

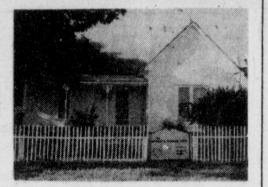
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Bob Wallace, pastor of Believer's Fellowship, read the following story last Easter at his church and I've been saving it for this issue for a year. The author is unknown, wouldn't you know! You will enjoy this beautiful story. Happy Easter! Vanda Anderson-Creech

"The Empty Egg"

Jeremy was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy just irritated his teacher.

One day she called his parents and asked them to come in for a consultation. As the Forrester's entered the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five year gap between his age and that of the other students."

Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue, while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock to Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here." Doris sat for a long time after they had left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forrester's. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. Here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family, she thought. Lord, please help me to be more patient with Jeremy. From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him.

"I love you, Miss Miller," he See EMPTY EGG page 12

How Can I HELP?

Have you ever felt hopeless as you set beside a loved one or friend as they were confronting serious injury, surgery or disease and

wondered what you could do? Here is your chance! A Blood Drive will be held Thursday, April 20 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. across from the First Med Clinic (Subway) on Main Street. You can just walk in or schedule an appointment for your convenience by calling Dannes Turner at (254) 725-6141.

The Meek Blood Center serves 15 area medical facilities and needs approximately 100 units of blood each day to supply the need. This need cannot be met without the willingness of volunteers to help

Please take a few minutes to donate blood. You never know when you could save a life!

Service For **Rosalea Cutbirth Bonner Held** Sat., April 15

Rosalea Cutbirth Bonner, of Cross Plains, died Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

Rosalea Cutbirth Bonner was born on May 25, 1918, in the ranch home of her maternal grandparents, Hance Alexander and Rosa Lee Lambert McWhorter in Callahan County. Rosalea's paternal grandparents were J.B. and Sarah Alice Skinner Cutbirth of Baird.

A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Chaffin, her pastor, officiated. Interment was in the Ross Cemetery in Baird directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Rosalea graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended McMurry College in Abilene. She met John Lewis Bonner in college and they were married on January 7, 1938. The first three years of their marriage was spent in Anson where their daughter Jane was born. Rosalea and "Pokey" returned to Cross Plains and joined her parents in the ranching business and had their second daughter Jean. The family spent their life on the Cutbirth Bonner Ranch west of

Rosalea was preceded in death by her beloved husband John in 1985, her father Fred Cutbirth in 1966 and her mother Ada McWhorter Cutbirth in 1982.

She was a life-time member of the First United Methodist Church serving on various committees. Rosalea was instrumental in organizing the "Lord's Acre" and served as chairman for over twenty years. She was a charter member of the Cross Plains Parent Teachers Association and served as one of the first presidents of that organization. She was involved in the Red Cross, County Welfare Board, March of Dimes, United Fund and the schools Booster Clubs. Rosalea gave a lifetime of service to her family, her friends, her church and community.

She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Jane Bonner Kelly and W. Carroll Kelly, Jr. of Pearland; Jean Bonner McWilliams and Joe McWilliams of Cross Plains; four grandchildren, Jackie Jean and husband Jeff Harris of Friendswood; Trey Bonner and wife Suzanne of League City; Terry Jane and husband Tony Wyatt of Cross Plains; John Fred and wife Melody McWilliams of Cross Plains; ten great-grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jonathan, Clayton, Carson, LeaJean, Toni Mae, Joe Dalton, Cotton, Shelby and Dawson.

Pallbearers were Joe McWilliams, Carroll Kelly, Trey Bonner, John Fred McWilliams, Jeff Harris and Tony Wyatt.

Honorary Pallbearers were those whose lives she touched.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 160, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, Memorial Fund or Endowment

CP Athletic Booster Club To Meet Monday

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club will meet on Monday, April 24 at 0.50 pan. w imaire plans for this year's Athletic Banquet. The meeting will take place in the foyer of the high school gymnasium. Please make plans to attend.



1ST PLACE BULL RIDER - Michael McCorkle (Photo courtesy of Ron McCowen).

CPRC Turkey Creek Bull Riding Showdown Results Told

By FRANKIE HYLES **CPRC** President

The activities for the Cross Plains Riding Club Turkey Creek Bull Riding Showdown started at 1:00 p.m. Saturday with a Barrel Racing (results not available). At 3:00 p.m. the Cook-off entries were judged with the following results:

Brisket Contest 1st place went to Dana's Famous Brisket and Ribs from Cross Plains: 2nd place Benny and Buddy from Abilene; and 3rd place Our Place from Cross Plains. Chicken Contest - 1st place Little

Grill on the Prairie from May; 2nd place Dana's Famous Brisket and Ribs; and 3rd place TNT from Early. Ribs Contest - 1st place Painter Farms from Cross Plains; 2nd place Dana's Famous Brisket and Ribs:

Chili Contest - 1st place Cabaret from Abilene; 2nd place Painter Farms of Cross Plains; and 3rd place Little Grill on the Prairie of May.

and 3rd place Broken Ole Boys from

Jackpot Beans - 6T's of Abilene. Friendliest Cook - Painter's Farms of Cross Plains.

Showmanship Award - Dana's Famous Brisket and Ribs.

The Bull Riding was held at 6:00

Musical Set For

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is

holding their Country and Western

Musical on Friday, April 21

beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the

Chili beans and corn bread with all

the trimmings, plus sandwiches and

Emcee for the evening will be

Mary Ella Weaver. All country and

western musicians are invited to

Come and enjoy a fun-filled

evening of musical entertainment,

Cottonwood Community Center.

Cottonwood

Fri., April 21

pie will be served.

food and fellowship!

p.m. with 29 riders in a long go and 4 riders in the short go. The long go winners were 1st place Cal Lewis from Abilene; 2nd place Michael McCorkle from Brooksmith; 3rd place P.J. Perkins of Coleman; and 4th place Zane Huntley of Wingate. Winning the average in the short go was Michael McCorkle in 1st place and 2nd place Cal Lewis.

J.V. Rhyne of Cross Plains was the winner of the PBR jacket donated by Jones Real Estate.

A large turnout for the dance featuring Double Shot, a band from Coleman, ended the day's events.

A special thanks to all the members of the Cross Plains Roping Club and our sponsors, Dean Dillard Cattle Company, Taste of Texas, Citizens State Bank, Jones Real Estate, Cross Plains Vet Clinic, Neal Drug, Higginbotham's, Construction, Food Plaza, Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Cross Plains Petroleum, Johnson's Dry Goods and the Cross Plains Review. Special appreciation to the OX Radio Station 94.3 in Comanche for the promotion and live remote. The Barbarian Festival Committee did a great job operating the concession stand. We hope everyone who attended had fun and will come again.

Ladies Retreat Planned Locally on Sat., April 29

There will be a special ladies retreat on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham.

Connie will be giving a book review of Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman by Anne Ortlund. If you have a heart for the Lord and desire to be all you can be as a woman, then you'll benefit from this

Everyone is invited. Cliff will provide lunch, so please RSVP by April 26th by calling (254) 725-6318 work or (254) 725-6500 home. There is no charge. Come and enjoy fellowship with other women and a fun day out!

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 22

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the bank lot behind the Dairy Queen Saturday, April 22. The hunt will start at 10 a.m. Eggs with money, and other "goodies" will be included among the

hundreds of eggs. If you wish, you can get your child's picture taken with the Easter bunny for a small fee.

