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Editor's Note: This summarizes the feelings and emotions experienced by various volunteer assistance services like the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service and Volunteer Fire Department. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"See What We See"

By Author Unknown

I wish you could see the sadness of a business man as his livelihood goes up in flames or that family returning home, only to find their house and belongings damaged or destroyed.

I wish you could know what it is to search a burning bedroom for trapped children, flames rolling above your head, your palms and knees burning as you crawl, the floor sagging under your weight as the kitchen beneath you burns.

I wish you could comprehend a wife's horror at 3 a.m. as I check her husband of forty years for a pulse and find none. I start CPR anyway, hoping against hope to bring him back, knowing intuitively it is too late. But wanting his wife and family to know everything possible was done.

I wish you could know the unique smell of burning insulation, the taste of soot-filled mucus, the feeling of intense heat through your turnout gear, the sound of flames crackling, and the eeriness of being able to see absolutely nothing in dense smoke--sensations that I have become too familiar with.

I wish you could understand how it feels to go to school in the morning after having spent most of the night, hot and soaking wet at a multiple alarm fire.

I wish you could read my mind as I respond to a building fire. "Is this a false alarm or a working, breathing fire? How is the building constructed? What hazards await me? Is anyone trapped?" or to an EMS call, "What is wrong with the patient? Is it minor or life-threatening? Is the caller really in distress or is he waiting for us with a 2X4 or a gun?"

I wish you could be in the emergency room as the doctor pronounces dead the beautiful little five-year old girl that I have been trying to save during the past twenty-five minutes, who will never go on her first date or say the words, "I love you Mommy!" again.

I wish you could know the frustration I feel in the cab of the engine, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the pedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain as you fail to yield right-of-way at an intersection or in traffic. When you need us, however, your first comment upon our arrival will be, "It took you forever to get here!"

I wish you could read my thoughts as I help extricate a girl of teenage years from the mangled remains of her automobile, "What if this were my sister, my girlfriend, or a friend? What were her parents' reactions going to be as they open the door to find a police officer, HAT IN HAND?"

I wish you could know how it feels to walk in the back door and greet my parents and family, not having the heart to tell them that you nearly did not come home from this last call.

I wish you could feel my hurt as
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MARY SCOTT NABERS

Mary Scott Nabers to be Honored

BROWNWOOD — Howard Payne University will award an honorary doctor's degree to Mary Scott Nabers of Austin during commencement scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in Brownwood Coliseum.

Nabers, a 1962 HPU graduate, is president/CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc., a commercial development consulting company. She is chair of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Society of Association Executives.

She served on the Texas Employment Commission from 1984-93 where she represented the state's 350,000 employers. In 1993, she joined the Texas Railroad Commission where she was active on the state and federal level. She is founder of the Texas Business Council, and developed curriculum and initiated the first statewide ex-offender employment training program for parolees in Texas. Throughout her career, she has been credited with initiating innovative programs in government, business and education.

Nabers, who holds a master's degree from the University of Texas, recently served on HPU's Board of Trustees. She has been named a distinguished alumna at HPU.

Spring Band Concerts Announced

The Cross Plains Bands will be performing their annual spring concert at the high school auditorium. All bands will be performing. The concert will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11.

Fifth grade should arrive at 6:45 p.m. and all other band students at 6:55 p.m.

Athletic Banquet Tickets on Sale Now

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club will be hosting the All Sports Banquet on Monday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets may be purchased at the City Hall or Citizens State Bank for \$10.00. Ticket sales will be through Thursday, May 11.

Richey and Francy Advance to State Track Meet in Austin

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

On Friday and Saturday we competed at the Regional Track Meet at A.C.U. in Abilene. We finished 4th in the team standings with 54 points. Alvorð won the meet with 67; Miles was second with 66; and Meridan was 3rd with 55.

Candice Francy won the discus with a throw of 120' 3". Brandi Richey won the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

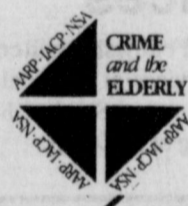
On Friday Brandi broke the Regional Record in the 300 hurdles with a 45.97 and then on Saturday broke her own record from the previous day in the finals with a 45.92. She won the 100 hurdles with an excellent time of 15.14.

The girls will be competing in Austin on Friday, May 12th. Candice will throw at 10:00 a.m. and Brandi's hurdle events will begin at 7:40 p.m. for the 100 hurdles and 8:40 p.m. for the 300 hurdles at Mike Myers Stadium on the campus of University of Texas.

Kitchens and Mahler Qualify for State in Track Events

Cross Plains Boys Track Team participated in the Regional Track Meet at A.C.U. in Abilene and two team members qualified for state. Chris Kitchens will compete in the 300 meter hurdles and Brandon Mahler in pole vault.

The team's results are as follows:
Chris Kitchens - 300 Meter Hurdles (State Qualifier), 1st; Triple Jump, 3rd; 400 Meter Relay, 7th; 1600 Meter Relay, 5th



Independent Living Week

In conjunction with A.A.R.P., the Callahan County TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Advisory Council join in observing Independent Living Week, we will be distributing SMART ALERT light bulbs for sale to senior citizens over the age of 65, at a discount price of \$5.00.

These light bulbs when installed and activated will blink, signaling to emergency crews so that they can locate your house more quickly. To activate the light, simply flip the light switch twice. The bulb will also make it easier for seniors to enjoy independent living as a life-style.

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Regional Results

C. Francy - Shot put, 34' 5 1/2", 3rd

A. Wilson - Discus, 106' 6", 3rd
B. Richey - Triple Jump, 35' 1", 3rd

B. Richey - Long Jump, 16' 7 1/4", 3rd

M. Lewis - 100 Dash, 13.21, 5th

T. Wyatt, M. Lewis, S. Thomas, J. Payne - 400 Relay, 52.91, 9th

T. Wyatt, J. Payne, S. Thomas, M. Lewis - 800 Relay, 1:57.00 D.Q., 8th (Note: 1:51.4 in prelims)

J. Hartman, A. Kitchens, A. Cook, A. Swift - 1600 Relay, 4:31.1, 10th.

The girls had a great season this year with several Meet Championships, a District and Area Championships. The seniors who have completed their season and high school careers are Jodi Payne and Brittany Bennett. They both have had outstanding careers with many memories. Brandi, Brittany, Candice, Jodi and all the under classmen in track are the big reason why the Lady Buff tradition continues to shine.

Brandon Mahler - Pole Vault, (State Qualifier) 1st; 1600 Meter Relay, 5th

Joe Dillard - 200 Meter Dash, 5th; 400 Meter Relay, 7th; 1600 Meter Relay, 5th

Nick Dimitri - 1600 Meter Relay, 5th

Tony Beggs - 400 Meter Relay, 7th

Cory Phillips - 400 Meter Relay, 7th

Roger Carey - Discus, 7th

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personnel will see their signal light blinking and will locate them much, much faster, when needed.

For average citizens interested in purchasing the bulbs the cost will be \$10.00 per bulb. In Cross Plains call Joe Howser at (254) 725-7351 or go by Home Sweet Home Antiques on Highway 36 East and see Joe.

In Clyde call Leonard Farmer at (915) 893-4305 for more information on purchasing the new Smart Alert Light Bulb.

As a special consideration for seniors, if you are over the age of 65 the S.A.L.T. Council will deliver in Cross Plains this special light bulb to you at no additional cost (inside city limits).

Submitted by Kay Mosley, Sec.

Remember to Vote Saturday, May 6th in Local Elections

Saturday, May 6th, is election day for Cross Plains I.S.D. Trustees and City Council. You may cast your vote between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. Voters are reminded that if they live in the school district they are eligible to vote in the school board election, even if they cannot vote in the city election. Only city residents are eligible for the city council election.

Incumbent Ray Purvis and Gene Dillard are seeking the position of mayor of Cross Plains. Incumbents Jerry Cassle and Ray

Womack, along with Dean Dillard are vying for two positions on the city council. All council places are two-year terms.

Incumbents Donnie Dillard and Tony Wyatt, and Andy Anderson and Trish Hopkins are seeking two positions on the Board of Trustees for Cross Plains I.S.D. These are three year terms.

Terry Nixon is the only candidate asking to fill the unexpired term of the late Leon Nixon.

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE ON SATURDAY, MAY 6TH!!!!

Garden Club Presents "Victorian Visions" Sunday

By KAY MOSLEY

The Cross Plains Garden Club presents Sunday afternoon for your pleasure; their Spring Flower Show, "Victorian Visions."

The show will be open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, May 7. The Back Room, 216 Main Street will be the location of this year's flower extravaganza.

Besides the individual arrangements, there will also be a horticulture division. In this division will be displayed plants grown locally by each exhibitor.

Exhibitors need not be a garden club member. Remember anyone can enter the Design Division with an arrangement they made or the

Horticulture Division as long as they follow the rules of the Garden Club Handbook.

Admission to the show is free of charge. So bring along a friend or neighbor and come on to the show. The judging will have been completed and you will be able to view the awards as well.

An educational exhibit is planned also and will be displayed for public viewing.

Officers of the club are: Julene Franke - President; Barbara Powell - 1st Vice-President; Kay Mosley - 2nd Vice-President; Bob Powell - Treasurer; Ava Dodd - Secretary.

