

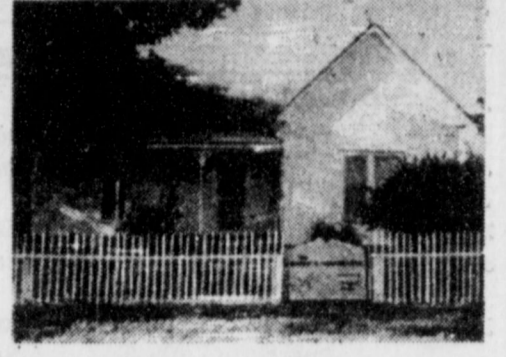


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Most of you are aware that James Nichols has recently had a very close call when he suffered a second heart attack. Having beat incredible odds to survive his first heart attack, in which his heart literally exploded, the doctors told him living through this second attack is yet another miracle.

The Lord was with him, as the local Emergency Medical Service was returning from another call and responded immediately. First Flight from Hendrick Medical Center timed their pick up of James perfectly at the intersection of Highway 36 and Highway 283. Even his doctor was amazingly available upon his arrival. It looks like the Lord has definitely saved James for a purpose.

James is my cousin and we have been close since we were children. His late mother, Doris Atwood Nichols, is my late grandfather, Ben Atwood's sister. I remember following James around when we were kids. He was always patient and allowed me to tag along.

After James' return home from the hospital, I asked if he had a near death experience, since his heart had stopped at one point. He flashed that little mysterious grin and said, "I'll tell you about it sometime."

He brought the following poem in Monday, Valentine's Day, and it told me what I wanted to know. See what you think! **Vanda Anderson-Creech**

"The Traveler"

By **JAMES NICHOLS**

Yes, there is a hereafter.
The Lord prepared it well.
He will show you the path.
He will bring you near.
He will let you talk to friends.
Be Protestant, Jew or Catholic you are your brother's keeper.
Like Moses, He will show you the promise land.
He will send you back, a bright light to show you the way.
He promises to call again when He has prepared a place.

Farmers & Ranchers Prayer Breakfast This Saturday

The Farmers and Ranchers Prayer Breakfast will be held at Ophelia's, located on Highway 36 in the Pioneer Community, on Saturday, February 19, beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Tony King, a cowboy preacher from Brownwood, will lead the service.

The cost of the breakfast is \$2.50 and everyone is encouraged to attend. The main focus will be praying for rain for this drought stricken area.

Ex-student Assoc. Meeting Rescheduled

The Ex-Student Association meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Jean's Food Store.

The main topic of discussion will be the upcoming Homecoming 2000. Anyone desiring to participate in planning and working in various areas for the big occasion is welcome to attend.



OVERALL PHOTOGENIC WINNER - HANNAH COWAN
daughter of Michael & April Cowan

Valentine Parade Results Told

Saturday's Valentine Parade, the big event of the year for girls in grades Pre-K through 8, was again a great success. This event is sponsored annually by the Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Thirty-nine beautiful young ladies and their handsome escorts captivated the audience as they were presented on stage and judged on poise, appearance and personality.

Sorority members would like to thank everyone for attending, parents for allowing your children to participate and all who helped make this year's parade successful. It takes months of work and preparation to make the pageant go smoothly, and the sorority members feel that it is worth every effort. It

gives participants self-confidence, poise and experience in appearing before an audience, as well as cooperating with and encouraging others. Every girl is a WINNER!

Again this year, Beta Sigma Phi sponsored a Photogenic Contest. The Overall Winner this year was Hannah Cowan, daughter of Michael and April Cowan.

The proceeds from this event and the "Tour of Homes" held at Christmas time will be used for a \$300 scholarship for a deserving senior, purchase eye glasses, and donate to the library, EMS and fire department.



CONSTRUCTION ON COVERED PAVILION BEGAN

Project Pride Announces Ground Breaking

Project Pride has broken ground on a new 1320 sq. ft. covered pavilion complete with a kitchen area and handicapped accessible bathrooms. The pavilion will be adjacent to the Howard House on West 36 on the "Old Butler Lot".

Carouth Construction, builder of the project, estimates completion in less than 30 days. This new facility will enable Project Pride to better

host the "Howard Day" celebration in June, as well as provide a great asset for the community to host other events.

Fund-raisers will be set soon to help cover the estimated \$22,000 project, but any donations toward the cost are welcome before then. Contact Joan McCowen, treasurer of Project Pride, or President Joe Howser.

Mission Committee Report on CP Food Pantry

By **Betty Edwards**

In a recent survey by food banks across the state, it was found that elderly fixes income, handicapped and low income working families

are just two pay checks away from a financial disaster.

A person on Social Security and Medicare with no other insurance, can not afford much needed

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Filing for CPISD Board of Trustees Begins Feb. 21

February 21 is the first day applications for a place on the Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees may be accepted. Last day to file is March 22, 2000, at 5:00 p.m.

Applications may be obtained at the Superintendent's office, Cross Plains High School.

Tony Wyatt and Donnic Dillard's 3 year terms are expiring. A one year term will be available to complete the 3 year term of Leon Nixon.

Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be having their Country-Western musical on Friday, February 18, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving up chili beans, cornbread, coffee, tea, pie and sandwiches.

The musical will start at 6:00 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Smokey Callaway. All Country-Western musicians are invited to attend.

Food Pantry To Open March 6

By **VICKI DILLARD**

It is with great love and compassion for this community that the Missions Committee of First United Methodist Church would like to announce the grand opening of a local food pantry on Monday, March 6. The food pantry will be located at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center at the corner of 8th and Beech streets. Hours for service will be Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This food pantry will be open to residents of the Cross Plains area. People needing assistance with groceries and clothing are welcome with open arms.

This is a great undertaking of love started by the Missions Committee of the FUMC...but our primary goal is to make this a community effort, to serve the less fortunate among us.

Donations of time, food or clothing would be more than appreciated. Any church or citizen of Cross Plains wanting to help in any way please contact Ms. Betty Edwards at 725-6510 or 725-7377.

This is a plea to anyone who would like to serve the Lord by lending a helping hand. Remember...Charity begins at home. Please pray for this great endeavor and for those who are putting forth time and effort towards this wonderful outlet for the less fortunate.

Well Known WTRC Donor Dies At Age 93

By **JERRY DANIEL REED**
Senior Staff Writer
Abilene Reporter-News

Alpha Wilson, widely known for her annual tradition of peeling off fistfuls of hundred-dollar bills to give to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, died Thursday, February 10, 2000, at an Abilene hospital. She was 93.

The widow of an auto worker who invested well in the stock market, Wilson enjoyed spreading that

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Author Elmer Kelton featured at book review



ELMER KELTON

The Cross Plains Public Library is having its second book review featuring a prominent author Tuesday evening, February 22 at the Cross Plains Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.. This time it is the well-known Elmer Kelton, who has written over 37 books, which included some of the best novels written about Texas. The latest include The Buckskin Line, The Smiling Country, Cloudy in the West, The Pumpkin Rollers, Honor at Daybreak, Stand Proud and The Wolf and the Buffalo.

Three of his novels have appeared in Reader's Digest Condensed Books. Four books have won the Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City: The Time it Never Rained, The Good Old Boys, The Man Who Rode Midnight, and the text for The Art of Howard Terpning. Six have won the Spur award from Western Writers of America: Buffalo Wagons, The Day the Cowboys Quit, The Time It Never Rained, Eyes of the Hawk, Slaughter and The Far Canyon. The Good Old Boys was made into a 1995 TV movie.

In 1987 he received the Barbara

McCombs/Lon Tinkle Award for "continuing excellence in Texas letters" from the Texas Institute of Letters. In 1990 he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Western Literature Association. The Texas Legislature proclaimed Elmer Kelton Day in April, 1997. In 1998 he received the first Lone Star award for lifetime achievement from the Larry McMurtry Center for Arts and Humanities at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls. He also received honorary doctorates from Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University. He was recently given a lifetime achievement award by the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock.

Kelton is a native of Crane, where his father, the late R.W. "Buck" Kelton, was with the McElroy Ranch Co. 36 years. After graduation from Crane High School, he attended the University of Texas at Austin in 1942-44 and 1946-48, earning a B.A. degree in journalism. He spent 15 years as farm and ranch writer-editor for the San Angelo Standard-Times, five years as editor of Sheep and Goat Raiser Magazine and 22 years as associate editor of Livestock Weekly, from which he retired in 1990.

He served two years in the U.S. Army, 1944-46, including combat infantry service in Europe. He and his wife Ann, a native of Austria, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two grown sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

But the important part is that "Kelton is a genuine, unaffected, kind and gentle man, the sort who, in person, makes you want to hunker down and listen to his stories, his voice, and his wisdom." Please come. You'll be glad you did.

(No charge - refreshment and visiting with Kelton)

Athletic Boosters to meet Monday

The Athletic Boosters will be meeting on Monday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer of the gym.

Up for discussion will be the Cross Plains track meet and concession stand. Many workers are needed to help make this a successful track meet. All athletic boosters are

encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

To help or for more information contact Monty Richards at 725-6651 or Roxie Thomas 725-7436 ASAP.

