



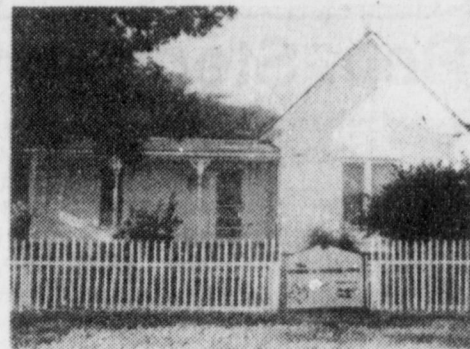
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"Country Critters"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

When you live in the country, you never know what kind of animal you might encounter.

Unfortunately, the armadillo is not a very popular species. They have rooted holes in my yard and one even burrowed under my house. He was a big one, according to the size of the hole. All the dirt he excavated landed on my back porch steps -- such a good aim!

A couple of nights later, Richard spied an armadillo and told me to bring the 22 caliber rifle and spotlight. We jumped in the pickup and were off on the chase. He was driving and holding the rifle, while I held the spotlight. We ran him across the field and finally shot him. Of course, he may not have been the culprit.

I have a swallow's mud nest on my front porch. They really build an excellent nest for their young. When you go out the front door, they fly from the nest, and if you stay too close to their little family, they start warning you to move. The swallows chirp and fly high in the air, then swoop down fairly close to your head. I got the drift that he or she (?) did not want me around. This made watering my flowers a little tricky. I noticed they are no longer at the nest, so they must have moved to a more secluded place.

One early morning (3:00 a.m.) on my way back from town from an emergency trip, there was a large bobcat in my backyard. He was a brave one, as there is a guard light in the yard, too. Mother teased and asked if I was afraid to get out of the car. Well, at least I got to see a cat - just not the big one I've been looking for.

One evening we saw a couple of coyotes and a flock of wild turkeys. Richard even ran across a little fawn who had temporarily lost his mother. It truly makes you appreciate all the natural beauty of God's creations.

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, July 9, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 25, 2000 through July 1, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-50
Complaints-97
DWI-2
Disregard for police officer-1
Possession of drug paraphernalia-1

Vehicle Accidents

There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

There were five outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$1,535.00 collected.

Representative for CHIP in Baird Thursday, July 6

A CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) representative will be in Baird at the Callahan County Courthouse on Thursday, July 6 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

This is affordable health insurance for families whose income is too high for eligibility for Medicaid, but who can't afford private health coverage. Under this program, the maximum a family would be required to pay for CHIP is \$18 per month. It is based on family size, income and expenses.

To apply, you will need to bring at least two months of paycheck stubs or last year's W-2s. A letter from your employer will also be acceptable. Also, if you have daycare expenses, please bring a receipt of how much and how often you pay.

For an exact quote of the cost of insurance for your family, please call 1-800-592-7433 and our questions will be gladly answered.

Cross Plains Monument Ribbon Cutting Set

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting for Cross Plains Monument, owner Linda Strickland, on Friday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the new business located east of the 4-way stop on Highway 36.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony. All chamber members are encouraged to be present and welcome, yet another new business, to the community.

Monthly Project Pride Meeting Told

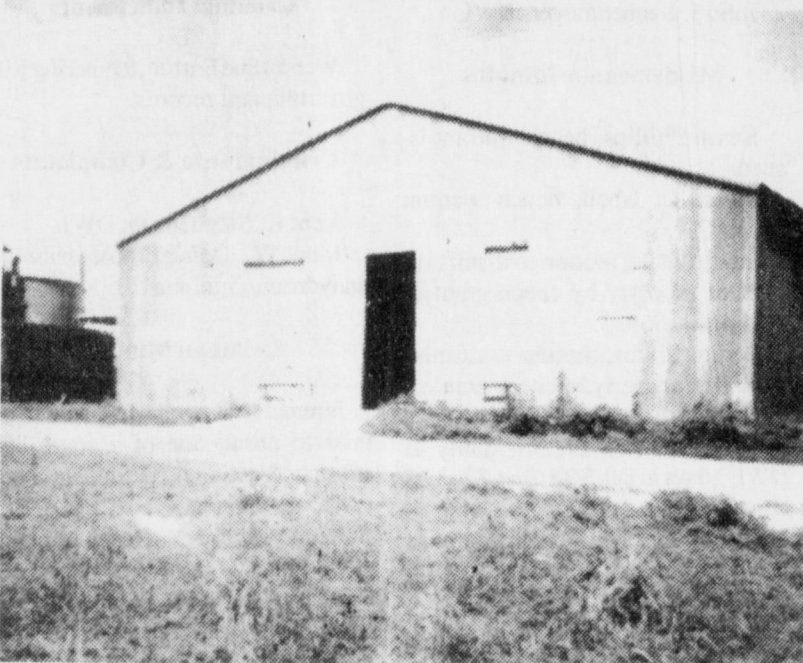
Project Pride will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Kyle McAlister Announced as Chamber of Commerce Banquet Keynote Speaker

