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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Charles Payne has written the following letter to the Honorable Dick Army, U. S. Congress Washington, D.C. and felt the general public might glean some good information from its content. **Vanda Anderson-Creech**

Mr. Congressman,  
I wrote you two years ago this past September about our failing agriculture and till this day I have not heard a word from you. Our agriculture is sinking into a deeper and deeper depression and if you leaders do not wake up it will draw this country into a deep depression soon. There are some things following in this letter that you need to be enlightened on.

1. Did you know, Mr. Congressman, that the farmers and ranchers of the United States raise 3 to 4 times more food than we consume, and that we depend heavily on foreign markets for our economic survival. You congress people promised us in, 1996, if we would go along with your new farm bill, "Freedom to Farm," that you, federal legislators, would pass "Fast Track", and other such legislation to help expedite trade with foreign countries. Thus making it easier for us to compete with Canada, Australia, Argentina and other foreign countries when selling our food produced over seas. At the date of this letter you have never delivered on any of your promises. Why didn't you keep your word?

2. I live in an area in west central Texas known as the Big Country. Do you realize that in the 20+ county area that over 80 percent of the people involved in farming and ranching are drawing social security. You will find this to be the case in the vast majority of our food producing acres across the nation.

3. Did you realize that our two biggest grain buyers, Asia and Russia, are in a sure economic depression. Thus for an extended period of time they cannot purchase our grain and pay for it. This economic depression has thrown our farmers and ranchers, in the U.S., into an economic depression. I stopped at a convenience store the other day and purchased 3 cold drinks, a bushel of wheat wouldn't pay for the cold drinks. I have a friend who is in his late 80's and farmed all his life. He has shared with me several times that he got a job driving a soda pop truck in 1934. That year wheat sold for 15 cents a bushel and cold drinks were 3 cents apiece. In the early 1950's wheat sold for around \$25.00 a bushel and you could buy a cold drink for a nickel. A bushel of wheat would buy 50 cold drinks.

4. With wheat at \$205 in South Dakota this last August, I can assure you, Mr. Congressman, that wheat is now selling much cheaper than it was in the 1940's, 60 years ago. If our federal government forced laborers in this country to roll their wages back to pre-1940 levels, I can assure you that there would be rioting and shooting in the streets across the nation. You fed's, with your cheap food policy that you have for consumers in this country, are killing off farms and ranches, while the cost of labor and other operating costs are going through the roof.

5. I have two bankers that I deal with, they both told me late last winter that agriculture in this nation is no longer in a recession, but in a full fledged depression.

6. In our country we spend approximately 11 percent of our disposable income on food. Do you realize that in countries like Russia (and many others) that they spend at least 50 percent or more of their disposable income on groceries while standing in line for hours just hoping and pray-

ing they can get a loaf of bread by the end of the day. So you can see we do an excellent job feeding this country and much of the rest of the world. Please tell me then, why in your eyes and so many of the consumer's eyes of this nation we farmers and ranchers are always the bad guys. Pray tell why, we food producers are always getting a cussing out from you people with your mouth full.

7. I wholeheartedly believe on your part and most of the consumers of this nation that there is a full-scale umbrella of ignorance on what all is involved in feeding this nation. Please tell me why farmers and ranchers have to constantly fight you and a majority of this nation to feed you?

8. Do you know that since you congressmen instigated NAFTA in this country, wheat imports from Canada have increased by 2000 percent and pork imports into this country followed along the same line?

9. Last year, the United States spent \$35 per acre subsidizing the consumer's grocery bill. Guess what? Last year, Europe spent \$350 per acre and Japan spent \$4,000 per acre subsidizing their grocery bills. People like you need to realize that in global food production and export competition, the playing field is not level. You federal leaders are trying real hard to force our food production out of this country, just like you have already done the gas and oil business.

10. Each year, for many years, we have had to increase our oil imports by 2 to 3 percent. You and much of the rest of this country keep your animosity toward the agriculture and oil industry, who is going to feed this country and provide fuel for it in the next decade.

11. Years ago when we imported our first barrel of oils as a nation we should have had a positive energy policy in place, one that developed our own sources of energy while we developed new alternate services of energy through research.

12. You leaders of our nation have taken prayers, the Bible and all mighty God out of our school and many other places. When God's leadership is removed by our government, such as you federal leaders have done since the 1960's, we start messing up on a lot of things such as seeing that one absolute basic essential is taken care of.

13. For years we have been raising up generations of young people in our country that are well versed in operating computers, web sites, internet and etc. These same kids haven't got a clue where a loaf of bread, gallon of milk or a tank full of gasoline comes from. They haven't got any idea about the big investment, huge liability of the magnitude of the risks that we farmers and ranchers take to feed this country, and much of the world. Many of the kids' parents have absolutely no clue either where their groceries come from. The irony of the whole thing is that neither the kids, nor the parents give a damn, nor does the government.

14. Based on the track records you and many other federal leaders have established since the 1960's, I can tell you exactly what is ahead. There is coming a time in this country when we will be importing 90 percent of our oil and 80 percent of our food. One morning, way before first light, the Sadaam Husanes and the Kadaffies of this world will show up on our shores, kick our butts out of bed, tell us to take a number, get in line and kiss up.

Yours truly,  
Charles Payne

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## Burkett United Methodist Church's Final Service

"That Old Country Church" was bursting at the seams with people and with pride on Sunday, March 18th! After over 100 years of its wonderful presence in the community, members of Burkett United Methodist Church had painfully made the decision to close its doors due to declining population and attendance. As the congregation entered that Sunday afternoon, pianist Cathy Wood was playing old time hymns on the piano. The standing-room only crowd of 117 included people from its "sister church", First United Methodist in Cross Plains, the Baptist Church in Burkett and Cross Plains, and over half the audience came from many different areas around the State.

Mixed in among the wonderful congregational singing of "Victory in Jesus", "In the Garden" and "When We All Get to Heaven", was lots of special music provided by the quartet of Rhonda Swift, Mandy Sowell, Angela Swift, Richard Chaffin and accompanied by Connie Swift - who gave a great rendition of "Church in the Wildwood"; a solo of "Because He Lives" by Tim Dill; Wayne Brown and his group from Star and Lampasas County sang "Old Country Church"; and Ryan McAnally, son of Eddie McAnally and grandson of the late Ed and Frances McAnally played a wonderful instrumental, "Battle Hymn of Republic."

And oh! Those memories---Rev. W.C. (Strick) Strickland who made the decision to preach while a young man in this church (although he noted it happened at a Baptist revival!) said that each person attending had their own memories and reflections of the

church and that it had changed the course of many of their lives in a special way.

One of the remaining members, Mildred Lowe reflected on the day her husband decided to become a member and someone had to go to a neighbor's house to bring the water. Someone jokingly commented that would never have worked in the Baptist Church and laughter rippled throughout the crowd.

Another member, Liz Golson, read from some old church minutes which were in questionnaire form. The responses were typical of that day and age where brief answers were the norm. One question was "what relief have you given to the poor".....the answer was "We have no poor." More laughter!

Cathy Wood remembered one Sunday morning during worship when a cow came walking by the windows of the church. The late Yuna Vee Burkett spoke up, and said, "Excuse me but that's my cow out there that I've been looking for".... she got up, tied the cow to the tailgate of her pickup and took it home....such is the charm of a country church!

Pat DeBusk spoke of his many memories both past and present as he has attended the church, pointing out specific corners where a certain Sunday School class met when he was a child. And it was noted by others that even now as Pat, prominent businessman from Houston, comes back on weekends to take care of the family farm since the death of his parents, Jack and Zora DeBusk, he enjoyed worshipping at the church - some-

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## Forage Field Day Set for Cross Plains

CROSS PLAINS—The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is presenting a special Forage Field Day April 5 in the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

The program begins at 9 a.m. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered.

The program is being put on by the Extension Offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties.

"Forage quality and quantity can vary greatly throughout the year," said Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension agent and a program coordinator. "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 include management tech-

niques on existing Bermuda grass pastures and other forage types."

Speakers and topics include: "Bermuda Grass Management," Dr. Twain Butler, Extension agronomist, Stephenville; "Making Cents of Forage," Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist, San Angelo; "Custom Applicator Perspectives," Keith Lawrence, Lawrence Farm and Ranch, Cross Plains; and "Forage Opportunities," Dr. Billy Warwick, Extension agronomist, San Angelo.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. The program is set to conclude after lunch with a tour of various forage trials in the Cross Plains area.

