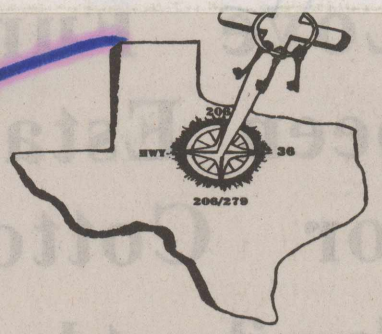


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following true story was submitted to me this week and I agree that this is truly the kind of attitude that we all need!!!

Vanda Anderson Creech

"It's All In The ATTITUDE!!!"

The 92 year old, petite, well-poised and proud mother-in-law of my best friend, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

This woman is the most lovely, gracious, dignified person that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. While I have never aspired to attain her depth of wisdom, I do pray that I will learn from her vast experience.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it!" she stated, with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old just having been presented with a new puppy. "But you haven't seen the room yet... just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it!" she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not has nothing to do with how the furniture is arranged... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it... It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account... you withdraw from what you've put in. So my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in your bank account of memories."

125th Year for Permissive 10-digit Dialing Begins in West Texas April 5th

Burkett Baptist Church will be celebrating their 125th year on Sunday, April 6th. Pastor Wright Price invites everyone to help them mark the occasion by attending Sunday School from 10:00 a.m. till 10:45 a.m. and worship services from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Lunch and fellowship will follow directly. Pastor Price will welcome

guests at 1:30 p.m. Dwaine Clower, pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church in the Pioneer Community, will be the special speaker. Gospel singing will also be enjoyed. The church history will be given, along with the recognition of former members.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Burkett Baptist Church's 125th anniversary.

IRVING, Texas, February 7, 2003 - A new way of dialing a local call is on the horizon for West Texas residents. VALOR Telecom, your local telecommunications service provider, is informing its customers who live in the 915 area code that permissive 10-digit dialing begins April 5, 2003, in preparation for the introduction of two new area codes, 432 and 325, in October 2003.

"We are working with our community leaders and local media to notify our West Texas customers that the 915 region will be split into 3 area codes in October," said Danny Ammons, vice-president of West Texas Operations, based in Brownfield. "We also want to make our customers aware that some residents with the current 915 area code will be assigned a new code, but all calls made between 915, 432 and 325 will be local calls."

Due to the high demand for phone, fax, pager and cell phone numbers, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) last year assigned West Texas the new area codes, 432 and 325, in addition to the existing 915 area code. All Texas residents living in the 915 area code will be affected by these changes. As ordered by the TPUC, the western-most region of the existing 915 area code will retain the code after the split. VALOR service areas that will continue to be served

by the 915 code include: Fabers, Fort Hancock and Sierra Blanca.

The new 432 area code will serve the central portion of the existing 915 area. VALOR service areas include: Andrews, Balmorhea, Coynosa, East Hobbs, Forsan, Frankel City, Imperial, Mentone, Orla, Pecos, Toyah, Valentine, and Van Horn.

The new 325 area code will serve the eastern portion of the existing 915 region. These VALOR service areas include: Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Loraine, Merkel, Moran, Putnam, and Trent. For a complete listing of the West Texas cities affected by the area code split, please visit www.puc.state.tx.us/telecomm/areacodes/915cp.cfm.

The TPUC designated April 5, 2003, as the beginning of the permissive dialing period. Residents are encouraged to begin using 10-digit dialing to complete a local call at the onset of permissive dialing. Mandatory dialing will go into effect October 4, 2003, and depending on the area, residents will dial 915-XXX-XXXX, 432-XXX-XXXX, or 325-XXX-XXXX, to complete a local call. Toll calls from all three area codes will require dialing 1+(area code) XXX-XXXX.

Important things for 915 area code residents to keep in mind:

- Dialing 911 and 411 is not impacted in any way

- Start thinking of phone numbers as 10-digit numbers
- Start using 10-digit dialing now

- Telephone rates will not be affected

- Mandatory 10-digit dialing using 915, 432, and 325 goes into effect October 4, 2003.

- VALOR residential and business customers are advised to add 10-digit dialing to:

- Phone equipment, such as cell phones, pagers, and fax machines

- Features such as Call Forwarding and Call Blocking
- Home security systems
- Business phone systems, such as PBX

- Business cards, stationary, letterhead, invoices, purchase orders and advertising materials
- Internet and Intranet sites
- Personal checks and personal identification items

- Counties in the 915/432/325 geographic split include:

Andrews, Brewster, Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Fisher, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kimble, Llano, Loving, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Winkler.

