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## DOWN HOME



A GREAT REUNION— Elaine Stephens (from left), Margaret Clark McNeel and daughter, Susan McNeel are pictured on the day they all met and Elaine personally delivered Margaret's grandfather, T.J. Clark's diary. Elaine's sister, Betti Gregoire, traveled to Cross Plains with her but is not pictured.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following story just proves how "small" our world is really becoming. I love true stories and this one is so heartwarming. Thanks Margaret for sharing this one with the public so everyone can enjoy it. Vanda Anderson-Creech

Hello from Elaine Stephens. This is a true story. This just happened to me. I hope you enjoy this trip into the life of a man we never knew, until now:

Did I tell you about the diary I found? I visited an antique shop in Floresville and found an old, dry diary. It was thin and brown and fragile. It was on \$3 so I bought it just to see what it had to say.

Well, the diary was written by a man in 1912-1914. He made an entry every day. He mainly wrote one line a day about the harvest, hay, cane, crops, livestock, weather or his visit to "H.D." For pages and pages he makes similar notes.

On the left side of the diary he makes notes of deaths and special events, such as, "Old man Triplett's house burned down" or, "Katie Cross baby boy born." On December 6, 1913, he writes, "Today is my birthday, 65 years. T.J. Clark." He finally gave me a name and age!

He continues to write about the cane and hogs and his trips to "H.D." I find money order receipts stamped "Cross Cut, Texas." I read his references to "Cross Plains" so I get out the Texas maps. Sure enough, I find where south of Abilene is a tiny town, Cross Plains, and just south of there is Cross Cut, but no town with the initials H.D.

Mr. Clark writes more. He goes to Sunday School and church every Sunday. Some days he "dunn nothing." He digs turnips, works cotton, cuts cane, fixes the chicken coop, works on buggies and burns brush. Occasionally he "helps wash" so perhaps there is a Mrs. Clark but she is never mentioned.

His age is confirmed as his friends and family pass away around him. "Mrs. Bell died." "Mrs. Nelson died." "John Lee died." Grand Ma Luis died." Those events all occurred in January 1914. It must have been a rough month.

It's a sign of his times that some neighbors are seeking better lives. "Jud went west" and "R.W. Pentecost moved west," but his family must have stayed near. He often says, "Jeff and family came." Later on he refers to a Jeff Clark, so Jeff might be his son. But no matter who visits, Mr. Clark continues to "go to H.D." regularly. Where and what is H.D.?

A "Kate" came to visit a few times. Perhaps she is the one who had a baby

boy. Babies must have had a hard time. There are many references to baby deaths. One particularly sad note is on February 2, 1913; "Mart Gaines baby died." The next day, "Mart Gaines other baby died. Both buried in same coffin."

Mr. Clark was a bit of an artist, too. He draws birds, turtles and silhouettes of men in period clothing; small lapels, slicked hair and large coat buttons. One man smokes a long curved pipe. He often draws a hand, to something unknown. Once he complains, "Can't draw a hand" so he must have been working on it. The hand looks like the one on the "return to sender" stamp used by the Post Office.

Well, I decided this diary had to be delivered to Mrs. Clark's descendants. I posted a message on Ancestry.com but there were so many Clarks from all over the world that it was just a shot in the dark.

So, yesterday I decided to check listings in Cross Plains, Texas. Sure enough, there was a listing for a Jeff Clark. I called. A sweet little old lady answered and quickly raised and lowered my hopes. Yes, Jeff was her husband, but he had passed away years ago and his family was from Louisiana.

But she knew of a lady in Cross Plains whose maiden name was Clark. And she thought her father's name was Jeff. She was getting as excited as I was. We decided she would call the former Miss Clark since she knew her and she worked nearby. I had to leave the house for most of the day, but I was eager to check my messages when I got home.

At home later that I day I did have a call from the former Miss Clark. She left the message that T.J. Clark was her grandfather! It sounded like I had found one of Mr. Clark's descendants! I called her immediately. She answered on the first ring. We talked and she mentioned many of the names in the diary. I felt assured she must be of the same family. We both cried as I told her of the entries in the diary. She was related to many of the people whose births and deaths had been recorded in Mr. Clark's diary.

She knew her grandfather was a doodling artist and knew he liked to draw "little men." But the doodles she had seen were of men with beards. Mr. Clark drew clean shaven men in this diary. Perhaps the little men, and Mr. Clark, grew beards as time passed and the days in this diary.

We discussed many entries. She told me Mr. Clark had died before she was born, in about 1923. It seems he fell

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## Local Library Recipient of Yet Another Grant

Good things continue to happen at the Cross Plains Public Library. The Tocker Foundation gives stipends to make its annual conference more accessible to libraries in remote areas.

In February Cherry Shults, Cross Plains librarian, applied for one of the stipends and has been awarded the grant for this year's TLA conference.

The letter telling Cherry of the grant was written on March 7. On that same day a member of the Texas Library Association (TLA) was sending a let-

ter on behalf of the Texas Book Festival awarding the Cross Plains Library an award to be spent for children's books. Winners will be recognized at the Second General Session of the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Friday, March 30, 2001.

Add to those awards the good things happening on the corner lot and it looks as if March has been a good month for the library. Come by. The library is open all day, five days a week.

## 2001 Project Graduation Meeting Thursday

The Committee for Project Graduation will meet Thursday, March 22, at 5 p.m. at the Dairy Queen.

Junior and Senior parents are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in helping with this worthy cause is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact Connie Kirkham, Jean McWilliams or Lurene McNutt.

This has been a successful program in the community for many years. With everyone's usual cooperation it will be once again!!!

## Callahan Co. Water Supply Corp. annual meeting March 26

The Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's annual meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 P.M. in the office building located at 218 N Access Road of I-20, Clyde, Tx. A meal will be sponsored by the corporation for members and one guest starting at 6:15 P.M.

Elections of three board members for three year terms each, will be held. Reports including Auditor's report on system finances, and the President/Manager's report will be given. Door prizes and special award presentations will close out the meeting.

Please RSVP for the meal by 12 Noon on Friday, March 23, by calling the office number (915) 893-3841 or come by the office.

## LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL MEETING

Parents interested in Pee Wee, Little League, Pony League, or Sr. High League are invited to come to the Dairy Queen on Monday March 26, 7:00 P.M.

For More Information Call Tony Wyatt (254) 725-7762

## "Meet the Author" Set for April 10th Don't Miss It

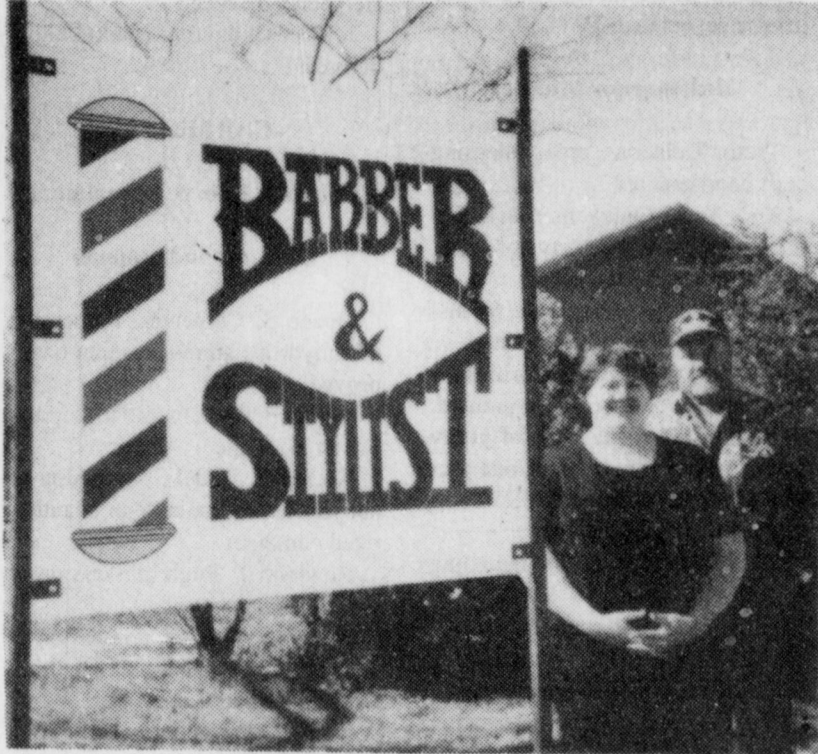
On Tuesday evening, April 10, the Library Board of Cross Plains invites one and all to the Community Center for a special treat, which could be labeled "Hometown Boy Makes Good." Paul Smith and his wife, Dorothy, will whisk the "Meet the Author" group off to Mexico, introduce you to the Chinantec Indians; and fill you in on how they wrote a hitherto unwritten language to take the New Testament to those Indians.

The Smiths were warned that they would not be welcomed in the village of the Chinantecs, but they went there anyway, stayed in the area for eighteen years, had five of their six children there, and lived to tell about their

experiences. Although the text centers around the Smiths, each person has a story of his own, so that the biographical material becomes a composite of mini-stories of fascinating characters.

Paul and Dorothy, country kids from Texas and Arkansas, both served their country during World War II and then met at a conference of the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Three months later they married, went to Mexico, and the rest makes an exciting story. Plan to come hear it.

Paul, the son of Marvin and Nettie Smith, was born in Cross Plains and attended Cross Plains schools. He is the brother of Neal and Robert Smith.



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY— Cross Plains Barber and Stylist will open Saturday. Melissa Sanchez and Harrel Burch, hair care professionals, are here to serve you.

## Cross Plains Barber & Stylist Grand Opening Saturday, March 24th

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH  
Editor

A father-daughter business will be hosting a grand opening on Saturday, March 24, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Cross Plains Barber and Stylist is located at 633 N. Main Street, the former home of the late Zelda Long.

Harrel Burch and his daughter, Melissa Sanchez will be offering hair care for men, women and children. Harrel has been a barber since 1965 being employed at Executive Hair Designs in Plano and Sherwood Barbers in Odessa. He specializes in shaving around the ears, and neckline, certified layer cuts, flat tops and old-fashioned haircuts. Mr. Burch also has an oil field drill bit repair business that he operates from his home in the Cottonwood Community.

Melissa has been a beautician since 1992. She was employed at TG & Company in Abilene. Her specialty is men's cuts, all styles, including flat tops, military and fades. She also provides acrylic nails, hair colors and ladies hair styles. She noted that she loves a "challenge." So if you are game for a big hair change, she will be glad to assist.

Melissa's hours will be Monday

through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. This offers a wide opportunity to have your hair styled, etc. The acrylic nails will only be available on Fridays. She also offers pedicure and manicures by appointment only.

Harrel's hours will be Friday and Saturday only from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Remember walk-ins are welcome or call (254) 725-4079 for an appointment.

Cross Plains Barber and Stylist wants to remind you that \$2.00 off haircuts will be available thru April 28th and the cost of haircuts is an incredible \$6 and up.

A gift shop is another feature of the new business. All types of collectibles including roosters, bears, etc. and unique items will be displayed.

The new business will also have Video Poker. You must be 18 years of age or older to play. Winners will receive coupons for hair care, gift shop certificates, and certificates to Wal-Mart.

Free gifts and free haircuts will be drawn for on the hour during the Grand Opening celebration. Everyone is invited to come by and get acquainted. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and cold drinks in the afternoon.

## Local Business Closing Soon

The Old Windmill Trading Post owned and operated by Ray and Ava Dodd will be holding a closing sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The couple have chosen to close due to health problems and work schedules.

They stated their appreciation to all their customers for past patronage.

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## Local Candidates Who Have Filed As Of March 20, 2001

### CITY

Gene Dillard  
Marvin Musiey

Joe Ingram

Edwin Weiss

James Nichols

### SCHOOL BOARD

Tricia Hopkins

Terry Nixon

Vicki Dillard



## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

**Marriage Licenses**

**Misdemeanor Filings**

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

Jeremy R. Barbian, driving while intoxicated (DWT).  
Kenneth R. Frazier, DWI.  
Miguel Molina, DWI.  
Alcenuia D. Bullard, false report to police officer.  
Daniel C. Bailey, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

**Civil Filings**  
Providian National Bank vs. Sherry R. Ross, default on note.  
Shelly Herpeche and Dee Don Herpeche, divorce.  
Jeaneen Clinton and Mark Clinton, divorce.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

**Civil Minutes**

Victor Delacruz, order releasing cash bond granted.  
Kyle Aaron Quick, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

**Criminal Info. & Complaints**

**Criminal Indictments**

Jerry Allan Schmidt, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.  
Ramon Vasquez, order to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Victor DeLaCruz, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, one year probation, \$600 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.  
Jeremy Duffel, order extending probation granted.  
Byran Roe, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Walter Marlin Wells, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Duane S. Carpenter, Possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.  
Gerald B. Dickens, fail to stop and render assistance.  
Norman L. Odell, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unauthorized container.  
Rowland T. Pugh, possession of controlled substance.  
Corky G. Wristen, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unauthorized container.  
Nolan L. Wade, sexual assault.  
Larry D. Floyd, DWI.

## OBITUARIES



### Billie Cortez Clark

Mrs. Billie Cortez Clark, 75, a long-time resident of Cottonwood, Texas and member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001, in the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2001, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains, with Joe Coppinger, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Knox Waggoner, former pastor of the church. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Abilene, Texas.

"Billie Clark loved her family, loved her grandchildren dearly, loved her church, and loved her pastor. We all loved her back and will miss her very much," said Rev. Coppinger.

She was born March 3, 1926, in Nolan County to W.E. and Pearl Lee Williams. She married W.D. Clark on March 29, 1947. She was a beautician, an LVN and worked for Western Union for a number of years. At the time of her death she was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and housewife.

Survivors include her husband, W.D. Clark of Cottonwood; a son, William Keith Clark and wife, Linda, of Eula; a daughter, Schrenia Kay Carr and husband, Dennis of Proctor; and two brothers, Herbert Williams and Joe Williams, both of Roscoe; four grandchildren, William Colby Flatt and wife, Tiffany, Cory Dustin Spurlock, William Christopher Clark and Courtney Elizabeth Clark; a great-grandson, William Dalton Flatt; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Donny Lee Clark, and a grandson, Aaron Chase Clark.

Pallbearers were Stanley Pieper, Jerry Riggs, Larry Williams, David Meredith, Randy Williams and Ronnie Williams. Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Meredith, Wesley Williams and Eddie Joe Williams.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society or West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

### Ethel Elizabeth White

Ethel Elizabeth Kelsey White, 102, of Rising Star, died Saturday, March 17, 2001, at an Eastland hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Higginbotham Chapel in Rising Star with Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in Amity Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Ethel was born July 10, 1898 in Cooper, Texas. She married Isaac Anderson White in 1912, who preceded her in death in December 1969. She was a homemaker and member of the Amity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Cole White of Rising Star; 19 grandchildren (including Cliffadean White Hargrove of Cross Plains); 39 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Russell White, Doyal White and Hayden White; two daughters, Grace Mitchell and Odell Fenwick.

Pallbearers were grandsons and grandsons-in-law, Boyd White, Kenny White, Ray White, Roger White, Jim Hargrove and Jim Hook.