This year's flower show chairman is Kay Mosley. All club members are waiting to welcome you.

Davis Love Fund Noted

A Love Fund has been established at Citizens State Bank for Bobby Davis, who suffered a serious automobile accident several weeks ago. Funds will be used for incurred expenses.

Donations will be appreciated by his family who is staying in Abilene by his side.

Your continued prayer for his recovery is requested.

Human Services Annual Report

The state spent a total of \$4,053,916 last year for major welfare programs in Callahan County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$881,047 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$202,985. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

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

Nursing home costs of approximately \$2,225,310 were paid for aged and disable residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$593,743 for Medicaid related services and \$150,831 for non-Medicaid related services," Ms. Evans said.

Project Pride Meeting Tuesday

Project Pride will meet Tuesday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. Howard Day plans will be the topic of discussion.

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Annual BFI Spring
Clean-up
Saturday, May 13th

Elderly needing assistance with large items may call
City Hall (254) 725-6114

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding Misdemeanor Filings

Pamela Gay Huffman, theft of property by check.
Marc J. Welch, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Isidra M. Serrano, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ricky Ballard, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$231.25 court costs.
James R. Carter, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Calvin Perry, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Christopher Stapelton, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$216.25 court costs, \$400 fine, \$566 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Jason King Puryear and Mica Lynn Humphrey, both of Clyde.
Kevin Joshua King and Amy Dawn Welch, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Irene White and John W. White, protective order.
The State of Texas vs. Eslie Jon Barbee, judgment nisi.
Russell B. Whitehead and Jeanie Faye Whitehead, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Elizabeth Marie Walker and Chance Hill Walker, divorce granted.
Seretha Diane Flick and Bradley B. Flick, divorce granted.
Mary L. Matheny and David L. Matheny, divorce granted.
Shawna Deshea Maddux and Reginald Glen Maddux, divorce granted.
Guy Allen Trojcek and Brenda Bee Trojcek, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

John Scott Eagloski, judgment revoking probation granted.

Obituaries

Billy Joyce Matthews

Billy Joyce Brasheau Matthews beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with her Lord on April 25, 2000, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Southland Baptist, officiated by Darrell Smith and David Currie. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

She was born January 19, 1928, in Atwell. She was a long time resident of San Angelo. She was employed at Ethicon for many years, where she was a loyal and dedicated employee. All her fellow workers knew and loved her. Billy always greeted everyone with a smile on her face because she never met a stranger. After retiring from Ethicon she devoted her time to her grandchildren, whom she was so proud.

In 1996 she moved to Rio Concho Manor where again she met and made numerous friends. She loved to sing and play the organ. She especially enjoyed the sing-a-long group in the afternoons.

A member of Southland Baptist, upon moving to the Manor, she enjoyed visiting services of the Business Man's Bible Class at Rio Concho Manor.

Preceded in death by C.M. Matthews, Jr., her beloved husband of 40 years; her parents, Robert and Obara Brashear, brother, Lynn Brashear; and twin grandsons, Kevin and Jeffrey Matthews.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Williams of Lubbock and Terri Jones and her husband Gary of San Angelo; three sons, Matt Matthews and wife D'Ree of Twinsburg, Ohio, Paul Matthews of Newport News, Virginia, and Jimmy Bentley and wife Elizabeth of Eastman, Georgia; two sisters and brother-in-law, Bobbie Purvis of Abilene and Blenda and Oran Bains of Cross Plains; one brother and sister-in-law, Arvin and Sarah Brashear of Cross Plains; ten grandchildren, Debbie Crow, Shawn Matthews, Celeste Bentley, Aurelie Bentley, Michele Williams, Hayden Williams, Matt Williams, Michael Jones, Brian Jones and Jenna Jones; three great-grandchildren, Brittany and Spencer Crow and Dakota Williams; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and many special friends.

Pallbearers were Bill Elliott, Bill Biggs, Scott Yancey, Carson Cummings and Jon Schermerhorn.

Billy will be greatly missed by all who knew her, however, they also know what great love she gave each and every one of us which we will carry in our hearts for the rest of our lives.

Special thanks to Dr. Robert Morton, Dr. Bruce Heare, Dr. Pat Gibson, Dr. James Studt and West Texas Medical Associates. Special appreciation to Dr. Fazler Rahman and Vista Family Hospice for all the loving care you gave her during this long and tiring battle she endured.

Please make donations to American Cancer Society, Vista Family Hospice or your favorite charity.

Wilburn Caudle

RISING STAR--Wilburn Caudle, 76, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Victor Pena and Burl Caudle officiated. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Caudle was born in Granbury. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the Merchant Marines. He married Janell Lockhart in 1969 and lived in Rising Star for over 50 years. He was a farmer, a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Janell, of Rising Star; three daughters, Candy Alford of Houston, Debra Tunnell of Dublin, and Cindy Hudson of Brownwood; three brothers, Burl Caudle of Conroe, Clay Caudle of Bridgeport and Delwin Caudle of Rising Star; one sister, Myrna Olston of Garland; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Mallie Hickman

BROWNWOOD -- Mallie M. Hickman, 84, died Saturday, April 29, 2000.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Pat McClatchy officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery in Brown County.

Mrs. Hickman was born in the Williams Community and lived in the area all her life. She attended Zephyr High School and graduated from Brownwood High School. She graduated from Daniel Baker College in 1937 with a bachelor's degree. She was a member of 20th Century Club, Variety Club, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was active with Union Presbyterian Church and was Sunday school teacher or superintendent for 60 years, as well as being a deacon, elder and trustee. She retired after more than 35 years with the Brownwood Post Office. She was the widow of Harvey Hickman.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Smith of Allen; two brother, Bill Kilgore of Cross Plains and Harry Kilgore of Fort Worth; and three granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the Mallie and Harvey Hickman Scholarship Fund at Texas State Technical College, 305 Booker, Brownwood, Tx. 76801; or the donor's favorite charity.

Doris Carlile Wilson

BAIRD--Doris A. Carlile Wilson, 84, died Friday, April 28, 2000.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church. Burial was in Belle Plaine Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Belle Plaine and moved to BAIRD in 1968. She was a certified nurses' aide from 1967-1996. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She married Raymond "Porky" Wilson in 1937 in Abilene.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Wilson of Mamou, La., and Albert "Butch" Wilson of San Angelo; two sisters, Amy Albrecht of Cottonwood and Alic Langston of Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, May 7, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Deadlines

Ads - noon Tues
Articles - noon Mon.

Admiral Cemetery Workday Set

The annual workday at the Admiral Cemetery will be held Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Admiral Cemetery Association hosts this workday each year to give families an opportunity to work together to clean and improve the grounds. Those planning to attend should bring tools for pruning bushes and trees, filling-in and leveling graves, and gathering and bagging trash. Refreshments will be provided.

Anyone wishing to make a cash contribution toward the mowing and maintenance of the Admiral Cemetery may do so by mail to 7257 CR 474 Baird, TX 79504 or any branch of the First National Bank of Baird.

Cross Cut Cemetery Notes Generous Donation Recently

The Cross Cut Cemetery received an anonymous donation of \$200. All contributions are appreciated and used for the upkeep of the cemetery. Contributions may be sent to O.B. Byrd., Route 2 Box 79, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627

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Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt

We are recognizing this week as National Nurses' Week. Our nurses give our residents the best of care and their dedication is greatly appreciated. Stormie Jones, administrator, presented each nurse with a gift for the fine job they do. Nurses are truly a work of heart.

Appreciation to O.B. and Pauline Switzer for the pretty basket of flowers; to Stormie Jones for the candy; and to Ruby Cassie for the donuts.

Ruby Cassie proudly announces that she has a new grandson, Joe Wesley, born on April 5, 2000. He weighed 4 pounds and 1 ounce.

Minnie Swann is our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Lurene McNutt and Charlou Cowan visited with Louise Richardson.

Nikki, Cara, Cassie Bowles from Irving, Beth Meador and Bethany Parker visited with Nandell Stiles.

Ella Lee of Pioneer and Jesse Regian of Dublin visited with Ralph Lee and Pauline Regian.

Luke and Adam McKenzie, Brian

and Mary Nixon of May visited with Carl McKenzie.

Alton and Donie McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen.

Joan Bullard of Clyde, Jesse Norris, Charlene McGowen of Brownwood and Naomi McCowen visited with Kate McCarty.

Activities during the week:

Monday - Bingo winners were: Falba Shofner (2), Minnie Swann, Maxine Crisp (2) and Howet Wilson. Exercise Class

Tuesday - Art Class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds

Wednesday - Sing-along with Bob Wallace. Exercise Class. Skip-Bo Games.

Thursday - Manicures. Popcorn. Skip-Bo Games.

Friday - Bingo winners were: Minnie Swann (2) Howet Wilson (2), June Hickman and Falba Shofner (2). Ball Toss. Skip-Bo Games

Sunday - Believer's Fellowship

Love is giving someone your undivided attention.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"Signs of the Times"

My husband and I raised four children, two sons and two daughters. Our second son for years had a small wooden sign displayed in his bedroom. The sign read: "Lord, how can I soar like an eagle when I'm cooped up here with all these turkeys?"

Doesn't that sound and positively clue you in that this is one of two middle children---or at least "a" middle child?

