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"The Power of Prayer"

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH

The community of Cross Plains is living proof of the power of prayer. It is obvious that here Christian faith is strong and prayer groups are the key to recovery of those suffering from various illnesses.

It is amazing just how many local residents are medical miracles. Just to mention a few: Joe Coppinger the only person to ever recover from esophagus cancer; James Nichols survived a massive heart attack and heart surgery; Glenn Maxwell - a young family man who recovered from multiple malignancies; J.W. Fore - recuperating from a bleeding ulcer which developed into peritonitis; Billie Loving - overcame extensive complications of open heart surgery; Julene Franke recovered from a life-threatening bacterial disease; Pauniece Oglesby - recovering from stomach cancer; and Sandra Crockett - survivor of cancer, a brain tumor and has been receiving radiation for another tumor

Many of these were at the brink of death and their strength and the powerful prayers of others brought them back.

Billie Stubblefield is another local



C.P.H.S. VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - Ashley Beggs (front, from left), Vanessa Webb, Amanda Dillard and Tessa Wyattt; Candice Bailey (back, from left), Jennifer Turner, Jolena Fleming and Tiffany Gulse.

High School Cheer Squad Excels at Camp at ASU

Members of the Cross Plains High School Varsity Cheerleading squad recently attended a Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp held at Angelo State University.

Classes in cheers, poms, dances, stunts and safety were held each day with evaluations each night.

The Buffalo squad received one excellent award, three blue superior awards and five gold superior awards. They were awarded three spirit stick awards and a superior trophy on the final day, making them eligible for various trips throughout the year.

Ashley Beggs and Amanda Dillard were recipients of safety awards for

spotting skills in stunt class. Jolena Fleming advanced to the final round in the "Jump Off."

Each cheer squad attending the camp nominated squad members to compete for the honor of being named UCA All Star. Cross Plains placed two senior girls on the prestigious squad of ten chosen from the 180 girls attending. Ashley Beggs and Jolena Fleming received gold medallions and the opportunity to travel to London, Hollywood or Macy Thanksgiving Parade.

Cross Plains Varsity squad represented the local school well and learned many new ideas to use this year to support the Fighting Buffaloes.

Love Fund **Established For Homer Hilburn**

A love fund has been established at Citizens State Bank for Homer Hilburn to assist with incurred hospital expenses.

Homer has recently been diagnosed with cancer and is currently at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston undergoing treatment. His wife Peggy is at his side. She has been battling cancer for several years also.

Your contributions and especially your prayers would be greatly appreciated by the couple.

Callahan Co. **Grand Jury Indicts 6 People**

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

BAIRD-A Callahan County Grand Jury indicted six people Friday, August 7.

Three of the indictments were related to the much publicized April 1997, murder of Clyde windshield repairman Ted Saunders. Ted's wife, Ann Boles Saunders, a former employee, Wayland Lee Arnold, 20, and Wayland's brother Gerald Wayne Arnold were named in the indictments of the alleged murder for hire. Three people were also indicted on

drug changes Friday; Samuel B. Hargrove of Baird, Ladonna Lynn

WTU to provide \$100,000 in **Emergency Funds**

ABILENE (Aug. 8, 1998)-West Texas Utilities Company is providing \$100,000 in emergency funds to assist customers hardest hit by the summer heat wave. The company is also working on an individual basis with customers who are having problems paying their electric bills.

"We're taking these steps to assist as many people as we can, especially those who face the greatest difficulties," said Paul Brower, WTU General Manager and President. "The most important thing is to take care of yourself and not put your health at risk because of concerns about the cost of running fans or air conditioners when temperatures are extremely high. If you think you're going to have a problem paying your electric bill, we urge you to call us as soon as possible, and we'll work with you to develop payment arrangements," he said.

The company's emergency contribution will be to 13 West Texas agencies associated with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The donation will boost the moneys available for short-term assistance to WTU customers facing financial hardship. These various agencies throughout

WTU's 52 county service area will be administering the emergency contribution locally. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will be administering the emergency contribution for Callahan County.

"We hope these measures will provide some short-term relief. However, we're aware that longterm payment problems can develop, so we urge customers to make every effort to stay current on their, bills and call us to work out a payment plan," Brower said.

Already this summer, WTU has set five all-time company records for power demand by customers. The latest came on August 3, when afternoon peak demand was 1,591,000 kilowatts in a single hour. A kilowatt hour (kWh) is the amount of energy needed to power ten 100watt light bulbs for one hour. On July 7, WTU set an all-time record for energy usage over a 24-hour period with 30,806,000 kilowatthours.

WTU, with headquarters in Abilene, serves about 186,000 customers in 52 West Texas counties. WTU is a Central and South West company.

Reminder

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, Inc., will host a public meeting to discuss funds for improvements to Lakewood Recreation Center on Tuesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

lady who has needed a heart transplant for the past three or four years while she continues to amaze physicians. X-rays have shown an enlarged heart which has been reduced by no explanation other than the power of prayer.

Bob Wallace, the pastor of Believer's Fellowship, is a survivor of cancer and was recently told he might have another malignancy. However, his tremendous faith and prayers on his behalf found the tumor benign.

Norma Vandiver has been the focus of area prayers as she has been diagnosed with a malignancy in her kidney. Last week they discovered that the second kidney did not have a malignancy and were able to save 3/4th of the organ. She will not even have to be on dialysis. Earlier an Xray had shown a large tumor but the sonogram could only find a small one. In six weeks she will have surgery to remove the other kidney completely -- however, there is still time for all that to change, too!

One common bond all the above have is a strong desire to survive and faith in a higher being. Their courage has motivated others and caused us to examine our lives.

The medical world has finally proved that praying with the doctor before a surgery provides faster healing and more complete recoveries. Extensive experiments conclusively show the power of prayer.

I know prayers have been said which were not answered as we might wish, but sometimes it is just that person's time. Everything is determined at God's will.

St. Matthew Chapter 18: 19-20 makes it perfectly clear:

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Eather which is in beam

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

Federal Funds Available For Direct and Guaranteed **Rural Housing Loans**

Temple, Texas, July 27, 1998-Steven A. Carriker, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that federal funds are available for direct and guaranteed rural housing loans. "In fact, there are more funds available today than last year," said Carriker. "We anticipate that fiscal year 1999 will be a banner year for housing funds in rural Texas. Very low, low and moderate income applicants may qualify for financing to purchase a dwelling or building site, construct, repair, or refinance homes that meet local codes and provide adequate affordable housing." Loans are available depending on repayment ability and the location of the home or building site.

There are several programs available to provide assistance including direct and guaranteed housing loans and home repair loans and grants. The direct home ownership loan is designed to provide very low and low income families with financing to build, purchase, repair or refinance homes and building sites that meet local codes and provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant. Loans may be made for up to 100% of appraised market value which can include the closing costs. The loan term is 33 years. The interest rate is fixed for the life of the loan and is currently 6.75%. Payment assistance is available, based on family size and income, which may reduce the full note payment to as low as one percent (1%).

To be eligible for financing, direct or guaranteed, the home must be located in a RIIR &I community with less than 10,000 population on a farm or in open country not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain conditions, loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 population.

The guaranteed rural housing loan may be used to finance new homes or existing homes that are structurally sound and have certified heating, electrical, plumbing, and insulation systems. The interest rate is set by the lender for an amount not to exceed the Fannie Mae 30 year fixed rate plus .6 of 1%. The loan may be for up to 100% of the market value. All loans must be secured by a first deed of trust on a residential property.