### Julia Irene Hedrick

Julia Irene Compton Hedrick, 98, of Cross Plains died Monday, March 19, 2001, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 22, 2001, at 3 p.m. at Nimrod Cemetery in Eastland County with Dwaine Clower officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains will be directing the services.

Julia was born July 11, 1903, in Nimrod, Texas to W.M. Compton and Annie Lee Strain Compton. She married Samuel Wallace Hedrick, on October 26, 1919. The couple owned a ranch in Putnam, Texas that they operated until 1967.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Samuel Wallace Hedrick; one daughter, Doris Wayne; one son, Samuel W. Hedrick, Jr.; two sisters, Inez Holt and Wennie May Spencer; and one brother, Dewey Compton.

Survivors include one son, Billy F. "Tiny" Hedrick and wife, Bonnie of Gulfport, Mississippi; one sister, Willie G. McBeth of Franklin; 5 grandchildren, Eddie Hedrick of Abilene, Kim Jackson of Winters, Kelley Howard of Odessa, Judy Greenlund and Sandra Dreher, both of Gulfport, Mississippi; 7 great-grandchildren, Samson and Rusty Jackson of Winters, Chad Howard of Odessa, Britany Howard of Coleman, Darren Greenlund, David Dreher and Cynthia Dreher all of Gulfport, Mississippi.

### Jo Davee

Mrs. Jo Davee, 94, of Rising Star, Texas, died Saturday, March 17, 2001, in the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2001, at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial will be in the Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Jo was born February 9, 1907, in Brown County, Texas to Samuel Dickson DeBusk and Frances Virginia Broocke. She married William B. "Bill" Davee on January 1930, in Coleman County, Texas.

She taught school in the Thrifty Community for one year, then moved to Brownwood and served as secretary to Dr. Daughtry at the Central Texas Hospital in 1930 for several years. After leaving Brownwood, she moved to Houston and lived there until 1967 when she moved to Burkett, Texas. She remained in the Burkett Community until she entered the Rising Star Nursing Center in May 1993. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Burkett.

Survivors include her sister, Lois Garrett of Cross Plains; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill Davee, in 1987; two sisters, Cora Bell Koenig and Clara Angela; and two brothers, Raymond DeBusk and Jack DeBusk.

Pallbearers were Dick Koenig, Pat DeBusk, Scott Odom, Sam Koenig Marc Morgan and Les Bailey.



### David Earl Keathley

David Earl Keathley, 52, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Jimmie Mize officiating.

Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Keathley was born October 1, 1948, in Corsicana. He married Dinah Bragg on April 10, 1987, in Peoria. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dinah Keathley of Cross Plains; his mother, Otsie Keathley of Corsicana; two daughters, Karen Stanford of Irving and Kathy Dishongh of Plano; a stepson, Brandon McGuire of Mesquite; a stepdaughter, Amanda McGuire of Abilene; and two grandchildren, Jessica Stanford and Kylie McGuire.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Webb Keathley; a son, Brian David Keathley; and a brother, Everett Keathley.

Pallbearers were James Bragg, Jackie Hendon, Kyle Leuty, Richard Thrailkill, Robert Walker and Terry Wood. Honorary pallbearers were Shea, Michael Curtis, Rusty East, Curtis Evans, Rodney Rudloff and Jimmy Stanford.

Memorials may be made to the heart transplant fund via Ben Mitchell Fund, C/O Baylor Medical Center, 3500 Gaston, Transplant Services, Roberts 4th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75246.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 11, 2001 through March 17, 2001 include:

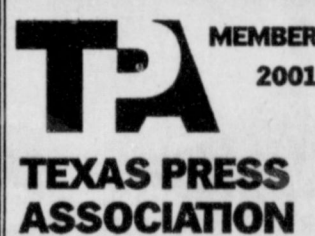
**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings-82  
Complaints-120  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.  
**People Arrested on Outstanding Warrants**  
There were 15 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$4,566.00 collected.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Believers Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 25, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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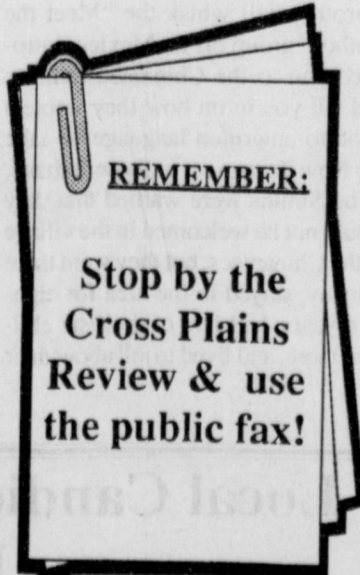
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## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Doris Adams was surprised by a visit from her granddaughter, Dorsie Kelley from Iowa. She enjoyed going out for a car ride and spending time with her.

Mary Wheeler and Delilah Goble sure look pretty after getting their hair styled.

Employees with a birthday this month are: Lynda Ford, Margaret Clark, Brian Kelly, Misty Yates, Marilyn Golson and Betty Baxter.

Aspen and Kim Woerner visited with Blackie Reynolds.

Joan Schwegel visited with Doris Adams.

Belinda and David Peters, Martha Switzer, Daisy Holcomb, David, Chad and Lonnie Switzer visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Latricia and Linda Chandler visited with Minnie Swann.

Garnett McKay visited with Raymond McCowen.

H.D. Weaver visited with Mary Weaver.

Bobby and Lori Haddock from

Wely, Oklahoma visited with Irma Deen Haddock.

Sally Whiteley visited with Jessie Casey and Pauline Regian.

Dee Harrell visited with Ruby Harrell.

Leslie, Charlou and Hannah Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**MONDAY:** Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Jessie Casey and Ruby Harrell.

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

**WEDNESDAY:** Art class. Movie time.

**THURSDAY:** Manicures. Ball toss.

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

**SUNDAY:** Believer's Fellowship

**What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.**

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Family and friends of the entire Cottonwood Community are saddened over the death of Mrs. W.D. "Billie" Clark, a former resident of Cottonwood and long-time member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. (For details, in this edition of the Cross Plains Review.)

**Cottonwood Quilting Club:** The Cottonwood Quilting Club has set April 28, 2001 as clean-up date for the Community Center at Cottonwood. Members of the club will join members of the Cottonwood Historical Association and all other interested workers in a spring cleaning effort to make the community presentable for the Annual Historical Association meeting, May 5, 2001.

"The Cottonwood Quilting Club had a good time last Tuesday as they met to work on a beautiful 'Over and Under' quilt for Lavonne Childress," said Mary E. Weaver. "Lots of Fellowship, fun and good food are a weekly occurrence. If you have a desire to quilt or would just like to bring a dish and have a great meal with the club, you are welcome," she said.

The Quilting Club is responsible for maintenance, up-keep and scheduling use of the Community Center and hold quilting meetings every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m., except for the weeks of the Cottonwood Musical (sponsored by the club third Friday night of each month). On that week the quilting meeting is held on Tuesday mornings.

The Quilting Club is planning major repairs for the Community Center building and is accepting donations for the needed repairs, which will begin when weather permits.

Donations may be sent to the Cottonwood Community Center Building Fund at Cross Plains Citizens State Bank.

**Cottonwood Musical:** The March version of the Cottonwood musical, sponsored by the Quilting Club was a great success. Eleven different musical groups and individual musicians delighted the audience, who came for Abilene, Cross Plains and other locations.

**Cottonwood Historical Association:**

The Annual Membership Meeting (Cemetery Association and Cottonwood Community reunion) will be held May 5, 2001, announced Albert Lovell, president of the association at a meeting of the association Board of Directors, held March 17, 2001.

The annual workday will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2001, in conjunction with the Quilting Club workday. All members of the community and friends of the association are invited and encouraged to participate by donating labor, tools, equipment and/or money to help.

"Every former resident of the Cottonwood Community and friends are urged to attend and participate in the Annual Membership meeting on May 5," said President Lovell. "It will be a great day to renew friendships and greet each other over stories of olden times.

A covered dish meal will be served at noon. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the association. Member families are requested to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish.

Other plans for the Annual Association meeting will be finalized at a Board Meeting on April 14, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Cross Plains Garden Club reminds you to attend our Trades Day on March 31, on the vacant lot owned by Citizens State Bank, directly behind the Dairy Queen (near the blinking light at the 4-way stop). It's on Saturday, so come on out!

#### "Signs of the Times"

Are you perhaps of an age that you can recall those little square signs along highways back in the 40's and early 50's? Each small square would reflect a different verse of a comic rhyme and then end with the name of the product being advertised. Such as: "Ma loved 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. It was something to do, and the little rhymes were usually quite funny, if not hilarious.

During those years, lots of different type signs clutter the roadsides. There were innumerable billboards dotting the landscape. One sign which comes to mind, appeared 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 swimsuit. In a fairly true-to-life scene, she was very closely followed by a puppy, who had attached himself to TOP of her swimsuit BOTTOMS and had them pulled down in an obvious attempt to help her get a suntan in the area previously protected and shaded by that particular item of clothing, (bathing suit bottoms). Doesn't that picture just bring back memories?

Signs advertising various products were often painted on the back sides of barns and other public buildings along well traveled roads and thoroughfares.

Remember the picture of the rooster advertising a particular brand of coffee as well as; advertising for Coke, Pepsi, Root Beer, etc., which appeared on the sides of buildings such as grocery stores, feed stores, etc.?

Some of these signs you can still view though now faded and edge-frayed. Many business owners now have these signs restored for their historic and artistic significance. My brother-in-law had them restored on a building he owned in Crosby County. Very attractive plus it brings back those memories also.

For sometimes now, especially in the larger cities another type of signs have 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 the graffiti pictures, words and emblems, to cover these symbols up.

Not too many years back laws were passed against the presence of billboards inside city limits and to within a certain distance of city limits, also. Seems as times change, so do the signs.....

**DON'T FORGET!** Remember and plan to attend the local TRADES DAY Saturday, March 31st, on the empty lot behind the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. This Trades Day is sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Come early, around 8 a.m. and get the early bird specials, find'em first. The Garden Club will have a booth also. There is still time to reserve a space for you for your booth, if you have items you would like to sell. Just call James Nichols to reserve your space. Spaces are \$15.00 or if you desire one with electricity the cost is \$20.00. Either way, as a vendor or as a shopper, please COME!

## PIONEER NEWS

Hello, to all your readers, especially Nathan. We had a "great" day of quilting on Tuesday. We do not count Christy a visitors any more as she has joined the club. Jean A's "churn dash" quilt will be completed next week. Lou's hostess quilt will go in its place. Laverne has her "Arkansas Trouble" quilt in the frame for us to start on Tuesday. We are still working on Frankie's "Wildcat" quilt. It is really going to be a real keepsake quilt.

Jean Fore had several of her family visiting. They were Paul and Juanita Harlow and Jeff Harlow of Lubbock, Vi Harlow of Lovington, NM, Janet Harlow and her friend Juli of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Lettie Turney, Johnny and Jenette Clayborn of Harrison, Arkansas, Cary Clayborn of Dallas, Grasson and Myrtle Harlow of Arlington, Buddy and Linda McDaniel of San Antonio, Dan Hunter of Alamogorda, New Mexico.

Charlene Chessir had Jim and Dusty here last weekend. On Saturday, Brad Bowden had lunch with them. Dusty decided to stay for spring break. He is doing a lot of chores for his grandmother. He is also spending time at Lake Leon with his Aunt Christy and cousin Jake Dallas.

Over the weekend, Olena and two of her daughters, Linda and Janet, went to visit her sister Georga Walker and family. Georga's condition is no

better. She is very weak. Another sister, La Fond Ghornley, and her to daughters, Elaine and Shyrel, came for a while Sunday. Georga's daughter, Carol Ann is home this week on spring break so she can help her dad care for her mother. They all enjoyed seeing each other. It is so pretty and green down around Lufkin!

Glenda Phillips' brother, Gainer Boyd, is in critical condition at Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas. He has had three surgeries. He does not respond at all to anyone. Glenda went to the Cross Plains Track Meet Saturday to see Kali. She did the long jump and the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. Glenda went to Abilene Monday with Laverne Hutton to see Jerry Shedd, who is in the Hendrick Medical Center.

Laverne Hutton went with a group of ladies to a "Ladies Day" at Hico last Saturday. It was very uplifting and enjoyable. After the "Ladies Day" they visited some interesting shops in Hico.

Lots of track, baseball and golf are going on at the local high schools. Let's go out to see these young ladies and men perform. It is great entertainment.

**RURAL PEARL:** When things go wrong, don't go with them. Delaine Gately

## LIBRARY NEWS

Hi! I've been snooping in the magazine section this week. One of the excellent ones in **Parenting**. I looked at the latest copy and felt good about the articles this month. Here are a few examples:

**DISCIPLINE:** Loving ways to set limits (that sounds good to me!)

**FIRST SMILES, FIST STEPS:** What Your Baby Can Do and When (This one will help you keep up and not worry.)

**REVIEWS:** Ratings on the latest on music; software and videos for kids; kids' health. (This is a good one to follow monthly.)

Come on in! You'll catch us smiling.

Circulation:	
Books	
Cross Plains	66
Abilene	6
Audio	
Cross Plains	2
Abilene	5
Interlibrary Loan	1
TOTAL	80

**MEMORIALS:**  
Billie Loving in memory of Maxine Crockett and Morris Cavanaugh  
Tom and Arlene Stevenson in memory of Morris Cavanaugh  
Alice Roby in memory of June Hickman  
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By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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There's a game we have all played -- if you're young you may still play it. It's "Hide & Seek" -- and the one who is seeking closes his eyes and counts to fifty or one hundred while the others are hiding. At the end of his count, before he starts seeking, he proclaims: "Here I come, ready or not!" Enough time has been given to prepare; the seeking begins. Sometimes one is not ready -- and is immediately detected, and so "one, two, three" for whoever wasn't prepared and ready! It's not the end of the world if you're the one caught not ready in the game of "Hide & Seek" -- as a matter of fact, there is a certain amount of fun in "being it" -- the one who seeks. But it's still greater fun to be ready and elude the seeker and "get home free" -- to have been ready and prepared.

The same thing is true in the game of life -- as a matter of fact it is most imperative that we be able to say, "here I am -- READY!" -- and forget or eliminate the doubt of "or not."

Peter says that "the Lord is not slack concerning his promises (concerning the judgment) but is long suffering (patient -- He counts way past one hundred!), not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." You see, we don't know what number the Lord just counted -- or at which number He's going to come in the clouds. But I know He is hoping we'll be able to say, "Here I am, READY!"

Come make ready with us. We really care about you, too!

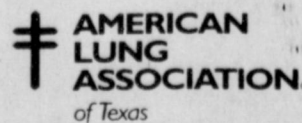
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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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March 26 - March 30

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**WEDNESDAY**--Tamale Pie, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Cal. Blend Veggies, Cinnamon Applesauce, Bread, Milk  
**THURSDAY**--Lasagna, Tomatoes/Okra, mandarin Oranges, Jello & Whipped Topping, Garlic Bread, Milk  
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## Burkett Student Named to ACU's Dean's Honor Roll List

ABILENE— Allen Bland III of Burkett was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2000 semester at Abilene Christian University. To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average. ACU is a prestigious private Christian university with rigorous academic standards.

