



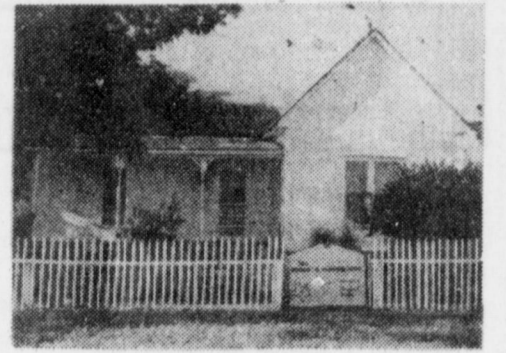
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DOWN HOME

"Home Sweet Home"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH
Editor

I have not made an effort to be a major defender of various issues, however the time has arrived. This is for all the people who live in prefabricated homes (mobile homes) and love it. The constant degrading of this type of residence in the form of tasteless jokes tend to sicken me.

I feel the same concerning slurs about mental illness. Really, how low can you go? Why are physical diseases socially accepted, while mental diseases are taboo? No one has a choice in what genes we receive.

Back to my original subject. First of all maybe you haven't been inside a prefabricated home lately -- they are beautiful. The floor plans are well thought out and every inch of space is used wisely. They have lots of storage space and large closets. The interior is colored coordinated to compliment the decor. What else could you want?

If you need to relocate quickly you don't have to wait until your home sales, and you can make arrangements to move it with you.

Lots of folks have mobile homes on the lake or as a second home in the country. When a porch or patio is added, they look like any other house.

Finally, not everyone has the time and funds to build. This shouldn't be a reason to belittle someone's home.

There are a lot of us who live in single, double-wide or triple-wide homes and are proud of what we have. Being satisfied with what you have is a plus, and shouldn't indicate a lack of ambition.

Pioneer Cemetery Income Reported August-December

The following contributions, burial permit and interest have been received by the Pioneer Cemetery, August 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

All gifts are sincerely appreciated and donations may be made by mailing to the Pioneer Cemetery Account at Citizens State Bank, Cross Plains or mail to Jo Veda Watson, HC 30 Post 75 Box 11, Brownwood, Texas 78901.

Gifts: Jay and June Hughes \$250 In Memory of Kate McCarty - M/M F.J. Richardson \$25, M/M Clyde Allen \$25, M/M Bill Henning and Charley Cullins \$50, M/M Don Johnson \$25, Mrs. Lucy Diaz \$10, M/M Paul McCowen \$25, M/M Harold Claiborne \$25, M/M Jack Scott \$25, Joy Grant \$20, M/M Jim Considine \$50, M/M R.O. McCarty and Sharon \$100.

Burial Permit: Mrs. Kate McCarty \$100

Interest: Interest from CD# 8425 \$1,397.97

Interest from Money Market Account \$111.59

Deadlines

Ads - noon Tues.
Articles - noon Mon.

Project Pride Needs Your Help With Their Membership Drive For 2001

Project Pride will not hold their annual membership dinner this year. Time, bad weather and involvement in numerous other activities prompted this decision. Please let this notice serve as an invitation for you to renew your membership or become a member for the year 2001.

Bylaws state that membership is open to all persons who are interested in making the community a cleaner more attractive place to live and preserving and documenting the history of the Cross Plains community.

Annual dues are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. Meetings are held each second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

A visit to Cross Plains in 1968 from several member of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association sparked an interest in Howard, his former home here, his writings and what it could mean to Cross Plains. Then in 1989, a group of interested citizens, with ideas to promote the city, met to organize. (There was not a Chamber of Commerce at that time).

A contest was held asking for suggestions for a name. Project Pride was chosen with a motto, "A Caring Community". By-Laws were adopted and tax exempt status obtained. All this and much more was realized by October 1989.

Fund-raisers began and one of the first project was the purchase of the Howard Home. Restoration began and continues. An annual Howard Day observance is hosted in June each year with fans from all over the world attending. The home is open throughout the year by appointment.

Realizing the need for sponsorship of a number of other projects, Project Pride set about collecting support and, as a result, things began happening. Project Pride was the original sponsor of a city-wide Christmas program and still participates along with Kiwanis, Library and Chamber of Commerce.

A lighted yard display, costing several thousand dollars, is placed on Project Pride property each season. Spring city-wide clean up, fix up was originally, sponsored by Project Pride and continues. Over \$2000 was contributed toward the purchase of new EMS ambulance, and bleachers were purchased for the Little League Park. A promotional advertisement is placed in Texas Travelers Magazine each spring and a reception is held in the fall to introduce new school personnel.

Plaques have been placed on a number of buildings and homes recognizing their historical value to the city. Effort is made to participate in other city activities, festivals, etc. whenever possible. The most recent undertaking was the building of an open pavilion, 30 x 40 feet with restrooms and kitchens, which is available for use by the public.

In order to continue these public service projects we must depend on community support. We fee sure you will want to become involved. Dues may be mailed to Project Pride, P.O. Box 534, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or stop by the Tax Office in the Justice of the Peace building and Betty Lewis, membership chairman, will be happy to accept them. For further information, please call 254-725-7456 or 254-725-6580.

Submitted by Era Lee Hanke



TEXAS SPORTSWRITERS ALL-STATE SELECTIONS — Scott Mackey- 2nd Team Punter (from left), son of Dana Mackey, and Tony Beggs-Honorable Mention Line Backer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beggs.



ALL BIG COUNTRY FOOTBALL PICKS — Scott Mackey - Punter (from left), Nicholas Dimitri - Secondary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Dimitri; and Tony Beggs-Line Backer.



TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC ALL-STATE HONOREES— Roger Carey (from left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Carey; Nicholas Dimitri; and L.D. Whitehead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whitehead.

2001 Miss Valentine Pageant Announces Multiple Changes

"Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, It wouldn't be Miss Valentine without all of you!" The Miss Valentine pageant is quickly approaching. It will be held on February 10, in the high school auditorium.

Many of the night's features will be the same. There will be beautiful young ladies who are escorted by handsome young men divided into six age groups. There will be three judges who are from out of town who will evaluate these lovely girls on poise and personality.

The entrants and their escorts will be introduced individually so that everyone can admire their evening attire. The contestants will each have a question to answer into the microphone. The girls will not have seen the question before it is asked.

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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR LIBRARY PROJECT — Turning the first shovels of dirt were Steve Mack (from left), Cecil Barton, Charles Rodenberg, Debbie Gosnell, James Nichols and Julene Franke.

Library Ground Breaking Was Held January 10th

By BILLIE LOVING

If you were downtown about 3:15 p.m. last Wednesday, you may have wondered why a group of people near the library were out in the rain and obviously having a good time. The occasion was a special one for the library group, and hopefully, for all of Cross Plains. It was a ground breaking!

Since the purchase of the lots north of the library, the Library Board has been dreaming of how they could create a spot that would be beautiful and would invite visitors to stop. Recently the corner has been cleared and leveled. Wednesday was the second step -- the ground breaking ceremony. Time, grants, and the help of Cross Plains Citizens will help to determine what will evolve.

But there are dreams of trees, flowers, walk-ways, benches -- a beautiful spot-- perhaps a botanical garden. As a background a mural

will represent special aspects of the library, such as a representation of the Howard Collection and the logo for "Check It Out".

Present at the ground breaking were Library Board Members Charles Rodenberger, president, Cecil Barton, vice president, Dorothy Petty, Ginny Hoskins, James Nichols, Joan McCowen, Garnett McKoy, Judy Luter, Billie Loving, Cherry Shults, Librarian, and aides, Bobbye Hinkle and Esther Kerr. Also present representing the Garden Club were James Nichols, designer of the proposed plan; Julene Franke, representative of the Chamber of Commerce and Garden Club; Debbie Gosnell, City of Cross Plains representative; Steve Mack, representing EDC; Greg Turner, Landscaping; and Vanda Creech, took photographs for the *Cross Plains Review*.

Progress Report On Linda Henson

Linda Henson, who has recently underwent surgery at M.D. Anderson, was reported having a good day, as of Tuesday, January 16. She was walking on her own and feeling better.

At this time she is awaiting release from the hospital. She will be returning to her parent's home in Brownwood at that time.

Please continue to remember her in your prayers. Also, a Love Fund is in existence at Citizens State Bank to assist with her medical expenses. Your kind contributions would be appreciated.

If you would like to send Linda a card or letter address it to: Linda Henson P.O. Box 252 Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Cottonwood Musical Set for Friday, Jan. 19

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their Country and Western Musical on Friday, January 19, at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The ladies will be serving beef stew with corn bread, coffee or tea for \$3.00. Sandwiches and pie will also be available. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and musical entertainment commences at 6:00 p.m. with Mary E. Weaver as emcee.

Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free and a fun time is always enjoyed by all.

4th Annual Cross Plains Trades Day Scheduled For March 31st

The Cross Plains Trades Day, sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club, is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. This will be the 4th year for the event.

All types of booths are welcome. The cost of a booth is \$15.00 and \$5.00 extra for electricity.

Make plans to participate! For additional information contact James Nichols (254) 725-7540.

Colonial Oaks Services

Believer's Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 21, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Love Fund set for the late Jerry Strickland

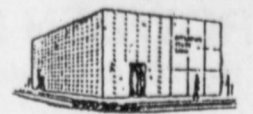
A Love Fund has been established at the Citizens State Bank for the late Jerry Strickland.

Your contributions will be applied to recent medical expenses incurred and will be appreciated by his family.

Bryan's Variety Closing Through January 27

Bryan's Variety on Main Street will be closed Wednesday, January 17, through Saturday, January 27.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT

Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Michael W. Brown, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Lori Dover, theft of property by check.

Lisa Callahan, theft of property by check.

Richard McIntire, theft of property by check.

Joe Underwood, theft of property by check.

Darla Watson, theft of property by check.

William H. Gandy, DWI.

Michael A. Cannon, DWI.

Michael W. Brown, DWI.

Richard A. Cardenas, criminal mischief.

Floyd D. Wagner, fictitious inspection certificate.

Jason M. Howell, assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes

David Eugene Whitt, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under probation: Richard Lee McRae, Adam Moore, Byron Rigsbee, Richard Warren, Eric Weiner, Todd Beasley, Earl Hughes, Orville Pirraglia, Juan Pedro Garcia, Jr., David Mangus.

Sharon Garrett, order extending probation granted.

John Litchfield, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Tarrant Co. granted.

Stephen Allyn Isenhower, order substituting counsel granted.

Michael W. Brown, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, case filed was duplicated.

Leellen Geneva Johnson, affidavit for release of surety granted.

Marriage Licenses

Gregory Joe Gerngross of Baird and Wendy Denese Faircloth of Abilene.

Benji Brett Blackstock of Cross Plains and Tiffany Renae Guise of Cisco.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Eddie Faye Clifford and Martin Luther Clifford Jr., divorce.

Michael James Welle and Karen Kay Welle, divorce.

Michael Christian Branton and Tammy Lynn Branton, divorce.

In Re: Estate of Ellen Hicks, deceased, contested probate.

Civil Minutes

Jeffrey Scott Bales and Terrie Lea Bales, divorce granted.

Luann Lovelady and Michael Todd Lovelady, divorce granted.

Judy Ann Steck and Russel Lynn Steck, divorce granted.

United Bank & Trust vs. Frontier Pacific Corporation and all other occupants, order of dismissal granted.

Monica Deann Havner and Joe Westley Havner, divorce granted.

Criminal Info. & Complaints

Criminal Indictments

Criminal Minutes

Tammy R. Jasso, order placing defendant on shock probation.

Cynthia G. Smith, plea of guilty to possession of a criminal instrument, 8 years in prison, \$260.25 court costs.

Cathy Lambert, motion to place defendant on shock probation denied.

Arvin H. Thornton, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

1-15-01

OBITUARIES

Garland Gray Arnold

Mr. Garland Gray Arnold, age 84, of Lake Brownwood, died Friday, January 12, 2001, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 14, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Larry Mitchell officiating. Burial was in Jenkins Springs Cemetery in Brown County, with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge.

He was born December 2, 1916, at Holder in Brown County to George Rudicil Arnold and Nora Emly Smoot Arnold. He married Bonnie Cones on February 2, 1948, in Cross Cut and they resided in that community for over 44 years.

Mr. Arnold was a farmer, rancher and oil field pumper. He was a World War II veteran who served most of his time in the Philippines.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Arnold of Lake Brownwood; one son, Gale Arnold and his wife, Beth of Waco; two daughters, Claudia Clappart and husband, Steve of Cottonwood, and Becky Storch and husband, Dale of Early; four grandchildren, Dena Childers, Teri Smith and husband, Brant, Justin Storch and wife, Melissa, and John Storch; two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Blair Smith.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Cora Mozell Stinnett

Cora Mozell Stinnett, 84, of Clyde, died Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Clyde Church of Christ with Jim Hall officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mrs. Stinnett was the widow of Ray Stinnett, whom she married in Anson. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, James R. Stinnett of Baird; two daughters, Janis M. Goforth of Abilene and Audra L. Fox of Baird; a brother, Edwin Edwards of Cottonwood; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Eugene Mauldin

Eugene Mauldin, 89, of Abilene, passed away January 9, 2001 at Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene after a brief illness.

