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## Down Home

"Affects of the Depression Years"

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH

If you lived with a parent who experienced the Great Depression, you knew how it affected them. It must have been a terrible time and the lesson learned everlasting.

My mother, like so many others, believes in never wasting anything - you might need it for something. Also, it resulted in ultra-conservatism when it comes to spending.

I've heard her tell about wearing the flour sack clothing and how few clothes they had; usually just another change.

Coping with those kinds of hardships would be really tough for our spoiled society today.

The following poem, author unknown, may bring back memories of days gone by. Hope you enjoy it.

### Depression Flour Sack Underwear

When I was just a maiden fair  
Mama made our underwear;  
With many kids and Dad's poor pay,  
We had no fancy lingerie.

Monograms and fancy stitches  
Did not adorn our Sunday britches;  
Pantywaists that stood the test  
Had 'Gold Medal' on my breast.

No lace or ruffles to enhance,  
Just 'Pride of Bloomington' on my pants.  
One pair of panties beat them all,  
For it had a scene that I still recall.

Harvesters were gleaning wheat  
Right across my little seat.  
Rougher than a grizzly bear  
Was my flour-sack underwear.  
Plain, not fancy and two feet wide  
And tougher than a hippo's hide.

All through depression each  
Jill and Jack  
Wore the sturdy garb of sack.  
Waste not, want not, we soon learned  
That a penny saved is a penny earned.

There were curtains and tea towels,  
too  
And that is just to name a few,  
But the best beyond compare  
Was my flour-sack underwear.

### Glorify Baptist Church Revival Set For This Weekend

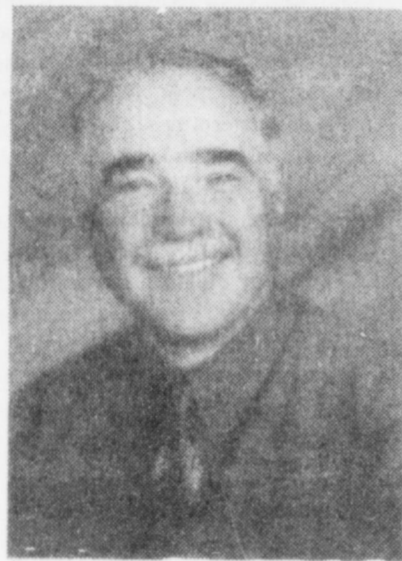
The Glorify Baptist Church will be holding a Revival Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 10 and 11th at 100 South Avenue D in Cross Plains. Friday and Saturday services begin at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Brother Don Harris will be the evangelist. Gospel soloist Linda Dunn, Crimson and The Echoes of Faith, all of Fort Worth, will perform at each service.

Brother Mack Taff invites everyone to join them and help start a "REVIVAL" in the land!

Revive us, and we will call on your name. Psalm 80:18

Lord send a revival and let it begin in me.



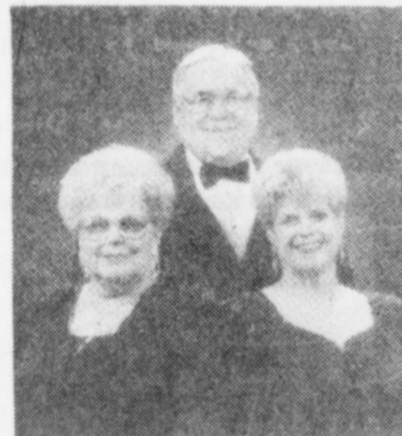
DR. TOMMY CULWELL

### Cottonwood Baptist To Hold Revival Sunday - Wednesday

Cottonwood Baptist Church will be holding revival services April 11-14. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder, will be preaching. He is highly respected as a pastor, Christian leader, and as an evangelist. Frank Hammack will be assisting in music ministry. Service times are 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

All of the churches in the Callahan Baptist Association have been distributing the JESUS videos during the month of March, and all of the churches are holding simultaneous revivals in April.

Everyone is warmly invited to visit during these revival services or at any time.



JERRY & JANICE OLIVER  
LYNETTE JOHNSON

### Pioneer Baptist Church Spring Revival Services April 11-14

The Calvary Singers, a preaching and singing ministry will appear at Pioneer Baptist Church, April 11-14, according to pastor, Dwaine Clower.

The ministry group consists of Jerry Oliver, his wife Janice and Lynette Johnson. The Calvary Singers was born out of a 1970 crisis. While driving to work on I-30 in Dallas in April of 1970, Oliver was involved in a near fatal collision. Oliver was trapped in the wreckage for 2 1/2 hours. Both of his legs were crushed and he was pinned under the motor and received burns from the hot radiator steam. In leg casts, facing weeks of surgery for burns and recuperation time, Oliver was hospitalized for four months. During his hospital stay, he and his wife began ministering to other patients through gospel music.

Following his release from the hospital, Oliver and his family began singing on weekends. In 1975, the Oliver's sold their Dallas home and prepared to go on the road in full time ministry.

They log about 35,000 miles a year and are booked for concerts, revivals and Bible Conferences 50 weeks a year.

Completing the harmony of The Calvary Singers is Lynette Johnson

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### Sister Ruby E. McCowen's "Celebration of Life" Was Held Friday, April 2

Ruby E. McCowen, 98, went to be with her Master on Wednesday, March 31, 1999. A powerful prayer warrior will be missed by the community.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wayne Lenz officiating. Rev. Joe Coppinger delivered her beautiful eulogy. Recorded music by family members was played prior to the service. A recording of Sister Ruby being interviewed by her grandson, James Horton, was also presented. Patrick Hamilton, a great-grandson-in-law, performed a medley of hymns and a granddaughter and her husband, Angie and Ken Eger, performed at the graveside. Interment was in the Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home, Cross Plains.

Mrs. McCowen was born January 29, 1901, in Pioneer the daughter of Ed and Jessie Curry. She married Charlie M. McCowen on April 12, 1922, in Mountaineer, New Mexico. He preceded her in death.

She was an ordained minister of the Pentecostal Church since 1924 and preached at the Pioneer Pentecostal Church until 1996.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Grace Eakin, Gerie Powell and Marie Pancake; one brother, E.M. Curry; one grandson, Charles V. McCowen; and one great-granddaughter, Angie Michelle McCowen.

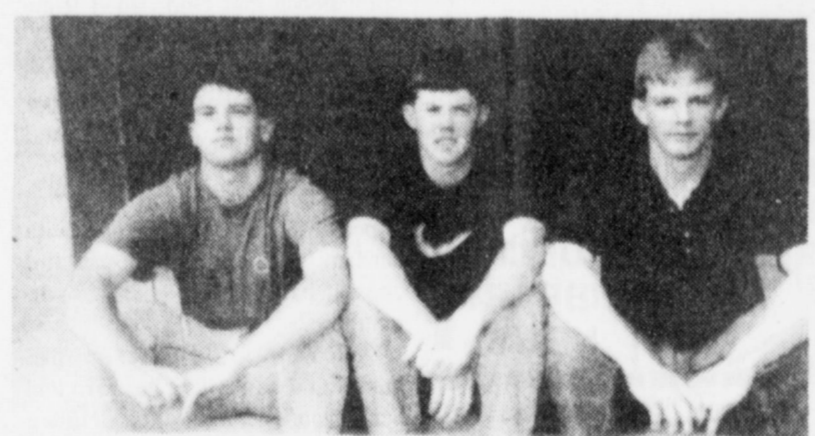


RUBY MCCOWEN

Survivors include seven children, Burlie Paul McCowen of Abilene, Charlene McGowen of Brownwood, Jimmy V. McCowen of Early, Bobby Jack McCowen and Naomi McCowen, both of Cross Plains, Reuben, McCowen of Lubbock and Bonita Horton of Burke, Virginia; two sisters, Kate McCary and Blanche Brooks, both of Cross Plains; one brother Ray See SISTER RUBY page 2



ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS — Zach Edington (from left), Jody Pancake and Coby Richards.



HONORABLE MENTIONS — Sam Nixon (from left), Cody Reed and Joseph Dillard.