Bland III is a graduate of Cross Plains High School.

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



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## James Ross Finishes 4th at Parr Country Club

BY COACH CAVENDER

James Ross finished 4th out of over 100 golfers at Parr Country Club. Our team didn't place in the top 3, but James had a good day. James had 3 tough holes out of 18 and as he improves his game and eliminates

those tuff spots, he will be shooting in the mid 70's. Jordan, Andy, and Dusty all improved on their scores from the previous week. Shane and Tim had some bad luck and raised their scores. As a team we shot 392 and finished in the middle of the pack, about 40 strokes out of 1st place.

## Lady Buffs Compete at Graham Track Meet

BY COACH CAVENDER

On the last Saturday we travel to Graham to participate in the P.K. Relays in Division I which included 1A-3A teams. Amber Wilson finished 6th in the discus with her best throw to date being 109'9". Amber

also finished 6th in the shot put with a throw of 33'6". Kim Mosier finished 4th in the long jump with a leap of 15'3". This was Kim's best jump to date. Performing in this kind of competition is a great learning experience for the future.



**GUESS WHO? RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE GUYS?**—They are the 1995 Little League All-Stars! These boys were part of the 2nd place State Champions for 2000 and they are now working on 2001 State Champs. Out of the 13 Little League All-Stars, 10 are still playing together! Playing now are Nate Hawkins - short stop and pitcher; Josh Hopkins - catcher; Chris Kitchens - centerfielder; Aaron Norris - 1st base and pitcher; Tony Beggs - 2nd base; L.D. Whitehead - right fielder; Landon Hill - left fielder; Cody Reed - short stop and pitcher; Joe Dillard - 1st base and Jake Merryman - 1st base. The three boys who are not playing are Robert Walters who graduated; Ryan Aitchison, who just signed with North Texas; and Nicholas Dimitri, who now runs track for Cross Plains High School.

CP vs DeLeon March 9, 2001

CP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	RUNS	H	E
DeLeon	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	5	7	3

PITCHERS	IP	K	BB	H	R	ER
POTTER	5	6	3	5	3	3
W NORRIS	2	3	1	1	1	0

NAME	H	AB	R	RBI	K	BB	EXTRA BASE HITS
BEGGS	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
KITCHENS	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
REED	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
WHITEHEAD	1	2	1	2	0	0	0
DILLARD	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
MATHEWS	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
HILL	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
POTTER	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MACKAY	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
NOWELL	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
HAWKINS	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
HOPKINS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NORRIS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
WILSON	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
NOWELL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MERRYMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ROSS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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## WTU's Louie the Lightning Bug Buzzes into Area Schools

ABILENE, TX, March 19, 2001— Fresh from his Saturday morning television gig, Louie the Lightning Bug is bringing his message of electrical safety to area schools next week, compliments of American Electric Power subsidiary West Texas Utilities. Louie will share his advice on the safe use of electricity with students Cross Plains Elementary on Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

"Louie, Louie," a production of The National Theatre for Children, based in Minneapolis, Minn., brings together song, suspense and safety to relay the message, "Play it safe around electricity." The program teaches elementary school children the ins and outs of electrical safety by teaching how to avoid dangerous electrical situations. This fast-paced, action-packed program also shows children how electricity is made and how to use electricity wisely.

In the production, Nicki Neutron foils the villain, Electric Eel, and saves his friend Louie the Lightning Bug from shrinking into oblivion. Each dangerous electrical situation is making Louie smaller until Nicki learns how electricity is produced. With help from the audience, Nicki and the students trick the Electric Eel into playing it safe around electricity. Together, Nick and the students

learn how to use electricity responsibly and their newfound knowledge saves the day.

By the end of this year, Louie—AEP's official safety "spokesbug"—will have visited more than 600 elementary schools and taught electrical safety to more than 200,000 students in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, part of AEP's 11-state service territory. Teachers receive follow-up classroom materials, and each student is given a free activity book to take home and share with the entire family.

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## Junior High Girls Track Report Told

Cross Plains Pioneer Relays Saturday March 10th

400 Relay- 3rd 58.97 Richards, Hutchins, Vasques, Adams
100 Hurdles- 2nd 19.31 Richards 20.06 Edington 22.54 Phillips
800 Run- 6th 3:03.44 Mack Bacon Clark
100 Dash- 15.56 Ross 16.09 Hail 16.24 Bennett
400 Dash- 75.28 Mack 79.75 Norris 80.18 Ross
300 Hurdles- 64.34 Edington 67.65 Phillips
200 Dash- 33.57 Hutchins 34.63 Vasquez 35.62 Bacon 35.75 Hail 37.12 Bennett
1600 Relay- 5th 5:09.88 Richards, Norris, Adams, Mack
800 Relay- 5th 2:10.94 Bacon, Hutchins, Vasquez, Adams

Field Events:

Shot- 1st 27'4" Richards
Discus- 1st 73'1" Richards 5th 64'3" Clark
Triple Jump- 3rd 28'3 1/4" Mack
Long Jump- 6th 12'4 3/4" Mack
High Jump- tied 6th 4'2" Adams

Total Team: 4th Place with 58 1/4 points.

Jr. High Track Schedule

March 22	Cross Plains Jr. High
March 27	May Jr. High
April 5	District Jr. High



March 19 - March 23 BREAKFAST

**MONDAY**--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY**--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY**--Cereal Toast, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY**-- Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY**--Donuts, Assorted Juice

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**--Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Pickle Spears, Cake w/ Frosting  
**TUESDAY**--Chicken Strips w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey  
**WEDNESDAY**-- Veg-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Peaches  
**THURSDAY**-- Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Pears  
**FRIDAY**-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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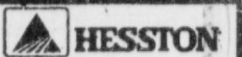
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- NEW LISTING**--370/A lots of hills, Liveoak, mesquite, 7 large stock ponds, super good hunting.
- NEW LISTING**--249.5/A, 40/A in coastal, 79/A in cultivation, hills, native pasture, 4 stock ponds, rural water line, excellent hunting, minerals, central Eastland County.
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- NEW LISTING**--4 large residential lots in the **SOLD** **UNDER CONTRACT** Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.
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- NEW LISTING**--3bd/2 bath CH/A Frame home on 10/A, Cottonwood area, 2 water wells, stock ponds, trees, pretty views, secluded, on pavement.
- NEW LISTING**--2bd/2 bath Log Cabin on 20/A, large trees, barn, pens, on pavement, near town.
- NEW LISTING**--8.32/A, approximately 1,200 sq. ft., home, barn, waterwell, trees, 5 miles from town.
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  - \* 3 bd/1 bath on 2 lots in Cross Plains.
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
Did I nod off and miss something? I am a sixty-four year old woman who went back to work in order to have insurance, which I am not comfortable without.

I am sure there are others out there with the same complaint that I have which is: you are having some health problems and your family doctor sends you to a "specialist". You go see the "specialist" and he orders one test, in my case on my hearing loss in my left ear.

I go in and have this test and his office called and told me that I had some kind of abnormality in the nerves inside my ear and he would like to set me up for an M.R.I. the very next week.

I had the M.R.I. done and waited and waited for his office to call me about the results. The office girl said the report is on his desk, but he had gone out of town and won't be back until Monday. After he came back on Monday his office help called and my M.R.I. showed no growth in my ear and if I ever needed them again feel free to call.

I think not. I have not talked to this "specialist" a single time since the tests were run. Is something wrong with this picture?

Aren't there other out there who feel as abused as I do? I'm sure there are and we should stop accepting this sort of treatment. We deserve better.

Sincerely,  
Frances Taylor

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you, because as far back as I can remember, I've never read an article about the Texas Prisons in the Cross Plains Review. I am a prisoner in one of the Texas prisons, and I am from Cross Plains, Texas.

The article you printed was about the rehabilitation we are suppose to get. Let me tell you, from a prisoner's point-of-view. Actually, here is an article that will explain it for me:

#### Warehousing Inmates

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice should change its name to the Texas Department of Inmate Warehousing. Why? Because that is all they do. There is no rehabilitation in Texas prisons. The inmates are herded like cattle, treated like dogs and afforded no respect as human beings. The guards have it little better. They are paid on a scale little better than you average fast-food employee, given only minimal training, given no support and are the first to take the blame when the system fails.

No, prisons should not be a country club experience. But inmates should have access to decent medical care in a timely manner. Those with hearing, vision or other physical impairments should have access to hearing aids, eyeglasses or medication in a timely manner. Regardless of how horrible their crime, these are still human beings and should be treated with some amount of respect.

It's no wonder Texas has so many problems with the prison system. They almost force the inmates to rebel. Just remember Texas prison system, so shall ye sow, so shall ye reap.

Buddy Spurgeon  
Rowlett

## Card of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation for the cards and calls of concern during my recent hospital stay.

A special "thank you" to our Cross Plains E.M.S. We are so lucky to have these dedicated volunteers in our community.

Gene Rhodes

### Card of Thanks

Joyce and I want to express our sincere thanks to all our friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and food during my surgery and stay in the hospital. All the encouragement and support made my hospital stay and recovery much easier. Thank you so much and may God bless each one of you.

Wimpy and Joyce McCoy

The Bessie McDaniel Family would like to thank everyone for their love and support during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the cards, calls, visits and Prayers. Thanks Tim, for all the beautiful flowers.

Thanks for all the food brought to the house, and to the Pioneer Baptist Church for lunch, and the ladies who served it. We love you. Thanks to Bob and Dee Harrell for their special Service for us.

God likes everyone and thanks again for your prayers.

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## Callahan County accepting Livestock Assistance Program applications

BAIRD—March 20, 2001—The Callahan County Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). According to Scott Odom, County Executive Director, LAP regulations were published as a final rule on March 19, 2001 and sign-up will end on April 27, 2001. LAP provides direct payments to producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster during calendar year 2000.

"Often, producers equate Farm Service Agency assistance with row crops. However, LAP is one of the many livestock oriented programs available to producers through FSA," said Odom. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to recent natural disasters," he said.

According to Scott Odom, 2001 LAP payments are available to qualifying counties. In Texas, 240 counties have been approved for LAP, including Callahan County. Eligible counties must have sustained a 40 percent or greater loss of available grazing for at least three consecutive months. Losses may have resulted from drought, excessive heat, disease, insect infestation and other adverse impacts attributed to a natural disaster event.

"LAP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who have owned or leased qualifying livestock for at least three months prior to the payment period," said Odom. "Producers interested in LAP should be prepared to provide information including the number and kind of livestock, acres, location and type of grass forage used to support livestock, and an estimated percent of grazing loss."

Eligible livestock under LAP provisions are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$430 million in LAP assistance by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub L. 105-277.

For more information regarding Livestock Assistance Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Callahan County office at 915-854-1049, ext. 2 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Wildflower Hotline Available Through TxDOT

ABILENE, Texas — Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) gives callers information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

To make it easier to find where the wildflowers are in bloom, callers may request information by seven different regions of the state. Those regions include Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices as well as from chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"The stage is set for an excellent crop of bluebonnets," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT landscape architect. "The dry summer and un-

seasonably cool and wet winter have made excellent conditions for a colorful spring show of wildflowers."

Pete Krause, Abilene district landscape architect, concurs with Neimann. "With the moisture we've had, once we have a few warm days, we should have a good blooming season - the best we've had in several years," Krause said.

April is considered to be the prime blooming month for wildflowers, according to Neimann.

The department's wildflower program is part of a comprehensive vegetation management program, which encourages the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

Each year, TxDOT sows more than 47,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways and each pound contains at least 30 varieties of wildflowers.

The hotline will be active though early May.

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## Judge Corn declares March 18-24 as National Agriculture Week

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS**  
**MARCH 18-24, 2001**

WHEREAS, the week of March 18-24, 2001, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture commissioner Susan Combs, and

WHEREAS, Throughout our history people have confirmed the vast resources of our land, and

WHEREAS, Sam Houston reported to the President of the United States, "I have traveled near 500 miles across Texas, and am now enabled to judge pretty near correctly of the soil, and the resources of the country, and I have no hesitancy in pronouncing it the finest country to its extent upon the globe," and

WHEREAS, T.R. Fehrenbach wrote, "Our ancestors came to Texas in search of land. And land became the basis of the Texas dream," and

WHEREAS, Davy Crockett said, "I must say as to what I have seen in Texas, it is the garden spot of the world, the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here," and

WHEREAS, The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry - Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Texas' farmers and ranchers have made agriculture the second-largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's

economy, and

WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain, sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat, and

WHEREAS, The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agriculture production—including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

WHEREAS, Texas farmers and ranchers exemplify a rich tradition of producing food and fiber to meet growing global demands. Now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Judge of Callahan County declares this National Agriculture Week in Callahan County, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the county judge urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this country, this state, this nation and the world.

THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I, the undersigned do hereby affix my signature this 12th day of March, 2001.

(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge

## Open House Set at Callahan Courthouse and Jail April 20

Callahan County will kick off "Celebrating County Government Week" by planning an Open House at the County Courthouse and also at the County Jail in Baird.

The Open House will be held Friday, April 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Callahan County Open House is in conjunction with National County Government Week slated for April 22-28, 2001.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said more information will be provided as the date draws closer.

## 103 year old County Jail passes inspection

The Commission on Jail Standards inspected the Callahan County Jail on February 27, 2001, and has found the Callahan County Jail to be in compliance, once again, with the Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

This accomplishment demonstrates superior day to day management and interest by the Sheriff and his staff, said Judge Corn.

The citizens of Callahan County should be as proud of this accomplishment as is Judge Corn and the Commissioners Court.

The following letter of commendation was presented to Sheriff Curtis and his staff: February 27, 2001

Sheriff Eddie Curtis  
Callahan County  
432 Market Street  
Baird, Tx. 79504  
Re: Jail Inspection

Dear Eddie:

Congratulations on another year

well done. Once again you and your staff are to be commended for all your hard work and dedication. On February 27, 2001, the Commission of Jail Standards performed a jail inspection on our 100-year-old jail. There were no deficiencies noted upon the review by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

On behalf of the Commissioners, I would like to say, Congratulations. We could not have passed another inspection without the hard work and dedication each one of you illustrates.

Sincerely  
(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge  
(s) Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Precinct #1  
(2) Bryan Farmer  
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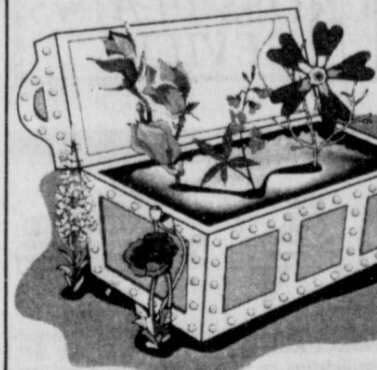
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### Texas Treasures

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STATE PARKS	WILDFLOWERS
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Tyler (Tyler)	azalea, magnolia, fleabane, spider lily
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley (near Mission)	sand verbena, sleepy daisy, wild phlox, huysache daisy
Big Bend Ranch (near Lajitas/Presidio)	bluebonnet
Franklin Mountains (El Paso)	California poppy

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## Down Home—

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The big question I had was about "H.D." The granddaughter laughed when I mentioned it. She said it's a "place," a ranch, a piece of property the family called Hurricane Deck. She didn't know why, but she said they named it that a long time ago. I know we will discuss it again.