Services were held January 13, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Baird. Rev. Miller Robinson officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jerry Joplin. Burial was in the Belle Plaine Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Mr. Mauldin was born in Shield. He lived in Rowden for 62 years, Snyder for three years and Abilene for three years. He was a retired farmer and also worked for Foremost Dairies and Abilene Reporter News. He had also been employed by the Texas Highway Department, Robo Car Wash, and Snyder Farm and Ranch Supply. He was a member of the Baird First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder, where he was a Deacon as well. He married Vernie Bell Cooper in Sylvester.

Survivors include three sons, Carl Mauldin and wife Mable of Comanche, Roland Mauldin and wife Faye of Denton Valley and Don Mauldin and wife Sue of Cape Coral, FL; two daughters, Irene Masters and husband Willie of Snyder and Marjorie Brown and husband Danny of San Antonio; two brothers, Raymond Mauldin of Weatherford and Nolan Mauldin of Ft. Worth; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and on great-great-grandchild.

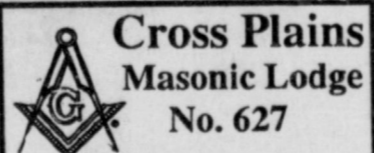
Downtown Brownwood Inc. 2001 Bridal Fair Set for Sat., January 27

The Downtown Brownwood Inc. 2001 Bridal Fair will be held on Saturday, January 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Depot Civic and Cultural Center.

Admission is only \$2 and there will be three Fashion Shows beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Door prizes will be given throughout the day with the grand prize to be awarded at 2 p.m.

You are invited to visit the following booths while you are at the show: Weakley-Watson; Wittig Jewelers; 4-Corners; Forget-Me-Not Florist; The Fashionette; Lynn Leigh Square; Krogers; Pat & Gene's; Dunlaps; J.C. Penney; Don Johnson Realtors; Leon Sutherland Photographers; Jim Byrd DJ Services; Frames & Things.

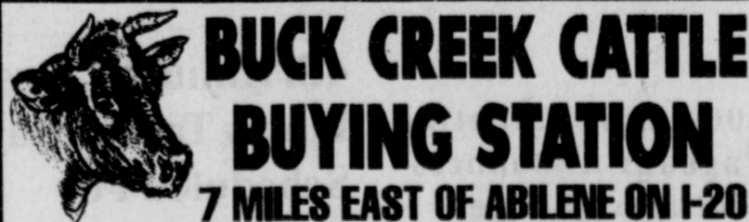


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UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Oct. 3.6%	Nov. 3.3%
Total Labor Force	5,998	5,958
Total Employed	5,783	5,762
Total Unemployed	215	196

November jobless rate falls to 3.3%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of November 2000 dropped three-tenths of one percent to 3.6 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, January 15 by the Texas Workforce Commission. Of the 5,958 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 5,762, were employed during November 2000, and 196 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.3%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in November 1999 was 4.3%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was also 3.6% in September and August of 2000. Of the 5,998 civilian labor force in the county during October, 5,783 had jobs while 215 or 3.6% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6% in September 2000, 3.6% in August, 3.8% in July, 4.5% in June, 3.8% in May, 3.7% in April, 4.1% in March, 4.4% in February, 4.4% in January, 3.9% in December 1999 and 4.3% in November, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and their unemployment rates for November 2000 include: Brown, 3.6%; Coleman, 6.3%; Eastland, 3.6%; Jones, 2.7%; Runnels, 3.7%; Shackelford, 3.2%; Stephens, 4.2%; and Taylor County, 3.2%.

The unemployment rate in Texas for November 2000 was 4.0%, the same rate as during the previous month of October. The state's unemployment rate one year ago in November 1999 was 4.4%.

Of the 10,448,500 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 10,032,700 in November. The total number of unemployed in November 2000 was 415,800.

The United States unemployment rate was 3.8% in November 2000. The U.S. unemployment rate for the previous month of October 2000 was 3.6%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in November 1999 was 3.8%.

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 7, 2001 through January 13, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-47
Complaints-58
DWI-1
Disregard for Police Officer-1

Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were 24 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$6,413.00 collected.

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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

The residents will be having their birthday party Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. Those with birthdays are: Vera Belyeu, Mildred Newton and Bulah Ferguson. The Gospel Singers from Brownwood will be providing the entertainment. All family and friends are invited to come and help us celebrate.

A warm welcome for our new residents, O.B. and Pauline Switzer. Thoughts and prayers for Lester Bush and Maxine Crockett who are in the hospital.

Appreciation to Kitty Propest for the red velvet cake.

Waldine Stephenson and Josephine Casey visited with Jessie Casey.

Nena Alvarado from Rising Star, Mary and Lydia Nixon of May, Tiffany McKenzie and Austin Walker visited with Carl McKenzie.

Farrell and Carol Stephens visited with Ruby Harrell and Jessie Casey.

Laquetta Rankin and Frankie Smith of Pioneer visited Falba Shofner and Pauline Regian.

Lurene and Brenton McNutt visited Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week:
MONDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Minnie Swann, Falba Shofner, Maxine Crisp (2) and June Hickman. Exercise class.

TUESDAY: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds. Skip-Bo games.

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

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Jessie Casey, Vera Belyeu, Raymond McCowen, Minnie Swann and Falba Shofner. Skip-Bo games, popcorn.

SUNDAY: Believer's Fellowship. A true friend is the best possession.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for the regular meeting on January 12, at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center. Topic was: "Trees In Our Texas Gardens."

Bob Powell, president, called the meeting to order and led the members in repeating the Conservation Pledge, afterwards he read the correspondence.

Julene Franke reported on our 40th anniversary celebration. Betty Beggs reported on our hosting the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home Open House.

Julene Franke (Chairman), James Nichols and Eva Fleming were elected as the nominating committee.

Barbara Powell (chairman of the upcoming Flower Show) reported on the committee's work and the completion of the schedule.

James Nichols (publicity chairman of the upcoming Trades Day scheduled for March 31, 2001) reported plans were in progress.

The program, "Beautiful Trees of

Texas" was led by Bob Powell and members told of various trees, their ages, growth habits and such.

Drawing for a tree was conducted by Mary Ella Weaver and the lucky winner was Eva Fleming.

Nichols had two door prizes and the winners were Betty Beggs and Mary Ella Weaver.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene February 9, at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center.

Refreshments were served from a table centered with a small wheelbarrow and a shovel, an overall clad worker holding a hoe, and a bucket holding blooming jasmine stems-- signaling it's time to start planting. Refreshments consisted of spiced tea, vegetable tray with dip and a sweets tray with spread. Joyce Odom was the hostess.

Others present were: Julene Franke, James Nichols, Eva Fleming, Bob and Barbara Powell and Tony, Helen Tillotson, Betty Beggs and Mary Ella Weaver.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

"SIGNS of the TIMES!!!"

Are you perhaps of an age that you can recall those little square signs along highways back in the 1940's? Each little square would reflect a different verse of a comic rhyme and then end with the name of the product being advertised. Such as: Ma loves Pa, Pa loves wimmen, Ma caught Pa, with four in swimmin', Here lies Pa!-----BURMA SHAVE!!!!

Sound familiar? We used to read them as we rode down the highways. They were catchy, funny and witty, kept everyone chuckling and chatting and kept us all pretty busy, for the most part.

During those years, lots of different type signs cluttered the roadsides. There were innumerable billboards dotting the landscape.

appeared, I guess, all over the U.S.A. In my estimation, it was one of the best remembered billboards; if not the BEST!

Touting a particular brand of suntan lotion, it pictured a little girl clad in her two piece swimsuit. In a fairly true-to-life scene she was very closely followed by her puppy who had attached himself to the top of her bathing suit bottoms and had them pulled down in an obvious attempt to help her get a suntan on the area -- previously-- protected and shaded by that particular item of clothing. Doesn't that picture just bring back memories?

Signs advertising various products were often painted on the back or

sides of barns and other public buildings along well traveled roads and thorough-fares.

Remember the picture of the rooster advertising a particular brand of coffee, as well as various sign advertising cold drinks such as Coca Cola, Pepsi, Rootbeer, etc., which appeared on the sides of buildings such as grocery stores, movie theatres, drug stores or just about any corner building.

Some of these signs you can still view though now faded and frayed around the edges. Many business owners now have these signs restored for their historic and artistic significance.

My brother-in-law had one restored on a building he owned in Crosby County. It is very attractive, plus it brings back those memories, also.

For sometime now, especially in the larger cities, another type of sign has appeared, though they've not always been welcome. These are called graffiti. They are sometimes used to mark a gangs particular territory and many cities have launched crusades to try and discourage this practice and also to paint over them.

Not too many years back, laws were passed against the presence of billboards inside city limits and to within a certain distance of the city limits sign from the outskirts of town in both directions. It was a campaign to clean up the road ways.

Seems as times change, so do the signs..... Go Figure!!!!

Texas Motorists Express Themselves With Personalized License Plates

ABILENE— Why keep your thoughts to yourself when you can share them with everyone else on the road? The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) can help you express yourself with a set of personalized license plates for your car or truck.

Currently displayed on more than 65,000 vehicles, personalized plates are the state's most popular specialty tags. The so-called "vanity plates" run the gamut, from first and last names to company names and clever messages or phrases. Each application for a personalized tag is carefully screened for obscene or offensive messages. The license plates are manufactured by the Texas prison system in Huntsville and sent to the customer within two weeks of application.

Personalized plates are available for \$40, in addition to the price of regular vehicle registration. Fees from personalized tags go to the

General Revenue Fund, where they are used for a variety of state services and programs. In a one-year period ending August 31, 2000, personalized tags accounted for approximately \$2.8 million of that fund.

Motorists who want a set of personalized plates can get them at any time, regardless of when their vehicle registration expires. Applications for these tags are available at all county tax assessor-collector offices and on the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us. Personalized license plates accommodate up to six characters; however, some specialty plates are limited to five characters.

More information is available from TxDOT's Special Plates Branch at (512) 374-5010; or by calling the vehicle registration and titling help desk at (512) 465-7611.

Personalized license plates have been available in Texas since 1965.

LIBRARY NEWS

January 8-12

Did I tell you last week that the library has a limited number of Bill Neeley's *The Last Comanche Chief*, *The Life and Times of Quanah Parker*? Don't wait until the dinner on January 30. The library has only 6 copies.

Read next week's *Cross Plains Review* and see pictures of the two speakers, Bill Neeley and Drew McDaniels. You won't want to miss this one.

In the meantime, visit the library. The Texas Collection is remarkable for a town the size of Cross Plains -- both fiction and non-fiction. We have plenty of Larry McMurtry, Larry L. King and James Michener.

In non-fiction we have *A Literary History of the American West*, *Texas Women Writers*, *Cat Claw County*, *Indian Life in Texas*, and much more.

Statistics:

Books
Cross Plains 75
LAP 52

TOTAL 127

Memorials

Jim and Garnett McKoy for Jerry Strickland

James and Jean Alexander for Lawrence Clayton

Cecil and Mary Barton for Juakana Scott

Donations

Wanda Merryman - books

PIONEER NEWS

Hello Nathan! Guess we are all back at work again. We know with school, basketball and stock show, you are a very busy person.

The Quilting Club was ready to go on Tuesday. We had a lot of catching up to do. We had 14 members present. Lessie Baum joined us. We are proud to have her for a member. Christy Dallas visited with us and has promised to come back often. Two of our members, Laverne and Frankie, were not able to be with us. Hope they are feeling better soon.

The club put in Earlene's hostess quilt, a Log Cabin. She also put in a Star quilt. It was pieced a while ago. Laverne will put in her hostess quilt this week. So you see we have plenty to work on.

The quilters also enjoyed eating out Tuesday. A bunch of us had a very good lunch at Dairy Queen. We usually do this on the second Tuesday of the month.

The club had a wonderful holiday party at the home of Laverne Hutton in December. We exchanged gifts, ate a lot, and did a lot of visiting. Lottie Sooter, Fran Sooter, and granddaughter joined us. We were glad to see them. Lottie is living in Abilene now and we miss her a lot.

Holiday guests, who came home for Christmas, to the Anna and Olena Ezzell's were Linda Worley of Burnet, Tommy Worley of

Austin, Jason and Mistie Forbus and Meaghan of Hutto, Benny and Cal Ezzell of Owens, Bryan and Lisa Ezzell, Gynna and Tige of Iowa Park, Jackie and Jeff Fagan and Camden of Mansfield, Janet and Doc Murphree, Becky and Scott of Sidney. In spite of such cold icy weather, they all had a very enjoyable time.

Paul and Vi Harlow of Lovington, N.M. visited with Jean Fore during the holidays. Oliver, Frankie and Jean attended several musicals during the holidays. Recently, they attended the musical at Putnam and Scranton.

Earlene Burge spent Christmas with her daughter, Jessica Stultz in Brownwood. Those who were there included Jessica and her husband, Jack; Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm and son, Cameron; Jon and Cindy Ochoa; and Earlene. Several people stopped by for a visit. They had a very nice time. Earlene spent several days there enjoying activities and visiting. Earlene was proud to get a letter about her granddaughter, Dee Ann, being on the President's List at Stephen F Austin University.

It is good to be back again. Let us go out and support our ball teams this week. These kids work very hard. See you next week.