### Six Buffalo Players Named To All-District Basketball Teams

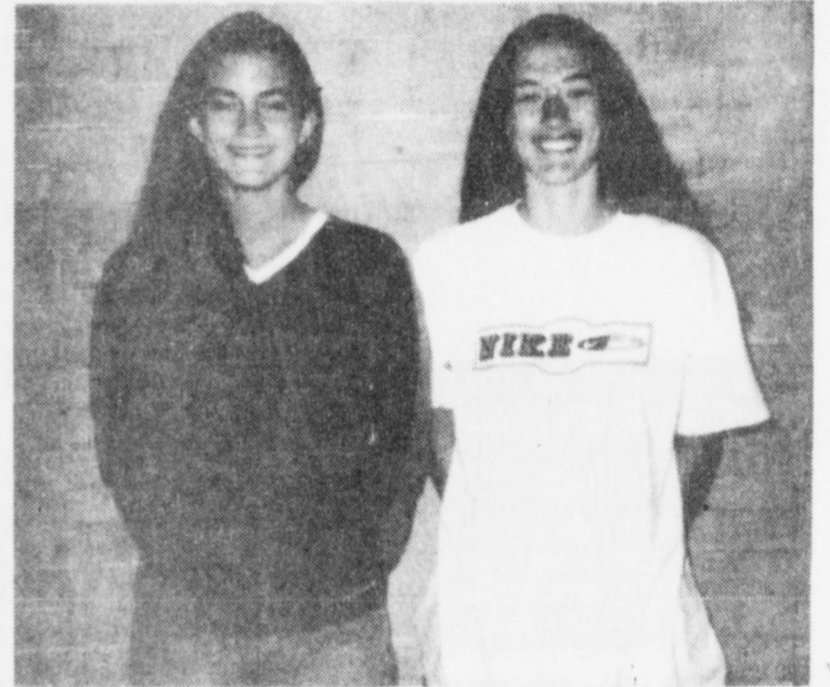
Basketball season has come to an end and three players, Zach Edington, Coby Richards and Jody Pancake were named to All-District for District 28-A for the 98-99 season. Sam Nixon, Cody Reed and Joseph Dillard were named Honorable Mention.

Zach is the son of Howard and Debbie Edington, Cody, the son of Monty and Melissa Richards, and

Jody, the son of Randy and Phyllis Pancake. Sam is the son of Leon and Teri Nixon, Cody, the son of Rusty and Debbie Reed, and Joseph, the son of Donnie and Barbara Dillard.

A fond farewell is sent to the seniors on the Buffalo team and wish them luck.

Everyone is looking forward to a great season next year.



BASKETBALL HONOREES — Whitney Giles (from left) and Laura Ricci.

### Laura Ricci & Whitney Giles Post Season Basketball Honors Told

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

Laura Ricci was named to the 1st Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-State as selected by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Whitney was named to the 2nd Team All-Region Class A Team.

The All-Region Teams consist of the best 20 players in each of the 4 regions of Texas basketball. One thru 10 are 1st Team and 11 thru 20 are 2nd Team.

To give you an idea what a select group this is, there are 16 districts in each region with anywhere from 64 to 80 schools per region.

All-State selection takes the 20 players from each region for a total of 80 players and narrows the list to the top 20 players in the state. One thru 10 are 1st Team and 11 thru 20 are 2nd Team.

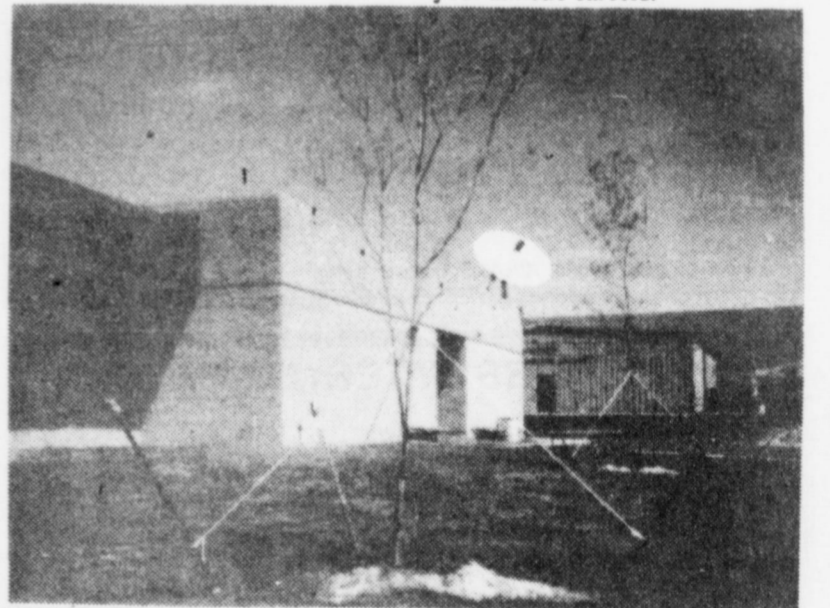
The selections are based on points

per game, rebounds, steals, assists, field goal percentage, tournament honors, district honors, team success and defensive play.

Laura averages 19 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals, 46 percent field goal and 65 percent free throw per game. Ricci has been named to All-District for four years; two years Most Valuable Player of District; and has received numerous tournament and post-season honors. She is the best all-around player I have ever coached.

Whitney averages 14 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals, 44 percent field goals and 50 percent free throws per game. Giles has been named to All-District three years and received numerous tournament and post-season honors. She is the best defensive player I have ever coached.

Congratulations on your awards and the success you have achieved in your athletic careers.



MASONS HELP LANDSCAPE SCHOOL CAMPUS

### Masonic Lodge Sponsors Tree Planting

By BEAKAY BELL  
Student Writer

Saturday, March 6, six young Spanish oak trees were planted in various places in front of the high school.

Acting upon an idea from a member, the Masonic Lodge of Cross Plains sponsored the planting in an effort to "beautify the area."

Four of the six trees were donated by the Masonic Lodge, and the remaining two were purchased by the Student Council, as well as the sand required for planting.

Bewel Neff, Cecil Barton, H.D. Weaver and Stan Painter, among others, helped plant the trees supplied by Mike Knott, using equipment donated by H.D. Weaver.

"[The trees] were the brainchild of H.D. Weaver," John Baum, project coordinator said.

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COUNTY COURT  
Roger Corn presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Charged with DWI: Lee Andra Goble, Gregory Leonard Chadwick, Lester Charles Howe.  
Charged with theft of property by check: Eric Weiner, Trenia D. Thornton, Betty R. Chaney, Freddy L. Fortune.  
Douglas Cooper Galloway, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage and DUI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

John B. Mendez, SOS Bail Bond be allowed to withdraw as surety.  
Ginger Dodson, motion dismissed to revoke probation.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Divorces filed:  
Dinah Louise Caskey & Jim Bob Ferguson.  
Wagley, Lana Paulette & Zoi Lynn.  
Harkins, Warren D. & Margaret Jane.

Civil Minutes

Myrl Loyd Hill, found to be \$16,692.33 in arrears on child support; new schedule to payments began 3-18-99.

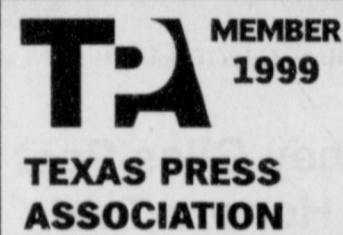
Divorces granted:  
Phillips, Karen Sue and Robert Wayne.  
Black, William N. & Nelda Carlene.

Felony Minutes

Brian Lee Grisham, probation discharged under deferred adjudication.

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Selected Scriptures

Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, because I have hoped in your word. Psalms 119:74  
...If we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Romans 8:25  
Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

Edgar Nelson McAnally

Edgar Nelson McAnally, 84, died Friday, April 2, 1999, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mrs. McAnally was born in Coleman County. He married Frances Eulala McDermott in Cross Plains in 1935. He was a farmer and a rancher. He was a member of Burkett Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of Cross Plains; two sons, Larry McAnally of Brownwood and Eddie McAnally of Burkett; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jim Earl 'Whitey' Walker

RISING STAR—Jim Earl "Whitey" Walker, 63, died Thursday, April 1, 1999, in a Brownwood hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in Longbranch Cemetery.

Mr. Walker was born in Carbon and graduated from Rising Star High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had been employed by Star Feed Mill. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sisters, Judy McCourt of Midland, Wanda George of Stephenville, and JoAnn Willard of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edra Lora Claborn

BROWNWOOD—Edra Lora Claborn, 93, of Zephyr died Monday, April 5, 1999, at a Wolfforth nursing home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Beckling officiating. Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Claborn was born in Rising Star and had lived in Brown and Mills counties for 65 years. She had lived in Wolfforth and Hereford for 12 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Zephyr United Methodist Church, where she was a pianist and organist. She was the widow of Merle Claborn.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Lockridge of Lubbock and Marian Rogers of Newport, Oregon; two brothers, Clifford Watkins of Rising Star and Edward Watkins of Coleman; one sister, Billie Page of Amite, Louisiana; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

SISTER RUBY

Curry of Abilene; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Ronald McCowen, Bill McCowen, Danny McGowen, Mark McCowen, James Horton and Greg McCowen.

The following was submitted by Ruby's daughter, Bonita Horton: Ruby loved all of God's creations, but she had a special love for the people of God -- regardless of their denomination. She believed that churches should operate in fellowship and in harmony.

Several years ago, the Lord led Ruby to help start a fellowship of different churches in the area. The fellowship called "The Draw Nigh to God Fellowship" consisted of 8-10 area churches from Brownwood, Brady, Goldthwaite, Lometa Rising Star, Cross Plains and Pioneer. Meetings were held every two weeks on Friday night with the various churches hosting. She was faithful to pray for the pastors and churches of all denominations.

In Mountaineer, New Mexico in the 1920's they had one small church called Union Church; where the Church of Christ, Methodist and Baptist met each Sunday and every Sunday a different church was in charge of the services -- morning and evening. We never heard of any dissent or trouble of any kind about these meetings. She thought well of all churches.