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, July 20, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. The Guest Speaker for this event will be Kyle McAlister.

Kyle is a Texas native, born in Conroe, Texas, and living most of his life in Arlington, Waco, Houston, San Antonio and Abilene.

Kyle started his broadcasting career in high school, giving twice weekly news broadcasts for the entire student body at Midway High, in Waco. He then went to ACU, and majored in radio-TV broadcasting. While at school, Kyle went to work full-time at KTXS-TV, as a morning anchor and feature reporter. Kyle then left media work for awhile, working at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, before coming back to Abilene with KACU radio and KTXS. Then, Kyle and his family moved to North Carolina, where



LOCATION FOR NEW BUSINESS — Barr Fabrication has leased a building from Cross Plains Grain and Peanut.



BARR FABRICATION INTRODUCED TO LOCAL COMMUNITY — Pictured from left are Clara Nell Spencer, Bo and Sandara Barr with a reservoir, the finished product of their company.

New Industry Introduced to Community at E.D.C. Reception

Barr Fabrication L.L.C. Will Boost Local Economy

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation held a reception Thursday, June 29, to introduce Barr Fabrication L.L.C. to the community. A crowd of 50 plus enjoyed the informative presentation delivered by Bo and Sandra Barr. Bo has 25 years of railcar and pressure vessel experience to his credit.

Barr Fabrication L.L.C. is a Texas limited liability company founded the 16th day of February 2000. Its focus business is the Manufacturing of Steel Fabricated Combined Auxiliary and Emergency Reservoirs for railcar brake equipment. The new business has established a customer base of key railcar manufacturers and has secured a local manufacturing facility.

Barr Fabrication introduced their product (reservoir) to the community at the reception. The reservoir is built to the Association of American Railcars (AAR) Certification. Every railcar has at least one reservoir and some have two.

There is also a replacement market for this reservoir due to the fact that prior to 1982 a cast iron reservoir was in use and now is being switched

| Reservoir Sales Projections | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Year | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Sales Projections | 5,000 | 7,500 | 10,000 | 12,500 | 15,000 |

out as needed to the new steel fabricated combined auxiliary and emergency reservoirs.

The company philosophy consists of ethics of reason, patient diligence, teamwork and the sharing of benefits among customers, employees and shareholders.

An industry trade publication *Railway Age* on March 3, 2000, estimated new railcar deliveries at 54,550 in 2001 and 54,850 in 2002, then rising to 59,300 in 2003 and 65,750 in 2004.

Barr Fabrication's high standard of quality and product excellence is maintained through the efforts of a technologically innovative and team-oriented organization. The company endeavors to provide its employees with on-going training and a self-motivating and

harmonious work environment that encourages creativity and pride in producing the best products the industry has to offer.

The manufacturing company will be hiring general laborers, painters and welders, as well as office administration personnel. Hiring is expected to begin in September. A highly skilled local workforce is available. Both the production and employee projections are conservative.

Establishing cooperative long-term customer relationships is their highest priority. To achieve this goal the company is based on honesty, integrity and keeping commitments to their customers. They will deliver a price competitive quality product that

meets or exceed industry standards. Barr Fabrication sees long-term customer relationships as the foundation for business.