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Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstegge
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At The Home Of Connie Kirkham

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Let's Remember Our Motto:

"A Caring Community"

"A Special Day For Joe"

By Connie Kirkham

Joe Howser was born 3-26-26 in Bell California. He was one of three boys born to L.L. and Kay Howser. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1944. Joe was well liked and a good student. He attended and graduated from Abilene School of Nursing in 1970 as the first male to ever graduate as an LVN. Janet Purvis was his supervisor there. He worked for Hendricks Hospital in Abilene for 18 years, and in private nursing for 20 years.

Joe moved back to Cross Plains

in 1995. He purchased the motel on Hwy. 36. He has converted some of the rooms to an antique store and office headquarters. He also has RV spaces for rent.

Cross Plains friends and loved ones gave Joe a birthday party on Thursday, March 27th, at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham. He was presented a "memory book" that friends and family compiled for him. Everyone had a wonderful time and wished Joe many many more.

The party was well attended and guests enjoyed punch, cookies, chips, dips, and of course a birthday cake!

Area Women Invited To Attend Salad Supper April 14th

All women of the community will be invited to join the ladies of the First Baptist Church, Cross Plains, on Monday, April 14th. The evening will begin with a Salad Supper in the Family Life Center's Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Plan now to be a part of this special evening.

Annette Pruitt will be the guest speaker for the evening. Annette is the wife of senior pastor Jimmy Pruitt of Morning Star Community Church in Abilene. Annette has a heart for teaching the life changing power of God's Word to women. She currently conducts a weekly noon women's Bible study called "Women of the Word". Annette has also been a feature speaker for other women's ministries and events. Her style is one of transparency and honesty concerning her own past and how God through His grace and His Word have transformed her into a confident and secure woman of God. The feature topic for this upcoming event will be titled, "Who Told You That?" She will be addressing how we tend to hear many "voices" concerning our circumstances, self image and identity that are contrary to God's Voice through His Word.

Mark your calendars, plan now to join us! Salads will be provided by the women of First Baptist Church. All area women are encouraged to join us for this evening of good food and fellowship.

School is Seeking Pictures for the All-Sports Banquet

The time is fast approaching for the All-Sports Banquet. This year we are taking a new approach with the picture posters. If you have pictures that you would like to be considered for a poster, please submit them to City Hall or to Lurene or Cliffadean at the High School by April 15th. The booster club will meet Monday, April 18th in the gym foyer at 6:30 pm to sort through the pic-

tures and determine which ones will be used to make posters. You may bring your pictures to the meeting if you can not get them to City Hall or the High School by April 15th, but there will be no pictures accepted after the meeting. Please put your name on the back of your pictures so that we can return them to you. The banquet will be held May 12, 2003.

Roping Club to Hold Meeting April 7th

The Cross Plains Roping Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 7th at 7 pm.

The meeting will take place in the office at the CPRC arena. Anyone interested in horse related activities is welcome to come. Items to be discussed include the upcoming Ranch Rodeo to be held Saturday, June 21, 2003, and the possibility of hosting a Junior rodeo or Cowboy Trade Days later this summer. If you need to contact a member of the Roping Club, you can call the secretary, Barbie Creach at 915-668-3103. Also remember every Sunday you are welcome to come ride your horse with us at 2 pm, weather permitting.

Meet The Authors!

Mike Cochran &

John Lumpkin

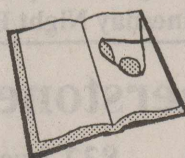
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West Texas: A Portrait of Its People and Their Raw & Wondrous Land

Join Us

Tuesday, April 15
7:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Community Center



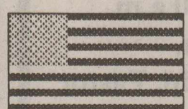
Let's let our Troops know that they are in our hearts and minds

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Love Fund has been Established for Cottonwood Family at local bank


A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Joe and Deana Terstegge and their daughter, Kathleen. Their home in Cottonwood burned last Wednesday. They did not have house insurance and they suffered a great loss.

The family moved here a couple of years ago. Deana is the daughter of Harold and Betty

Baxter of Cross Plains. Joe is employed at Village Market in the meat department.