Home repair loans and grants may be used to pay for needed repairs and improvements to dwellings of eligible very low income families. Grant funds are available for homeowners 62 and over who cannot repay a loan and must be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, water and waste disposal, installing screens, windows, insulation and other steps to make the home safe. Home improvement loans may include similar purposes but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodel and make overall improvements to the home. The home must be owneroccupied. The loan amount cannot dogs to be picked up if they are on exceed \$20,000 and grant assistance any unfenced property. W.C. may not exceed \$7,500. There are a number of restrictions including using funds to move a mobile home, make off-site improvements or refinance existing debts. Loaps under this program are made with an interest rate of 1% and have a maximum

term of 20 years. All applicants must meet basic eli-See FUNDS page 2

McCormic of Clyde, and Kimbra Abbott of Fort Worth face charges of possession of a controlled substance and all were unrelated charges.

Cheer Camp Set For Sat., Aug. 15

A Cheer Camp is planned for preschool through sixth grade on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The \$25 registration fee includes snacks, lunch and a T-shirt.

Pre-register by calling 643-4648 or leave a message at school for the cheerleaders at 725-6121.

CP City Council Changes Wording of New "Dog Ordinance"

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

The Cross Plains City Council changed the wording of their new "dog ordinance" and approved the purchase of a tranquilizer gun during their regular meeting Tuesday. August 4.

The wording of the section concerning the Duty of Officer to Impound was changed to allow for Pringle made the motion and was second by Jerry Cassle.

The original ordinance had been adopted at the June meeting and contained wording stating the animals could not be impounded if they remained on their owners land.

The purchase of a tranquilizer gun was also approved to aid in the apgibility requirements such as being prehension of stray canines. Cost of unable to obtain a loan from other the gun would be around \$400.

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Area Mason honored by **Grand Lodge of Texas**

An entourage, of Masonic dignitaries representing the Grand Lodge of Texas traveled to Cross Plains this past Thursday to honor well known area resident John Adams.

During formal ceremonies John was recognized for fifty years of Masonic service. He was commended for his distinguished record and presented a gold emblem lapel pin by C.L. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master.

John Adams' Masonic history began at Mitchell Lodge No. 563 at Colorado City. He has also held membership at the McCamey Lodge and affiliated with the Cross Plains Lodge in 1989.

Following the presentation ceremony, John gave a well received Masonic oration during which he noted the prominence of Masonic interest following World War II and its recent resurgence.

Band Booster **Meeting Slated** For August 24

The Band Boosters will meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 at the Band Hall. All members are urged to attend this first meeting of the 1998-99 band year.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

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

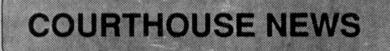
John is also a Navy Veteran and served with U.S. Forces in the Pacific during World War II. He is retired from the oil business and resides west of Cross Plains with his wife Bettye.

Submitted by John Baum.



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COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Horace Richard Johnson, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years. Camille Frost, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail

probated for 2 years. Billy Wayne Baker, DWI, \$400 fine \$214.25 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

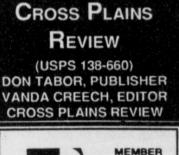
John Allen Boles, making alcohol available to a minor charge dismissed.

Carmen Hayes-Marin, motion filed to revoke probation. Kenneth Edward Kingston, DWI, \$250 fine \$199.25 court costs, 5 days in county jail.

Russell Whitehead, probation discharged.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chancy Lynn West and John David Isenhower of Putnam. Karen Sue Littlepage and Rex C. Baker of Clyde.



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42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Divorces filed: Havner, Monica D. and Joe W., and in the interest of minor child. Key, Alva Willie and Joseph E. Baker, Alma Ann and Les.

Civil Minutes

Wiginton, Cathey Lynn and Joe, case dismissed Divorce granted: McCarty, Tammy Fay and David

Lynn.

Felony Indictments

Charged with capital murder: Amelia Bales Saunders, Gerald Wayne Arnold, Wayland Lee Arnold.

Charges with possession of a controlled substance: Ladonna Lynn McCormick, Kimbra K. Middleton Abbott, Samuel B. Hargrove.

Felony Minutes

Linda S. Estes charges dismissed on misapplication of fiduciary property and theft.

Jayson Cook, forgery, sentenced to 18 months at state jail.

2-Day Invitational Dove Hunt To Be Held September 5&6

There will be a 2-Day Invitational Dove Hunt held September 5-6 to benefit Callahan County 4-H and the Clyde Youth Livestock Association. The hunt will take place south of Clyde on fields bordering FM 604.

Cost of the hunt will be \$30 per day and will include lunch. Everyone is asked to pre-register by September 1 to ensure accurate lunch count. Payment will be due at on-site registration booth on day of hunt.

Hunt locations will be marked and signs will be posted for registration location. You must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult. All hunting regulations are expected to

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conventional lending sources on terms they can afford, being without ownership of decent, safe and sanitary housing, have sufficient income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and have an acceptable credit history. There are other criteria that must be met depending on the type of program an applicant is interested in.

Currently there are 26 local offices throughout Texas. To find the office that serves your county, please call the Single Family Housing section at (254) 742-9770.

Everyone who lives in a rural area and meets the basic eligibility qualifications is encouraged to apply for these funds.

Rural Development, as an equal

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Motion by Pringle and seconded by Ray Womack.

Other items on Tuesday's agenda: The council discussed some work that had been done to the north and south walls of the senior citizens center.

Center representatives Tammy Stroud and Chuck Woody met with the council to discuss ways to improve the look of the walls after repairs had been made.

Tim Dill, the contractor that had repaired the walls, told the council that he had repaired the walls exactly as he had been requested to and explained why the walls looked as they do. He also told them he would be glad to go back to the center and get the walls paint ready.

Cross Plains Fire Chief Bob Harrell spoke to the council concerning a 2 1/2 ton military truck the local fire department had received from the Texas Forest Service. He told them it would be "rigged out" for grass fire duty. The 1979 allwheel-drive truck was donated to Cross Plains through the TFS rural fire protection program.

City Maintenance Employee Frankie Hyles met with the council to discuss city street repairs. Hyles told councilmen that he would like to purchase some used paving equipment to be used to improve the streets. The council agreed, by general consent, to allow \$10,000 for the purchase of street repair equipment.

Tim Sanders, Cross Plains Police Chief, met with the council to discuss adding another patrolman to his one man staff. He told the councilmen of a government grant that would pay a portion of an extra policeman's salary for three years with a declining rate of 75% the first opportunity lender, makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approved lenders without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. 2

The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

For more information on Rural Development programs in Texas, check out the web site at http:// www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

year, 70% the second year, and 65% the third year. The city would not be obligated to continue employing the extra officer after the three year period, but if they did the city would have to pay the full salary of the second officer. The motion was tabled until the September meeting with a split vote. Pringle cast the dissenting vote.

It was learned that councilman W.C. Pringle could not hold the office of Cross Plains Health Officer, due to conflict of interest rules. Mark Norris was appointed to the office following a motion by Pringle. Pringle had been appointed to the position at the July meeting on the stipulation that it did not violate conflict of interest rules. Motion by Pringle and seconded by Ray Womack.

The council discussed training seminar and a date will be set at a later time.

City Judge Bob Hill presented his monthly report to the council. Fiftytwo tickets passed through his court with a total of \$3,215.00 being lev-

ied in fines. Pringle made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Jerry Cassle. Motion passed.

Cross Plains Police Chief Tim Sanders gave his monthly report. The police department had 61 calls for service and logged four arrests in that period. The report was accepted with a motion by Pringle and seconded by Edwin Weiss.