Come on out Saturday, bring your children and enjoy the fun. This hunt is sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Fran Adkins To Speak At Kiwanis Meeting Tuesday, April 25

Fran Atkins of KTAB and WTU. Abilene, will be guest speaker at the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club's meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 25 at Jean's Feed Barn, East Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come a little early if you plan to eat (dutch treat), then stay for the fellowship and presentation by Fran Adkins.

St. Jude Miracle Mile Fitness Walk Saturday, April 22

The annual fund-raising event in Cross Plains for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital of Memphis, Tennessee, will be held on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Cross Plains School Track.

The awards and prizes are as

All participants will receive a certificate. Participants collecting at

least \$35 receive St. Jude T-shirt or collecting at least \$75 receive a St. Jude T-shirt and sports bag.

Awards and prizes are given after the funds are sent to St. Jude Hospital.

"Your Help Will Make A Difference!"

If additional information is needed, contact Esther Kerr, 725-6402 or Joe Howser 725-7351.

will shock many who have never

actually thought about the

Easter Sunday, April 23, will be a

day of great celebration. Jesus

Christ Has Risen!! He said to them,

"Go into all the world and preach the

The purpose of Holy Week is to

wake people up to what actually

took place on these days in Jesus'

Our church lovingly invites

everyone to these special services.

They will surely touch your heart

and soul. Easter will be a time of

Nursery will be provided to those

itted by Vicki Dillard

good news to all creation."

Holy Week Observed at First United **Methodist Church**

crucifixion.

time on earth.

renewal for all.

with young children.

What have you done for Christ that is worthy of Him dying on the cross for you?

This week the First United Methodist Church invites all Christians to observe the Holy Week services with their congregation. The Holy (Maundy) Thursday will begin at 7:00 p.m. This service is very touching. Everyone attending will reenact the Upper Room scene. People will come to the Lord's table 12 at a time - each taking a disciples place at the Last Supper. Please remember the Lord's table is open to all Christians - not just our own - but everyone. After everyone partakes of communion at the Last Supper we will journey into the Garden at Gethsemane. We will experience the struggle Jesus had as He was in the garden praying to God for His

will to be done. On April 21, Good Friday, we will have the church open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a 6 hour prayer vigil. These hours actually symbolize the 6 hours that Jesus hung and suffered on the cross until his death. If anyone would like to come and pray at this time - please feel free to join

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Dr. Richard Chaffin will share with us in great detail the pain and agony that Jesus suffered as He was nailed and hung on the cross to die. This description

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E.M.S. and other emergency

personnel to locate your residence,

flip the light switch twice in

succession to activate. Then the light

will flash consistently until they

To purchase your Smart Alert light

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Antiques on Highway 36 East, Cross

Plains and see Joe Howser. If you are

a senior citizen give Joe a call at (254) 725-7351 and he will arrange

to have a bulb delivered to you in

In Clyde, contact Leonard Farmer

at (915) 893-4305.

end of this article).

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News

FBC To Have Special Easter Service

11 a.m., the Worship Ministries of the First Baptist Church will present a very special Easter morning worship celebration, "Come to the This special Cross." commemoration of Christ will feature contemporary and traditional music by choir and soloists and inspiring narrative as we are led in a time of worship through the life, death, resurrection and return of our Lord and Savior.

This Sunday morning, April 23, at

The First Baptist Church family invites everyone to come witness this marvelous Easter celebration with us as we reflect on the wonder of God's most precious gift to us--His Son, Jesus Christ.

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Food Pantry Update

By BETTY EDWARDS

The Cross Plains Food Pantry opened March 6th. We have served 17 clients, referred 2 clients to other agencies and were able to help with some medical supplies.

We have given our gently used clothing to about the same number of clients as for food.

Donations from the community of food and good used clothing are still being received.

If you are planning to do spring cleaning and closet cleaning PLEASE consider donating your good clothing to the Multi-Purpose Center clothes closet.

Some household items could also be utilized. For more information

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Betty (254) 725-6510.

about this or the food pantry call

Volunteers are still needed. Our next big project for the food pantry is to get some shelves made or have pre-made shelves installed. Would you like to volunteer your time to this project? If you would, call Betty (254) 725-6510.

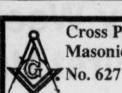
If you have items to donate please bring them to the Multi-Purpose Center on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. ONLY. Please do not leave donations outside!

If you need to apply to use the Food Pantry, come to the Multi-Purpose Center on Monday 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring a utility bill with your service address and your Social Security card.

I would like to say "thank you" to all who have donated cash, clothing, food and time to the Food Pantry.

Deadlines

Ads - noon Tues Articles - noon Mon.



Cross Plains Masonic Lodge

Stated Meeting 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. http://txlodge627.tripod.com http://www.gltexas.org Sec. (254) 725-7530

Selected Scriptures

Therefore all Your precepts

...the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and

concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way. Psalm 119:128

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Wayne Lenz - Pastor 725-4577 - Jason Kempf - Youth & Music Minister

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9TH & AVE D. **CROSS PLAINS** WORSHIP SERVICE9:30 A.M.

BIBLE CLASS10:30 A.M.

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Living Water Ministries Fellowship Full Gospel-Non-Denominational-Apostolic

Restoring And Equipping The Saints Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Colleen Anderson Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Maxey Evans Youth Pastors - James & Glenda Tidwell

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

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship......11:00 a.m. Evening Service6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time7:00 p.m.

Joe Coppinger, Pastor (254) 725-7730 Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church . Bible Teaching

ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 ml. west of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Carl Mauldin

Come Worship With Us!

Obituaries



Ila Mae Marshall

Ila Mae Marshall, 92, died Friday, April 14, 2000, in Cross Plains.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Higginbotham Funeral Home. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery where she will rest next to her beloved husband, Willard R. Marshall, who preceded her in death in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her cherished sons, Eldon Marshall in 1973 and Buford Marshall in 1999.

She was born Ila Mae Webb, September 19, 1907, in Comanche County and grew up in the Sydney Community. Following her marriage, Ila Mae and Willard lived in the Pioneer area for many years. They farmed in several areas of Texas but returned to Cross Plains in 1966. During her life-time, in addition to being a homemaker, she worked in retail sales, restaurant/ hotel management and received top honors as an Avon Lady.

Ila Mae was a devout Christian and an active member of the Baptist church throughout her life including the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. She devoted her life and energies to her family, as wife, mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother. Her Christian examples, her courage and sense of humor through life's adversities have been testaments to her faith and an example to her family and friends. Ila Mae will long be remembered by many for unselfishly caring for the "old people" in the community.

She is survived by two daughtersin-law; Carolyn C. Marshall of Hurst and Carolyn Glover of Tucson, Arizona; seven grandchildren, David and Kathy Marshall of Godley, Stephan Marshall of Austin, Kyle Marshall of Scurry, John and Lisa Marshall of Weatherford, Kim Marshall and Nathan Jones of Rowlett; eight great-grandchildren, Kris Polley, Ashley Polley, Kasi Jones, Jordan Marshall, Courtney Marshall, Tori Marshall, Kyle Ross Marshall and Stephan Wayne Marshall; one sister-in-law, Detta Webb of Abilene; and many caring nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Ila Mae loved the Lord and we know she is in a better place rejoined with her family who went before but she will be missed by her family and friends for her quick wit and feisty attitude, her willingness to help and advise and her great stories about the

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Marion 'Abby' Lichty

Marion "Abby" Lichty, 52, passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2000, at Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Abby was born October 23, 1947, in Hartford, Connecticut. When her birthing parents realized they could not take proper care of Abby, they allowed her to be adopted and reared by loving adoptive parents, Michael and Lena Abbazia. Abby grew up and went to school at Darien. Connecticut. She continued her education by attending a clothes fashion and designing school in Boston, Massachusetts. She had a friend who wanted to become a flight attendant, however, so Abby applied with her to be trained by United Airlines in Chicago. Upon

graduation, whe worked out of L.A. for 4 years, then transferred to Seattle. It was "then and there" that she met Terry; they were married February 22, 1978, in Issaquah, Washington where they lived for the first 20 years of their happy 22 years of marriage. They moved to Cross Plains about 2 years ago, in 1998, after having spent a couple of winters here and deciding they liked this climate and pace of life much better. Abby retired from United Airlines in March of '99 with 29 years of faithful service. Abby and Terry have been

working on a house in the city for awhile - not that they were going to abandon their country home where they have horses and plenty of room to roam. It was at their country home that Abby became very ill in her sleep last Monday night and was rushed to Hendrick ER. Sometime during that time, Abby passed from this life.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, John David Lichty, and her adoptive parents, Michael and Lena Abbazia, Jr., and a sister-inlaw, Jan Hawkins.