Local Student Named to Angelo State University Dean's List for Fall

Malyssa A. Sowell of Cross Plains, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at the university.

Ms. Sowell is a Kinesiology major at ASU.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Malyssa is the daughter of Stuart and Barbara Sowell of Cross Plains.



January 22-January 26
MONDAY--Pork Chops w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Lemon Cake, Roll
TUESDAY--Swiss Steak, Spinach, New Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Bread
WEDNESDAY--Beef-A-Roni, Salad, Corn, Peaches, Cookie, Bread
THURSDAY--B-B-Q Chicken, Carrot Raisin Salad, Potato Salad, Orange Gelatin w/Pineapple, Bread
FRIDAY--Sloppy Joe's, Green Beans, Salad, Oven Fries, Raisin Bar, Bun

Janice Faries asks for the support of the people of Texas for John Ashcroft, Pres. Elect George W. Bush's nominee for Attorney General. Contact:

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Cross Plains Cemetery Association Report For The Month Of December 2000

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M/M Glen Payne	50.00
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M/M Ralph Trevey	30.00
Annoymous	100.00
CD Earn #7719	1284.05
Interest Added to Acct.	12.99

Totals: 1532.04

No G.O.P. To Report



BREAKTHRU

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

You have heard it said: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." This usually comes from someone who doesn't really want to change and so it is used as an excuse for continuing in the same old rut. You don't have to be old to think that way and use the crutch -- but let me sound a warning to us all, with a twist of that old saying: "The quickest way to become an old dog is to quit learning new tricks!" Do I need to repeat that?! "The quickest way to become an old dog is to quit learning new tricks."

More people become old and stiff -- and senile! -- from inactivity than from over-activity. And the one thing about us that we had better keep active (if we want to keep going on) is our mind. It needs to be stretched every day. If not, it gets tired and lazy -- and then it quits functioning, it becomes dead.

Can you imagine someone trying to convince God they are too old to become a Christian? He says, "I've been living my way for all these years and you ask me to change? Don't you know 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks'?" Let us realize that we are much, much more than "old dogs" in God's eyes -- realize that he sent his only begotten Son to the cross for us all, young and old alike -- and as long as one has mind enough to offer that excuse, there's mind enough to change, to become a Christian. We encourage you to come and join us in being changed into the likeness of the Lord, degree by degree, beholding His glory. We're in the people business, and we care about you!

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



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Varsity Lady Buff Basketball Action

On Tuesday, the Lady Buffs defeated a very tough Gordon team 58 to 49. It was a close one, all the way and they hit some big free throws in the final minutes of play to seal the win.

This was their open date in district and you always look for solid competition to play in the stretch run to improve your chances in district play.

It was a fast paced game in the 1st half, both teams were pressing and fast-breaking up and down the floor with the halftime score of 33 to 28 in the Lady Buff's favor. The second half was a little slower and more under control, 10 to 9 in the 3rd and 16 to 11 in the 4th quarter. Their free throw shooting in the 4th was the big difference in the game.

Scoring was Jennifer 17, Candice

15, Tessa 8, Amber 7, Amanda 5, Dani 4 and Judith 2. Shena had a great defensive effort against their leading scorer.

On Friday the Lady Buffs were back to district play defeating Gorman 49-17. The girls had a super effort on defense, but their shooting percentages and ball-handling seemed to drop off during the game. The Lady Buffs were sluggish in the first half, but came out of the dressing room and had a big 3rd quarter to increase their lead.

Scoring were Candice 21, Tessa 8, Amanda 7, Jennifer 6, Shena 4 and Amber 3. Also contributing were Sarah, Dani and Judith.

This brings the Lady Buff's District 10-A record to 2-0 and their overall record to 16-7.

7th Grade Girls Win 1st Place And 8th Grade Girls Take Runners-up in Their Divisions

By COACH BECKY DILLARD

Saturday, January 13, Cross Plains hosted the Cross Plains Junior High Basketball Invitational Tournament. Towns that participated were Gorman, DeLeon, Baird and Cross Plains.

Cross Plains 7th grade team played their first game at 9:30 a.m. against DeLeon 7th "B" team. At the end of the 1st quarter the score was tied 6-6. 2nd quarter Cross Plains took a 1 point lead 14-13. After the half, the girls came back scoring 18 points and DeLeon 3 points (32-16). The girls played a better quarter and finished this game Cross Plains 38 DeLeon "B" 20.

Team scorers: Norris 18, Bacon 8, Vasquez 4, Isbell, Hutchins, Duran, Hutton 2 and Adams assisted.

Cross Plains 8th grade team played their first game at 10:45 a.m. against DeLeon 8th "B" team. At the end of the 1st quarter Cross Plains had a 1 point lead 7-6. When halftime came, Cross Plains had an 8 point lead 16-8. The girls came back in the 3rd quarter scoring 15 points and taking a larger lead (31-17). During the 4th quarter Cross Plains had many turnovers and the shots wouldn't go in.

The girls tried to regroup but this also caused DeLeon to shoot at

eleven free shots and Cross Plains got into deeper foul trouble. Final score Cross Plains 35 DeLeon 33.

Team scorers: Richards 19, Bennett and Clark 4, Callaway 3, Phillips and Edington 2, Ross 1 and Hail assisted.

After a short rest, the 8th grade had their second game at 1:15 p.m. against Baird. This game was a battle all the way. The Cross Plains girls started out with the lead by 6 points. Then at halftime the score was tied 14-14. 3rd quarter the girls again put up the ball but only three shots fell in and Baird took a 5 point lead. 4th quarter was fast, exciting..... many turnovers and 22 shots for Baird at the free shot line. Richards, Edington and Phillips fouled out. The girls did a good job regrouping under tense conditions. Final score Cross Plains 32 Baird 39.

Team scorers: Clark 11, Richards 10, Phillips 6, Bennett 3, Callaway 2 and Ross, Hail and Edington assisted.

As soon as that game was over it was time for the next 7th grade game against Baird. The girls started out with the lead and didn't let up. They had a good defense, steals, rebounds and shots. The final score was Cross Plains 34 Baird 25.

Team scorers: Norris 15, Vasquez 9, Bacon 5, Hutton 4 and other helpers were Isbell, Hutchins, Duran and Adams.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show fast approaching

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 25th - Saturday, January 27th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 25th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Damon Garvin of Eula is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Frankie Hyles as Vice President, Darlene Tyler as Secretary, and Johnny Adkins as Treasurer.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Beef Cattle: Eddie Riley, Jimmy Seider, Johnny Lee and Richey Crow.

Market Lambs: Charlie Palmer and Nancy Palmer.

Market Swine: Jackie Tennison.

Poultry & Rabbits: TBA.

Meat & Dairy Goats: Steven Mitchell, Lesa Harris and Toby Reeves.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25th, with Scott Anderson of Brownwood doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 25th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Leslie Harris of Vernon will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 26th Steve Sturtz of Garden City will start judging the Market Lambs, followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Show.

On the afternoon of the 26th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 27th, with the Heifer Show to be judged by Greg Gruben of Snyder. Mr. Gruben will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jack Corn, Dick Vestal and Greg Geirgros.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

Junior High Teams Took A Road Trip To Roby On Monday

The first game was looking like a close one --- 1st quarter 7-6 and 2nd quarter 15-13. After the half the girls took charge in the 3rd quarter, playing two great quarters to win 38-28.

Team scorers: Norris 17, Vasquez 16, Bacon 2, Hutchins 2 and Hutton 2.

In the second game they had to play catch up. Turnovers and shots not going in made this game a hard one. At half it was Cross Plains 4 and

Roby 12.

The girls came into the 3rd quarter looking better, scoring 13 points and bringing the score closer 17-20. Cross Plains continued to press and play man to man defense, but the girls were short 1 point. Final score was Cross Plains 24 and Roby 25.

Team scorers: Clark 14, Richards 4, Mack 4, Phillips and Edington 2. Their next game is Monday, January 22, at Gorman.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on Thursday, January 18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Cross Plains High School Administrative Board Room.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- PRAYER
- MINUTES
1. Open Forum
2. Alternate Food Choices for Teachers/Staff
3. GRD Local Policy (Use of school facilities)

4. Summary of Policy Discussions from Policy Review Seminar
5. Tabled Item on Asbestos Removal - Elementary School
6. Alcohol and Drug Violation of the Athletic Policy
7. Executive Session
8. Personnel
- A. Superintendent Evaluation
- B. Superintendent Contract
- C. Other Personnel and Personnel Concerns.

Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on January 12, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent.

Girls Fastpitch Tournament Set For February 3-4 In Brenham

Texas Elite Sports will conduct a Softball Tournament for girls age groups 10U - 12U - 14U in Brenham on February 3-4.

For more information contact Farley Styles at (512) 292-0190 or check their web page at www.selitebaseball.com.

Diabetes: The Silent Killer

It is disease that has no cure, and there are 15.7 million people in the United States who have it. Each day approximately 2,200 people are diagnosed with this disease.

The disease is diabetes and it is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, and the physicians of Texas Medical Association wants you to be aware of the warning signs.

There are two major types of diabetes: Type I occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches, and other food into energy. Type II, referred to as non-insulin dependent, occurs when the body does not make enough, or properly use, insulin. Type II diabetes is the most common form of the disease, accounting for 90 to 95 percent of diabetes cases. The cause of diabetes is unknown, although obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

As the U.S. population becomes increasingly overweight, researchers expect Type II diabetes to appear more frequently in younger children.

Type II diabetes commonly occurs in children who are:

- * Overweight: as many as 80 percent may be overweight at the time of diagnosis;
- * Older than 10 years of age and are in middle to late puberty, although cases of Type II diabetes in children as young as four years old have been documented;
- * Have a family history of Type II diabetes;
- * Are a member of a certain racial/ethnic group, specifically African Americans, Hispanics, or Native Americans.

Obesity, a contributing factor to diabetes, is on the rise in the United States and is blamed for the high number of children with diabetes. In the United States about 14 percent of children age 6 to 11 and 12 percent of adolescents age 12 to 17 are overweight. Obesity is not only caused by poor eating habits, but also by the sedate life-style that children are leading. Too often, they entertain themselves in front of a television or computer instead of engaging in some form of physical activity.

People with Type II diabetes often have no symptoms at the onset of the disease although the following symptoms have been attributed to people with diabetes:

- * Increased thirst and hunger;
- * Increased urination;
- * Weight loss in spite of increased appetite;
- * Fatigue;
- * Nausea;
- * Vomiting;
- * Frequent infections, especially bladder, vaginal, and skin;
- * Blurred vision;
- * Breath odor;

- * Impotence in men;
- * Cessation of menses in women;
- * Bleeding gums;
- * Ear noise or buzzing;
- * Diarrhea;
- * Depression;
- * Confusion or Irritability;
- * Cuts and bruises that are slow to heal;
- * Tingling and numbness in the hands or feet.

School nurses are helping to identify early warning signs of diabetes. According to Dr. Stanley Fisch, a Harlingen pediatrician, "The Texas Department of Health has a program called ANTES which allows school nurses to look for early signs of diabetes much like they test school children's spines for scoliosis." By identifying early warning signs, more children are getting treatment for a dangerous disease before it gets out of hand.

Parents need to stress good eating habits to their children. It is never too early to set them on the course of eating nutritious foods low in sugar, fat, and high in fiber. Instead of watching TV or playing on the computer, parents should also encourage their children to be physically active and play outside.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.



January 22-January 26
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Sweet Rice, Toast, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY--Waffle, Bacon, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY--Donuts, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY--Stock Show

LUNCH

MONDAY--Sloppy Joe's, Chips, Carrot Sticks w/ Dip, Pickles, Peaches

TUESDAY--Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Apricots

WEDNESDAY--Meat and Cheese Nachos, Salad, Corn, Cake

THURSDAY-- Hot Dog w/ Chili and Cheese, Crackers, Mixed Vegetables, Orange Slices

FRIDAY--Stock Show

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HONORED ON HER 96TH BIRTHDAY — Ethel Sims

Ethel Sims Celebrates 96th Birthday January 11, 2001

Jean's West Room was the setting for the 96th birthday party for Ethel Sims. Mrs. Sims will be remembered as the "Girl Friday" to the late Fred Tunnell at the bank for many years!

Those honoring her with cards and their presence were Frances Tyson, Lois Garrett, Gladys Barnes, Rolan Jones, Roxie Thomas and Dannes Turner. Out of town guests were Jimmy and Ida McCowen of Early.

The occasion was hosted by Therenne McCrohan and Jeanette

Turner.

Vanda Creech and Melody McWilliams were nice enough to come and take pictures of this lady who is dear to so many. Vanda presented her with a red rose in a bud vase from her mother, Wanda Anderson, and herself.

Peggy and Lucille Koening of Cross Plains and Hansell Sherrill, Jr. of Abilene visited with her later at her home.

Jean's Feed Barn furnished a very nice cake that was delicious and enjoyed by all.