Ruby also had a special burden for those who did not know Jesus personally. When meeting new people, her biggest concern was whether they knew Christ. She wanted to make sure they would spend eternity in heaven. Ruby was faithful to God's call on her life until the very end. Two weeks ago, she dedicated her nephews' two grandchildren to the Lord.

We do not believe it is by coincidence that God called Ruby home during the Passover Celebration time period. She loved to celebrate the Passover. Just prior to her passing, she discussed preparing the Passover bread, etc. with her daughter and niece. She had hoped to celebrate the Passover with her family and friends, but the Lord chose to have her celebrate Passover with him.

While we all loved Ruby's sense of humor and adventure, her love and her servant's heart; the most defining and lasting impact of Ruby's life was her love for Jesus Christ. We are all different people because of it. She provided us with a wonderful spiritual heritage that will live on through us.

She was still getting around with her walker the last days of her earthly life. Bye for now Mother.  
Love,  
Her seven children.

TREES

Not only are trees beautiful, but they are also a universal symbol of hope, growth, healing and the cycles of life.

H.D. Weaver is continuing to plan other projects to take place throughout the community.

Texas Department of Human Services 1998 Annual Report

The state spent a total of \$3,544,445 last year for major welfare programs in Callahan County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$834,271 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$166,437. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents. Nursing home costs of approxi-

mately \$1,752,348 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$484,035 for Medicaid related services and \$307,354 for non-Medicaid related services," Ms. Evans said.

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 11, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

SS Rep. Schedule Announced

A representative of the Social Security Administration located in Abilene will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Eastland on Tuesday, April 27, May 18 and June 15 at 9:30 a.m. for your convenience.

You may call Social Security toll-free any weekday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

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Revival Services

April 11-14  
Cottonwood Baptist Church

Dr. Tommy Culwell, Evangelist  
Frank Hammack, Music Leader  
Sunday Services  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
6:00 Evening Service  
Monday - Wednesday Services  
7:00 p.m. each evening

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Glorify Baptist Church

100 S. Ave. D  
Bro. Don Harris, Evangelist  
April 9, 10 & 11

7:00 p.m. on the 9th & 10th  
and 11:00 a.m. on the 11th  
Guest Singers Include

Gospel Soloist Linda Dunn, Crimmon, The Echoes of Faith  
Please join us each service to help start a "REVIVAL" in the land!

Spring Revival

April 11 - 14, 1999

at  
Pioneer Baptist Church

Services: Sunday Morning 11:00  
- Potluck lunch  
Sun. - Wed. Evening 7:00  
Music: The Calvary Singers  
Evangelist: Jerry Oliver  
Pastor: Dwaine Clower

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—Signed God

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Sunday Mass:  
8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary ..... F St. at 12th ..... Cisco, Texas  
10:00 a.m. St. Rita (Rector) ..... 1109 Blackwell Rd. .... Ranger, Texas  
10:00 a.m. \* St. Francis (Spanish) ..... 806 S. Halbryan ..... Eastland, Texas  
11:30 a.m. St. John ..... Hickory Street ..... Strawn, Texas  
Pastor: Fr. Vincent B. Inametti (254) 647-3167  
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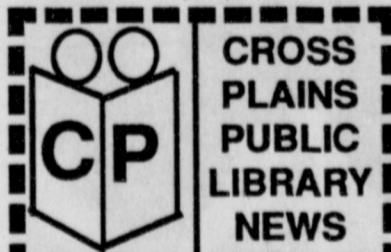
Mid Year Meeting of Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association April 15

The Association Mid Year Meeting will be held April 15, 1999, at Pioneer Baptist Church, located between Cross Plains and Rising Star, on FM 374. The Executive Board and WMU will meet at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. The evening session will begin at 6:45 p.m. Special music will be presented by The Calvary Singers from Mesquite. There will be two speakers: Terry Fox, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas and Dr. Stan Coffey, President of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

All area churches are invited to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Dwaine Clower at 254-725-7574.

PIONEER

who joined the evangelistic team March 1, 1996. Lynette is a singer and a song writer and she takes care of the groups comedy act that is performed at church fellowships and other occasions. LulaBell is a funny character who young and old enjoy.



Students: Check the Young Adult Section for an unusually good choice of subjects pertaining to your life now and in the future.

Examples: Fulton, Michael - Careers in Cyberspace  
Woods, Samuel - Sexually Transmitted Diseases  
Schauer, Donald - Careers in Trucking  
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# NEWS

By  
**LINDA MERRITT**  
Activity Director



**PAULINE REGION**

...March Resident of the Month

Pauline Region is our chosen resident for this month. She is 75 years old and born in Pioneer. She had twelve children in all with four still living. Pauline enjoys having her brother here with her, music and watching Days of Our Lives. Congratulations Pauline.

We all would like to welcome our new administrator Mark Slaughter. All family and friends are invited to come by and meet Mark.

Special appreciation to our anonymous friend for the beautiful Easter Lilies that were sent to the residents. God bless you. Jackie Turner was surprised with a birthday party from some of the employees. She said it was very nice. Happy 40th Jackie.

All of us here at Colonial Oaks will long remember a very dear special lady - Sister Ruby McCowen. We loved and appreciated her so much. She was an inspiration to us all and we will never forget her.

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

Our sincere love and sympathy to the family of Ed McAnally on the loss of their loved one.

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

Appreciation to Beverly Brown for the pretty Easter basket.

Darlene Meador from Coleman visited with Falba Shofner, Pauline Region and Ralph Lee.

Delilah Goble and Violet Edwards from Cisco visited Lillie Childers.

Lawrence and Hazel Lee from Pioneer visited Ralph Lee and Pauline Region.

Mona Wilson from Abilene visited Blanch Brooks.

Ryan Gordon from Abilene and Linda Wilson visited with Howet Wilson and Blanche Brooks.

Roger and Michelle Rudloff from Arlington visited with Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week were:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Alpha Wilson, Vera Belyeu (2), Howet Wilson (3), Falba Shofner and Minnie Swann (2). Exercise class and Skip-Bo games.

**Tuesday:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social. Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Ruby Harrell (3), Louise Richardson, Inola Wilcoxen, Howet Wilson (2) and Nash Tucker.

**Wednesday:** Art class, exercise class and dominoes.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Melba Crisp, Alpha Wilson (2) and Louise Richardson. Ball toss and Skip-Bo games.

**Friday:** Sit-down-basketball. Singing with Bob Wallace. Skip-Bo games.

**Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.**

## Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

### "No Pickles"

Cross Plains, Texas was where we lived, down at the east end of what is now 10th Street. The house we were renting at the time is still standing there today. The house faces south. My age at the time was about 6 1/2 years. The year was 1944.

We had moved from Fort Worth about 2 1/2 years earlier, when my father became ill. The doctor told mama to get daddy away from the city to a place where there was plenty of fresh air and sunshine. My sister, Ann, was 2 years old when we moved back here and 4 1/2 years in 1944.

She was a pudgy little girl with huge brown eyes and a sweet smile. I remember when we lived here, her most frequent playmate was Ross McGary. I remember his mothers name was Buelah.

That year I began to cough an awful lot, wasn't gaining any weight; as a matter of fact I was painfully thin. My sister and I both weighed 25 pounds. Mama took me to the doctor at Baird as my cough got worse and worse. He was Dr. Stubblefield and from him mama learned two things. My problem was I had tuberculosis and 2nd I had to go to a sanitarium for the tuberculosis.

My Uncle Wayne drove us and we went to San Angelo. My uncle, my dad, my mother and me spent the night with mama's cousin Gracie, her husband and daughter Belita. We had to get up so early in the morning that it was still dark out. Of course to a 6 1/2 year old girl with a whopping imagination, the dark and early hour caused the journey to have a certain fairy tale mystique about it.

Before long I became hungry and we stopped and mama got me a hamburger. She fed it to me slowly and in small bites as we rode along. That hamburger tasted so good to me especially the onions but I didn't like the pickles in it and I said so. To get me to eat was very important so to accomplish this, mama had to pick

every one of those pickles out of that hamburger. In those days hamburgers had a lot more than 3 pickles on them also. Well, I shocked 'em all and ate every bite of that hamburger. Soon we reached our destination. It was July 1944, and our destination, a sanitarium for minor aged children for the tubercular. A destination which changed my life forever.

I was left there and the rest of my family had to return home to Cross Plains to see about my little sister. I stayed in the sanitarium for nine months. My parents visited me monthly which was all they could afford. Things were rough in World War II. I only was able to see my sister once in all that nine months, one time and then I was only able to wave to her from across the street. You see tuberculosis is contagious and no children under 16 were allowed to visit. Not even your own sister.

I spent my first year in school there. Another little girl, her name was Ruth and I got a spanking while there for picking the state flower. We thought our bouquet of bluebonnets was quite lovely. We knew better 'cause we tried to hide the bouquet by picking tree leaves and placing them over the blossoms. I was able to return to Cross Plains in April 1945, by that time to a home on 9th Street one street over. Mama and daddy had bought a house.