She is survived by her loving husband, Terry of Cross Plains; mother-in-law (who claimed Abby as a daughter), Haroldene Lichty of Washington State; brother-in-law, Rocky Hawkins as well as two nieces, Cody and Cheyenne Hawkins all of New Mexico; and two God-daughters (whom their parents knew that it was okay to give and trust to Terry and Abby as such, that they wouldn't be abused nor misguided), Britta and Callie Bergan of Washington State; numerous previous work-mates at United Airlines, other friends including a host of them that Abby made in the short time they have

Pallbearers were Randy Bass, Rocky Hawkins, David Clark, Ken Welch, Tom Merryman and Ray

The following is a poem that her husband Terry composed for her before they were married.

Yes, For You In days filled with chaos; Time still, will I stop for you -For thoughts of us Will, forever linger In the minds of two who fear, Only the loss of either.

But love has much outweigned In fact, overwhelmed the

And created an inward bond, Yet impelled forth for all in view. Not for impression - but For us anew.

Why have others failed? When we hold truths so real. Can they only see through eyes? Where we perceive the vast. Not empty, but alive for us, With two lives as one, made to last.

Yes, From Me

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Marvin Rainey, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Allan Hunter, plea of guilty to unlawfully carrying weapon, \$300 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Everett N. Carlton, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Renea Trent, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$261.25 court costs, \$132.21 restitution. Earl Hughes, plea of guilty to theft

of service, 6 month probation, \$250 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$342.01 restitution.

Adam Moore, order releasing cash bond granted and plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court

Lance Vickers, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$246.25 court costs, \$125 restitution. Transfer request from Taylor County to Hood County granted.

Timothy Hargrove, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

Marc Welch, motion to revoke probation granted.

Clark Joseph Ward, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Lance Hall, motion to dismiss to operating an unregistered motor vehicle granted, cash appearance bond forfeited, paid \$274.25.

Marriage Licenses

Joseph Matthew Keith and Patricia Arlene Smith, both of Clyde. Billy Mac Chaney and Kristina trolled substance. Lynn Robinson, both of Clyde.

Andrew Roger Price of Dyess AFB, Abilene and Suzan Joann Aust of

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Amy LaJoie Howsh and Tony Lynn Howsh, divorce. Joseph M. Erwin and Elizabeth

Charles Lewis Lockaby and Kathleen Lockaby, divorce.

J. W. Harris and Deborah Harris, divorce.

Shack Well Service, Inc. and Albany Transport Co. vs. Richman Petroleum Corporation, breach of contract.

D'Amico Construction Inc. vs. Housing Authorities of the City of Baird and Callahan County, Texas and the City of Baird, breach of con-

Civil Minutes

Wynona Kay Black and D.W. Black, divorce granted.

Chrystie Jean Patterson and Sevron Henderson, divorce granted.

Brenda L. Fleming and Franky L.

Fleming, divorce granted. Gregg Gerard Guttuso and Melinda Kay Guttuso, divorce granted,

Nancy Pearl Nichols Sharp and Martin David Sharp, divorce granted. Raymond J. Davis vs. American Home Products Corporation, et al.

Order granting non-suit. The Estate of Luther Rogers, deceased, order granting non-suit.

Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation vs. Charles W. Brown and Bertha J. Brown, default judgment. granted.

Wesley Bagwell vs. Hanner Motors, order dismissing plaintiff's original petition granted.

Cross Plains Independent School District vs. David Matthew McGowen, David McGowen, Sara McGowen, Billy D. Higgins, Jr., Billy D. Higgins, Sr., Corey Lee Switzer and Diedra Switzer, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Criminal Indictments

Melanie R. Shackelford, possession of controlled substance.

Jeremy J. Howell, possession of controlled substance. Ray W. Goss, driving while in-

toxicated (DWI). Regan B. Gamble, possession of controlled substance.

Ben T. McDougal, possession of marijuana.

Mark E. Wylie, possession of con-Lynn L. Stevens III, possession of

controlled substance. James W. Smith, Ct. I, possession of anhydrous ammonia, Ct. II, use of

equipment for anhydrous ammonia. Daryl W. Broadus, burglary of a

Dustin Lee Jordan, burglary of a

building. Dina L. Burgess, injury to a child.

Justin C. Edmondson, engaging in criminal activity, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Jon Richard Gilley, DWI. Daniel C. Bailey, DWI.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 23, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Nimrod Baptist Hosting Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

Nimrod Baptist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the young and the young at heart, on Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Anyone wanting to participate are very welcome to bring their families and enjoy fun and fellowship. Each family is asked to please bring eggs to add to the hunt and the fun will begin.

God bless!

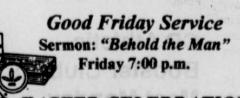
Submitted by Bea Brawley

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Thursday Re-enactment of the Upper Room (All Christians are Invited to Participate in the Lord's Table) Sermon: "The Man Who Kissed Heaven's Door - and Went to Hell" Thursday 7:00 p.m.

> Prayer Vigil (the six hours Jesus was on the Cross) Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



EASTER CELEBRATION Come Hear the Beautiful Choir Music Sermon: "Winter Doesn't Have the Last Word" Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

The residents enjoyed the fine singing of Dorothy Reynolds during their birthday party. Residents who had birthdays were Allie Dickson and Carl McKenzie. Ann Belz provided the birthday cake. Employees with birthdays are Jessie Fleming, Jackie Turner and Margaret Allison. Our wedding anniversary is Ruby Cassle.

Our thoughts and prayers for Jo Boatright and Victor Long who are in the hospital.

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to the family of Ila Mae Marshall.

Appreciation to Stormie Jones for the strawberries, to the Beauchamp family for the donation, to the families of Abby Lichty and Carolyn Marshall for the beautiful flower arrangements, and to Bobby Jack McCowen for coming to sing

Emma and Joy McKenzie, Jana Long, Luke and Sam McKenzie and Joan Parker visited with Carl McKenzie.

Lois Chalk visited with Vera Belyeu.

Beth Meador visited with Nandell

Stiles.

Charlou Cowan, Lurene, Byron and Brenton McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Mattie Faye Wilson visited with O.B. Switzer.

Joan Bullard and Eddy McCarty

visited with Kate McCarty. Bob and Dee Harrell visited with Ruby Harrell and others.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu (2), Falba Shofner (2) and Minnie

Swann (2). Exercise class. Tuesday: Art class, singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Wednesday: Singing with Bob Wallace, exercise class and Skip-Bo

Thursday: Manicures and popcorn social.

Friday: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner, Minnie Swann (2), Maxine Crisp (2) and Vera Belyeu (2). Ball toss.