You know just about any play on words really gets you to thinking.

Seen recently on a T-shirt "Your village called, their head idiot is missing." The T-shirt with this keen observation, however really caught my attention. Featuring a HUGE bolt of lightning, it read: My mind works like lightning--one brilliant flash and it's GONE!

I've always wanted a T-shirt or two with a couple of particular observations on them which I thought just fit me to a "T". (No pun intended.)

Anyone really acquainted with me is aware that I wake up very late in the day and a lot more grouchy than cheerful. I would really feel comfy in a T-shirt I saw which read, "I'm up and dressed ---what more do you want?"

Another biggy for me which caught my eye reads: I've only got one nerve left and you're standing on it right now.

Oh well, far be it for me to try and change this world or any slogans seen on T-shirts---anywhere. I've always heard "TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION!!!!!! Probably is, probably is!

Have you notice lately all those streaks of color and light seen up and down Main Street? I figured that you have. That is all the members of the Cross Plains Garden Club flying top speed II around the town. They are beginning preparations for their annual Spring Flower Show.

It is said to be a gloriously lovely spectacle. See related article in this edition of the newspaper.

Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Historical (formerly known as the Cottonwood Cemetery) Association will hold its annual business meeting at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, May 6, at the Cottonwood Community Center. Mr. Wallace Bennett and Mr. R.T. Peavy will present a program during the meeting. A noon meal will follow. Barbecue meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the association. Please bring a covered dish to accompany the meal.

We cordially invite all persons who have plots, loved ones laid to rest and plan to reserve future plots in the cemetery and residents of the community to attend. We are looking forward to visiting with former residents and guests. Historical records will be on display and pictures of persons attending the meeting in recent years. This is a great opportunity to learn about the history of Cottonwood from its founding days to the present.

The ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club, Billy Kelly and Dorothy Lovell did a great job on clean-up day at the community

center. The board members and men of the community were busy cleaning up the grounds and the historical sites and it looks great! Hopefully next year you can help keep Cottonwood looking beautiful.

Do not forget Saturday, May 13, the clean-up day at the cemeteries. Please bring shovels, hoes, rakes and yard equipment, plus drinking water and lunch. We can use your help. If you have plots in the cemetery would you please offer your assistance. It will be greatly appreciated.

What doesn't cost you any money?

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What can change a bad day into a good one?

What makes the giver feel as good as the receiver?

A SMILE

So if you want to be happy all day---give away as many smiles as you can!

Gardening Tips

By James Nichols

Watering Trees

Water is the key to success in Texas tree growing. Few trees would survive their first summer without supplemental watering. Established trees would cease growth. They would become thin and weaken if it weren't for the hose.

Watch all of your trees daily. If the soil dries 3 to 4 inches deep, or if the leaves start to wilt, it's time to water.

Flower of the Month - Oxalis

Plant in the shade to part shade. Grows to one foot tall and wide. Small single flowers, predominantly in spring, are bright rosy pink. White form is also available. Both have many decades experience in Texas landscapes,

having been planted in early gardens in our state. Excellent for perennial border, or in front of shrubs. Plants establish very dense clumps each spring. Foliage is bright green somewhat subject to spider mites. Start from potted nursery transplants or by dividing established plants in landscape.

Things to Remember

14 Remember Mom with a great gardening gift
29 Memorial Day

Start fertilizing roses and containers regularly every 2 to 4 weeks. Install edging now, before plants get too large. Work in plenty of peat moss, compost and other soil amendments.

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB'S

VICTORIAN VISIONS FLOWER SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 7

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

THE BACK ROOM

216 MAIN

CLUB FEDERATED 1960
NO ADMISSION CHARGE

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May 4, 2000

Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Oliver and Frankie traveled to Ranger Friday. They visited with Frankie's Aunt Ruby Ainsworth also her sister Dorothy Rogers. Friday night, they went to the Cottonwood musical. Saturday they attended the musical at Desdemona. Sunday their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lance and Scott visited. We enjoyed every minute of Easter.

Glenda Phillips went to Temple Friday with a friend from Rising Star to see Charlene Chesshir. Charlene is really have a bad time. She had a leak in the liver bile duct. They are trying to put a stint in today. They have already tried two times and it wasn't successful. Sure hope it is successful today.

Glenda went to Winters Sunday with Allen and Janice and family to Janice's grandmothers. There was a big crowd there. Everyone hunted Easter eggs and candy, even grandma. All had a great time. The Phillips stopped in Coleman for church and saw friends there.

During the Easter holidays, Jean Fore's visitors were Vi Harlow, Paul and Juanita Harlow of Lovington, N.M., Grasson and Myrtle Harlow of Arlington, John Bechingfield of Artesia, N.M. All attended the musical at Cottonwood Friday evening.

Cowan and Laverne returned home the 20th from a two week stay at Woodson working with the church there. There were others there to help from other parts of Texas. They knocked doors, set up Bible studies and taught lessons. They had two nights of Gospel singing and the men held a Gospel meeting. They enjoyed a hamburger cookout at the Charles Ranch near Woodson one night. Laverne was the speaker at a Ladies' Day on

Saturday the 15th.

The Quilting Club had a great day Tuesday. They worked on Olena's "Sampler" quilt and Trish's "Boston Common" quilt. Juanita's "Fan" quilt was finished. Juanita has already taken it back to New Mexico where she will enter it in the local fair. Juanita always wins a place with her quilts. We had Vi, Paul and Juanita visiting with us.

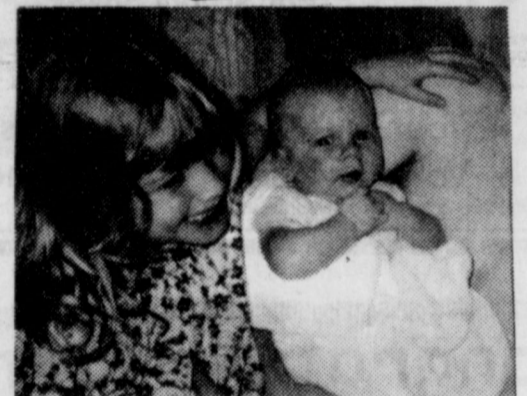
Don't forget "42 Party" at the Community Center on May 4, about 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Come on out. Also at Pioneer, Tuesday is Senior Citizen night at Ophelia's. The third Saturday is "Prayer" breakfast. See you there!

Olena and four of her sisters went to Athens, Texas where they lived several years ago. She was born there, as well as Georgia Walker, who lies in Lufkin now. Pauline, Maurice and Cassie attended public school there in their childhood days. Those meeting at the courthouse steps to assemble were: Paulene Parsons, Eva and Jack Jones, Mike Walker (nephew), Jim and Kathy Walker, LaFond Ghormley and Sheryl of Deer Park, Georgia and Charles Walker of Lufkin. They enjoyed a good meal at the local restaurant. Then all went to the cemeteries to locate elderly relatives' graves. A good time was enjoyed the short time we had together that day.

Several Pioneer folks enjoyed the first ever "AR" day at the Cross Plains Elementary school. Those students reaching their "reading goal" for the year had games and food Thursday morning at the football field.

Words of Wisdom # 35 The future is that time when you'll wish you'd done what you aren't doing now.

OO-BABY



IT'S A GIRL

Mazi Rudloff, along with her parents, Natasha and Rodney are proud to announce the birth of their brother and son, Corbin Wayne Rudloff. Corbin was born March 7, 2000 at Temple, Texas, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz and 19 1/2 in. long.

Maternal Grandparents are Bud and Judy Higgins of Sadler and Great Grandmother Dessa Higgins of Cross Plains.

Paternal Grandparents are Nora Odum of Cross Plains and Kenneth Rudloff of Stephenville. Great Grandparents are Wright and Verna Price of Early and Dudley and Dollie Boyd of Brownwood.

Corbin and his family live at The Grove, Texas.

A LIGHTHOUSE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Trinity Community Church

Have you been discouraged or frustrated at times about your marriage? We live in a time and a culture where marriage is often portrayed in movies and television as being not only pointless, but a sure fire way to be unhappy!

The truth is, that God has a real purpose for marriage that is wonderful and fulfilling. How can we experience what God has intended for us in marriage?

Ben and Roz Fike are used by God mightily to help people understand all that God has for them. Whether you are needing help in your marriage, or just want to make your good marriage better, don't miss this opportunity to lay hold of what God has for you.

When: Friday, May 12 - 6 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, May 13 - 9 am - NOON

Where: Trinity Community Church

North 1st & Cedar

Clyde, Texas

Who: Couples and individuals

who are interested in

knowing all that God

has intended for marriage!

Cost: \$15. per couple, \$8 per

individual. Cost includes:

dinner, continental

breakfast and written

materials.

* Financial assistance available

* Childcare Provided



Ben Fike

Ben has established and pastored churches in Central & Northern California for 22 years. Since 1988, he has been traveling and ministering to churches and groups in the United States and Mexico. He ministers to Leadership Teams, Pastors, Elders and speaks into churches.

For Information/Registration Contact (915) 893-4438

BREAKTHRU

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

Perhaps the most obvious purpose for marriage and the family is to provide companionship. You will remember that when God had seemingly completed creation, after forming man of the dust of the ground and breathing into his nostrils the breath of life, Genesis 2:7, He said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him," verse 18. So God completed His creation by creating a wife for Adam, from one of his ribs, brought them together for companionship, and told them to "be fruitful and multiply." All that seems to confirm that one major purpose of marriage was for companionship - and another was to replenish and/or multiply mankind.