Well, Mr. Clark's granddaughter's name is Margaret McNeel. She still lives in the area of Cross Plains. I told her I wanted to put the diary in the hands of Mr. Clark's descendants. I told her I was going to give it to the Cross Plains Museum if I had been unable to find Mr. Clark's descendants.

She wanted to pay me to send it to her, but I told her it was much too precious to put in the mail and that my sisters, who are just as excited as I am about Mr. Clark's diary, will accompany me to deliver the diary to her. My sisters are touched by this diary and you can only imagine how dear Mr. Clark has become to us!

So, now we plan to visit Mrs. McNeel next week. We will also go by Abilene to see my niece in college. Mr. Clark is buried in Cross Cut, so we'll visit his gravesite, too. Maybe we'll even go to H.D. and return to sender the diary of an old man.

Elaine Stephens

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## Commissioners Vote For Wireless Security System

Callahan County Commissioners voted to purchase a wireless security system through Secure Tech Systems, Inc. to be installed around 16 offices throughout the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Commissioners took the action Monday, March 12 during a regular bimonthly meeting at the County Courthouse.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioners Harold Hicks, Commissioners voted 5-0 to purchase the wireless security system at a total cost of \$10,025.00.

County Judge Roger Corn said the 16 button-type security devices would be installed in various locations around the County Courthouse. The devices would activate an alarm in the Sheriff's Department located in a separate building.

The County Judge said the new security would give more sense of security to everyone who works in the Courthouse, especially the ladies who work in the Courthouse.

Judge Corn said Secure Tech Systems has some 50-60 wireless security systems installed in courthouses around the state. The County Judge said through references, he's received good reports on the company.

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon said money set aside through a Courthouse Security fund will be used to purchase the wireless system. Bohannon said \$1.00 from each instrument filed through her office goes into a Courthouse Security fund. She said along with the \$1.00 Courthouse Security fee, every instrument has a \$5.00 Records Management fee and \$3.00 Recording fee placed on it.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—The Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Corn.

—The minutes of the February 12, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

—There were no public comments presented to Commissioners.

—Mike Hanner, representing the Baird Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief report to the Commissioners' Court in regards to the beautification of the Baird Depot. The Chamber is filing for a grant with TxDOT to restore the Depot and the 100 block of Market Street in Baird. This would be a two to three year project. The Depot will be called the Texas & Pacific Railroad Center Complex. The grant would cover 80 percent of the cost and the City of Baird would cover the remaining 20 percent of the project cost. Commissioner Farmer made a motion for the County to issue a letter of support. Commissioner Tommy Holland seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—Attorney Stanley Smith met with the Commissioners' Court. Smith was representing John Young in regards to maintaining and drainage issues on County Road 270. The Commissioners' Court believes County Road 270 is a public road and not a county road, and therefore the County is not obligated to maintain the road. No action was taken. Attending the Commissioners' Court meeting included John Young, Doris Young and Bill Young.

—Commissioner Charlie Grider made a motion to reappoint Dr. Raul M. Calvo, Jr. M.D. as the local health authority for Callahan County. The term of appointment begins January 28, 2001 and ends January 28, 2003 unless removed by law. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion for the Commissioners' Court to send a letter of support for HB 1275. The bill pertains to non-partisan elections for certain State and County offices. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—The Callahan County Commissioners' Court will send a letter commending Sheriff Eddie Curtis and his staff on passing the annual jail inspection which was conducted on February 27, 2001.

Judge Corn said the County Jail, constructed in 1989, is the third oldest operating jail in the State of Texas. "It tickles us to death each time it passes," Judge Corn said.

The County Judge said Sheriff Curtis and his staff continue to do a good job of keeping the County Jail maintained.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the surety bond increase for County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker from \$67,500 to \$84,000. Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve retirees having a choice of their supplemental insurance with the Texas Association of Counties, called the Silver County Choice. Judge Corn seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the 1991 Census Map with the correction of FM Road 609 to FM Road 604. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to pay all current bills. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting with a second by Commissioner Holland. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

## Garden Club Trade Day

On Saturday, March 31, 2001, the Cross Plains Garden Club will hold its 4th Annual Trade Day. The sale will be held on Main Street in Cross Plains just north of Highway 36.

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral design, horticulture, civic responsibility, landscaping, environmental concerns and garden therapy for men, women and children and encourages participation and support in educational programs for both the very young and advanced students. It is the purpose of this organization to preserve, protect and conserve the natural resources of this country and to maintain and enhance the beauty of our lands (Mission Statement, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.)

The purpose of the trade day is to promote gardening. The Garden Club began the project as an annual plant sale then expanded it to all items. We encourage the sales of plants and gardening related items. But, all vendors are welcome. The spaces are 12'X12', vendors must furnish their own tables. If you have any questions please call James at (254) 725-7540 or any garden club member. Each year the event has become more popular. Everyone enjoys this annual affair.

## U.S. Census Release Figures

Clyde gained more population since 1990 than any other town in the immediate Abilene area, according to U.S. Census figures released last week.

Clyde's 2000 census total was 3,345, which was a gain of 343 over the 1990 census total.

The next closest numerical gain in the Abilene area was Merkel, which gained 168 for a total of 2,637.

Next was Tuscola, with a numerical gain of 94 to 714, followed by Tye with a gain of 70 to 1,158.

Hawley was the only other town in the immediate area to show a gain. Its total was 646, a gain of 40.

Albany lost 41 for a total of 1,921. Anson lost 88 for a 2,556 total. Buffalo Gap lost 36 for a 463 total.

In Callahan County, Baird lost 35 for a 1,623 total and Putnam's total of 88 was a loss of 15. Other than Clyde, the only county town to show a gain was Cross Plains, which gained five to 1,068. Nearby Rising Star in Eastland County had a loss of 24 to 835.

## Public notice bills threaten tradition

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are S.B. 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and S.B. 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, and

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**DOLPH TILLOTSON**  
Guest Columnist

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced — and wealthiest — citizens.

It is an idea whose time has not come.

*Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of The Galveston County Daily News. He writes frequently on public information issues on behalf of the newspapers of Texas.*

adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have — at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas's statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural than in urban areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services."

Simply put, allowing Internet-only posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve in this area.

## Callahan County rest areas closed for repairs

ABILENE—Rest areas on the north and south side of Interstate 20 four miles west of Clyde in Callahan County will be under construction in March and April, according to a Texas Department of Transportation press release issued Thursday, March 8.

Rehabilitation of the pavement on the south rest area began on March 9 and is expected to be completed April 6. Contractors will begin rehabilitation of the north side rest area on March 16. Work there is scheduled to be completed on April 30.

During the construction phase, no facilities will be available to the public during the time they are closed.

This \$616,000 project includes concrete paving and stripping of the drive areas in both rest areas. Contractor is J. L. Steel of Roanoke, Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation eventually plans on closing the rest area between Clyde and Abilene, which includes restroom and picnic table facilities on both sides of the interstate. The state is repairing the rest area now since it will probably be used as a picnic area after its closing.

The rest area, which was constructed in 1980, will reopen when work is finished at the end of April. Its final closing date has not been set yet, and could take as long as five or six years, according to Scott Mitchell, an Abilene district TxDOT program administrator.

Officials announced the rest area's

closing in 1999 following a study examining the state's 100 rest areas. The study recommended rest areas along interstate highways should have adequate and separate parking space for cars and larger vehicles. The stops should also be located no closer than 30 miles from a major city, the report said.

TxDOT is making these changes to avoid problems such as vandalism and the areas becoming a gathering place for drug users, Mitchell said, adding TxDOT plans on closing a rest area near Weatherford and building a new one near Ranger.

Also, two rest stops in Nolan County, 13 miles west of Sweetwater, one in Howard County, near Coahoma and one in Mitchell County just west of Westbrook will get face-lifts.

The changes are part of a five-year highway department project with an estimated \$52 million cost to attract drivers to rest areas and keep them off the road when they're tired.

Possible improvements include hiking and biking trails, parking with separate acres for 18-wheelers and passenger vehicles and tornado shelters. Each of the chosen rest areas in the Big Country will probably be expanded to 35 to 40 acres in size, Mitchell said.

Officials say TxDOT must first acquire additional land around the stops before the agency will have an idea when the renovations will be complete.

Some questions are difficult:

"Mommy, where do babies come from?"

But sometimes there is an easy answer:

"Honey, everyone knows that babies come from Coleman County Medical Center."



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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## Bunny lessons...

Peanut stood pensive in front of me and said, "I miss the bunny. I liked taking him apple treats."

"I miss him, too," I said, "but I didn't know you liked taking treats to him. You always complained."

"I'm a kid! I'm supposed to complain. But I liked it."

Peanut said she called him Stupid Bunny once, and now that thought makes her feel sad. She explained, "He wouldn't eat. I liked to watch him chomp his food. Then I figured a way to make him eat in front of me. I'd hide and stand very still. When he thought I went away, he'd eat. He would be eating in front of me, he just didn't know it."

I miss Bunny, too. I miss sharing with him, and learning from him. He didn't utter a sound in all the time I knew him, yet was eloquent in his demands. He didn't need a blessed thing from me, except that I had caged him and he was dependent upon me for food and drink.

Bunny trained me to bring him hot water in winter, and more water in summer. Without pointing or naming them, he showed me his favorite weeds, and taught me how to discriminate between ones that looked almost the same.

I deplore waste, and Bunny was a link in my recycling plan. He got a share of the kitchen leftovers. What he wouldn't eat, the goats would, and if they wouldn't eat it, the dogs would. The compost heap and the

garden got some, and what no one would eat, the septic system accepted with thanks and an unmanly belch.

Bunny ate fresh vegetable scraps so I didn't have to throw them away, and left droppings that could go directly to the compost heap and on the garden.

I found myself cutting larger and larger portions off the ends of carrots and apples because he loved them so much. I bought extra lettuce just for him and discovered that cabbage tastes much better if I've taken a piece to Bunny first.

Now Bunny is gone. His absence leaves a whole larger than I imagined. Without Bunny, I notice I've become more stringent in cutting off carrot ends.

As I pass by his hutch on the way to the goat pen, I think about the minutes I used to spend on his care and feeding, and how I grew to understand why rabbit keepers consider the gentle creature majestic, not cute.

"Can we get another bunny?" Peanut begged.

We didn't really pay him much attention. He wasn't a part of the family like our dogs. We more or less left him to himself in the shady privacy of his own home.

But I think we need another bunny. So Peanut can coax him to eat in front of her. And to keep me mindful of a generous spirit.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McNutt Celebrate 50 Years Together

Edgar and Rosa McNutt will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-

Purpose Center. Family and friends are cordially invited to join in the reception.

## Forage Field Day April 5 at Cross Plains

A special 3 CEU Forage Field Day is set for April 5th at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. Quality and quantity of forage can vary greatly and are constantly changing throughout the year. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on existing bermudagrass pastures as well as selection of diverse forage opportunities.

Speakers for the Field Day will include: Dr. Twain Butler, TAEX Agronomist-Stephenville; Dr. Jason Johnson, TAEX Economist-San Angelo; Keith Lawrence of Lawrence Farm and Ranch; and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension

Agronomist from San Angelo. Dr. Butler will discuss Bermudagrass Management. Dr. Johnson will discuss the Economics of Forage Products; Keith Lawrence will give insight to the Custom Applicators Perspective; and Dr. Warrick will conclude our program by discussing Forage Opportunities and Hay Production. The program is set to conclude after lunch with a tour of various forage trails taking place in the Cross Plains area.

The Field Day and accompanying meal are Free to those that preregister by April 3rd. Registration at the door will be \$5.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact The Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Sincerely,  
Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

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Linda (Larkin) Canales  
Debbie Box

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Billy Hagar  
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Charlene Canales

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## Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	Nov. 2000	Dec. 2000
Total Oil Production	22,447	18,915
Total Gas Production	96,674	95,005

## County oil and gas totals lower in Dec.

Oil and gas production figures for December 2000 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production totals were both lower than November 2000.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of December 2000 was 95,005 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of December was 18,915 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during November 2000 was 22,447 barrels of oil. Total gas production in November was 96,674 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months for Callahan County include: December 1999 with 22,404 barrels, January 2000 with 22,083 barrels, February with 22,175 barrels, March with 22,292 barrels, April with 20,013 barrels, May with 21,121 barrels, June with 23,990 barrels, and July with 20,385 barrels. August with 24,351 barrels of oil, September with 22,227 barrels and October with 21,232 barrels of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for December 2000 include: Brown, 123,401 MCF of gas and 8,854 barrels of oil; Coleman, 152,504 MCF of gas and 28,460 barrels of oil; Eastland, 407,383 MCF of gas and 23,269 barrels of oil; Jones, 39,438 MCF of gas and 60,126 barrels of oil; Runnels, 96,503 MCF of gas and 52,854 barrels of oil; Shackelford, 323,837 MCF of gas and 76,812 barrels of oil; Stephens, 905,109 MCF of natural gas and 251,228 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 31,159 MCF of gas and 49,895 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing county in December was Gaines with 2,620,815 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in December was Zapata with 27,486,240 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in December came from 147,274 oil and 53,425 gas wells.

## Environmental Crime Prevention Week Designated

The state's environmental agency dedicates a week to education Texas about the harm caused by dumping and other illegal pollution. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has designated April 9 through 13 as Environmental Crime Prevention Week.

The most common environmental crimes involve the illegal dumping of various pollutants like septic waste, household garbage used motor oil, auto batteries and barrels of hazardous waste.

Activities planned for the week include educational forums with community groups and law enforcement, a traveling exhibit on preventing environmental crime, police officer training, and a ceremony recognizing environmental crime fighters.

"Environmental crime not only impacts our air and water quality, it impacts our pocketbook," said Barbara Foreman, Manager of Special Investigations for the TNRCC. "As taxpayers we all pay to clean it up."

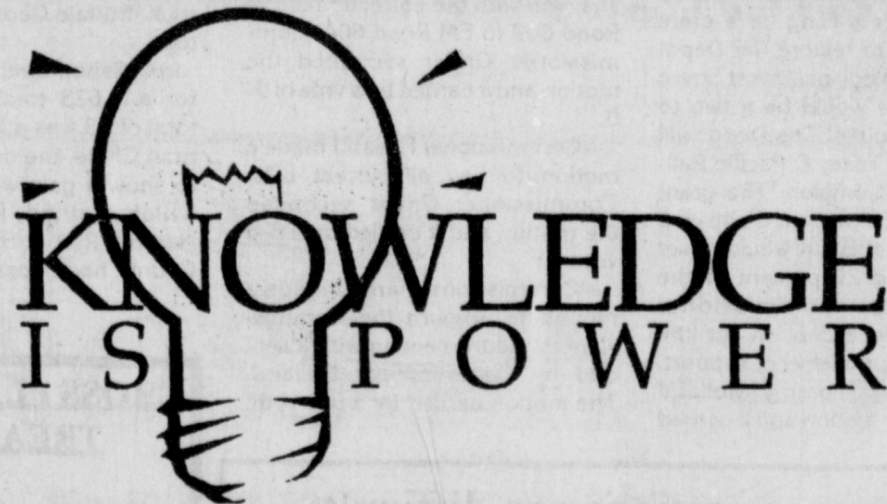
Texas is a national leader in the investigating and prosecuting of environmental crime. This distinction is a direct result of the formation of the Texas Environmental Crime Task Force. The task force's sole responsibility is to combat environmental crime, both directly and by informing and training Texas peace officers.