Sunday: Pioneer Baptist Church Thanks be to God which giveth us the VICTORY through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

HAPPY EASTER!!

Cottonwood VFCG Fund-raiser Set For June 10

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be holding a fund-raiser on Saturday, June 10 on the bank lot north of the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. Garage sale items will be available, along with a bake sale. Hot dogs, snow cones and cold drinks will be sold.

If you have sale items to donate, please drop them by the Cottonwood Fire House anytime. No clothing,

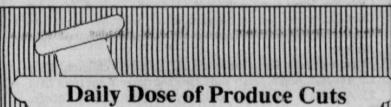
For additional information contact Ila Stroud at (254) 725-6263 or Mary St. Peter (254) 725-6762.

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Pol. Ad. Pd. by Ray Purvis, 124 Tom Bryant St., Cross Plains, TX 76443



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By Bob Pipes, preacher **Cross Plains Church of Christ** 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

"Love never fails," I Corinthians 13:8a. The love described in this great chapter of the Bible is a picture of God's love -- but it's the love He wants us to demonstrate in our lives as well.

In Willard Tate's book, Habits of a Loving Heart, he quotes Cicero: "We should measure affection, not like youngsters, by the ardor of its passion, but by its strength and constancy." Now read that again and change

Mr. Tate illustrates the point that you can't buy unconditional love with this story. "A minister was talking to his Sunday school class of early teenagers about things money can and can't buy. 'You can't buy laughter,' he said. 'That comes from the soul. You also can't buy love.' Then to drive his point home, he asked, 'What would you do if I offered you a thousand dollars not to love your mother or father?' A moment of silence followed as the boys and girls thought that over. Then a small voice piped up and said, 'How much would you offer me not to love my big sister?'" Tate adds: "Humor aside, that minister was right on target. Unconditional love isn't free, but the price isn't paid in dollars and cents."

Unconditional love is that which never fails -- never lets another down. It's not an "I'll love you if" or "I love you when" love, rather an "I'll love you regardless -- regardless of anything" love. How many relationships do you suppose that kind of love upon the parts of all involved would improve? How many marriages would be enhanced -- divorces avoided? How many parent/child struggles would evaporate?

May we each find ways to express unfailing love toward one another.

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.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"GRAVY"

Nothing, seems to compare with a big old bowl of cream gravy and a pan full of homemade hot biscuits. It's good by its lonesome as well as with sausage or ham, bacon, steak and eggs, good with fried potatoes, or pinto beans, some folks are even partial to grits and gravy. Now, I love grits, but that's one time I'll pass on the gravy. I want juicy, ripe strawberries, and eggs easy over with my grits.

My father-in-law refers to cream gravy as "Sawmill Gravy."

Did you know there's even some folks who've never even eaten cream gravy, much less cooked any.

When I lived in New Mexico I had a friend from Chicago, who had never eaten cream gravy, until some locals invited her for lunch. She had her first serving of bread and gravy

Back some years ago, I used to watch a cooking show out of Nashville. Each weekday they'd have a celebrity guest come on the show and cook a favorite dish, give the recipe and all.

Wel-1-Il some people made some mighty fancy dishes, some made plain dishes etc.

Freddie Fender made a Mexican dish with doritoes, eggs, cheese, hot peppers etc. He said that was his favorite dish he makes when he arrives home late and everyone else is asleep. Ve-rr-rr-ry interesting. I remember Phyllis Diller poached salmon with wine, celery and herbs. To tell you the truth it is very good, we tried it.

Then one day the guest was none other than Willie Nelson. He made -- you guessed it -- cream gravy. He even made it look quite difficult. I still like gravy though!!

Lawn & Garden seminar in Clyde set April 27

Everybody wants a productive garden as well as a beautiful yard but with current weather conditions both can be a challenge. To help homeowners answer some of their questions on how to make their yard and gardens a success, the Callahan County Extension Service and the Peoples State Bank of Clyde have planned special Lawn & Garden Seminar on April 27 at the Clyde Lions Club. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free of

Current Lawn & Garden information is important to many people in Callahan County, and with current conditions many people will have to use alternative methods of keeping their lawn and garden productive. The purpose of this seminar is to bring homeowners up to date on

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MONDAY—Chicken Fried Steak

w/gravy, broccoli Normandy,

mashed potatoes, applesauce and

sliced potatoes, baby carrots,

WEDNESDAY-Smothered steak

& onions, steamed cabbage, oven

fried okra, rice pudding and milk.

dumplings, garden salad, pears,

FRIDAY-Sausage w/kraut, oven

fries, copper penny salad, chocolate

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THURSDAY-Chicken

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birthday cake and milk.

what they can do to get the most from their lawn and gardens.

Topics for the seminar will include: Vegetable Gardening, Landscape Maintenance, Backyard Pecan Production and Fire Ants as Pests. The seminar will be led by Mr. John Beanaud, Extension Horticulturist from San Angelo. Mr. Begnaud has a diverse background and will address some of the questions and concerns many homeowners face.

Everyone that attends will get a chance at some nice door prizes donated by local merchants. This promises to be a great learning experience. So mark it on your calendars for April 27 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.



April 10-14

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Ladies Retreat

Please join us on Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a book review given by Connie

> "Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman" written by

Anne Ortlund

at the home of Cliff & Connie Kirkham **Lunch Provided** Please RSVP - 725-6500 or 725-6318 No charge

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PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Review By Preston Lewis Successful

By BILLIE LOVING

Don't take our word for it--ask around. The visit with Preston Lewis on Tuesday evening, April 11, was a fun-time success.

Lewis jokingly weaved the tread of how he moved from being a onebook writer to the level he has reached today. It seems that each time a publisher handled one of his books the publishing house closed. Finally, after a few years "dry spell" Lewis found his forte, and his publisher stayed in business.

He chatted a part of the evening about H.H. Lomax, who is supposedly the author of several of

Lewis' novels. People often believe that Lomax lived and actually was present in all that happened at the O.K. Corral. Many folks tell Lewis that they remember Lomax and other "events" in the stories that are just that--stories.

Mark your calendar for the next "visit with the author" on July 25. Lawrence Clayton, dean of Arts and Sciences at Hardin Simmons University will be "horsing around." His wife, Sonya Clayton, is a rancher and photographer of ranching subjects. The combination of ranching and ranching photography should make an unusual presentation. See you there!

Sabanno Cemetery Assoc. To Meet April 25

Sabanno Cemetery Association will meet Tuesday, April 25, for their annual meeting at the Sabanno Community Center at 12 noon. Business meeting will follow the noon meal.

Please come and participate.

Contributions and grave permits from May 18, 1999 to present date total \$408

Your gifts and contributions are

greatly appreciated. This pays for the upkeep of the cemetery and other expenses that may occur.

You may send your contributions to Sabanno Cemetery Association, c/o Citizens State Bank, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or Sally Roady, P.O. Box 537, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Everyone is urged to come and participate at the meeting.

Early Voting April 19 - May 2 Vote May 6 RE-ELECT JERRY K. CASSLE

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· Assemble in the dining room · Nothing to buy, just let the kids hunt eggs

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Attention Graduating Seniors!