There is at least another purpose for marriage and the family, that being to teach us some things about spiritual relationships. As we become and experience the child/parent relationship, it helps us to understand the spiritual relationship we can have with God by being His child. As we become a husband or wife - or just note the husband/wife relationship of parents, friends or whomever - we should understand the spiritual relationship between Christ and the church, since the church is the bride of Christ, II Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 21:2. Paul uses this spiritual relationship to help husbands know how and how much they should love their wives - and for wives to know how and how much they should submit to their husbands, Ephesians 5:22-33.

Family life has possibly the greatest influence upon our lives. Our childhood is very much a part of our adulthood. The picture we get of marriage and family as a child is the "negative" that the picture of our own marriage and family is developed from. It has a lot to do with how we view God, Christ and the Church. That makes it vitally important that we have strong, neat and nappy marriages and families!

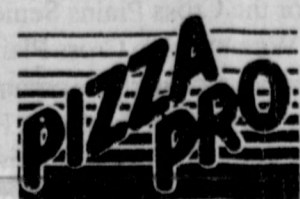
Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

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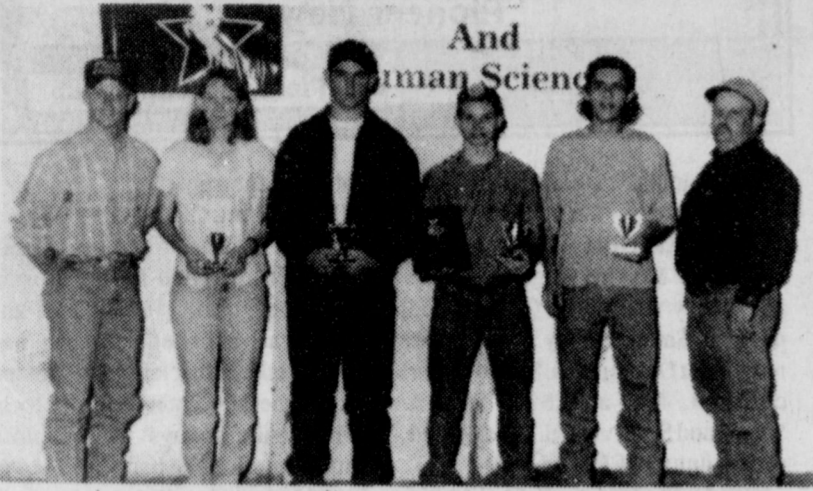
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Student Review



DAIRY CATTLE WINNERS—These students from Cross Plains High School captured first place in judging competition held recently at Tarleton State University. Members of the team included Christy Beatty (fourth high individual), Jason Beauchamp (second high individual), Josh Hopkins (top high individual), and Greg Black (fifth high individual). Pictured right is Cross Plains FFA sponsor Roy Richey and far left is student teacher Jody Kent. The top seven teams at Area advance to state. Tarleton's college of Agriculture and Technology played host to the Area FFA Career Development Event for Areas II, IV, V, and VIII. (Tarleton News Service)

College Of Agriculture And Human Sciences



DAIRY FOODS WINNERS—These students from Cross Plains High School claimed first place in Competition held recently at Tarleton State University. Members of the Team included A.J. Carouth, Mary Jo Nickerson (top high individual), Brandi Richey (third high individual) and Stephanie Castleberry (sixth high individual). Pictured right is Cross Plains FFA sponsor Roy Richey. Tarleton's College of Agriculture and Technology played host to the Area FFA Career Development Event for Areas II, IV, V, and VIII. (Tarleton News Service).

C.P.H.S. Senior Jodi Payne Scholarship Recipient

Jodi Lynn Payne has been selected to receive the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship for the 2000-2001 school year. Ms. Payne is a student at Cross Plains High School and will be attending Tarleton State University this fall. The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation will hold its 46th Grand Annual Banquet at the Masonic Temple in downtown Fort Worth on Wednesday, May 24. During the banquet the 2000-2001 scholarships will be awarded to 60 students from Tarrant and 34 surrounding counties in the North Texas area. The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies is an appendant Masonic organization (MASONS HELPING PEOPLE) serving 35 North Texas counties. The primary philanthropy of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite is the

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (Dallas, Texas) and scholarships for college-bound students. The Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation will also present the Anson Jones Award which was created to honor persons who have demonstrated great social consciousness. Annually, the Foundation recognizes an individual for their humanitarian endeavors and for outstanding citizenship. The recipient of this year's Award will be Dr. James W. Roach III, Director of Pediatric, Orthopedics and Spine Surgery for the Cook Children's Physician Network, who deliver the Keynote Address during the banquet.

Did You Say "Reading Riot?"

Our "Reading Riot" was held April 27th for the Elementary, Primary and Pre-Kindergarten students who met their personal Accelerated Reading goals for the year. It was a celebration of a job well done by our students who are learning the enjoyment of building a life-long reading habit. Needless to say, the event was a resounding success and we had an unforgettable time! Activities included many games and challenges out on the football field, topped off with a delicious lunch, and "entertainment" provided by Ms. Sowell! This event could not have been possible without the help of so many people in our school and community; so we want to send out a huge THANK YOU to all who were so willing to give of their time for our wonderful students. Many thanks go out to the tireless parents, teachers and spouses,

coaches, HS Seniors, Kiwanians, Masons, PTO members, Mr. Tension, Homer Parsons, Billy Bell, Judy Dixon (Wylie), and all her helpers who handled the horses. Many of our volunteers claimed they had just a much fun as the kids! Mrs. Sowell, you in particular, are such a good sport. Thank you for the fun way of challenging our students to meet and exceed their school-wide goal... they had great fun throwing pies for earning 13,123 points! Last, but certainly not least, is a big THANK YOU to our students for working so very hard to lead up to this big finale. They have put in many hours of reading...reading...and more reading...and we are certain it will pay off in big ways in years to come.

Submitted by Pam Porter and Jacque Childress

Photos Needed for Banquet Posters NOW

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.

Memorial Scholarship Established

Cross Plains has started a Memorial Scholarship to be awarded the first year to the Valedictorian at graduation. In the following years, there will be a selection committee and the recipient will be based on need. Donations have been received in the memory of Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Beauchamp and Mr. Tension. This fund is open to honor anyone of your choosing. Donations will be by check only and may be brought to the high school office. All donations will be anonymous.



HORSE JUDGING WINNERS—These students from Cross Plains held eighth in competition held recently at Tarleton State University. Members of the team included Vanessa Webb (sixth high individual), Christine Hargrove, Tim Butler, and Meghann Lewis. Pictured right is Cross Plains FFA sponsor Marc Morgan and Tarleton faculty member Randy Hines. The top eight teams at Area advance to the state meet. Tarleton's College of Agriculture and Technology played host to the Area FFA Career Development Event for Area II, IV, V, and VIII. (Tarleton News Service)

TONY WYATT
For School Board

Your Vote for Tony Wyatt is a
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Pol. Ad. Pd. by Tony Wyatt, 516 N. Main St., Cross Plains, TX 76443

SCHOOL MENU

MAY 8 - May 12

BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Sweet rice, assorted Juice
TUESDAY—Eggs, biscuit, bacon, assorted juice.
WEDNESDAY—French toast, sausage, assorted juice.
THURSDAY—Cereal, toast, assorted juice.
FRIDAY—Cheese toast, assorted juice.

LUNCH
MONDAY—Corn Dogs, pickled beets, peas & carrots, pears and milk.
TUESDAY—Lasagna, crackers, broccoli, peach cups and milk
WEDNESDAY—Chalupas, salad, corn, apple crisp and milk.
THURSDAY—Turkey & gravy over rice, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad and milk.
FRIDAY—Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fries, cookie and milk.

Congratulations State Qualifiers

Brandi Richey
Coby Richards
Candice Francy
Chris Kitchens
Brandon Mahler

Good Luck at State
Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club

VOTE FOR

DONNIE DILLARD

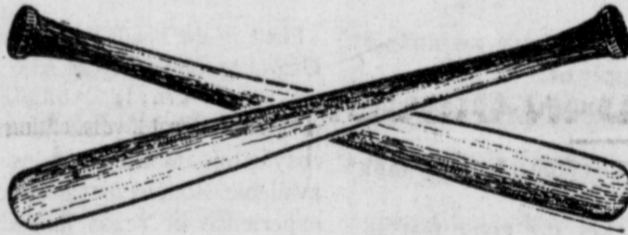
Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees

I would like to take this time to ask for your support for re-election to the Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees. For the past 16 years, I have, to the best of my ability, tried to think of students, faculty, community, and tax payers, when making decisions. Our M & O (Maintenance and Operations) taxes is 14th lowest in the state, yet we have built a Primary Building, renovated the Grade School Building, constructed a track, a new gymnasium complex, added class rooms to the High School Building, and renovated the High School after the fire, with the help of a great Superintendent. We are now able to provide our excellent teachers with Health Insurance. Our TAAS scores continue to improve, with Reading, Mathematics, and Writing scores all above the State Average. Our Dropout Rate is lower than State Average and our attendance rate is better than the State Average. Our Mean ACT Comprehensive Scores are the best Class "A" scores in this area.