Created in 1991, the task force exists to increase federal and state cooperation in prosecuting criminal violations of state and federal environmental laws. The task force is comprised of designated staff from various local, state, and federal agencies that become involved in prosecuting environmental crime cases. The participating agencies collaborate in conducting searches, taking and analyzing samples, and performing other functions necessary to support criminal investigations and prosecutions.

The task force has helped secure convictions of 92 individuals and 19 corporations for 171 felonies and 73 misdemeanors. People convicted of environmental crimes have been sentenced to a total of 109 years in correctional facilities and assessed more than \$30 million in criminal and civil penalties.

"We are sending a message that environmental crimes are serious and that the laws which protect our environment are being vigorously enforced," said Foreman.

For more information about Environmental Crime Prevention Week, call the TNRCC at (512) 239-3405. Information for peace officers is available on the Internet at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/legal/si/crime.html](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/legal/si/crime.html).



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## Down Home



A GREAT REUNION— Elaine Stephens (from left), Margaret Clark McNeel and daughter, Susan McNeel are pictured on the day they all met and Elaine personally delivered Margaret's grandfather, T.J. Clark's diary. Elaine's sister, Betti Gregoire, traveled to Cross Plains with her but is not pictured.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following story just proves how "small" our world is really becoming. I love true stories and this one is so heartwarming. Thanks Margaret for sharing this one with the public so everyone can enjoy it. Vanda Anderson-Creech

Hello from Elaine Stephens. This is a true story. This just happened to me. I hope you enjoy this trip into the life of a man we never knew, until now:

Did I tell you about the diary I found? I visited an antique shop in Floresville and found an old, dry diary. It was thin and brown and fragile. It was on \$3 so I bought it just to see what it had to say.

Well, the diary was written by a man in 1912-1914. He made an entry every day. He mainly wrote one line a day about the harvest, hay, cane, crops, livestock, weather or his visit to "H.D." For pages and pages he makes similar notes.

On the left side of the diary he makes notes of deaths and special events, such as, "Old man Triplett's house burned down" or, "Katie Cross baby boy born." On December 6, 1913, he writes, "Today is my birthday, 65 years. T.J. Clark." He finally gave me a name and age!

He continues to write about the cane and hogs and his trips to "H.D." I find money order receipts stamped "Cross Cut, Texas." I read his references to "Cross Plains" so I get out the Texas maps. Sure enough, I find where south of Abilene is a tiny town, Cross Plains, and just south of there is Cross Cut, but no town with the initials H.D.

Mr. Clark writes more. He goes to Sunday School and church every Sunday. Some days he "dun nothing." He digs turnips, works cotton, cuts cane, fixes the chicken coop, works on buggies and burns brush. Occasionally he "helps wash" so perhaps there is a Mrs. Clark but she is never mentioned.

His age is confirmed as his friends and family pass away around him. "Mrs. Bell died." "Mrs. Nelson died." "John Lee died." Grand Ma Luis died." Those events all occurred in January 1914. It must have been a rough month.

It's a sign of his times that some neighbors are seeking better lives. "Jud went west" and "R.W. Pentecost moved west," but his family must have stayed near. He often says, "Jeff and family came." Later on he refers to a Jeff Clark, so Jeff might be his son. But no matter who visits, Mr. Clark continues to "go to H.D." regularly. Where and what is H.D.?

A "Kate" came to visit a few times. Perhaps she is the one who had a baby

boy.

Babies must have had a hard time. There are many references to baby deaths. One particularly sad note is on February 2, 1913; "Mart Gaines baby died." The next day, "Mart Gaines other baby died. Both buried in same coffin."

Mr. Clark was a bit of an artist, too. He draws birds, turtles and silhouettes of men in period clothing; small lapels, slicked hair and large coat buttons. One man smokes a long curved pipe. He often draws a hand, to something unknown. Once he complains, "Can't draw a hand" so he must have been working on it. The hand looks like the one on the "return to sender" stamp used by the Post Office.

Well, I decided this diary had to be delivered to Mrs. Clark's descendants. I posted a message on Ancestry.com but there were so many Clarks from all over the world that it was just a shot in the dark.

So, yesterday I decided to check listings in Cross Plains, Texas. Sure enough, there was a listing for a Jeff Clark. I called. A sweet little old lady, answered and quickly raised and lowered my hopes. Yes, Jeff was her husband, but he had passed away years ago and his family was from Louisiana.

But she knew of a lady in Cross Plains whose maiden name was Clark. And she thought her father's name was Jeff. She was getting as excited as I was. We decided she would call the former Miss Clark since she knew her and she worked nearby. I had to leave the house for most of the day, but I was eager to check my messages when I got home.

At home later that I day I did have a call from the former Miss Clark. She left the message that T.J. Clark was her grandfather! It sounded like I had found one of Mr. Clark's descendants!

I called her immediately. She answered on the first ring. We talked and she mentioned many of the names in the diary. I felt assured she must be of the same family. We both cried as I told her of the entries in the diary. She was related to many of the people whose births and deaths had been recorded in Mr. Clark's diary.

She knew her grandfather was a doodling artist and knew he liked to draw "little men." But the doodles she had seen were of men with beards. Mr. Clark drew clean shaven men in this diary. Perhaps the little men, and Mr. Clark, grew beards as time passed after the days in this diary.

We discussed many entries. She told me Mr. Clark had died before she was born, in about 1923. It seems he fell

## Local Library Recipient of Yet Another Grant

Good things continue to happen at the Cross Plains Public Library. The Tocker Foundation gives stipends to make its annual conference more accessible to libraries in remote areas.

In February Cherry Shults, Cross Plains librarian, applied for one of the stipends and has been awarded the grant for this year's TLA conference.

The letter telling Cherry of the grant was written on March 7. On that same day a member of the Texas Library Association (TLA) was sending a let-

ter on behalf of the Texas Book Festival awarding the Cross Plains Library an award to be spent for children's books. Winners will be recognized at the Second General Session of the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Friday, March 30, 2001.

Add to those awards the good things happening on the corner lot and it looks as if March has been a good month for the library. Come by. The library is open all day, five days a week.

## 2001 Project Graduation Meeting Thursday

The Committee for Project Graduation will meet Thursday, March 22, at 5 p.m. at the Dairy Queen.

Junior and Senior parents are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in helping with this worthy cause is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact Connie Kirkham, Jean McWilliams or Lurene McNutt.

This has been a successful program in the community for many years. With everyone's usual cooperation it will be once again!!!

## Callahan Co. Water Supply Corp. annual meeting March 26

The Callahan County Water Supply Corporation's annual meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 P.M. in the office building located at 218 N Access Road of I-20, Clyde, Tx. A meal will be sponsored by the corporation for members and one guest starting at 6:15 P.M.

Elections of three board members for three year terms each, will be held. Reports including Auditor's report on system finances, and the President/Manager's report will be given. Door prizes and special award presentations will close out the meeting.

Please RSVP for the meal by 12 Noon on Friday, March 23, by calling the office number (915) 893-3841 or come by the office.

**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL MEETING**

Parents interested in Pee Wee, Little League, Pony League, or Sr. High League are invited to come to the Dairy Queen on Monday March 26, 7:00 P.M.

For More Information Call Tony Wyatt (254) 725-7762

## "Meet the Author" Set for April 10th Don't Miss It

On Tuesday evening, April 10, the Library Board of Cross Plains invites one and all to the Community Center for a special treat, which could be labeled "Hometown Boy Makes Good." Paul Smith and his wife, Dorothy, will whisk the "Meet the Author" group off to Mexico, introduce you to the Chinantec Indians; and fill you in on how they wrote a hitherto unwritten language to take the New Testament to those Indians.

The Smiths were warned that they would not be welcomed in the village of the Chinantecs, but they went there anyway, stayed in the area for eighteen years, had five of their six children there, and lived to tell about their

experiences. Although the text centers around the Smiths, each person has a story of his own, so that the biographical material becomes a composite of mini-stories of fascinating characters.

Paul and Dorothy, country kids from Texas and Arkansas, both served their country during World War II and then met at a conference of the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Three months later they married, went to Mexico, and the rest makes an exciting story. Plan to come hear it.

Paul, the son of Marvin and Nettie Smith, was born in Cross Plains and attended Cross Plains schools. He is the brother of Neal and Robert Smith.



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY— Cross Plains Barber and Stylist will open Saturday. Melissa Sanchez and Harrel Burch, hair care professionals, are here to serve you.

## Cross Plains Barber & Stylist Grand Opening Saturday, March 24th

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH  
Editor

A father-daughter business will be hosting a grand opening on Saturday, March 24, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Cross Plains Barber and Stylist is located at 633 N. Main Street, the former home of the late Zelta Long.

Harrel Burch and his daughter, Melissa Sanchez will be offering hair care for men, women and children. Harrell has been a barber since 1965 being employed at Executive Hair Designs in Plano and Sherwood Barbers in Odessa. He specializes in shaving around the ears, and neckline, certified layer cuts, flat tops and old-fashioned haircuts. Mr. Burch also has an oil field drill bit repair business that he operates from his home in the Cottonwood Community.

Missella has been a beautician since 1992. She was employed at TG & Company in Abilene. Her specialty is men's cuts, all styles, including flat tops, military and fades. She also provides acrylic nails, hair colors and ladies hair styles. She noted that she loves a "challenge." So if you are game for a big hair change, she will be glad to assist.

Missella's hours will be Monday

through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. This offers a wide opportunity to have your hair styled, etc. The acrylic nails will only be available on Fridays. She also offers pedicure and manicures by appointment only.

Harrell's hours will be Friday and Saturday only from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Remember walk-ins are welcome or call (254) 725-4079 for an appointment.

Cross Plains Barber and Stylist wants to remind you that \$2.00 off haircuts will be available thru April 28th and the cost of haircuts is an incredible \$6 and up.

A gift shop is another feature of the new business. All types of collectibles including roosters, bears, etc. and unique items will be displayed.

The new business will also have Video Poker. You must be 18 years of age or older to play. Winners will receive coupons for hair care, gift shop certificates, and certificates to Wal-Mart.

Free gifts and free haircuts will be drawn for on the hour during the Grand Opening celebration. Everyone is invited to come by and get acquainted. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and cold drinks in the afternoon.

## Local Business Closing Soon

The Old Windmill Trading Post owned and operated by Ray and Ava Dodd will be holding a closing sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The couple have chosen to close due to health problems and work schedules.

They stated their appreciation to all their customers for past patronage.

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## Local Candidates Who Have Filed As Of March 20, 2001

### CITY

Gene Dillard  
Marvin Mesley

Edwin Weiss  
James Nichols

Joe Ingram

### SCHOOL BOARD

Tricia Hopkins  
Terry Nixon  
Vicki Dillard



## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Jeremy R. Barbian, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Kenneth R. Frazier, DWI.  
Miguel Molina, DWI.  
Alcenuia D. Bullard, false report to police officer.  
Daniel C. Bailey, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Victor Delacruz, order releasing cash bond granted.  
Kyle Aaron Quick, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.  
Jerry Allan Schmidt, order for discharge of fine and costs granted.  
Ramon Vasquez, order to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Victor DeLaCruz, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, one year probation, \$600 fine, \$242.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.  
Jeremy Duffel, order extending probation granted.  
Byran Roe, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Walter Marlin Wells, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

### Marriage Licenses

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

### Civil Filings

Providian National Bank vs. Sherry R. Ross, default on note.  
Shelly Herpeche and Dee Don Herpeche, divorce.  
Jeaneen Clinton and Mark Clinton, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

### Criminal Info. & Complaints

### Criminal Indictments

Duane S. Carpenter, Possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.  
Gerald B. Dickens, fail to stop and render assistance.  
Norman L. Odell, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.  
Rowland T. Pugh, possession of controlled substance.  
Corky G. Wristen, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.  
Nolan L. Wade, sexual assault.  
Larry D. Floyd, DWI.

## OBITUARIES



### Billie Cortez Clark

Mrs. Billie Cortez Clark, 75, a long-time resident of Cottonwood, Texas and member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001, in the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2001, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains, with Joe Coppinger, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Knox Waggoner, former pastor of the church. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Abilene, Texas.

"Billie Clark loved her family, loved her grandchildren dearly, loved her church, and loved her pastor. We all loved her back and will miss her very much," said Rev. Coppinger.

She was born March 3, 1926, in Nolan County to W.E. and Pearl Lee Williams. She married W.D. Clark on March 29, 1947. She was a beautician, an LVN and worked for Western Union for a number of years. At the time of her death she was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and housewife.

Survivors include her husband, W.D. Clark of Cottonwood; a son, William Keith Clark and wife, Linda, of Eula; a daughter, Schrenia Kay Carr and husband, Dennis of Proctor; and two brothers, Herbert Williams and Joe Williams, both of Roscoe; four grandchildren, William Colby Platt and wife, Tiffany, Cory Dustin Spurlock, William Christopher Clark and Courtney Elizabeth Clark; a great-grandson, William Dalton Platt; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Donny Lee Clark, and a grandson, Aaron Chase Clark.

Pallbearers were Stanley Pieper, Jerry Riggs, Larry Williams, David Meredith, Randy Williams and Ronnie Williams. Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Meredith, Wesley Williams and Eddie Joe Williams. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society or West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

### Ethel Elizabeth White

Ethel Elizabeth Kelsey White, 102, of Rising Star, died Saturday, March 17, 2001, at an Eastland hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Higginbotham Chapel in Rising Star with Terry Simmons officiating. Burial was in Amity Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Ethel was born July 10, 1898 in Cooper, Texas. She married Isaac Anderson White in 1912, who preceded her in death in December 1969. She was a homemaker and member of the Amity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Cole White of Rising Star; 19 grandchildren (including Cliffadean White Hargrove of Cross Plains); 39 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Russell White, Dobal White and Hayden White; two daughters, Grace Mitchell and Odell Fenwick.

Pallbearers were grandsons and grandsons-in-law, Boyd White, Kenny White, Ray White, Roger White, Jim Hargrove and Jim Hook

### Julia Irene Hedrick

Julia Irene Compton Hedrick, 98, of Cross Plains died Monday, March 19, 2001, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Cross Plains.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 22, 2001, at 3 p.m. at Nimrod Cemetery in Eastland County with Dwaine Clower officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains will be directing the services.

Julia was born July 11, 1903, in Nimrod, Texas to W.M. Compton and Annie Lee Strain Compton. She married Samuel Wallace Hedrick, on October 26, 1919. The couple owned a ranch in Putnam, Texas that they operated until 1967.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Samuel Wallace Hedrick; one daughter, Doris Wayne; one son, Samuel W. Hedrick, Jr.; two sisters, Inez Holt and Wennie May Spencer; and one brother, Dewey Compton.