Presently they have obtained Association of American Railroads Certification and established a customer base of key railcar manufacturers. They have the support of the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation.

In the near future Barr Fabrication will expand their product line with other railcar industry related products.

Cross Plains welcomes Bo and Sandra and their manufacturing company with open arms. Bo is a former resident and son of Clara Nell Spencer of this city.

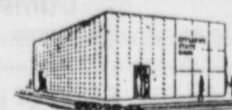
| Manpower Summary | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Production Employees | 7.75 | 11.75 | 15.50 | 19.50 | 23.50 |
| Office & Administration | 2.50 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| TOTAL | 10.25 | 14.75 | 18.50 | 23.50 | 27.50 |

Homecoming 2000 Letters Need To Be Sent

Over 800 Cross Plains High School Homecoming invitations have already been mailed to ex-students, according to Debbie Reed, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ex-Student Association. However, there are approximately 800 yet to be mailed. The Ex-Student Association would like the remaining invitations mailed by July 15, 2000.

If you haven't mailed your classmates their invitation, please do so. Homecoming 2000 should be a great success and all ex-students, ex-teachers, etc. need to be informed of the upcoming event.

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Thanks Mr. Felty !!!

The Buffalo Band would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Todd Felty for his dedication to the Cross Plains Band Program. A special thanks to Twyla Felty for

assisting the Flag Corp during marching season. Under the direction of Mr. Felty the Cross Plains High School Band has earned numerous #1 ratings,

with advancement to the area level. Several of his students have participated in the state level of solo and ensemble. We appreciate all you have done to

improve our Band Program. We will miss you and your family!
-Buffalo Band Members
Band Boosters



School Board Minutes

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with following present: Terry Nixon, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress and Charles Chesshir.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson and Elementary Principal Margie Sowell.

Prayer was led by Terry Nixon. Motion was made by Carey and seconded by Nixon that we approve

a resolution to procure funds in the amount of \$199,058.00 at Citizens State Bank, Cross Plains, at an interest rate of 5.85 percent for elementary air conditioning and heating replacement. For 5/Against 0

Margie Sowell read a letter from high school library consultant that we were in fact ineligible for the TIF LB5 grant.

Motion was made by Nixon and seconded by Carey that we adjourn. For 5/Against 0

Class of 1957 is Searching for Missing Classmates

The Cross Plains High School Class of 1957 is searching for addresses for the following classmates: Bobby Hubbard, J.R. Neff, Joy Clayton, Joy Claxton, B.H. Larkin, Robert Lowery, Nora Muse, Charles Porter, Thurman Scriver, Daniel Gray, Larry Frazier,

John Caraway, Coley Smart, and Betty Jones. If you have information please contact Eva Fleming (254) 725-7557 or Debbie Reed (254) 725-7363. Everyone's cooperation will be greatly appreciated and more ex-students will be able to attend.

Class of 1991 Classmates Search

The 1991 class of Cross Plains High School is searching for classmates for Homecoming 2000. Anyone with information or addresses please contact Pam Glover Smith at 254-965-7522.

The following is a list of classmates in which addresses are

needed:
Louis Cavage
Laura Clark
Dewayne Hamm
Tonia Lane
Eddie Talent
Any information will be appreciated.

Band Presentations for Local Students Noted

Earning the Directors Award at the Spring Band Concert were Drum Majors, Angela Swift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Swift, and Jodi Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Payne. Outstanding Musician Award was

given to Roger Carey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Carey. Plaques were presented by band director, Todd Felty. All three students are dedicated band members who exhibited leadership in the band program.

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Families Can-Do Vacation Bible School

We're turning First United Methodist Church into a clubhouse of Can-Do Kids this summer -- and all kids are welcome! At "Club Can-Do: Kids Called to Care," kids will see how children (just like themselves!) from the Old and New Testaments fulfilled God's plan in Bible times. Just as God worked through those children, God will work through today's Can-Do Kids to make a difference in the world around them. Join the club for Can-Do stories, Can-Do songs, Can-Do games, Can-Do crafts and Can-Do fun!