I have lived in Cross Plains all of my life, and I know how vitally important our School System is to our community.

I thank you for your many years of continued support, and again ask for your vote on May 6th

Donnie N. Dillard
Candidate for Cross Plains ISD Trustee
Pol. Ad. Pd. by Donnie N. Dillard, 112 Fred Tunnell, Cross Plains, TX 76443



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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 base newspaper. Daley is in the 8th grade at Cross Plains High School.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Cross Plains Independent School District will receive sealed, written proposals at the Office of the Superintendent, P.O. Box 669, Cross Plain, Tx. 76443, in accordance with the specifications until 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, for Cross Plains Independent School District, Cross Plains Elementary-HVAC and Ceiling Refurbishment 2000.

Any Proposal received after 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, will be returned unopened. The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time of closing and place where proposals are received.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., May 1-May 14, 2000 at Cross Plains Elementary School.

FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be on file, Monday, May 1, 2000, and may

be examined or procured during normal business hours at the following:
 Meers Engineering, Inc.
 2303 S. Danville
 Abilene, TX 79605

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be procured for a \$50.00 refundable deposit from the engineer at the above address. Deposit of \$50.00 is non-refundable to successful contractor.

A cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable Bond, payable to Meers Engineering, Inc. in an amount not less than five (5%) of the proposal submitted, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Contractor will, within five (5) working days after receipt of Notice of Award, deliver to Meers Engineering, Inc. an executed contract, certificate of insurance, and executed bonds.

The successful Contractor will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of the contract, written

by a responsible Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Tx., and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended. Any surety duly authorized to do business in Texas may write performance and payment bonds on this project without reinsurance to the limit of 10 percent of its capital and surplus. Such a surety must reinsure any obligation over 10 percent.

All Proposals must generally comply with specifications. Meers Engineering, Inc. in conjunction with Cross Plains I.S.D. reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and to award the proposal considered most advantageous to Cross Plains I.S.D.

Send or Receive Faxes (254) 725-7225 Cross Plains Review

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Here are their addresses:
Austin
 George W. Bush, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711
 Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656

Washington
 Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000
 Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
 Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4302
 Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, Room 703, Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4301.

Office Supplies At The Cross Plains Review

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Jordan Cattle Auction Mason - Brownwood

April 18, 2000

Receipts totaled 652 head. Choice light weight steers sold \$3.00-\$8.00 higher. Choice medium weight steers sold \$1.00-\$4.00 higher. Heavy weight steer calves and yearlings sold steady. Heifer calves and yearlings all sold steady to strong, instances \$2.00-\$3.00 higher on the light weight. Slaughter cows sold \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. slaughter bulls sold steady to strong.

Representative Sales

Edwin Hlpscher	Santa Anna	1 Hfr 320 @ 117.00
Larry Podeweltz	Brownwood	2 Hfrs 495 @ 99.00
Coller Ranch	Dallas	1 Hfr 515 @ 97.50
Stephens Livestock	Brownwood	1 Hfr 670 @ 88.00
Lynn Nabors	Austin	1 Str 320 @ 139.00
DT Strickland Jr	Brownwood	1 Str 485 @ 114.00
Coller Ranch	Dallas	1 Str 520 @ 105.00
CB Drapper	Richland Springs	1 Str 600 @ 94.00
Kenneth Wesson	Mullin	1 Bull 1020 @ 66.00
Freddy E Carter	Brownwood	4 Pair @ 815.00
Crouch Ranch	Blanket	6 Cows @ 47.50

Weight	Steers Price	Heifers Price	Slaughter Bulls
150-300	1.15-1.65	95-1.25	47-58
300-400	1.05-1.39	98-1.22	Slaughter Cows
400-500	95-1.22	82-1.07	32-47
500-600	90-1.10.50	82-99	Bred Cows
600-700	80-97	74-88	410-680
700-800	78-85	67-78.50	Pairs
Replacement Price			425-850

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- NEW LISTING**---3 bdrm, 2 bth, brick, CHA, wooded 20 ac, barns & pens, good waterwell. NW of Rising Star.
- NEW LISTING**---100 ac, goat proof fence, stock pond, some woods, coastal, Eastland Co.
- NEW LISTING**---Automotive & truck repair business on I-20 & Hwy 6, 40' X 100' metal bld, 4 bays, 3 offices, on 1 1/2 ac, fenced. Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---Nice remodeled home on 2-30 wooded ac & pavement, good location, good waterwell. Near Cross Plains.
- NEW LISTING**---Turkey Farm, Eastland Co. 3 Metal barns 360' X 50', slab floors, 30' x 40' shop bld. 2 wtr wells, 15 ac, 50 pecan trees. Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**---4 bdrm., 2 1/2 bth., 2 story older home on two lots, years of history.
- NEW LISTING**---240 acs., stock pond, 15 ac. lake, Coastal, native pasture, trees, pivot irrigation system - Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---370 acs., 14 irrigation wells, 4 stock ponds, good fences, liveoak, Bermuda grass, good hunting - Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---3 bdrm., 1 bth., older frame home on 1/2 ac. in Rising Star - Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---200 acs., 3 tanks, good fences, excellent hunting, good water, trees, good building sites - Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---2 bdrm., 2 bth., fireplace, garage, in Rising Star - Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---3 bdrm., 2 1/2 bth., CH/A, guest house. NICE in Rising Star. Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---Nice 3 bdrm. brick, C H/A, lg. lot in Tom Bryant Addition.
- NEW LISTING**---20.67 acs. near I-20, paved, 2 metal barns & pens, older mobile home.
- NEW LISTING**---2 bdrm., C H/A, one car garage, fireplace NICE in Rising Star. Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**---3 bdrm., 2 1/2 bths., C h/a, lg. kitchen, near school, on 1/2 ac. in Rising Star. Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**---370 acs. good cattle ranch, 7 stock ponds, high hills, live oaks, good deer & turkey hunting, good grass, Southern Callahan Co. Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---2 bdrm., 1 bth. on approx. 1 ac., lg. trees, in Rising Star Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---3 bdrm., 2 bth., on lg. lot, 16 pecan trees, in Rising Star Call Pauline
- NEW LISTING**---492 acs. horse ranch, 190 acs. in Coastal, many large barns & horse barns, good fences, 2,325 sq. ft. nice home, water wells, rural water line, liveoaks, EXCELLENT HUNTING. Must see to appreciate.
- NEW LISTING**---3-2 brick, C H/A, on 96 ac. fenced, on pavement, lots of trees, garden spot, fruit trees. This one won't last long!
- NEW LISTING**---Just what everyone is looking for. Nearly new, approx. 2000sq. ft. 3-2 w/sun room, 2 car garage, 2 car carport, lg. shop building, good water well, spectacular view, on 38 acs.
- NEW LISTING**---2 bdrm., 1 bth., on lg. lot, garden spot, pecan trees, a homestead in town.
- NEW LISTING**---Approx. 140 acs. Has everything. Creek bottom w/ lg. pecan, oak, elm & liveoak, hills & canyons w/mesquite. 4 stock ponds, lg. creek, on pavement, rural water line, excellent deer, turkey & hog hunting w/quail, dove & ducks. Located west of Cisco.
- NEW LISTING**---500 acs. west of Richland Springs, stock pond, hills, view, water well, cabin. Call Jo
- NEW LISTING**---125 acs. on pavement, seasonal creek, well fenced w/cross fencing, lg. spring fed pond, good hunting, water well, 50% improved grass. Call Jo
- NEW LISTING**---175 acs. west Comanche Co., 60 acs. grass & cultivation, balance is heavy woods. Priced to sell. Call Jo
- NEW LISTING**---205 acs. north Brown Co. excellent hunting, 4 stock ponds, good fences.
- NEW LISTING**---200 acs. 12 miles north of Cross Plains, wooded, stock ponds.
- NEW LISTING**---2 bdrm., 1 bth., close to school, good cond. Ready to move in.
- NEW LISTING**---187 acs., 5 stock ponds, 70 acs. in cult., good hunting and good stock farm.
- NEW LISTING**---55.26 ac. on pavement, close to town, 2 water wells, stock pond, new barn & pens, live oaks, some grain fields a pretty place.
- NEW LISTING**---3,500 sq. ft. building, excellent cond., metal roof, central heat & air, good location for a business.
- NEW LISTING**---Nice building, good location, central heat & air, 2 bdrm., 1 bth., would make excellent offices or rental apartment.
- NEW LISTING**---182.8 acs., 3 bdrm., 1 bth. farm home, lots of barns & outbuildings; 140 acs. Coastal, water well, Good Hunting!
- 2 bdrm., 1 bth. on 2 lots, large trees.
- 1 bdrm., 1 bth., fenced, Good Location!
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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

That whatchadoodle...

"You're two whomps from finished!" I hollered over the sound of metal ringing on metal.

MyKeeper gave me a quizzical look.

I don't know its proper name, but what do you call that round cylinder thing you heft up to your shoulder, feed over the edge of a fencepost, wiggle the heavy thing loose of the "T" edge it's hung up on while it's still to high to reach, then wham! wham! wham! with all your might at least 17 times for each post on a hot day and into unmercifully hard, drought-parched earth.