The field day and meal are free to those pre-registering by April 3. Registration at the door is \$5 per person.

For further information contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (915) 854-1518.

## TRADES DAY Saturday, March 31

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 main-

tain 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.

## John Kilgore to Receive High Masonic Honors on April 5th

John Kilgore is to be esteemed by receiving Golden Trowel Award to be presented at an open meeting of the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge on Thursday, April 5. Presentation ceremonies will begin at 8 p.m., the Lodge building is located at SE 2nd and Beech Streets. The award ceremonies are open to the public and all friends of the Kilgores are encouraged to attend.

John Paul Kilgore was born to E.P. and Ina Armstrong Kilgore of the Blake Community, on April 21, 1914. The Kilgores moved to Brownwood in 1926 where they lived until 1935 when John left to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock. While attending Tech, he met his wife, Loraine Taylor, on a double date. With a borrowed five dollars, they were married in New Mexico in 1937. The Kilgores have two daughters, Johnnie Gayle and Glenna, who reside in Colorado.

John had already completed 2 years at Daniel Baker College and graduated from Texas Tech in 1938. He worked for Colvert Ice Cream Co., Ardmore, Oklahoma before moving back to Brownwood in 1941 where he worked for Banner Creamery.

In January 1945, John accepted a

position with Bell Dairies of Temple. In the fall of the same year, the Kilgores purchased Kilgore Creamery of Eastland.

The Eastland creamery was located next door to the Masonic Lodge where John was first exposed to Masonry. It was there that he was initiated into the fraternity on November 18, 1946.

In 1948 he became a York Rite Mason at Cisco and was initiated into the Shrine at Fort Worth Temple in 1949. He moved to La Mesa in 1952 and became a Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of El Paso in 1954.

The Kilgore lived in La Mesa for three years before moving to Lubbock for two years where John worked for a floor covering company and the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner Company. In 1957 employment with a dairy chemical company prompted a move to Albuquerque, New Mexico. The retired to the Cross Plains area in 1975 where they continue to be active members of the community and the First United Methodist Church.

John is Past Master of Cross Plains Lodge (1981-1982).

Submitted by John Baum

## Texas Counties Approved for Livestock Assistance Program

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 240 Texas counties have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). The approved counties include Callahan County.

LAP, administered by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters dur-

ing 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.

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## Results of Ballot Position Drawings Election May 5, 2001

### Cross Plains ISD School Board

Tricia Hopkins  
Vicki Dillard  
Terry Nixon  
James Ames  
Curtis Wyatt  
Ronald Wooten  
Jim Cook  
Susan Schaefer

### City Council

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Gene Dillard  
James Nichols  
Edwin Weiss  
Martin Mosley

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**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

**Misdemeanor Filings**

Clifford W. Hutcherson, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Dusty R. Hargrove, DWI.  
Armando Duran, theft.  
Jeffery S. Loyer, theft of property by check.  
Arron N. Bushnell, theft of property by check.  
Tommye Woods, theft of property by check.  
Ricky Schaefer, theft of property by check.  
Pamela Adams, theft of property by check.  
Matthew B. Beerwinkle, theft of property by check.  
Athur E. Huddleston, theft of property by check.

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Ellie Jean Carson, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$242.25 court costs.  
Marvel Vannuys, plea of guilty to harrasment, \$350 fine, \$287.25 court costs.  
Anthony Isbell, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$287.25 court costs.  
Emma Shackelford, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 1 year probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, \$495.53 restitution.  
Russell Allen Gibbs, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Roger Gallaway, order extending probation granted.  
Lydia Burkett, order revoking probation granted.  
Timothy Hargrove, order extending probation granted.  
Pete Villarreal Flores, order revoking probation granted.  
Benjamin Daniel Munoz, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.  
Billy D. Smith, motion to dismiss to failure to identify granted, case disposed of in Judge Hutchins court.

Janet Holley, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$203.14 restitution.  
Javier Esquivel, plea of guilty to endangering a child, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$242.25 court costs.

**Marriage Licenses**

Danny Michael Barnett and Jennifer Carol Johnston, both of Overland Park, Kansas.  
Jeff Wade Partain and Tracy Lynn MacKay, both of Baird.  
Joshua Lee Collins of Baird and Dorain Dell McDorman of Abilene.

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

**Civil Filings**

James Kennard Windham and Carroll Elaine Windham, divorce.

**Civil Minutes**

Charter County Mutual Insurance Co., vs. Gloria Dugan, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Robert A. Dugan, Arabela Jackson, a minor, Brittany Jackson, a minor, Tracy Dugan, a minor, Nathan Smith, Hendrick Medical Center, Quirico Torres, and Directors Succession Planning, Inc. D/B/A, Bailey Funeral Home, final agreed order distributing interpled funds.

**Criminal Minutes**

Julie Anne Hardin, plea of guilty to DWI, felony, 6 year probation, \$750 fine, \$264.25 court costs.  
Zair Granado, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 5 year probation, \$100 fine, \$285.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.

**ATTENTION** - Duane S. Carpenter, who appeared in the courthouse news last week is not the Dwain Carpenter of Clyde.

**OBITUARIES**

**Warene Harmes**

Warene Harmes, 77, of Coleman, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, at Coleman County Medical Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Jenkins officiating, assisted by the Rev. Paul Smith. Burial followed in the Coleman City Cemetery.

Mrs. Harmes was born October 19, 1923, in Coleman County. She married James T. Harmes on August 5, 1947, in Floydada. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1998. She owned and operated the Chuck Wagon Restaurant and was a member of Community Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Brett White and Edna Mae Welch White; her husband; and a sister, Anita Terry. Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Gray of Denver, Colorado; Bobbie Kay Winter of Bryan, and Melissa Mayo of Coleman; two sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

**Thomas Wilson Little**

Thomas Wilson Little, 68, of Fort Worth, a retired petroleum engineer, passed away Thursday, March 22, 2001, in Fort Worth. A private service was held.

T.W. Little was born June 18, 1932, in Long Beach, California. He received his petroleum engineering degree from the Colorado School of Mines and his Master of Science in petroleum engineering degree from the university of Texas. He was employed in the U.S.A., with various overseas appointments. He was a member of Fort Worth Lodge 148 AF and AM. He enjoyed fine art, classical music, the humanities and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Colonel Milton L. Little, and his parents, Wilson and Ethlyne Little.

Survivors include his wife, Belva Little; a son, John Little; a daughter, Michelle Jares and husband, Jim; mother-in-law, Ruth Barnett; sister-in-law, Kathleen Little; nephews, Michael Little and Robert Little; niece, Karin Stensrud; and a host of relatives and friends.

**Mrs. Dollie D. Faircloth**

Mrs. Dollie D. Faircloth, 95, of Baird, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at a San Angelo care center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Baird with Rev. Jim Wilkerson and the Rev. Knox Waggoner officiating. Burial will be in Ross Cemetery, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mrs. Faircloth was born May 1, 1905, in Gustine. She was the widow of Jams Ellis Faircloth whom she married May 18, 1923, in Carlton. He preceded her in death in June, 1982. They had lived in the Clyde/Baird area since 1934 and she moved to San Angelo in 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Baird. Survivors are a son Wilburn Faircloth of Baird; two daughters Louise Jones of Ballinger and Faye Moon of San Angelo; two brothers, Monroe Mosley of El Paso and Earl Mosley of Cross Plains; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Fieta Burton Mosley; her husband; a son, J.W. Faircloth; five brothers and five sisters.

**One skunk positive for rabies in Callahan County**

The Texas Department of Health reported one positive diagnosis for rabies was reported in Callahan County during the month of January 2001.

The Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division tests one skunk, one raccoon and one dog for rabies in January and reported the skunk came up positive for rabies, while the raccoon and dog were negative for the disease. The Zoonosis Control Division tested 912 animal heads for rabies in January 2001 and noted 67 cases were positive for rabies and 832 were negative for the disease. The majority of the positive cases for rabies involved 56 skunks. There were two positive cases of rabies in fox, seven in bats, one dog, and a positive rabid bobcat.



**KIWANIS SPEAKER** —David Jones (right) was the guest of Rolan Jones at Tuesday's Kiwanis noon meeting. Jones, of the Cottonwood Community, breeds Brittany Spaniel bird dogs and trains them. He spoke to the group on the importance of utilizing the internet to advertise a small business. He explained how he has developed an international business through the internet. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon. Anyone interested may attend.