Update on Pioneer Water Project Told

A meeting concerning obtaining treated water for the Pioneer area was held at the Pioneer Community Center, February 11. Coordinator was committee member Cecil Barton. Mr. Randy Nix and Floyd Fischer from the "Westbound Water Company" in Cisco and Derek Turner of Jacob and Martin Engineering firm in Abilene, explained what efforts they were taking to bring much needed water to this area.

About fifty-five to sixty people attended and had many pertinent questions answered. All were encouraged by their vigorous approach to obtain water for our area.

If there is anyone else interested, that we have not contacted, you can call 725-7188 for information or call Westbound Water Supply Corp. 442-3348 in Cisco.

Thank you all for your interest.

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Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Kenneth D. Jones, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Leathia Degollado, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, adjudicated and restitution ordered with Taylor Co. case.

Jonathan B. Dunn, plea of guilty to making alcohol available to a minor. 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$227.25 court costs.

Troy Don McWhorter, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Michael Williams, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs and transfer request from Callahan Co. to Harrison Co. granted.

Dale Scott Davis, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Timothy Campbell, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Gregory Taylor, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Eileen Waltrip, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Kenneth D. Jones, plea of guilty to DWLS, 5 days in jail, \$227.25 court costs.

Steven Pete Klassen, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 30 days in jail, \$190.00 court costs.

Tommy Lee Phillips, Jr. order of motion for Jimmy L. Browning to withdraw as counsel granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Laura Renea Heppel, name change.
Tina Fawn Reeder and Glenn Lee Reeder, divorce.

Robert Lynn Everett and Deirdre Carol Everett, divorce.
Shawna Deshea Maddux and Reginald Glen Maddux, divorce.

Citibank South Dakota NA. vs. Carmen Free, default on note.
Maryanna Thomason and Pastel Delano Thomason, divorce.

Cathy Renee Lee and Jerry Bob Lee, divorce.

Elizabeth Marie Walker and Chance Hill Walker, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Calvin Lydell Stinson and Melinda Gayle Stinson, divorce granted.

State Farm Life Insurance Company, Midland National Life Insurance Company, First AllAmerica Financial Life Insurance Company and Prudential Insurance Company of America vs. Amelia Ann Saunders, Wayne Saunders and the Estate of Ted Allen Saunders, deceased, order on motion to enforce judgment denied.

Harlan B. Green and Tina Sue Green, divorce granted.

Order of forfeiture, \$10,102.00 dollars in US currency and Llama .45 caliber semi-auto handgun.

Criminal Minutes

Shannon M. Hargrove, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 8 years probation, \$3000 fine, \$199.25 court cost, \$140 restitution.

Selected Scriptures

My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments. Psalm 119:120
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ... 2 Corinthians 5:10
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INTERESTING PROGRAM ON SURVEYING—John Burleson, (left) local surveyor, introduced Diehl Estes (center) at Tuesday's Kiwanis meeting. Mr. Estes is a surveyor with the Texas Department of Transportation. He gave a very interesting program on surveying 100 years ago as compared to today. He stated "by the use of Global positioning, (Satellite) he can bury a quarter and go back anytime and set a rod on it.

W.G. McCoy was program chairman. Come visit each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Bard. It's fun, It's educational.

PHILANTHROPIST

inheritance plus her Social Security income among causes that she cherished.

She also gave to Hope Camp, an Abilene Baptist Association program for at-risk adolescents, and, as long as her health permitted, took part in the annual Crop Walk to help feed the hungry.

Her own life-style was beyond frugal, friends said. She would not heat or cool her north Abilene home and once flatly refused to let volunteers install a single room unit, said the Rev. Mike Chancellor of Crescent Heights Baptist Church.

Her decline in health can be traced to suffering heat stroke in the broiling summer of 1998, Chancellor said. She had lived in a Cross Plains nursing home for less than two years when she died.

Wilson's gifts to the rehab center were often earmarked to support speech therapy for children ages 3 to 10.

She explained that she was following the desires of her late husband, who she said "was very much interested in helping handicapped children." He died in 1972.

While she retained her health, she would appear at each December rehab board meeting and count out the hundreds she would donate. She also appeared on several of the annual Rehab telethons, the last one

in 1998.

"She was just a very unusual lady ... very generous," said James Hallmark, retired Rehab Center media director.

She was also the top fund-raiser for CROP Walk to battle world hunger in the late '80s as she walked the 6.2-mile course over Abilene streets. Even after a fall limited her walking ability, she continued to help by handing out water to the walkers at a rest stop.

She grew up in the Cottonwood area of Callahan County and married Frank V. Wilson in 1926 in Abilene.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2000, at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Paul Simpson officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

She is survived by one sister, Ellen Simpson of Cottonwood, numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Chris Ferguson, Jay Wilcoxon, Curtis Simpson, Bill Davis, Robert Grant and Stephen Simpson.

Donations may be made to the Rehab Center, the American Cancer Society, the Gideon Society or the Cottonwood Cemetery Association or your favorite charity.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 18

Michael Havner
Joe Atwood Watson
Sherri Neal Riney
Joe Anderson
Donnel Lutgens
Lamar Gregg
Vickie Goble Williams
Mrs. W.E. Thompson
Joe Simpson
Mrs. Wayne Brown
Edna Estell Wilson
Margie Wright
Larry Wright
Sara Wells

FEBRUARY 19

William S. Stroope
Sidney Newton
Polly Moon
Earl Baker
Mrs. Lloyd Boyle
Mrs. Willie Henderson
Mrs. George Chapman
Steve Furry
Denise Holmans

FEBRUARY 20

Mrs. Charlie Sowell
Paty Pennell Heffley
Gay Vaught Fields
Randy Hartman
Gene Rhodes
W.B. Nickerson
Lee E. Morris, Jr.
Deborah (Allen) Thomas
Stefani Brooks
Candi Taylor
Renee Atchley

FEBRUARY 21

Mrs. Lorene Arledge
Ted McKeegan
J.B. Perry
Sharon Archer Merry
Mrs. Bobby Dillard
Cliff Waddell
Glenda (Evans) Tidwell
Mikayla Ann Hilburn
Katrina Mireles

FEBRUARY 22

Randy Wilson
Cheril Aiken
Nona Belote
Bobby Nell Brown
Bubba McConal
Nancy Chesshir King
Jonathan R. Hopkins
Rose Canales

FEBRUARY 23

Mike Ingram
David Plumlee
Ronald Holmans
Patsy Ruth Day
Mrs. H.L. Swann
Mrs. Weldon Steele

FEBRUARY 24

Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell
Fredda Jean Wilson
Gayla Albrecht
James Payne
Josh Thayer
Jerry Bichl
Mary Hubbard
Elizabeth Koenig
Nathan Foster
Karen Archer
Richard Clark
Arthur Larkin

Higginbotham's "Love Your Sweetheart" Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the "Love Your Sweetheart" contest, sponsored by Higginbotham Bros. were announced recently.

Winning female was Pam Hutton. Pam was nominated by her husband Lynn. She won a steamer/cooker and for nominating her, Lynn won a shoe scraper.

The lucky male winner was James Griswold. Nominating James was his wife, Deborah. James won a Halogen worklight and Deborah won a heart-shaped glass candy dish for nominating him.

Locally known lady wins poetry contest

Melody Cline's poem "I Thought" was chosen the winner of a poetry contest. Her poem was about her grandfather, Pat McGough, following his death. She was chosen from several million entries to be published in a book of 1,500 poems. Her poem was chosen out of 12 compositions to be read on cd. It may also be read from a computer. Her original composition is as follows:

I Thought

I thought I saw your face.
I thought I heard your voice.
I thought I saw you sitting outside,
In your special place.
I thought I saw the ivy ripple.
I thought I saw your hand,
Moving through the tangled leaves
Like the summer wind.
I thought I felt your warmth.
I thought I smelled your skin.
I thought I felt your arms,
Holding me close again.
I thought that you were here with me.
I thought you were near,
But when I turned to talk to you,
You slowly disappeared.

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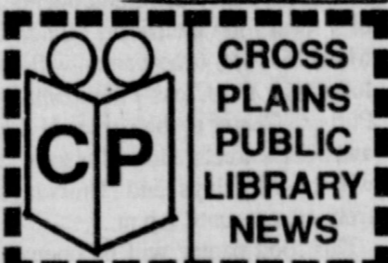
These are the people who use the food pantry at Cross plains Multi-Purpose Center. This could be the person who sits beside you in church; the child who plays with child at school; the old couple across the street, the family who had their home destroyed; or the family just down the street with illness.

Yes, unfortunately, there are those who will take advantage of other's good will, but they are very few. Please don't let a few distract us away from this worthy project.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, February 20, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

PRAY FOR
RAIN
WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
6:00 IN FRONT
OF CITY HALL



Feb. 7-11

The library board met Monday, February 14. They discussed work that has been underway and made plans for future projects, to be discussed as they happen. If you missed going to the library last week, you missed the hectic affairs. To make a long story short, leaks on the south wall had damaged the floor in the Texas room so that most of it had to be replaced. That entailed taking up and then replacing the carpet. By the time you read this, everything will be back in place. The promised surprises will be revealed next week.