The bluebonnet is still my favorite flower, I still don't want pickles on my hamburger or sandwich and I'm sure not thin anymore. Not by a lo-o-onn-n-n-g shot.

In 1949, we left Cross Plains and moved to Baird. In 1958 I married and we lived in several places and in two different states.

In 1992, we moved to Cross Plains and now have a daughter and grand-daughter living here. Our other three children and two grandchildren live in other cities in Texas.

I suppose you could say I've come full circle. My pickles! I still want them "on the side". NOT on my hamburger!

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Lynn and Pam Hutton and children Brandy, Scott and Samantha visited his parents Cowan and Laverne Sunday afternoon. Annie Williams visited with Laverne recently.

Oliver, Frankie and Jean went to the Rising Star musical Friday night. They went to Echo Saturday night to the musical.

Sunday, Oliver and Frankie was surprised by a visit from her sisters Mrs. Dorothy Rogers of Ranger, Mrs. Duke Pigeon of Weatherford and their friend Jay. We enjoyed them very much.

Earlene Burge enjoyed a visit from her nephew, Dennis and Sharon Brown and son, Dave from Albuquerque, New Mexico. With them were two young ladies from Albuquerque, Rebecca and Elizabeth. Dennis' mother, Mary Ann Perry also came. They were going on to the metroplex to visit other family

members before returning home.

"Dominio Party" night will be on April 8. There were about 14 people playing last get-together. Come on out and have some fun. There was a report that there was some very good food served.

The club did get Lou's "Tulip Applique" out. It is sooo beautiful. We are trying to convince her to enter it in the fair next fall. We are working on Frankie's "Nine Patch". Jean Alexander has an antique quilt in. It was pieced by Della Browning. Also, we have a quilt put in for Cody Hounshell.

Jean Alexander and Lottie Sooter visited with Cody Hounshell Thursday afternoon.

**Words of Wisdom #71:** We may elevate ourselves, but we should never reach so high that we would ever forget those who helped us get there. Will Rogers

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

By RON RICCI

The senior citizens of Cross Plains want to thank everyone that purchased baked goods last Saturday. We raised \$259 for the center. We could not keep it open without your support. Thanks a lot from all the seniors.

Sears Home Health will be here on Thursday, April 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon for free blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol tests. Come and take advantage of this, eat, play games and visit with your friends.

We will all miss Ruby McCowen. Our town will surely miss her prayers and support.

We always appreciate our volunteers, they keep the center going and we couldn't operate without you. An appreciation dinner will be held on April 19. The evening meal will be a catered affair. You will receive an invitation and please RSVP to 725-6521.

**Once moms and dads learn how nutritious chocolate milk is they may be eager to put chocolate milk mustache smiles on their family's faces.**

## SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU

APRIL 12 - APRIL 16

**MONDAY**—Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, yellow squash, angel food cake w/icing, bread and milk.

**TUESDAY**—Chicken Teriyaki, stir fry vegetables, rice, peanut butter cookie, cheesecake, bread and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**—Lasagna, veggie salad, zucchini, pineapple, garlic sticks, crackers and milk.

**THURSDAY**—Pork chops, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apple crisp, mixed fruit, roll and milk.

**FRIDAY**—Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, baked beans, tator tots, peach crisp and milk.

## The Way It Was

By CLARA NELL SPENCER

Just Us

FANNIE

Fanora Elizabeth "Fannie" Neeb was born August 14, 1918, the youngest of four daughters born to Martin Neeb and Lucy Elizabeth Baum Neeb in Cross Plains, Callahan County. Martin was German, and his parents still spoke German in the home. "Miss" Lucy, Fannie's mother, always said she never knew if they were talking about her or not. Fannie was a born mimic and kept her friends entertained mocking Granny Neeb and Granny Lamar, Fannie's maternal grandmother.

Fannie was the youngest, smallest, probably the smartest and most studious of the "Just Us" Club. She was very pretty and blonde. Graduating from 7th Grade to High School, Fannie's feet, shod in white Roman sandals, wouldn't reach the floor from her chair on the stage.

She was a true Buffalo fan, full of pep and spirit. She used to say to beat Albany was the most important thing in her life. Fannie was a fine girl, friendly, kind, and always good company -- a true friend. Her favorite story was how Granny Lamar would find the guilty one when something had happened. She would say, "Get the rooster and put him

under the wash tub. Each one walk by the tub and hit it with a stick. When the guilty one hits it, the rooster will crow." Invariably, Leta or Marie, Fannie's middle sisters would confess. They were very lively.

Fannie graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1934, the youngest one in the class. She was an A student and gave the class prophecy. Fannie was football queen in her senior year. She attended J.T.A.C. for one year and transferred to Howard Payne where she received her degree and met her future husband, Ronald Miller, a fine young man from Fabens. Ronald and Fannie were married and the entered the Air Force to save his country in World War II.

The Millers have had a very happy and successful marriage and life. They have lived in Pecos, where Ronald was a very successful cotton farmer. They are now retired and enjoy golf, bridge, children and grandchildren. Their three children, John, Ronald Dale and Marsha are graduates of Texas Tech, Lubbock, and have successful careers, happy marriages and children.

Congratulations, Fannie, you are still a queen!

## BURKETT NEWS

By  
LOVERA STRICKLAND

It lightened and thundered in Burkett early this morning. We almost get a shower I think. We didn't have any water standing when I got up. Maybe we will get some running water some day.

Virgil and Freeda Burkett entertained family and friends during the week of March 26 through April 1. Virgil and Freeda's son, Bill and his wife, Phyllis drove down from St. Louis, Missouri arriving on Friday afternoon. They departed on April 1 for St. Louis, Missouri.

Sunday afternoon Freeda's niece Karen Garland and her husband, Clay, from New Braunfels visited. They enjoyed lunch and had a good time together.

Sunday evening, Virgil's niece, Nina Laginess and her husband, Bob, visited for the evening. They had a great time catching up on news.

On Monday, Virgil's grandson, Steve Burkett and his wife came to see everyone for a couple of days. They departed April 1 for Nashville, Tennessee. The week was busy and very exciting for everyone.

Visiting David and Laura Dean Easter weekend were Selena and two children and friend Kevin of Lampasses, Tara and Brenia Brudney, Nateshah Dansby, Danial and Kacida Dean, Lisa and children, Rachel, Timothy, Dillanger Pennion and David Dean, Jr. of Coleman, Mike, Jeremiah and Chance Dansby of Burkett.

Visiting in the Bill and Addie Walker home and also attending the Easter get-together in Carbon Saturday were her children and families and her mother, Hazel Campbell.

Visiting were Philip Walker and daughter, Chelsea and friends, April and Sara Fenton, Sallie and Devin Nanny, Jorie and Cade, Loren and Darla Weatherby and Collin and

Shea Walker and Ryan. Chelsea's visit was extended through Monday. She spent Sunday night with Jorie Nanny, where they enjoyed a cook-out.

Erica Walker of San Angelo visited her parents, Andy and Kasko and her grandpa, Andrew Walker.

Easter brought the gathering of the Golson's in Burkett. Pete Golson, Murray and Angie Golson, Ronnie and Julie and Amanda Wilde came from Rankin. Jacob Golson, Misty Golson and Mitch made it from San Angelo in time for church Sunday. Joe Golson, Michelle Wilkovich, Kelsey and Logan from Coleman also joined Low and Liz Golson, Beth Kleiber, Steve and Amber Kleiber and Brenna of Burkett. Some visited Aunt Grace Green Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Jack and Lovera Strickland Easter weekend were Jackie and Julie Strickland, Jacob, Shari, Jeremy and Jared of Somerville Lake, Marsha Turney, Jon and Matt of Whon, Bill Strickland, Shirley Hunter, Randy Strickland, Ken and Jan Baker, Landon Pope and Hayden, Eddie and Michele Strickland and Daniel and Marty and Glenda Callaway and J.J. They all helped Jack celebrate his birthday April 3.

Linda Brady secretary-treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery reports some recent donations. Those sending donations were Lucille Creek in memory of Lillian Harris \$25; J.C. and Lorene Baker \$30; Grady and Frances Harris in memory of Preston C. Baker \$25; Skip and Paula Nichols in memory of Earl Baker \$25 and Fannie Bowden \$50.

The Burkett-Adams Cemetery directors would like to express their appreciation for each and every donation.

### OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

#### Warm Weather Increases Risk of Salmonella

The risk of salmonella nearly doubles in the summer. The symptoms are nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea and are often confused with the flu. It's not just meat, fish, dairy products, and eggs that pose a risk, but also rice, pasta, and cooked vegetable dishes. Food left unrefrigerated for more than an hour should be discarded. Keep hot food at 140 degrees F or higher and cold food at 40 degrees F or colder.

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### BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher  
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I heard it said once that the most disappointed person in the world is the person who gets only what he deserves. And when you think about it, isn't it true that we are blessed far above what we "deserve"? On the other hand, however, there are some who seem to deserve more than they get.