**Cross Timbers Mid-Year Meeting at Glorify Baptist**

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association will hold their Mid-Year Meeting at Glorify Baptist Church, 100 Avenue D, Cross Plains, on Thursday, April 5. At 5:30 p.m. it begins with a business session followed by supper at 6 p.m. The Calvary Singer will perform at 6:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rick Scarborough, pastor of First Baptist, Pearland and President of Vision America. Cross Timber Southern Baptist As-

sociation has twenty-nine member churches located in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Hamilton, Nolan, Stephens and Taylor counties. The association is affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. For more information about this meeting contact Dwaine Clower, Association Moderator at (254) 725-7574.

**Hospice of the Big Country Volunteer Training April 7**

ABILENE— Hospice of the Big Country will begin its spring volunteer training class on Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Classes will continue for six evenings during the month from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Volunteers are trained to provide family support, companionship, encouragement, and assistance with activities of daily living for terminally ill parents and their families. Training consists of 7 sessions for a total of 24 hours.

Hospice of the Big Country is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the terminally ill and their families in Taylor and 12 surrounding counties in the Big Country. For more information, or to reserve a place, please call Jo Ann Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator, at (915) 793-5450 or (800) 588-0300. Pre-registration is required.

Topic covered include communication skills, the disease process, dealing with death and dying, and stages of grief. In addition to direct patient care, volunteers are needed to help in the office, with special events, and other related areas. All sessions will be held at the new Hospice of the Big Country offices at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford.

**Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627**

**Stated Meeting**  
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
www.cross-plains.tx-mm.org  
www.gltexas.org  
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9:45 a.m. Bible Study Opportunities For All Ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Jimmie Mize - Interim Pastor  
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Sponsor: Pioneer Baptist Church  
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

**Burkett Church**

times arriving in coveralls and on his tractor.

Ms. Bliss Dodd/Lay Leader for the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church came from Dallas to tell about letters that she had found that her mother had written as a young preacher's wife of William S. Fisher, a pastor of the Burkett church...and how she wrote about her passion for missions - even back then in the depression. Ms. Dodd noted how that passion was passed on to her.

Tom Wood gave a moving "sermonette" on his memories which included his wife, Cathy playing and practicing the piano at night while he would sweep up the building getting it ready for Sunday, but he said the picture of Christ which hangs in the center of the wall behind the chancel area had meant the most to him - depending on what he'd done wrong or good the past week. Tom ended his remarks with his belief that God is saying to the Burkett UMC, "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

So many names, so many people who made up this church over the past 100+ years were mentioned and memories shared! The service was closed with a brief message by Dr. Doyle Allen, the district superintendent of the Brownwood District of the UMC. Dr. Allen likened the closing of a church to a funeral service. In his eulogy for the church, he quoted the scripture from I Samuel 25:1 noting that it included one very short sentence, "Now Samuel died"...and it continued on with how many people assembled and mourned for him. "That", Dr. Allen said, "is what you are all doing today for this church." From Ecclesiastes 3, he reminded, "there is a time for everything." He told the true story of the preacher who held a revival, and when after the first, second and third nights no one had responded to the invitation, he was feeling quite a failure. Then on the fourth night, a very young red haired boy came forward... and yet he still was thinking is this all I will reach?

That young boy was Billy Graham.

Continuing, Dr. Allen said, "So much comes out of the witness of a church. The Methodist Church in Burkett, Texas, has had an impact on untold numbers of lives for Christ. Within the walls of this frame church building, there have been times of wishing loved ones good-bye, of weddings performed and celebrated, of so many prayers said through the major wars! A great number of people have received inspiration in this place. The victory is that what was planted here will go on. While nothing lasts forever, not organizations nor people...only the kingdom of God is forever, you have something to celebrate! Yes. The memory of this church will live on!!"

Present pastor, Dr. Richard Chaffin, closed the service with prayer...and so it was. The Burkett UMC continues only in the memories of many still here - and those who have gone on to be with the Lord. But it was a tender and nostalgic day indeed!

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

**Colonial Oaks Services**

Church of Christ will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, April 1, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

**Down Home**

P.S. It's a real dilemma when last year our Vice President, Al Gore, reprimanded some kids in the N.E. for taking vocational agriculture in their high school. Al Gore quickly told the kids that they were wasting their time because we could buy food overseas cheaper than we could raise it. You can bet for sure that he knows where his food comes from.

## COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

We are recognizing National Doctor's Day Friday in honoring our doctors, Dr. Billy Carpenter and Dr. Joanne Paulk. Their skills and dedication are a gift that all of us can share and we know when we need them they are both always there, seeing to our residents' needs and the care they give the community.

Myrtle Owen sure looks pretty with her new perm. Our appreciation to Connie Kirkham, Lilly Dillard and Ray Purvis for helping keep our residents looking pretty and groomed.

Thoughts and prayers for Raymond McCowen, Delilah Goble and Cliff King who are in the hospital.

We have Frances Rhone back with us, while she regains her strength. It's always a pleasure having her here with us.

Alex Davis from Spendor, Shannon Cutchfield from Houston, Carol and Charlie Rogers from Cottonwood visited with Mary Weaver.

David Peters, Martha and Lonnie Switzer visited with O.B. and Pauline Switzer.

Mary Nixon from May, Luke and

Sam McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Eunice Pointer visited Jessie Casey and Pauline Champion.

Lurene McNutt visited with Louse Richardson.

Kay Veach from Abilene and David Adams visited with Doris Adams.

Danica Elrod was here visiting with everyone. Also visiting was Frances Wolf.

### ACTIVITIES

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

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

**WEDNESDAY:** Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Movie time.

**THURSDAY:** Manicures. Ball toss.

**FRIDAY:** Bingo winners were Jessie Casey (2), Falba Shofner (2), Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner (2) and Minnie Swann.

**SUNDAY:** Church of Christ

**Be happy. It is one way of being wise.**

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### Former Cottonwood Resident To Receive Top State Volunteer Award for Governor Perry

Grady Ramey, former resident of Cottonwood, has been selected to receive the 2001 Governor's Volunteer Award in the Lonestar Achievement Award Category, according to the Office of the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

Ramey is being honored for 32 years service with the Texas Special Olympics and has donated an estimated 30,000 hours to that sports organization for people with mental retardation. His service is calculated to be worth at least \$429,000 to the organization.

Congratulations to Grady Ramey. He will receive the award from Governor Rick Perry along with nine other volunteer award winners on April 24, 2001, at a ceremony in the garden of the Governor's Mansion in Austin.

### CVFC to Show Off New Fire Truck

Everyone is invited to open house at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control (CVFC) station on April 21, 2001, to see the new fire truck and get acquainted with the volunteers and the work of the organization.

The truck is a 1980 Chevrolet, 350-gallon Tanker with electric hose reels and members of CVFC are quite proud of the new equipment.

The open house will take place April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot dogs, drinks and other refreshments will be served.

"We want people, especially new residents of the community, to come out to see the new truck, become familiar with the work we do and with fire safety rules and information.

There are some particular fire hazards of the Cottonwood area our citizens should know about, said Donny and Barbara Worley.

Worley is chief of CVFC and stated that the organization is also looking for new members, fire control volunteers to help fight fires and other volunteers to help with organizational matters. No fees or dues required, but donations of money to help with expenses are always welcome.

CVFC meets every 3rd Tuesday of each month for training and maintenance of equipment.

**Reporting Controlled Burns**  
CVFC checks on all smoke sightings to help prevent out-of-control fires.

According to the Callahan County Burn Ban Rules, residents need to report controlled burns, before starting a fire, to the County Sheriff's Office (915) 854-1444. Fires need to be extinguished before dark. As a courtesy to CVFC, residents of the Cottonwood Community are also requested to notify Donny Worley (254) 725-6587 or Don Gilliam (254) 725-7249.

### Personals

Ora Breeding, former longtime Secretary/Treasurer of the Cottonwood Historical Association, is doing well after a three bypass surgery in Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene, according to her son, Darwin. Her Cottonwood friends are glad to know she will be coming home soon.

Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey, former resident of Cottonwood, is expected to undergo knee surgery on May 1, 2001, at a hospital in San Antonio. The surgery will involve both knees, according to Dorothy. Regrettably, she and her husband, Grady, will not be able to attend the Historical Association meeting on

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### QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

**REMEMBER**—Saturday, March 31st, Trades Day, sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Trades Day booths will be located on the lot behind the Dairy Queen, the lot is owned by Citizens State Bank and is located on Main Street near the 4-way stop and near the blinking traffic light. Go by and check it out, around 8 a.m. Plans are to be open at least until 3 p.m. Food booths will also be open for lunch.