Lady Buffs Competed At Area Qualifiers in Rotan Saturday, April 15

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Saturday, we traveled to Rotan to compete with other Area Qualifiers in track and field events. It was a good meet for practice going into the Area Meet at Abilene Wylie on Thursday the 20th. The schedule for the Area Meet, which matches District 9 and 10, with the top 4 finishers advancing to Regionals at ACU the following week is as follows:

3200 run - 10:45

Field Event - Session 1

11:30 a.m. - Girls shot put; Boys triple jump; Girls high jump and Boys discus

Field Event - Session 2 12:45 p.m. - Girls triple jump; Girls discus; Boys long jump and

Field Event - Session 3

Boys high jump

2:00 p.m. - Girls long jump; Boys shot put and Boys pole vault Running Finals Only Starts at

4:45 p.m. Rotan Area Qualifiers

Triple jump - Richey - 35' 2" - 1st Long jump - Richey - 16' 4" - 3rd High jump - Turner - 4' 6" Shot put - Francy - 37'0" - 2nd and Wilson 33' 6"

Discus - Francy - 124' 6" - 2nd and Wilson 112' - 4th

400 relay - Payne, Lewis, Thomas, Wyatt - 53.31

100 hurdles - Richey - 14.96 - 1st 100 dash - Lewis 12.74 - 4th and Cook - 14.4

800 relay - Wyatt, Swift, Thomas, Lewis - 1:56.2 - 5th

300 hurdles - Richey - 46.64 - 1st and Cook - 55.1 - 6th 200 dash - Thomas - 29.01 1600 relay - Wyatt, Hartman,

Payne, Richey - 4:24 - 2nd

the following:

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Beta Sigma Phi sorority congratulates all the graduating seniors of Cross Plains High School in May, 2000! We know those of you who are making college plans are probably wondering where you will "get all that money" to pay for your tuition, books and all the other expenses. Right? Well, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority wants to help some lucky senior.

Academic achievement and financial need are NOT factors in awarding this scholarship. This scholarship may be used at any institution of higher learning. The \$500 scholarship certificate (almost doubled from last year) will be presented at graduation. The money will be credited to the school of your choice at a rate of \$250 per semester - through the Registrar's Office.

Here is all you have to do! Write an essay using the guidelines below and submit it to Nora Odom - at the school.

Guidelines are:

1. Cover Sheet (Attach with your name, address and phone number)

2. Submit a typed, double-spaced, three-page essay on your choice of

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3. Return your essay to Nora Odom at the school by May 15,

Beta Sigma Phi hopes to have lots of applicants. (Remember, your essay will be judged by academia from surrounding colleges and/or universities - and your name will not be known to the judges.) Good luck!

Child Abuse Prevention Month **Proclamation**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Thousands of cases of child abuse and neglect are confirmed in Texas and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families;

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, community; and

WHEREAS, Y2K means "Yes to Kids" and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ray Purvis, mayor do hereby proclaim the month of April 2000 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cross Plains, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to

Dated this 13th of April, 2000 Ray Purvis

2000 YEARBOOK will be sold April 26 cost will be \$30 each

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Andy Anderson, candidate for **Cross Plains School Trustee**

School Board Trustee is one of the more important positions a person could ever aspire to hold. Experience of any interested candidate should be carefully considered.

I am Andy Anderson. I graduated from Keller High School in 1968. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1973. I was enrolled in Engineering graduate studies from 1975 to 1979.

I have worked in municipal government for the past 27 years. Cleburne, Texas along with Ogden, Utah and Abilene, Texas are cities I have served in various capacities. I am currently the City Engineer and Director of Community Development for the City of Abilene.

I am married to Kathy Anderson and we have 4 children. They are Amanda, Adam, Dusty and Daley and range in age from 13 to 23. Amanda is majoring in sociology at Tarrant County College. Dusty is a pre-dental major at Cisco Junior College. Adam is a corporal in the US Marine Corps stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina. Adam is the Editor of the Tri-Command Tribune, the

I have recently been appointed to the Economic Development Corporation, and served previously on a Focus Committee to provide input to the EDC. I am immediate past president of the Abilene Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Kathy is a Certified Elementary School Teacher in the states of Texas and Utah. Kathy serves as the Site Manager for the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

We moved to Cross Plains approximately 5 years ago, and have enjoyed every minute of our association with the community. I would like to repay some of the hospitality we have received by serving on the Cross Plains School Board.

I know the value of a quality education and would like to help assure that the Cross Plains students have every opportunity to receive one. I only ask that you give me the chance to do so by supporting me on Election Day, May 6.

Pol. Ad. Pd. by Andy Anderson, 17748 St. Hwy, 206, Cross Plains, TX 76443

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SCHOOL

APRIL 10-APRIL 14

BREAKFAST MONDAY-HOLIDAY TUESDAY-Cream of Wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk. WEDNESDAY-Waffle, sausage, assorted juice and milk. THURSDAY-Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk. FRIDAY-Muffins, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH MONDAY—HOLIDAY TUESDAY-Ham slices, spinach, scalloped potatoes, rolls, peaches

WEDNESDAY-Meat-cheese nachos, salad, corn, apple crisp and

THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/mcat sauce, broccoli, garlic sticks, pears

FRIDAY-Submarine sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, ice cream and



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Varsity Boys Rotan Qualifiers Meet Results

Chris Kitchens - 2nd triple jump; 2nd 300 hurdles; 5th 400 meter

relay; 5th 1600 meter relay Nick Dimitri - 3rd 800 meter run;

5th 1600 meter relay Roger Carey - 2nd discus Joe Dillard 2 5th 200 meter dash;

5th 400 meter relay Brandon Mahler - 1st pole vault; 5th 1600 meter relay

Tony Beggs - 5th 400 meter relay Cory Phillips - 5th 400 meter relay T.J. Harris - 5th 1600 meter relay These boys have worked very hard and are ready for the ARea Meet at Abilene Wylie Thursday.

Junior High & **High School Boys Track** Results

7th Grade Boys Results

Thomas Dimitri - 2nd pole vault; 2nd 800 meters; 3rd 400 meters; 6th 1600 meter relay

Cody Harris - 1st 100 meter dash; 1st 200 meter dash; 5th high jump; 2nd long jump; 6th mile relay Brandon Horton - 1st pole vault; 6th 600 meter relay

Mitch Byrd - 6th 1600 meter relay; 5th 110 meter hurdles

J.D. Cook - pole vaulted Brenton McNutt - Three the shot

put and discus The team finished in 5th place. Cross Plains 8th grade boys Ryan Mack - 5th pole vault; 5th 1600 relay; 5th triple jump; 800

meters 2nd; 4th 400 meter relay Marcus Williams - 3rd triple jump; 5th 1600 relay; 110 hurdles

Andy Bennett - 1st 2400 meter run; 3rd 1600 meter run Dusty Dixon - 4th high jump; 5th

300 hurdles; 5th 110 hurdles; 4th 400 meter relay

Brandon Phillips - 3rd pole vault; 4th 400 meter relay; 5th 1600 meter relay

Jared Wooten - 6th discus Randy Duncan - 4th long jump; 6th high jump

Jose Mauricio - 1st 400 meter dash; 4th 400 meter relay; long jump; 5th 1600 meter relay.

The team finished 3rdplace.

Boys District Results Chris Kitchens - 2nd triple jump; 3rd high jump; 2nd 300 hurdles; 2nd 1600 meter relay; 4th 400 meter relay

Nick Dimitri - 1st 800 meter run; 2nd 400 meter dash; 2nd 1600 meter relay

Roger Carey - 4th discus Joe Dillard - 2nd 200 meter dash; 2nd 1600 meter relay; 4th 400 meter

Brandon Mahler - 1st pole vault; 2nd 1600 meter relay

Tony Beggs - 4th sprint relay Cory Philips - 4th sprint relay; 6th pole vault

Cross Plains competed very well. The team finished 3rd in District. Josh Hopkins, Kevin Wilson, Kyle Wilson, Mat Nickerson, Larry Lee, Bob Walters, Chris Harris, T.J. Harris and Tim Butler.

