independence Day.

As the evening progressed more folks joined the celebration and by the time the fireworks began cars were parked all around the Cross Plains Roping Club Arena, Highway 36 and connecting farm to market roads.

A 30 minute display of fireworks lit up the skies and capped off an evening of fun for the entire family.

The City of Cross Plains has already announced they plan to make this an annual event since so many have voiced their approval. They hope to have a bigger and better 4th of July celebration next year.

### ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

ALL incoming 9th grade boys and girls and 7th grade boys and girls will be given athletic physicals on July 25, 26, and 27.

Where: One Source Health Center in Cross Plains.

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Athletes with last names beginning with letters A-L will be given on the 25th. Last names beginning with letters M-Z on the 26th. Anyone missing these dates will be given on the 27th.

If you have any questions you may call the Cross Plains ISD Athletic Director Jimmy Randolph at (254) 725-6121.

## Elmer Kelton Makes Return Visit to City

By BILLIE LOVING

We are pleased that Elmer Kelton is to speak again for the "Meet the Author" series sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library. Mark your calendars for July 17, 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Kelton began writing fiction in the late 1940's. Since that time he has published an average of a book a year—38 novels, two short collections and several nonfiction books. His most common theme is "the challenge of changing times." In his own words, "Nothing stands still for very long. Our history has been one of constant challenge to the status quo." Regardless of setting, race or sex, Kelton challenges the present.

Judy Alter, author of *Elmer Kelton and West Texas: A Literary Relationship*, describes Kelton as "very gentlemanly, soft spoken, self-deprecating and without a trace of alter ego, unfailing polite with a lot of West Texas sense of humor. He is a thoroughly nice man." Kelton has six times received the Golden Spur awards from Western Writers of America, Inc., four Western Heritage Wrangler awards from the Cowboy Hall of Fame, plus awards and honors from the Western Literature Association and the Texas Institute of Letters. In 1985 he was named the greatest Western author of all times



ELMER KELTON

by the Western Writers of America.

In January this year Kelton published *Badger Boy*, which he will use for his book talk. The setting is the Texas frontier in 1863, after the Civil War. The conflict deals with David "Rusty" Shannon, who comes home to Red River Country after the Rangers disbanded to find unexpected challenges. Also Kelton will use his well-known *The Wolf and the Buffalo*, since many have asked for more about the Comanche Indians.

There is no charge and there will be refreshments. Also Kelton books will be available. We hope to see you there.

## Living Water Ministries Hosting Nation-Wide Youth Rally ---500 Expected

Many of you may remember a tent full of young people worshipping God on Main Street last summer. Last year, Living Water Ministries hosted a statewide, outdoor youth rally call History Makers; Calling the Called.

Youth Pastors James and Glenda Tidwell, had a vision in their hearts to have a tent meeting for the youth of our region; to send out a prophetic call to the younger generations to come into the Kingdom of God and take their places among the ranks of the Lord's army. God showed His plan was much greater than ours. Sovereignly, the vision and rally grew to become an outdoor blowout weekend of cutting-edge worship and apostolic release. Over 200 youth traveled to Cross Plains from all over Texas to be a part of this momentous event. This year, we are expecting near 500 youth from all over the nation, with confirmed registrations already received from as far away as California!

The focus of this year's rally is really quite simple... We are determined to wholeheartedly follow the leading

of the Holy Spirit. We are crying out for freedom from fear of man and tradition, and for the Lord to inhabit His people and show forth His power and glory in our midst. All teaching and ministry will be from a group of "young lions" trans-locally related to one another through an Apostolic Network of ministries called the Federation of Ministers and Churches.

These "young lions" are college and career age young people who are paying the cost and giving everything to the Lord for the coming of His kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. This group hope to provide an atmosphere conducive to TOTAL ABANDONMENT for the youth. Our hearts are to impart into the next generation a realization of who they are in Christ, and the call of the Lord to abandon themselves to Him. Our pastors and

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## Chamber of Commerce to Establish Web Page

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will soon have a web page. Each business member will be listed on this page, along with their address and telephone number. The Chamber thinks this will be very useful for anyone who would like information about Cross Plains and the businesses

that are located there.

This page will be sponsored by Jones Real Estate.

If you are not a business member, but would like to be, so that you can be listed on the new web page, please contact the Chamber Office at (254) 725-7251.

## Housing Authority and Residents Protest Proposed HUD Budget Cuts

The Cross Plains Housing Authority today issued a strong condemnation of the proposed HUD budget for Fiscal Year 2002, which begins October 1. Overall, the budget slashes public and assisted housing programs by more than \$1 billion nationwide. "If these cuts are actually imposed," said Johnnie Bland, the Cross Plains HA's Executive Director, "They will severely hinder this agency's ability to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for the 45 to 50 residents we serve."

The White House's proposed budget cuts public housing capital funding by \$700 million, a 25 percent reduction compared to the current fiscal year. Capital funds are used to do major renovations and physical improvements in public housing. Some eligible expenses include the elimination of dangerous lead-based paint, roof repairs and replacements, and the upgrading of heating systems, among other eligible costs. "The 25 percent cut in our capital budget will have a significant negative impact on the quality of living conditions for our residents," said Mrs. Bland. These are

some comments from some of the local residents and local authority. "How are we going to survive? We are on set incomes?" "These cuts are ridiculous." "Are they going to take everything away from us?" "Why are they cutting your funding?" "My electric bill is higher than my rent now!" "Will your rent go up if your subsidy is cut?"

Johnnie pointed out that HUD grades each housing authority's performance in part on the physical condition of its properties. "Ironically, the same federal agency that assesses the quality of our properties is proposing a 25 percent cut in funding that is needed to upgrade those same properties," said Mrs. Bland.

Johnnie said that HUD's operating fund request also falls short of the need. She explained that, even though HUD is requesting some additional operating money, it is not sufficient to make up for an estimated \$300 million nationwide shortfall attributable to energy costs increases over the past year. The lack of sufficient operating assistance, combined with in-

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## First Baptist VBS Sunday

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School for the WHOLE family begins this Sunday evening.

At 6:30 p.m. children 4 years through 6th grade will begin their search for the Secrets of the Stone Tablets in the Sinai Desert.