Your kind donations would be greatly appreciated by the Terstegge family. You may drop by the bank or mail your contribution to:

Texas Heritage Bank
P.O. Box 699
Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.



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For Information Call (254) 725-6800 1-800-252-3629

Union Center Baptist Church

"Service to God Through Service to Man"

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR 292

Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027

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

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254)725- 6266

Friendly Church Bible Teaching

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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

OBITUARIES

Lawrence Byrd
Mrs. Lawrence Byrd, age 89, of Cross Cut, Texas, died Sunday, March 30, 2003 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at the Higginbotham Chapel with Ronnie White officiating. Burial was in the Cross Cut Cemetery in Brown County, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains, Texas in charge of the arrangements.

He was born October 7, 1913 in Cross Cut, Texas to Earnest Byrd and Maude DeBusk Byrd.

Lawrence Byrd is survived by his brother, J.T. Byrd and wife Polly of Cross Cut; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Guy Byrd, Wanda Byrd, Hoyt Byrd, Ronnie Allen, Tommy Creamer and Alvin Hutchins.

Silent auction and dance to benefit Jerry Barron

A silent auction and dance will be held Friday, April 11th at the Baird Light Plant. This benefit is being held to help off set Jerry's Medical expenses.

Muddy Creek Band will provide the music and the auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Also, donations will be taken at the door.

If you would like to donate to the auction please contact Judy Gullely 893-5122 or Janice Graham 854-1427. We will be glad to pick your item up on Friday Morning.

Grand Ole Oplin Schedule Announced

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce the band line-up for the month of April. Starting off the month on April 04 Muddy Creek will be here to play all your favorite dancing tunes, on April 11 Roland Smith and the Roadrunners will be here to entertain us all. On April 18th Texas Touch will be playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance. On April 19th (our Saturday night birthday bash) Muddy Creek will be joining us to help celebrate your birthday, and closing out the month on April 25 Muddy Creek will be playing

Harold Baxter
Harold Baxter, 73, of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in Hendricks Medical Center Hospice Wing in Abilene, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Ronnie White and Matt McGowen officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Harold was born January 13, 1930 in Paint Rock, Texas to Hubert B. Baxter and Elwood Cook Baxter. He married Betty Porter in Lovington, New Mexico on May 20, 1954.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #0423 and the VFW of Brownwood. He was in the 45th Infantry Division and the 279th Regina. He was a medic in the army in Korea. He was retired from G&L Tool Company in Abilene. He worked in the oil field, and also worked doing some farming. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Baxter, of Cross Plains; a daughter, Deana Terstegge and husband, Joe, of Cross Plains; two sisters, Freddia Taylor of Abilene, and Sylvia Hudnall and husband, Bill, of Fort Worth; two grandchildren, James Maxwell of Abilene and Kathleen Terstegge of Cross Plains; two great-grandchildren, Kelsea Re-Lynn Maxwell of Hamby and Brandon Lee Maxwell of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

all your favorite tunes again.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926 in the Oplin Community Center. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. Admission to our dances is \$4.00 per person.

So gather your family and friends, put on your dancing boots and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of dancing and good friends. Be sure and bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. See y'all there.

Submitted by Pam Rumfield

Immunization Schedules for Callahan County

Texas Department of Health will hold the following immunization clinics in Callahan County:

Wednesday, April 9th
10 a.m. -12 noon and 1:30-3 p.m.
Clyde Community Resource Center
306 N. 1st

Monday, April 14th

10 a.m. - 12 noon
Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th

Monday, April 14th
2 - 4 p.m.
Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center
701 Beech Street.

For more information call (915) 754-4945.

Our Church Is A House Of Prayer

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM

Cornerstone Bible Church

832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX

DONALD DUKE - PASTOR

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Marcus L. Brown, possession of marijuana.
Carlos S. Aubrey, possession of marijuana.
Julius E. Williams, possession of marijuana.
Donald G. Dillion, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Gordon D. Sutton, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Susan Darlene Fleshman, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Marriage Licenses

David Edward France and Rikki-Ann France, both of Cross Plains.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Brenda J. Rivard and Omer Morris Rivard, Jr., divorce.
Iola Teresa Mendez and Robert Mendez, divorce.
Armstrong Air Conditioning, Inc. dba Cooling & Heating Equipment vs. George W. Johnson dba Windsong Refrigeration, breach of contract.
Leslie A. Horan and Ken L. Horan, divorce.
Adam Beggs and Ashley Beggs, divorce.