Survivors include one son, Billy F. "Tiny" Hedrick and wife, Bonnie of Gulfport, Mississippi; one sister, Willie G. McBeth of Franklin; 5 grandchildren, Eddie Hedrick of Abilene, Kim Jackson of Winters, Kelley Howard of Odessa, Judy Greenlund and Sandra Dreher, both of Gulfport, Mississippi; 7 great-grandchildren, Samson and Rusty Jackson of Winters, Chad Howard of Odessa, Britany Howard of Coleman, Darren Greenlund, David Dreher and Cynthia Dreher all of Gulfport, Mississippi.

### Jo Davee

Mrs. Jo Davee, 94, of Rising Star, Texas, died Saturday, March 17, 2001, in the Rising Star Nursing Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2001, at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial will be in the Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, Texas with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Jo was born February 9, 1907, in Brown County, Texas to Samuel Dickson DeBusk and Frances Virginia Broocke. She married William B. "Bill" Davee on January 1930, in Coleman County, Texas.

She taught school in the Thrifty Community for one year, then moved to Brownwood and served as secretary to Dr. Daughtry at the Central Texas Hospital in 1930 for several years. After leaving Brownwood, she moved to Houston and lived there until 1967 when she moved to Burkett, Texas. She remained in the Burkett Community until she entered the Rising Star Nursing Center in May 1993. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Burkett.

Survivors include her sister, Lois Garrett of Cross Plain; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill Davee, in 1987; two sisters, Cora Bell Koenig and Clara Angela; and two brothers, Raymond DeBusk and Jack DeBusk.

Pallbearers were Dick Koenig, Pat DeBusk, Scott Odom, Sam Koenig Marc Morgan and Les Bailey.



### David Earl Keathley

David Earl Keathley, 52, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Jimmie Mize officiating.

Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Keathley was born October 1, 1948, in Corsicana. He married Dinah Bragg on April 10, 1987, in Peoria. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dinah Keathley of Cross Plains; his mother, Otsie Keathley of Corsicana; two daughters, Karen Stanford of Irving and Kathy Dishongh of Plano; a stepson, Brandon McGuire of Mesquite; a stepdaughter, Amanda McGuire of Abilene; and two grandchildren, Jessica Stanford and Kylie McGuire.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Webb Keathley; a son, Brian David Keathley; and a brother, Everett Keathley.

Pallbearers were James Bragg, Jackie Hendon, Kyle Leuty, Richard Thrailkill, Robert Walker and Terry Wood. Honorary pallbearers were Shea, Michael Curtis, Rusty East, Curtis Evans, Rodney Rudloff and Jimmy Stanford.

Memorials may be made to the heart transplant fund via Ben Mitchell Fund, C/O Baylor Medical Center, 3500 Gaston, Transplant Services, Roberts 4th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75246.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 11, 2001 through March 17, 2001 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings-82

Complaints-120

Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested on

Outstanding Warrants

There were 15 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$4,566.00 collected.

## Colonial Oaks Services

Believers Fellowship will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, March 25, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Service.....6 :00 P.M.  
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
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"God's Book of Remembrance"

Jimmie Mize - Interim Pastor  
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## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Doris Adams was surprised by a visit from her granddaughter, Doris Kelley from Iowa. She enjoyed going out for a car ride and spending time with her.

Mary Wheeler and Delilah Goble sure look pretty after getting their hair styled.

Employees with a birthday this month are: Lynda Ford, Margaret Clark, Brian Kelly, Misty Yates, Marilyn Golson and Betty Baxter.

Aspen and Kim Woerner visited with Blackie Reynolds.

Joan Schwegel visited with Doris Adams.

Belinda and David Peters, Martha Switzer, Daisy Holcomb, David, Chad and Lonnie Switzer visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Latricia and Linda Chandler visited with Minnie Swann.

Garnett McKoy visited with Raymond McCowen.

H.D. Weaver visited with Mary Weaver.

Bobby and Lori Haddox from

Welty, Oklahoma visited with Irma Deen Haddox.

Sally Whiteley visited with Jessie Casey and Pauline Regian.

Dee Harrell visited with Ruby Harrell.

Leslie, Charlou and Hannah Cowan and Lurene McNutt visited with Louise Richardson.

**ACTIVITIES:**  
MONDAY: Bingo winners were Falba Shofner (2), Vera Belyeu (2), Jessie Casey and Ruby Harrell.

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

WEDNESDAY: Art class. Movie time.

THURSDAY: Manicures. Ball toss.

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

SUNDAY: Believer's Fellowship

**What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.**

## PIONEER NEWS

Hello, to all your readers, especially Nathan. We had a "great" day of quilting on Tuesday. We do not count Christy a visitors any more as she has joined the club. Jean A's "churn dash" quilt will be completed next week. Lou's hostess quilt will go in its place. Laverne has her "Arkansas Trouble" quilt in the frame for us to start on Tuesday. We are still working on Frankie's "Wildcat" quilt. It is really going to be a real keepsake quilt.

Jean Fore had several of her family visiting. They were Paul and Juanita Harlow and Jeff Harlow of Lubbock, Vi Harlow of Lovington, NM, Janet Harlow and her friend Juli of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Lettie Turney, Johnny and Jenette Clayborn of Harrison, Arkansas, Cary Clayborn of Dallas, Grason and Myrtle Harlow of Arlington, Buddy and Linda McDaniel of San Antonio, Dan Hunter of Alamogorda, New Mexico.

Charlene Chessir had Jim and Dusty here last weekend. On Saturday, Brad Bowden had lunch with them. Dusty decided to stay for spring break. He is doing a lot of chores for his grandmother. He is also spending time at Lake Leon with his Aunt Christy and cousin Jake Dallas.

Over the weekend, Olena and two of her daughters, Linda and Janet, went to visit her sister Georga Walker and family. Georga's condition is no

better. She is very weak. Another sister, La Fond Ghornley, and her two daughters, Elaine and Shyrel, came for a while Sunday. Georga's daughter, Carol Ann is home this week on spring break so she can help her dad care for her mother. They all enjoyed seeing each other. It is so pretty and green down around Lufkin!

Glenda Phillips' brother, Gainer Boyd, is in critical condition at Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas. He has had three surgeries. He does not respond at all to anyone. Glenda went to the Cross Plains Track Meet Saturday to see Kali. She did the long jump and the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. Glenda went to Abilene Monday with Laverne Hutton to see Jerry Shedd, who is in the Hendrick Medical Center.

Laverne Hutton went with a group of ladies to a "Ladies Day" at Hico last Saturday. It was very uplifting and enjoyable. After the "Ladies Day" they visited some interesting shops in Hico.

Lots of track, baseball and golf are going on at the local high schools. Let's go out to see these young ladies and men perform. It is great entertainment.

**RURAL PEARL: When things go wrong, don't go with them. Delaine Gately**

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Family and friends of the entire Cottonwood Community are saddened over the death of Mrs. W.D. "Billie" Clark, a former resident of Cottonwood and long-time member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. (For details, in this edition of the Cross Plains Review.)

**Cottonwood Quilting Club:**  
The Cottonwood Quilting Club has set April 28, 2001 as clean-up date for the Community Center at Cottonwood. Members of the club will join members of the Cottonwood Historical Association and all other interested workers in a spring cleaning effort to make the community presentable for the Annual Historical Association meeting, May 5, 2001.

"The Cottonwood Quilting Club had a good time last Tuesday as they met to work on a beautiful "Over and Under" quilt for Laverne Childress," said Mary E. Weaver. "Lots of Fellowship, fun and good food are a weekly occurrence. If you have a desire to quilt, or would just like to bring a dish and have a great meal with the club, you are welcome," she said.

The Quilting Club is responsible for maintenance, up-keep and scheduling use of the Community Center and hold quilting meetings every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m., except for the weeks of the Cottonwood Musical (sponsored by the club third Friday night of each month). On that week the quilting meeting is held on Tuesday mornings.

The Quilting Club is planning major repairs for the Community Center building and is accepting donations for the needed repairs, which will begin when weather permits.

Donations may be sent to the Cottonwood Community Center Building Fund at Cross Plains Citizens State Bank.

**Cottonwood Musical:**  
The March version of the Cottonwood musical, sponsored by the Quilting Club was a great success. Eleven different musical groups and individual musicians delighted the audience, who came for Abilene, Cross Plains and other locations.

**Cottonwood Historical Association:**  
The Annual Membership Meeting (Cemetery Association and Cottonwood Community reunion) will be held May 5, 2001, announced Albert Lovell, president of the association at a meeting of the association Board of Directors, held March 17, 2001.

The annual workday will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2001, in conjunction with the Quilting Club workday. All members of the community and friends of the association are invited and encouraged to participate by donating labor, tools, equipment and/or money to help.

"Every former resident of the Cottonwood Community and friends are urged to attend and participate in the Annual Membership meeting on May 5," said President Lovell. "It will be a great day to renew friendships and greet each other over stories of olden times.

A covered dish meal will be served at noon. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the association. Member families are requested to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert dish.

Other plans for the Annual Association meeting will be finalized at a Board Meeting on April 14, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Cross Plains Garden Club reminds you to attend our Trades Day on March 31, on the vacant lot owned by Citizens State Bank, directly behind the Dairy Queen (near the blinking light at the 4-way stop). It's on Saturday, so come on out!

#### "Signs of the Times"

Are you perhaps of an age that you can recall those little square signs along highways back in the 40's and early 50's? Each small square would reflect a different verse of a comic rhyme and then end with the name of the product being advertised. Such as: "Ma loved 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. It was something to do, and the little rhymes were usually quite funny, if not hilarious.

During those years, lots of different type signs clutter the roadsides. There were innumerable billboards dotting the landscape. One sign which comes to mind, appeared 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 swimsuit. In a fairly true-to-life scene, she was very closely followed by a puppy, who had attached himself to TOP of her swimsuit BOTTOMS and had them pulled down in an obvious attempt to help her get a suntan in the area previously protected and shaded by that particular item of clothing, (bathing suit bottoms). Doesn't that picture just bring back memories?

Signs advertising various products were often painted on the back sides of barns and other public buildings along well traveled roads and thoroughfares.

Remember the picture of the rooster advertising a particular brand of coffee as well as; advertising for Coke, Pepsi, Root Beer, etc., which appeared on the sides of buildings such as grocery stores, feed stores, etc.?

Some of these signs you can still view though now faded and edge-frayed. Many business owners now have these signs restored for their historic and artistic significance. My brother-in-law had them restored on a building he owned in Crosby County. Very attractive plus it brings back those memories also.

For sometimes now, especially in the larger cities another type of signs have appeared, though they've not always been welcome. These are called GRAFFITI. They are sometimes used to mark a gang's particular territory and many cities have launched crusades to try and discourage this practice and also to paint over the graffiti pictures, words and emblems, to cover these symbols up.

Not too many years back laws were passed against the presence of billboards inside city limits and to within a certain distance of city limits, also.

Seems as times change, so do the signs.....

**DON'T FORGET!** Remember and plan to attend the local TRADES DAY Saturday, March 31st, on the empty lot behind the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. This Trades Day is sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Come early, around 8 a.m. and get the early bird specials, find'em first. The Garden Club will have a booth also. There is still time to reserve a space for you for your booth, if you have items you would like to sell. Just call James Nichols to reserve your space. Spaces are \$15.00 or if you desire one with electricity the cost is \$20.00. Either way, as a vendor or as a shopper, please COME!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Hil I've been snooping in the magazine section this week. One of the excellent ones in Parenting, I looked at the latest copy and felt good about the articles this month. Here are a few examples:

**DISCIPLINE:** Loving ways to set limits (that sounds good to me!)  
**FIRST SMILES, FIST STEPS:** What Your Baby Can Do and When (This one will help you keep up and not worry.)

**REVIEWS:** Ratings on the latest on music; software and videos for kids; kids' health. (This is a good one to follow monthly.)

Come on in! You'll catch us smiling.

#### Circulation:

Books	
Cross Plains	66
Abilene	6
Audio	
Cross Plains	2
Abilene	5
Interlibrary Loan	1
TOTAL	80

#### MEMORIALS:

Billie Loving in memory of Maxine Crockett and Morris Cavanaugh

Tom and Arlene Stevenson in memory of Morris Cavanaugh

Alice Roby in memory of June Hickman

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There's a game we have all played -- if you're young you may still play it. It's "Hide & Seek" -- and the one who is seeking closes his eyes and counts to fifty or one hundred while the others are hiding. At the end of his count, before he starts seeking, he proclaims: "Here I come, ready or not!" Enough time has been given to prepare; the seeking begins. Sometimes one is not ready -- and is immediately detected, and so "one, two, three" for whoever wasn't prepared and ready! It's not the end of the world if you're the one caught not ready in the game of "Hide & Seek" -- as a matter of fact, there is a certain amount of fun in "being it" -- the one who seeks. But it's still greater fun to be ready and elude the seeker and "get home free" -- to have been ready and prepared.

The same thing is true in the game of life -- as a matter of fact it is most imperative that we be able to say, "here I am -- READY!" -- and forget or eliminate the doubt of "or not."

Peter says that "the Lord is not slack concerning his promises (concerning the judgment) but is long suffering (patient -- He counts way past one hundred!), not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." You see, we don't know what number the Lord just counted -- or at which number He's going to come in the clouds. But I know He is hoping we'll be able to say, "Here I am, READY!"

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



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## James Ross Finishes 4th at Parr Country Club

BY COACH CAVENDER

James Ross finished 4th out of over 100 golfers at Parr Country Club. Our team didn't place in the top 3, but James had a good day. James had 3 tough holes out of 18 and as he improves his game and eliminates

those tuff spots, he will be shooting in the mid 70's. Jordan, Andy, and Dusty all improved on their scores from the previous week. Shane and Tim had some bad luck and raised their scores. As a team we shot 392 and finished in the middle of the pack, about 40 strokes out of 1st place.

## Lady Buffs Compete at Graham Track Meet

BY COACH CAVENDER

On the last Saturday we travel to Graham to participate in the P.K. Relays in Division I which included 1A-3A teams. Amber Wilson finished 6th in the discus with her best throw to date being 109'9". Amber

also finished 6th in the shot put with a throw of 33'6". Kim Mosier finished 4th in the long jump with a leap of 15'3". This was Kim's best jump to date. Performing in this kind of competition is a great learning experience for the future.