At 7:00 p.m. the adults will tour the land of Israel with Dr. Donnie Auvenshine, Dean of Christian Studies at Howard Payne University. Child care will be provided for babies to 3 years for parents participating in the VBS.

For those students having completed the 7th or 8th grade, there are special activities with surprise guest appearances throughout the week. You and your family are invited.

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# Cloud seeding underway in Callahan County

Weather Modification, Inc., with headquarters in Fargo, North Dakota, has begun the 2001 operational cloud seeding season on the West Central Texas Rainfall Enhancement Program. Eight Big Country counties are participating in the program including Callahan, Nolan, Taylor, Eastland, Comanche, Runnels, Brown and Coleman County.

Tom Mann, Director of Economic Development for the West Texas County of Government, is a staff member for the cloud seeding program stationed in Abilene.

"The four-year commitment to member counties began Friday, June 29th when our permit was approved," said Mann. "There was a single flight on June 30th, a second flight on July 1st and three sorties on July 2nd. We were dealing with marginal weather systems but we were encouraged with the results as rainfall occurred in areas seeded. It's a good sign for the future," Mann continued.

Two aircraft, a Cessna 340 A and a Piper Seneca II, are being utilized in the process, seeding with ejectable flare racks, bum-in-place flare racks, and wing-tip generators. Both aircraft are being housed at the Abilene Regional Airport. The radar used by the weather association to spot clouds for seeding is located at the Elmdale Airport.

On Saturday morning, June 30th, the cloud-seeders launched a marginal weather system which stretched from Dallas to San Antonio. County areas seeded were south central Taylor, southeast quadrant of Nolan, northeast corner of Coke and the northwest corner of Runnels. There was rain in Nolan County that morning.

On Sunday, July 1st, areas

seeded with silver iodide were the southeast corner of Taylor, northern half of Coleman, southern half of Callahan and the northern part of Brown. There was moisture in southern Callahan County and northern Coleman County.

Two aircraft flew three sorties on Monday, July 2nd in directions west/southwest of Abilene and east/southeast of Abilene. Southeast Taylor, southern Callahan, northern Coleman, northern Brown and southwest Eastland counties were targeted. Rainfall was noted in Taylor County.

"We are encouraged by the early results we've had," Mann commented.

The program continues through October 31st. Budget for the first year is \$496,000 with \$221,000 provided by the State of Texas. Member counties are picking up the remaining \$275,000 tab using a formula for each county figured by total acreage, population and retail sales.

Callahan County's cost for the first round of cloud seeding is \$42,371, of which the State of Texas pays \$25,442. The County Economic Development Corporation, City of Baird and Callahan County are funding the County's portion of the cloud seeding program in the amount of \$16,929.

Callahan County Commissioner Harold Hicks and Jack Farmer are Callahan County's representatives who receive updates from the West Texas Weather Modification Association about the progress of the cloud seeding program.

The cloud seeding program in the Big Country area will take place three months in the spring and three months in the fall. The first round of cloud seeding will continue through October 31st.



**RETIREMENT GIFTS**—Jane Ringhoffer, who was employed by the Callahan County Appraisal District 22 years, received two retirement gifts from the Appraisal District employees and the Appraisal District board of directors. Ringhoffer received a jewelry chest from her fellow employees at the Appraisal District and the crystal vase from members of the Appraisal District board. Ringhoffer has been deputy chief appraiser from the Callahan County Appraisal District 22 years. Her husband, Emil Ringhoffer Jr., is currently in a nursing home suffering from Alzheimer's disease. The couple has one son and two

daughters, Robert Ringhoffer, Vickie Simpson and Beth Lehmann. A resident of Baird some 46 years, Ringhoffer said she'll work in her yard and take time spoiling her seven grandchildren in retirement. Callahan County Chief Appraiser Rod Lewallen said Jane handled all of the Appraisal District's financial records for over 20 years. "She is honest as the day is long and did a fabulous job taking care of the financial records," Lewallen said. Ringhoffer said of all of Jane Ringhoffer's attributes, what it all boils down to is her heart is always in her job. "She has really been an asset to us," Lewallen concluded.

## FSA announces new crop loss coverage for noninsurable crops

**BAIRD**—The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers new and improved crop loss coverage opportunities beginning with crop year 2001.

"Unlike the old NAP, and other disaster programs that take time to implement, the new NAP program will provide immediate relief to farmers," said FSA's Callahan County Executive Director Scott Odom. "Appraisers will inspect the damaged crops, the County Committee will review the claim and payments will be issued once the loss threshold is reached." NAP covers 50% of the producer's expected production at a payment rate equal to 55% of the crop's average market price. Benefits are limited to \$100,000 per crop year for each participant.

Since the 1995 crop year, FSA has offered NAP assistance for noninsurable crops each time a widespread catastrophic loss occurred due to damaging weather. Beginning with crop year 2001, availability of NAP assistance will be based on producers' individual crop losses, rather than on losses occurring in a large area. These guaranteed benefits, subject to a minimal administrative fee, will provide risk protection during the time when crops are most vulnerable and will be individualized based on the farmer's ability to produce the crop. NAP covers all noninsurable, commercially grown crops produced for food and fiber, including

honey, forage and grazing crops, turfgrass sod, Christmas trees, seed crops and aquaculture. Crops in Callahan County that would be eligible for NAP include: sudex, coastal, improved grasses, native pastures, pecans, and any other crop that is noninsurable by crop insurance.

To be eligible for assistance, applicants must pay a nonrefundable administrative fee of \$100 per crop, per county. Fees are capped at \$300 per county not to exceed \$900 for farmers with interests in multiple counties.

Applicants are encouraged to provide prior years' production data to FSA to establish a documented yield history for loss calculations and payments. To be eligible for NAP, a farmer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

FSA is currently accepting applications, by appointment only, for NAP coverage for 2001 crops. Farmers who sustained weather-related crop damage to a 2001 NAP crop and timely reported acreage and losses may be eligible for coverage. The application period for 2001 crops will end 30 days after the Federal Regulations are published.

Producers with noninsurable crops should contact the Callahan County FSA office at 915-854-1049, extension 2 for more information.

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## Note to Concerned Friends of Jack Scott

Last Sunday Jack had a small stroke and was taken to Brownwood Regional Medical Center where he stayed for about five days. On Saturday, July 7th, we moved him from Brownwood to St. David's Rehab Center in Austin. He is doing as well as possible right now and wants his friends to know of his progress.