The Pipeline Group Public Education- Contractor Awareness Program

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 on February 6, 2001, at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th, in Abilene. The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Joe Allen's Pit Barbecue for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

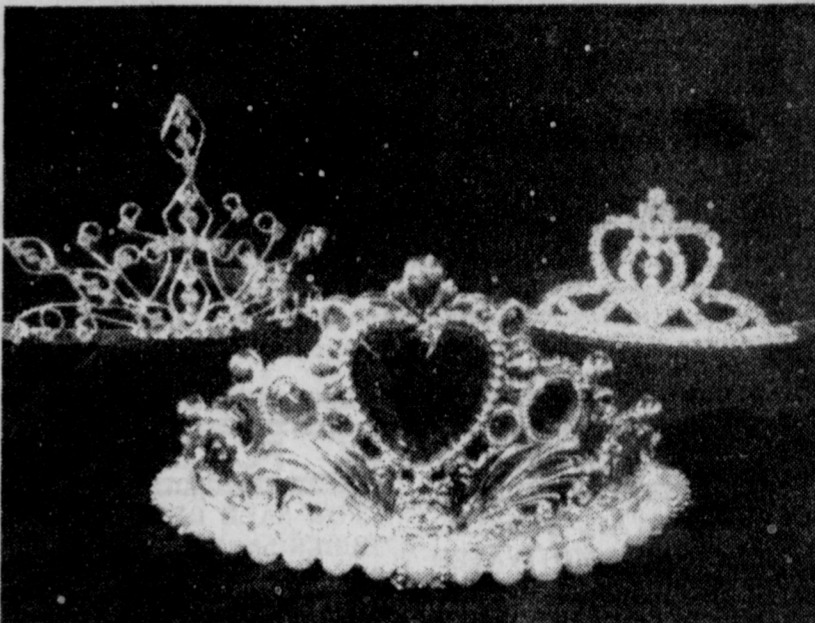
The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party.

This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

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CHANGE IN PRESENTATION — Beta Sigma Phi will give the top winners tiaras at the Valentine Parade Pageant.

Last year's winners will also be presented during the pageant, and "Most Photogenic" winners will be announced throughout the evening.

However, there will also be some new features in the program. The winners of each age division will receive tiaras instead of trophies. The young men will be given a boutonniere, and one will be awarded a certificate for "Judges' Choice" in each age division. Also, the contestant numbers and banners will have a new look. Beta Sigma Phi is excited about these updates and hopes that the girls and boys will

be too.

Entries must be turned in by February 7. For information, you can contact Nora Odom at the elementary school. You may also call Mary Graves at 725-6563 or Wanda Merryman at 725-6476. Entry forms will be available at the elementary school. Also, entry forms for "Most Photogenic" will be in upcoming issues of the *Cross Plains Review*.

Beta Sigma Phi cookbooks will be available for \$5.00. Also, look for more information on videos and photos in upcoming issues.

Sharon Owens, Jeanie Bohannon attend County & District Clerks' seminar recently

COLLEGE STATION—Sharon Owens, 42nd District Clerk, and Jeanie Bohannon, Callahan County Clerk, joined 400 County Clerks, District Clerks and Combination Clerks for the 29th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the College Station Hilton Conference Center on January 8-11, 2001.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the Institute of County Government at Texas A&M, which is part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. The Institute provides information, education and technical assistance to elected county officials to help them complete their state-mandated minimum continuing education requirements.

The theme of this year's seminar was: "The Future is What We Make It!" Included were workshops on using the Internet and other future technology, customer service, parental notification regulations, records management, conflict resolution, routes to new jury systems, preview of the 77th Texas Regular Legislative Session and child support resolution.

"Texas is one of a very small number of states that requires all elected county officials to learn continuing education credits," explained John Gilmartin, Extension Coordinator of the Institute. "We provide that service to County Commissioners, Judges, Treasurers, Tax Assessor-Collectors and County and District Clerks here at College Station and across the State."

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Texas Senate Review

77th Regular Session Opens
AUSTIN - The Texas Senate convened Tuesday, January 9, the start of the 140-day 77th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. The first Session of the 21st century began with the traditional ceremonies in a chamber packed with the Senators' family and friends beneath a crowded public gallery.

The session began with the invocation, followed by the roll call and swearing in of the Senators re-elected last November and the chamber's only freshman, Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine.

The Dean of the Texas Senate, Sen. Carlos F. Truan of Corpus Christi, offered Senate Resolution (SR) 1, the first resolution of the 77th Session, in tribute to Gov. Rick Perry. Perry, accompanied by his wife, Anita, addressed the full Senate in session for the first time since he resigned as Lt. Governor to succeed President-elect George W. Bush.

"The good news is we have 140 days to make a difference in Texans' lives," Perry told the members of the chamber over which he used to preside.

Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff, selected by the Senate on December 28 to serve out Perry's term as presiding officer of the Senate, showed a humorous side to the proceedings in the traditional recognition of the Doctor of the Day, introduced by Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio: "Thank you for being here, doctor," Ratliff said. "We sincerely hope you're not needed."

Sen. Truan then offered SR 2, the adoption of the Senate Caucus Report naming senate officials elected by the members. This session's Caucus Report adds an unprecedented new official, Secretary of the Senate Designee Patsy Spaw. The Secretary of the Senate is elected by the Senate as its chief executive administrator.

Spaw will replace Betty King, who will retire following this session after 24 years as Secretary of the Senate and 52 years of service to the Texas Senate.

"We consider Betty King the Mother Superior of the Senate," Lt. Governor Ratliff said, "and she always be, I think."

Next came the nomination and election of the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington. Following unanimous election by his peers, Harris in-

voled the name of a giant figure in Texas politics, the late former Lt. Governor Bob Bullock.

"I think if he were here today, he'd try to say something nice, give me a slap on the back, and then he'd tell me to get back to work," Sen. Harris said.

2002-2003 Budget Recommendation introduced

Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston and San Angelo Rep. Rob Junell on Wednesday, January 10, announced the introduction of the Texas General Appropriations Bill for the 2002-2003 biennium.

The General Appropriations Bill sets budgets for every state agency and outlines the state's general spending priorities for the next two-year budget period.

Ellis, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, said the \$108.2 billion budget proposal takes into account both current economic factors as well as future considerations.

"This budget reflects the realities of a strong but possibly cooling economy," Senator Ellis said. "It allows us to meet the basic needs of Texas for the next two years while tackling several important challenges that impact our future."

Junell, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, said the proposal will serve as a vehicle for legislators in both chambers to use to craft final legislation setting the state's next two-year budget.

"The State of Texas can run smoothly on this budget," Rep. Junell said. "It makes the right investments and sets forth the priorities of the legislature for the next two years. Over the next few months we will work together to make a good budget even better."

The introduced bill dedicates the bulk of the budget to education and health and human services, which together account for almost 75 percent of the total. The \$108.2 billion represents a 6.2 percent increase compared with the current budget.

"There are several important priorities I look forward to working to address this session," Ellis said, "including increasing funding for the TEXAS Grants Program, providing health insurance to our hard-working Texas teachers, giving state employees a pay raise and maximizing participation in the CHIP program."

But Ellis and Junell said the

House and Senate will have to carefully weigh priorities during the legislative process.

"Unfortunately, there are more bright ideas than there are dollars to pay for them," Ellis said. "We have to make tough decisions and fund initiatives that will help build a stronger foundation for Texas."

Finance Committee Hears Budget Testimony

The Texas Senate Finance Committee met Thursday, January 11, to hear invited testimony on Senate Bill 1 (SB1).

SB 1 is the bill that will become the General Appropriations Act, which will set every state agency's budget and outline Texas' general spending policies for the 2002-2003 biennium. The proposed budget totals \$108.2 billion, a 6.2 percent increase over the current budget.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, heard testimony from six witnesses, including representatives from the Legislative Budget Board, who laid out the details of the proposed budget for the committee members, and the Office of the Comptroller, who gave the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate.

In Session on Thursday, Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff distributed a letter to the members of the Senate naming the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee, chaired by Corpus Christi Sen. Carlos F. Truan. Also appointed to the committee were Sens. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso (vice-chair), Troy Fraser of Marble Falls, Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls and Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio.

Also in Thursday's Session, the Senate adopted Dallas Sen. David Cain's Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 (SCR4), which will provide for a portrait of former governor and current President-Elect George W. Bush to be hung beside the portraits of all former Texas governors in the Capitol Rotunda.

The Senate also unanimously adopted Senate Resolution 5 (SR5), offered by Sen. Royce West of Dallas, in honor of the anniversary on Monday, January 15, of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The chamber will not convene on Monday in honor of the day and stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 16.

Why Natural Gas Bills Are Higher?

By Commissioner Charles Matthews
Railroad Commission of Texas

During the last year I have been traveling throughout the state discussing the challenges facing the Texas natural gas industry. As the demand for natural gas is increasing, we are seeing the tightening of supply.

Experts in the energy field expect the U.S. demand for natural gas to grow during the next decade. By 2010, it is projected to be more than 30 percent over the 1998 level. In addition to the national demand picture, Texas natural gas consumption has been increasing steadily over the last six years. The biggest driver for that growth is gas-fired electric generation.

On most residential and commercial gas bills, gas is a "pass-through" cost. Utilities make no profit on the cost of gas; they simply pass through to the consumer what it costs the utility to purchase the gas in the marketplace. When natural gas costs increase, consumers face higher bills. When natural gas costs decrease, consumers pay less. Utilities make their profit from distributing the natural gas to consumers. In most cases, the rate that a utility charges for distributing natural gas is approved by the city in which it serves, but in some cases the rate is approved by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

The cost of natural gas is market based, subject to the forces of supply and demand, and changes frequently. The major cause of recent high natural gas prices has been uneasiness in the marketplace over natural gas supply. Simply put, the injection rate of gas into storage was too slow to comfort the market for this winter's heating season. Consumption of natural gas in the summer is usually relatively low, which allows excess gas to be injected into storage. However, gas that would otherwise have been injected into storage was being used to generate electricity to run air conditioners.

While natural gas imports have been rising significantly in recent years, the United States may be running into some short-term supply constraints. Several years of relatively low prices have slowed down exploration and drilling for new sources of supply. During the first downturn in 1986, the oil and gas industry lost over 500,000 jobs nationwide. In addition to that number, another 50,000 jobs were lost during the most recent downturn of 1998-1999, which lasted over 18 months.

The recent higher prices should be causing an increase in drilling opportunities, and in fact rig counts have increased significantly from a year ago. However, at the Commission we are seeing a decline in drilling permits and completion permits for natural gas wells. This should not be happening. This shows that we have lost talented, qualified people in the industry who have the ability to identify and explore new fields, drill new wells, and increase production. The new wells that will be coming on line may not begin to yield significant increases in actual production until later in the year.

The demand for natural gas most certainly exists, and the resource is in the ground. The problem is how to stimulate production and ensure that the necessary infrastructure to move gas to consumers remains available. In the long run, the market will answer most of these concerns. But regulatory and legislative policies will certainly influence how quickly the market responds. I believe that with the growing demand for gas by electric generation in Texas, the Railroad Commission and the Texas Legislature should be considering policies to increase the production of natural gas.

This legislative session, I will suggest we address this issue of high natural gas prices by looking long range. Political policy is sometimes looked at as a short-term fix when prices are either too high or too low. We should view energy issues from a long-term perspective and seek to help stabilize the industry, which should result in lower prices for consumers and businesses. The

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legislature will need to look at what we can do to help revitalize the industry, encourage people to invest their money in Texas energy projects and encourage the skilled labor to return.

I have testified to the legislature about policies and incentives for investing capital in the Texas oil and gas industry. This will ultimately lead to competitive electric rates for Texas consumers and businesses and the reassurance that enough

supply of natural gas is available to meet electric and human needs. I have confidence that the natural gas exploration and production companies will eventually increase production, however that will take time. I will continue working with industry on how technologies and opportunities can be applied today to ensure that Texas can meet the challenge of providing the natural gas to fuel electric generation and other growing demands.

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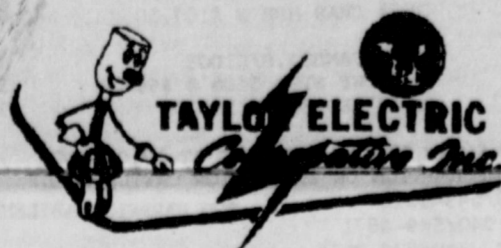
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EDITOR'S NOTE: J.D. Conlee, Jr. of Greenwell Spring, Louisiana is a subscriber to the *Cross Plains Review* and wanted to share the following editorial "Crystal Clear" from his local newspaper. Read and see if you agree. Subscriber input is always appreciated for my column. Vanda Anderson-Creech

"Some Things Even Government Can't Make Equal"

By TERI SMITH

"All men are created equal". This phrase means that, before God and man, I have as much value as you do. My life is as important as your life. It does not mean I am as smart as you are, or have the same set of goals you do.

Being equal does not mean being the same. Government cannot legislate your race, hair color, eye color, height, weight, sex appeal or intelligence.

Government cannot even legislate whether you use your intelligence. And our attempts at legislating economic equality in the form of welfare, taxes, business regulations and minimum wages have all been generally unsuccessful. We cannot legislate honesty. We cannot legislate ambition, nor its darker companion, greed.

It would be ridiculous to legislate those things. Yet we have tried to legislate intelligence downward by teaching to the lowest common denominator rather than teaching students up to the level of their individual potential.

The government did not decide that our kids would not all be equal in intelligence. That comes from God, or from nature if you're an atheist. The government cannot ensure that every kid learns the same amount, no matter how hard they try. Intelligent kids will always learn more than less intelligent ones. So why this charade?