I call it a whomper. More properly, a fencepost whomper.

Fencepost pounder says it, too, but I think whomper is a much sweeter description. Simply saying the word can cause blisters to form on the hand, and rivulets of sweat to start dripping from the forehead.

Many things in this world would be unnamed if it weren't for the whatchamacallits, thingamajigs, and gizmos in our world. How would we be able to ask for things if we couldn't say, "Hand me that whatzit over there."

This inventiveness is learned at a very young age. Sweet Pea as a toddler often came to me in distress during her early verbal days, trying to tell me something and struggling for the right word. It

usually had to do with getting her possessions away from sisters. At the tip of frustration, she'd point and say, "She's got my...my...my...my THAT!"

Anyway, I was partnered with MyKeeper setting fenceposts for a new goat pen. It was my job to judge when the fencepost was lined up correctly and set over the right spot. Then the hard part. I held the guideline string back a little so it wouldn't snap in two at the first whomp.

My ultimate responsibility was to advise MyKeeper when the fencepost was sunk far enough into the ground. I was to tell him when the dirt mark on the used fencepost matched up with ground level. That meant the green "flag piece" was buried up to the tip of its wings. Maybe that's not what you call those parts, but I hope you know what I mean.

And so, as he sweat and blistered and huffed and whomped, I watched the first post sink slowly into the ground and gave my "two whomp" warning as the dirt line neared ground level. After his initial surprise at my original terminology, it was easy after that.

MyKeeper had given me that quizzical look, then laughed.

"Well, you know what I mean," I said.

"Yes, I do know what you mean," he responded. "Scary."

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Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association to meet May 9

The Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Callahan County Courthouse.

This is an important Annual Organizational Meeting for the association. The association will be electing officers for the 2001 show year and voting on rule changes for the upcoming year. The livestock association will be discussing possible judges and other key issues at the meeting.



JAMES JOHNSON AND BRANDI ADAMS

Adams-Johnson to Exchange Vows May 6th

Brandi Adams and James Johnson of Abilene have chosen May 6, 2000 to unite their lives in marriage at 2:00 p.m. in The Windsor Grand Ballroom, located in the Old Windsor Hotel at 401 Pine in downtown Abilene.

They wish to invite all friends and family to join them as their new life together begins.

Brandi is the daughter of Carolyn Adams of Abilene and Rickey Adams of Burkett. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson of Aiea, Hawaii.

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I am the Mother of four sons. Justin is a 1998 graduate and is in the Navy Sea Bee's. Joseph is a 1999 graduate, and a freshman at Tarleton. Joshua is a Sophomore here and Jonathan has been attending the Abilene Regional Day School for the Deaf in Abilene, and will be attending school here this fall.

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In addition to eggs filled with candy, balloons and a variety of toys, some lucky children picked up "prize eggs." Special prizes awarded to these children included stuffed Easter bunnies, the Story of Easter Rabbit, coloring pens and cartoon character pencils. Polaroid snapshots of children with the Easter Bunny were available for purchase, priced at just \$1, to cover the cost of the film.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority sponsored

this year's hunt, and promise to make this an annual event. Partnering with the sorority to make this hunt successful were local businesses, the Village Market, Neal Drug Store, Higginbotham's, Citizen State Bank, the Chamber of Commerce, Texas Sidewinder Rods, Dairy Queen, Food Plaza, Subway and Ophelia Merrill. Walmart in Brownwood and Hobby Lobby in Abilene donated plastic eggs and prizes. A surprise donation from the Baptist Youth in Cross Plains of eggs filled with chocolates was also received.

Beta Sigma Phi members would like to express their gratitude to all who worked to make this event a success. Plans are already on the drawing board to make next year's hunt even more exciting.

CJC Annual Awards Ceremony Honors Locally Known Students

Cisco Junior College conducted its Thirty Second Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 17. Each spring semester CJC recognizes and honors those members of the student body who have proven themselves to be outstanding students and persons. Students were recognized in several categories which included scholastic and extra curricula achievement.

Local students receiving awards were: Allen Barnett - Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and President's List; Sonya Barnett - Dean's List; Donna Besselaar - Dean's List; Jason Bien - President's List and Outstanding Student in Biology; Kelli Hyles - Dean's List; and Roy Sligar - Outstanding Student in Maintenance and Mechanics and Dean's List.

Quick medical treatment can reverse the effects of a stroke

Imagine one minute you're fine, and in the next moment, your vision is blurred and one side of your body goes numb. You're disoriented and dizzy. You are having a stroke. The people around you don't understand what is happening and don't know what to do. You're scared but think that maybe these symptoms will stop soon. Meanwhile your chances of severe stroke and your risk of death are increasing with each minute that passes.

This is a scene that is played out several hundred times a day in America. Stroke is defined as the lack of blood flow to the brain caused by a blocked or ruptured blood vessel. Stroke is the No. 3 cause of death and the No. 1 cause of serious long-term disability. The sobering fact is that more than 70 percent of adults in the U.S. don't know the symptoms of a stroke. As a result, people wait too long before seeking medical attention and either die or suffer severe disability.

Many don't realize that there is a lot you can do to help someone suffering from a stroke. If you get to the emergency room within three hours of the onset of symptoms,

doctors can provide medical treatments that can help reverse the effects of a stroke. The sooner appropriate treatment is begun, the better the chances for recovery. This is why it is so important to know the warning signs for stroke. These symptoms constitute a medical emergency and 9-1-1 should be called immediately:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headaches with no known cause.

The month of May has been declared Stroke Awareness Month. Knowing the warning signs and acting fast can mean the difference between life and death.

For more information call the local American Heart Association office or toll free 1-888-4-STROKE or visit the Web site at www.StrokeAssociation.org.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

May is Stroke Awareness Month and we need your help to save countless lives in your community.

Stroke is defined as the lack of blood flow to the brain caused by a blocked or ruptured blood vessel. Tragically stroke is American's No. 3 killer and the leading cause of long-term severe disability. More than 600,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

More than 70 percent of adults in the U.S. don't know the symptoms of a stroke. As a result, people wait too long before seeking medical attention. Please help us get the word out that stroke is largely preventable - by controlling high blood pressure, maintaining healthy blood cholesterol levels, eating foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight and stopping smoking.

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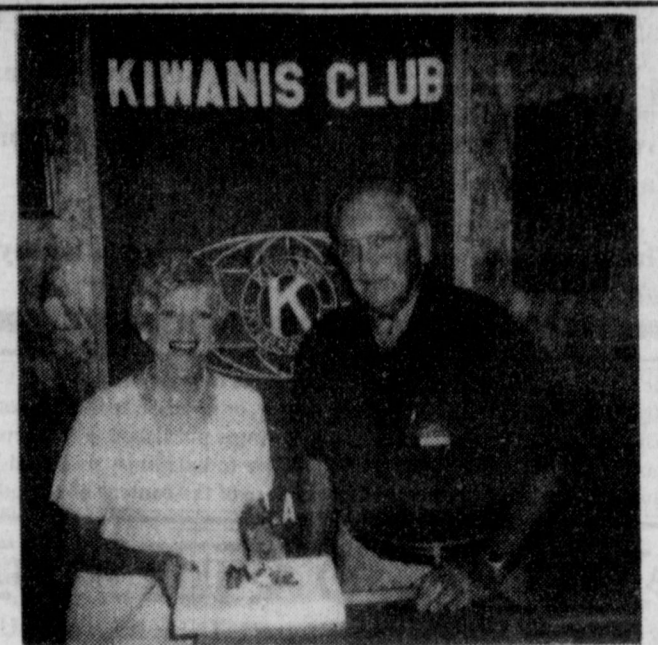
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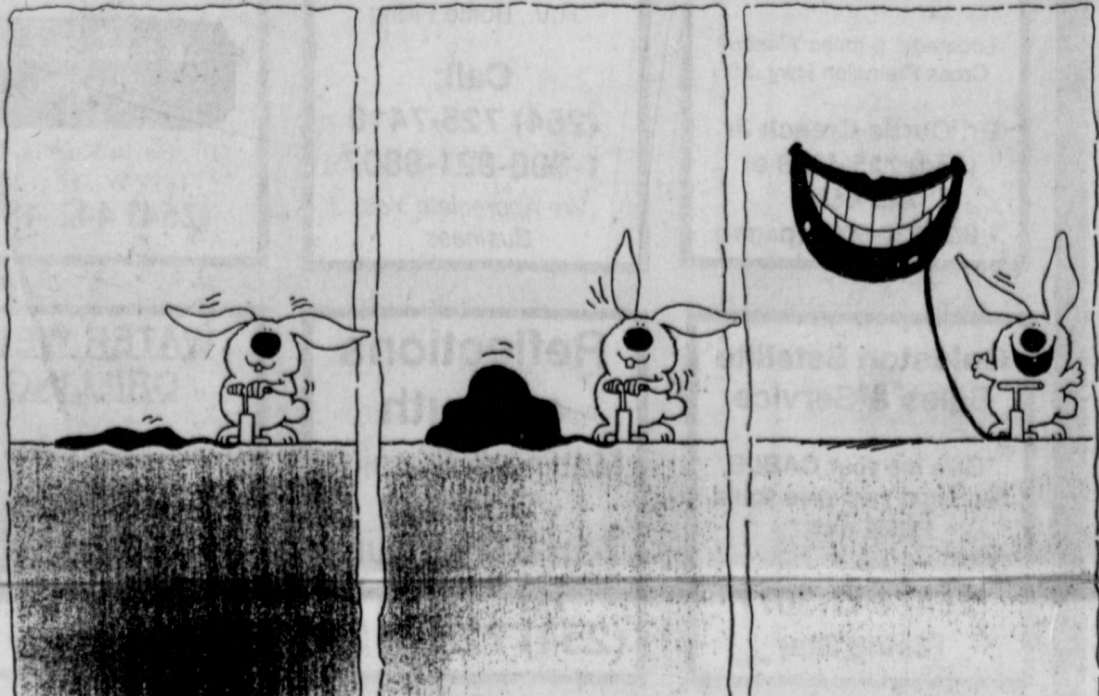
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Barbarian Day Plans and Activities Announced

By BILLIE LOVING

Plans! Plans! Plans! The Barbarians can't quit planning. They have just completed a successful day at the Rodeo Grounds are already in the middle of two other schemes. At this time they are offering tickets for half a beef. Tickets are \$5.00 each and that's for a chance for 200-225 pounds (hanging weight) of beef, to processed free by Cross Plains Frozen Foods.