### "New Item"

Can I interest you in a new item? It is delicious, has no calories, is totally fat free, is a vegetable and is available here at the local grocery store. I purchased two about w weeks ago and went back for more? They were sold out but the produce lady promised to order more, and she did. We purchased two more last week.

The name of this amazing vegetable is Jic'ama, but it is pronounced Hickuh-muh. When we resided in Lubbock Jic'ama was a staple in our home. Even our children liked and enjoyed Jicama.

How is Jic'ama prepared, you ask? It looks and is shaped like a purple turnip, only usually much larger, it's outside peel, however is very similar to the peel of Irish potatoes. To prepare the Jicama, remove the peel and slice the flesh of spears about the size of French fries. They are both prior to serving. Jicama can be served alone or with fruit flavored yogurt as a dip. As an appetizer, try Jicama on a tray of vegetables and fruits, such as carrots or celery sticks, sweet potatoes or yam spears or cylinders, apples, pears, whole strawberries, sliced mangoes, sliced or balled papayas, honey dew melon, cantaloupes, or watermelon, etc. Yogurt and honey make a quick and delicious, as well as nutritious, dip to compliment these appetizers. Along with a platter of various cheeses, both imported and

domestic, and a dish of assorted nuts and you will be the celebrated host or hostess of the year.

Jicama is very often featured on salad bars of nice restaurants in larger cities. It is very good diced and included in both fruit salad and vegetable salads, also.

Jicama first came to my attention during the early 1980's. My sister told me about it. She had tried and like Jicama. I tried it too and was sold on them from the first bite. According to my sister, Ann, she first learned of Jicama on television while watching, guess who? You probably guessed it, she learned of Jicama while watching Richard Simmons.

-----Once when I was employed with a bank in Lubbock, I took some Jicama to work with me for my co-workers to try. They liked it so much they had me call my husband at home on his day off from work, to bring us some more Jicama.

Need I say more? You just gotta try Jicama for yourself!!!

Another dip which goes with Jicama well is honey mustard and olive oil with poppy seed. Go by the grocery store and tell Eva you read about Jicama in the *Cross Plains Review*. You might wanta pick one or more up while you're there.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Jack and Marie Sykes to Cross Plains. They are my husband Marvin's mother and stepfather. They just recently moved here from Fort Worth. They purchased the former home of Mrs. Pearl Greenwood at 141 N.W. Third Street, across from the First Baptist Church. Remember Third Street was formerly Tenth Street, until recently. If you drive by and see them out, give 'em a WAVE or a HOLLAR! They are NEW residents and that will give them a memorable welcome!!!

## LIBRARY NEWS



We hope you'll slow down to look at the Library Lot this week. Suddenly the sidewalks are there! Somebody must have said, "Abbra Kadabra." You just keep looking. First thing you know you'll be accusing the library people of being magicians. Hopefully the mural will appear just like the sidewalks. That is to be done, with a matching grant.

We have a promise of half, but we haven't quite raised our half. How about some birthday gifts? Or birth gifts. What better way to welcome a baby and congratulate its parents than to make an investment in the child's future reading habits -- to tell the child as he/she grows that the Cross Plains Library is part his. Then every time you invest in the library, you'll be investing in the child's future. Get involved with the corner lot. Claim your share of making it beautiful. Antique lovers, we have a new

magazine you'll want to see *Art and Antiques*. It includes art sales, auctions, antique dealers, art dealers, museums -- you'll just have to see the book.

### Statistics

#### Circulation:

#### Books:

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#### Audio Cassettes

Abilene 7

LAP 45

Interlibrary Loan 1

TOTAL 134

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Jo Boatright for H.D. Hilburn, Jr.

#### Donations:

Garnett McKoy - books

Gail Watson - books

## Social Security Administration Representative Schedule Told

A representative of the Social Security Administration office in Abilene will be at the Eastland Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom,

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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In a well-known book entitled *None of These Diseases*, Doctor McMillen tells the story of Dale Carnegie's visit to Yellowstone National Park. While observing grizzly bears feeding, a guide told Carnegie that the grizzly bear could whip any animal in the west with the exception of the buffalo and the Kodiak bear. But that very night as they sat watching the grizzly eat, they noticed the bear would let only one animal eat with him-- a skunk! Now the grizzly could have whipped the skunk in any fight -- he resented the skunk and probably wanted to get even with him somehow for coming down to his feeding domain and eating his food -- but he didn't attack the skunk. Why? Because the bear knew the high cost of getting even with a skunk! It just wouldn't be worth it!

Many human beings have not learned that very important lesson -- yet. We spend long days and nights with resentment and anger, paying the price of even thinking of getting even toward someone else. The resentment one holds causes him to pay an extremely high price. And a breakthrough needs to come in the life of one who is resenting another, who is angry -- and thinking of getting even. A real breakthrough would be to call off some "debts" -- some bad "debts" -- mark them "paid in full." And we might do well to begin with our family and friends, and learn the joy of following the Galilean's instructions to repay evil with good -- rather than with more evil.

We're trying to learn better how to follow in the Galilean's footsteps. Won't you come learn with us. We really do care about you, too...

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

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## PIONEER NEWS

**NOTICE EVERYONE!** Do not forget "Trades Day" is this Saturday. The Pioneer Quilting Club will be there with lots of baked good ---pies, cakes, cookies and other things. We will be using the money to help maintain our building. See all about 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

The quilting ladies did get Jean A's "Churn Dash" out of the frame. We are working on Frankie's quilt and Laverne's "Arkansas Troubles". Lou will be putting in her quilt on Tuesday. We had a great day quilting. Bee got our wood heater going so we could keep warm. What a nice surprise! We had a visitor Tuesday. Barbara Powell stopped by. We enjoyed getting to see her and talk with her. Come again, Barbara!

Donna sure had a good time over spring break visiting her children, Janna, Rob, Brian, Jon and little Kelsey, in North Carolina. Jarrah Hutchins went with her grandmother. She had her first plane ride. They both had a good time and sure enjoyed the visit.

Remember the little curly redheaded girl that help her grandmother, Donna, in the Pioneer Store. Well, Jarrah, congratulations go to you for being selected one of the Junior High Cheerleaders for the 2001-2002 year! Also, congratulations to Rainy, Britany, Naomi, Kara and Mykea, the other girls selected.

Earlene Burge spent a day in Brownwood visiting family, especially grandson, Cameron, who was visiting from Nacogdoches. Visitors in Earlene's home this week were Chipper and Susan Bridges and two

sons from Austin; Kenneth Brown and his two sons fro Oklahoma. Bill and Lucille Hester from Clyde came by for awhile. Earlene went to Abilene one day with Reggie and Glenda Barr to see their cousins I, Mildred and Delbert Naylor. It was nice visiting with all the family.

Glenda Phillips went to Dallas Sunday afternoon with her sister and husband to see their brother, Gainer Boyd, in the Dallas Hospital. He had another brain surgery Monday. That is four brain surgeries since February 1. He is still in a deep sleep and doesn't respond at all. They are really concerned about him. This family is in our prayers.

Visitors in the home of Cowan and Laverne Hutton Sunday afternoon were Jason and Robbie Fortune and children, Chase and Jaycie of Abilene. They are the Hutton's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Huttons had a strange visitor last week. Cowan looked out and saw "bobcat" walking the rock wall in the downstairs yard. What a sight!

Jean Alexander spent a few days with her children, Jim, Marla, Doss, Jack, Will and Ashley, in Richardson. She got to see Will play baseball. Ashley and her grandmother had a great time together.

Do not forget the 42 party on the 5th of April.

Do not forget the "Trades Day" on Saturday the 31st.

See you next time.

**Rural Pearls:** Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day. Maxine Bourgeois.

## GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

Overseed your lawn. Leave brownning foliage on spring blooming bulbs to rejuvenate them for next year. Plant seedling of tomatoes and peppers on your region's last average frost date. Fertilize bulbs lightly after blooming to ensure repeat blooming next year.

For branches with a 1/2 to 1 1/2 inch diameter, use a bypass-style lopper. For detail work use a bypass hand

pruner. Use shears to trim hardwood hedges.

### Flower of the Month

#### Erythra or Golden Bells

Sun or part sun, rounded shrubs, to 5 to 7 feet. Deciduous, often with rather rank growth habits. Bright yellow flowers in early spring.