Special applause to the three young men who helped move furniture before repairs and put it back afterward: Cling Bailey, Kenny Callaway and Scott Hutton - three great high school fellows!

Right now, Elmer Kelton is the center of attention. If you have read the front page, you know why. We'll see you Tuesday night.

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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt



AVA DODD
...February Employee of the Month

Ava Dodd was chosen as the employee for this month. She was born on December 26, 1947, in Baird. Ava has three children and three grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, working in her yard and collecting antiques. Stormie Jones presented Ava with a gift certificate to Jean's Feed Barn. Congratulations Ava.

Thoughts and prayers for Nandell Stiles who is in the hospital. We express our love and heartfelt sympathies to the family of Alpha Wilson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We are proud to report that the Texas Department of Human Services has rated Colonial Oaks Nursing Home with the highest ratings in Callahan County according to website www.dhs.state.texas.us.

The residents and employees celebrated Valentine's Day with the sundae of their choice. Everyone got to pick what flavor they wanted and the residents were presented a Valentine on their lunch trays. We welcome our new R.N.,

D.O.N. to our facility, Kit Wallace. Appreciation to Kitty Propest for bringing her little dog for us to see, to Gene Dillard for the peanut brittle, to Lilly Dillard for the delicious bread pudding and to Stormie Jones for the cokes.

Gamette McKoy, Donie Alton and Joan McCowen, Charlene McGowen from Brownwood visited with Raymond McCowen.

Laquetta Rankin and Frankie Smith from Pioneer Baptist visited with Falba Shofner and Jo Boatright. Charles Coppinger from Odessa visited with Louise Richardson.

Naomi McCowen visited with Kate McCarty.

Carolyn, Kim, Lisa and John Marshall visited with Ila Mae Marshall.

Isla Stroud, Jeanette Creamer and Sayra Fox visited with Elsie Stroud.

Joan Bullard from Clyde and Jesse Norris, Victor and Sylvia Shesler from Grand Prairie visited with Kate McCarty.

Hazel Lee and Peggy Mireles visited with Pauline Regain and Ralph Lee.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Victor Long (2), Louise Richardson, Maxine Crisp (2) and Falba Shofner (2). Exercise class and sundae social.

Tuesday: Art class, popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Manicures.

Friday: Bingo winners were Victor Long, Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner and Maxine Crisp. Sit-down-basketball and Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: Pioneer Baptist Church
Love is patient, love is kind...love never ends.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"DO IT"

Have you ever just absolutely "yearned" to go away for a spell, forget your problems, your troubles for just a little while? Start over, begin again? Or maybe just a brief respite. Some have, and I suppose some haven't.

There's a lot to be said for devotion to duty, hard work, stick-to-it-iveness, frugality, hardwork, hardwork, hard; hard work and hard work. But you know you're also s'posed to take a little time to stop and smell the roses and enjoy the music.

It has been said you make your own music -- or not -- well, perhaps, but there's also nothing wrong with listening to someone else's music.

You can also be happy for someone else's windfall.

Isn't it wonderful to meet with and visit old friends once again. We

enjoyed a sampling of that on a recent trip to Lubbock; where we resided before relocating to Cross Plains.

As we all become a bit older, it seems to become a mite easier to stop and smell those roses and hear a few more musical notes.

As our offspring grow up and begin their own families, and live their own lives some of our responsibilities decrease somewhat in size and in volume. Those roses and those notes of music are just as sweet! It's just that we have a little more time for the smelling and enjoying.

Greet a friend today and...(no don't tell 'em how sweet they smell), tell them how glad you are to know them, forget your troubles, and take a little time to make someone else happy, too!

Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

After seventeen years of dedicated service as emcee of the monthly Cottonwood Musical, Smokey Callaway is retiring. Mary Ella Weaver of Cottonwood and a member of the Cottonwood Quilting Club is the new emcee for the musical. We greatly appreciate the many years Smokey has been emcee and the great job he has done.

The Cottonwood Musical will be held Friday, February 18 at the Cottonwood Community Center. The Country-Western music entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. Area and local musicians are cordially invited to participate on the evening program. The ladies will be serving chili beans, sandwiches and desserts in the kitchen. Admission is free. They have been having great turn outs of musicians attending. You will enjoy the entertainment. Do plan to attend.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be having a fund-raiser on June 10th. The CVFG needs repairs on the trucks to get the department in first class running order. Donations to help the group may be sent to Mrs. Don

Gilliam, secretary-treasurer at 9900 FM 1079 Cross Plains, TX 76443. A garage and bake sale, drawing for a quilt and refreshments will high light the fund-raiser. It is getting close to that time of year to start spring cleaning, don't throw away that item you want to discard give it to the garage sale. You may contact Mrs. Gilliam 725-7249 for further information of items for the sale. We will have further information as the time approaches the big event.

Remember the Cottonwood Historical Association annual meeting will be held the first Saturday, May 6.

Mrs. Jane Purvis and Kathy Purvis of Wimberly visited over the weekend with Mrs. Geneva Sowell and attended the morning worship services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

While traveling to town Sunday afternoon, two large size coyotes crossed the Farm-to-Market Road 880 in front of our car. Be on the alert to keep your livestock checked. This was an unusual sighting at that time of day.

Gardening Tips

By James Nichols

Why Container Grown Trees?

All roots remain intact, so plant hardly knows its been transplanted. It can be planted year round, as long as you can work the soil. This provides the widest selection of plant material, since most nursery stock is sold this way.

Planting Container Grown Trees

Dig the hole twice as wide as necessary, but no deeper than required. Remove container and place in hole. Backfill the hole with some soil you removed in digging.

Research shows that plants re-established better if they were planted directly into the soil in which they will eventually have to grow.

Pack the soil lightly as you fill the hole. When the hole is half filled, water slowly to eliminate pockets of air.

Allow the excess water to drain away. Finish filling the hole with the backfill and water again. Apply a

root-stimulator or fertilizer monthly. Check soil moisture frequently and water regularly during warm weather and prolonged droughts.

Flower of the Month

Venus Crocus

Grow four to five inches tall. Flowers in very early spring are blue, purple, white and yellow. Plant from bulbs in the fall, in well drained, well prepared garden soil. Not reliable repeating in most areas of Texas. Best used in moderation and then only as annual bulb. Fall crocus (Sleinbergic).

Things to Remember

During mild weather, water young plants. Add a handful or two of fresh potting soil to house plants. Sharpen, repair and replace garden tools as needed. This months program is Greenhouse Gardening.

Jolena Fleming Is Named To Texas Tech's Honor Roll

LUBBOCK—More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more

hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the honor rolls included the following:

Jolena Nell Fleming, Rising Star, Freshman, Animal Science, President's List.

Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Oliver and Frankie attended the Putnam musical Friday night. Saturday they attended the Scranton musical. They were both very good. They also visited Jean Fore Sunday afternoon at the Brownwood Hospital. She came through her surgery good. She enjoys getting calls and cards.

Glenda Phillips went to Gorman to see Kali play her last basketball game and picked Kali up and went to Cisco Junior College to see Krista perform with the PiPs for their last performance. Allen was sick and not able to go watch them. Krista is starting PecWec basketball, so they will still be going to ball games.

Earlene Burge's daughter, Jessica Stultz from Brownwood came Friday and spent the night and all day Saturday. They finished making curtains for her bedroom and enjoyed visiting.

We had a good attendance at quilting Tuesday. We worked on Lou's "Log Cabin" and Earlene's

"Handkerchief" quilts. We finished Frankie's "Square" quilt. It is beautiful. We had a very good lunch at Ophelia's. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Some officials from "Westbound Water Systems" met at the Community Center Friday evening. We had a very good crowd. They were able to give us some answers to questions we had. If we all work together, we are much closer to having water in this area.

The "42" group had about eight in attendance for their party. They all had a good time and lots to eat.

Our neighbor and friend, Jean Fore, is recuperating from hip surgery in the Brownwood Hospital. Her sister Vi Harlow and her niece and nephew, Grayson and Myrtle Harlow are here with her. Get well soon, Jean. We all miss you.

Word of Wisdom #22: Don't bother to give God instructions; just report for duty. by Corrie Ten Boom

Vernie McMillan To Celebrate 90th Birthday

The children and grandchildren of Vernie McMillan will be hosting her 90th birthday party on Saturday, February 19 at the Hwy. 36 Church of Christ Fellowship Hall from 2 until 5 p.m.

All friends and family of Vernie McMillan are invited to share in this special occasion with her.

No gifts, please as your presence will be gift enough.

Ma & Pa

By James Nichols

Ma was a tough old bird. She could just about handle anything that came her way, but she drew the line when it came to snakes.

To Ma, it didn't matter what kind it was, the only good one, was a dead one.

On this particular occasion, Ma ran out of eggs and had to make a fast trip to the chicken pen. She had her egg basket on one arm and was going down the row of nests when she ran into a chicken or bull snake. It had swallowed an egg and had crawled through a knot hole, and swallowed

another egg in the adjoining nest. The snake was trapped there until it could break those eggs.

Ma's eyes got the size of half dollars and she was out of there in a flash. She threw her egg basket and grabbed up her eye hoe. She looked like some half deranged woman as she lit in after that snake.