The first stroke was mild but he suffered a couple of other strokes after getting to the hospital. The strokes were relatively small but they were all located in the area of the brain that affects speech and the right side of his body. His right arm and hand were affected initially but we have already seen improvement here. The speech impairment has made communication difficult and of course he does not have the use yet of his hand and arm. As a result, he has been pretty frustrated. As you all know, Jack has always been extremely independent, very active and a wonderful communicator.

The doctors say that there is a good likelihood that he will regain most of his ability to speak as well as the movement in his right hand. That is just what we need. He is in a wonderful place and we spend lots of time with him. The doctors are great and we feel positive about his progress to this point.

I know that he would like to hear from home through cards or notes, so if you want to communicate with him just send them to me and I will take them to him. Unfortunately, he cannot talk to you by phone, so please don't call yet. My address is 8317 Club Ridge Drive, Austin, Texas 78735.

Thanks to all of you who have already called or sent something. We love you and Jack knows that you are sending prayers and good thoughts his way.

Submitted by Mary Scott Nabers

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John 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

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Love always looks for the best in others-- Signed God

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Van Service Available - Call (254) 725-7694 N. Main (Hwy. 206) Cross Plains, Texas Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor Sunday's Sermon "The Gift We Give To Others"

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10th & Main Cross Plains (254) 725-7629 9:45 a.m. Bible Study Opportunities For All Ages 11:00 a.m. Worship Service "Jesus Took Time to Teach" 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES, 4 Years to Adults SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY Jimmie Mize - Interim Pastor Zeb Alexander - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music Welcome!

Deadlines Ads - noon Tues. Articles - noon Mon.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Pentecostal will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, July 15, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 9 TH & AVE D. CROSS PLAINS WORSHIP SERVICE.....9:30 A.M. BIBLE CLASS.....10:30 A.M. REV. HENRY GRUBBS, PASTOR EVERYONE WELCOME

**Living Water Ministries Fellowship** Full Gospel — Non-Denominational — Apostolic Restoring And Equipping The Saints Colleen Anderson Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Maxey Evans Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Youth Pastors - James & Glenda Tidwell For Information Call (254) 725-6800 1-800-252-3629

**COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 P.M. Matt McGowen, Interim Student Pastor (254) 643-3276 Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church Bible Teaching

**ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH** Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M. Pastor: Carl Mauldin Come Worship With Us!

**NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH** Sponser: Pioneer Baptist Church Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Bill Armstrong - Pastor

You Are invited to VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL This Sunday July 15th through Thursday July 19th At 6:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. at First Baptist Church 301 N. Main If you need a ride, call 725-7629



## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT



### Benjamin Franklin Visits Cottonwood

"Well, Gloriousky Zero!" as Little Orphan Annie used to say in the funny papers.

Benjamin Franklin appeared in Cottonwood, Texas on July 4, 2001, and read the Declaration of Independence to a fine group of citizens assembled at the Community Center. It was a great day and the refrains of "freedom" and "liberty for all" still ring in the air.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came forward to participate in the festivities and make presentations.

Emma Bennett posted the National Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited loud and clear by all. Norma Strahan was on piano and Smokey Callaway on harmonica. Tracey Dillard and her puppet sang, "I'm Proud to Be An American." Carol Bennett read a portion of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech" and Bryan Bennett read the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Then, Ben Franklin, in the personage of Herman Weaver (see photo), showed up to read the Declaration of Independence.

And thanks to the crowd who came out to hear the reading of this genesis document of American democracy. Everyone agreed, it was an inspiring and uplifting event for all who came out to share these themes of "Let Freedom Ring."

It certainly made the hot dogs and watermelon more enjoyable and the firecracking exposition more meaningful that evening in Cross Plains.

Don't be surprised if there is not a repeat performance next year. With, perhaps, John Witherspoon appearing to read the Declaration of Independence. He was a signer of the document and is the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Ethel Champion of Cottonwood.

### July Musical to Feature Homemade Ice Cream

That's right folks! An evening of country-western music, sandwiches, homemade pies and homemade ice cream for the July 20th venue of Cottonwood's monthly musical.

Food starts at 5:30 p.m. and the music starts at 6:00 p.m. The Cottonwood Quilting Club usually presents about 10 musical groups and individuals in their down-home musical program. It's a night you don't want to miss too often.

So, come on out, bring the kids and bring some friends for an evening of musical entertainment and fun and ice cream.

Musical groups wishing to appear in Cottonwood should call Isla Stroud (254) 725-6263.

### Cottonwood Community Center Glistens Under New Paint Job

Don't forget to drive down to the Community Center and look at the new paint job. The Cottonwood Quilting Club owns and maintains the Center and is quite proud of the Center's new face. Bob Walters and his crew did the painting and repairs.

Donations to help the Club cover expenses are always in order, helpful and appreciated. For information contact Ethel Champion, president of the Club, at (254) 725-6536.

### Quilters Tack Down Annual Rehab Quilt

The Cottonwood Quilting Club has tacked a new quilt to the quilting frames. It is a puzzle-piece quilt and when finished will be donated to the annual auction, January 2002, to benefit the West Texas Rehab Center. The top was made by Cody Hounshell of Sundown, Texas.

Quilters are needed and requested. "You don't have to know how to quilt," said Mary St. Peter. "We will teach you."

### Vandals Strike Cottonwood Area

Mail boxes, windshields and highway signs in Cottonwood were hit by vandals over this past week. Several mail boxes along CR 461 were battered and destroyed, at least one pickup was battered and county road signs along Highway 880 were bent over. The Callahan County Sheriff is investigating the incidents.

### VBS at Cottonwood Baptist Church July 22-26

6:00-8:30 p.m.

(Please report all news and personal items to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.

## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

It's always good to get away on vacation for a few days, but it's nice to get back too. During my absence this past week, I was informed we have a new resident. We welcome Rozell Gary to our facility.

It was reported that Pauline Switzer was surprised by family members with a birthday cake for her 85th birthday. Pauline said she really enjoyed herself.

The residents enjoyed having hot dogs, watermelon and ice cream sundaes for their celebration July 4th.

Special appreciation to our wonderful friend for the pretty 4th of July flower vases that were sent to our resident. God Bless you.