FUMC VBS Schedule Change

The FUMC Vacation Bible School has been rescheduled for June 16-20. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge

 No. 627

Stated Meeting
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
www.cross-plains.tx-mm-org
www.gltexas.org

Sec. (254) 725-7530

Come Worship With Us! *Easter Musical*
"The Wonderful Cross"
Sunday, April 13: 6:00 p.m.
Presented by Adult Choir



"All Area Women Invited"
Salad Supper
Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
FBC Family Life Center

 Children's Choirs will sing
11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 6

First Baptist Church

725-7629 3rd & Main Cross Plains
Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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N. Main (Hwy. 206)
Cross Plains, Texas
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
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Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

Sunday's Sermon

"We Would See Jesus"

The State of Texas vs. \$1000.00, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

Civil Minutes

Lexi Lanise Croft and Buddy Andrew Croft, divorce granted.
Donna Kay Harvey and Charles Richard Harvey, divorce granted.
Stacey Marie Lee and Billy Leon Lee, divorce granted.
Bank of America, N.A. vs. Jessie Bargas Sr. and Laura Bargas, order approving notice of non-suit granted.

Criminal Indictments

Robert B. Cribbs, theft.
Quata J. Saldivar, theft.
Comella A. Vinson, burglary of a building.
Don P. Ferguson, possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture.
William C. McCarty, possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture.

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Water Supply Corporation held meeting March 24th

Since September 11, 2001, water supply corporations, including Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, have become more vigilant over their water systems from bioterrorism.

Members of the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation heard a program on security of water systems during the corporation's annual meeting held Monday, March 24 at the corporation offices on Interstate 20 in Clyde.

Leland Godbee and Will Dugger of Jacob & Martin, Inc. presented a slide show for the corporation members on security of a water system.

Godbee informed members that a water supply system can be vulnerable to attack when in 1983 someone used dynamite to blow up the Shackelford County Water Supply Corporation chlorine supply. Godbee said the culprit has never been caught.

Godbee said by June 2004, the federal government will require all water supply systems to provide a risk assessment program with security issues and vulnerability.

Godbee said that 30 percent of all pump stations of water systems in the United States are unlocked and some 50 percent of those same pump stations are unmanned. Godbee said a terrorist can use one gallon of gasoline to contaminate 250,000 gallons of water.

The engineer representative said part of the risk analysis is to come up with an emergency response plan. Godbee said the water supply corporation must develop a plan for the unthinkable. Godbee said the plan the water supply corporation develops cannot be provided to the media or to anyone asking for it. Godbee said the reason the plan is to be kept confidential is to not show anyone the weaknesses in the water system.

The annual meeting of the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation opened with a barbecue brisket and sausage meal served by the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports members and parents.

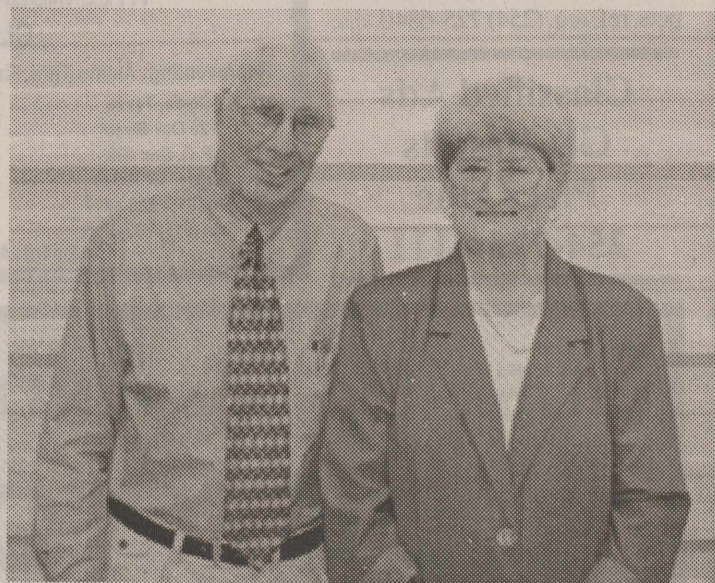
Among the agenda items was to elect three members to the nine member water supply corporation board of directors. Incumbent board members Bill Jackson, Kim Walton and Gene Cook were reelected by acclamation to three year terms.