## Junior High Girls Track Report Told

Cross Plains Pioneer Relays  
Saturday March 10th

400 Relay- 3rd 58.97 Richards, Hutchins, Vasquez, Adams  
100 Hurdles- 2nd 19.31 Richards  
20.06 Edington  
22.54 Phillips

800 Run- 6th 3:03.44 Mack  
Bacon  
Clark

100 Dash- 15.56 Ross  
16.09 Hail  
16.24 Bennett

400 Dash- 75.28 Mack  
79.75 Norris  
80.18 Ross

300 Hurdles- 64.34 Edington  
67.65 Phillips

200 Dash- 33.57 Hutchins  
34.63 Vasquez  
35.62 Bacon  
35.75 Hail  
37.12 Bennett

1600 Relay- 5th 5:09.88 Richards, Norris, Adams, Mack  
800 Relay- 5th 2:10.94 Bacon, Hutchins, Vasquez, Adams

Field Events:

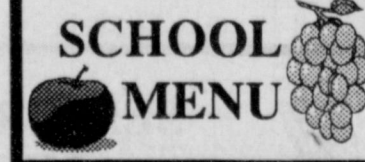
Shot- 1st 27'4" Richards  
Discus- 1st 73'1" Richards  
5th 64'3" Clark

Triple Jump- 3rd 28'3 1/4" Mack  
Long Jump- 6th 12'4 3/4" Mack  
High Jump- tied 6th 4'2" Adams

Total Team: 4th Place with 58 1/4 points.

Jr. High Track Schedule

March 22 Cross Plains Jr. High  
March 27 May Jr. High  
April 5 District Jr. High



March 19 - March 23  
BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY--Cereal Toast, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY-- Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY--Donuts, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY--Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Pickle Spears, Cake w/ Frosting

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WEDNESDAY-- Veg-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Peaches

THURSDAY-- Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Pears

FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie



GUESS WHO? RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE GUYS?— They are the 1995 Little League All-Stars! These boys were part of the 2nd place State Champions for 2000 and they are now working on 2001 State Champs. Out of the 13 Little League All-Stars, 10 are still playing together! Playing now are Nate Hawkins - short stop and pitcher; Josh Hopkins - catcher; Chris Kitchens - centerfielder; Aaron Norris - 1st base and pitcher; Tony Beggs - 2nd base; L.D. Whitehead - right fielder; Landon Hill - left fielder; Cody Reed - short stop and pitcher; Joe Dillard - 1st base and Jake Merryman - 1st base. The three boys who are not playing are Robert Walters who graduated; Ryan Aitchison, who just signed with North Texas; and Nicholas Dimitri, who now runs track for Cross Plains High School.

CP vs DeLeon March 9, 2001

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	RUNS	H	E
CP	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	5	7	3
DeLeon	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	6	3

PITCHERS	IP	K	BB	H	R	ER
POTTER	5	6	3	5	3	3
W NORRIS	2	3	1	1	1	0

NAME	H	AB	R	RBI	K	BB	EXTRA BASE HITS
BEGGS	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
KITCHENS	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
REED	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
WHITEHEAD	1	2	1	2	0	0	0
DILLARD	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
MATHEWS	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
HILL	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
POTTER	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MACKKEY	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
NOWELL	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
HAWKINS	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
HOPKINS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
NORRIS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
WILSON	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
NOWELL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MERRYMAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ROSS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

+ .600 ON BASE AVE. HILL 2 FOR 2, BEGGS 2 FOR 3  
REED 3 FOR 4, WHITEHEAD 3 FOR 3

## WTU's Louie the Lightning Bug Buzzes into Area Schools

ABILENE, TX, March 19, 2001— Fresh from his Saturday morning television gig, Louie the Lightning Bug is bringing his message of electrical safety to area schools next week, compliments of American Electric Power subsidiary West Texas Utilities. Louie will share his advice on the safe use of electricity with students Cross Plains Elementary on Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

"Louie, Louie," a production of The National Theatre for Children, based in Minneapolis, Minn., brings together song, suspense and safety to relay the message, "Play it safe around electricity." The program teaches elementary school children the ins and outs of electrical safety by teaching how to avoid dangerous electrical situations. This fast-paced, action-packed program also shows children how electricity is made and how to use electricity wisely.

In the production, Nicki Neutron foils the villain, Electric Eel, and saves his friend Louie the Lightning Bug from shrinking into oblivion. Each dangerous electrical situation is making Louie smaller until Nicki learns how electricity is produced. With help from the audience, Nicki and the students trick the Electric Eel into playing it safe around electricity. Together, Nick and the students

learn how to use electricity responsibly and their newfound knowledge saves the day.

By the end of this year, Louie— AEP's official safety "spokesbug"— will have visited more than 600 elementary schools and taught electrical safety to more than 200,000 students in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, part of AEP's 11-state service territory. Teachers receive follow-up classroom materials, and each student is given a free activity book to take home and share with the entire family.

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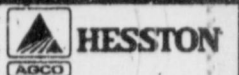
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- NEW LISTING**--370/A lots of hills, Liveoak, mesquite, 7 large stock ponds, super good hunting.
- NEW LISTING**--249.5/A, 40/A in coastal, 79/A in cultivation, hills, native pasture, 4 stock ponds, rural water line, excellent hunting, minerals, central 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 on **UNDER CONTRACT** fences, some improved grass. Good home site and stock farm.
- NEW LISTING**--4 large residential lots in the **SOLD** **UNDER CONTRACT** Cross Plains, trees, prime home building location.
- \* 112/A, 3bd/1 bath **SOLD** home, wooded, fenced, good water, stock pond, native and improved pasture.
- \* 210/A in Comanche County, stock pond, 4 waterwells, 80/A in coastal, deer hunting cabin, large barn--Call Pauline.
- \* Approximately 6/A **UNDER CONTRACT** large home site.
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- \* 3bd/2 bath, **SOLD** DA, wooded 20/A, barns & pens, good waterwell, NW of Rising Star.
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
Did I nod off and miss something? I am a sixty-four year old woman who went back to work in order to have insurance, which I am not comfortable without.

I am sure there are others out there with the same complaint that I have which is: you are having some health problems and your family doctor sends you to a "specialist". You go see the "specialist" and he orders one test, in my case on my hearing loss in my left ear.

I go in and have this test and his office called and told me that I had some kind of abnormality in the nerves inside my ear and he would like to set me up for an M.R.I. the very next week.

I had the M.R.I. done and waited and waited for his office to call me about the results. The office girl said the report is on his desk, but he had gone out of town and won't be back until Monday. After he came back on Monday his office help called and my M.R.I. showed no growth in my ear and if I ever needed them again feel free to call.

I think not. I have not talked to this "specialist" a single time since the tests were run. Is something wrong with this picture?

AREN't there other out there who feel as abused as I do? I'm sure there are and we should stop accepting this sort of treatment. We deserve better.

Sincerely,  
Frances Taylor

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you, because as far back as I can remember, I've never read an article about the Texas Prisons in the Cross Plains Review. I am a prisoner in one of the Texas prisons, and I am from Cross Plains, Texas.

The article you printed was about the rehabilitation we are suppose to get. Let me tell you, from a prisoner's point-of-view. Actually, here is an article that will explain it for me:

### Warehousing Inmates

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice should change its name to the Texas Department of Inmate Warehousing. Why? Because that is all they do. There is no rehabilitation in Texas prisons. The inmates are herded like cattle, treated like dogs and afforded no respect as human beings. The guards have it little better. They are paid on a scale little better than you average fast-food employee, given only minimal training, given no support and are the first to take the blame when the system fails.

No, prisons should not be a country club experience. But inmates should have access to decent medical care in a timely manner. Those with hearing, vision or other physical impairments should have access to hearing aids, eyeglasses or medication in a timely manner. Regardless of how horrible their crime, these are still human beings and should be treated with some amount of respect.

It's no wonder Texas has so many problems with the prison system. They almost force the inmates to rebel. Just remember Texas prison system, so shall ye sow, so shall ye reap.

Buddy Spurgeon  
Rowlett

## Card of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation for the cards and calls of concern during my recent hospital stay.

A special "thank you" to our Cross Plains E.M.S. We are so lucky to have these dedicated volunteers in our community.

Gene Rhodes

### Card of Thanks

Joyce and I want to express our sincere thanks to all our friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and food during my surgery and stay in the hospital. All the encouragement and support made my hospital stay and recovery much easier. Thank you so much and may God bless each one of you.

Wimpy and Joyce McCoy

The Bessie McDaniel Family would like to thank everyone for their love and support during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the cards, calls, visits and Prayers. Thanks Tim, for all the beautiful flowers.

Thanks for all the food brought to the house, and to the Pioneer Baptist Church for lunch, and the ladies who served it. We love you. Thanks to Bob and Dee Harrell for their special Service for us.

God likes everyone and thanks again for your prayers.

Buddy McDaniel  
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Seth and Katy Morgan are happy to announce the birth of their son, Chase Daniel Morgan. He was born at 6:02 a.m. Sunday, March 4th in Abilene Regional Hospital. Chase weighed 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Janice Ratliff of Brownwood and Michael Ratliff of Kansas. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Carolyn Morgan of Cross Plains. Great grandparents are Samantha Simmons of Bangs, Elaine Eakin Pancake and Jewel Barnett of Cross Plains, and Mike & Nell Ratliff of Blanket.

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## Callahan County accepting Livestock Assistance Program applications

BAIRD—March 20, 2001—The Callahan County Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). According to Scott Odom, County Executive Director, LAP regulations were published as a final rule on March 19, 2001 and sign-up will end on April 27, 2001. LAP provides direct payments to producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster during calendar year 2000.

"Often, producers equate Farm Service Agency assistance with row crops. However, LAP is one of the many livestock oriented programs available to producers through FSA," said Odom. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to recent natural disasters," he said.

According to Scott Odom, 2001 LAP payments are available to qualifying counties. In Texas, 240 counties have been approved for LAP, including Callahan County. Eligible counties must have sustained a 40 percent or greater loss of available grazing for at least three consecutive months. Losses may have resulted from drought, excessive heat, disease, insect infestation and other adverse impacts attributed to a natural disaster event.

ter event

"LAP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who have owned or leased qualifying livestock for at least three months prior to the payment period," said Odom. "Producers interested in LAP should be prepared to provide information including the number and kind of livestock, acres, location and type of grass forage used to support livestock, and an estimated percent of grazing loss."

Eligible livestock under LAP provisions are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and beafalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$430 million in LAP assistance by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub L. 105-277.

For more information regarding Livestock Assistance Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Callahan County office at 915-854-1049, ext. 2 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Wildflower Hotline Available Through TxDOT

ABILENE, Texas — Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) gives callers information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

To make it easier to find where the wildflowers are in bloom, callers may request information by seven different regions of the state. Those regions include Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices as well as from chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"The stage is set for an excellent crop of bluebonnets," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT landscape architect. "The dry summer and un-

seasonably cool and wet winter have made excellent conditions for a colorful spring show of wildflowers."

Pete Krause, Abilene district landscape architect, concurs with Neimann. "With the moisture we've had, once we have a few warm days, we should have a good blooming season - the best we've had in several years," Krause said.

April is considered to be the prime blooming month for wildflowers, according to Neimann.

The department's wildflower program is part of a comprehensive vegetation management program, which encourages the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

Each year, TxDOT sows more than 47,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways and each pound contains at least 30 varieties of wildflowers.

The hotline will be active though early May.

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### Judge Corn declares March 18-24 as National Agriculture Week

#### NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS MARCH 18-24, 2001

WHEREAS, the week of March 18-24, 2001, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture commissioner Susan Combs, and

WHEREAS, Throughout our history people have confirmed the vast resources of our land, and

WHEREAS, Sam Houston reported to the President of the United States, "I have traveled near 500 miles across Texas, and am now enabled to judge pretty near correctly of the soil, and the resources of the country, and I have no hesitancy in pronouncing it the finest country to its extent upon the globe," and

WHEREAS, T.R. Fehrenbach wrote, "Our ancestors came to Texas in search of land. And land became the basis of the Texas dream," and

WHEREAS, Davy Crockett said, "I must say as to what I have seen in Texas, it is the garden spot of the world, the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here," and

WHEREAS, The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry - Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Texas' farmers and ranchers have made agriculture the second-largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's

economy, and WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain, sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat, and

WHEREAS, The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agriculture production—including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

WHEREAS, Texas farmers and ranchers exemplify a rich tradition of producing food and fiber to meet growing global demands. Now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Judge of Callahan County declares this National Agriculture Week in Callahan County, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the county judge urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this country, this state, this nation and the world.

THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I, the undersigned do hereby affix my signature this 12th day of March, 2001.

(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge

## Open House Set at Callahan Courthouse and Jail April 20

Callahan County will kick off "Celebrating County Government Week" by planning an Open House at the County Courthouse and also at the County Jail in Baird.

The Open House will be held Friday, April 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Callahan County Open House is in conjunction with National County Government Week slated for April 22-28, 2001.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said more information will be provided as the date draws closer.

## 103 year old County Jail passes inspection

The Commission on Jail Standards inspected the Callahan County Jail on February 27, 2001, and has found the Callahan County Jail to be in compliance, once again, with the Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

This accomplishment demonstrates superior day to day management and interest by the Sheriff and his staff, said Judge Corn.

The citizens of Callahan County should be as proud of this accomplishment as is Judge Corn and the Commissioners Court.

The following letter of commendation was presented to Sheriff Curtis and his staff: February 27, 2001

Sheriff Eddie Curtis  
Callahan County  
432 Market Street  
Baird, Tx. 79504  
Re: Jail Inspection

Dear Eddie:

Congratulations on another year

well done. Once again you and your staff are to be commended for all your hard work and dedication. On February 27, 2001, the Commission of Jail Standards performed a jail inspection on our 100-year-old jail. There were no deficiencies noted upon the review by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

On behalf of the Commissioners, I would like to say, Congratulations. We could not have passed another inspection without the hard work and dedication each one of you illustrates.

Sincerely  
(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge  
(s) Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Precinct #1  
(2) Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Precinct #2  
(s) Tommy Holland  
Commissioner Precinct #3  
(s) Charlie Grider  
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## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Texas Treasures

Texas is home to more than 5,000 species of wildflowers, and, due to plentiful fall and winter rains, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department predicts this spring will be one of the best for wildflower sightseeing. Texans can visit the following state parks between mid-March and mid-May for a peek at the flowers in full bloom:

STATE PARKS	WILDFLOWERS
Caprock Canyons (near Quitaque)	winecup, Tahoka daisy, gayfeather, Mexican hat
Lake Colorado City (near Colorado City)	yellow evening primrose, white spectacle pod, yellow woollywhite
Tyler (Tyler)	azalea, magnolia, fleabane, spider lily
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley (near Mission)	sand verbena, sleepy daisy, wild phlox, hujsache daisy
Big Bend Ranch (near Lajitas/Presidio)	bluebonnet
Franklin Mountains (El Paso)	California poppy

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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out of the barn and hit his head. He must have been working on that hay.

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Well, Mr. Clark's granddaughter's name is Margaret McNeel. She still lives in the area of Cross Plains. I told her I wanted to put the diary in the hands of Mr. Clark's descendants. I told her I was going to give it to the Cross Plains Museum if I had been unable to find Mr. Clark's descendants.

She wanted to pay me to send it to her, but I told her it was much too precious to put in the mail and that my sisters, who are just as excited as I am about Mr. Clark's diary, will accompany me to deliver the diary to her. My sisters are touched by this diary and you can only imagine how dear Mr. Clark has become to us!

So, now we plan to visit Mrs. McNeel next week. We will also go by Abilene to see my niece in college. Mr. Clark is buried in Cross Cut, so we'll visit his gravesite, too. Maybe we'll even go to H.D. and return to sender the diary of an old man.