There's nothing better than fresh vegetables. Everyone is sure enjoying the squash and cucumbers that Charlie Grider and Mrs. Franke brought us. Thanks for thinking of us.

Our appreciation to Barbara Swinney for the wheelchair and potty chair.

Beth Sparkman from New Braunfels, Ruth Traylor and Barbara Moon from Brownwood, Glen and Charlotte Gardner of Coleman visited Roy Gardner.

Evelyn Harris visited with Frank Bartek.

Sandy Clevinger of Lago Vista, Alice Lockhart of Austin, Janet McIlhoney from Pflugerville, Dusty Bilbrey of Rising Star and Carol Owen of San Marcus visited with Myrtle Owen.

Bobby Jack McCowen visited everyone.

Kimberly Woerner visited with Blackie Reynolds.

Naoma Wilson visited with Delilah Goble.

Luke and Sam McKenzie of May visited with Carl McKenzie.

Charlou Cowan, Lurene McNutt and Minnie Cunningham visited with Louise Richardson.

Beth and Ashlyn Hilburn of Cedar Hill and Barbara Wood visited with Jo Boatright.

Lonnie, Martha, Benny, Lanna, Belinda, John, David, Mary Bates, David, Brenda and Chad visited with Pauline and O.B. Switzer.

Ferne Hutchins visited with Rozell Gary.

I would like to thank Dana Johnson and Ruby Casle for filling in for me while I was on vacation.

### Activities

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Jessie Casey, Vera Belyeu (3) and Falba Shofner (2). Exercise.

TUESDAY: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

WEDNESDAY: Sing-a-long with Bob McCowen. Exercise.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Clifford King (2), Jessie Casey and Vera Belyeu (2). Popcorn.

SUNDAY: Pioneer Pentecostal Church.

May today be especially beautiful for you.

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Back in the days of yore, my family lived in Cross Plains. By about 1949 or 1950, though we had moved away. However, I never forgot Cross Plains and the happy times we had growing up here. We'd come back for visits from time to time, as we still had relatives here and still do. Those happy memories lingered on in my mind and I came back! My husband I moved here in 1992 after he retired. Following are some of those really early memories.

### "Good Old Days--Long Gone"

Have you recently, perchance, checked or looked through all those files stored inside your head? I'm talkin', delved back into the deepest reaches of your mind.

In the back of my mind (midst a lot of clutter and bric-a-brac), memories of childhood days gone by -- happy days and happy memories. Those days will never return but the memories still live and linger on; both in my heart and also in my head. Those days and those times are "Long Gone--But not Forgotten".

Our home was located on what now is East North First Street in Cross Plains (when I first moved back in '92 it was 9th Street); just about a block from where the Community Center now stands. The Post Office was located at that time where the bank now stands. It was about 1947, and Mama would let my sister and I walk down to the Post Office to get the mail. We shared a Post Office box with our Grandfather, the late John (Jack) Meador. We all called him Papa. I will never forget that P.O. Box number as long as I live! It was Box 893. We were allowed to ask at the window for all the mail for J.E. Dennis from Box 893. Then we'd take the mail home to Mama and Daddy.


Other times we'd be given a list of groceries Mama needed. We'd take the list downtown to Foster's Grocery. They would fill the order from Mama's list, sack 'em up and send us home with them. That was in the days when you just charged the groceries and then paid up the first of each month. A year or more later, I remember Mr. Dale Bishop opened a new car deal-

ership on Main Street. As I recall, it wasn't vary far from the movie theatre, which in those days we all called it the picture show. You didn't say you were going to the movies, you said, "We're going to the picture show." Sounds quaint now, doesn't it --- picture show. Hm-mmm-m!


....And that wasn't all, either. Cars didn't have trunks, they had turtle shells, plus folks parked their cars in the car shed, not in the garage. Another thing, too, if you had more people going than your car had seats for (two or three)--- you would just stand up outside the car on the running boards. A running board was located on each side of the car, so if you were lucky or enterprising enough to have a four door car; two people could stand on each side on the running boards. See, you just rolled the windows down and hooked your arm through the window and grabbed hold of the inside top of the door, held on and rode that way to wherever your destination was. Cars only traveled about 25 miles per hour back then. Mostly it was the men who rode that way, but I do recall seeing some young women riding on the runnin' boards during WWII.

I remember lots of Saturday nights sitting in one or the other of the aunt's car, watching the people walk by. Why that was the thing to do back then ---that's what everyone did on Saturday night if they didn't attend the movies or stay at home.

And guess what else I remember? I remember seeing Vanda for the first time. My sister, Ann, and I were spending the day at Ben and Loma Atwood's place with their daughter, Joe. She and my sister were in the same class' at school it had to have been 1947-'48-'49. Vanda's parents, Darwin and Wanda Anderson, lived on the Atwood place at that time in a little house. Vanda was just a little tyke but just as cute as button. The only other thing I can recall is that Vanda had the prettiest bedspread on the bed that day, that I had ever seen. We moved away around 1949 or '50 and the next I remember seeing Vanda was when Marvin and I moved back from Lubbock in late 1992. We're still here!





## IT'S A GIRL



Carlye Dale Winfrey, was born to Bob and Kim Winfrey of Stephenville on June 12, 2001, at Harris Methodist Fort Worth. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by brothers, Bryce Allen, 6, and Alec Reed, 4.

Maternal grandparents are Sharon Norcross and the late Carl Norcross of Stephenville. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Peggy Winfrey of Cross Plains. Great grandparents are Ruby Dale Carter and Freda Grizzard, both of Stephenville.

## BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, secretary, has reported more donations received for the upkeep of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries as follows: Beulah Ann Tabor Williamson \$30; Debra Boch \$25; Zora Lico \$10; Vernon and Hazel Trent \$20; Darryl and Kathy Tinney \$25; Melba Walker \$50; Jimmy Gaines \$50; James and Madeline Younglove \$50; Evelyn Hounshell Pitts \$20; Shirley West \$50; Kermit Diehl \$25; Ora Flowers (In Memory of Mollie and Authur Hollon) \$25; Mr. and Mrs. James Herring \$25; Sylvia Ransberger, Juanita Bowers and Stanphill Family \$25; H. Glen Chambers \$25; Barney and Joyce Klutts \$25; Olene Johnson \$25; Roy and Lela Young \$100; Leroy Walker \$50; Earlene Ward (In Memory of Colie and Pearl Thate) \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Maples \$35; Dick and

Sharon Koenig \$25; Sylvia Watson \$15; Bill and Joy Slack \$25; Arthur and Wanda Boyle \$25; Dean and Natalie Klick (DeBusk and Angeley Families) \$25; and Royce and Linda Carmack (In Memory of James L. Golson) \$25.