The qualifiers for the Area Track Meet are Chris Kitchens, Nick Dimitri, Roger Carey, Joe Dillard, Brandon Mahler, Tony Beggs, Cory Phillips, T.J. Harris, Tim Butler. Bob Walters and Matt Nickerson.

Photos Needed For Posters For Banquet

It's Athletic Banquet time again! The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club is once again in need of pictures taken by individuals that would make great posters to decorate the banquet.

Please go through your pictures taken over the last year and see if you have shots that include athletes from different sports that would make a good enlargement.

If you have any you think might work, please bring them to Roxie Thomas or Melissa Richards. The print is requested -- not the negative, please. Deadline for pictures to be made into posters will be Friday, May 5th.

C.P. School **Board Meets** Thursday

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held Thursday, April 20, 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:

PRAYER **MINUTES**

1. OPEN FORUM

2. TRANSFER STUDENTS 2000/2001 SCHOOL YEAR

3. DRIVERS EDUCATION **PROGRAM**

4. ELEMENTARY REPAIR

5. GYM CONCERNS

6. BIG COUNTRY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE MEDIA CONTRACT

7. 3 YEAR ASBESTOS RE-INSPECTION REPORT

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

9. PERSONNEL FOR 2000/2001 SCHOOL YEAR

A. Secretaries/Aides .

B. Auxiliary Personnel C. Resignations

D. Other Personnel Matters, as

10. FINANCIAL REPORT/PAY BILLS

11. ADJOURN

Letter To The Editor

Kenny Callaway was leaving baseball practice last Thursday afternoon when his truck tire caught the guide wire to the electrical pole. The electrical pole broke in two places and live wires lay on top of his vehicle and on the ground.

Kenny opened the door to step out and fellow teammates were rushing to his rescue, when Cory Switzer, who had witnessed the mishap, called to the boys to stay put. Had Kenny touched the ground or others came too close, all could have been

Larry Thomas, West Texas Utilities employee, was called to the scene and he shut off the electricity so Kenny could free himself and his truck. The top of his truck was burned from the live wires.

Kenny's family would like to thank Cory for his quick thinking. Kenny is so very precious to us. Thanks to all the Buffalo baseball team and coaches for their support and concern. Thanks to Larry for his

We are so very thankful that no one touched the truck. God was really watching over our Kenny. Thanks to

> Jessie, Allen, Nikki, Misty and Jody Ruby and Jerry Cassle



STEPHANIE CHILDRESS (BACK) IS PICTURED WITH HER VOICE TEACHER, SUSAN WESTER.

CPHS Senior To Be Presented in Recital Sat., April 22

Local CPHS Senior, Stephanie Childress, will be presented in a Senior Recital this Saturday, April 22nd at the Eastland Womens Club. Beginning at 10:00 a.m, the recital will also include the presentation of four other Senior music students in piano or voice from Eastland, All are students of Ms. Susan Wester from Cisco who has music studios in Cisco and Weatherford. All are invited to attend.

Having studied voice with Ms. Wester for two years, Stephanie has represented Cross Plains High School in UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble Competitions in San Angelo in 1999 and 2000, resulting in Division I ratings, and proceeded to the 1999 State UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble Competition in San Marcus. Stephanie advanced again this year to the 2000 UIL State Vocal and Ensemble Competition which will be held again at Southwestern State University in San Marcus on May 30.

Miss Childress has also participated in several musical productions of the Hilton Dinner Theatre in Cisco, starting when she was an elementary student. Shows

included singing roles in "Gypsy", "Bye, Bye Birdie", "Meet Me in St. Louis", and "Snoopy". She has recently sung for the Eastland Music Club and appeared on Prime Time Christian Broadcasting Network in Midland.

Stephanie will be attending University of North Texas in Denton in the fall of 2000.

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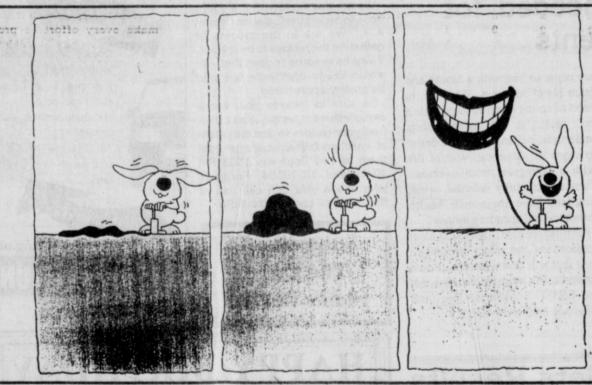
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New USDA Program to Help

Rural Schools Announced

By COACH CODY CHANDLER

Last week the Cross Plains tennis team made the journey to San Angelo for the district tennis meet. We weren't as successful as we had hoped, but we still have representatives going to the Regional Tournament in Abilene.

Senior Coby Richards makes another trip to Abilene by taking first in boys singles. He was closely followed by a junior, Brandon Gilliam, who took second in the same division.

Jennifer Turner, playing for the first year since junior high, had a

WASHINGTON-- On March 22,

2000, Deputy Agriculture Secretary

Richard Rominger announced a new

USDA partnership to help rural

school districts finance education

The Rural Community Schools

Rebuilding Program will provide

rural schools with access to as much

as \$1.2 billion in financing to repair

school buildings, acquire new

equipment, develop course

materials and train teachers and

other school personnel.

Participating lenders can offer

interest-free loans in return for

federal tax credits. USDA will

guarantee up to 90 percent of the

amount a school borrowers from a

"Many rural communities face

steep challenges in keeping their

school facilities and programs

competitive," said Rominger. "The

funding provided by this new

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and facility improvements.

very successful season, but was beat out by the eventual 3rd place winner in the first round.

Sarah Nixon and Tabby Clark played well all year, but wee matched up with the doubles team that won the tournament in the first round.

There were also two freshmen who played on the team this year. Nathan Joy and Chris Sliger not only improved a great deal on the court, but they kept the rest of us entertained with their stories. Hope to see all of the underclassmen back next year. For you seniors, it has

High at UIL Competition

By TODD FELTY **Band Director**

The Cross Plains High School Band competed in the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest in Hamlin on April 6th, with forty-five students giving a Second Division performance on stage and a First Division performance on sightreading.

The band achieved these high marks with hard work and dedication. The band has been working very hard on a difficult program which included "Juno Beach March", "Childhood Hymn" and "Cumberland Cross". These compositions have a high difficulty performance level which the bands have been able to play here in the past several years.

Please congratulate these band members for their achievement on a difficult musical program.

The band will be making a trip to Schlitterbaun on May 13 to spend a day at the park and participate in a well deserved reward preceded by a tour of the Southwest Texas State Music facilities.

On Thursday, May 11, the bands will be performing their annual Spring Concert in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

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partnership will help rural schools improve educational opportunities for this new century.' The Schools Rebuilding Program will host workshops in rural communities to train community leaders in developing plans to obtain financing. In its first year, the Program will be implemented on a pilot basis in Mississippi, North

Carolina, North Dakota and Texas.

The program is a joint effort

between USDA's Rural Housing

Service and Organizations

concerned about Rural Education, a

coalition of businesses and not-for-

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ABILENE, Texas - A meeting to discuss public transportation ser vices for the elderly and persons with disabilities will be held in Abilene on Monday, April 24, at 10 a.m. The announcement was made by Debra Rector, public transportation coordinator for the Abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The meeting will be held at the district office, 4250 North Clack, Abilene.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Rector, is to establish a transportation advisory board for the Abilene district's 13-county area. Once established, this advisory board will address the many transportation needs of persons in the district and to solicit input from the public as to what their transportation issues are.