It was said that Ma appeared from that chicken house looking like she had just done battle with the devil. There was nothing but a large pile of kindling where the chicken nest had been and no snake to be found.

Income Tax Assistance For CP

The AARP is sponsoring a Free Income Tax Assistance program for low to moderate income persons. All ages are welcome to participate. This assistance program will take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, February 14th through April 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

At least 4 appointments are needed, to justify the tax-aide counselors that live in Baird and Abilene to make the trip.

Please call for an appointment (254) 725-6521. You will need to bring a copy of 1998 Tax Return, Social Security card(s), W-2's and 1099's for 1999.

Sponsored by AARP Tax-Aid Program

Cross Plains Garden Club plans Third Annual Trades Day

The Third Annual Trades Day, slated for March 25th will be held again on Main Street at the bank property north of the Dairy Queen.

A fee of \$15 and \$5 for electricity will be charged for the 12'x12' spaces.

Call Bob Powell at 254-643-2404 for reservations. The fee may be paid when you come in to set up.

Submitted by Bob Powell

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 21-25

MONDAY—Pepper steak w/ gravy, zucchini, macaroni salad, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

TUESDAY—Taco bowl w/salad, Ranch Style beans, Mexican corn, orange gelatin w/peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Lasagna, garden salad, Italian veggies, pineapple pudding, garlic bread and milk.

THURSDAY—Chicken salad, tomato soup, 3 bean salad, carrot cake and milk.

FRIDAY—Chef salad, ham, cheese, egg, baked potato, rosie applesauce and milk.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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In Willard Tate's book, Habits of a Loving Heart, in the chapter entitled "Doing the Right Thing for the Right Reason," he tells a true story (which I shall shorten), then shares an application.

A college football coach had a player on his team who wasn't very good. The player's father died, and a few days later, just before a game, the young man asked the coach if there was any way he could start that day. With little thought, the coach decided to let him start and play a down or two, then put the regular starter in. Well, the young man went out and began playing so well that the coach left him in. He was in on every play; he was all over the field, blocking and tackling like a monster man. He played the entire game -- which they won -- and that player was the key to their victory. After the game, the coach said, "Son, I don't understand. You never played that way before. What in the world happened?" "You know that my dad died a few days ago," the young man began. "And you may have seen my dad and me when he visited me on campus before his death -- and remember seeing us walk around, always arm in arm, with me leading him. Well, what you probably didn't know was that my father was blind. He had never seen me play. I knew that today he would see me play for the first time."

The author's application: "If we can understand and remember that life is played out in a big stadium called earth and that our heavenly Father is watching us, it will make a tremendous difference in what we do and why we do it."

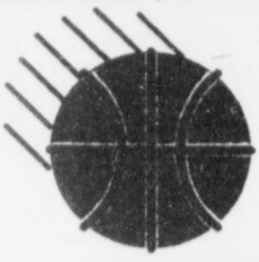
Doing the right thing for the right reason is one trait -- "habit" -- of a loving heart. Read I Corinthians 13:1-3 and be reminded that all we say, do and think must flow from the motive of love to really be effective and accepted.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

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Student Review



Lady Buffs Finish Regular Season 20-10

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Tuesday we visited with the Lady Panthers of Gorman defeating them 42 to 31. We got off to a slow start on offense in the first quarter. We couldn't get the ball to drop for us. We warmed up over the next three quarters scoring 36. Our defense was very good, only allowing one quarter over ten which was the fourth quarter giving them 11, 9 of the 11 were from the free throw line and holding them to a low 2 points in the second quarter.

Adding to the offensive point total was Turner and Francy 12, Wilson 8, Thomas 5, Richey 3, Wyatt and Kitchens 1 each.

On Friday we traveled to Panther Creek to take on the Lady Panthers in an early play off practice game. The Lady Panthers are the District Champions from 31-A. The contest was close for two quarters, 14 to 10 us and 27 to 19 at halftime. In the third quarter, we exploded for 18 and held them to 9 in order to have a 17 point cushion to start the fourth quarter. In the fourth, things remained about even and the final score was 59 to 44 Lady Buffs. This was a good practice game for us to prepare for the playoff, we had to deal with constant full court pressure and attack the basket. We shot 54% from the field, 18 assists, 20 steals, 11 offensive, 22 defensive rebounds, 50% from the free throw line, and a 33% turn-over percentage. We've been averaging about 65% from the line and about a 22% turn-over percentage. Because we were attacking the basket on our press offense and fast break the turn-over percentage was up a little, but we were taking better shots and shooting a high percentage. Being aggressive make things happen when you've got the numbers to be successful at the basket. We've really been working on this and it's starting to pay off.

Scoring the points in the practice playoff win were Turner 12, Marion 10, Francy 8, Wilson 8, Bailey 8, Wyatt 5, Beaty 4, Kitchens 3 and Webb 1.

Eighth Grade Boys Bball Team Had Successful Year

The 1999-2000 eighth grade boys basketball team had a very successful year. Their overall record was 8 wins and 6 losses.

Leading in scores for the Buffaloes was Jose Mauricio with 156 total points. Jose shot 44% from the free-throw line. Marcus Williams followed with 71 points and was 23% from the line. Other leading scorers for the Buffs were Sammie Gardner with 64 points and 41% from the line, Ryan Mack with 46 points and 27% from the line, Jordan Pancake with 37 points and 11% from the line, Russell Allen with 22 points and 17% from the line, Dusty Dickson with 18 points and 18% from the line, Andy Bennett with 13 points and 17% from the line, Casey Pack with 2 points.

The Buffaloes won first place in the Cross Plains Classic Jr. High Tournament. Coach Sparks remarked that this team was a pleasure to work with. They improved each game and Cross Plains will certainly have a lot of great basketball to come.

Cross Plains Board of Trustees To Meet Thursday, February 17

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on Thursday, February 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

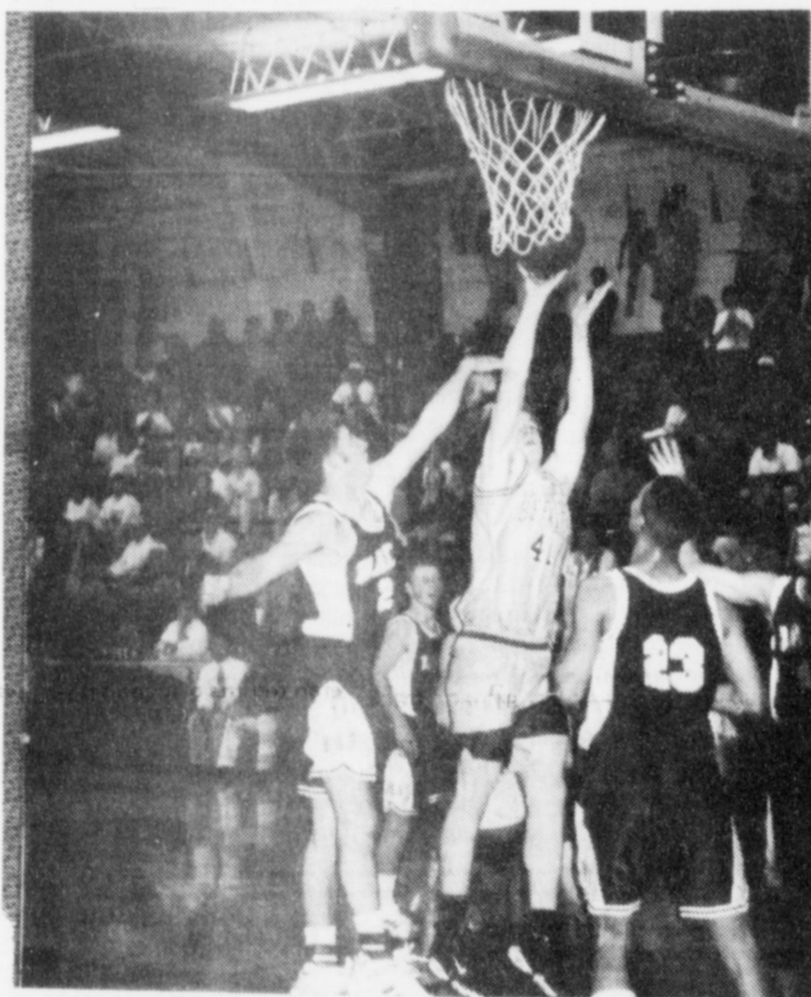
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- MINUTES
- 1. OPEN FORUM
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- 4. TAPE RECORDING MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
- 5. PAYING FOR TASB POLICY MANUAL TO BE ON-LINE
- 6. PURCHASING EXTRA TASB POLICY MANUALS
- 7. REGION XIV INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATIVES - FOOD AND COMMODITY PROCESSING
- 8. BUILDING PIPE RAILING AROUND PARKING LOT
- 9. KEY CLUB AT CROSS PLAINS H.S.
- 10. PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT CPISD
- 11. WORK FORCE INITIATIVE ACT
- 12. PROPOSED DRESS CODE CHANGE
- 13. REPAIR TO ELEMENTARY BUILDING
- 14. CAMPUS AND DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- 15. SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
 - A. ELECTION DATE
 - B. ELECTION SITE
 - C. APPOINT JUDGE
 - D. APPOINT ALTERNATE JUDGE
 - E. APPOINT ABSENTEE CLERK
 - F. ABSENTEE SITE
- 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
- 17 PERSONNEL
 - A. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONTRACT
 - B. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL CONTRACT
 - C. SECONDARY PRINCIPAL CONTRACT
 - D. OTHER EMPLOYEES (IF NECESSARY)
- 18 FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS
- 20. ADJOURN