Each donation is greatly appreciated.

It tried to rain in Burkett Saturday and Sunday. We received a total of .13. That just made the grasshoppers jump higher and eat more. They sure do like my peaches and peppers.

Recent visitors in Lovera Strickland's home were Jackie Strickland, Staci, Jacob and Jared and Jeremy Cooper of Somerville.

Bettie Dues of Rockwood and Lovera Strickland attended the NAPUS State Convention for Postmasters in Abilene last week.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 16 - July 20  
**MONDAY**--Swiss Steak, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches, Bread, Milk  
**TUESDAY**- - Taco Salad Bowl, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY**--Baked Chicken

w/gravy, Carrots, Diced Potatoes, Vanilla Pudding, Bread, Milk  
**THURSDAY**--Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Wedges, Coieslaw, Carrot Cake, Bread, Milk  
**FRIDAY**--Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Tossed Salad, Cookie, Crackers, Milk

## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
 Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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Have you ever heard of or seen someone with secondhand faith? There are those who are dependent wholly upon someone else's faith. They've never really experienced the joy of investigating the evidence themselves. They have accepted facts only because someone else has told them so -- and chances are, that person's faith is second hand also!

Thomas Carlyle gave these words of wisdom: "Pin thy faith to no man's sleeve; hast thou not two eyes of thine own?" What the apostle John says concerning the account of Jesus' life, inspired to pen, is true of the entire Bible: "... these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31. So according to Mr. Carlyle's suggestion, you have two eyes of your own; why not read and study for yourself and establishing your own faith?!

Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, regarding the Gentiles: "You have no excuse for not believing and obeying, for God has made Himself known -- the invisible things of Him are clearly seen through the things that He made which can be and are seen." Romans 1: 20. So look around at the things which live because of Him, and look up at the sun, moon and stars. He's everywhere! Look at and read about the evidence of Him for yourself, with your own two eyes, and believe. Secondhand faith is not acceptable by God for He has no grandchildren, only children!

Come read and study about God with us -- and worship Him with us. We really do care about you, too!

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.  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!

### IT'S A GIRL!

Daniel Faries welcomed a baby sister, Audrie Maylene, June 22, 2001. She was born at 11:18 a.m. in Brownwood Regional Hospital. Audrie weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Brice and Shirley Faries.  
 Maternal grand parents are Billy and Katie Lemmons of Brownwood. Paternal grandparents are Monty and Lindra Beard of Coleman.  
 Paternal great-grandmother is Janette Turner of Cross Plains.

## IT'S A BOY



Nanna almost forgot to tell you about my new little baby brother, Ethan Montgomery Harris. I got him him in Lubbock, Texas at the hospital. They just gave him to us. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 21 inches long. We got him March 24, 2001, and now he lives with me and our parents, John and Heather Harris, in Denver City. Our Pappa and Nanna, Randy and Shariotte Montgomery of Cross Plains, and Pappa and Nonna, Archie and Linda Harris of Plains, Texas, really like him too. He cries a lot but I love him anyway.

Zachary Ian Harris  
 "Big Brother"



# Cross Cut Homecoming 2001 ---- New Location!

The Annual Cross Cut Homecoming and Reunion will be held Sunday, July 15. PLEASE NOTE that this year's reunion will be held in the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, which is just next door to the usual site (the Cross Plains Community Center).

As always, all alumni, friends and family are invited to attend as we enjoy a covered dish lunch and silent

auction followed by the annual business meeting of the Cross Cut Cemetery Association.

Lunch is at noon but the door will open at 9 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call (254) 725-6836 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

## HOUSING

adequate capital grants, will make it even more difficult for this agency to address its residents' needs and we will be forced to cut back key services," said Mrs. Bland.

The budget proposal also kills the public housing drug elimination program (PHDEP), which is intended to help housing authorities eradicate crime and drug use in their communities. Housing authorities across the country have said the cuts will result in an increase in crime and drug use in their properties. The administration's spending plan also cuts Section 8 funds by more than \$600 million, limiting reserves from two months to just one month. Section 8 apartments are privately owned and the program provides housing for

low-income families through federal subsidies administered by local housing authorities.

"Simply put, the cuts exceed \$1 billion and are just intolerable," concluded Mrs. Bland, saying the operating and capital funds should be funded at about \$3.5 billion each. She also urged Congress to restore funding for PHDEP and Section 8 reserves in the HUD appropriations bill pending before Congress.

The Senate and House of Representatives are expected to consider separate HUD spending measures later this summer and hope to reconcile any differences in a final bill before the October 1 deadline.

Submitted by Johnnie Bland

## Community forum to focus on health and human services progress

Improving the coordination and integration of health and human services in Texas by focusing on insuring children, improving community-based long term care, respite services, dental care, prescription drugs, transportation, juvenile justice, homelessness, housing, and behavioral health care are just some of the topics that will be discussed at a community forum set for Abilene on July 18, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 1100 North 6th.

In making the announcement about the forums, Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert noted that "Consumers benefit when services are designed, developed and delivered in their home communities. Along with their public and private partners, agencies must continually assess their efforts — building on those programs and initiatives that accomplish the best outcome for our consumers. Stakeholders input is critical to the formation of any strategic plan for health and human services delivery in Texas." He added that improved access to and coordination of services "is dependent on an earnest assessment by citizens of how we are doing and how we can do better." The forum is one of eleven ses-

sions to be held across the state during the Summer of 2001 to increase local involvement in statewide strategic planning. The forums offer participants an opportunity to hear about progress made since the last HHS forum and offer input on what else needs to be done to improve the service delivery system and the coordination of services.

The forum is being hosted by the Betty Hardwick MHMR Center. Agencies that helped plan the forum include: Area Agency on Aging, City of Abilene Transportation Division, Early Childhood Intervention/Advancing Babies Chances, Mental Health Association, Region 14 Education Service Center, Texas Commission for the Blind and Handicapped, Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, West Central Texas Council of Governments, and the West Central Texas Workforce Center.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Robby Plummer at (915) 690-5105 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. RSVP is required for lunch; call (915) 690-5105.