Back in the 60s, we were categorized by supposed ability. They didn't like the titles A, B and C as they could be discriminatory, so they chose X, Y and Z. Maybe the Z kids didn't understand what that meant, but those of us in the X group sure did. Then mainstreaming became the law, because schools were discriminating against those who were considered "below average" or "retarded" by teaching them according to their ability and not urging them to enter essay contests which offered college scholarships as prizes.

Now everyone is taught only what the lower group can understand, so that there is no possibility of giving preferential treatment to those with higher capabilities. Then schools institute programs like the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program, which take smart kids out of the classroom for a limited time each week and - guess what - teach them according to their ability! What a novel concept!

This "justice" in the form of teaching everyone exactly the same curriculum has resulted in a greater injustice to those who can easily accomplish much, much more. We have sacrificed our future technological, scientific and business talent for the sake of "fairness". No wonder our math scores are lower than Japan's.

This is not a question that should

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Three County rabies cases examined turn up negative

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division examined three animals for rabies during the month of October 2000 in Callahan County, with all three cases reported as negative for rabies.

One skunk, one dog and one cat was examined by the Department of Health in Callahan County during October.

For the month of October, Texas counties had 65 positive cases among 1,012 animal cases examined. For the year 2000, 7 percent (715) of 10,317 animal heads examined turned up positive for rabies.

W. G. McCoy Returns

To Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank announced that W.G. McCoy had agreed to return to the bank as a part-time loan officer.

Mr. McCoy served the bank as President and Chairman for over 20 years. He retired in 1997, but has continued to serve as a Director of the bank. He returns to assist loan customers while Linda Henson takes a leave of absence due to illness.

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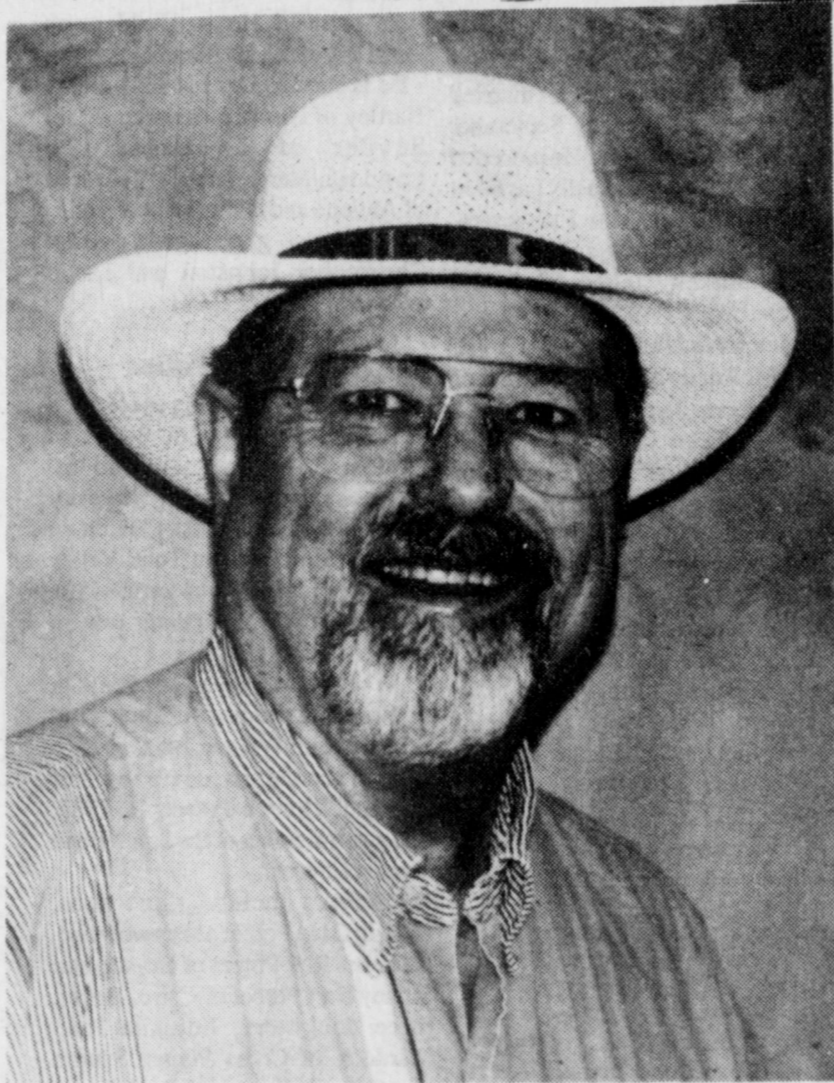
Jean Alix Paul to Speak at First Baptist Church

Jean Alix was born and raised in the Port-au-Prince area of Haiti. His father was a pastor raising a family of 12 children. During all of Jean Alix's life, his father took children into their home who were without parents or their parents were unable to care for them. In 1982, his father met Dan Kirkley, the founder of Hope for the Hungry, who made a commitment to partner with Pastor Paul to meet the needs of the 20 children he was now caring for on his own. Out of that commitment, the Spirit of Truth Orphanage in Guibert, Haiti was born.

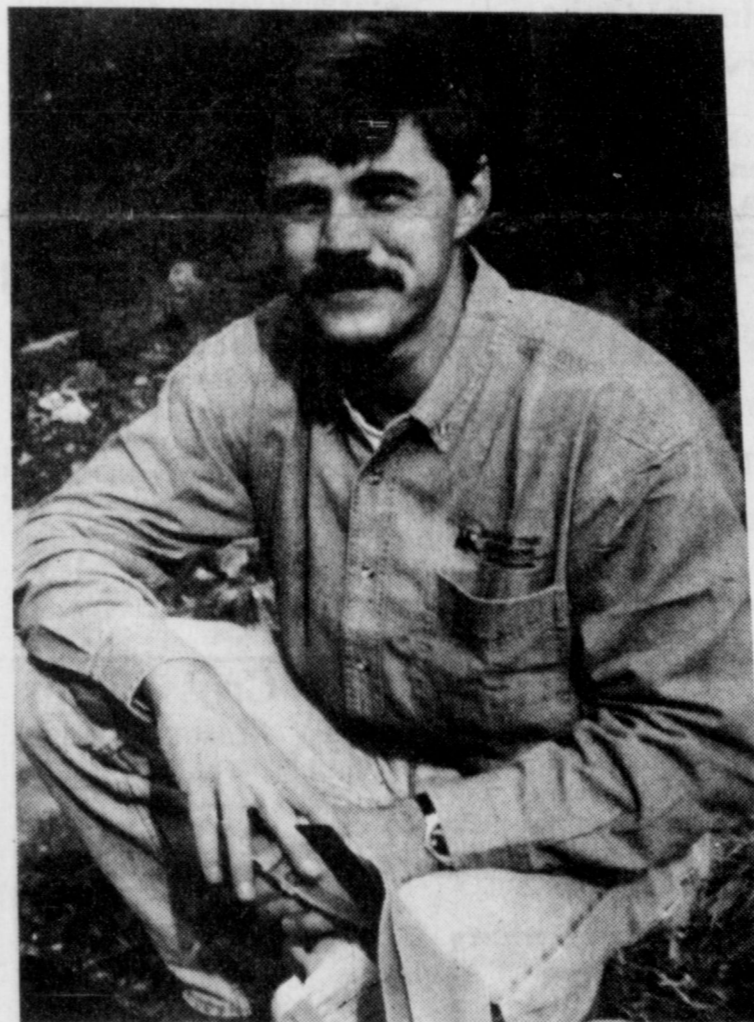
Jean Alix attended and graduated from Caribbean Christ For The Nations Institute in Jamaica in 1995. He felt called to carry on the work his father had started and wanted to be well equipped and trained. When he returned to Haiti, his father was sick and soon died from a stroke. Jean Alix was uniquely qualified to take the orphanage and continue the work with these children.

Since 1995, Jean Alix has personally disciplined many young pastors and oversees the work of the churches in his association. He has developed programs for the children at both children's homes which challenge them spiritually and give them opportunity to make a difference in their country. Jean Alix's goal for his work with the children is to "raise up godly seed" in a dark place. He is truly raising up young men and women who know the Word of God and share all over their country.

He will speak at First Baptist Church here in Cross Plains on Wednesday night, January 31, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



BILL NEELEY



DREW MCDANIELS

Meet the Author Features Bill Neeley and Drew McDaniels Tuesday, January 30

By BILLIE LOVING

The Library Board of the Cross Plains Public Library invites you to "Meet the Author" at the Community Center on Tuesday evening, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. This time there will be Bill Neeley, author of *The Last Comanche Chief: The Life and Times of Quanah Parker*, and Drew McDaniels, anthropologist, who has a book in progress about Comanche-Spanish relations on the border of Texas and New Mexico.

Among his many credits Neeley has written a previous book about Parker, *Quanah Parker and His People*. He is also a poet, having published both poems and article in *Southwest Heritage Magazine*, *Images from the High Plains*, *Cedar Rock, Texas Libraries*, and *Avanti Guard Poetry Journal*. He is soon to be honored by West Quest for "writing the finest book every written about Quanah Parker." Also Neeley has written a screenplay

about Parker, which has the interest of several in the movie industry.

A number of authors and journalists, including Dale Walker of the *Dallas Morning News* and B.J. Schumacher of *The Sunday Oklahoman*, speak highly of the excellent research and documentation that Neeley has done on the new Parker book. He has also been a researcher for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon and was a consultant for Warner Bros. Television in the Indian segment of the documentary "The Wild West" in 1992.

He was a consultant and was featured prominently on "The Last Comanche," a documentary for "The Real West with Kenny Rogers" on Arts and Entertainment Network, 1993. Somehow, with all this, Neeley's career teaching English and Spanish on the high school and college level spanned 26 years. He is currently the Curator of Education for the Museum of the Great Plains

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Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show begins Thursday

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 25th through Saturday, January 27th at the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show barn in Cross Plains. Starting time will be Thursday, January 25th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Damon Garvin of Eula is President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association and he said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Frankie Hyles as Vice President, Darlene Tyler as Secretary, and Johnny Adkins as Treasurer. Superintendents for this years show are:

Beef Cattle: Eddie Riley, Jimmy Seider, Johnny Lee and Richey Crow.

Market Lambs: Charlie Palmer and Nancy Palmer.

Market Swine: Jackie Tennon. Poultry & Rabbits: TBA.

Meat & Dairy Goats: Steven Mitchell, Lesa Harris and Toby Reeves.

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25th, with Scott Anderson of Brownwood doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the

25th. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Leslie Harris of Vernon will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 26th Steve Sturtz of Garden City will start judging the Market Lambs, followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Show.

On the afternoon of the 26th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Judging of the Beef Cattle will get underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 27th, with the Heifer Show to be judged by Greg Gruben of Snyder. Mr. Gruben will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jack Corn, Dick Vestal and Greg Gerngross.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent

WTU files request to increase fuel factors

AUSTIN—Natural gas prices, which have continued to skyrocket over the last several months, have forced American Electric Power's (AEP) West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) subsidiary to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) on January 19, 2001 for permission to increase fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills. This request is necessary in order to reflect the current expected costs of fuel.

If approved as requested, the new fuel factor would increase the typical WTU residential customer bills by \$10.65 per month beginning in March. The requested fuel factors will recover over the period March through December 2001 an additional \$43 million in expected fuel costs.

"Natural gas prices in December 2000 were three-to-four times higher than prices during December 1999," said David Carpenter, AEP director of Texas Regulatory Services. "Despite the fact that 43.4 percent of WTU's generation is fueled by low-cost coal, the sheer magnitude of the continued increases in the price of natural gas since last summer forces WTU to request a fuel factor increase."

Fuel costs are an expense of generating electricity, which WTU must pay to fuel suppliers. WTU does not make any profit on fuel costs as the PUCT requires that these costs be passed through to customers at the price paid by WTU.

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When the actual cost of fuel exceeds that which customers are paying in their monthly bills, then WTU under-collects the costs of fuel used for the generation of electricity. When fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility may request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factors used to determine the fuel charge portion of customers' bills.

Without the increase in fuel factors, WTU projects that it will un-

der-recover fuel and purchased power costs by approximately \$43 million for the period from March through December 2001. Consequently, WTU is requesting permission to adjust the fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills. At some point in the near future, WTU likely will have to request permission to recover through a surcharge fuel costs that the company has under-recovered over the last several months.

If approved as requested, the new fuel factors would go into effect in March. The new fuel factor would increase bills for typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month by \$10.65 a month for the period from March through December 2001.

However, the typical WTU residential customer does not use 1,000 kWh per month. Based on the most recent twelve months of data available, a typical WTU residential customer uses, on average, 904 kWh per month, which means that the new fuel factors would result in a monthly increase of \$9.19.

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COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Erin E. Hall, assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ivan Denny III, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Steven E. Purlee, plea of guilty to false report to peace officer, 30 days in jail, \$247.25 court costs.

Ellie Carson, motion to revoke probation granted.

Leslie Brown, motion to revoke probation granted.

Jessica Minear, motion to revoke probation granted.

Steven E. Purlee, bench warrant issued.

Levy Edmondson, order extending probation granted.

Troy McWhorter, order extending probation granted.