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

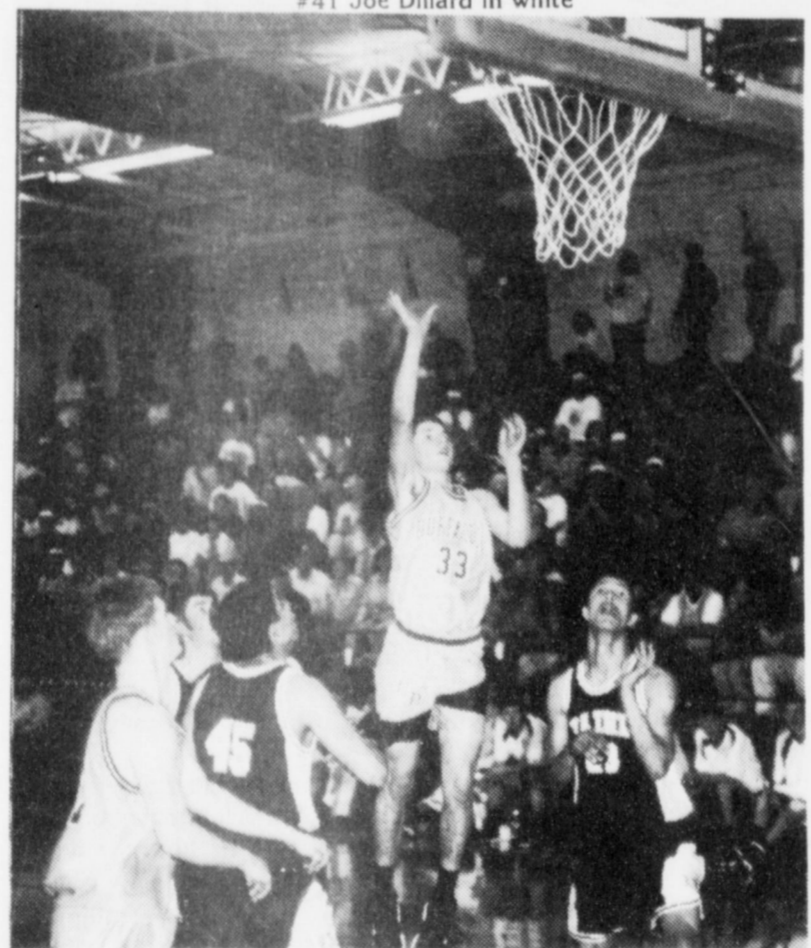
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COMING THROUGH—Cross Plains High School varsity basketball player Coby Richards cuts along the baseline for a shot during the Cross Plains/Baird one-game playoff Friday, February 11 at Cooper Gymnasium in Abilene. The Buffaloes dropped a 52-49 decision to Baird and will enter the Class A playoffs as the District 28-A second place team.

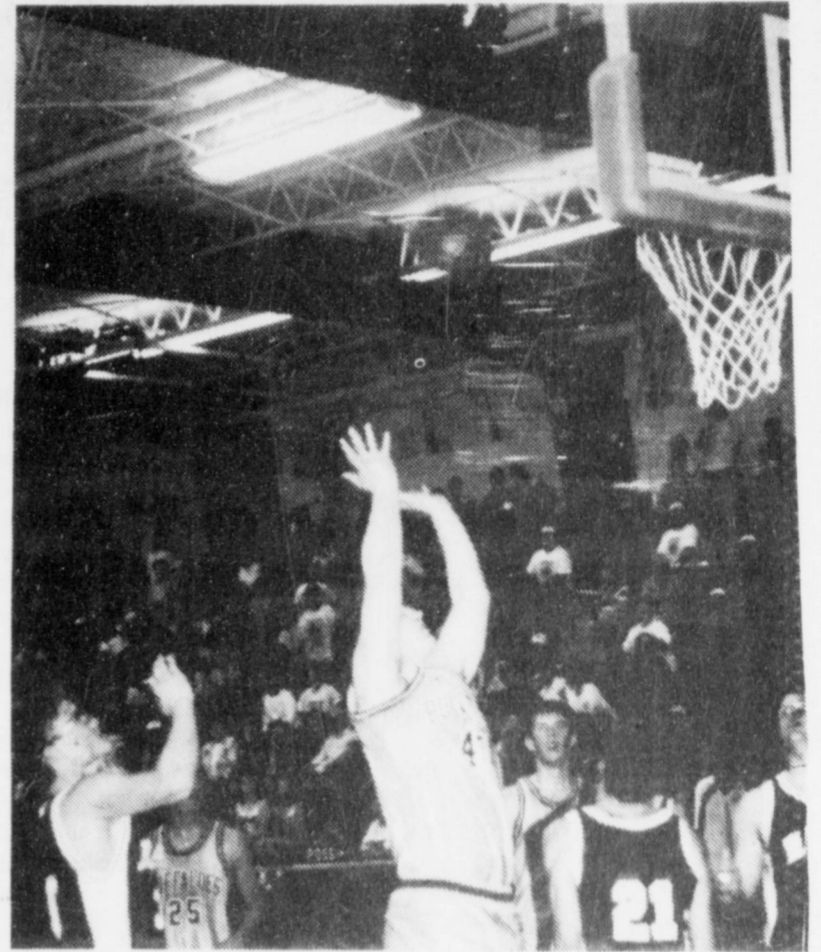


#41 Joe Dillard in white

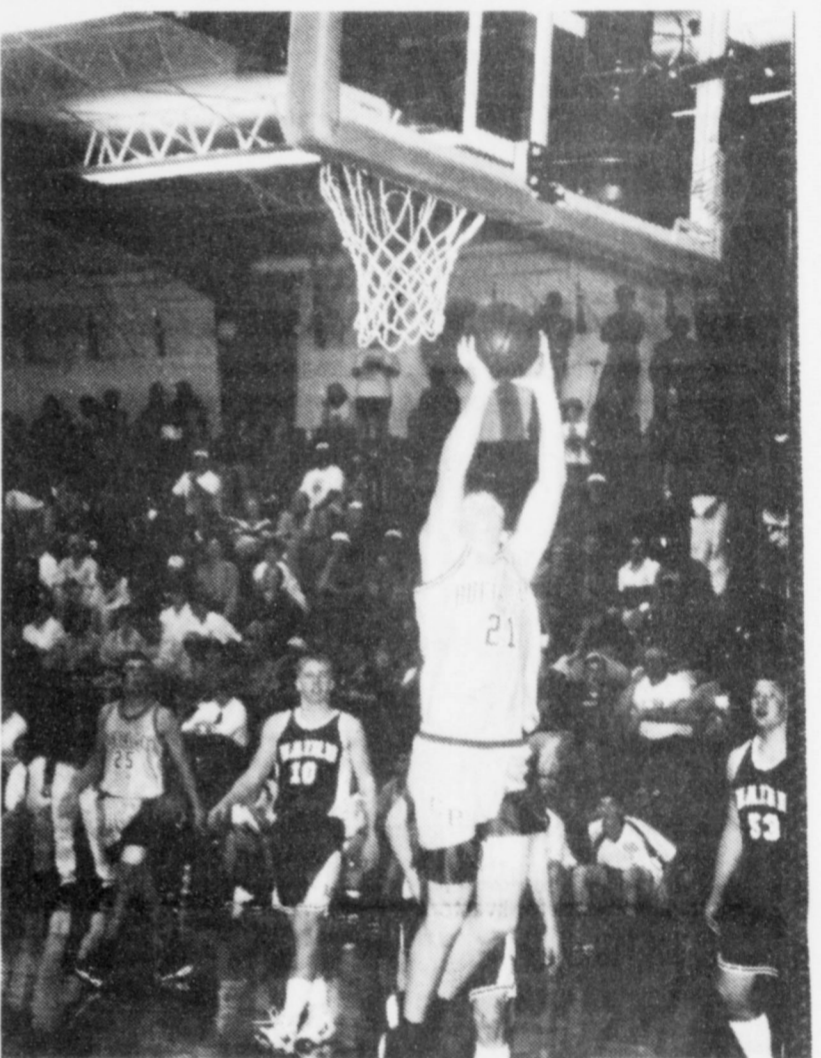


#33 Brandon Mahler in white

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#45 Jaden Winfrey in white



#21 Coby Reed in white

Keeping an eye on Texas

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In a single school year, more than half a billion cafeteria meals are served: 389 million lunches and 140 million breakfasts. Each day, on average, 2.2 million students, or 57.8 percent, ate lunch in 6,377 school cafeterias statewide, and 6,241 school cafeterias served breakfast to about 800,000 students, or 16.1 percent.