Board of directors of the water supply corporation include Robert Warren, President; Bill Jackson, Vice President; Melba Miller, Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Berry, Gene Cook, Kim Walton, Steve Clark, Joe Clark and Steve Goldsmith. The water supply corporation board of directors meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the water supply corporation office in Clyde.

During the course of the meeting, Board President Robert Warren announced his resignation from serving as manager of the water supply corporation. Warren is being replaced as manager of the system by Bobbie Spitzer. Other employees of the water system include operator Leo Franke and meter reader James Foster.

Melba Miller presented the secretary's report to members of the water supply corporation, including reading the minutes of last year's annual water supply corporation's meeting. The meeting minutes from last year's annual meeting were approved.

The water supply corporation's annual audit statement of activities for the year ending December 31, 2002 were presented to corporation members. The water supply corporation reported total revenues of \$365,049 and total operating expenses of



MANAGEMENT CHANGES— Management changes at the Callahan County Water Supply Corporation were announced Monday, March 24 during the water supply corporation's annual meeting held at the corporation offices in Clyde. Bobbie Spitzer, right, is now serving as

the manager of the water supply corporation after Robert Warren, left, announced his retirement from the position. The water supply corporation board of directors hired Spitzer as the new manager of the water system in February.



SERVING IT UP—Members and parents of the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports serve barbecue brisket and sausage to members of the Callahan

County Water Supply Corporation during the water supply group's annual meeting held Monday, March 24 in Clyde.

\$356,676. The water supply corporation reported a positive net assets over expenses of \$8,373. As with all interest bearing accounts, the water supply corporation reported a drop in investment accounts because of low interest rates.

Water supply President Robert Warren updated members on the legislative bills being considered by the state. Warren said one bill being considered is to no longer give information on water line locations throughout the system. Warren said another bill being considered is to give the water supply corporation control over its potable water. Still another bill under consideration is to give the water supply corporation the right to put penalties on its members for excessive water use.

Warren said another bill being considered is when a special utility district is being formed, the members must be told in advance what the special utility district plans to do with the revenue generated.

To help alleviate the state budget deficit, Warren said one bill being considered is to add sales tax on water sold. Warren said the state rural water association is clearly against the sales tax.

Warren told the membership the water supply corporation is in good shape financially and physically. Warren said the water supply corporation has grown in the past six years from 466 members served to 743 now.

Warren announced to the membership that he has resigned as manager of the water system and the board of directors hired office manager Bobbie Spitzer as the new manager effective in February. Warren told the corporation board he will remain for another three months to help Spitzer into her new position. Warren said he will continue to serve out his position as president of the board of directors.

Warren said one of the items

Scranton Musical set for April 5

The Scranton Musical will be held at the Scranton Community Center, Saturday, April 5, 2003. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m. Anna Etta Dunning will be hostess in the kitchen. She will be serving baked potatoes with all the trimmings. Your contribution of sandwiches and/or pies is appreciated. The music begins at 6:00 p.m., with Mark Ray as emcee. All musicians are invited to play and may call 915-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

Submitted by: Joan Shrader

Information in TXU mailer confuses WTU customers

HOUSTON (March 26, 2003) — Information in a recent letter mailed by TXU to WTU Retail Energy customers has spurred a very significant number of calls to the WTU Retail Energy customer call center. Contrary to claims in the mailer, the service provided by WTU Retail Energy has not changed and WTU Retail Energy customer accounts have not been sold. WTU Retail Energy continues to provide electricity service to its customers.

"The letter from TXU is misleading and has caused confusion among a number of WTU Retail Energy customers," said Don Whaley, WTU Retail Energy CEO. "We value our relationship with our customers and want to be clear that their service has not, and will not, be changed."

Customers with additional questions can call 1-866-322-5563.

About WTU Retail Energy

For more than 75 years, WTU Retail Energy has provided electricity to residential and small business customers in West Texas. WTU Electric Energy serves customers in West Texas, including Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains. In December 2002, Centrica US Holdings Inc. acquired two retail electric providers—CPL Retail Energy L.P. and WTU Retail Energy L.P.—from American Electric Power.

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Central Texas Opportunities to hold Public Meeting

Attention residents of Callahan County, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will be holding a public meeting to elect a board member to represent the low-income population. Meeting will be held at N. 1st at Clyde Community Resource building in Clyde on 04-15-03 at

10:30 a.m. Qualifications for Board Members: resident of county and want to represent low-income population on Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Board of Directors. If you have any questions please call Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at 800-625-4167.