## 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 with the correction that Dean Dillard was not present at the special meeting held to canvass the votes.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Don Gosnell, Chief of Police, met with the council to give the monthly police report. He reported eighty-four calls for service, three thefts, one public intoxication, four assaults, two burglaries, one family disturbance, one accident, fifty-three warnings and seventy-four citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Judge, presented the monthly judge's report. He reported seventy-one citations for the City and three for the county, with fifty remaining outstanding, and six reminder letters being sent. He also reported that six remain outstanding for April, and seven remain outstanding for March. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Debbie Gosnell read the interlocal agreement with Callahan County for road repair. James Nichols moved to approve the interlocal agreement, but noted that no work was needed at this time. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the four-way stop sign at Avenue A & SE Second. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the stop signs stopping traffic on Avenue A are not needed and advised Frankie Hyles to remove the signs.

Discussion was held concerning a resident in Cross Plains moving a trailer house in at 624 S. Avenue E and locating the trailer house over the water meter and sitting partially on city property. The Council advised Debbie Gosnell to send the resident a registered letter advising them that they need to move the trailer house off of city property.

Debbie Gosnell read a letter sent to her from Roberta McIntire requesting permission to purchase Neal Drug Store and convert it into a residence. After lengthy discussion James Nichols moved to table the discussion until the next regular meeting and have Debbie contact TML to inquire about the legality and liability of a residence in the business district.

Terry Thomas met with the council to discuss becoming a Keep Texas Beautiful city. She discussed the qualification of being a Keep Texas Beautiful city and the council advised her to learn more about the program and they could consider it at a later date.

Terry Thomas also met with the council to advise them that the local Barbarians have received permission from the Haven Unit Penitentiary to have Treadway Park cleaned by the prisoners. She advised the council that the Havens Unit will provide the work crew, water, guards and drivers and that the Barbarians would have to provide other items for the men to work with. She asked the council if the city could provide some of the items and the Barbarians would try to get the other items needed. Dean Dillard moved to provide fuel for transportation, fuel for equipment, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, gloves, goggles and insect repellent. James Nichols seconded and motion

carried. Joe Howser met with the council to discuss moving the water meters from his property to city property. He was advised that this project has already been started. He also discussed putting his units at the motel on city sewer. He was advised that he could begin the project whenever he wished. He also advised the council that he now has recycling at his place for newspapers, cans, colored and clear glass and clothing, if anyone wished to get rid of any of the above mentioned items.

Debbie Gosnell discussed the lots next to City Hall and the plans to begin putting in a park area. She showed the council some pictures of other parks and items that they might be interested in putting in the park. She also asked the council to consider naming the park the "Bill Dillard Memorial Park". All councilmen agreed that would be a nice tribute to Mr. Dillard for his twenty-five years of service to the city. By general consent the council agreed to allow Debbie to begin collecting information and prices for some of the items to go into the park.

Discussion was held concerning the roof of the Senior Citizens Center. It was noted that the metal on the north side of the building is blown up by the wind and needs repair to the wall so it can be reattached. James Nichols moved to allow Ron McGowan to start repair to the wall with the stipulation if the work should run over \$500.00 that he would come back to the council for approval. Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Bids on the patrol car were opened and are listed below:

Edwin Weiss moved to accept the bid from Brownwood Ford with the stipulation that the delivery date is within 30 days. Dean Dillard seconded and motion carried with Edwin Weiss, Dean Dillard and Mayor Ray Purvis voting for and James Nichols and Joe Ingram voting against.

Discussion was held concerning the property in Cross Plains that has a signed complaint against them for allowing a nuisance to exist against Ordinance #97-001 which prohibits such action. Gosnell informed the council that two of the property owners who have been contacted have in fact either cleaned up the property or are in the process of getting the property cleaned up. She also advised the council that two other property owners have not made any efforts to clean up their property and have refused correspondence concerning the matter. By general consent the council advised Gosnell to contact the City Attorney and turn the matter over to him.

Gosnell informed the council that as of September 1, 2001, the bid ceiling for taking bids has been raised from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

The council looked over the 2000/2001 audit and Gosnell informed the council that the auditor could not be at this meeting but would be at the next, to go over the audit and answer any questions the council might have.

James Nichols moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Bids on the patrol car were opened and are as follows:

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Net Bid Price	\$20,000.00
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Net Bid Price	\$16,977.00
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## LIBRARY NEWS

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Our thanks to all of you for being especially gracious. You help us to believe we are doing what you want to see done. Be sure to come by when you can.

## Callahan County to again seek courthouse preservation grant

AUSTIN—State lawmakers allocated \$50 million of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) new two-year budget to continue to finance restoration of Texas' historic county courthouses through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The funding assures the program will continue for at least another two years and will follow a timeline similar to that used in previous rounds of grant funding with scheduled dates for master plan reviews, applications due and staff reviews.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program provides matching grants of up to 85 percent of requested project costs in state dollars when matched by county funds totaling at least 15 percent. To date, 44 counties have been awarded grants to restore their county courthouses.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn reported Callahan County will again apply for the courthouse preservation grant, however he has not received any timeline on when applications will be accepted. Callahan County applied for a courthouse preservation grant in 2000, but was not accepted by the time the grant funding ran out.

One of the criteria used in rating who will receive grant funding is

based upon the age of the courthouse. Judge Corn said he recently went to an open house for the Shackelford Courthouse restoration and said the Shackelford Courthouse was originally constructed in 1883. Callahan County's Courthouse was constructed in 1929.

Callahan County's master plan was completed by Norman Alston of the Metroplex, and Judge Corn reports the \$15,000 cost for the master plan can be used as part of the County's 15 percent in matching funds.

Conserving and sharing the artifacts recovered from La Salle's sunken ship, La Belle, will be part of the La Salle Odyssey Project, a joint effort of the THC and museums from six coastal counties. The Legislature approved \$300,000 for the THC's participation in the Odyssey Project that will bring sunken treasures from the Belle to the public for close-up inspection and interpretive learning.

For more information about courthouses, contact the THC Architecture Division at 512/463-6094, or visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us. For information about the La Salle Odyssey project call the THC Archeology Division at 512/463-6096.