The bills were paid with a motion by Weiss and seconded by Cassle.

The council went into an executive

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AT 4-H FASHION SHOW—Four Callahan County 4-H members participating at the annual District 74-H Fashion Show held July 28 include from left to right: Teri Windham, Kayla Windham, Lance Fiedler and Traci-Windham.

Callahan Youth Compete in District 7 4-H Fashion Show July 28

The blazing heat this summer proved no match for the cool fashions exhibited by 95 young men and women during the annual District 7 4-H Fashion Show July 28.

The young fashion experts from across the District's 23 counties modeled their finery during the show in Southland Baptist Church. West Texas Utilities and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service have sponsored the popular event for 43 years.

Four 4-H members from Callahan County competed in the event.

District competitors had to win in their division in their home county to compete in the district show. Junior and intermediate competed in five separate categories in Construction and Buying.

First and second place winners in the garment category of construction and buying division earned rosettes from West Texas Utilities. Cotton garment winners in the Construction Division received cash awards from the Sweetwater Rolling Plains Cotton Compress. The First State Bank of Paint Rock also gave the wool and mohair garment entries cash awards.

Senior 4-H members who completed district and state competition earlier this summer also participated in the district event.

Local entries from Callahan County were Kayla Windham placing Reserve Champion in the Junior Casual Sportswear Division, Traci Windham placing 3rd in the Junior Dress Division, Lance Fiedler in the Junior Single Garment Division and

Ten Windham in the Intermediate Dress Division.

Sincerely, Robert Pritz Callahan County Extension Agent

Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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To register or for more information contact Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518. Come out and help support the youth of Callahan County.

Submitted by Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent session to discuss personnel policies and procedures with a motion by Cassle and seconded by Weiss. No action was taken when they returned to open session.

Fort Griffin State Historical Park Celebrating 75th Anniversary

Texas Parks and Wildlife is commemorating the creation of the Texas State Park system. In 1923, the state parks bill was passed and later that year, the State Parks Board was created. The passage of the state parks bill is credited primarily to Governor Pat Neff, who recognized Texan's blossoming romance with the automobile and their desire for an enhanced quality of life campaigning eloquently for the creation of outdoor sanctuaries along the state's roadways.

In honor of the 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary a celebration will be held at Fort Griffin State Historic Park, Saturday, October 3 with special open house Friday and Saturday.

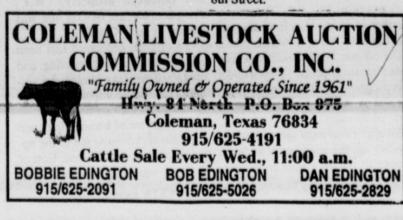
A formal program will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the park headquarters. The keynote speaker will be State Representative James L. "Jim" Keffer of Eastland and cowboy poet Sam Davis of Abilene will also be on the program. Several other speakers will recognize the major events in the life of Fort Griffin State Historical Park including: Fort Griffin becoming a state park in 1935, The Civilian Conservation Corps, The State of Texas Longhorn Herd and the formation of Texans for State Parks. As a part of the celebration all of the normal park fees will not be charged Friday or Saturday, October 2-3. Entrance and camping at the park will be FREE both days.

Heaven and Hell

Jessie Cortz will be speaking at the Gospel Mission this Sunday, August 16, at the 10 a.m. service.

Jessie has experienced death and has seen both Heaven and hell. He will be speaking of his experience while he was dead.

Michael Ingram, pastor of the Gospel Mission, invites everyone to come and receive a blessing. The Gospel Mission is located on East 8th Street.



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Morning worsnip	11:00 a.m.	
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.	
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time		
Joe Coppinger, Pastor (254) 725-7730	Church 725-6266	
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The residents celebrated their birthdays this week with some fine music and singing provided by Debbie Griswold and her brother Bobby Haddox from Welty, Oklahoma. Residents who have birthday during the month of August are Irma Deen Haddox, Nora Golson, Wayne Dalton, Juanita Thornton, Inola Wilcoxen and Howet Wilson. Employees with birthdays are Shannon Tolett and Frances Wolf. Our wedding anniversaries are Bonita McKenny and Vita Johnson.

Thoughts and prayers for Jesse Harris, Leila Montgomery and Juanita Thornton who are in the hospital.

Appreciation to Roylene Wilson for the delicious cake, to Ruby Cassle for the chips and dips and to Debbie Griswold for the birthday cake.

Howet Wilson was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Kenneth Brooks from Arlington and Linda Wilson visited with Blanche Brooks and Howet Wilson. Rolan Jones, Cliff and Connie

Kirkham and Misty Callaway was here visiting everyone.

Dawn Hilburn visited with Jo Boatright.

Virginia Childers from Potosi visited with Lillie Childers.

Michael Curry visited with Irma Deen Haddox.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Ruby Harrell (3), Louise Richardson, Minnie Swann, Howet Wilson (2), and Vera Belyeu (2). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Louise Richardson (2), Minnie Swann (2), Ruby Harrell, Falba Shofner (2), Inola Wilcoxen and Vera Belyeu. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace, Debbie Griswold and Michael Curry. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Church of Christ. Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.

Clips, Quips & Comments By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"The Times They Are A 'Changin"

I suppose at some time or other change comes to everything. At least that's what I've always heard -or been told. Whichever way you prefer to phrase it.

One of the most evident of changes; at least to the naked eye, is the change of seasons. Having been born in December, it is my speculation, that I first encountered the season of winter and it's chilling blasts. Most likely, probably one of my first memorable experiences would be a winter snow.

I'm sure I probably really appreciated the change to the spring season and the slight warming trend.

Do you remember the prickly heat rashes infants and small children experienced during the extremely hot days of the summer season? Having been born in 1938, when most people did not yet have airconditioning or even an electric fan, I'm sure I very likely experienced some prickly heat.

After the heat of summer I very likely rejoiced at the onset of the cooling fall or autumn season. I do recall quite vividly at the ages of 3

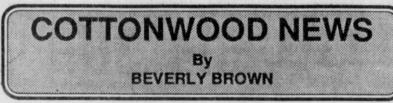
and 4 years; greatly enjoying the lovely crunching of the dried brown leaves of the fall season, as I stomped loudly through piles of them in the park, in Fort Worth; where we lived at the time.

People change also, the various places they live during their lifetime, the differing and eclectic mix of people of all origins with which you come in contact; effects changes in your thoughts, your ideas, your dreams, etc.

Naturally, another somewhat well known phrase is; the "changing of the guard" at Buckingham Palace, England.

To my chagrin; the changes I feared immensely and disliked the most caught up with me in my early 20's. To this day I still cannot hear the word change without visualizing all those stacks and stacks of diapers which I continued to "change" off and on for about a dozen years or so. My oldest child was born in 1962 and my fourth and youngest in 1973, however, until number 4 I had no access to disposable diapers.

Therefore, don't forget; changes may affect you, but you can also effect changes.



The cooler temperatures were great, though short-lived. The community and surrounding area of Cottonwood received only a trace of measurable rainfall last Tuesday and Wednesday. Stock tanks and natural creeks water levels are plummeting downward rapidly in the past week. The Cottonwood Quilting Club members are in need of items for their upcoming Country Store for Rehab Night 1998 to be held Friday, August 21. You may bring your donations to the community center today or on Tuesday, August 18.

The menu for Rehab Night will be a barbecue plate priced at \$500 for adults and \$2.50 children under 10 years. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

The school buses are on their routes through the country side. Do slow down and watch for the warning signals of the flashing lights as children are loading and unloading. School starts earlier every year it seems and always when the temperatures are at its peak in the summertime.