Happy Birthday!

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| APRIL 5
Abb Fox
Linda Wilson
Tony Golson
Jeff Bacon
Lorene Lanford
J.D. Hutton
Casey Williams
Carolyn Wilson
Donna Jane Besselarr | Colleen Jones
Gail Patricia Jackson
Mrs. Lynn Nabors
Larry Evans
R.D. Childers
Alan Key
Ora Breeding
Angie Honea
Seth Morgan |
| APRIL 6
Hayden Colt Pope
Jerry Belew
Mike Bright
Kenneth Hester
Dan Johnston | APRIL 9
Beverly Tatom Ross
James Daryl Huntington
Alan Davis
Jana Hinkle
Dusty Hinkle
Wesley Brown
Larry Scott
Audrey Breeding
Mrs. W.E. Walker
Pam Hutton |
| APRIL 7
Greg Hutchins
Jerry Lewis
Jack Freeland
Debra Ann Bell
Harold Strahan
Ruby Gardner
Kathy Tate
Sherry Williams
Alton Wayne Teague
James Johnson | APRIL 10
Lonnie Switzer
William H. Kelly |
| APRIL 8
Melissa (Montgomery) Hamilton
Mrs. Richy Smith
Inez Fox | APRIL 11
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Wayne Fortune
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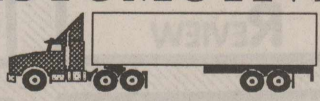
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April is Community Banking Month in Texas

Community banks have served as a cornerstone of Texas' financial industry for more than 150 years. Focused on building a foundation of excellence, they have played an integral role in Texas' prosperity through the years.

Making their individual community's success a top priority, community banks continue to make the majority of small business and agricultural loans. They offer consumers and businesses an important choice in their financial dealings.

As in the past years, members of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas are joining their national counterparts to highlight

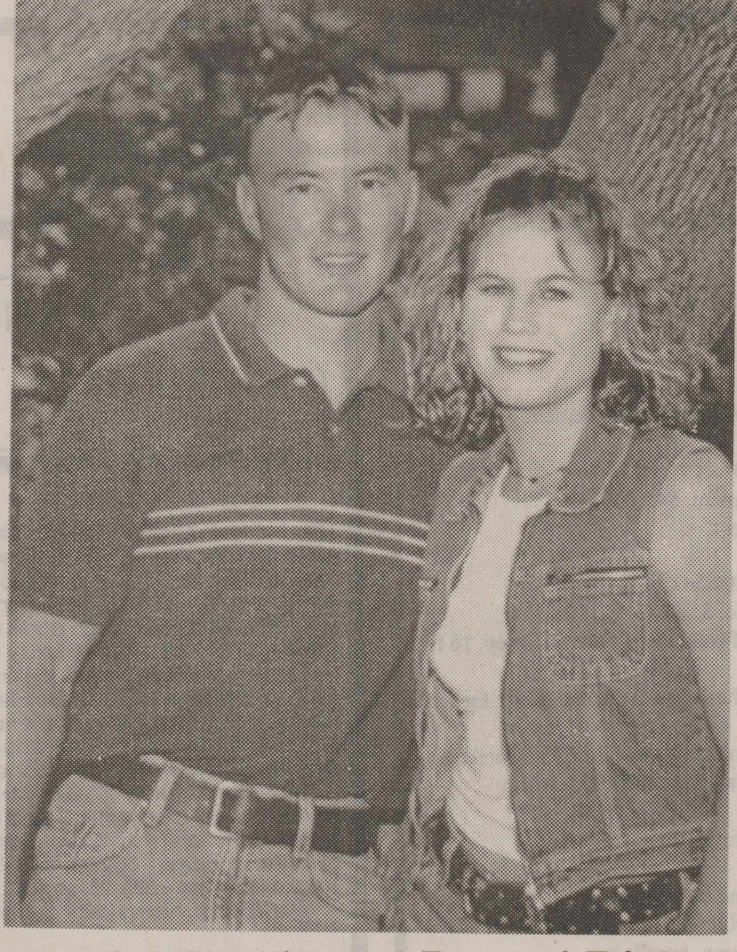
the important role of community banks through an awareness campaign.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to recognize the significant role that community banks have played in building today's Texas. Their vision and focus will continue to make a difference for years to come.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2003, Community Banking Month in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 19th day of February, 2003.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas



Daniel Purvis and Brandi Richey Richey-Purvis Wedding Planned for June 7

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richey of Cross Plains are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Renee Richey, of Stephenville, to Daniel Lyle Purvis of Fort Worth.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Louise Richey of Goldsboro and David and Barbara Aycock of Dunnellon, Florida.