Once there were two farmers who had land adjoining, one was a rank atheist, the other was a Christian. As they talked at the fence one day the atheist mentioned that the Christian's going to church, praying, and right kind of living in general didn't seem to help him much. Their crops produced about the same since they received the same sun and rain. The Christian paused for a moment, then replied, "All accounts are not settled in the fall harvest."

Paul writes by inspiration that all of us have sinned and that the wages of sin is death, Romans 3:23; 6:23. That's what we deserve -- what we have earned by sinning. I am glad Paul didn't stop there, however. He also added, "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." He was talking to ones who had realized what they deserved, who realized they would be terribly disappointed if they got what they deserved, and had responded to the free gift of life -- real life -- offered by God through Christ.

The New Testament tells how to accept the gift that we don't deserve and avoid the death which we do. That alone makes it important enough to read and reread for God's instructions of how to "be on the right side of the fence" in judgment... Come join us as we study God's word and worship Him.

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Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Lady Buffs Win May Tiger Relays

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Thursday, April 1, we participated at the May Tiger Relays. The Lady Buffs won the meet scoring 128 team points. There was one milestone to report, Laura and Whitney both broke the school record for High Jump by clearing 5' 5".

Shot Put - Wilson - 34' 7" - 1st place; Francy - 31' 1 1/4" - 6th place  
Discus - Francy - 99' - 3rd place  
Triple Jump - Richey - 34' 1/2" - 1st place; T. Wyatt - 30' 6" - 6th place  
High Jump - Giles - 5' 5" - 1st place; Ricci - 5' 5" - 2nd place **NEW**

### SCHOOL RECORD

2 Mile - Stephens - 16:29.37 - 6th place  
400 Relay - T. Wyatt, Payne, Thomas, Ricci - 54.54 - 4th place  
100 hurdles - Richey - 15.60 - 1st place  
800 run - Bennett - 2:47.94 - 5th place  
400 dash - Ricci - 65.50 - 2nd place  
300 hurdles - Richey - 46.25 - 1st place  
200 dash - Lewis - 29.24 - 4th place  
1 mile - Bennett - 6:21 - 5th place  
800 relay - Payne, Thomas, Giles, Lewis - 1:55.65 - 2nd place  
Mile relay - Ricci, Giles, Thomas, Richey - 4:25.27 - 1st place

## Student Awarded Carr Academic Scholarship

Jolena Fleming from Cross Plains High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1999-2000.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

## SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 12 - APRIL 16  
(Subject To Change)

### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY**—Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY**—Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**—Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY**—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY**—Eggs, bacon, toast, assorted juice and milk.

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**—Hot dot w/chili, chips, ranch beans, pear and milk.  
**TUESDAY**—Chicken strips w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, rolls, honey and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**—Chalupas, salad, corn, brownies and milk.  
**THURSDAY**—Chicken pot pie, cheese stick, crackers, green beans, mixed fruit and milk.  
**FRIDAY**—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

### Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

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Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.  
**Washington**  
Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.  
Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.  
Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302.  
Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.

## C. P. Tennis Team Results

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

The Cross Plains Tennis Team was in Breckenridge Friday, April 2. There was only 5 schools in the tournament, but competition from 3A and 4A schools was very evident.

The weather was hot and humid in the afternoon. The tournament was supposed to be 2 days but all matches were completed in 1 day.

Results are as follows:

### Boys singles

Colby Richards beat Breckenridge (8-0) lost to Eastland (6-7) (2-6) beat Eastland's No. 2 (8-4) won 3rd place  
Joe Hopkins beat Stamford (8-3) beat Mineral Wells (6-2) (6-0) finals lost to Eastland (4-6) (6-7) won 2nd place

### Girls singles

Brandy Hutton beat Breckenridge (8-0) lost to Stamford (2-6) (2-6)  
Mindy Mitchell beat Breckenridge

(6-2) (6-0) beat Mineral Wells (6-0) (6-3) finals beat Stamford (6-3) (6-3) won 1st place

### Boys doubles

Aaron Norris and Josh Hopkins lost to Mineral Wells (3-8)  
Brandon Gilliam and Sam Nixon beat Mineral Wells (8-1) lost to Stamford (1-6) (3-6) beat Mineral Wells (8-5) won 3rd place

### Girls doubles

Shena Thomas and Sara Nixon lost to Breckenridge (3-8)  
Jolena Fleming and Amanda Dillard beat Breckenridge (8-4) lost to Breckenridge No. 1 (0-6) (6-7)

The team members will be in Santa Anna Friday and Saturday for a tune-up tournament prior to district tennis on April 12 and 13 in Brownwood.

I would like to say thanks to the parents who helped with food and ice water at Breckenridge.



**ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT** — Ashley Beggs (front, from left), Amanda Dillard and Jolena Fleming; Sam Nixon, Whitney Giles, Laura Ricci and Mindy Mitchell.

## Basketball Academic All-District Honors Recently Announced

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

During the formation of a new basketball district, academic honors were developed. This is a way to recognize athletes in basketball who excel in the classroom as well. Athletes must maintain an A average for both the 3rd and 4th six weeks grading periods to become eligible.

Ask any coach, intelligence level and understanding of the game plays a large part in the plan to be successful. High performance in the classroom has proven itself. After all, the classroom is where you learn study habits, work ethics and a desire to be the best.

I am very proud of these young ladies and gentleman for their dedication in the gym, but more importantly for what they have accomplished in their classrooms for their futures.

Congratulations to Ashley Beggs, Amanda Dillard, Jolena Fleming, Whitney Giles, Laura Ricci, Mindy Mitchell, LeaJean Wyatt and Sam Nixon.



**ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT** — LeaJean Wyatt

## C. P. Scouts To Have Car Wash Sat., April 10

The Cross Plains Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will have a car wash Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the United Pentecostal Church on Hwy. 36. Cost of the car wash will be by donations. So please come by and help the scouts.



**ONE ACT PLAY CAST AND CREW** — Whitney Giles (sitting, from left), Jessica Childers and Jodi Payne; Jennifer Hartman (middle, from left), Brittany Bennett, Dusty Anderson and Brice Hail; Shane Sharp (back, from left), Joseph Hopkins, Stephanie Childress, Melinda Richardson, Laura Ricci, and Marian Hopkins.

## One Act Play Completion Results

District One Act Play competition was held on Tuesday, March 30 in Eden. Four schools from the 9 member district vied for the privilege to advance in this district competition. Cross Plains and Lometa advanced from the west zone competition in the previous week. Eden and Menard advanced from the east zone also the week before.

The district competition was judged by Dr. David Allen from Midland College. The two schools to advance from this level were Lometa (performing Plaza Suite) and Menard (Bus Stop). Lometa received 3 awards and Menard took

home 5. Cross Plains was recognized with 4 awards and Eden (Bride to Terabithia) received 6.

For Cross Plains, the awards received were: Honorable Mention: Brittany Bennett, Laura Ricci and Shane Sharpe. Brice Hail was recognized on the All Star Cast. The entire cast includes Joseph Hopkins, Stephanie Childress, Jessica Childers, Dusty Anderson, Marian Hix and Melinda Richardson. The crew includes Whitney Giles, Jodi Payne and Jennifer Hartman.

The community performance for this year's play will be on Tuesday,

April 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The place will be the school auditorium. Admission will be \$1.00 per person Cross Plains' selection, "Play On" is a comedy about a group putting on a play in a community theatre. The play is very entertaining and reflects very well, the realities of trying to prepare and actually present a live performance. The 13 students involved have spent many hours in preparation and rehearsal and would love to have everyone come to see the results of their efforts.

## Cross Plains Little League Having Raffle Fund-Raiser

The Cross Plains Little League is having a raffle to raise money for the 1999 ball season. The money raised will help the league to buy equipment and work on our playing fields.

If you missed the sign-up you may still sign up for baseball from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, before tryouts. After this time there will be no more applications taken. The players are now selling the raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. We will draw for the prizes on opening day of our season April 24, following the opening ceremonies and between each of the ballgames. One ticket will give you a chance to win one of the following prizes:

1. One night stay at the Abilene Fairfield Inn. Room type to include one queen bed or two queen beds.

Complimentary breakfast included.  
2. A gift certificate from Target for \$50.

3. \$50 worth of gift certificates from Joe Allen's. These are for any of the following: Joe Allen's Bar-B-Que, Cahoots, Borderlands, and The RailHead Grill.

4. \$50 savings bond from Citizens State Bank.

5. A gift certificate from Wal-Mart.

6. One appetizer and one dessert from Chili's.

7. One appetizer and one dessert from Chili's.

8. A shirt, cap and baseball from the Abilene Prairie Dogs.

9. A one year subscription from the Cross Plains Review.

10. A one year subscription from the Cross Plains Review.

11. 5 quart oil change from T & K Tire and Alignment.

12. 2 fish dinners from Jean's Feed Barn.

13. A Dream Candle from Tim's Floral and Gifts.

14. One oil change from Charlie's Truck Repair.

15. An autographed cap from the Texas Rangers.

16. 2 adult and 3 student buffets from CiCi's Pizza.