School Menu			
Number of Meals Served* (in millions)			
	Lunch	Breakfast	Total
Free	222	109	331
Paid	132	20	152
Reduced Price	35	11	46
TOTAL	389	140	529

*August 1998—May 1999

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Education Agency.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY—Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.
- TUESDAY—Donuts, assorted juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY—French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk.
- THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.
- FRIDAY—Eggs, toast, jelly, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY—Corn dogs, Ranch Style beans, carrot sticks w/dip, apple wedges and milk.
- TUESDAY—Salisbury steak w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey and milk.
- WEDNESDAY—Turkey fajitas, corn, salad, pears and milk.
- THURSDAY—Fish, coleslaw, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler and milk.
- FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

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Early Voting Begins Monday, February 28

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Party primary elections will begin Monday, February 28 at three voting locations in Callahan County.

Early voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each business day beginning Monday, February 28. The early voting locations include the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde, the Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains

and County Courthouse Room #107 in Baird.

Registered voters can vote in either of the two party primary elections at the three voting locations in the county. Early voting will conclude in the county March 10.

The Democratic Party Primary Election and the Republican Party Primary Election both will take place on Tuesday, March 14.

Grazing of CRP land allowed in Callahan County

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today, Saturday February 12, announced that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has approved the requests for 18 counties for emergency grazing of land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. The emergency request to graze is through April 30, 2000. This is waiver for grazing only and does not include haying of CRP acreage.

The approved counties, which account for 386,107 acres of CRP land, include Callahan, Coke, Concho, Fisher, Foard, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, McCulloch, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Sterling, Stonehill, Taylor, Wilbarger and Young.

"With drought conditions depleting grazing and hay supplies, this waiver not only gives livestock producers additional forage, but provides much-needed access to water resources on these acres," Combs said. "This is a beginning step in helping Texas livestock producers, but additional assistance is needed from USDA so producers can continue to operate."

In December, USDA denied requests for emergency grazing of CRP land in 10 counties. Combs, Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rep. Larry Combest, Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, Rep. Charlie Stenholm and the state office of FSA wrote and contacted Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and requested that USDA grant these requests as well as any additional requests to graze to provide forage and water for livestock.

Only livestock operations located

within an approved county are eligible for emergency grazing of CRP acreage. CRP participants who do not own livestock may rent or lease the grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer in an approved county. CRP participants must file a request with their USDA-FSA office and obtain approval before grazing begins or prior to renting or leasing the CRP acreage.

Producers who graze their CRP acreage must leave at least 25 percent of each field or adjacent field uncut for wildlife habitat, or graze all of the acreage at no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. In addition, CRP payments will be reduced by 10 percent of the per acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed in fiscal year 2000.

Combs reminds hay or livestock producers who need hay or are looking for pastures to lease that they can obtain information on available sources both in and out of Texas through TDA's Hay and Grazing Hotline. The Hay and Grazing Hotline list is on TDA's website at www.agt.state.tx.us under the "Producer" section, or producers can obtain a supplier's list by calling toll-free 1-877-429-1998. A list of hay transporters is located on the Texas Motor Transportation Association's website at www.tmta.com or a transporters list can be requested by calling TMTA at 1-800-727-7135. For livestock producers needing to haul water, the TMTA list also has water transporters.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting Tuesday, February 22

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22, in conjunction with the West Texas Farm and Ranch Show, on the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. The meeting will be held in

the Big Country Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Featured guest speakers include U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm, Parks Shackelford and Dr. Carl Anderson.

RPCG office at (915) 773-2581 or via e-mail at RPCGINC@aol.com.

Callahan County Commissioners Voted to Employ Architectural Firm Concerning Historic Courthouse Preservation Grant

Callahan County Commissioners voted to hire an architectural firm to perform a master plan and grant application for the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird to apply for a Historic Courthouse Preservation grant.

The action was taken Monday, February 14 by the Commissioners' Court. On a motion by Charlie Grider and second by Tommy Holland, commissioners voted 4-0 to hire Norman Alston Architect of Dallas to perform the master plan and grant application assistance, with the cost of the two items not to exceed \$20,000.

The bid by Alston was the lower bid among two received for performing the master plan. A bid from Komatsu Architect was also presented at a cost between \$21,000 to \$28,000.

Other agenda items brought before the county commissioners included:

—Commissioners approved the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioners also received no public comment during the meeting.

—On a motion by Harold Hicks and second by Grider, commissioners voted 4-0 to appoint Tax Assessor/Collector Bun Barry to the Salary Grievance Committee. Commissioners were informed the Tax Assessor/Collector must be one of the members to the com-

mittee, according to state law.

—On a motion by Grider and second by Roger Corn, commissioners voted 4-0 to donate \$300 to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Department after a request by Fire Chief Walter Thomason.

—Commissioners heard a request from Kim Baker with the Callahan County Nutrition Center for filing a tax-exempt status for the center. Randal Fitzhugh, a CPA for the nutrition center, also met with commissioners to discuss the tax-exempt status. On a motion by Corn and second by Hicks, commissioners voted 4-0 to allow the nutrition center to file for the 501 C-3 tax-exempt status. Baker said by applying for the tax-exempt status, the nutrition center will have more funding options.

—Commissioners took no action on discussion of the pro rata Tobacco Settlement Distribution County Expenditure Statement.

—On a motion by Hicks and second by Grider, commissioners voted 4-0 to approve a 65.26 acre plat in the western part of Callahan County from Johnny Stash for the Abilene Executive Airpark.

—On a motion by Hicks and second by Holland, commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Holland and second by Hicks, commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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MILITARY HONORS FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETS

On January 1, 2000, the Department of Defense will implement provisions of the National Defenses Authorization Act for FY2000 that provide for military honors at the funeral of any eligible veteran whose family requests them. The Military Funeral Honors Ceremony will consist of the folding and presenting of the flag and the playing of "Taps". A detail to perform Honors shall consist of two or more uniformed members of the Armed Forces, including reserve component members, with at least one member from the service in which the deceased veteran served. Authority is granted in the law to reimburse members of veterans' service organizations (VSO) and other authorized organizations for expense when they participate with the military in the delivery of military funeral honors. DoD is committed to providing, upon request,

respectful, dignified military funeral honors ceremonies as outlined in the Law. The military services may provide additional elements in keeping with their military traditions. DoD will provide a kit to assist funeral directors and others in requesting military honors. The kit includes: A military funeral honors brochure, a list of frequently asked questions, and instructional brochure on how to fold the flag, and a compact disk of "Taps". The kit will be provided to all licensed funeral directors, VSO headquarters, VA National Cemeteries and state veterans' cemeteries. Also, a toll-free number to request honors began operation January 1, 2000, as well as a military honors website. The phone number is 1-877-MIL-HONR; the web site is: <http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil>

Jordan Cattle Auction - Brownwood February 8, 2000

Receipts totaled 585 head. The market continued active today with steers under 500# selling \$6 to \$11 higher while steers weighing over 500# sold \$3 to \$6 higher. Heifers sold \$2 to \$6 higher on all weights. Slaughter cows sold steady to \$2 higher with pairs and bred cows selling steady to \$50 higher.

Representative Sales

Roy Patterson	Gustine	1 Str 315 @ 137.00
Tommy Dehay	Brownwood	1 Str 400 @ 127.50
TJ Lewis	Brownwood	1 Str 445 @ 120.00
Nathan Carothers	Goldthwaite	2 Strs 528 @ 107.00
Nathan Carothers	Goldthwaite	1 Str 530 @ 94.50
LW Richmon	Brownwood	3 Strs 643 @ 88.50
LW Richmon	Brownwood	4 Strs 714 @ 82.50
LW Richmon	Brownwood	1 Hfr 625 @ 87.00
LW Richmon	Brownwood	1 Hfr 760 @ 75.00
Mark Schmidt	Goldthwaite	1 Hfr 400 @ 109.00
Barry Mashburn	Early	1 Hfr 425 @ 101.00

Weight	Steers Price	Heifers Price	Slaughter Bulls
150-300	1.10-1.38	97-1.27	42-52
300-400	1.02-1.37	97-1.16	Slaughter Cows
400-500	95-1.27	89-1.09	29-42
500-600	90-1.08	84-94.50	Bred Cows
600-700	80-90	74-88	470-615
700-800	75-82.50	65-75	Pairs
Replacement Price		82-98	550-850

Veterans News

By: Tom Ivey

KIDNEY STONES—The Dallas VAMC now has a state-of-the-art lithotripter. This means North Texas Veterans receiving treatment for painful kidney stones will no longer be required to make one or more trips to the VAMC in Albuquerque.

Lithotripters, which use shock waves to break up urinary tract stones, have been around for approximately 20 years. Until now, however, most Texas Veterans could not receive the non-invasive treatment at any VAMC in Texas. Unlike early lithotripters, the current generation does not require the patient to sit in a tub of water. Newer technology uses a water pillow as a conductor of the shock waves. The patient receives milk sedation and pain medicine for the procedure but not a general anesthetic.

The actual new procedure generally does not require an over-night stay in the hospital and usually takes about one hour, this is good news for Category 7 Veterans as an outpatient visit now carries a charge of \$50.80 versus approximately \$750 for one (1) night in the VA

Hospital. Veterans are cautioned to contact the VAMC business office for a definite fix on costs.