Gilber Ibarra and his father Joe Ibarra of Houston paid a surprise visit to Wayne and Beverly Brown on Sunday morning and delivered a riding mower.

On Tuesday, August 18 the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Group will have their monthly meeting at the fire station at 7 p.m. We urge all volunteers and interested residents of the community to attend.



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PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Some in our community were blessed with rain showers last Tuesday and some light showers later. All have enjoyed the few days of cooler weather. The measure of rain ranged from 11/2 inches to only a sprinkle. Temperatures climbed back to 100 degrees Saturday and Sunday 104 degrees.

James and Jean Alexander and Cowan and Laverne Hutton attended the funeral services for Alice Richter Wednesday in Rising Star. Alice lived in the Cook Community as a girl and went to school at Pioneer for a time.

Earlene Burge visited her daughter Jessica Stultz and family last Wednesday and spent the night. Her granddaughter Cindy and Jon Ochos and great grandson Comerson Chisholm were also there. Comerson will be returning home to Nacogdoches before starting to school in the first grade.

Lottie Sooter visited in Abilene with her son and wife Don and Fran Sooter during the week.

D.P. and May Jones took their grandson Pate back to his home in Stockton, Missouri. Pate spent the summer with them, mostly working at the Rising Star Golf Club and visiting friends. Pate and his dad Skip of Big Springs took a trip to

Corpus Christi. They also did a lot of golfing while Pate was here. May said they really had a great summer with Pate.

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May and her sister-in-law Jean Alexander spent Tuesday afternoon in Eastland shopping. May redeemed a gift certificate given her by the Quilting Ladies. "Thanks so very much girls." May also made the comment about the school board minutes being in the paper. It's good for the taxpayers to know how their tax money is being spent.

With our nation in such moral decay maybe we should re-examine the principles of our nations founding document, the Declaration of Independence. This great document contains five references to God. God as supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the Source of all right, God as the world's supreme Judge and God as our Protector on whom we can rely. Do our school children know this -or would it even be allowed to be taught today? After all, we are told we have to follow a law contrary to our Constitution -- "The separation of Church and state!"

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of their efforts to improve medical care, doctors are trying to measure the benefits of religious faith for their patients. Numerous reports and studies show those with religious faith are better equipped to deal with the difficulties of illness. According to a report in the American Journal of Public Health, living in a supportive religious environment, a belief in God, and frequent prayer may reduce stress and bolster health. So prayer is beneficial for both body and soul.

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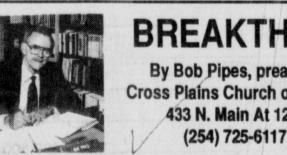
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BREAKTHRU By Bob Pipes, preacher **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main At 12th

We hear complaints from time to time about "police brutality" -- and I am sure unnecessary force is exercised in some instances, knowingly or unknowingly. But I am reminded of a letter that a mother wrote the chief of police in Wichita, Kansas, some time ago. It went as follows;

"Dear Sir: To begin, I should first tell you that I have two teenage sons, and being a mother, I cannot help but want the very best of everything for them. I am not a 'typical mother' in that I see things that many mothers never hear of, much less become involved in -- because my husband is a minister and we see the best and the sordid worst.

"I would like for you to be brutal with my sons! Is that a surprise? If you find them speeding in a car, please be brutal. I have sat at a hospital holding a grieving mother's hand because of someone's mistake. I have listened to my husband tell a wife that her husband had been killed. That was brutal! I have attended funeral services for babies, teenagers, and adults because someone drove too fast. That was brutal!"

Equal points were made concerning liquor, pomography, drugs, stealing, etc. She wasn't saying to beat them to death! But she was saying, "If you must be "brutal" (strict, severe, strong) in order to remind them, then please do so!"

"Rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong." "Do you want to be free from the fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you." (Romans 13:3)

This mother's view may be unpopular, but it certainly deserves serious con sideration. It even seems to be in line with the apostle Paul (actually, God)!

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

. 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship

By JAMES NICHOLS

Pa came to Texas and worked on a large ranch near Walnut Springs breaking horses before returning to Missouri where he knew Ma earlier and married her. They made their home near Joplin and Pa worked in the mines for several years until they decided to move to Texas.

They moved and settled near the community of Chalk Mountain between Glen Rose and Stephenville. About 1910 Pa moved the family to Dublin and established a butcher shop in the center of the business district, about a half block east of 377.

The butcher shop had a walk-in cooling box which was refrigerated with block ice. The ice was put in overhead metal trays through an ice

box door that opened into the adjoining alley. This was done directly from the ice wagon, because the ice door was 9 to 10 feet off the ground.

One of the boys was standing on a ladder several feet off the floor helping load the walk-in box with ice when he stepped off to one side and braced himself on a 25 gallon lard can, which had a swinging top. Suddenly the boy found himself standing up to the groin in lard with one leg. It is believed that the lard was a total loss, but knowing Ma it was used to make lye soap.

NOTE: The Cox's Grocery Store in Cross Plains had such a walk-in box which was converted over to modern day refrigeration.



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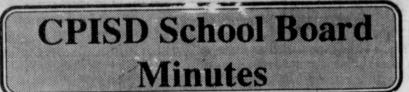
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August 4, 1998

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Rex Beggs, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard and Charles Chesshir and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Rondall Sanders and guests: Steve Fortune, Linda Fortune, Nadine Nickerson, Matt Nickerson, Glynn Nickerson and Cord Woerner.

Prayer was led by Charles Chesshir.

Parents wanted open session to discuss discipline of their children. Donnie Dillard declared executive session at 8:02 p.m. Out of executive session at 9:18 p.m.

Motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Carey that in consideration of the appeal process the attached punishment will be applied to those students suspended from athletics during the last 6 weeks of 1997-98 school year. Both these boys must still be suspended from participating in games for the rest of the semester. Both boys will Dillard, Chesshir, Carey/abstained: Wyatt Budget workshop 9:45 - 11:00

still be able to participate in athletic

program, but no games. For: Beggs,

p.m. Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Wyatt that we raise adult breakfast to \$1.25 and \$2.25 for adult lunch for 1998-1999 program. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Beggs that we hire Janice Phillips as Pre-Kindergarten teacher on 10 month probationary contract contingent on Academics 2000 grant. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we hire Patricia Cook as Special Ed aide at \$5.15/hour for 1998-99 school year. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Beggs that we hire Andy Neff as maintenance worker at \$5.75/hour on a 261 day pay period for 1998-99 school year. For 5/ Against 0

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Carey that we adjourn at 11:14 p.m. For 5/Against 0

A Message From Coach Boyd

Dear Cross Plains Friends:

Wow, what a quick and enjoyable seven years. It seems like only yesterday that I moved to Cross Plains. I have numerous things to say in this letter and I hope it all makes sense.

If you stop and think about it educators would not have jobs if it wasn't for the kids. Sounds simple but way too many times this is overlooked.

I want to thank all of my students over the last seven years who have added so much to my life. From elementary P.E. to U.S. History from basketball to track I have been blessed to have been around such talented and hard-working young men and women. A lot of nice things were said and written about me as I left Cross Plains, but you must not forget the students made the success happen. I was fortunate enough to have success at every level, from district all the way to state championships but once again it was the students who achieved these great accomplishments.

I feel I have made numerous lifelong friends in Cross Plains and that is something I cherish greatly. Through all the hard times I always felt I was surrounded by caring individuals I could call my friends. The way you always asked about my parents and treated them so well is something that is worth more than any championship I have ever coached.