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# Local Efforts Fail To Prevent Closure of First Med of Cross Plains

By DENISE COULTER

When the pending closure of the Hendrick Medical Center First Med Clinics was announced in the Abilene Reporter News local efforts began to try to prevent the loss of the local clinic. Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Denise Coulter and Chamber of Commerce Office Manager Susan Schaefer consulted and decided that a phone-in campaign and petition might be the best way to convince Hendrick officials of the importance of the First Med Clinic to the citizens of the Cross Plains area.

Petitions were placed at various locations around town and to date almost 400 signatures were obtained requesting that Hendrick keep the Cross Plains clinic open. Denise Coulter, Susan Schaefer and Steve Mack, President of the economic

Development Corporation placed calls to Joe Pearson, Hendrick Vice-President of Regional Affairs, and Mike Walters, CEO of Hendrick Medical Center. Both individuals stated that it was impossible to keep the local clinic open because of economic reasons. Joe Pearson also commented on the "hundreds of calls" received from Cross Plains residents.

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation office was contacted by State Representative Jim Keffer's Austin office. Representative Keffer requested that a representative of the Cross Plains EDC be present at a March 11 meeting with Hendrick officials concerning the closure of the clinics in Clyde and Cross Plains. Denise Coulter traveled to Austin and met with Representative Keffer, Norman Archibald and Richard Shelbourne of Hendrick Medical Center, and

Craig Walker and Bob Moore, Rural Health Care Advisors. In this meeting Representative Keffer suggested that Hendrick allow the Clyde and Cross Plains clinics to remain open for an additional 30 days to give the two communities a chance to work on an agreement similar to the arrangement between Hendrick and Albany (this agreement involves a monthly subsidy of \$4,400/month for one year and then the local hospital district will take over operation of the clinic). U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's office also contacted the EDC office and requested an update on the matter. On March 15 Coulter was contacted by Hendrick official Mike Walters stating that Hendrick would allow the Cross Plains clinic to remain open another 30 days.

Coulter then contacted County Judge Roger Corn to see if the county wanted to be involved in this effort. Coulter and Corn discussed the fact

that the Albany solution involved a subsidy of the clinic by the City of Albany. Both felt that neither the county of the City of Cross Plains had the funds to subsidize the Cross Plains Clinic. Hendrick officials contacted the employees of Cross Plains First Med Clinic and asked them to remain for an additional 30 days. First Med employees contacted Coulter and inquired of the chances of reaching an agreement similar to that between Albany and Hendrick. When Coulter told the First Med employees that there was almost no possibility of that occurring they decided to pursue other opportunities.

Pursuant to these events the First Med Clinic of Cross Plains closed, as scheduled, on March 26. Denise Coulter of the Cross Plains EDC would like to thank all of those who participated in the phone and petition campaign and stated "Representa-

tive Jim Keffer played a very big role in talking with Hendrick about the clinic and deserves the appreciation of the entire Cross Plains Community. I would also like to thank U.S. Senator Phil Gramm for taking an interest in this matter." Coulter also stated, "We are very fortunate in the fact that Cross Plains has another Rural Health Care Clinic; Clyde and Merkel do not. All of the citizens of Cross Plains need to support our remaining local clinic."

## Project Pride to meet April 13

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

Plans are being finalized for Howard Days in June. The public is invited.

## Taylor Elec. Coop. Inc. Membership Meeting Thursday, April 15

The 60th Annual Membership Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1999, at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene. Registration and Health Fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by Heaven's Jubilee. A barbecue lunch will be provided by Briarstone Manor of Abilene at 11:30 a.m. The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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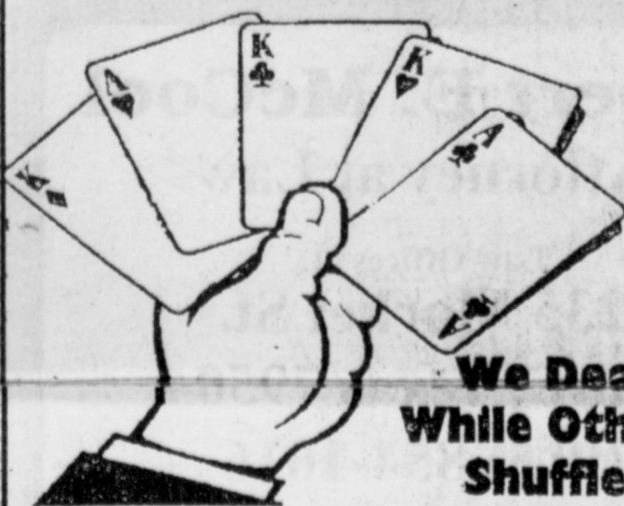
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### Hand Quilted Queen Size Wolf Quilt Displayed At Citizens State Bank

This year the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has a "Queen Size Wolf Quilt" that they will have a drawing for on the night of the Annual Fish Fry, Friday, May 14, 1999, at the Cross Plains Commu-

nity Center. Tickets are \$1.00 and you may view the quilt at Citizens State Bank and purchase your ticket there or from any member of the fire department.

### Callahan Co. Adopt-a-Hwy. 14th annual Trash-Off Sat., April 10

ABILENE—On Saturday, April 10, thousands of volunteers statewide will give the Lone Star State a face lift for the spring wildflower season by participating in the 14th Annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off.

In Callahan county, the Baird Callahan of Commerce and the Cross Plains United Methodist Men Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) groups will be among 49 AAH groups in the Abilene district picking up litter from the state roads.

Organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), the Trash-Off is a component of the state's Don't Mess With Texas litter prevention program.

"Nobody wants to see litter along our beautiful Texas roadways - especially when things are greening up and blossoming in springtime," said Rudy Rodriguez, Callahan County Adopt-a-Highway coordinator. "Every year, thousands of Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities."

TxDOT's litter prevention programs include the Don't Mess with Texas public education campaign, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Together, these programs have reversed a trend in the increase in the amount of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter and a cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 million to \$4 million per year.

However, according to a 1998 study conducted for TxDOT by NuStats International, even though 96 percent of Texans are aware of the Don't Mess with Texas slogan, one in three admit they continue to litter.

### Donations Received by CPVFD

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department reports that the following donations were received during the 1st quarter of 1999: W.D. Clark, H. Tillotson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Franzel Odom, Johnson Dry Goods, Dick and Blanche Thrasher and Dallas Galbraith

### Cross Plains Represented In Austin Recently

On Thursday, March 25, four members of the Cross Plains community traveled to Austin to represent Cross Plains at the Texas Midwest Day. Rolan Jones, Charles Rodenberger, Steve Mack and Denise Coulter met with area Representative Jim Keffer while in Austin. Over 130 people from the twenty county region known as the Texas Midwest attended sessions of the House and Senate. At the luncheon following the legislative visits they heard Representative Judy Hawley, chairman of the Rural Caucus, judge Roger Corn and Nicki Harle of Baird, and Priscilla Gwilt of Clyde were other residents of Callahan County that attended. Texas Midwest Day was sponsored by the Texas Midwest Community Network.

### Jeremy Barnett Enlists In USAF

ARLINGTON—Jeremy Allen Barnett, a resident of Abilene, son of Allen and Barbara Barnett of Cross Plains, enlisted in the Air Force on 24 March 1999, according to Sergeant Wade Roberts, the Air Force Representative, located at 4201 North 1st Street, Abilene, Texas (915) 672-8949.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice career field.

Jeremy, a 1997 graduate of Cross Plains High School, will be earning credits toward an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

### Naomi Feil To Be Keynote Speaker At Alzheimer's Seminar Thursday, April 8

ABILENE—Internationally known author and speaker Naomi Feil will be the keynote speaker at an April 8 seminar presented by the Alzheimer's Association of West Central Texas, Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, and Pruett Gerontology Center.

The day-long seminar will be held at Hart Auditorium in the Biblical Studies Building on the Abilene Christian University campus. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the first presentation scheduled at 8:30 a.m. The program will end at 4:15 p.m.

The morning sessions will be presented by Feil, who developed Validation Therapy for communicating with the elderly and has since authored 10 award-winning filmstrips, written numerous articles on Validation, conducted workshops throughout the world, and is widely acclaimed for training care-givers and health professionals in gerontology.

The afternoon sessions will include "Looking Ahead--One Step at a Time" by Debbie Beard and "Linking Alzheimer's to the 'Real World' Through Activities" by Johnnie Elliott.

Continuing Education Units of credits will be available for nurses, administrators, and social workers for a \$50 fee. Charge for all others will be \$20. Certificates will be available for activity directors.

Family care-givers who are members of the Alzheimer's Association or one of its support groups who need financial assistance with patient care during the seminar can call (915) 672-2907 or 888-511-4132. Additional registration information can be provided by Windcrest, (915) 692-1533.

### Highway 36 Church of Christ Hosting Old Fashioned Spring Gospel Meeting

The Membership at Highway 36 Church of Christ invites you to an Old Fashion Spring Gospel Meeting. The dates are April 11 - 14, 1999. Bob Wolfert from the Central Church of Christ in Bryan, Texas will be our speaker. His lessons will start Sunday morning April 11th. At 11:00 A.M. "Mom Verses A Snapping Turtle."; Sunday Evening "My Master Is..."; Monday Evening "My Message Is..."; Tuesday Evening "My Mission Is..."; and Wednesday Evening "My Model Is..."