The prospective bridegroom attended Eastland High School and

is a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. Daniel is employed by Coca-Cola Enterprises in Fort Worth. He is the son of Rick and Delynn Purvis of Eastland. Grandparents are Jerald and Pat Maynard of Rising Star and Audrey and Jewel Purvis of Cross Plains.

A June 7, 2003 wedding and reception are planned at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. After a honeymoon cruise to the Cayman Islands, the couple will reside in Fort Worth.

Submitted by Tom Ivey

V A Payments Increase

Your Callahan County Veteran Service Officer, Tom Ivey, has received the latest report of VA Expenditures in Callahan County. The report covers Fiscal Year 2002, the twelve months ending September 30, 2002, and shows \$2,644,000 spent.

It is a pleasure to tell you that total V A payments in the County increased by \$357,000 from Fiscal Year 2001. Compensation and Pension payments increased by \$384,500 while Education/Rehab dropped \$24,700 and Insurance/Indemnities fell by \$2,800.

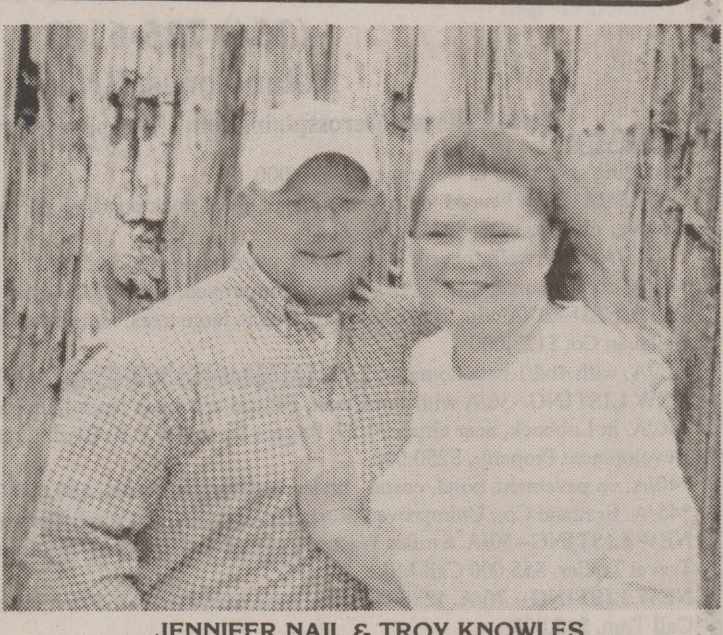
Compensation/Pension are

the monthly checks received by disabled Veterans, their dependents and survivors. These monthly receipts help them meet the expenses of day by day life.

Annual Compensation/Pension payments are \$1,000,000 more than they were in Fiscal Year 1992. \$1,462,500 in Fiscal Year 1992 has now grown to the \$2,490,000 paid in Fiscal Year 2002.

Let us all pray that our troops will soon return from Iraq without injury to any of our Callahan County servicemen and servicewomen.

Submitted by Tom Ivey



JENNIFER NAIL & TROY KNOWLES
...plan May 17, 2003 wedding in Baird

Engagement announced

Troy Knowles of Baird and Jennifer Nail of Abilene would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Jennifer is the daughter of Reannie Paschall of Abilene and the late Billy Nail. Troy is the son of Wayne and Cindy Knowles of

Baird and the grandson of Louella and Grady Boyd of Lake Brownwood, and Walter and Gaye Smith of Coleman.

The wedding is planned for May 17th at First Baptist Church in Baird.

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Baird Study Club to host Silver Tea April 9

The Baird Wednesday Study Club will host a Silver Tea at the Callahan County Library, Wednesday, April 9, 2003 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The public is invited to come by, see our library, have some refreshments and buy a book at the used book sale.

Submitted by: Virginia Beard

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DPS Report —

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 23, 2003 through March 29, 2003 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—70
Complaints—55
DWI—2

Vehicle Accidents
There were four vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were 10 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$2,956.00 collected.

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