I will fondly remember the way you accepted them as a part of the C.P. family. Not every coach gets to experience a championship season with their parents and sister in the stands. I am very grateful!

Our Athletic Booster Club was second to none. I would love to list names here but I'm afraid I would leave somebody out. Besides you men and women know who you are. The endless hours of work was greatly appreciated by me and all my coaches. Keep up the good work, you are a valuable cog in a very productive wheel.

The reception you folks had for me was not necessary but highly appreciated. Once again, I would like to list names but someone would be left off who worked behind the scenes.

To all the coaches I worked with I

I personally always tried to be fair as Athletic Director but I'm not perfect. Give the current A.D. and staff the benefit of the doubt before you get mad because your child didn't have the success that you wanted for them. People put big bow and arrow targets on coaches and shoot at will. The thing the people who are shooting the arrows forget is that the coach has feelings and emotions just like you do. Besides the coach is at practice, in the classroom, the locker room and on the playing floor with that student everyday. They get a pretty good picture of your kid. Fortunately at C.P. those pictures were almost

always positive. Finally I would like to thank the board and administration for their support of C.P. athletics and the direction we tried to take it. Although we didn't always agree on everything, we did walk away as friends. Come to think of it the board supported me above and beyond the call of duty. Keep up the good work. One of my favorite songs is "The Heart of the Matter" by ex-Eagle Don Henley. In this letter I have tried to reach the "heart of the matter." Great students, a class booster club, lifelong friendships, dedicated coaches and a supportive administration. What else could a person ask for unless it was Courtney Cox! Seriously, when you remember my seven years at C.P. don't think of me, think of the students who wore the uniforms and made the sacrifices. When you get down to the heart of the matter, that's why we have schools -- its for the kids.

Best of luck and I would love to hear from ya'll. With love... Always a Buffalo,

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Statewide Adolescent Tobacco Classes Slated

The Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, along with various other agencies across the state of Texas, is preparing its staff for the potential bombardment of Texas teenagers sentenced to participate in a Tobacco Awareness Program adopted by the 75th Texas Legislature.

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Effective September 1, of 1997, persons under the age 18 found guilty of possession, purchase or consumption of tobacco products may be fined up to \$250.00 (1st offense) and must attend a tobacco awareness program or perform tobacco related community service (if the TAC is unavailable). Any convicted young person under 18 who fails to attend the TAC will be reported to the Department of Public Safety; the D.P.S. is required to suspend or deny the offenders driver's license up to 180 days.

The Tobacco Awareness Program involves mandatory 8 hour class; class consisting of 4 sessions with the ultimate goal being to teach ways

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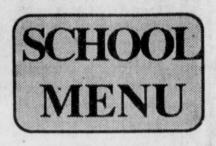
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To learn more about the Tobacco Awareness Class, when they are offered, or what the cost is call (915) 673-2242.



AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 21 (Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

MONDAY —Oatmeal, toast, assorted juice, and milk. TUESDAY —French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk. WEDNESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk. THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk. FRIDAY — Donuts, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli w/cheese sauce, garlic sticks, pineapples and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken strips w/ gravy, cremed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches and milk. WEDNESDAY—Tacos, salad,

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Texas Ranks First In Nation In Written Academic Standards In Five Major Subject Areas

AUSTIN—Texas ranked first in the nation among states that have written academic standards in five major subject areas, according to a Fordham Foundation report titled "The State of State Standards" released this month. The five subject areas are geography, history, English, mathematics, and science.

When states with partially completed standards are considered, only Arizona outranked Texas. Arizona has completed standards in only three of the five subject areas. California, which has completed four, tied with Texas for second place.

Of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, only three (Texas, Arizona, and California) scored a "B" overall. No state received an "A." Fifteen were graded "C," 21 ranked "D," nine ranked "F," and three have not developed standards in any of

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science standards, scoring a C. Six states scored A's, and seven scored B's.

The Fordham Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., sponsors research, publications, and action projects in education reform at the national level. Its major focus is the renewal of elementary and secondary education.

Commentators who were asked to cite the main lessons the country should draw from the Fordham report said, "we should do everything we can to encourage the good work going on in states such as Arizona, California, and Texas and to hold it up as a model for all." Texas was specifically lauded as having a model standard in geography, and Texas and Virginia were cited as having "history standards lightyears better than the national history standards."

Texas developed the draft of its

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"Texas is ahead of other states in the area of accountability," said David Sublasky, TASB president from Fabens ISD, "and the Fordham Foundation's report underlines the fact that the Texas public education system has become a role model for the nation."

Among other Fordham findings: • Texas scored an A on its geography standards. Only two other states, Colorado and Indiana, scored as high.

• Texas scored a B on its history standards. Only Virginia scored higher with an A, and only two other states scored B's (California and Massachusetts).

• Texas scored a B on its English standards. Only one state scored higher (Massachusetts with an A), and only four other states scored B's (Arizona, Virginia, Georgia, and Illinois).

• Texas scored a B on its math standards. Only three states scored an A (California, North Carolina, and Ohio).

• Texas' lowest ranking came on its

academic standards, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), over the course of 1995 and 1996. Fifteen subject-area teams met collectively to consider format consistency, comparability of skills at each grade level, and articulation of skills from kindergarten through Grade 12.

Meeting individually thereafter, the teams produced the first draft of TEKS in February 1996 and received over 12,000 responses to that draft. In addition, the State Board of Education (SBOE) Review committees provided advice on revisions. The second draft was sent out for further public review in July 1996.

The review processes included distribution to all campuses and school districts, publication on the world wide web, and public outreach by regional education service centers through town meetings and public hearings. The SBOE adopted the TEKS in July 1997. Full implementation in the classroom begins with the 1998-99 school year. have the utmost respect for your commitment on what we were trying to achieve. To be able to disagree on issues and still be friends after the fact is one of the things that made my job so enjoyable. Keep up the hard work and the friendships. Regardless of what public perception was we always tried to do what was best for the program.

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Thousand acre blaze brought under control

By BILLY HARRIS Special Writer

Putnam - Five fire departments and the Texas Forest Service bring a one thousand acre fire under control about four miles west of here.

The fire that started about 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 31st, kept area firefighters for three days in very rough country.

Baird, Putnam, Clyde and Cottonwood Fire Departments finally brought the blaze under control about midnight Friday. A track loader was furnished by the Texas Department of Transportation Baird Yard to aid in the fire control efforts.

After several "rekindles" the other three departments were brought back out to help Putnam control the blaze on Saturday afternoon.

The Forest Service became involved on the second day (Saturday, August 1) and assisted with a small helicopter and four airplanes.

"The helicopter had a 60 gallon bucket and the airplanes wee like a crop duster that spread fire retardant," said Baird Fire Chief Russell Robbins. "We were sure glad to see them show up," he said, "because there are places that a bulldozer couldn't even get to in that country."

Putnam, Baird, Cottonwood and Moran fire departments were aided on a larger scale Sunday when the TFS sent a 5-member strike team with engines, a Type II helicopter (60 gallon bucket) and a Type III looking for a place to strike."

helicopter (with a 250 gallon bucket). A division supervisor with support personnel assumed command of the fire and also ordered 10 "drops" by air tankers that knocked the fire out.

"The tanker planes were guided into the drop area by a lead plane," said Robbins, "and a spotter plane kept everyone aware of where the fire was spreading."

The fire started with unknown origin, near Callahan County Road 484 about 3 miles south of IH-20 Friday. No structures, other than maybe a few "deer blinds" were thought to have been damaged in the three day fire.