You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at Lawrence Farm and Ranch, Citizens State Bank, the Library, Coyote Flat General Store (Bill and Charlsie Richardson) and from any Barbarian. Drawing will be on May 26.

The Barbarian Festival and

Cookoff is set for September 2. One of the exciting entries will be Cool Cars. These may be cars from the Nifty Fifties, Classic cars, hot rods, etc. The first 60 cars to enter will be in the parade and show. Enthusiasm for this event is building. Already there are six parade entries. One entry is the Brushy Creek Country Band from Clyde. Musicians get your rub boards and juice harps ready!

These folks may be contacted for more information: Tim Dill for parade entries - 725-6108; Bobby Hinkle for day-stage entertainment; Bill and Charlsie Richardson vendors - 725-7647; Ginny Hoskins, cookoff - 725-7509.

For other information call Keeka Byrd. She's the boss!

Texas Fort Trail News

May 18-21 brings an international delegation along the Texas Forts Trail — an opportunity for each of us to showcase our unique heritage along with that famous West Texas hospitality. Watch for the bus and welcome our guests with open arms. Remember, the daily wildflower tours in Mason and a polo match at Fort Concho on May 6. Don't forget the first Birding Day at Fort Griffin on May 13 — learn from the experts how to spot and identify many species of native birds.

It's May 2000, but the flag is a gain flying over Fort Griffin and thanks to the tourism — our heritage is shared with many. See you on the trail!

Experience the Excitement of the Texas Frontier, travel the Texas Forts Trail. The Texas Forts Trail is a heritage tourism partnership of the Texas Historical Commission, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the Texas Department of Economic Development, and Texas Commission on the Arts, and local chambers of commerce and visitors bureaus. For more information on the Texas Forts Trail and a complete calendar of events, please contact Lisa Sanders, Regional Coordinator at 915-677-7241 or to receive a free brochure please call the Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-727-7704 or the San Angelo Visitors Information Center at 1-800-375-1206.

On May 31, 1881, the American flag over Fort Griffin was lowered for the last time. ON this day, the post was abandoned.

This May, in the year 2000, we are celebrating Texas attractions by proclaiming May 8-13 as National Tourism Week. Tourism is big business in the state of Texas. It is the third largest industry in the state with revenues of over \$30 billion annually. Tourism directly employs almost 500,000 Texans and without the tax dollars generated from tourism, each household in Texas would pay \$615 in additional taxes to maintain existing governmental services. Tourism is big business in Texas.

In West Central Texas, heritage tourism is big business. Heritage tourism means people are traveling to learn about the unique history or culture of an area. The Texas Forts Trail is proud to be a pilot project of the Texas Historical Commission, working within their Heritage Tourism Division. There are so many examples of communities utilizing their history to create tourism. A fabulous example is Eastland, which held a Cemetery Walk — characters in costume representing the deceased tell the stories of the pioneer settlers — a great example of history coming to life. The Fort Griffin Fandangle is another industrious example of heritage tourism — again, recreating a period of time and telling the story through music and song.

Annual Fire Department Fish Fry Soon

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their Annual Fish Fry this year on Friday, May 12th at the Cross Plains Community Center 5-8 p.m. The cost this year will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. The menu will consist of fish or chicken strips, French fries, beans, coleslaw, tartar sauce and all the usual condiments and will include tea and peach cobbler for dessert.

This year the CPVFD has a "Queen Size Wolf Quilt" that they will have a drawing on the night of the Annual Fish Fry, Friday, May 12, 2000 at the Cross Plains Community Center.

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

Sagerton Homecoming Scheduled

The Sagerton Homecoming has been set for Saturday, May 27 and 28, at Sagerton Community Center.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. This is the 13th homecoming since the original one, which was held on July 4, 1954. The last homecoming was in 1997.

Since no tickets are sold for the Sunday lunch, registration is necessary, but donations will be needed to defray expenses. Contact Mrs. Charles Clark (9420-997-2680) for reservations. Registration cards have been sent to those who live outside a 50-mile radius of Sagerton.

Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday and lunch will be served at noon. A short program will be held in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

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Fort Griffin Fandangle announces show dates

The Fort Griffin Fandangle of Albany, Texas, will be held on June 22, 23, 24 and June 29, 30, and July 1. The nationally known historical musical show will begin under the Texas sky each evening at 8:30 PM in the Prairie Theater just outside of Albany. The Fandangle Parade, featuring scenes of the favorite sets such as the stagecoach and the steam driven callope, will begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 29.

There is something in the Fandangle for everyone — music, dancing, drama, and pageantry. Within the wide range of variety lies the theme of the show the portrayal of the feelings of the western pioneers as they met life day to day. The show is entirely original. Careful research is done to insure that the look and feel of the whole production is as authentic as possible. However, Fandangle history is told with a light touch, one that speaks of the humor of daily life as well as the fears and calamities.

The Fort Griffin Fandangle is a gentle satire of life at the famous fort seventeen miles north of Albany and of the lively and lusty town of Fort Griffin, often called "The Flat," which sprang up nearby. The fort was situated on a hilltop for protection from marauding Indians. The town nestled between the bottom of the hill and the Clear Fork of the Brazos River and during the 1870's and 1880's was the scene of the wildest of westerns. Doc Holliday lived in Griffin before he went to Tombstone. Big Nose Kate spent a night in jail for trying to burn down a hotel to help Doc escape the law. Lottie Deno, the

gracious lady of the gambling table, saw her lover shot to death there. Wyatt Earp stayed only a few days, remarking to Doc that "Griffin is too wild for me."

While the Fort Griffin Fandangle portrays the soldiers and offers glimpses of the wilder side of life, it also shows the other sides — the buffalo hunters who spent weeks hunting and skinning; the cowboys who drove the herds up the Western Trail to Abilene, Kansas; the mother who feared Indians, disease, loneliness; the young man "gone to Texas" and the girl he found there; the children and their folks; the Indians in their kingdom and in their realization that all was lost. The spectator is transported into yesteryear. He is there with frontier history as it happened.

Fandangle scripts were written by playwright and author Robert Nail, who also envisioned the show and produced it from 1938 until his death in 1968. The show has never been out of Albany hands. Betsy Parsons, who grew up in the Fandangle, is her sixth year as director of the production, continuing the traditions that utilize the best talents of many of the people of Shackelford County, Texas.

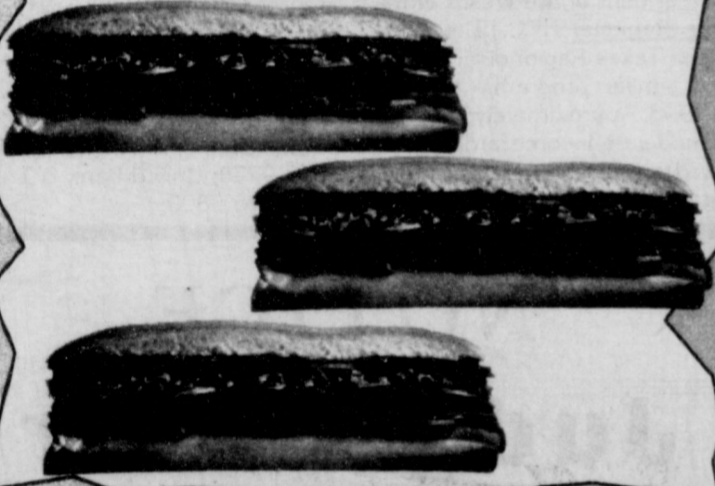
Facts:
2000 Performance Dates — June 22-24, June 29-July 1.

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3) I don't know that the material will be biblically correct!

You are right! And you will never know until you come and listen and judge for yourself whether the material is a blessing to you. It will be!

4) I don't have time!

Who does have time? Everyone is busy, it just boils down to what is important enough to us to give time to. It is like homemade pie after a big meal...you don't have room...you make room! Make time!!

5) There will be no on to watch my kids.

Yes there will, FREE childcare is provided!!

6) My marriage is great already.

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7) I don't have transportation.

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8) It's too late to really change my marriage!