AGES: PRE-K thru ADULT
Club meetings will be held at First United Methodist Church on Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Come join Club Can-Do!
For information call the church office (254)725-7694
For a Ride call 725-6770

Vacation Bible School

Pay your bill on time Electric Utilities provide payment assistance options

If you're having trouble paying your electric bill, your utility offers payment assistance programs for which you may qualify.

Electric service is no longer a luxury and often the people who need the service most are those who can least afford to pay for it.

Many electric utilities offer deferred payment plans for those who cannot pay their entire bill and may delay disconnection for customers trying to pay their bill. Help is also available from many civic groups, charitable organizations and churches in your community. Contact your utility or the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 512-475-1099 for information. TDHCA also distributes funds to community organizations for weatherization projects to repair and make more energy efficient the homes of low-income customers.

If someone who resides in your home has a medical condition that would be jeopardized if your electric service were disconnected, contact your utility. Most will postpone disconnection of your service and try to arrange a payment plan.

A home energy audit is the first step in assessing energy usage and evaluating what measures should be taken to make a home more energy efficient. The audit's home inspection can pinpoint where a home is losing energy and determine the efficiency of its heating and cooling systems.

Currently, Texans can call their electric utility to get a free energy

audit. The cost of the audit is paid for through the electric rates. But Senate Bill 7, the electric restructuring law approved last year by the Texas Legislature will change this. The law requires investor-owned electric utilities to unbundle their activities into separate units: a power generation company; a retail electric provider; and a regulated transmission and distribution company. Utilities must also separate business activities into competitive and regulated components.

Beginning September 1, 2000 energy audits will be considered a competitive service, and will no longer be provided by electric utilities.

Under new rules adopted by the Public Utility Commission (PUC), utilities must offer incentive programs to independent service providers who install energy efficiency measures and services for retail electric customers.

For more information on payment assistance programs or if you have other questions relating to your electric service, call the PUC toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477).

You may also call the PUC Office of Customer Protection at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3266, e-mail at customer@puc.state.tx.us or visit our Web site at www.puc.state.tx.us.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

| Callahan County Unemployment | Apr. 3.7% | May 3.8% |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total Labor Force | 5,892 | 5,952 |
| Total Employed | 5,674 | 5,728 |
| Total Unemployed | 218 | 224 |

County's jobless rate rises to 3.8% in May

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of May 2000 rose to 3.8%, up one-tenth of one percent from the April rate of 3.7%, according to jobless figures released Monday, July 3 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 5,952 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,728 were employed during May 2000, and 224 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.8%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in May 1999 was 4.8%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.7% in April 2000. Of the 5,892 civilian labor force in the county during April, 5,674 had jobs while 218 or 3.7% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.1% in March 2000, 4.4% in February, 4.4% in January, 3.9% in December 1999, 4.3% in November, 4.5% in October, 4.4% in September, 4.8% in August, 5.0% in July and

5.8% in June, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for May 2000 include: Brown, 3.6%; Coleman, 4.7%; Eastland, 4.1%; Jones, 3.5%; Runnels, 5.0%; Shackelford, 2.8%; Stephens, 3.7%; and Taylor County, 3.5%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for May 2000 was 4.2%, up from the 4.1% unemployment rate reported in April 2000. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in May 1999 was 4.4%.

Of the 10,363,800 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,929,100 in May. The total number of unemployed in May 2000 was 434,700.

The United States unemployment rate was 3.9% in May 2000. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of April 2000 was 3.7%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in May 1999 was 4.0%.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Robbie H. McClure
Mrs. Bill Pope
Billy Hester
Charlotte Hennessey
Linda Merritt
Donnie Neal Dillard
John Perry
J.C. Boyle
Myrtle (Larkin) Bush
Susan Jones
Wanda Matthews

JULY 8

Jerry Huddleston
Willie Henderson
Mrs. Melvin Rouse
Spencer James Jefferies
Mrs. Warren T. Kilough
Chris Key
Alana Davis

JULY 9

Mrs. Buddy Belew
Beverly Wilson
Jason Rutledge
Betty Browning
Mickey Dillard
James Earl Cowan
Terri Scott
Kim Gibson
Floyd Mitchell
Timorah Lenn Adams
Bryan Lindsey
Arvin Thornton
Jason Goains
Karla Fender
Karen Pipes