Michael Williams, transfer request from Harrison Co. to Garza Co. granted.

Erin Hall, plea of guilty to assault, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Clyde Dean Sharp and Twila Joyce Keith, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Rebecca A. Burkhalter and Eddie Ray Burkhalter, divorce.

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Criminal Minutes

Edward William Murphy, plea of guilty to possession of criminal instrument, 5 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$254.25 court costs.

John E. Street, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant's punishment was assessed in Taylor County.

Janet S. Street, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant's punishment was assessed in Taylor County.

Ray W. Goss, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated, felony, 5 year probation, \$750 fine, \$240.25 court costs.

Jeremy S. Herron, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 2 years in prison, \$265.25 court costs.

OBITUARIES

Frances McAnally

Frances McAnally, 81, of Cross Plains, died Saturday, January 20, 2001, at the Coleman Healthcare Center.

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

Frances was born July 17, 1919, in Callahan County to Oscar and Mae (Gould) McDermott. She married Edgar Nelson McAnally September 8, 1935, in Cross Plains. He preceded her in death. Mrs. McAnally has lived all her life in the Cross Plains area. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Burkett United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her two sons, Larry McAnally and wife, Barbara of Brownwood, and Eddie McAnally and wife, Cindy of Snyder; a sister, Susan Andis of Coleman; four grandchildren, Randall McAnally and wife Cindy of Brownwood, Kristi White and husband, Sean of McKinney, Ryan McAnally of Snyder and Mark McAnally of Abilene; three great-grandchildren, Christopher McAnally of Brownwood, Carson McAnally of Brownwood and Katherine White of McKinney; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar, and three sisters, Ritta Knight, Zora DeBusk and Elizabeth Reynolds.

Pallbearers were Dwane Cunningham, W.C. McAnally, Charles McAnally, Randall McAnally, Jim McAnally, Pat DeBusk and Jerry Andis.

Raymond L. Hartley

Mr. Raymond L. Hartley, age 66, of Cisco, died Monday, January 22, 2001, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, at the Burnt Branch Cemetery in Callahan County with John Lee officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directed the services.

He married Hallie Childers on April 29, 1959, in Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Hallie Hartley of Cisco; a daughter, Mary Snyder of El Paso; two granddaughters, Audrey Johnston of Abilene and Karin Stephens of El Paso; two great-grandsons, Christopher Johnston and David Wanser.

Dorothy Poteet

GRAHAM—Dorothy Poteet died Tuesday, January 16, 2001, in Graham. She was 94. Funeral services were held Friday, January 19 at the First Baptist Church in Bryson. Burial was in Tonk Valley Cemetery. McMillan-Satterwhite Funeral Home in Graham was in charge of arrangements.

She was born November 9, 1906, in Winters and moved to South Bend in 1966 from Wilcox, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Poteet, in 1989. She was a member of the South Bend Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Marvin Glen Poteet of Brownwood, Herschel Ray Poteet of Bryson and Sidney Earl Poteet of Cairo, Egypt; three daughters, Edjuana Joan Murdock of Cross Plains, Sandra Marquita Williams of Bacliff and Patrilla Sue Simmons of Wenatchee, Washington; 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

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Representative Jim Keffer Named Vice-Chair of Economic Development

AUSTIN—House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed State Representative Jim Keffer vice-chair of the House Committee on Economic Development. "This is a great honor," said Keffer. "I appreciate the opportunity Speaker Laney has given me. My staff and I are getting charged up to work on economic development issues affecting our rural communities. We've got a good team." Representative Keffer will also continue to serve on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

"Committee work is vital to the legislative process," Laney said. "Members spend long hours hearing testimony and studying bills in committee, where most of the Legislature's work is done. I look forward to working with Representative Keffer as the House begins to consider and debate a wide range of issues in the 77th Session."

The committee process allows House members to closely study legislation before sending it to the

House floor for a full vote. It also encourages citizen participation in the legislative process and direct contact with lawmakers as decisions are made that affect the entire state.

The committee on Economic Development will consider matters affecting the economic growth of the state. The committee on Ways and Means will address issues of taxation, and the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars schedules local and consent bills on the House calendar.

Rep. Keffer represents House District 60, which includes the counties of Eastland, Callahan, Hood, Palo Pinto, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, and a portion of Taylor. He has been a House member since 1997.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Vanda,

Just wanted you to know how very much I miss Ginny Greene's "County Roads" column. I looked forward to reading it every week, and always saved it 'til last -- kind of the dessert after the obligatory meal of news.

I hope we can persuade the owner to bring Mrs. Greene's column back.

Ginny Hoskins

Down Home.....

have been decided by the courts or by the National Education Association. There isn't a way to raise or lower intelligence by judicial caveat. Leave it to our government to try to "correct" the innate differences given us by God.

Annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper

The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club has announced Monday, February 19, as the date for their annual pancake supper, between the hours of 5 - 7 p.m.

Price of admission is a donation of at least \$3.00 per plate, which includes all of the pancakes and sausage you can eat, plus complimentary coffee and tea. Proceeds from the event are used for local children's eye examinations and glasses as well as the other needs brought to the attention of the club.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 14, 2001 through January 20, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-39
Complaints-86
DWI-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 \$1,583.00 collected.

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Colonial Oaks Services

Church of Christ will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, January 28, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

4th Annual Cross Plains Trades Day Scheduled For March 31st

The Cross Plains Trades Day, sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club, is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. This will be the 4th year for the event.

All types of booths are welcome. The cost of a booth is \$15.00 and \$5.00 extra for electricity.

Make plans to participate! For additional information contact James Nichols (254) 725-7540.

Deadlines

Ads - noon Tues.
Articles - noon Mon.

Love Fund set for the late Jerry Strickland

A Love Fund has been established at the Citizens State Bank for the late Jerry Strickland.

Your contributions will be applied to recent medical expenses incurred and will be appreciated by his family.

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT



LAURA CHASTAIN

Laura Chastain has been chosen as the employee for this month. She was born October 25, 1961, in Buley, Idaho and is 38 years old. Laura has three children. She enjoys horseback riding and going fishing. Her favorite food is enchiladas. She received a badge and a cash prize for her recognition. Congratulations Laura.

A warm welcome for our new resident, Mary Weaver.

Thoughts and prayers for Maxine Crockett and Lester Bush who are in the hospital.

Appreciation to Charles Grider for the turnips and to Sheri Kitchens for the chips, dip and pizza.

Mary Ella Weaver and Dena Nickerson visited with Mary Weaver.

Amber Phillips and Sara Wells visited with J.C. Childers.

Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

Richard Lee from Comanche visited with Pauline Regian and Ralph Lee.

Nena Alvarado of Big Spring and Mary Nixon of May visited with Carl McKenzie.

John Baum visited with Jake Childers and Mary Weaver.

Jimmie and Virginia Payne visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Sandy Clevinger of Lago Vista and Carol Owen of San Marcos visited with Myrtle Owen.

Deborah Griswold and Brian Curry of Hawley visited with Deen Haddox.

Charlene McGowen of Brownwood and Naomi McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen.

Activities during the week:

MONDAY: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Jessie Casey, Falba Shofner and Vera Belyeu (2). Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

TUESDAY: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

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

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

FRIDAY: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Jessie Casey (2), Falba Shofner (2) and Delilah Goble.

SUNDAY: Church of Christ Working together makes it happen.

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Those visiting with Andrew Walker over the holidays were: Andy Walker of Hawaii; Kathy Walker Wegrzyn and son, Stan of Wisconsin; Darrell Walker and family of Cisco; Gene and Merle Amos of Midland; Scott and Ann Amos of California; Mike and Micky Amos of Big Creek, Idaho; Toby Amos of Boise, Idaho; Robert and Nicole Walker and son, Logan of Lewisville; Paul Walker of Denton; and Billy and Tiffany Walker and girls of Cross Plains. They all attended Andrew's 80th

birthday party, along with a host of relatives and friends at the VFW Hall in Coleman on December 30th.

Those visiting Lovera Strickland recently were Deonna and Staci Strickland, Jeremy Cooper, Jackie Strickland, Dwight Moses and friend Colie of Somerville. New Year's weekend Jacob Strickland and Jeremy Cooper of Somerville, Jon Turney of Santa Anna and Melissa Baughman of Magnolia visited.

Mike Turner and family and Terry Turner and family visited their parents, D.J. and Lois Turner.

PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Club had a great time on Tuesday. We have three quilts in. We had most of our members there. We had a very good pot luck lunch. Frankie, Oliver and Jean traveled to Coleman Friday night. They visited with Mrs. McAnally in the Coleman Care Center. Then they attended the musical at Coleman. Oliver attended the Wednesday Game Supper at Nimrod. A great time was had by all. Cowan and Laverne recently

visited Eva Hutton, a sister-in-law, who lives in Ballinger.

Earlene Burge spent a few days in Brownwood last week and Lucille Cooper visited one of those days. Earlene, Bobby Nell and Jessie Reddick were in Eastland one day. We are having a good turn out at our quilting. Earlene is proud of the quilt she is getting done.

Our new is a little short this week. Maybe we will have more next time. Everyone had a good week. See you next time.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"Ode to A Coal Oil Lamp"

It seemed so bright,
That little circle of light.
And its flame of delight
shone for us each night.

Sometimes when we awoke,
the dawn was just beginning.
We'd light our lamp and a li'l puff
of smoke,
would make its way, wafting,
winding, then thinning.

In a moment the smoke was gone,
leaving only the dancing flame.
When the day was finally gone,
creeping in; the darkness came.

It could have brought us quite a
fright,
had we not had the golden light
from the wick of that coal oil lamp.
It pierced the darkness, and dried
the damp.

Now that lamp in retrospect, seems
quite eccentric,
for most of us have gone electric.

You see we've all discovered
that with electricity, our needs are
covered.

We all, I expect; have heard this
phrase -- "I'm a poet, but my looks
don't show it." In this case it is really
true, plus my poetry --- doesn't--
show it either.

The gist of my fractured poetry is
to pay homage to that graceful,
useful, marvelously lovely,
magnificently revered OLD COAL
OIL LAMP.... and may they burn
brightly forevermore.

Many small children learned their
letters and numbers by the light of
one of those. Many a mother sewed
relentlessly, patching skirts and
shirts, darning socks, knitting and
crocheting sox, sweaters, mittens,
booties, mufflers, scarves, yes and
even caps for her family to keep
them safe and warm.

We all owe a debt of gratitude and
remembrance to the coal oil lamp,
which sat in the window of many
cabins and houses lighting the way
for many fathers, sons, grandfathers
and other loved ones to come home.

Resident Among Those Named to University's Deans List

SEARCY, ARK— John P. Chesshir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Chesshir of Cross Plains, is among the 938 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester.

The Dean's List is published each semester by Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs, honoring those who have achieved high scholarship. To be eligible, a student must be carrying 12 or more

hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.65 minimum.

Chesshir, a senior majoring in mathematics, attended Cross Plains High School before entering Harding.

Harding had a record enrollment this year of more than 4,660 students from 49 states and 47 foreign countries. It is the largest private university in Arkansas and also has campuses in Australia, Chile, England, Greece and Italy.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges Noted

The 2001 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES will include the names of 52 students from Cisco Junior College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was published in 1966.

Area students named this year from Cisco Junior College include:

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Tina R. Wyatt
Rising Star
Tara L. Donham
Stacey R. Pena
Clyde
Phillip E. Hermes.



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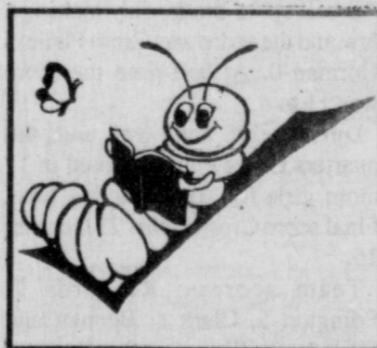
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TUESDAY--Oven Fried Chicken, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans w/ Tomato, Birthday Cake, Roll
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THURSDAY--Unavailable
FRIDAY-- Unavailable

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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I'm convinced more and more that "old age" is a relative term. Twenty or so years ago forty was at least getting close to it -- but the closer I got to it, old age was farther down the road. And so today I realize that even forty is quite young -- and if you don't believe it, just wait, you'll see!

All this reminds me of some things said in the manual of life, the Bible. "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them.'" It goes on to describe real old age -- and finishes by saying, "The conclusion, when all has been said, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because judgement, even everything which seems hidden, whether it be good or bad."

Though we may change our mind as we get older just what or when old age is -- Perhaps even rationalize about it -- let us remember that old age is not promised to everyone. James says, "Our life is like a vapor, here today gone tomorrow." Death is no respecter of person or age! So let us remember now the Creator in "the days of our youth" -- before our years cease to be numbered. As a Christian we can say with Paul, "though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day." II Corinthians 4:16. Come be renewed with us. We really do care!

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Varsity Lady Buff Action

On Tuesday the Lady Buffs traveled to May to take on the Lady Tigers in a big district match-up. It was a close game throughout the contest to the very end. Final score was May 55 Lady Buffs 51.

The Lady Buffs had several opportunities late in the contest to win the game, but came up on the wrong end. It was a very physical and emotional contest and the girls played their hearts out on the floor.