Elaine Stephens

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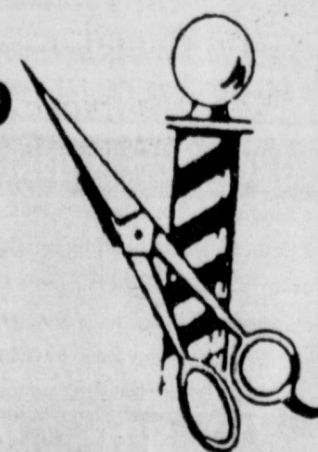
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## Commissioners Vote For Wireless Security System

Callahan County Commissioners voted to purchase a wireless security system through Secure Tech Systems, Inc. to be installed around 16 offices throughout the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Commissioners took the action Monday, March 12 during a regular bimonthly meeting at the County Courthouse.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioners Harold Hicks, Commissioners voted 5-0 to purchase the wireless security system at a total cost of \$10,025.00.

County Judge Roger Corn said the 16 button-type security devices would be installed in various locations around the County Courthouse. The devices would activate an alarm in the Sheriff's Department located in a separate building.

The County Judge said the new security would give more sense of security to everyone who works in the Courthouse, especially the ladies who work in the Courthouse.

Judge Corn said Secure Tech Systems has some 50-60 wireless security systems installed in courthouses around the state. The County Judge said through references, he's received good reports on the company.

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon said money set aside through a Courthouse Security fund will be used to purchase the wireless system. Bohannon said \$1.00 from each instrument filed through her office goes into a Courthouse Security fund. She said along with the \$1.00 Courthouse Security fee, every instrument has a \$5.00 Records Management fee and \$3.00 Recording fee placed on it.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—The Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Corn.

—The minutes of the February 12, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.

—There were no public comments presented to Commissioners.

—Mike Hanner, representing the Baird Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief report to the Commissioners' Court in regards to the beautification of the Baird Depot. The Chamber is filing for a grant with TxDOT to restore the Depot and the 100 block of Market Street in Baird. This would be a two to three year project. The Depot will be called the Texas & Pacific Railroad Center Complex. The grant would cover 80 percent of the cost and the City of Baird would cover the remaining 20 percent of the project cost. Commissioner Farmer made a motion for the County to issue a letter of support. Commissioner Tommy Holland seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—Attorney Stanley Smith met with the Commissioners' Court. Smith was representing John Young in regards to maintaining and drainage issues on County Road 270. The Commissioners' Court believes County Road 270 is a public road and not a county road, and therefore the County is not obligated to maintain the road. No action was taken. Attending the Commissioners' Court meeting included John Young, Doris Young and Bill Young.

—Commissioner Charlie Grider made a motion to reappoint Dr. Raul M. Calvo, Jr. M.D. as the local health authority for Callahan County. The term of appointment begins January 28, 2001 and ends January 28, 2003 unless removed by law. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion for the Commissioners' Court to send a letter of support for HB 1275. The bill pertains to non-partisan elections for certain State and County offices. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

—The Callahan County Commissioners' Court will send a letter commending Sheriff Eddie Curtis and his staff on passing the annual jail inspection which was conducted on February 27, 2001.

Judge Corn said the County Jail, constructed in 1989, is the third oldest operating jail in the State of Texas. "It tickles us to death each time it passes," Judge Corn said.

The County Judge said Sheriff Curtis and his staff continue to do a good job of keeping the County Jail maintained.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the surety bond increase for County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker from \$67,500 to \$84,000. Commissioner Holland seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to approve retirees having a choice of their supplemental insurance with the Texas Association of Counties, called the Silver County Choice. Judge Corn seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the 1991 Census Map with the correction of FM Road 609 to FM Road 604. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to pay all current bills. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting with a second by Commissioner Holland. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

## Garden Club Trade Day

On Saturday, March 31, 2001, the Cross Plains Garden Club will hold its 4th Annual Trade Day. The sale will be held on Main Street in Cross Plains just north of Highway 36.

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral design, horticulture, civic responsibility, landscaping, environmental concerns and garden therapy for men, women and children and encourages participation and support in educational programs for both the very young and advanced students. It is the purpose of this organization to preserve, protect and conserve the natural resources of this country and to maintain and enhance the beauty of our lands (Mission Statement, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.)

The purpose of the trade day is to promote gardening. The Garden Club began the project as an annual plant sale then expanded it to all items. We encourage the sales of plants and gardening related items. But, all vendors are welcome. The spaces are 12'X12', vendors must furnish their own tables. If you have any questions please call James at (254) 725-7540 or any garden club member. Each year the event has become more popular. Everyone enjoys this annual affair.

## U.S. Census Release Figures

Clyde gained more population since 1990 than any other town in the immediate Abilene area, according to U.S. Census figures released last week.

Clyde's 2000 census total was 3,345, which was a gain of 343 over the 1990 census total.

The next closest numerical gain in the Abilene area was Merkel, which gained 168 for a total of 2,637.

Next was Tuscola, with a numerical gain of 94 to 714, followed by Tye with a gain of 70 to 1,158.

Hawley was the only other town in the immediate area to show a gain. Its total was 646, a gain of 40.

Albany lost 41 for a total of 1,921. Anson lost 88 for a 2,556 total. Buffalo Gap lost 36 for a 463 total.

In Callahan County, Baird lost 35 for a 1,623 total and Putnam's total of 88 was a loss of 15. Other than Clyde, the only county town to show a gain was Cross Plains, which gained five to 1,068. Nearby Rising Star in Eastland County had a loss of 24 to 835.

## Public notice bills threaten tradition

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are S.B. 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and S.B. 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, and

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**DOLPH TILLOTSON**  
Guest Columnist

adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have — at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas's statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural than in urban areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services."

Simply put, allowing Internet-only posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve in this area.

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced — and wealthiest — citizens.

It is an idea whose time has not come.

*Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of The Galveston County Daily News. He writes frequently on public information issues on behalf of the newspapers of Texas.*

## Callahan County rest areas closed for repairs

ABILENE—Rest areas on the north and south side of Interstate 20 four miles west of Clyde in Callahan County will be under construction in March and April, according to a Texas Department of Transportation press release issued Thursday, March 8.

Rehabilitation of the pavement on the south rest area began on March 9 and is expected to be completed April 6. Contractors will begin rehabilitation of the north side rest area on March 16. Work there is scheduled to be completed on April 30.

During the construction phase, no facilities will be available to the public during the time they are closed.

This \$616,000 project includes concrete paving and stripping of the drive areas in both rest areas. Contractor is J. L. Steel of Roanoke, Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation eventually plans on closing the rest area between Clyde and Abilene, which includes restroom and picnic table facilities on both sides of the interstate. The state is repairing the rest area now since it will probably be used as a picnic area after its closing.

The rest area, which was constructed in 1980, will reopen when work is finished at the end of April. Its final closing date has not been set yet, and could take as long as five or six years, according to Scott Mitchell, an Abilene district TxDOT program administrator.

Officials announced the rest area's

closing in 1999 following a study examining the state's 100 rest areas. The study recommended rest areas along interstate highways should have adequate and separate parking space for cars and larger vehicles. The stops should also be located no closer than 30 miles from a major city, the report said.

TxDOT is making these changes to avoid problems such as vandalism and the areas becoming a gathering place for drug users, Mitchell said, adding TxDOT plans on closing a rest area near Weatherford and building a new one near Ranger.

Also, two rest stops in Nolan County, 13 miles west of Sweetwater, one in Howard County, near Coahoma and one in Mitchell County just west of Westbrook will get face-lifts.

The changes are part of a five-year highway department project with an estimated \$52 million cost to attract drivers to rest areas and keep them off the road when they're tired.

Possible improvements include hiking and biking trails, parking with separate acres for 18-wheelers and passenger vehicles and tornado shelters. Each of the chosen rest areas in the Big Country will probably be expanded to 35 to 40 acres in size, Mitchell said.

Officials say TxDOT must first acquire additional land around the stops before the agency will have an idea when the renovations will be complete.

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## Bunny lessons...

Peanut stood pensive in front of me and said, "I miss the bunny. I liked taking him apple treats." "I miss him, too," I said, "but I didn't know you liked taking treats to him. You always complained. 'I'm a kid! I'm supposed to complain. But I liked it.'"

Peanut said she called him Stupid Bunny once, and now that thought makes her feel sad. She explained, "He wouldn't eat. I liked to watch him chomp his food. Then I figured a way to make him eat in front of me. I'd hide and stand very still. When he thought I went away, he'd eat. He would be eating in front of me, he just didn't know it."

I miss Bunny, too. I miss sharing with him, and learning from him. He didn't utter a sound in all the time I knew him, yet was eloquent in his demands. He didn't need a blessed thing from me, except that I had caged him and he was dependent upon me for food and drink.

Bunny trained me to bring him hot water in winter, and more water in summer. Without pointing or naming them, he showed me his favorite weeds, and taught me how to discriminate between ones that looked almost the same.

I deplore waste, and Bunny was a link in my recycling plan. He got a share of the kitchen leftovers. What he wouldn't eat, the goats would, and if they wouldn't eat it, the dogs would. The compost heap and the

garden got some, and what no one would eat, the septic system accepted with thanks and an unmanly belch.

Bunny ate fresh vegetable scraps so I didn't have to throw them away, and left droppings that could go directly to the compost heap and on the garden.

I found myself cutting larger and larger portions off the ends of carrots and apples because he loved them so much. I bought extra lettuce just for him and discovered that cabbage tastes much better if I've taken a piece to Bunny first.

Now Bunny is gone. His absence leaves a whole larger than I imagined. Without Bunny, I notice I've become more stringent in cutting off carrot ends.

As I pass by his hutch on the way to the goat pen, I think about the minutes I used to spend on his care and feeding, and how I grew to understand why rabbit keepers consider the gentle creature majestic, not cute.

"Can we get another bunny?" Peanut begged.

We didn't really pay him much attention. He wasn't a part of the family like our dogs. We more or less left him to himself in the shady privacy of his own home.

But I think we need another bunny. So Peanut can coax him to eat in front of her. And to keep me mindful of a generous spirit.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McNutt Celebrate 50 Years Together

Edgar and Rosa McNutt will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-

Purpose Center.

Family and friends are cordially invited to join in the reception.

## Forage Field Day April 5 at Cross Plains

A special 3 CEU Forage Field Day is set for April 5th at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. Quality and quantity of forage can vary greatly and are constantly changing throughout the year. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on existing bermudagrass pastures as well as selection of diverse forage opportunities.

Speakers for the Field Day will include: Dr. Twain Butler, TAEX Agronomist-Stephenville; Dr. Jason Johnson, TAEX Economist-San Angelo; Keith Lawrence of Lawrence Farm and Ranch; and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension

Agronomist from San Angelo. Dr. Butler will discuss Bermudagrass Management. Dr. Johnson will discuss the Economics of Forage Products; Keith Lawrence will give insight to the Custom Applicators Perspective; and Dr. Warrick will conclude our program by discussing Forage Opportunities and Hay Production. The program is set to conclude after lunch with a tour of various forage trails taking place in the Cross Plains area.

The Field Day and accompanying meal are Free to those that preregister by April 3rd. Registration at the door will be \$5.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact The Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

Sincerely,  
Robert Pritz  
County Extension Agent

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# Happy Birthday!

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Diana (Purvis) Stover  
Winnie (Boden) McGill  
Van Steven Young  
Wesley Hutchins  
M.H. Stout  
Lisa Malvane  
Linda (Larkin) Canales  
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## Callahan County Oil & Gas Production

	Nov. 2000	Dec. 2000
Total Oil Production	22,447	18,915
Total Gas Production	96,674	95,005

## County oil and gas totals lower in Dec.

Oil and gas production figures for December 2000 in Callahan County have recently been released by the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the month's oil production and natural gas production totals were both lower than November 2000.

Total gas production in Callahan County for the month of December 2000 was 95,005 MCF. One MCF is equal to 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Total crude oil production in Callahan County for the month of December was 18,915 barrels of oil.

The total oil production in Callahan County during November 2000 was 22,447 barrels of oil. Total gas production in November was 96,674 MCF of natural gas.

Other oil production months for Callahan County include: December 1999 with 22,404 barrels, January 2000 with 22,083 barrels, February with 22,175 barrels, March with 22,292 barrels, April with 20,013 barrels, May with 21,121 barrels, June with 23,990 barrels of oil, July with 20,385 barrels, Au-

gust with 24,351 barrels of oil, September with 22,227 barrels and October with 21,232 barrels of oil.

Big Country area counties oil and gas production for December 2000 include: Brown, 123,401 MCF of gas and 8,854 barrels of oil; Coleman, 152,504 MCF of gas and 28,460 barrels of oil; Eastland, 407,383 MCF of gas and 23,269 barrels of oil; Jones, 39,438 MCF of gas and 60,126 barrels of oil; Runnels, 96,503 MCF of gas and 52,854 barrels of oil; Shattkelford, 323,837 MCF of gas and 76,812 barrels of oil; Stephens, 905,109 MCF of natural gas and 251,228 barrels of oil; and Taylor County, 31,159 MCF of gas and 49,895 barrels of oil.

The state's top oil producing county in December was Gaines with 2,620,815 barrels of oil. The top gas producing county in the state in December was Zapata with 27,486,240 MCF.

Texas oil and gas production in December came from 147,274 oil and 53,425 gas wells.

## Environmental Crime Prevention Week Designated

The state's environmental agency dedicates a week to education Texas about the harm caused by dumping and other illegal pollution. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has designated April 9 through 13 as Environmental Crime Prevention Week.

The most common environmental crimes involve the illegal dumping of various pollutants like septic waste, household garbage used motor oil, auto batteries and barrels of hazardous waste.

Activities planned for the week include educational forums with community groups and law enforcement, a traveling exhibit on preventing environmental crime, police officer training, and a ceremony recognizing environmental crime fighters.

"Environmental crime not only impacts our air and water quality, it impacts our pocketbook," said Barbara Foreman, Manager of Special Investigations for the TNRCC. "As taxpayers we all pay to clean it up."

Texas is a national leader in the investigating and prosecuting of environmental crime. This distinction is a direct result of the formation of the Texas Environmental Crime Task Force. The task force's sole responsibility is to combat environmental crime, both directly and by informing and training Texas peace officers.

Created in 1991, the task force exists to increase federal and state cooperation in prosecuting criminal violations of state and federal environmental laws. The task force is comprised of designated staff from various local, state, and federal agencies that become involved in prosecuting environmental crime cases. The participating agencies collaborate in conducting searches, taking and analyzing samples, and performing other functions necessary to support criminal investigations and prosecutions.

The task force has helped secure convictions of 92 individuals and 19 corporations for 171 felonies and 73 misdemeanors. People convicted of environmental crimes have been sentenced to a total of 109 years in correctional facilities and assessed more than \$30 million in criminal and civil penalties.

"We are sending a message that environmental crimes are serious and that the laws which protect our environment are being vigorously enforced," said Foreman.

For more information about Environmental Crime Prevention Week, call the TNRCC at (512) 239-3405. Information for peace officers is available on the Internet at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/legal/si/crime.html](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/legal/si/crime.html).

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