The fire was contained when it reached the railroad tracks at the Brushy Creek overpass just south of IH-20. Another fire Sunday afternoon east of Putnam caused some concern, but was contained as it burned up the driveway of a residence. About 15 or 20 acres of CRP grassland was burned. A Baird fireman remarked, "the flames were at least 15 feet tall."

Both fires were being monitored by spotter planes last Monday and Putnam was dispatched to a rekindled fire east of Putnam about 2:00 p.m.

Twenty straight days of over one hundred degree temperatures and almost no rain since July 4th have already scorched pastures. Over 50 days of this summer with temps over the century mark in the Baird area. starting in May, have most of Callahan County "like a match

Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge announce reunion plans

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) has completed plans for its Annual Reunion in San Francisco, California, September 3-7. Activities consist of a healthy dose of camaraderie, tours of the city and Golden Gate Bridge, etc. There will be a rededication of a memorial in honor of those Battle of the Bulge veterans who were killed in action or have since passed away, and many other functions.

Fifty-four years ago, 600,000 of America's young men fought together in the snowy, windswept hills and forest of the Ardennes. From December 16, 1944, until January 25, 1945, the bitter fighting rages. claiming 19,000 American lives. When, at last, the guns fell silent, the of reunions, memorial meetings held on December 16th (the anniversary of the commencement of the Battle of the Bulge) at Arlington Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown soldiers and the VBOB Memorial, a newsletter (The Bulge Bugle), as well as many other things designed to bring members of the Battle of the Bulge together.

VBOB was established to see that the efforts and sacrifices of these 600,000 American soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge are never forgotten by the American public. **VBOB** is a nonprofit-educational veterans' organization founded in Arlington, Virginia, by a group of 21 veterans and widows of veterans. Speaking before the House of

Young doctor's path takes him home to Coleman

"We've probably got the finest

small hospital staff in the whole state

of Texas," Morris said proudly.

"With regard to primary care

physicians, I'd say we're about where

As happy as Morris seems, Tyson

seems at least as pleased. He has

moved to town with his family -

wife, Sheri, an occupational

therapist, and his sone Luke, who will

be two in October — and begun

renovating a large, old home. A

second child is expected in

"I've had a lot of providential

guidance," Tyson said of his decision

to make his old home town the site of

his new general medical practice,

we want to be.'

December.

By KEN ELLSWORTH Abilene Reporter-News

Editor's Note: Dr. David Tyson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Tyson of Coleman and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Tyson of Coleman. Dr. Davis Tyson is a great grandson of a former Cross Plains physician, the late Dr. John Tyson and his wife Alabama (Bama) Tyson. He is the great nephew of the late Lindsey Tyson; Mrs. W.B. (Carrie) Williams; and Mrs. Garrette (Elizabeth) Fomby, all of Cross Plains. The young doctor has an uncle, Dr. John Paul Tyson, who is a physician in Denison.

COLEMAN - Dr. David Tyson could have gone anywhere to practice medicine, but he wanted to come home to Coleman, so he did. He began work last Monday.

He has one stipulation, though - do not call him "Dr. Tyson."

His preference for his first name only stems from the fact he was born and bred in Coleman, where you know everybody and everybody knows you, and lofty titles are shunned in favor of friendliness.

The young general practitioner decided during his freshman year at Texas A&M that he would become a physician after a mission trip to Mexico, where he helped to build a church and a clinic.

That moment of realization came to Tyson a year after he graduated in 1987 as valedictorian from Coleman High School, where he played tennis and basketball and ran track and cross country.

But a return to his hometown seemed out of the question during the years that he was obtaining an education at A&M and at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Still, in those years, the Coleman County Medical Center, where Tyson will begin his practice, was in deep trouble.

Finally a hospital tax district was passed by the voters. Then, two years ago, administrator Michael Morris stepped on board the leaky ship.

Tyson, the son of local pharmacist, Bob, and registered nurse, Jo, left the lunch meeting encouraged and optimistic. It might, after all, be possible to come home to Coleman, he thought.

By 1998, with the community of Coleman rallying to its aid, CCMC had reduced its debt by \$1.2 million. But it did not take that good news or that long for Tyson to decide. By mid-1997, he had made up his mind.

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American Angus Association Announce Two New Members

Elizabeth Schumacher of Baird is a new member of the American Angus Association and Robert Schumacher of Baird is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with over 31,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 12 million registered Angus. Junior members of the association

American Angus Association and take part in association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

which includes pediatrics, obstetrics are eligible to register cattle in the and gynecology. YOU'LL GET THE MOST FOR YOUR DOLLAR **Cisco Junior College** "SERVING THE BIG COUNTRY WITH HIGH QUALITY, LOW COST STATE-SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS" **1998 FALL REGISTRATION** ABILENE EDUCATIONAL CENTER 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. AUGUST 19 & 20 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. AUGUST 21 **9 AM TO NOON** (check with office in Abilene to reserve a time for registration) **** **CISCO CAMPUS Harrell Fine Arts Building** AUGUST 24 (SOPHOMORES & NIGHT STUDENTS ONLY) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. AUGUST 25

German drive to reach the sea, trap four allied armies, and impel a negotiated peace on the Western Front had been thwarted. Thanks to the uncommon valor of the American GI and the heroic efforts of individual units in this decisive battle, the end of World War II in Europe was hastened.

All veterans of this memorable conflict and their families and friends, are invited to contact our offices regarding specifics on this meeting. Also welcome are history buffs who are interested in the Battle of the Bulge.

VBOB was founded in December, 1981, with approximately 8,500 members. Activities are composed

Commons following the Battle of the Bulge, Sir Winston Churchill stated that: "This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever-famous American victory."