Sometimes the ball just will not bounce your way, when you need it. Coach Cavender was very proud of the effort displayed by the girls.

They led for most of the game, except for a brief moment in the 1st and 2nd quarter and the last 30 seconds of the 4th quarter.

Scoring summary: Candice 15, Jennifer 11, Tessa 10, Amanda 5, Amber 4, Shena 4 and Dani 2.

On Friday the Lady Buffs hosted the Lady Bears from Baird in their

final 1st round game of District 10-A. They were defeated by the Bears 63-49. They went on a 13-0 run late in the 1st quarter and that proved to be the difference in the game. They hurt us in the low post area on offense and rebounding. The Lady Buffs had too many turnovers in their half court set trying to be aggressive and attack the basket against their 1-3-1 defense. The girls kept fighting back and cutting into their lead, but could never get over the hump and catch them. They cut their lead down to 7 with about 4:00 to play, but never got any closer.

Scoring summary: Jennifer 17, Candice 14, Amber 5, Tessa 4, Amanda 4, Dani 2, Shena 1 and Judith 1.

This brings the Lady Buff's season record to 16-9 and the first round of district play they are 2-2, sitting 3rd behind Baird (18-6 and 4-0) and May (17-5 and 3-1).

Junior Varsity Basketball Action

Tuesday, the 16th, the Junior Varsity Girls lost to May 39-29 at May. The score by quarters were Cross Plains: 2-8-13-6 and May: 6-12-9-12. The girls made a run at them in the 3rd quarter cutting their lead down to 4, 27-23. May began to pull away in the 4th to win by 10.

Scoring leaders were: Winfrey 10, D. Rivard 6, Dillard 5, James 4, Mauricio 2 and Parker 2.

Friday, January 19, they hosted Baird and lost by the score of 32-14. They just never got on track on offense, and spent most of the game on defense in foul trouble.

The girls had a tough time handling the ball against their full court pressure defense. It was a very frustrating loss for the kids, but they played hard till the final buzzer of the game.

Scoring points were: Dillard 7, D. Rivard 4, A. Rivard 1, Mosier 1 and Wooten 1.

Varsity Buffaloes 2 District Losses

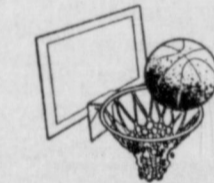
At weeks end the Buffaloes record stood at 12-9 with a 202 district record. The Buffs suffered their two most difficult losses of the season by falling to district rivals May and Baird. However, they are still very much alive in the playoff hunt.

Cross Plains gave May a 13-3 headstart before getting things on track. With a strong 2nd quarter the lead was cut to 2. The 3rd quarter continued with much of the same, but May remained up by 3 going into the final period. In the final minutes the Buffaloes had a few costly turnovers, along with 10 missed freethrows to let the game slip out of their hands. The final score was May 51 and Cross Plains 42.

Against Baird last Friday the Buffaloes played the most consistent defensive game of the season. The Buffs swarming defense frustrated the Bears by allowing only 18 points at half.

However, the offense could only come up with 24 points themselves. By the end of the 3rd quarter the Buff's lead was cut to 3, but they still had complete control of the game.

With 2 1/2 minutes left in the game the Bears took the lead for the first and final time in the game. The Bears scored the final 10 points in the game and won with a score of 47-39.



Junior High Girls Basketball Update

By BECKY DILLARD

Monday, January 22, Cross Plains loaded up and traveled to Gorman. The girls had one team because Gorman has only one Junior High girls team. Cross Plains with 16 girls and Gorman with 11 girls took the slippery floor.

During the 1st quarter the girls put the ball up 15 times, only making a few and the score was Cross Plains 5 Gorman 0. At half-time the score was 11 to 4.

During the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters Cross Plains worked in 11 more girls for some playing time. Final score Cross Plains 21 Gorman 16.

Team scorers: Richards 7, Edington 5, Clark 4, Bennett and Hail 2, Phillips 1, other helpers Ross, Mack, Callaway, Norris, Vasquez, Hutchins, Bacon, Adams, Isbell and Hutton.

The next game will be on Monday, January 29 against May and our last game will be at Baird Monday, February 5.

Junior High Girls Basketball Report

Sat. Jan 20, 2001 the 7th grade girls played in the Zephyr Jr. High Tournament. The first game was at 10:00 against Zephyr. The seven girls were just a bit nervous going against some 8th graders but they held their own. 1st QTR was a little bit shaky CP only scored 2 pts and Zephyr 9 pts. The girls played smart defense keeping Zephyr with only a 9 pt lead at the half. The girls hustled up and down the court many times. In the 4th QTR things started coming together CP scored 9 pts and held Zephyr to 4 pts, hoping to catch up, but they lost by 6 pts. Final score CP 19 - Zephyr 25. Team scorers: Hutchins 7, Vasquez 6, Norris 6, and other helpers Adams, Duran, Hutton, Wells.

The second game was 4:00 with Gustine and the girls were ready for a close game. Gustine was made of only two 8th graders and the rest 7th graders, the girls were more relaxed with this game. At the end of 1st QTR the score was tied (6-6). In the 2nd QTR the girls scored 7pts and left Gustine scoreless. Going into the 4th QTR CP had an 8pt lead. Gustine started taking advantage of CP not getting their own rebounds, Gustine would grab the ball and take off down the court. This is when the scores began to get closer but CP never let up. Final score CP 22- Gustine 21. Team scorers: Hutchins 8, Vasquez 7, Norris 6, and Adams 1. The girls won Third Place in the Zephyr Tournament. Way to go!

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Take Temperature to Avoid Temptation

HOUSTON— Reaching for a thermometer instead of fatty snacks might curtail the urge to overeat.

Behavioral psychologists at Baylor College of Medicine are testing whether monitoring body temperature and deep relaxation techniques can help control overeating triggered by stress or negative emotions. In times of stress the body pumps blood away from the extremities to reduce potential bleeding, causing cold hands and feet.

By recognizing the signs of stress, chronic overeaters gain insight into why they overeat, according to Dr. Ken Goodrick, an associate professor of family community medicine at Baylor.

"One of the main reasons people give for overeating is that they are stressed, depressed, or feeling insecure," Goodrick said. "They choose comfort foods to feel better and soothe their feelings."

Goodrick gives study participants an electronic thermometer to monitor their skin temperature whenever they feel stressed or want to overeat. Study organizers also teach participants relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, to help cope with negative emotions.

To relax and avoid overeating, Goodrick offers the following strategies:

*Set aside 20 minutes a day to

relax. Choose an activity that is enjoyable and is not work related, such as taking a walk, yoga or reading a novel. Such activities sustain energy and make you feel better longer than eating a candy bar or a handful of potato chips.

*Practice the "747" method of breathing to relax. Inhale deeply for seven seconds, hold for four seconds and then exhale slowly for seven seconds. Use this method for two or three minutes whenever you feel stressed or overwhelmed.

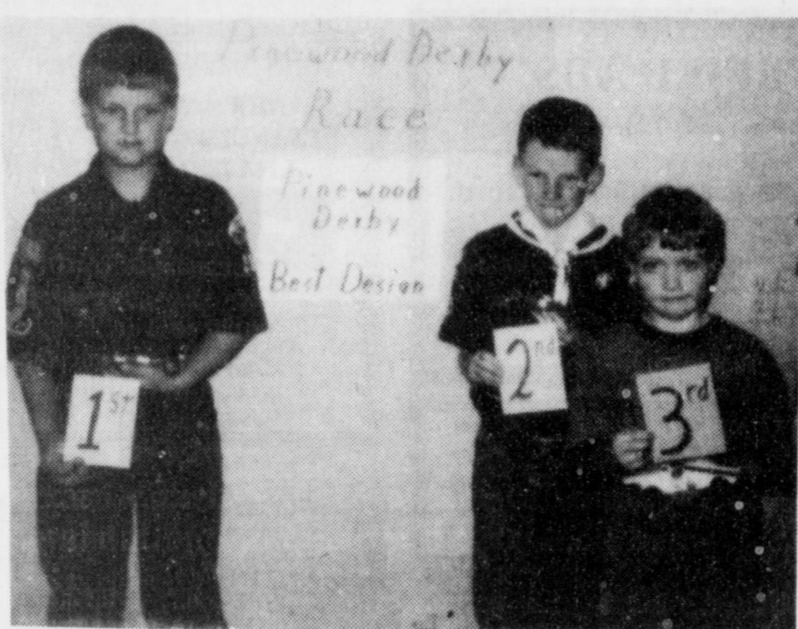
*Take five-minute break for each hour of work. Use that time to practice deep breathing, stretching or looking at something pretty, like a flower. Just a few short minutes of relaxation can boost your productivity.

*Pay attention to how your body feels. Many people go through the day becoming tenser and tenser, and yet they do nothing about it. Periodic stretching can help relieve tension that produces sore muscles in the neck, shoulders and back.

"We are a stressed-out society, and few of us know how to relax," Goodrick said. "Yet we have an overabundance of food around to comfort us. Through our study, we hope to make people more aware of the relationship between their emotions and eating and help them learn other ways to cope."



CUB SCOUTS PINEWOOD DERBY RACE JANUARY 15 - PACK 281— Cub Scouts attending race: 1st place Austin Thomas, 2nd place Will Mack, 3rd place Markus Maxwell, Ben Schaefer (back, from left), Cody Sliker, Payton Porter, Tru Avant, Ethan Wells, Nathan Creamer and Colton Rockett. Judges: Dales Bishop (from left) and Rolan Jones.



2001 BEST DESIGN — 1st place Markus Maxwell (from left), 2nd place Will Mack and 3rd place Payton Porter.



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- NEW LISTING--64.5/A, good fences, cross-fenced, spring fed stock pond, good hunting, good stock pond, western Eastland County.
- NEW LISTING--10/A High Fence, city water, stock pond, some exotic deer.
- NEW LISTING--370/A lots of hills, Liveoak, mesquite, 7 large stock ponds, super good hunting.
- NEW LISTING--249.5/A, 40/A in coastal, 79/A in cultivation, hills, native pasture, 4 stock ponds, rural water line, excellent hunting, minerals, central Eastland County.
- NEW LISTING--206.83/A in Eastland County, thick cover, 80/A tall grass, excellent hunting, remote, good water area.
- NEW LISTING--72.42/A **UNDER CONTRACT** Good fences, some improved grass. Good home site and stock farm.
- NEW LISTING--4 large residential lots in the Tom Bryant addition to Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.
- * Approximately 100 acres of Liveoak trees, good home site.
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- * 337/A **SOLD** approximately 100 acres of Liveoak trees, rest in heavy cover, 2 stock ponds, 1 spring fed, secluded. Super deer & turkey hunting.
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INTERESTING SPEAKER—Bobby Golson (right) was the estimable program for the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, January 16. He spoke concerning his hobby of "Rolling Pigeons". This is a new concept for many individuals in our community. Golson has been involved with this most interesting hobby for several years now and has entered several competitions. Dr. Richard Chaffin (left) was the program chairman. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at 12:00 noon at Jean's Feedbarn. All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings.

Already Low Unemployment Dips To 3.7 Percent In Dec.

AUSTIN—December's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas dropped to 3.7 percent—the lowest monthly rate since January 1974—the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced.

"December's unemployment rate was the third consecutive monthly reduction," said TWC Chair Diane Rath, "reflecting Texas' strong job growth."

Nonagricultural employment grew by 31,400 jobs this month, the third-highest increase during the year.

"Led by a monthly gain of 700 jobs in Electronic Equipment Manufacturing, Durable Goods Manufacturing added 2,200 jobs in December," said Commissioner Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney.

"The Wholesale Trade industry grew by 2,800 jobs in December," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman, "representing a solid annual job growth rate of 3.5 percent."

The lowest unemployment rate

among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in December was 1.3 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next at 1.6 percent, followed by 1.8 percent in Lubbock, Amarillo and San Angelo tied for fourth at 2.4 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 12.1 percent in McAllen-Edingburg-Mission, followed by 7.1 percent in Brownsville-Harlingen, 6.7 percent in Beaumont-Port Arthur, 6.6 percent in El Paso and 5.6 percent in Laredo.

"Along with the low 3.7 percent unemployment rate, more than 256,000 jobs were added in the last year for a strong 2.8 percent job growth rate," Rath said.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.twc.state.tx.us.

Fraser bill designating FM 604 as ICBM Highway clears committee

AUSTIN—A bill authored by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, designating a stretch of FM 604 as the Atlas ICBM Highway won unanimous approval today by the Senate Committee on State Affairs.

"Texas has not commemorated the significant contribution of the Convair Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, and its important role during the Cold War as an awesome deterrent weapon system," Fraser said in testimony before the committee. "Hopefully this will help boost tourism in the area, and help preserve the historical value of these sites."

Senate Bill 183 specifically designates the portion of FM 604 that stretches from State Highway 351 in Shackelford County to State Highway 83 in Taylor County, as the Atlas ICBM Highway, and provides for the Texas Department of Transportation to erect signs in

accordance with the designation.

Fraser noted that Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene was home to the Strategic Air Command's 578th Strategic Missile Squadron, which operated the region's 12 Atlas launch sites during the height of the Cold War with the former Soviet Union. The sites operated from 1961 to 1965.

FM 604 connects five of the Atlas launch sites, located near Clyde, Denton Valley, Oplin, Lawn and Bradshaw.