## Senior Citizens Will Have Bake Sale Booth at Trades Day

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will have a Bake Sale Booth at the Garden Club Trades Day set for Saturday, March 31.

If you would like to donate a pie or cake for the fund-raiser, please bring it by the Center on Friday, March 30, before 1 p.m.

The proceeds will be used to pay off the Center's refrigerator.

Come on out to the TRADES DAY on the lot behind Dairy Queen!!!!

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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



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## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS 2001-2002** — Jennifer Young (front, from left), Bree Dillard, Candice Bailey (head cheerleader), Amanda Kitchens and Emily Winfrey; Shana Hyles (back, from left), Christin Hyles and Shena Thomas.

## Lady Buffs Compete at Meridan Track Meet

By **COACH CAVENDAR**  
On Saturday we traveled to Meridan and a turn of bad weather shortened the competition of the day. All field events were cancelled and most of the running prelims became finals. We did not participate in the 800 relay, mile, or mile relay because the conditions became dangerous for the girls.  
Unofficial Results were:

2 mile- C. Hyles 3rd 13:18.4  
400 Relay- T. Wyatt, J Young, S. Thomas, M. Lewis 3rd 54.0  
100 Hurdles- Kitchens- 2nd 17.2  
C. Bailey - 5th 18.3  
800 Run- S. Hyles- 3rd- 2:43.8  
100 Dash- M. Lewis- 5th- 13.5  
400 Dash- A. Swift- 3rd -66.01  
300 Hurdles- Kitchens - 1st- 49.8  
A. Cook- 2nd- 52.3  
J. Hartman- 5th- 53.4

## C.P. Boys and Girls Golf Results Report

By **COACH CAVENDAR**  
On Monday the girls played at Parr Country Club at Proctor Lake. The Tourney was hosted by Sidney H.S. In a field of 25 Stephanie Parker finished 3rd with a round of 111 and Toni Mae Wyatt finished 7th with 118. Both girls continue to improve as they progress through the season and Toni Mae scored her 1st birdie of her golfing career.  
On Tuesday the Boys played at

Shady Oaks in Baird. The Tourney was hosted by Clyde H.S. The Tourney was loaded with 2A-4A competition. James Ross was very consistent, once again shooting 83. Tim Butler by far played his best round of the year with a 90. Shane Sharp scored a round of 98 improving his scores from a week ago. If we continue to improve as a team we should have a chance to advance as we work towards district.

## Boys Win Pioneer Relay

The Cross Plains boys are doing very well. They were able to win Pioneer Relays. Chris Kitchens won the 300 hurdles, triple jump, high jump and was the anchor on the 2nd place sprint relay and anchor on the exciting finish for 1st place on the mile relay.

Roger Carey took 2nd in discus and 3rd in shot put.

Andy Bennett won 2nd in the 3200 run.

Jordan Duran ran the 2nd leg of the spring relay.

Nathan Hawkins took 4th place in pole vault.

Matt Nickerson, Cory Phillips, Jared Nowell, Jake Merryman, Tony Beggs, Josh Hopkins, Dusty Dickson, Casey Pack, Klay Wilson, Marcus Williams, Clinton Grubb, Randy Duncan and Jose Mauricio are team members.

The boys have competed very well as a team. It has been hard to compete this season because of the weather. There will be more results in next week's paper.

Submitted by Coach Clay Mahler

## Junior High Track Results

The 8th Grade Boys placed 2nd at the Buffalo Relays last Thursday. Here are the results of that meet:

Byron McNutt - 5th Discus, 6th Shot Put  
Cody Harris - 5th High Jump, 6th Long Jump, 1st 100 Meter Dash; 1st 200 Meter Dash  
Thomas Dimitri - 6th Triple Jump, 2nd Pole Vault, 2nd 800 Run  
Kyle Kitchens - 5th Triple Jump, 3rd 110 Hurdles  
Brndon Horton - 3rd Pole Vault  
Eddie Rose - 6th Pole Vault, 4th 800 Run  
Josh Dillard - 1st 2400 Run, 5th 200 Meter Dash  
Dusty Cooper - 3rd 2400 Run, 2nd 1600 Meter Run  
2nd 400 Meter Relay - Thomas Dimitri, Josh Dillard, Kyle Kitchens

and Cody Harris  
2nd 1600 Meter - Thomas Dimitri, Josh Dillard, Kyle Kitchens and Cody Harris  
Also competing were J.D. Cook, Chris Beaty and Ross Sifuentes.

The 7th Grade Boys placed 3rd and missed 2nd place by only 2 points.

Their results are:  
Levi Wooten - 6th Shot Put  
Chance Watkins - 3rd High Jump, 6th Long Jump, 4th 400 Meter Dash  
Travis Golson - 4th Long Jump, 5th 200 Meter Dash  
River Dillard - 2nd High Jump, 2nd Long Jump, 2nd 800 Run  
Raymond Sifuentes - 3rd Discus  
Clayton Thomas - 6th Discus.

Submitted by Coach Clay Mahler

CP vs Ira March 23, 2001

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Ira	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	4	1

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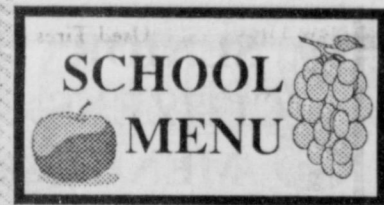
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KITCHENS	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
HAWKINS	3	3	2	1	0	0	1 DBL, 1 TRPL
WHITEHEAD	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
DILLARD	2	3	0	1	0	0	1 TRPL
HILL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
HOPKINS	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
POTTER	0	3	0	0	1	0	0
REED	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
NOWELL	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
NORRIS	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
WILSON	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

+ .600 ON BASE AVE. BEGGS 3 FOR 4, HAWKINS 3 FOR 3  
WHITEHEAD 2 FOR 3, DILLARD 2 FOR 3



**JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS 2001-2002** — Brittany Adams (front, from left) and Naomi Isbell; Mykea Douglass (back, from left), Karen Scott, Jarrah Hutchins and Rainey Bacon.



April 2 - April 6  
**BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY--Sweet Rice, Toast, Assorted Juice  
TUESDAY--Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice  
WEDNESDAY--Cereal Toast, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY-- Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY--HOLIDAY  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Roscy-Applesauce  
TUESDAY--Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Mixed Fruit  
WEDNESDAY-- Frito Pie, (Corn Chips, Chili, Cheese) Salad, Rice, Pincapples  
THURSDAY-- BBQ Weiners, Augratin Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Jello  
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## Junior High Girls Track Results Noted

By **COACH DILLARD**  
Thursday March 22, 2001 Cross Plains hosted a Jr. High track meet after school. The Jr. High girls team won 2nd place with 166 pts.  
The Field Events helped gather up 65 points.  
Shot: Richards 1st - 27.9"  
Clark 4th - 23'31/2"  
Bennett 5th - 22'2"  
Discus: Richards 1st- 76.4"  
Clark 5th - 59'  
Triple Jump: Mack 1st- 28'61/4"  
Edington 3rd- 25'71/2"  
Ross 4th - 24'81/2"  
Long Jump: Mack 2nd- 12'7"  
Edington 5th - 11'11"  
Ross 6th - 11'11"  
High Jump: Adams 4th- 4'4"  
Norris 5th -  
In the running events the girls tried to catch up with Bangs.  
400 Relay- 2nd - 58.53 Edington, Richards, Hutchins, Adams  
800 Run- Mack- 3rd 2:58.88  
Clark - 5th  
100 Hurdles- Richards 1st- 19.79  
Edington 5th - 20.75  
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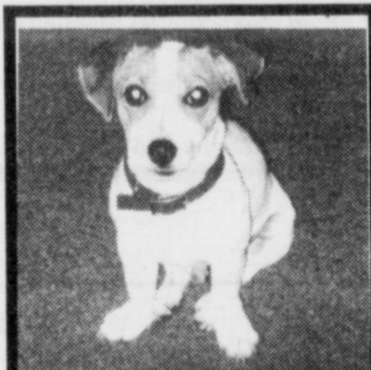
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Thank each and every one for the food, prayers, phone calls, the most beautiful cards and flowers. The visits and all the kind and loving words. Thanks to the staff of the Nursing Home for the loving hands that tended to our loved one. We know and feel Jesse is resting in the arms of Jesus, but we miss him terribly after 67 years of having him. May God's blessing be with everyone.