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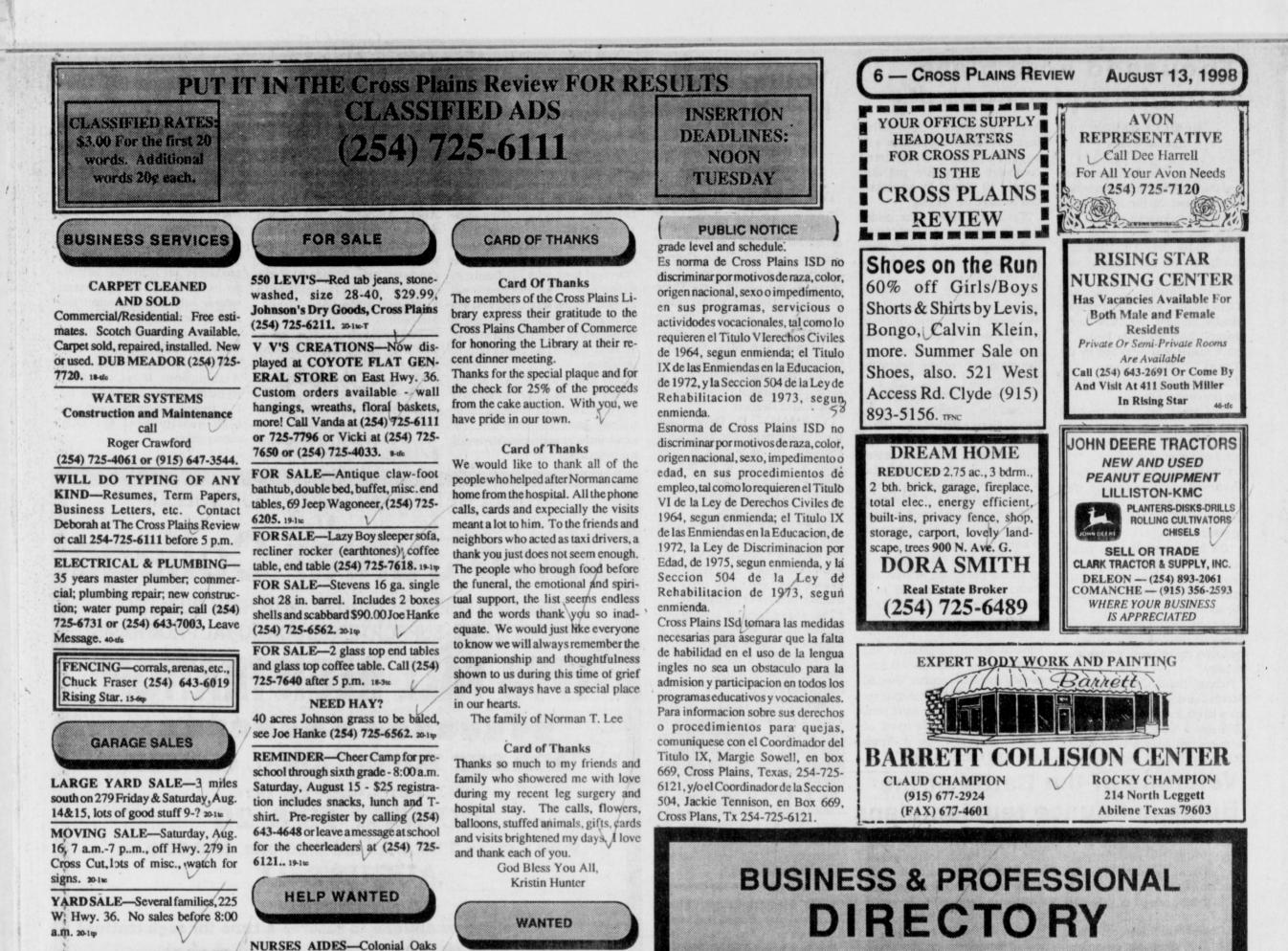
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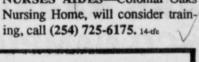
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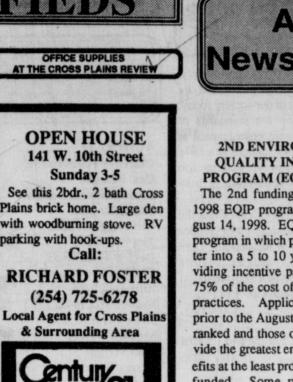
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If you are interested in performing conservation work on your farm or ranch contact the Callahan County FSA & NRCS Service Center at 915-854-1049. If at all possible, we urge you to call prior to making a visit. Calling ahead will ensure there will be someone from both offices available to answer your questions when you file an application. A copy of the land deed or lease for the land being considered is required to provide proof of interest in the land.

REPORT NATIVE & IM-PROVED PASTURE ACREAGE New this year for area producers is reporting native & improved pastures. A timely acreage report will help maintain eligibility for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance report 1998 acreage of native and/or improved pasture has been extended until September 15, 1998. If you previously reported an annual crop such as wheat, oats, haygrazer, then we already have reported your pastures, however, we encourage all other producers who normally don't make acreage report to call for an appointment between now and September 15, 1998. Also, if you feel that production from your pasture is below normal or you have otherwise suffered a loss, you should file an FSA-574, Request for Disaster Credit, within 15 days after the disaster occurs. The County Committee uses the date from the acreage reports and disaster forms to verify county losses and request implementation of NAP.

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BRIDGE TO BETTER TIMES

This summer's horrendous drought has inflicted severe financial hardship on countless farm families in Texas, and many other states. In earlier columns. I outlined some of the steps Congress has taken to ease this burden. Today I'd like to focus on a couple of specific measures that will help farmers and ranchers over these tough times, and create better conditions over the long term.

The first is a bill I co-sponsored to make \$5.5 billion available after October 1 to help farmers and ranchers cope with the pressing cash shortages many are now experiencing due to adverse weather conditions.

The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act will give farmers the option of receiving all of their Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA) contract payments for 1999 earlier than allowed by the normal schedule (under which payments were to be made twice a year. in January and again in September).

For example, a 1.000-acre wheat farm with a 30bushel AMTA payment yield would have the option of getting its entire \$19,000 payment in October of 1998 rather than waiting three months to get half of the AMTA payment (\$9,500) and a full 12 months to get the remaining half (\$9,500).

This leaves the option of early payments with the farmer, who can then make a decision based on personal circumstances. If early payments are a benefit. farmers may request them through their local Farm Service Agency office. If early payments will only create tax or other difficulties, farmers may choose not to exercise that option.

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because the drought wiped out this year's crops - a income.

Both the House and Senate passed this bill on an expedited basis, and the President has pledged to sign it into law.

But it is equally important that we provide real tax restructuring for hard-working farm families. This is why I am co-sponsoring the Family Investment and Rural Savings Tax (FIRST) Act. and will push for its quick consideration.

The FIRST act would target tax relief to stabilize farm income, promote savings and investment, and provide a boost to the agricultural sector of our economy.

The three-part bill would:

- Permanently extend income averaging for farmers. It would restore for farmers the three-year income averaging that was removed from the tax code in 1986. This would protect farmers from unintended tax consequences that result from wild income fluctuations unique to the agricultural economy. Farmers have little or no control over wide swings in their income or losses caused by weather conditions, unpredictable overseas markets and other factors. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 allows farmers to average their incomes over a three-year span, but only through 2001. This section would make the provision permanent.
- Create Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) Accounts to allow farmers to defer taxes on income saved during high-profit years. These contributions would be tax deductible and limited to 20 percent of a farmer's taxable income. Funds could remain in the tax-deferred account for up to five years. Farmers would decide whether to defer income in the new FARRM accounts and when to withdraw the funds to supplement their operations.
- Cut the top capital gains tax rate from 20 percent to 15, percent and reduce the capital gains tax rate for individuals with lower incomes from 10 percent to 7.5 percent.

Most importantly, FIRST would give farmers and ranchers the freedom to manage their own incomes and the opportunity to make their own business decisions without government intervention.

Over the long term, better conditions on the farm will depend on three elements: trade, tax relief and disaster, assistance. As farmers successfully make the transition from government-controlled farming to the free market, and can better position themselves in the world market, they can expect greater gains.

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TION FEES

The final day to certify seeded small grains was May 1. The final day to report initial spring seeded corps such as peanuts, cotton, sorghum, Sudan, or other forage crops was July 15. If you did not certify these crops timely and you want to be eligible for program benefits such as NAP, then you may late certify. The fee for this service is \$35.00 for the first plot and \$15.00 for each additional plot on the farm. Evidence of the crop and/or land use must be present in order to approve the late filed report. A field inspection must be made.

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McMillan-Frazier Exchanged Vows Saturday, May 9

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Marcie is the daughter of Mrs. Marion (Jackie) McMillan of North Richland Hills and the late Marion McMillan. She is also the granddaughter of the late Lillie Mae McMillan of Cross Plains. Tim is the son of Mr. Jake Frazier of San Antonio.

Miss Charmaine E. Barton of Richardson was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Cindy McMillan of Fort Worth (sister of the bride) and Mrs. Susan McMillan Maronski of Watauga (sister of the bride).

Mr. Kenneth Chestnut of Corpus Christi was best man and groomsmen were Mr. Robert

Frazier of Bedford (brother of the groom) and Mr. Greg Braak of Grapevine.

Mr. Frank Drury of Tyler, best friend of the McMillan family, escorted the bride. Mr. Ken Jump officiated.

The reception was held in the reception hall at Northeast Wedding Chapel in Hurst. Wilhoite's of Grapevine catered the event; cakes were designed by Texas Star Bakery of Hurst.