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## War Memorial photos to be displayed at Courthouse in Baird

Callahan County Commissioners granted permission to have a number of framed photos of Callahan County servicemen, killed while serving on duty, to be displayed at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Veteran Jim Roy Hatchett of Baird has been obtaining photos and information of all Callahan County service men and women who were lost in military service beginning with World War I on up through Operation Desert Storm. It is Veteran Hatchett's idea that these people should never be forgotten and that they should be honored by a Memorial display of their photos.

Hatchett met with the County Commissioners Monday, July 9 seeking permission to display the photos at the County Courthouse in Baird. Hatchett is currently having the War Memorial photos framed at his expense and sought permission from the Commissioners to hang the photos at the Courthouse.

On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioners voted 5-0 to allow the War Memorial photos to be hung and displayed at the Courthouse in Baird.

County Judge Roger Corn said there are 11 large framed photos and another two smaller framed photos to be displayed. Each of the large framed photos has the individual photographs of 10 servicemen killed in America's wars. Each of the smaller framed photos contain the photographs of six individual servicemen killed while serving their country.

Judge Corn said the photos will appear on the second floor of the County Courthouse on the south hall wall next to the County Clerk's

office. Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners met with Bill Young, County Constable Precinct #4, to discuss a grant for an Environmental Officer for Callahan County. The grant would cover 100 percent of the cost during the first year, 75 percent of the cost associated with the officer for the second year, 50 percent of the cost of the officer for the third year and 25 percent of the cost of the Environmental Officer for the fourth year.

Callahan County would be responsible for the cost of the Environmental Officer after the fourth year of existence.

On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, County Commissioners voted 4-1 to not act on applying for a grant for an Environmental Officer for Callahan County, but to address the item at a later date. Voting for the motion were Commissioners Holland, Hicks and Farmer and Judge Corn. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Charlie Grider.

—The minutes of the June 25, 2001 Commissioners' Court meeting were approved as presented.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all current bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

Attending the Commissioners' Court meeting included: Judge Corn, Commissioners Hicks, Farmer, Holland, Grider, and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.



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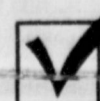


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**Banana Training...**

Our house in Washington orchard country had a ladder stairway to the bedroom upstairs. Precious had dibs on the roomy attic, and we all helped carry her belongings up the vertical stairs. It took a group effort to get her bed and furnishings up there. It took a group effort to get ME up there!

Gretchen helped. Built on a spring, our Boxer leaped and dashed around the house, whining every time we went upstairs. MyKeeper thought it would be neat if she could climb the ladder, so he coaxed her with a bite of his banana. He didn't know if she would eat banana, and he thought it might take days to train her, but she whimpered twice and was up the stairs to nab the prize. It surprised her as much as us, especially when she turned around and looked down-w-n.

We taught Gretchen to talk, too. All it took was praise and treats for every accidental noise that resembled dog talk. Pretty soon, she would talk on request, as long as there was a dog biscuit tucked in our hand for immediate reward.

I wish it was as easy training the kids. Precious was approaching the age that defined adulthood, stretching the elastic boundary of house rules as far as it would go. She worked in town, and I worried about the drive home late each evening. It worried me even more when she went out with friends afterwards, and spiraled up the worry scale if she didn't let me know, which she often didn't. Worst of all, it was the winter months and we were driving on packed snow up a twisty mountain road.

I always knew when she got home, because Gretchen gave her a spirited welcome. She didn't care if

Precious was late or not, she was just glad to see her come through the door.

There came the night when Precious was later than the latest time she had stayed out so far. My fretting exceeded a new high, and I sat up with a knot in my stomach. I read, sort of. And watched TV, but not really.

One of my worries was that she would get stuck in the snow somewhere along the twenty minute drive up our mountain road, but I hadn't heard from anyone below, so she probably wasn't stuck. I finally went to bed.

It was past the wee hour of two o'clock when I heard the door close ever so gently. Gretchen heard it too. She jumped and spun around Precious, giving her "what for" for being late. The dog must have sensed this was way past the time I would have let my daughter be out on a weeknight, no matter how grown-up she was getting.

From the bedroom, I could hear Precious shushing Gretchen, but the bouncy dog would not be shushed. She kept scolding while Precious tried to quiet her down. Her doggy words said, "Where have you been? I've been worried!"

Precious headed for her stairs, with the dog still in her face. Precious stepped up the first two stairs. Gretchen leaped around her and beat her to the top. From the landing, Gretchen leaned down to Precious as she came up the last ladder stairs, still giving her an earful.

Precious laughed. Gretchen was doing such a fine job of discipline, I didn't even need to get out of bed. From deep in my warm winter blankets, I poked my head out and yelled through the cold night air — "Ditto, Darling!!!"

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**PIONEER NEWS**

The Quilting ladies met for the last time until September. We finished Denise's "Road to Ireland". It is another beautiful quilt. You can see alot of the quilts we did this year at our annual "Quilt Show that we decided to have on October 20th. We will have our "Country Store" that includes baked goods and other items. Hopefully we will have some craft vendors wanting to sell their goods. We also decided to reorder cookbooks, as we are completely sold out. Thanks to all who bought one or several. They should be here by September. We had to replace our water pump recently so the money we earned is already helping. We also have had a little excitement around the club house. There was a snake in the commode, but we got rid of it without any cost! Imagine looking down and seeing that snake peering up at you!

Denice took her daughter, Jackie, to ride in the Albany Fandangle Parade. She wore a blue satin dress that her mother made (it is very beautiful). She rode sidesaddle. She also rode in the Coleman Rodeo Parade. She rode in the back of a pickup which was decorated in a western scene and it won 2nd place. Jackie's sister, Kristy, and son, Blain Barron, went with them. What an honor to have ones daughter represent the community and family.

Jim Walker from Coppell visited the Ezzell's last weekend and worked a little more on his house in town. He also got in a little farming with Willie and Skip.

Lou and Dick Grider had lots of company over the 4th of July holiday. Lou enjoyed having her daughters, Brenda Wakefield of Shallow, Arizona and Patty Heffley of Fort Worth. Besides all the talking and laughing, they had a big "fish fry". Those present were Drue and Cleve Evans of Abilene; Rolan Jones and Velma Lee of Cross Plains; Patsy Robinson of Grand Prairie; Patty and Larry Heffley and son Brian; Brenda and Don Wakefield; and Gorman and Lou Parrish of Cisco. This is an annual happening.