JULY 10

Connie Breeding Plummer
Angela Rector
Rick Kirkham
Candice Shae Bailey
Lisa Rutledge
Nathan Joy

JULY 11

Edna Burkett
Leslie McGowen
Roper Lee Belew
Freddy Tatom
Charles Wayne Kirkham
Leonard Jones
Delbert Strength
Rosa Marie Woody
Dixie Ingram
Julia Hedrick
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JULY 12

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SBA disaster loans available for storm and flood victims

FORT WORTH, TX — (June 30, 2000) — Victims of the June 15th severe thunderstorms and flooding in Brown County and surrounding counties may now apply for low-interest, long-term disaster recovery loans. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will open a temporary disaster loan center in Brownwood Wednesday, July 5th to assist victims. At the center, families and businesses may get help in applying for a disaster loan to cover losses from severe storms and flooding.

SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez on June 29th declared Brown County a disaster area because of the storms and flooding that occurred on June 15th. In addition, persons in Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, Mills and San Saba Counties are also eligible to apply for SBA loans.

The SBA disaster loan center is located at the Adams Street Community Center, 510 East Adams Street in Brownwood. The center will be open daily from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, beginning at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 5th. SBA personnel at the Center can help individuals complete their loan applications and answer questions about

the loan program.

SBA makes loans to homeowners, renters, and businesses of all sizes when a disaster is declared. These loans are available to cover uninsured and underinsured losses to real estate, personal belongings, and business property.

SBA can loan up to \$200,000 to homeowners. Homeowners and renters can borrow up to \$40,000 to replace damaged or destroyed personal property such as furniture, clothing, and vehicles. Businesses may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory, and other business assets. Interest rates are as low as 3.687 percent with payments up to 30 years.

Anyone with disaster damages should apply as soon as possible. The sooner one applies and completes an application; the sooner SBA can help begin the recovery process.

Anyone with damages from the disaster should seek assistance by visiting the SBA disaster loan center in Brownwood or by calling toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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Health food kick...

There was an accusing look in my eye as I pointed to the soda bottle in MyKeeper's hand. "I thought you weren't going to drink that stuff anymore."

"This isn't 'stuff,' it's health food," he said.

"Oh, sure. How do you figure?" I chided him.

We've sailed way past the age where any food is good food, and are trying to become more health conscious. It is a long process, learning to eat healthy. Eating is too much fun, until that time when indigestion or weight gain tells us painfully that certain foods should not be included in the diet anymore.

First, we just quit eating those few offending foods. Then we started learning about fats and preservatives and sugars, cholesterol good and cholesterol bad, the battle of protein and carbohydrates for top billing in diets.

In time, we began to consider which foods would most likely nourish the bodies that carry us around all day for the rest of our lives.

It's hard to give up poor eating habits. Everything bad for us tastes so good to us. I could not even imagine a world with no spaghetti, and MyKeeper would do battle over a gallon of ice cream.

One thing was obvious. We had developed a dependency on soft drinks. It's an insidious buildup, especially in summer when thirst drives us again and again into the nearest fast food grocery to grab a

sweet, fizzy quencher. We got to thinking one day that there was no all-day, every-day soda pop craze when we were growing up. We could just about count on our toes and fingers the number of soft drinks downed with meals or snacks. Picnics were the biggest source of junk food, and hot August weather. In the heat of August, cold drinks were doled out with Popsicles after dousing ourselves in the sprinkler. That was in the days before consumption of soft drinks became a national passion. This generation needs no special occasion to pull one out of the refrigerator.

Cutting it from our diet was hard work. We were taunted by the craving. I even thought it was reasonable to think that if MyKeeper fudged (oooh, it's that chocolate word!) on our deal, why should I be the only one to deprive myself. I kept forgetting it was something I was doing FOR myself, not a punishment.

For a long time it was impossible to be in the same room with anyone sipping soda. I still slurp involuntarily when a frosty cola can splashes my senses from a TV commercial.

MyKeeper tipped the bottle to his lips again.

"Rootbeer is not a health food," I sneezed.

"It is too," he said. "It says so right here on the label. See?"