Lorene Harris  
Billy and Ruth  
James and Pearl  
Lou and Earnest

### CARD OF THANKS

There is no place like this area. The kindness shown the family of Jo Davee is so appreciated. Thank you for your prayers, the flowers, Bob and Dee Harrell, the pallbearers, all who attended the service, and a special thanks to our dear pastor, Richard Chaffin. God bless you.

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- NEW LISTING**--160/A, 3 miles S.W. of Cross Plains, rural water line, excellent fences, 2 ponds stocked with fish, Good deer & dove Hunting-will divide.
- NEW LISTING**--219.5/A, water well, stock ponds, small lake, super hunting, good views, good stock farm North of Cross Plains.
- NEW LISTING**--House and 57.34/A, Eastland Co., brick and very nice, large rooms, with 3bd/2 bath, large trees, and backed up to a lake, Rising Star area--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--255/A with 3 bd/2 bath rock house, waterwell, pecan orchard, mountains, good hunting, north of Cottonwood.
- NEW LISTING**--400+/A, 5 large ponds, over 250/A in coastal, large trees, older home, large barn, working pens.
- NEW LISTING**--3bd/2 bath brick **SOLD** 8.55/A at Cottonwood, large trees, native pasture, creek, waterwell, good hunting, good buy.
- NEW LISTING**--157.34/A **SOLD** Cross Plains, 3bd/2 bath home, 2 waterwells, approximately 100/A trees, remainder in native pasture and cultivation, on pavement, good hunting.
- NEW LISTING**--40/A, rural water line, Good dove hunting, home site and stock farm.
- NEW LISTING**--54.6/A in western Eastland County, good hunting, good homesite, waterwell, septic system, fenced on 3 sides, approx. 15/A. cultivation, remainder in trees.
- NEW LISTING**--64.5/A, good fences, cross-fenced, spring fed stock pond, good hunting, good stock pond, western Eastland County.
- NEW LISTING**--10/A High Fence, city water, stock pond, some exotic deer.
- NEW LISTING**--370/A lots of hills, Liveoak, mesquite, 7 large stock ponds, super good hunting.
- NEW LISTING**--249.5/A, 40/A in coastal, 79/A in cultivation, hills, native pasture, 4 stock ponds, rural water line, excellent hunting, minerals, central Eastland County.
- NEW LISTING**--206.83/A in Eastland County, thick cover, 80/A tall grass, excellent hunting, remote, good water area.
- NEW LISTING**--72.42/A on county road, **UNDER CONTRACT** 2 ponds, good fences, some improved grass. Good home site and stock farm.
- NEW LISTING**--4 large residential lots in the Tom Bryant Addition, **SOLD** 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 in **UNDER CONTRACT** wooded, large trees, good home site.
  - \* 92.42/A, goat proof **SOLD** pond, some woods, Coastal, Eastland County.
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  - \* 370/A, 14 irrigation wells, 4 stock ponds, good fences, Liveoak, Bermuda grass, good hunting--Call Pauline.
  - \* 200/A, 3 tanks, good fences, excellent hunting, good water, trees, good building site--Call Pauline.
  - \* Approximately 140/A, has everything. Creek bottom w/large pecan, oak, elm, & Liveoak, hills & canyons w/ mesquite, 4 stock ponds, large creek, on pavement, rural water line, excellent deer, turkey & hog hunting w/ quail, dove & ducks. Located west of Cisco.
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  - \* 320/A heavy oak, native grass, 2 stock ponds, excellent hunting, deer, turkey, hogs, quail.
  - \* 11.41/A, waterwell, fenced, native grass, good home site.
  - \* 185/A in North Brown County, 2 stock ponds, rural water line, on pavement, wooded, creek, some cultivation. Good hunting & fishing!
  - \* 570/A Coleman/Callahan counties, lake on Little Pecan Bayou + 4 stock tanks, metal barn & cattle pens. Part in cultivation, prt Oaks & mequites. Coleman water system. GREAT HUNTING! REDUCED.
  - \* 22/A Cottonwood area.

### ACREAGE WITH HOME:

- NEW LISTING**--1/A lot and older house, great fixer upper, nice lot, in Rising Star-- Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--Beautiful 3bd/3 bath brick, CH/A, on 7/A Cottonwood area. water well, large barn, fenced, Fantastic View.
- 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.
- NEW LISTING**--3bd/1 bath home on 5/A, waterwell, landscaped, on pavement, close to town.
- \* 3bd/3 bath, brick on 5/A, fireplace, large trees, workshop and barn--Call Pauline.
  - \* 3bd/2 bath, **SOLD** 20/A, wooded, barns & pens, good waterwell, NW of Rising Star.
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- NEW LISTING**--3 bd/2 1/2 bath in Rising Star, 183 N, large lots w/ guest house, PRICE REDUCED--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--Very nice 2bd/1 bath, well landscaped, roof is 2 years old, has patio, garage, in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--1bd/1 bath home, fenced, carport and nice storage, well insulated, nice place, in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--1,428 sq. ft. nice brick home on Main Street in Cross Plains, CH/A, brick, excellent location.
- NEW LISTING**--Comfortable **SOLD** this extra nice 3bd/2 bath home on Tom Bryant. Large fenced yard, double garage, new a/c an.
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- NEW LISTING**--3bd/2 bath, large lot, fruit trees, Liveoaks, in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
- NEW LISTING**--4bd/2 bath, brick on large lot, big pecan trees in Cross Plains.
- NEW LISTING**--2bd/1 bath, frame, large trees, on 2 lots in Cross Plains, reasonably priced.
- NEW LISTING**--2bd/2 bath, brick, fireplace, landscaped, on 4 lots, large pecan trees, cellar, waterwell, carport in Rising Star.
- \* Nice 3bd, brick, CH/A **SOLD** in Tom Bryant Addition.
  - \* 3bd/2 bath on large lot, 16 pecan trees in Rising Star--Call Pauline.
  - \* 2bd/1 bath, on large lot, garden spot, pecan trees, a homestead in town.
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  - \* 2 bd/1 bath on 2 lots in Cross Plains.
  - \* 3 bd/1 bath on 2 lots in Cross Plains.
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## BURKETT NEWS

BY LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, secretary-treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery, reports the latest donations received:

Sammy and Becky Edington \$50; the following are in Memory of Jerry Strickland - Dick and Sharon Koenig \$25, Anonymous \$30; Jackie and Julie Strickland \$50, Jody and Eureka Whitley \$20, Lovera Strickland \$50, Shirley Hunter \$20, Mark and Marsha Turney \$20, Mike and Linda Brady \$20, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rhoads \$25, Bruce Adams \$20, and Virgil and Freeda Burkett \$50; In Memory of Dan Byers - Charles Byers \$40, Wayne Parsons \$25; In Memory of Essie Hunter - Edith Turney \$15, Lorene Baker and Arthur and Barbara Little John \$15, Joe and Kay Masty \$25 and Mrs. Auntie Mae Seeton \$25.

The Cemetery Board wishes to thank each one of their generous donations. All donations are used for the upkeep of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries.

Paul Walker of Denton, Darrell Walker of Nimrod and their father, Andrew Walker, spent last weekend in Midland visiting Gene and Merle Amos. They also visited Thelma Wade in Merkel Sunday.

Dawn Hill and children of Falwell visited Bob and Beth Kleiber last week.

Morgan Robinson of Snook spent his spring vacation with Eddie and Michele Strickland and Daniel.

Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Jackie Strickland, Deonna and Staci and friends, Dwight Mosey and Coley of Somerville, Jon Turney of Whon spent the weekend with Lovera Strickland. Marsha and Matt Turney visited Saturday evening.

Caroline Sanders of Round Rock and Tommy Burns of Breckenridge visited Lanette Burns last weekend. Richard and Linda Burns and Casey of Round Rock and Tommy Burns visited Lanette this weekend.

Addie Walker and her sisters, Colleen Lamb, and Reba Reeves, took their mother, Hazel Campbell, to visit their other sister, Von Ceia Snider and family in Rose Bud, Arkansas. Mrs. Campbell is staying a while with Von Ceia.

Bill and Addie Walker went to Midland to visit Gene and Merle Amos and returned by San Angelo to visit Melba Walker this past weekend.