CATEGORY 7 VETERANS—As mentioned above, the charge for an out-patient visit is now \$50.80 and that includes all services performed on THAT day. If the Veteran returns a second day, there is another charge of \$50.80. VA is billing the Veteran's private insurance company but that may not cover all of the \$50.80 charge. VA promises to clarify matters but that may take awhile! Any new word will be posted here as soon as received. Always remember that VA DOSE NOT charge Medicare for services rendered.

VA PAYMENTS—Fiscal Year 1998 ended October 1, 1999. During the twelve months of FY, 98 the VA paid \$1,799,805 as Compensation and Pensions to Veterans, their widows and dependents in Callahan County. \$55,208 was paid for Education and Rehab, and \$97,217 was paid as Insurance and Indemnities. A total of \$1,952,230 coming into Callahan County to

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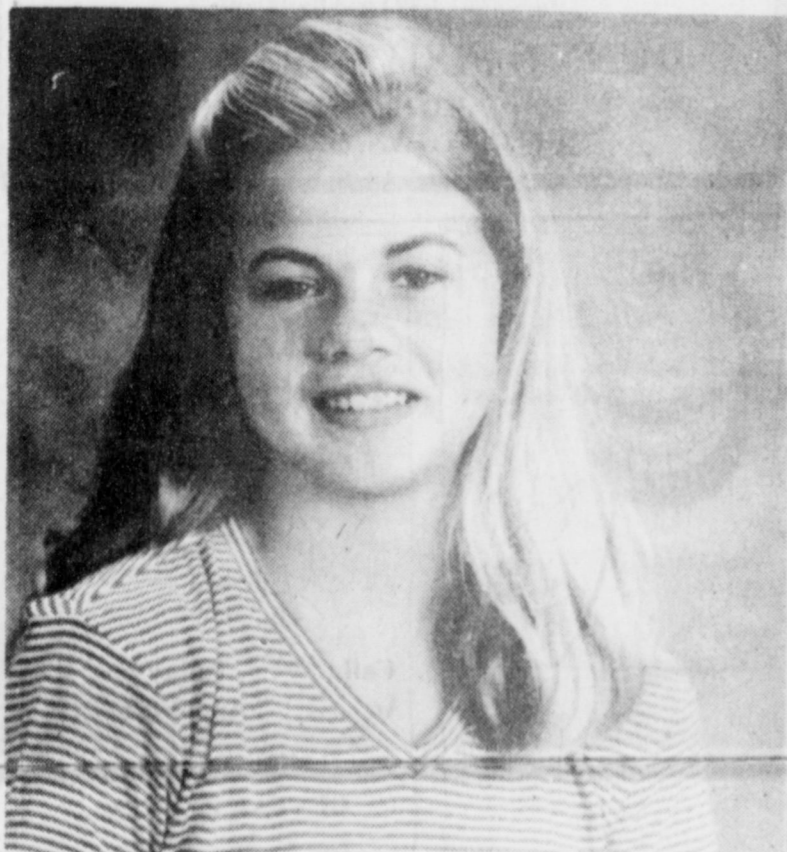
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Local boy found one sibling now searching for other lost siblings

By SIDNEY SCHUHMAN
Staff Writer
Abilene Reporter-News

Lisa Neatherlin Kaercher's eyes moisten when she recalls the first time she saw her brother, Tom Holland, after 16 years of separation.

In October, Tom, a 22-year-old Army soldier, stepped off a C-130 during the Dyess Air Force Base show and back into his family's life.

Three months later, Kaercher, 38, came face-to-face with another half-brother she hadn't seen in more than 20 years, Mike Tollett.

Now Lisa and Mike, who was born Trent Neatherlin, are searching for the remaining three siblings in their family, which was split up by foster care, adoptions, moving and what family members call "legal problems."

"We just want our siblings," Lisa said. "I'd at least like to know a little bit about them." She last saw her three lost siblings in 1979, just before they were adopted. The only information the family has about them is that they might be living in the San Angelo area.

The scattered family's saga began in the 1950s, when Gwin Neatherlin married Edna Painter in Sweetwater. Gwin was multi-

talented, working as a sports reporter and publishing dramatic works during that time.

The couple had Lisa in 1961, but divorced in the mid-'60s after Neatherlin began a relationship with Tomie Newberry.

Gwin and Tomie had six children together. Timothy, born January 7, 1970; Lia Holly, born March 6, 1971; Tia Gwin, born April 11, 1973; Todd, born July 23, 1974; Trent, born September 2, 1976 and Tom, born November 29, 1977.

The Neatherlins moved frequently, the children sometimes went hungry, and Gwin and Tomie often found themselves in trouble with the law. In 1976, Gwin and Tomie were having legal problems and needed to find homes for their children — fast.

Sudden split

Tomie was doing laundry in Clyde when Ava Tollett admired her 45-day-old son, Trent. Tomie asked, "Do you want him?"

The next day Tomie dropped off her infant at the home of Ava and her husband, Pinkie. Tomie's oldest son, Timothy, was sent to live with his paternal grandmother, and the remaining three children were placed in foster care.

Lisa, who lived with her mother and stepfather, visited her siblings

while they were in foster care, but in March 1979, during her last visit with them, she was told they were being adopted.

The siblings lost touch and Lisa suspects they may now have different last names, which makes finding them difficult.

She last saw Tom in 1983 when Tomie took him to live with her and her new husband. Lisa didn't see him again until the Dyess air show last year.

Tom, a paratrooper for the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., wasn't supposed to be in Abilene for the air show because of bad weather. But an exception was made once officials learned of his planned meeting with Lisa.

"The minute he got out it was real hard," she said of her meeting with her brother, who was born Tom Neatherlin.

Until two weeks ago, Lisa said Tom didn't know he had other siblings.

Tom's last name, Holland, is a surname his mother Tomie invented, Lisa said.

Mike said he had a good life with his adopted family. But he always felt his facial features were different than his adopted family and he wondered what his biological family looked like. In January he found out.

Mike, now a 23-year-old college student, said he knew little about his birth family and had no interest in finding them until recently. Lisa knew about Mike, but said she didn't try to contact him because she didn't know if he was aware of his adoption.

"I thought when he's ready, he'll find me, as I knew the others would," she said.

Mike began searching for his roots last year, and stumbled onto distant relatives living nearby. He discovered he had unknowingly been socializing with relatives throughout his life.

"Our lives have been interconnected," Lisa said. "Mike and I were probably the lucky ones."

Family found

When Lisa learned Mike was looking for his family, she called his house the day after Christmas and the two met earlier this month.

Lisa, a homemaker with a husband and two children in Abilene, said she paced the room for hours before their meeting, and Mike admitted he was nervous as well. When the two met, they pored over family pictures on Lisa's dining room table and, for the first time, Mike was able to see faces that looked like his own.

"He looks so much like Tom," Lisa said.

She also said he looks like Timothy, who was killed in a 1992 car accident.

Timothy's siblings were the beneficiaries of his insurance, and Lisa said it's possible the lawyer who handled the insurance knows the whereabouts of Lia, Tia and Todd.

Lisa and Mike have a serious reason for wanting to find their siblings. Timothy had cystic fibrosis, a hereditary disease they think their siblings should know about.

Now that the two have found each other, they plan to keep in touch. Already they talk on the phone twice a week. Finding their remaining siblings is what they often discuss.

The two said they have no ill feelings toward their parents, but in case their other siblings do, they would like to have a reunion without parents.

"I did harbor resentment when I was younger, but the past is the past," Lisa said. "(Gwin) may have done a lot of things in his younger days, but he's 70. He's a nice old guy now."

Mike hasn't met his brother, Tom, or his birth parents, though he said he'd like to. In a phone call to his birth mother, Tomie, he was thankful she offered to give him up that day at the laundry.

"I don't know where I would have ended up," he said. "I was cared for; I was given a chance."

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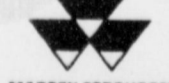
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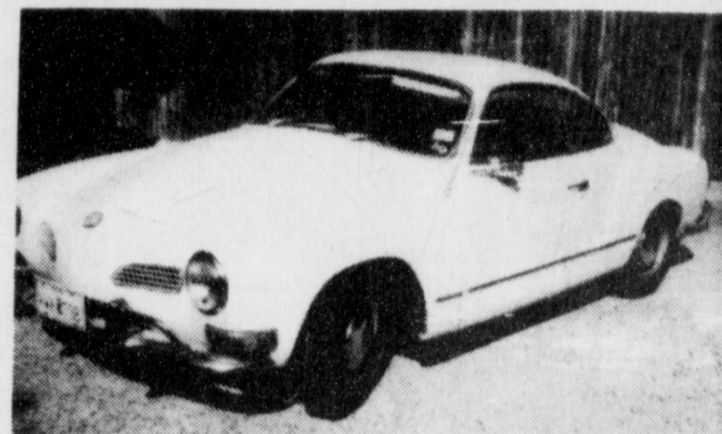
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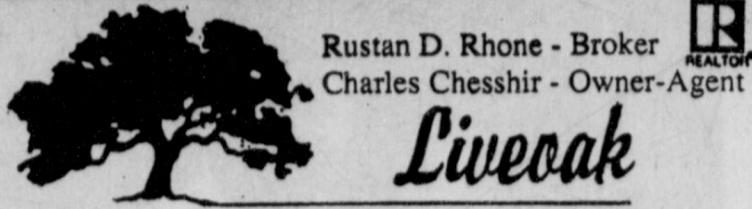
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Texas Rural Development Housing Programs for Rural Areas Announce Availability

The Texas USDA Rural Development Agency has Housing Loan Programs available to assist qualified very low, low and moderate income applicants in the construction or purchase of a home.