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### Chamber Business Of The Week

#### Collum's Restaurant

The history of Collum's Restaurant can be traced back to July 4, 1952, when Morris and Dorothy Odom opened Odom's Night and Day Cafe. This name was used until 1957 when it was changed to Odom's Cafe. From its beginning local farmers, ranchers and oil field workers of the oil boom time have been stopping in for coffee and some of the best food in the country. Morris and Dorothy operated the business until 1976 when it was sold to Jack and Jennifer Birdwell. Other owners have been the T.W. and Colleen Anderson family and R.C. Murreman.

In 1987 Pete and Lillian Collum purchased the business and operated

it for approximately 6 years. At that time they sold the restaurant to daughter and son-in-law Jody and Dusty Finn. Jody and Dusty are in their sixth year of ownership and enjoy keeping the traditions of good food, good service and a friendly face. Many travelers plan their trips for a meal at Collum's.

Specialties of Collum's Restaurant are Jody's homemade hot sauce, pancake mix and delicious pies. Collum's now has its own Web page on the internet (www.crossplains.com) selling food around the world.

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce salutes Collum's Restaurant and wishes them continued success.



### No Rabies Cases Diagnosed As Of Yet In 1999

Callahan County reported four positive diagnosis of rabies in 1998 and so far in 1999 no positive diagnosis have been made.

The Texas Department of Health examined 26 cases in Callahan County in 1998 and one fox, two coyotes and one cat came back positive for rabies.

The state health department reported a total of 22 animals were diagnosed negative for rabies. They included one negative test for rabies by a fox, six negative tests on raccoons, five dogs were negative and ten cats came up negative for rabies in 1998.

The Texas Department of Health reported 1998 cumulative totals for rabies included 303 (3%) posi-

tive tests results, 9,991 (95%) negative results and 232 (2%) other (sheep, goat, bobcat, ring-tail) for a total of 10,526 diagnosis made. Total animals tested for rabies by the Public Health Regions between January 1998 to December 1998 included 482 skunks (116 positive, 336 negative); 163 fox (21 positive, 138 negative); 1,117 bat (104 positive, 945 negative); 74 coyote (six positive, 68 negative); 659 raccoon (five positive, 634 negative); 3,980 dog (15 positive, 3,839 negative); 3,094 cats (eight positive, 3,056 negative); 128 bovine (five positive, 120 negative); 104 equine (12 positive, 92 negative); and 797 other (11 positive, 763 other).

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## Texas Senate Review

AUSTIN—The Senate heard legislation Monday that will affect Texas pick-up truck drivers' ability to transport children in the back of their trucks on public roads. The bill prohibits children up to the age of 18 from riding in an open bed of a truck or a trailer at any speed. Lubbock Senator Robert Duncan sponsored Senate Bill (SB) 411, saying "This bill just makes sense that we should not allow kids to ride in the back of a pick-up and subject themselves to injury."

The bill includes exceptions for transporting farm workers and children when a pick-up truck is the only source of transportation for a household. The bill finally passed on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, two state senators passed legislation trying to prevent the Y2K computer glitch from becoming a courtroom disaster. Senator Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay says he does not know exactly what problems may arise, but hopes the legislation he is sponsoring can help prepare Texans. "It's a problem that grows literally with each hour of each passing day and depending on whom you talk to it could either lead to a worldwide calamity of epic proportions or it simply could turn out to be one of the most over hyped events ever known."

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill (CSSB) 598 encourages computer companies to address possible Y2K problems before a failure occurs. The bill exempts computer manufacturers from lawsuits when they attempt to find solutions and pass them on to consumers. The bill also mandates a statewide web site and toll-free numbers to provide information about Y2K computer problems and solutions. Lubbock Senator Robert L. Duncan co-sponsored the bill.

Assaulting a mother-to-be would become a felony under CSSB 188. The bill creates an offense for causing bodily injury to a pregnant woman, with increased penalties if the woman suffers a miscarriage or stillbirth. Bryan Senator Steve Ogden sponsored the measure and fielded questions about whether this bill might be an anti-abortion measure in disguise. Ogden said no, and that his intentions are clear. The bill passed to engrossment on Tuesday, with final passage on Wednesday.

Other Senate business on Tuesday included passage of SB 460, sponsored by Victoria Senator Ken Armbrister, which allows an oral confession to a police officer to be admissible in court finally passed the Senate. A floor amendment calmed many senators' fears about potential abuses by police officers. Dallas Senator Royce West sponsored the amendment to restore language which requires a video or audio recording of any oral statement for it to be admissible in court. It also allows an oral confession to be admitted without a recording when used only to impeach an alibi witness. In other words, if an alibi witness lies on the stand, an oral confession to a police officer can be used against them in some circumstances. Lt. Governor Rick Perry believes the bill will allow police officers more freedom. "It tightens a loophole in the law providing another tool to keep criminals off our streets and behind bars."

Local governments will not be able to sue gun makers without approval from the Legislature if SB 717 becomes law. Bill sponsor Senator Jon Lindsay of Houston, says that if a lawsuit is going to be filed, it should be on behalf of the whole state. Lindsay says he is

trying to stop a national trend that could significantly increase gun prices. "I think this is kind of a back door way for the anti-gun people to put the gun business, the gun industry totally out of business."

Originally, the Texas attorney general was among those prohibited from filing lawsuits. The provision drew opposition from most senators. Senators added a floor amendment allowing the attorney general to file suit on behalf of the state or any other governmental unit. The amendment was not enough to satisfy all the members. Some senators say the Legislature should not choose who has the right to sue, they say it should be a local decision. Austin Senator Gonzalo Barrientos spoke against the bill. "The bill is out of control. It's bad legislation. They're going to be putting lipstick and earrings and perfume on it, but it's still an ugly bill."

Houston Senator Rodney Ellis sponsored SB 411, sales tax relief, which passed out of the Finance Committee on Wednesday. The \$250 million dollar package exempts diapers and over-the-counter medicine for children. It also creates a 14 day sales tax holiday on shoes and clothing in August. The bill mirrors a tax cut proposal outlined by Governor George W. Bush during his 1998 campaign.

Lt. Governor Rick Perry celebrated the session's halfway mark by reviewing the Senate's accomplishments, stating, "As of last Friday the Senate has accomplished more this session than any legislative session in the past decade. When it comes to hard work and dedication and I might add bipartisan cooperation, this Senate has excelled."

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

## Cross Plains Roping Club To Host Bullriding, Barrel Racing & Cook-Off

The Cross Plains Roping Club will be hosting several events on April 16 and 17 at the Roping Club Arena on West Highway 36.

The Turkey Creek Cook-off Classic will begin on Friday, April 16 and continue to April 17. People may call in entries until 5:00 p.m. April 16. Categories consist of Brisket, ribs, chicken, chili and beans. For information concerning the cook-off you may call (254) 725-6545 or 725-7777.

Barrel Racing will be on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Divisions and fees are PeeWees 8 & up \$10; Juniors 9-12 \$12; Seniors 13-19 \$15 and Open \$25. To enter call (254) 725-7458.

Following the barrel racing event at 6:00 p.m. will be the Bullriding Showdown. Entry fee will be \$50. The first fifty entries will be accepted. Call in entries to (254) 725-7458. Books will be open April 1 to April 12; 5-10 p.m. Entry fees must be paid by 5:30 p.m. April 17.

Beginning at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, everyone is invited to dance under the stars to the music of Borderline.

## Eastland County 4-H Playday Sunday, April 11

The first Eastland County 4-H Horse Program Playday will be held Sunday, April 11, 3:00 p.m. at the Cisco Junior College arena located on Highway 6 between Cisco and Eastland.

Ribbons will be awarded to all participants for each event and high point awards will be presented for each playday. There will be end-of-the-year high point awards and participation awards for all riders who ride in 5 out of 7 playdays.

Each event will be \$2.00. Stakes, Cloverleaf Barrels, Poles, Flags and

Keyhole will be the events at this playday.

There are twelve age groups (divided into boys and girls): lead-line, 0 to 6 years, 7 to 10 years, 11 to 14 years, 15 to 19 years, and adult. Ages are determined as of January 1.

The Red Gap 4-H Club will host a concession stand.

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For more information call 254-442-4081 or 254-629-1873.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Jan.	Feb.
Total Labor Force	5,783	5,788
Total Employed	5,487	5,518
Total Unemployed	296	270

## County's unemployment rate drops to 4.7% in February

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of February dropped fourth tenths of one percentage point to 4.7%, according to jobless figures released Monday, March 29 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Callahan County's unemployment rate stands at 4.7% in February 1999, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in February 1998 was 3.7%.