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## Commissioners approve 2000 independent audit

Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular bimonthly meeting Monday, March 26, approved the independent audit report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

The Commissioners' Court met with Debbie Piper and June Crawford who presented the County's independent audit report. On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, County Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the annual independent audit report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

Other agenda items brought before Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 12 Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Charles Rodenberger, President of the Cross Plains Library, met with the Commissioners' Court to ask for their consideration of more funding in the next budget. The Library's budget has doubled according to Rodenberger and they need the additional help with daily operations. Also present

at the meeting and representing the Cross Plains Library were Virginia Hoskins, Dorothy Petty, Cecil A. Barton, Ester Kerr, Cherry Shults and Billie R. Loving. Commissioners took no action on the item.

—County Judge Roger Corn reported to Commissioners' Court that Cami Robinson was doing a good job as the Indigent Coordinator for Callahan County. No action was taken.

—The Callahan County Sheriff's Department has applied for a \$10,000 grant and if the grant is approved, the County would match the grant with 10 percent. On a motion by Commissioner Charlie Grider and second by Commissioner Farmer, Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the local law enforcement Block Grant Resolution.

—On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Grider, Commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all current bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, Commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting.

## 2001 Big Country Charitable Campaign Accepting Applications

The Local Campaign Manager for the State Employee Charitable Campaign is currently accepting applications from federated and unaffiliated organizations wanting to participate in the 2001 Big Country State Employee Charitable Campaign. Applications are available at the United Way of Abilene office, 240 Cypress, Suite A.

Eligibility requirements for inclusion are certification as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, 2000 audit report, a copy of the organization's most recent IRS Form 990 from its local office, and

demonstration of a substantial presence in the area covered by the Big Country campaign.

This includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton and Scurry.

Applications should be submitted to Local Campaign Manager, c/o United Way of Abilene, P.O. Box 92, Abilene, TX 79604-0092 or delivered to 240 Cypress, Suite A and received no later than April 16, 2001 at 5:00 P.M.

## Reducing Medicare Waste Could Make Down Payment on Prescription Drug Benefit

ALEXANDRIA, VA (March 23, 2001)—"Reducing the rate of waste, fraud and improper payments in Medicare could make a substantial down payment toward adding a prescription drug benefit or improving the quality of care," says George Smith, chairman of TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL). Recently the Office of Inspector General estimated that Medicare lost about \$11.9 billion to waste, fraud and mistakes in fiscal year 2000. That figure is about half of what was lost five years ago, but this estimate may understate the true extent of improper payments.

"The estimated \$11.9 billion is just the tip of the iceberg. Although Medicare has made progress in reduction of improper payments to doctors, hospitals and other health care providers, plenty of opportunities for gaming the system still exist in other areas," he contends.

An example of this is a recent change in the payment system to home health care agencies and nursing homes. Under the old system Medicare paid for all the services that were delivered. Under the new system providers are paid fixed rates rather than for each service. Providers face the risk of loss if their costs exceed their Medicare payments, but under this approach they can boost profits by skimping on services. In a

similar manner, managed care plans are paid a fixed amount for each beneficiary. Plans may be overpaid when they favor the enrollment of relatively healthier beneficiaries misreport data to increase payments, or fail to deliver required services.

"The annual review by the Office of Inspector General has proven that we can reduce improper payments in Medicare — but that review has focused on Medicare's fee-for-service payments. Medicare also need effective monitoring in other areas to prevent providers from boosting profits by inappropriately reducing patient care," Smith declares. "We urge Congress to continue to provide the oversight to eliminate waste, fraud and improper payments in all of the Medicare programs. The money we save can go a long way to providing prescription drugs or better quality health care."

TSCL is a national group of politically active seniors concerned about the protection of their earned Social Security, Medicare, military and other retirement benefits. TSCL members participate in a number of grassroots lobbying and public education campaigns to ensure governmental bodies, including the Social Security and Health Care Financing Administrations, live up to their commitments. Visit our website at: [www.tscl.org](http://www.tscl.org).

The Comanche Community Hospital Auxiliary invites everyone to a benefit fish fry at Cook's Fish Barn on Highway 36 East on April 2, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until 8:30 p.m. In addition to Cook's fish with all the trimmings, the auxiliary will also be serving homemade desserts. Tickets are \$7.00 with children under six eating free. Proceeds from this dinner will be used for the purchase of ER and OR room equipment and applied to the purchase of bed scales for the hospital.

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## Legislature proposes 13% cut for rural and small city public transit

AUSTIN—Public transit riders in 28 small cities and 242 counties in Texas are facing substantial reductions in service within their communities should funding levels proposed by the Texas House and Senate appropriations committees be adopted.

Public transportation outside of the major metropolitan areas received \$62 million in the current state budget. In their most recent actions regarding small city and rural public transportation funding in the General Appropriations Bill, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance have proposed 12 and 13 percent cuts, or between \$7.8 million, respectively.

Texas provides partial funding of public transportation in small cities of under 200,000 in population and the forty-one rural transit systems serving every geographic region of the state. In 1999, 20 million rides were provided by small city and rural public transportation. Demand for public transit service is increasing each, including medically necessary trips, employment transportation, commutes, and services for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

"It's a tough time at the Texas Legislature," related Michael Plaster, executive director of the Texas Transit Association. "Major fiscal challenges face our legislators, like Medicaid, teacher pay and retirement, state employee and prison guard pay, and on and on. Mobility for Medicaid and welfare-to-work

recipients is best supplied by public transportation."

"However," Plaster said, "both rural and small city public transportation is a mobility 'safety net' for many of our citizens who reside outside the large metropolitan areas of the State." Should the proposed cut be finally adopted in May by the Legislature, public transportation will be at the funding level funded four years ago and lose the gains made in recent years. "As the funding pie shrinks, and more newly-formed public transit systems are begun in the next two years, other areas will necessarily be hurt and service significantly reduced. It means fewer bus stops, fewer bus routes or an inability to get service to the doors of the elderly and people with disabilities in more remote areas."

The transit spokesman noted that new public transportation systems just begun in the cities of Victoria, Harlingen, McAllen, Killeen and Texarkana, may find their progress blocked and possible be unable to match all of the federal dollars available to them to begin operation. Two more cities — Midland and Odessa — who are planning to begin operation within a year or two, may also find themselves unable to obtain adequate funding and possibly delay their start date.

"Small city and rural public transportation as requested an increase of \$33 million for the biennium to increase service and provide seed money for starting these new transit systems all around the State," Plaster finally noted.

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**Callahan County residents to rid roadways of litter during Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off**

ABILENE—Everything is bigger in Texas, and community clean-ups are no exception as more than 100,000 volunteers take to the roadways on Saturday, April 7, to declare war on trash. As participants in the 16th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, these proud Texans will be going to extreme measures to pick up after those who have dared to trash the Lone Star State.

"We're extremely grateful for the way Trash-Off volunteers demonstrate their Texas pride, but it's hard work for 100,000 volunteers to pick up after 17 million people," said Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell.

In the Abilene district, 46 Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) groups have already signed up to participate in the Trash-Off. Other AAH groups wishing to take part in the clean-up still have time to sign up, Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district AAH coordinator, said. In Callahan County, groups can sign up by calling Rudy Rodriguez, Callahan county AAH coordinator, at 915/854-1353.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers will pick up an estimated 2 million tons of litter in time for the spring wildflower season. This massive statewide cleanup is organized by TxDOT and fueled by volunteers from AAH groups and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) communities around the state.

Along with Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, TxDOT's litter prevention programs have reversed a trend in the increase of trash on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter.

**Maintenance of Home Wastewater System Needs Top Spring Priority**

Tens of thousands of homes in Texas are located in suburban or rural communities where houses are spaced widely apart. In many of these areas, wastewater collection and treatment systems are not available, so homeowners dispose of their waste using aerobic wastewater treatment plants and spray disposal systems. Aerobic systems are similar to septic tanks, aerobic plants require a constant supply oxygen to operate properly and a special type of chlorine tablet to reduce bacteria levels before the wastewater can safely be used for spray disposal.

To supply the oxygen necessary to treat wastewater, aerobic treatment systems use a mechanical blower or aerator that is operated by a control panel located in a basement, crawl space, or on an outside wall. Pumps and controls for the spray disposal system are also a part of the treatment system. Because of the mechanical components involved, aerobic treatment systems must be serviced by a factory authorized maintenance professional at least three times per year. This preventive maintenance insures that the wastewater being disposed is safe and can be applied to you lawns and shrubbery.

If you have an aerobic unit and need to locate a factory certified technician, check the inside cover of the system's control panel. The name and phone number of the company providing service to your system should always be on the control

panel. Your local health department can also direct you to a qualified service technician. When the service technician arrives for routine service, he will check all mechanical components to insure that they are operating properly, thoroughly inspect all sprinkler heads and test the treatment system to insure that it meets Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission requirements.