Who said that? Just because you believe that doesn't mean that God believes that! Do you think that you have a better grasp of the situation than God does? Be encouraged...God really believes it is never too late for anyone. God is just confident enough to believe he can do anything!

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GAY BARNETT RETIRING

Santa Fe ISD will celebrate the retirement of Gay Barnett, a truly remarkable teacher in every sense of the word, with a retirement party at Roy J. Wollam Elementary from 3 to 5 p.m. May 5.

In reflecting over her years of teaching, Barnett shared an interesting story of how she was first hired in Santa Fe 33 years ago. At that time, Roy Wollam, who was superintendent of Santa Fe schools, had attended a conference on the starting up of kindergartens in public schools. He decided that Santa Fe would be a forerunner on this idea.

To accomplish this, the principal at the time simply walked over to Barnett's back yard -- and offered her the job. Thus began a long, successful and amazing career for Barnett and a true blessing for Santa Fe schools.

Barnett had the first kindergarten class in the area -- which consisted of only twelve students.

She said that her most rewarding moments in teaching occur when her young students' eyes "light up" as the dawning of a new concept shows in their little faces. She also said the bond established between a young student and his or her first teacher is like none either will ever experience again.

Barnett always loved working with the kids, but has never aspired to "advance" into other areas of administration, for she would honestly miss the daily contact with the children.

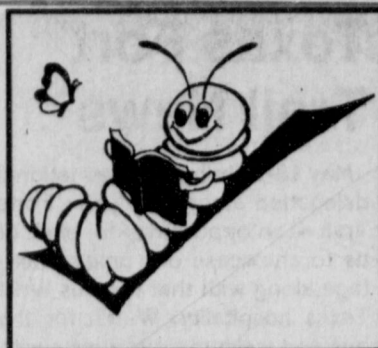
It has also been an interesting weaving of teaching "families" throughout the years-- no only siblings, but also children of her former students. She has formed an everlasting bond for so many!

Barnett said she genuinely enjoys "challenging" her students. She accomplishes that with a flair that is rare, yet invaluable in any individual.

She will be greatly missed in Santa Fe schools. But there is consolation in the fact that her spirit of teaching will remain alive forever through her students. The world will be a better place because she was important in the lives of so many children, say students and staffers.

Barnett's plans for retirement include working part-time as the facilitator for the transition between half-day and all-day kindergarten in Santa Fe. She also plans to spend more time being a grandmother, another of her many wonderful talents.

Barnett comes from a family of educators, including her own children, who chose the field of education after watching the "best of the best" (both parents) as they grew up.



April 22-24

Whoopie! This week I don't have to look for news about the library. It's all in our president's "Check It Out". Yes, she "wow"ed about 1999 and then shouted about plans for 2000.

We hope you'll all get on the bandwagon and be proud with us. Come in the library. Check us out. Then we believe you'll say, "If this library is representative of this town, well, I want to live here." And if you haven't received our "Check It Out" bulletin, drop by and we'll give you one. Now our news. It's good!

Donations:

Clara Nell Spencer, John Miller, Irma Miller, Mrs. Clyde (Ethel) Sims, Rowanna Jo Sublett, Leona Hopkins - book, Tim Dill - mowing.

Memorials:

For Rosalea Bonner - Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hutchins, Richard and Jeanell Purvis, Mattie Faye Wilson, Scott and Jacque Childress

For Charles Coppinger - Richard and Jeanell Purvis

For Leisa Beauchamp - Mattie Faye Wilson and 3rd Grade Class

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RE-ELECT JERRY CASSLE CITY COUNCILMAN

My name is Jerry Cassle and I have been a resident of Cross Plains for 19 years. I am married to Ruby Cassle and she has been employed by Colonial Oaks Nursing Home as Food Service Supervisor for the past 14 years. I have been a member of the City Council for six years. I am an active member of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Dept. and a board member of the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative.

During my tenure as your City Councilman, some of the endeavors which have been accomplished are as follows:

- * Completed new overhead Water tower and supply line
- * Purchase a new patrol car and new city maintenance pickup
- * Purchase of new tractor and shredder
- * Several pieces of equipment for street repair and seal coating
- * Purchased a new sewer jet machine
- * Contributed \$20,000 for 4 new bays & renovation of fire dept. and EMS
- * Providing Medical insurance for all city employees
- * Purchased 50 acres of land and drilled 4 add. water wells to upgrade water
- * Purchased 22 acres for irrigation at the sewer farm

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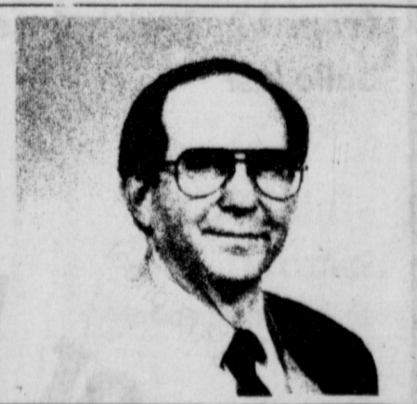
Vote to Re-Elect Jerry Cassle
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Vote May 6

Pol. Ad. Pd. by Jerry K. Cassle, P.O. Box 253, Cross Plains, TX 76443

RE-ELECT RAY PURVIS, MAYOR PROVED LEADERSHIP

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A SELF-EMPLOYED CROSS PLAINS BUSINESSMAN FOR ALMOST 38 YEARS.
MARRIED 30 YEARS TO KATHY PURVIS, A LOCAL 4TH GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER.
A MEMBER OF VARIOUS CIVIC AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS.



SOME IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOUR CITY HAS DONE FOR YOU DURING MY TENURE AS MAYOR ARE :

- Completed and implemented the use of a new large overhead water storage tank.
- Initiated an effective dog ordinance.
- Purchased a new state of the art sewer pressure clean out machine.
- Bought a tractor and equipment to seal coat and maintain our streets.
- Continued an effort to contribute to our Library and keep it on a solid foundation.
- Have given monies to our Fire Department and EMS for repair and renovations.
- Worked closely with the various organizations to see our new sidewalks and beautification projects become a reality with help from the State Highway Department.
- Actively supported the Senior Citizens Center with funds from the city.
- Have allocated money to our Little League. These accomplishments would not have been made possible without the good work of our city council, employees and many others.

Please vote May 6, 2000

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West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation announces 7.50% mortgage and down payment assistance program

ABILENE, TEXAS — The non-profit West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation announced today its 2000 mortgage bond program for low- arid moderate-income first-time homebuyers within its jurisdiction. The West Central Texas Regional HFC's jurisdiction is the counties of Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor (including the City of Abilene) and Throckmorton. Over 250 families will have access to 7.50% 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage loans (FHA, VA, Rural Housing Service (RHS), and Fannie Mae eligible conventional). All homebuyers who qualify for the mortgage loan program will automatically receive a grant for down payment and closing cost assistance equal to 4% of the loan amount. The program was put in place through a bond purchase agreement between the West Central Texas Regional HFC and Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of home mortgage funds.

"We are extremely pleased to introduce another program designed to serve low- and moderate-income first-time home buyer families throughout our communities. This program specifically addresses the largest barrier to home ownership many families face - the lack of a down payment," said James Campbell, Economic Development Director of the City of Brownwood and President of the West Central Texas Regional HFC. The West Central Texas Regional HFC provided similar programs in 1996 and 1998. Approximately 190 low- and moderate-income families purchased their first homes using those programs.

The program includes income limits and residence purchase price limits. Homebuyer annual family income cannot exceed \$47,600 for families of one or two persons, and \$54,740 for families of three or more. Maximum home cost is \$59,877 for an existing home and \$94,716 for a newly constructed home. Higher income and purchase price limits are available in certain targeted areas. Eligible homebuyers cannot have owned a home in the last three years (except in the targeted areas). Borrowers must meet applicable underwriting requirements that show creditworthiness.

"This program provides mortgage loans at an attractive 7.50% interest rate and provides down payment and closing cost assistance to area families who might otherwise be unable to afford a home," explained Mr. Campbell. "For example, a first-time homebuyer who received a \$50,000 loan would receive an additional \$2,000 which could be used for down payment and closing costs."

The loans and accompanying down payment assistance will be available immediately on a first-come, first-served basis until all \$11,875,000 of available funds has been used for mortgage loans. Interested potential homebuyers may contact any of the eight participating mortgage lenders under the program: American State Bank—915-691-5607; Cassle & Cassle Mortgage Loans—915-698-8898; Citizens National Bank—915-643-3545; Countrywide Home Loans—915-892-4461; Extraco Mortgage—915-698-5800; McAfee Mortgage—915-698-9597; TexasBank, Brownwood—915-649-9270; United Bank & Trust—915-676-3800.

Scranton Cemetery Meeting Told

The Scranton quarterly meeting will be held Thursday evening, May 4 following the Annual Cemetery meeting at 7:00. The meeting will be held at the community center. Final plans for the June 3 homecoming musical and fund raiser dinner will be made. Volunteers are needed for food, working in the kitchen and getting the building and grounds ready. Please make every effort to attend if you have connections with the Scranton community.

Scranton Musical Sat.

The monthly Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, May 6. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 915/692-2057 to reserve a time to play. The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30. Anyone willing to make pies or sandwiches will be appreciated. The music will begin to flow through the building at 6:30. Don't miss it.

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