The first issue the panel will face is the Fiscal Year 2001 Elderly and Disabled Grant allocation funding for the Abilene district. Collectively. the board will be charged with developing more cost-effective services, serve more transportation needs on the communities effected. and improve the quality of those services," Rector said.

All persons interested in the public transportation needs in Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties are invited to attend this meeting.

For addition information, contact, Rector in Abilene at 915/676-6811.

Update on Locally Known Soldier

Army Sgt. Mark A. St. Peter is one of more than 700 Texas Army National Guard soldiers who recently deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from Fort Hood, Killeen. The soldier is a member of the 48th "Lone Star" Armored Division headquartered in Austin.

The eight-month mission of the 49th Armored Division is to perform a headquarters function and provide a troop component to keep the peace and freedom in Bosnia, and provide safety and security for the peoples of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkans.

St. Peter is assigned to Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia.

He is the son of Frederick St. Peter of the Cottonwood Community and Katherine M. Crabtree of Abilene.

Host families needed for exchange students

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program needs families to host international high school exchange students for the 2000/ 2001 school year. The students will arrive in August, 2000 and will stay with their host family for one semester or until the end of the year.

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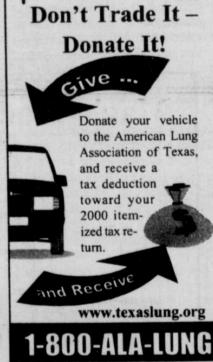
Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information call the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

Callahan County 4-H Cookbook

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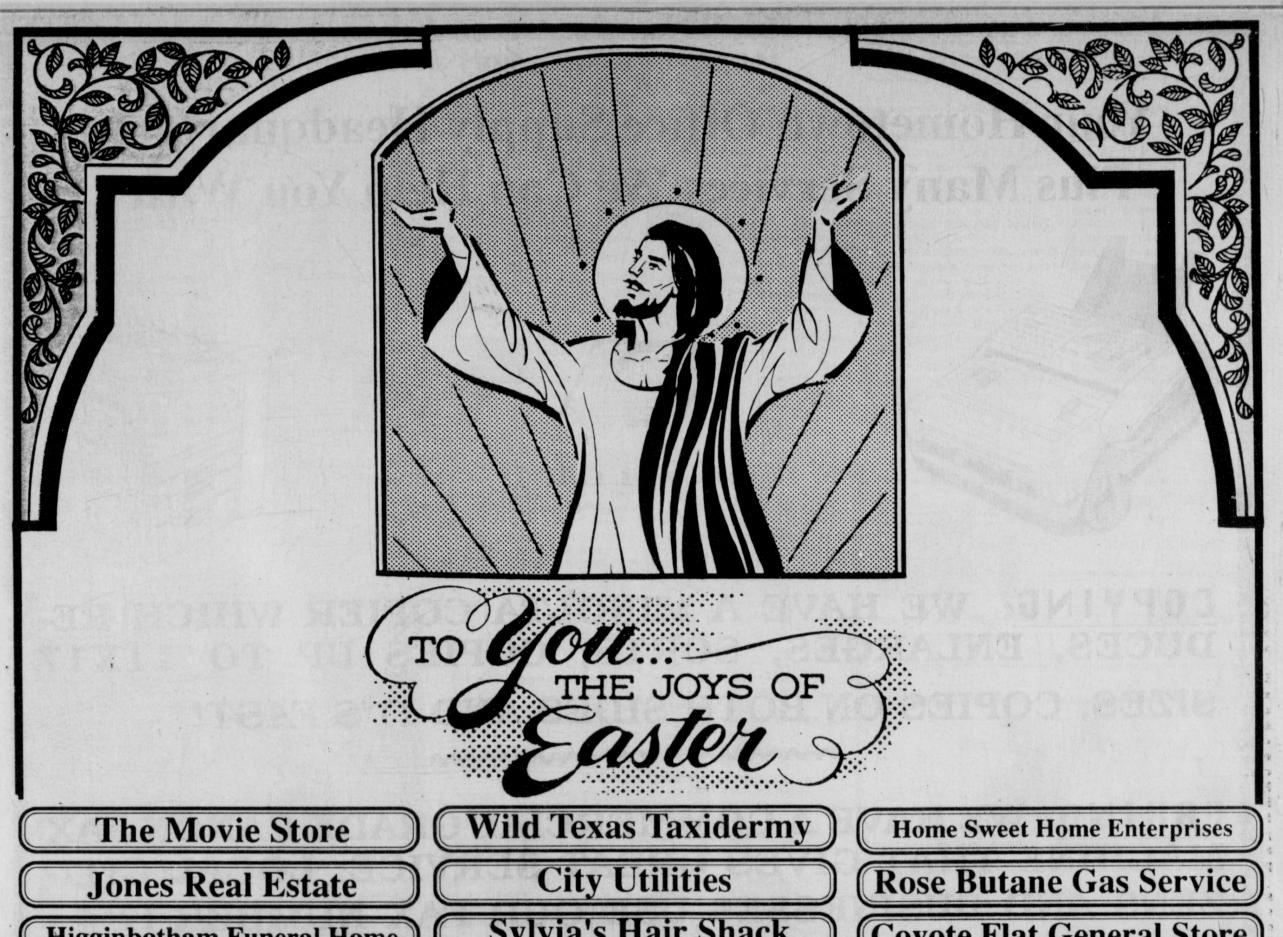
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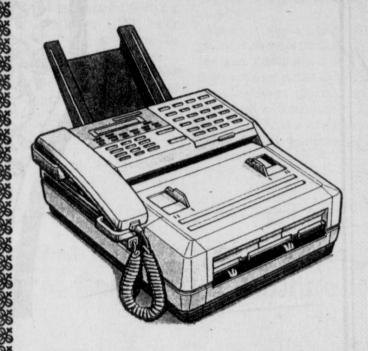
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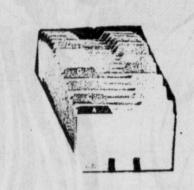
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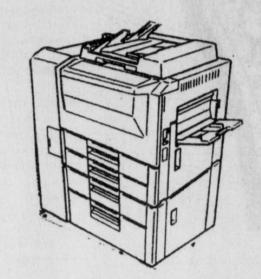
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Kim Baker, second year project director of the Callahan County Nutrition Project, said the volunteer appreciation banquet is held in conjunction with the National Volunteer Week, which was estab-



BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER-Charlotte Gibson, vice president and marketing director at the Sears Retirement Center in Abilene, addresses a crowd esti-

mated at 70 during the annual Callahan County Nutrition Project Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held in Baird Thursday, April 13.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SACK-Some 70 Callahan County volunteers through the Callahan County Nutrition Project received a goodie sack filled with items donated by local businesses and a t-shirt recognizing their volunteer efforts. The sacks were distributed during the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet of the Callahan County Nutrition Project held in

Baird Thursday, April 13. The county nutrition project has some 145 volunteers who donate their time by serving meals through the Meals on Wheel program, volunteer their time at the three senior citizens centers in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains, volunteer with the various fund raisers of the project or play music for the senior citizens in the county.

lished in 1974.

Those who volunteer in Callahan County include those volunteering by serving meals through the Meals on Wheels program, volunteering their time at the three senior citizen centers in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains, those who help with raising funds for the project and the many musicians who perform for the senior citizens in the county.