He held the label up for me to read. It said, "A healthful blend of herbs and roots."

That's a got'cha, for sure. © Ginny Greene 2000



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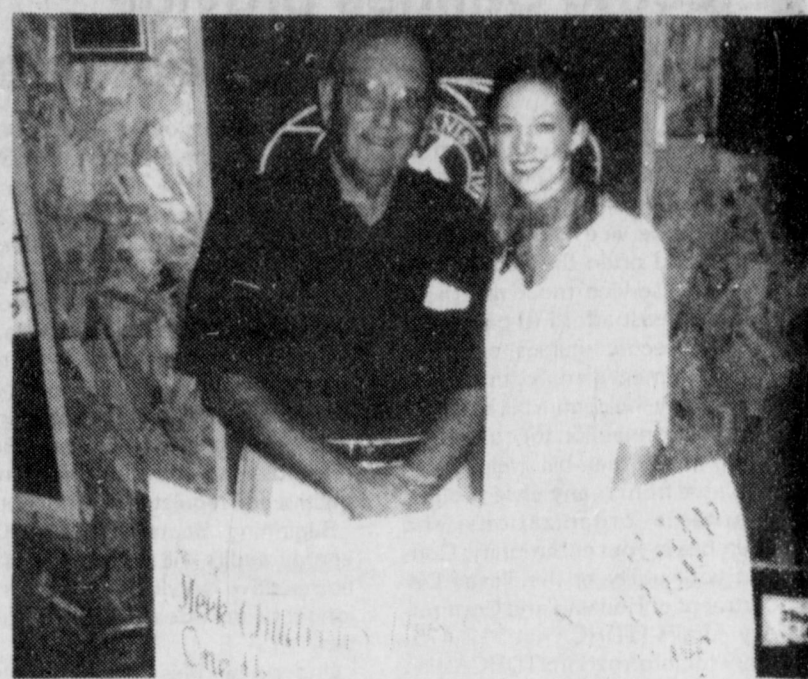
Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Harlow Celebrated 60th Anniversary

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Harlow on their 60th wedding anniversary was held June 24, 2000 at Jackson Avenue Baptist Church in Loving, New Mexico.

Hosting the special occasion were their children, Janet Harlow, Juli Bacigalup, Jeff and Jill Harlow and grandson, Ryan Harlow, assisted by friends of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow were married on June 22, 1940 in Atwell by her uncle, John Foster, who kept asking if they had her father's (his brother) permission to get married.

Paul and Juanita first moved to Lovington, New Mexico in 1954. They moved away for a time when the Denton plant was sold and returned to Lovington in 1988.



INTERESTING GUEST SPEAKER — Amy Etchison, a representative of Children's Miracle Network, was the guest of Dale Bishop at Tuesday's Kiwanis meeting. She presented details on this worthy fund-raising organization. The two are pictured with a \$1,000 check to Meek Children's Hospital from Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains.

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Area Tarleton State University Spring Graduates Announced

STEPHENVILLE — Four commencement exercises were held to accommodate the large number of graduates who participated in the spring 2000 commencement exercises at Tarleton State University.

Following a Tarleton tradition, 16 members of the Class of 2000 were honored as Outstanding Department Graduates. These graduates are selected by the administration and faculty from their major departments based on exceptional academic and leadership qualities.

Tarleton faculty member Dr. Christopher Guthrie, a Professor of Social Sciences, was chosen as the 2000 recipient of the Jack and Louise Arthur Excellence in Teaching award. Dr. Guthrie has been a member of the Tarleton faculty since 1982.

Area graduates include:

- Baird** - Julie Kay Patterson, BS-Speech Communications (with honors)
- Clyde** - Mindy Shay Bolm, BS-Exercise and Sport Studies; Ricky Don O'Dell, BAAS-Agricultural Occupations (with honors); Gretchen Lynn Yost, BFA-Theatre
- May** - Jeanette Leigh Lancaster, BS-Interdisciplinary Studies (with honors and outstanding departmental graduate); Rebecca Dianne Murphree, BS-Communications
- Rising Star** - Janet M. Ezzell Murphree, BS-Interdisciplinary Studies (with honors)

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