The Chesshir farm was a busy place Saturday, July 7th. The reason for the gathering was the wedding shower for John Phillip and Summer Chesshir. They stopped by John's parents, Kathy and Charles, for a few days. The couple are on their way to California where they will live for the next 2 years. Those attending and eating lunch were Stewart and Christene Cooper of Abilene; Don, Julie, Hannah and Casey Cooper of San Antonio; Jim, Mary Jane and Emily Coventry of Amarillo; Christy Dallas and Nancy Rogers of Eastland; Jimmy and Dusty Chesshir; and Charles, Kathy and Melanie. They are a beautiful couple and we wish them a long happy life together.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's guests were Leon and Jerry Shedd of Abilene. They attended worship with them and 1st Sunday dinner. Monday the Huttons were in Abilene on business.

Glenda went to Bangs with Allen and family to see Kali play basketball. Krista has gone to Cisco to the Bangs Church Camp. Kali went to Fredericksburg with her grandparents, Winford and Jerry Carey, over the weekend where they attended Jerry's nephew's wedding. She went on to San Marcos with her aunt and uncle, Janet and Butch. She had a great time!

James and Jean Alexander spent a few days in Richardson with their son and family. They enjoyed watching their grandson, Will, play in a baseball tourney. Jean spent time shopping with Ashley and Marla. Grandson, Doss, just worked and Jim looked after all of them.

Jean Fore's brother, Paul Harlow of Lubbock, visited her a few days, and her sister, Vi, came out to visit them. They had a good time.

This will be the last article until September. Nathan, will you miss us?? All you readers out there stay safe and healthy. See you all in September.



**OLDEST AND YOUNGEST CADE FAMILY MEMBER PRESENT—Austin Matthew Ramirez (from left) and John Clay Morris.**

**Cade Family Reunion 2001 Held Recently**

James Lafayette Graham Cade and Elizabeth Thornton Cade an old pioneering family from the Sabanno area had eleven children. Recently, descendants of one of those children, Selker Clay Cade and his wife, Mollie Ann Westerman Cade celebrated their 60th annual Cade family reunion at Kirkland Docks on Lake Brownwood June 7,8,9 and 10.

Kebyn Wood and great-granddaughter, Mealine Wood.

We really enjoyed their company and family history and hope they come again.

The photo of John Clay Morris, 77 years young, and nephew Austin Matthew Ramirez, 3 months young, were the oldest and youngest in attendance from the descendants of Clay and Mollie Cade.

All twenty-four in attendance had a lot of fun. Lahru Cade Tippit, descendant from Sumpter "Uncle Sumpter" Rasmus Cade, one of the other eleven children of James Lafayette and Elizabeth, came with her grandson,

A sum of \$273.00 was donated by family members for the upkeep of Cross Plains Cemetery fund.

Submitted Jonita Ramirez

**RALLY**

spiritual fathers and mothers are helping us to facilitate the rally in every way possible. They are crucial to the birthing of this vision in our hearts, as they continue to pour into us all that they are, asking God to give us the double portion. We believe that the generations are coming together in unity, locking arms as the body, and mighty army of believers with hearts that cry, "We Will Not Break Rank!"

face with passion and fervor, desiring to know Him more... Worship times are Friday and Saturday, July 27th and 28th, at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10 a.m. All services will be held in the tent.

In addition to preparing for this year's rally, Living Water Ministries has been clearing land and remodeling their new youth center, "The Young Lion's Den", next door to the church on Highway 36. We plan to have a sand volleyball court, basketball, air-hockey, fozze ball, pool tables and many other activities available to the youth of Cross Plains.

Submitted by Glenda Tidwell

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Pursuant to Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or Commission) Procedural Rule 22.52(a)(1), notice is hereby given that West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with the PUCT for WTU to construct 3.12 miles of new overhead, single circuit 138 kV transmission line in Callahan County near the town of Putnam. The termination points of the proposed route would be the existing 138 kV transmission line that runs east-west approximately 1.2 miles south of the City of Putnam city limits and the Putnam 138/69 kV station located approximately 0.4 miles north of the City of Putnam city limits just east of County Road 317. Persons with questions about this project should contact Jerry Paulson at (915) 674-7426. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at 1701 N. Congress, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's (commission) Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or you can call Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is August 17, 2001 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date. The estimated cost of the project is \$851,061.

Persons who wish to view the map for this proposed project may do so at the AEP-WTU office located at 4450 South Loop 322 in Abilene, Texas. Please call Mr. Jerry Paulson at (915) 674-7426 to set a time to view the map. If a copy of a map is desired please contact Randal E. Roper at (512) 481-4572.

This application is filed in accordance with Sections 37.051(a), 37.053(a), 37.054, and 37.056 of the Texas Utility Code and PUCT Substantive Rule 25.101(c)(1).

**DESCRIPTION OF LINE ROUTE**

**Proposed Route:** Starting from the northern most point the transmission line route starts at the Putnam 138/69 kV station located approximately 0.4 miles north of the city limits of Putnam just east of County Road 317. The line exits to the east paralleling an existing 138 kV transmission line for approximately 0.45 miles and then turns to the south and continues in a southerly direction just east of the city limits of Putnam paralleling an existing 138 kV line for approximately 0.74 miles before crossing Interstate Highway 20. The line continues in a southerly direction just east of the city limits of Putnam paralleling an existing 138 kV line for approximately 0.75 miles before crossing County Road 490 and approximately another 0.06 miles before crossing Farm to Market Road 880. The line continues for approximately 1.12 miles in a southerly direction from that point parallel to the west side of Farm to Market Road 880 and parallel to the west side of an existing 138 kV line also to the west of Farm to Market Road 880 until the line terminates at the tap point on the existing South Abilene to Lake Leon 138 kV transmission line that runs east-west at the point of interconnection.

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Auction Personnel: Bob Golson, Keith Lawrence, Tony Wyatt, and James Nichols did a great job!

And thanks to all who came and made purchases! The approximately \$6,000 we made will be a big help with our operating costs

Last but not least, Congratulations to Teresa Veteto of Burkett, winner of the Side of Beef.



The Bookworm says, "I thank you, Cross Plains, for being A Caring Community!"