This year's banquet was sponsored by nine area businesses including Sear's Methodist Retire-Systems, Monogrammer, HEB, First National Bank of Baird, Callahan County Co-Op, Falk Pharmacy, Hanner Chevrolet, Clyde Hardware and Thrifty's Food Mart.

Of the 145 volunteers, approximately 70 attended this year's banquet. Every volunteer received a goodie sack filled with items from businesses and a t-shirt with the name of the nutrition project on the front and the name of the business sponsors on the back of the shirt. Every volunteer also received an appreciation certificate.

This year's banquet was catered by the cooks for the Callahan County Nutrition Project. The meal included bar-b-que brisket, baked potato, salad, roll and cheesecake.

Before introducing the banquet guest speaker, Project Director Kim Baker read a poem to the volunteers titled "Friendship." Baker said those who volunteer are also friends of the program. "We appreciate the help and kindness in everything you do," Baker said of the volunteers.

Baker also introduced the board members of the nutrition program and the staff.

The Callahan County Nutrition Project sponsors the Meals on Wheels program and funds the three senior citizens centers in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains. The Meals on Wheels and the three senior citizen centers serves over 200 meals during the noon day.

The banquet guest speaker, Charlotte Gibson is vice president and marketing director at the Sears Retirement Center in Abilene. She told the audience the Sears Retirement Center was started by three volunteers who sought a home for the retired Methodist pastors in the area. The center started with 32 units and now serves over 1.000 individuals in four cities in Texas. The Sears nursing center was added just five years ago and a Lubbock center was recently added in conjunction with the Texas Tech University Medical Center.

Gibson said the Sears Center shows just what people can do when they band together.

She said volunteers are very important at Sears. "They (volunteers) bring the world to them (Sears residents)," Gibson said. She said volunteers are there to listen to the residents, hold their hand and touch their heart. She said volunteers are sometimes the only family the residents have. "You're the closest family they may have," Gibson said.

She said volunteering is part of our culture and part of America. "Volunteers are everything that is good about America," said Gibson.

This year's banquet theme was "Volunteering the Texas Way." Gibson said volunteering the Texas way means you volunteer your time and effort and give of yourself in a big, big way.

The banquet concluded with the drawing for some 49 door prizes donated by some 17 area busi-

The door prizes and winners include:

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by Shirley Photides. Citizen's State Bank, candle won

by Rocky Ash. Citizen's State Bank, two bird

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stick won by Mary Boyd. Callahan County Co-Op, knife 9-Cross Plains Review

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sharpener won by Roland Smith. Callahan County Co-Op, candle won by Otis Woolam.

Dairy Queen of Baird and Cross Plains, four Texas size mugs won by Mary Yarbrough, Nina Day, Dorothy Key and James Lawrence.

Tally's, gift certificate won by Cleta Gregg.

Dairy Queen of Clyde, gift certificates won by Mae Carouthers and Jimmie Haley

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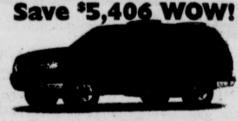


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Thank you so much for your many expressions of love, acts of kindness, your love and support, and most especially, your prayers. We may not understand why Leisa was taken from us, but we have seen and we know that God has been and always will be with us as we see Him work through you. God bless and keep you all.

Billy, Jason, Jon, Cory & Cristy Beauchamp Christine Rayburn & the Family of Leisa Beauchamp

Card of Thanks

The family of Ila Mae Marshall would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the individuals who have so generously expressed their condolences during her extended illness and passing. We appreciate your prayers, the flowers, food, calls and visits.

Our special thanks go out to the First Baptist Church and all those who prepared the delicious food the day of her memorial service, also to Wayne Lenz, Jason Kempf, Cathy Purvis, Deanna Black, Bob and Dee Harrell and the staff at the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

You've all made a difficult time easier to bear. Ila Mae and her family are honored by your love, concern and generosity.

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The hen next door had chicks. Mama Hen is a proud, mottled black and cream Aurcana. She set her own clutch of Easter eggs, plus a few extra, resulting in a brood of 15 fluff balls skittering around her 21 days later. They look like cottonballs on roller skates trying to imitate her ways.

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After a bit, they move on to explore the riches of the compost heap. They sample some gourmet gravel by the driveway, then take a short nap cuddled up under Mama hen's wings.

Soon after, she leads them to the red berries over by the tree, then back to the pen for water. She keeps her family clustered together, and convinces the other chickens

to keep a respectful distance. Compared to the busy little hen, the others appear to be dawdling over their daily routines.

By 10:30 each morning the flock has inched along the neighbor's hedge, rested again in the shade of the shed, and by 11:00a.m., you

guessed it, they are under the car! During class time under the car, she appears to be teaching them to use the gravel to grind their food. This is a course only for chickens, who have no teeth.

Another classroom lab is seed and bug identification. Easy course. it's a snap. There's only two species to sort - nummy! and yuk!

During the class, Introduction to Survival, she warns them of dogs, cats, chicken hawks, and small children.

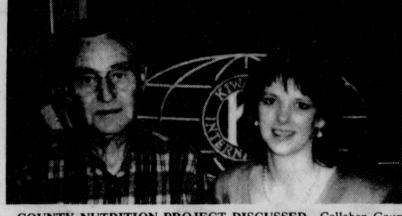
When the heat of the day is past, Mama Hen brings her babies out for gym class. Here they learn to flop in the sand and raise the dust. They also exercise their wings and legs, one long stretch at a time. They don't yet know this will train them for sleeping on roosts or high up in tall trees, which necessitates a prerequisite, one-time-only lesson in parachuting. It's perhaps best they don't know that at this

It hasn't rained since they've been born, so I don't know what they do for an alternate rainy day schedule. Maybe they stay in bed a little longer, but being chickens, I doubt it. It may be their dust bath lessons turn into lessons on the back stroke. Or maybe they just take a couple of bad weather days.

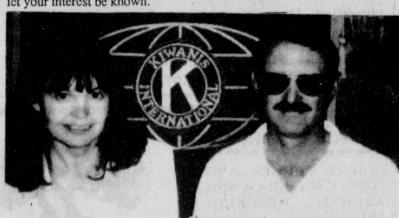
Anyway, I have to depend on my watch to tell me what time it is on a cloudy day. And I never know what direction I'm headed without

But on a sunny morning, I can tell when it's 11:00 o'clock.

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COUNTY NUTRITION PROJECT DISCUSSED—Callahan County Nutrition Project Director Kim Baker was guest of Kiwanian and Nutrition Board Member Ray Womack at the Kiwanis Club's April 11th meeting. She shared information about the Meals on Wheels program, as well as the Senior Citizen's program at large - and expressed her appreciation for Kiwanians' support in the delivery of the meals and other ways. Guests are always welcome to the Kiwanis Club's weekly meetings at noon on Tuesdays at Jean's Feed Barn. Membership inquiries are also welcomed; come to a meeting and let your interest be known.



BLOOD DRIVE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT RECENT KIWANIS MEETING-Program Chairman for Tuesday, April 18, was Ron Bagley. The program was brought by Dannes Turner, who shared with the members information concerning the need for blood donations to help those who are ill or have been in accidents. Dannes also encouraged everyone who can to attend the blood drive on April 20 at the Meek Blood Mobile which will be located across the street from Subway.

EMPTY EGG

exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Whwhy that's very nice, Jeremy. N-now please take your seat.'

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?

"Yes, Miss Miller," the children responded enthusiastically--all except for Jeremy. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and

resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them.

That evening, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse, and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine." Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom, "My daddy helped me," he beamed.

Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty. Surely it must be Jeremy's she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty." He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too." Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes," Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up."

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the schoolyard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them

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