Marcie is currently employed as an account manager at Dimensional Marketing Group in Richardson. Tim is currently employed as the manager of business analysis at Methanex Methanol Company of Dallas.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun and now resides in Grapevine.

Annual Air Show & Open House Scheduled For Sunday, August 22 at

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

My wife and I read with great pleasure and satisfaction the story in the 30 July 1998, edition of the Cross Plains Review describing the dress code recently adopted by the Cross Plains Independent School District Board of Education.

The Board is to be congratulated for exercising such good common sense, courage and backbone in taking this much needed action. The code will undoubtedly be challenged, but we trust the Board will not blink in the face of criticism and ridicule.

The most important of the five reasons stated for adopting the code is to instill discipline and teach

I am attempting to obtain information concerning my brother, Clifton A. Fortune, who entered the Army 14 July, 1944, in Baird. He took basic training at Little Rock, Ark Camp Robinson.

He was assigned to the 78th Division, 309th Infantry Regiment, (Men of Die Hard) in Germany and was killed in action 7 April, 1945. His military records have been

Jim Freeman Recognized at Panhandle Meeting

CHILDRESS — James Freeman of Childress was recently recognized as a public employee who exemplifies public service at a Panhandle Area Public Employees recognition event, "Texans Caring for Texans" held July 30 at Amarillo College.

Freeman was among twenty Panhandle area public employees from a number of state agencies recognized for excellence on the job and service to their community. Freeman was presented a plaque of recognition by State Representative David Swinford. The plaque was signed by State Senator Teel Bivins, State Representatives Warren Chisum, John Smithee and Swinford.

Freeman has worked for the Texas Department of Transportation in varying capacities since 1967, most recently as Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the 13 county respect forauthority. Unfortunately, these two standards of conduct are sorely missing in our society today. Ironically, they are standards of conduct that were once learned at home and in our schools, but have long since been viewed as too autocratic and controlling in both institutions.

My wife and I say, "God Bless the Cross Plains Independent School District Board of Education." Let's hope the move spreads like wildfire nationwide. Maybe it's not too late to save this generation after all. Sincerely,

Earline and Ed Peel

Bryan, Texas

destroyed. If you served with or have knowledge of my brother from the time he entered the Army until his death, I would appreciate your contacting me.

> Audrey Fortune 1302 Bell Sweetwater, Tx. 79556 (915) 235-8286

He has been an active member of

the Childress community through

the Lion's Club, Greenbelt Bowl,

organizations for many years.

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AUGUST 14 Clarence Tennison, Jr. **Carl Morgan** Jessie Ruth McAdams **Junior Brown** Nici Higginbottom **Jim Freeman Debbie Tyler Reed Clayton Lee Thomas Billy Don Bell Robert McCorkle Jimmy Hill** Melody Walker **Paul Wright Ronny Haackonsen** Kami Hargrove

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 15 Barbara Duncan **Pat Albus Steve Petty Isla Stroud Cristy LeeAnn Whiteley** Carie (Renfro) Wheeler **Elvin Burk Maxine Dimitri**

AUGUST 16 Floyd Havens Brett Jennings Kelli (Hargrove) Hyles **Von Dell Bailey Stephen Fortenberry Connie Ricci** Alice Roby

AUGUST 17 **Paula Kelley Nelda** Tennison Angela (Newton) Barraclough Scott Hutton **Tiffany Paige Holland**

AUGUST 13, 1998

AUGUST 18 Tommy Hornsby Harry Watson Paul Edward Walker Chester Brown Don Turner, Jr. Mrs. J. T. Walker **Debbie (Fletcher) Foster** Sheila (Bright) Jackson

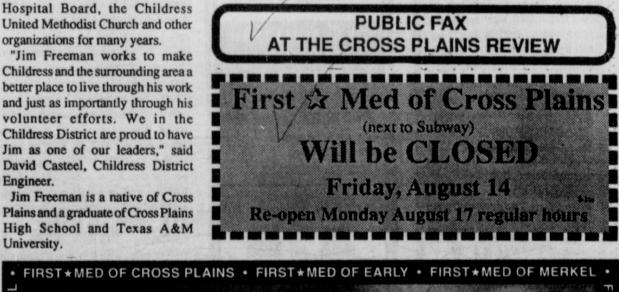
AUGUST 19 Inez Reed **Janie Thomas Rex Mayes** Mrs. Jim Helms **Johnny Ray Wilson** Jery Wayne Perry Mrs. Ronald Miller **Romara Renee Atwood** Jo Ann Renfro **Connie Steele Darcie Walker**

AUGUST 20 Janeal Stephens Sean Holden **Spurlin Holder** Lurene McNutt Mrs. Boswell Burks **Ronnie Lovell** Weldon Stephens **Tommy Brown Zoie Walker**

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Dyess Air Force Base

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Big Country Appreciation Day, the annual Dyess' Air Show is August 22. Gates open at 9 a.m. and flying activities will begin around 10 a.m., with aerobatics beginning at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to Dyess for an up-close look at aircraft and to enjoy other activities ranging from a classic car show to live music.

Admission and parking are free, and food and beverages will be on sale.

This year's featured aerial demonstrations include Dyess' own B-1 Lancer bomber and C-130 Hercules airlifter. The B-1 has thrilled crowds at the annual air show since 1985, when the first operational B-1, "The Spirit of Abilene" was delivered to Dyess. A low altitude, high speed pass will give spectators a close, although brief, look at the sleek, stealthy aircraft, whose silhouette is a familiar one around Abilene.

Two fighter demonstrations will highlight the military portion of the program. There will be a special appearance by the Air Combat Command's F-15 Eagle fighter demonstration unit, along with a Navy F/A-18 Homet fighter.

Static display highlights of current military aircraft will include two F-16 Fighting Falcons and a C-5 Galaxy, America's largest cargo aircraft. Appearing at Dyess for the first time will be the C-130J, the newest member of the Hercules family which features hundreds of improvements from previous models.

Returning to Byess will be an eight-engine B-52 Stratofortress bomber and KC-135 tanker, which were for many years Dyess' combat team.

Additionally many historic aircraft

will be on display, including a World War II-era B-25 Mitchell bomber, made famous on the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, and the A-26 Invader which served from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Also set to attend are the classic training planes that taught a generation to fly. They'll include the powerful Stearmean biplane and Vultee BT-13, both common sights in Texas skies during the war years. Two replica (made for the film "Tora, Tora, Tora") Japanese World War II aircraft, a "Zero" fighter and "Kate" bomber, will also be on display. The Korean War-era will be represented by a Russian MiG-15 fighter and a TF-80 Shooting Star, America's first jet trainer.

Dave Dacy and Tony Kazian will perform a daring wing-walking demonstration on their Super Stearman, and the Fina Pitts plane will perform a special aerobatics demonstration.

There will also be a civilian general aviation fly-in. Private pilots are welcome to fly their planes to the base to take part in aviation safety seminar at 9 a.m. For landing clearance or more information call Capt. Gary Howe at (915) 696-5597. Ground displays include a classic car show and military working dog demonstration by members of the 7th Security Forces Squadron. Also "With Anchovies," a popular Abilene band, which features several military members, will perform.

Visitors are encouraged to talk with air crew members at display aircraft to get firsthand information about U.S. Airpower and Dyess' role in the Air Force Global Power mission.

For more information call the 7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office at (915) 696-2863.

Childress District. In this capacity, he directs planning design, right of way and environmental activities in support of construction projects.

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Austin Geroge W. Bush, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.

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