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Davis-Fagundes to Wed April 15th in Cross Plains

Bobby and Shirley Davis of Cross Plains are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Crystal Davis, to Sandro Afonso Fagundes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, son of Decio and Maribel Fagundes.

Crystal is the granddaughter of Buck and Joan Brown and Frank and Muriel Davis.

The couple became engaged in

November of 1999 and will be married Saturday, April 15, 2000, at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Sandro Afonso, an aeronautical engineer, is employed by Embraer of Sao Paulo, Brazil where the newlyweds will make their home.

All friends and family are cordially invited to attend this joyous occasion.



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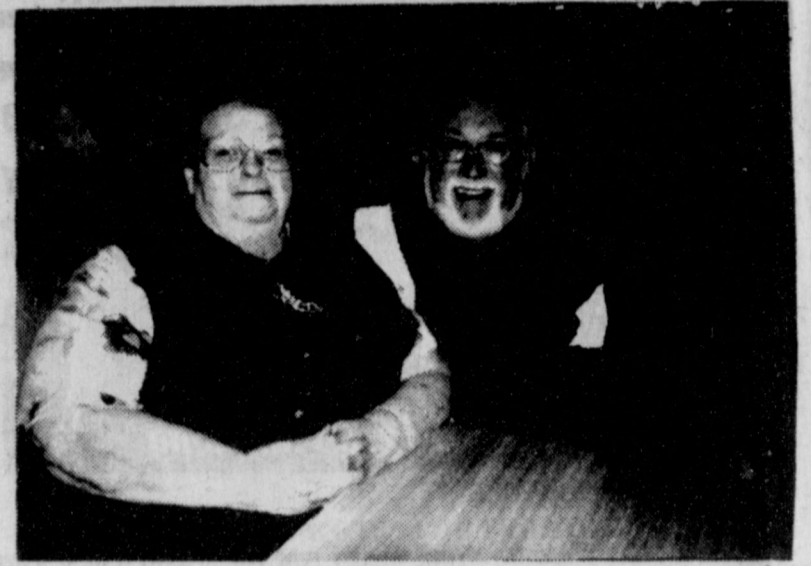
Dunn-Dooley Plan July 1st Wedding Ceremony in Austin

Thomas F. and Mary Dunn of Cross Plains announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Suzanne to Mr. Christopher George Dooley, son of Bill and Eva Dooley of Brownwood.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Wiley High School. She attends Austin Community College and is employed by the YMCA in

Pflugerville. The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Early High School and 1997 graduate of Howard Payne University with a bachelor of business administration in computer information systems.

The couple plans a July 1, 2000 wedding in the Austin area.



MR. & MRS. CHARLIE WOODY

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Woody to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Charlie and Rosie Woody were married in Coleman, on March 2, 1950. They have four children Gayla of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Donna, Raymond and Randy of Glendale, Arizona. There are eleven grandchildren.

A reception will be held in Mr. and Mrs. Woody's honor on the patio at

their home in the Thunderbird Retirement Resort in Glendale, Arizona.

Charlie retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years. He also retired from Thunderbird Samaritan Medical Center. Rosie is a retired City of Phoenix Telecommunications operator.



Pitching woo...

It's about time to rake up all the wasted hay and droppings from the goat pen again. It is certainly not a chore I enjoy, and I have to work myself up to it gradually.

The other day, I found myself considering the more pleasurable aspects of the task. When I spend that much time in the goat pen, the goats treat me like one of them. They follow me around and rub up against me. They look at me with an acceptance that speaks of deep friendship, sometimes cemented by pulling my hair while I'm bent to the task.

When I pictured the younger goats walking between my feet and jumping up on me. The bigger ones walk ON my feet, and wedge themselves between me and whatever I'm trying to do. They think they're helping.

That erased all thoughts of mucking out the pen for awhile.

A few days later, an urge came to me again. I gathered a rake and a wheelbarrow. Then, thank goodness, something happened, and I had to put it off for a few days more. Maybe the dog dish was empty, or the kitchen trash can needed to be emptied. I don't remember.

A brilliant idea came to me one cool, cloudy morning. What I really need is chickens. Enough chickens to do the job for me. But then I'd have to clean out the chicken house, too. Ugh! By the end of the day, I'd given up on that idea, and the next day was way too hot to clean out the pen.

Yesterday, I began looking for the pitchfork. I found it, but it was a fork with no pitch. The handle

was lying broken and useless not far from the rusted fork.

I mentioned to MyKeeper that we needed a new handle for our pitchfork. He said it would be no more expensive to buy a whole new pitchfork than to buy a handle for a broken one.

I explained I've had these urgings to get the job done. I want to get the leavings spread onto the garden before tilling. Of course, if we don't get rain, there will likely be no garden this year, but if we get soaked I want to be ready with seeds. Even if there's no gardening this year, the goat pen still needs its periodic cleanup.

"Hey! I have an idea!" MyKeeper announced. "Valentine's Day is coming up. That's just perfect! I can get you a pitchfork for Valentine's Day."

This is the same guy who has such tender thoughts about engagements. We were discussing a friend's search for a ring for his fiancee. The ring chosen was a hardship to the budget, and MyKeeper said, "Why do people buy engagement rings anyway? Diamonds are so expensive." I replied that it was a symbol of belonging to each other. He said, "So's a brand on the haunches. Cheaper, too."

MyKeeper was pleased with himself over the Valentine gift idea. "And everybody says I'm not a romantic," he bragged. "Don't you think that's pretty thoughtful of me?"

"Oh, you're all right!" I said, giving him a pal slap on the back.

What a guy. At least I'll be able to get the pen cleaned out before Spring.

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STAFF SGT. JIMMY MEADOR

A local Cross Plains resident, Staff Sergeant Jimmy Meador, a member of the National Guard, and the 50 other members of the Abilene-based 111th Engineer Battalion are on their way to the Balkans in Bosnia for a peace keeping mission under orders of President Clinton.

For the past year, Staff Sergeant Jimmy Meador and his unit in Abilene have trained and prepared for the peace keeping mission in Bosnia.

They are part of the Texas Army National Guard's 49th Armored Division, which is made up of about 700 Texas guardsmen from across the state.

This will be the biggest deployment of the Texas Guard since the 49th Armored Division was called for the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

The soldiers will take command of the American sector in NATO's Bosnia operation on March 7 for about eight months.

The 49th Armored Division is the first reserve unit to take over the U.S. Army's task force headquarters in Bosnia. The mission will be the first time a National Guard division has been sent to an operational area since the Korean War.

And the 49th Armored Division soldiers will be the first National Guard troops to command regular American Army and Multinational soldiers overseas since World War II.

While individual reserve units have been used for similar duty, this is one of the few times in Army history when a Guard unit has commanded active-duty forces.

This is the latest move in a growing shift to use the Guard and Reserves in major Army missions. The Army Guard and Reserves now out number active-duty Army forces -- 564,000 to 479,000.

The 111th will provide security for the task force headquarters.

Staff Sergeant Meador, and his fellow guardsmen departed Thursday morning, February 10, for Fort Hood, where they will spend two weeks before being flown to Bosnia in small groups.

Brig. Gen. Robert Lee Halverson, commander of the 49th Armored Division, said the Texas troops will work with British and French military commands in other parts of Bosnia to keep peace during the country's first free elections.

They will replace the Army's 10th Mountain Division in Command of Task Force Eagle in Tuzla, Bosnia. The task force is a 5-year-old peace keeping mission of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Bosnians are scheduled to go to the polls in an election similar to primary election, within 30 days after the 49th assumes command of the task force.

The 49th division will also command troops of the 3rd Armored

Cavalry Regiment from Fort Carson, Colorado, and a group of United Nations airborne and infantry brigades.

The division has spent the past year preparing for the mission, with most members receiving about 108 days of special training.

"It's hard to leave home and family," said Meador, "But it's something we have got to do."

Tricia Hopkins, a sister of Jimmy Meador, said, "We are going to miss him more than he will ever know, but this is something he has to do, and we are very proud of him. Our prayers go with him and all the soldiers, that God will protect and look out for them and bring them all home safely."

Spring Dinner Theatre Auditions

Auditions for "Faith County", the spring 2000 production of the Hilton Dinner Theatre will be held February 17 and 18, at 7 p.m. in room 215 of the Harrell Fine Arts Building on the CJC campus. The production offers roles for three men and six women in a wide variety of age ranges, and the entire Cisco area community is welcome to audition.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 6, 2000 through February 12, 2000 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings-113
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