"This is the first time Texas has officially recognized a specific Cold War mission executed in our state," said Larry Sanders, founder of the Atlas ICBM Historical Society.

Fraser noted that the bill also has the backing of the Taylor County Historical Commission, and the commissioner's courts in Callahan, Shackelford and Taylor counties.

Free Guide to Reduce Environmental Impact and Save Money at Home

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is offering a free guide that provides tips on how Texans can reduce their environmental impact and save money at home.

The guide suggests ways consumers can:

- * Get their name removed from mailing lists.
- * Save money by reducing their water and energy bills.
- * Properly store, use, and dispose of household hazardous wastes.
- * Locate recycling collection centers and household hazardous waste collection events.

* Find alternative (less toxic) cleaners, air fresheners, paints and finishes, and pest control products.

"The tips in the Environmental Four Rs not only help the Texas environment they can save you money," said Ingrid McDonald, the TNRCC's Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator. "The free guide is a great resource for Texas consumers."

The guide is available on agency's web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us under "Publications." Texans can also order a free copy by calling (512)239-0028 and asking for publication number GI-037.

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Meet the Author.....

in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Drew McDaniels is the Assistant Director and Curator of Collections at the Museum of the Great Plains and a consultant with the University of Illinois at Champagne Urbana in charge of the overall design and construction layout of the North American Indian Gallery there. He is working with the Callahan County Historical Commission tracing Spanish routes in this area. Besides having worked on over 40 archeological sites in Texas and Oklahoma, he has been a trench supervisor at the Caesarea site in Northern Israel and has worked with all the current Comanche elders and sponsors the Comanche Language and Culture Association and the Comanche Little Ponies Warrior Society.

McDaniels has been adopted into the Quanah Parker family of the Comanche Indians by Baldwin Parker, the oldest living grandson of Quanah Parker, and given the name "Quiseay," meaning "soaring eagle."

In recent weeks, we have invited research on Quanah Parker at the library. He was the son of Cynthia Ann Parker, who as a child was captured by the Comanches near Weatherford and lived most of her life with them. Quanah, as a young brave, made frequent raids in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, including this area. He was never defeated, but voluntarily went to a reservation and led the Comanches down "the white man's road." During the rest of his life he fought for the rights of the Indians living on reservations, making trips to Washington, D.C. to solicit votes on their behalf. He became a friend of Theodore Roosevelt, who visited him in his home. Parker became a rancher and was a good friend of people such as Charles Goodnight and Tom and Burk Burnett.

This "Meet the Author" will be a unique presentation by two scholars. It should be of special interest to teachers and students of history. For an entertaining evening, meet us there.

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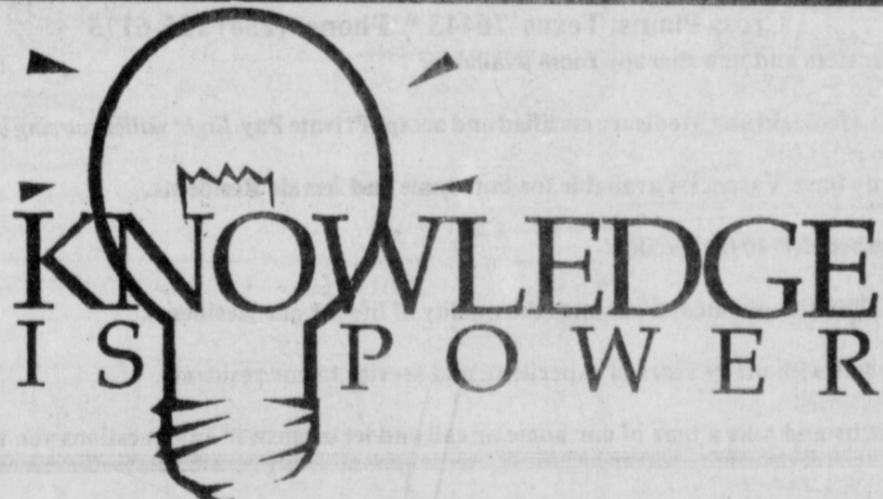
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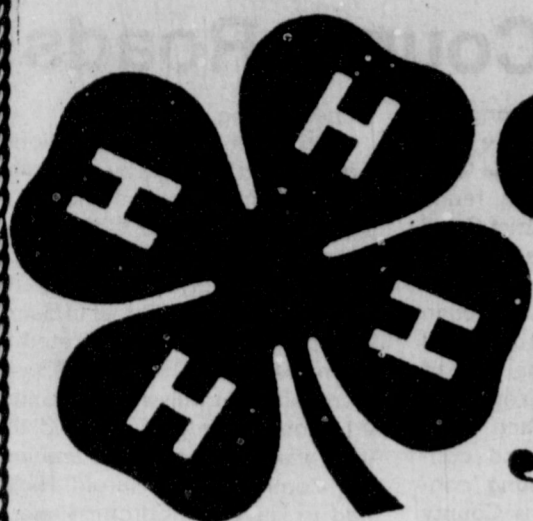
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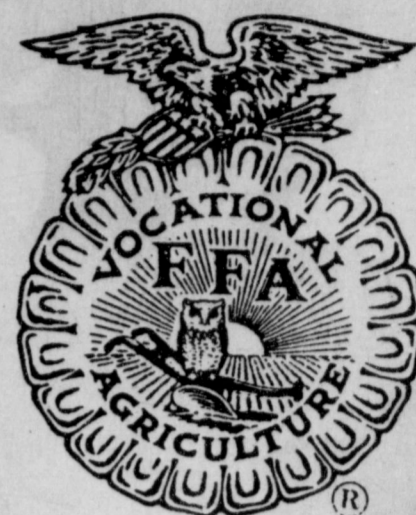
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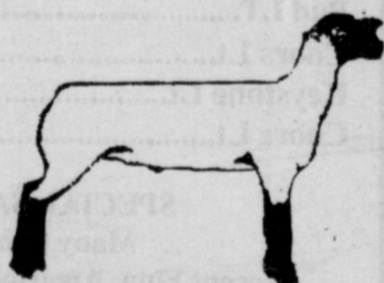


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Kinnard-Odstrcil Exchanged Wedding Vows December 30

Betty Jones Kinnard and Stanley A. Odstrcil were united in marriage December 30, 2000, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Clay Kinnard, son of the bride, presented his mother in marriage. Reverend Craig Meyers performed the ceremony. Matrons of Honor were daughters of the bride, Cindy Diane Lewis of San Angelo and Christy Cae Kvapil of Ballinger. Bridesmaids were the daughters of the groom, Katrina Dawn Gonzales of El Dorado, and the granddaughter of the groom, Alana Jade Oliver of San Angelo. Christine Jones of San Angelo, sister-in-law of the bride, registered the guests. Connor Kvapil, grandson of the bride, and Jess Gonzales, grandson of the groom, were ring bearers.

Earnie Gonzales, son-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were grandsons of the couple, Jason Patrick Lewis and Wes Oliver both of San Angelo, and sons-in-law of the bride, Pat Lewis of San Angelo and Ken Kvapil of Ballinger. Ushers were Cary and Gary Gibson of El Dorado. Rehearsal dinner was held at Zentner's Daughter.

The couple are both retired teachers. The bride is a certified Master Instructor in Alphabetic Phonics at the James Phillips Williams Memorial Foundation for dyslexics.

The wedding trip to Niagra Falls has been postponed. The two were classmates at Grandfalls-Royalty and will reside in San Angelo.

Texas Midwest Day In Austin

Texas Midwest Community Network announces plans for Texas Midwest Day in Austin on February 21, 2001.

A full day of activities will give community leaders from the region an opportunity for recognition with state legislators and state agencies as they exemplify the importance of communities working together to accomplish what one community can not do alone.

"Generally speaking, rural communities are at a disadvantage when it comes to influencing state lawmakers. By joining together," says TMCN Executive Director Nicki Harle, "a larger group of rural delegates gets more attention and presents a stronger voice in Austin."

TMCN encourages citizens throughout the region to take part in a special day of recognition, which includes resolutions in the Senate and House of Representatives, a photo session with legislators from the region, tour of the Governors' Mansion and a Tailgate reception for Legislators to climax the day.

Several communities in the region are planning day-trips by charter bus. Others are forming caravans to drive to Austin and back the same day. The more citizens attending from the region, the better the message will be heard for rural Texas. TMCN identifies five important reasons to make the decision to participate:

- strengthen participation from our region in the legislative process
- honor the eleven Legislators from this region
- bring attention to issues of concern in the region
- inform elected officials about the many positive attributes of the Texas Midwest
- demonstrate a strong voice for rural Texas

During the past year, TMCN compiled a list of issues of concern in the region. The list of issues has been delivered to legislators and will be the message to reinforce during the Legislative Day in February.

To register for Texas Midwest Day in Austin and receive final details for the day, call the TMCN Office 915-676-0329 or contact your local chamber of commerce for the name of the TMCN Delegate in your community. Make a difference for rural Texas. Plan to participate on February 21.

TMCN Member cities: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, DeLeon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Jayton, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

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Winter weather drives natural gas bills up

DALLAS—Battling one of the coldest Decembers in North Texas history, customers of TXU Electric & Gas fired up their heaters and nearly doubled their use of natural gas, leading to a 140 percent increase in the average residential bill from one year ago.

With this past December tying for the third coldest in North Texas history, the average residential customer used 92.5 percent more natural gas than December 1999. The average cost of natural gas rose by 24.6 percent since last year.

In response to higher natural gas bills, TXU Electric & Gas continues to offer immediate relief through the average billing plan to gas customers. The average gas customer could reduce this month's payment by about 40 percent through the average billing plan.

"Since last month was so cold, customers used much more natural gas to stay warm as opposed to last year," said Helen Burt, vice president for customer operations and billing.

"TXU Electric & Gas helped keep customer costs lower by purchasing natural gas with long-term contracts when the market price was

County to post 35 MPH speed limit signs on five County Roads

Callahan County Commissioners approved posting speed limit signs on five County Roads after meeting with several concerned residents at the Commissioners' Court monthly meeting Monday, January 22 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioners met with seven County residents seeking approval from the County to post 35 mile-per-hour speed limit signs on County Road 112, 257, 258, 260 and 262.

Attending the meeting were Curtis Watson, Billye Landers, Paul T. Landers, Billy P. Wright, Bobby Kirklen, Billy Sides and Tom Searcy. The group presented the Commissioners with a petition with over 100 names requesting the speed limit change to a slower and safer speed.

On a motion by Bryan Farmer and second by Charlie Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to put up signs of 35 miles-per-hour for the speed limit.

After Commissioners approved posting the speed limit signs, County Judge Roger Corn reminded those in attendance because of the limited law enforcement resources currently available, patrolling and enforcing the speed limit on those five County Roads would be difficult.

Other agenda items brought before Commissioners' Court included:

—County Commissioners took no action after meeting with Betty and Bill Moore regarding a road located in Precinct #3. Moore stated the Baird City Council closed a portion of West 5th Street that runs into the County Road. The street has been fenced across by owners of the property next to the road. The Moores have several

concerns and are requesting the Commissioners to replace and open West 5th Street. Judge Corn stated a dispute over a fence should take place in District Court and the Commissioners have no authority to take action.

—Commissioners took no action following a meeting with John and Doris Young concerning a road located in Precinct #1. Young requested the County place some culverts on the road and constantly maintain it. Young contends the roadway is a County Road, however Commissioners disagree, saying the road is not an approved County Road. Commissioner Harold Hicks stated the road has not been maintained as a County Road in over 30 years and was considered an abandoned road.

—Callahan County Veterans Officer Tom Ivey presented County Commissioners with an update of the Veterans Service Office.

—Commissioners voted to approve the expenditure of \$4,300 from a Records Management & Preservation Fund for a copier and fax lease and to purchase a computer for the County Judge's office. The funds will also be used to network all the computers located in the District Clerk's office. On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the expenditure.

—Commissioners voted to support Precinct #1 Ector County Commissioner Freddie Gardner in his attempt to become an officer for the West Texas County Judges' & Commissioners' Association. The motion to send a letter of support to Gardner was made by Commissioner Grider and second by Judge Corn, with the Commis-

sioners voting 4-0.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, Commissioners voted 4-0 to table taking action concerning the possible sale or lease of County-owned property located on East 1st Street in Baird. The property, which is located in Commissioner Precinct #3, is owned by Commissioner Precinct #1. County Judge Corn said the item was tabled because Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks had to leave the Commissioners' Court meeting before the item was brought up on the agenda.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 4-0 to elect Commissioner Tommy Holland as the Judge Pro-Tem to serve between January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Judge Corn said the four County Commissioners take turns to serve as the Judge Pro-Tem.

—Commissioners voted to reappoint Ester Kerr of Cross Plains as Callahan County Judge's representative on the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Opportunities. Judge Corn said Kerr does an excellent job serving in the position. "She's very diligent and loves doing it," Judge Corn said of Kerr serving on the CTO board. Commissioner Holland made the motion to reappoint Kerr to the CTO Board and Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it was approved on a 4-0 vote.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 4-0 to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

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Quilt and Craft Show 2001, the third annual, will be held on Saturday, April 21, in Brady from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be at the Heart of Texas Civic Center on Hwy 87N.

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