Of the 5,788 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,518 were employed during February 1999, and 270 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 4.7%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 5.1% in January 1999. Of the 5,783 civilian labor force in the county during January, 5,487 had jobs while 296 or 5.1% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.7% in December 1998, 3.8% in November, 3.9% in October 1998, 4.3% in September, 4.1% in August, 4.6%

in July, 4.2% in June, 3.5% in May, 3.0% in April and 3.6% in March, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for February 1999 include: Brown, 3.8%; Coleman, 8.7%; Eastland, 5.2%; Jones, 3.9%; Runnels, 7.8%; Shackelford, 5.4%; Stephens, 4.7%; and Taylor County, 3.9%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for February 1999 was 4.7%, down from the 5.2% unemployment rate reported in January 1999. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in February 1998 was 4.9%.

Of the 10,186,800 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,704,100 in February. Total unemployment in February 1999 was 487,700.

The United States unemployment rate was 4.7% in February 1999. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of January was 4.8%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in February 1998 was 5.0 percent.

## Dairy Queen Stores Having A Ball Benefiting The Children's Miracle Network

BEDFORD—Dairy Queen stores throughout Texas will be having a ball in April and helping their local hospitals for children in the process.

Beginning April 5 until supplies last, Dairy Queen stores across the state will be promoting the sale of a special baseball commemorating the achievements of future Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Nolan Ryan. For each ball purchased, the Dairy Queen store will donate \$1 to the Children's Miracle Network, to benefit the hospital for children in that area. The collectible ball includes Ryan's facsimile signature and is packaged in a full-color box featuring his career statistics. Because only a limited number of

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The Children's Miracle Network is an international, non-profit organization whose mission is to generate funds and create awareness programs to benefit children and its 166 associated hospitals for children in the U.S. and Canada. All dollars raised locally directly benefit the CMN-affiliated hospital in that community. Over the past 14 years, the Dairy Queen system has contributed more than \$30 million to the CMN and remains one of its top contributing national sponsors.

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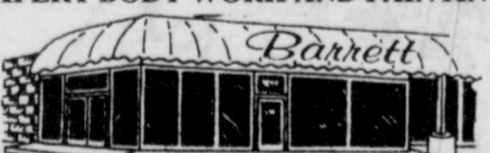
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**Card of Thanks**  
We would like to extend our deepest heartfelt thanks to everyone who brought food, sent flowers, cards, words of comfort and especially your prayers for us during the recent death of our dear loved one, Ruby McCowen. A special thanks to the ladies of First Baptist Church for the delicious meal that was prepared for us. To Bro. Joe Coppinger and Bro. Wayne Lenz, who delivered a beautiful eulogy and special message, we thank you. The Family of Ruby McCowen

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Cross Plains is accepting bids on a Trailer Mounted Sewer Jet Machine. Copies of specifications for the Jet Machine may be acquired by contacting City Hall, P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or calling (254) 725-6114. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 1999. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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The Sophomore Class thanks each and every one of you who helped make our Harlem Thrillers fundraiser a huge success. We appreciate those who agreed to play or participate in the actual game, those who donated food and cakes, the business and individuals who donated prizes, those who worked on the set-ups and clean up, and all of you who bought tickets and attended our fun night. We thank the PeeWee Basketball coaches and players for providing our opening game. Because of all the hard work, we were able to achieve our goal and share some laughs with you. The Cross Plains Sophomore Class

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MR. & MRS. JEREMY BARNETT

## Strength - Barnett United In Marriage February 27

Amy Lynn Strength and Jeremy Allen Barnett were united in marriage Saturday, February 27, 1999, at First Baptist Church of Cottonwood with the Rev. Joe Coppinger officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strength of Cross Plains are the bride's parents. Grandparents are R.W. and Nell Purvis of Abilene and Mell Strength of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barnett of Cross Plains are parents of the groom. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Barnett of Cross Plains and Joyce Marton of Cross Plains.

Dawn Hilburn of Cross Plains, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Tonya Stover of Stephenville and Allison McGowen of Austin.

Cory Switzer of Cross Plains was best man. Groomsmen were Porcius Potter and Jeff Brown, both of Cross Plains.

Brooklyn Strength, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Austin

Hilburn, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Ushers were Chad Whitaker and Will Mitchell, both of Abilene.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her dress was white satin with waist of flowers and pearls. Satin covered buttons ran from the bodice to the end of the long train. The veil was finger tip length, trimmed in satin with a crown of roses and pearls.

The bride attended Cross Plains High School and is a junior at Hardin Simmons University. She is presently employed at Claires in Abilene.

The groom attended Cross Plains High School and is a sophomore at Hardin Simmons University. He is presently in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

After a honeymoon trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in Abilene.

## Sales & use tax totals for county

The state sales and use tax analysis for Callahan County has been reported for the third quarter of 1998 by State Comptroller John Sharp's office on Monday, March 29.

Sharp reported gross sales, for all industries in Callahan County, for the third quarter of 1998 at \$12,207,986 which was 3.9% lower than the gross sales of \$12,706,682 reported during the third quarter of 1997. Gross sales are the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Use tax purchases for the second quarter of 1998 for all industries in Callahan County amounted to \$262,729. Use tax purchases are the cost of all taxable items removed from inventory for personal or business use and all purchases on which no Texas sales tax was paid or use tax accrued.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax in the third quarter of 1998 in Callahan County was \$5,823,374. The amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

The number of business locations in Callahan County, with a sales and use tax permit which filed a return, was 261. There were 287 permits issued during the same quarter the previous year.

The gross sales for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the third quarter of 1998 was \$7,762,105 which is 1.7% higher than the 1997 third quarter gross sales of \$7,628,887.

The use tax purchases for the retail trade division in Callahan County for the third quarter of 1998 was \$134,972.

The amount subject to state sales and use tax for the third quarter of 1998 was \$4,271,179 for the retail trade division in Callahan County.

The number of reporting outlets in the retail trade division in Callahan County totaled 151 for the third quarter of 1998. There were 156 reporting outlets during the same quarter in 1997.



**ANSWERING NURSING HOME RESIDENTS' NEEDS**—Kathy Snapka started the Nursing Home Advocacy Project tollfree hotline with her own funds.

## Lawyer Answers Nursing Home Residents' Need

A couple of years ago, a young Corpus Christi lawyer named Kathy Snapka started getting angry about the way cases involving nursing home patients were being, in effect, dismissed.

"Nursing homes and their lawyers would pretty much discount a claim on behalf of an old person," Snapka said, "because they felt that person's life was over. They seemed to judge everything on the basis of earning power and life expectancy and a person in a nursing home didn't have much of either. The underlying idea was that the life and dignity of someone without any earning power wasn't worth very much." As a result, few attorneys wanted to take cases on behalf of those who had been abused or neglected in nursing homes.

Snapka didn't just shrug and walk away. Instead she decided to do something about it.

She'd long been one of the personal injury attorneys who took reduced fee referrals from the Legal Hotline for Older Texans. She approached the sponsoring agency, The Texas Legal Services Center, about funding a separate toll-free line to take calls regarding nursing home residents.

"The hotline (for older Texans) was so busy," she remembers. "I worried that people calling about abuse and neglect in nursing homes would have to wait." Nursing home residents, Snapka points out, often have health and safety problems that can quickly spiral out of control.

Snapka approached Mina Loomis, managing attorney for the Legal Hotline for Older Texans. If Loomis would agree to give priority to nursing home calls, Snapka said she'd fund, not just a separate toll-free line for those types of calls, but staff time to respond to them as well.

As a result the Nursing Home Advocacy Project was begun. Housed at the Texas Legal Services Center in Austin, the hotline serves as an adjunct to the state's long term care ombudsman program, which provides lay advocates who help nursing home residents voice their complaints.

The Nursing Home Advocacy Project hotline, on the other hand, screens complaints to see whether or not the legal rights of the nursing home resident have been violated. Sometimes the hotline attorney recommends a call to one of the state agencies or the long term care ombudsman. On other occasions, if there is an injury that warrants further legal action, the case is referred to an attorney who is a specialist in these types of cases and has agreed to work at a reduced fee.

Snapka is proud to be one of those attorneys.

The goals of the Nursing Home Advocacy Project are also supported by the Texas Bar Foundation. The Foundation has provided matching funds to make the project a success.

Anyone who fears their loved one in a nursing home has been or is being abused or neglected should call 1-888-343-4414 for free legal advice. To receive a free brochure containing more information about the Nursing Home Advocacy Project, write 815 Brazos Street, Suite 1100, Austin 78701.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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## CJC to Present "Angel Street" April 13-17

The Cisco Junior College drama department will present one of the most famous suspense thrillers ever written as its spring dinner theatre production for 1999. Patrick Hamilton's "Angel Street," set in the early 1880's, tells a spellbinding story of deception in which a young woman named Bella Manningham fears that she is losing her sanity. "Angel Street" will be performed Tuesday through Saturday, April 13-17, at the Conrad Hilton Community Center in downtown Cisco. The first two performances are \$1.00 admission nights. Thursday through Saturday are dinner theatre nights with ticket

prices at \$10.00. Dinner service begins at 7:00 p.m. with curtain time at 8:00 p.m. throughout the week.

Reserve your tickets today by phoning (254) 442-2589, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## AA Meeting Held Weekly At May

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