Lastly, system maintenance also includes filling the system with chlorine tablets to reduce levels of potentially harmful bacteria before it is disposed of onto the lawn. This is especially critical in wet spring weather when the ground may be saturated with water. Purchasing chlorine tablets and refilling the chlorinator is usually up to the homeowner. Only use calcium hypochlorite tablets labeled for wastewater treatment. Do not use tablets or sticks sold for swimming pools. The wrong type of disinfecting tablet can harm your lawn and possibly cause a fire or explosion. The correct type of wastewater chlorine tablets are available in 10 pound pails from major home improvement stores, hardware stores, or can be ordered online through www.norweco.com.

For further information on the care and operation of home wastewater treatment systems, please contact Norweco, Inc. at (419) 668-4471, visit our website, or call you local TNRC office.

**David and Goliath revisited**

By Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Thought you'd heard it all? This timeless story of the little guy against powerful forces has a new twist today.

It's the mom and pop farmer or rancher trying to survive against huge, well-funded interests, who don't seem to care much about Texas, much about you, or, much less, about the little guy.

Imagine a dust-country farmer throwing grapes at a big, burly guy with a club in his hand — David and Goliath. That's basically the wine fight brewing in Texas. The farmer against big, powerful restrictive operators who want to control small businesses and therefore the cash. What's at stake is truly a story of epic proportions.

Farmers and ranchers, ravaged by blistering heat over the last four or five years, depressed commodity prices and uncertain world trade, are taking a long, hard look at the fledgling Texas wine industry as a means of diversifying their incomes.

Grapes can yield about \$1,800 per acre. Compare that with recent average returns of \$270 an acre for corn, \$221 per acre for cotton and a whopping \$77 per acre for wheat — actually less than what a farmer received 50 years ago.

And consumers in the Lone Star State are buying wine. Texas ranks fifth in total wine consumption with Texans spending more than \$500 million a year on wine. But only about 5 percent of all wine sold in the state is Texas wine. That's far below the 20 percent to 30 percent market share Oregon and Washington wineries garner in their respective states.

So why not let Texas grape growers and our wineries follow in the footsteps of Oregon and Washington? California and New York? And even now New Mexico, Arizona, Missouri, Vermont, Colorado, Kentucky and Illinois, to name a few.

Because it's all about distribution and who gets the money. The distributors don't seem very excited about a little winery selling its few bottles of wine directly to

Texas consumers. They want a farmer or rancher to drive miles and miles to some package store and then ship to you directly in Austin, Houston or Dallas.

It's always about money. The distributor wants to buy the wine at a sharply discounted price from the winery, ramp up the price, then sell it to the consumer and ultimately control all access. When asked what benefit the winery would get from this, the answer is, "We'll make the call to UPS for you."

Gee thanks. Bet these farmers and ranchers could manage to make that call themselves, save the long-distance drive from the vineyard, and also manage not to be forced to sell their long-labored-over wine at a sharply discounted price.

But the distributors say they only have your interests at heart. Hmm. So what does all this distill down to? The big guy wants all the return for virtually none of the labor. Growing grapes is labor intensive. It usually takes anywhere from six to seven years before growers can begin seeing a profit. Getting the wine right is time and experience intensive and definitely not easy.

Marketing isn't easy either, but California has managed it superbly. Napa Valley has more tourists than Disneyland. Wineries have spurred rural economic development—beds and breakfasts, small inns, small stores with things I can't seem to resist.

Let's see if we can't find a way for Texans to buy from Texans, to let wineries across the state flourish, to let Texans in a huge state the size of almost 15 states get their wine from far-flung Texas vineyards.

Let's see if we can't find a win for David against Goliath once again.

**Essay Winner in Library Writing Contest**

This is the 1st place personal essay composition from the December 2000 Creative Writing Contest.

**"Y'all Ought'a Get Some Goats. They're Not Much Trouble."**

By Ginny Hoskins

When my husband and I left the city to retire on a small farm near Cross Plains, we had no idea what we were getting into. I had grown up on a farm, but that was long ago and far away.

We hadn't been here long when we were advised, "Y'all ought'a get some goats to clear out these pastures. They're not much trouble - just worm them a couple times a year is about all you have to do."

Yes, goats will clear brush from pastures - if you can keep them in the pasture. As a goat browses, she pays little mind (not that she has a lot to pay with) to obstacles. If the fence is weak and the briars tasty, she'll follow her mouth right through. For the first few weeks, we spent a lot of time repairing old fences. We also learned that keeping goats in isn't all : the fence has to be made with a wire the goat can't get her horns caught in. So we also spent a lot of time disentangling the horns of frightened, bounding goats that were quite certain we were the predators!

Then there's the "just worm them a couple times a year" stuff... Twice in the spring, twice in the fall. And they need vaccinations. And tagging for identification. Feed them supplement every evening so they come in to safety for the night. Let them out in the morning. Haul hay in winter. Trim hooves. Clean the night pens and shelters. Check that the automatic waterers are working. And on and on and on....

It soon occurred to us, with so much work involved in raising meat goats, we needed to have fun with it. To stay the course, we needed a more immediate reward than just the satisfaction of seeing these critters

thrive in our care. Fortunately, having fun isn't hard with goats. To start with, they're such comical looking animals - just watching one chew her cud makes me smile. It's neat, too, having them come to us for carrot treats and a good scratching. While I'm checking off their numbers in the evening, young Blondie will lean her forehead against my leg. No pushing or butting - she just leans until I stop and pet her. Clone's a bit more insistent. I feel a tug at my shirttail. "Ok, Clone, I'll Scratch you in a minute." Tug, Tug. "Just a second, sweetie." TUG, TUG! I stop and scratch. Makes us both feel good.

Holding a new kid in your arms and smelling the salty, milky aroma of a healthy little one is an experience to savor. Then at about two weeks the kids grow springs in their legs and start bouncing all over the nursery pasture - which would be near the house for that reason, if no other. My husband even built see-saws for the kids to play on. (Yes, they do, and so do the grown-up goats!)

Since we both love word play, another fun job is "the naming of goats." One in the first flock we bought came and nibbled our pockets for Day One. At that time, we could hardly tell one gait from another, so we just call her "Brown Knees" for the tan markings on her black coat. Predictably, her first kid ("Punkin" for her light red color) also tags after us. We decided the next does born to those two will be named "Surely," "Goodness," and "Mercy," because we know they'll

follow us all the days of our lives! (My brother suggested Brown Knees' next kid could be "Scout." "Scout," I asked? "Sure," he said, "then you'd have 'Brown Knees Scout'.")

Another favorite of our is "Chicken Little," so named because she's the most vocal goat in the flock. First to bleat, last to quit, she "chuckles" to her kids more than any mother in the bunch. We named her twins "One Little" and "Two Little," which led to:

One little, two little, three little doe goats,  
Four little, five little, six little doe goats,  
Seven little, eight little, nine little doe goats,  
Ten little doeing goats.  
One little goat is eating briars,  
One little goat is on the hay bale,  
One little goat go in the feed shed,  
Seven little goats are out!

Naturally, the last kid born at the end of a too long kidding season had to be "Omega." And I'll let her end this story, too.

**Don't Forget to "Spring Forward" your clocks this weekend.**

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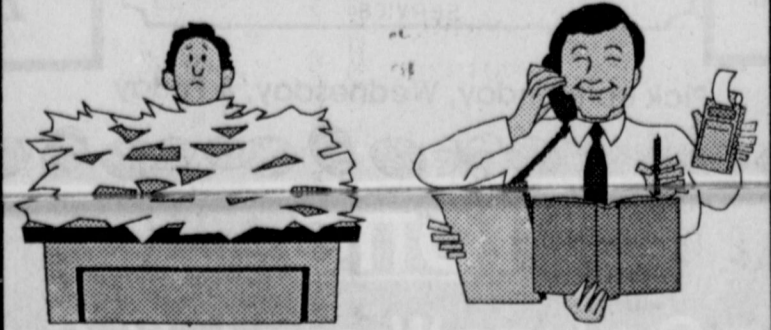
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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## Gads, it's Grackles!

It's hot - one of those days when Spring tackles Winter and Winter gives up, however grudgingly, for just one day. I am digging in the ground. The shovel feels good in my hands. The earth smells warm, and the sun massages my back. Bird families are whistling while they work, warming up for a dress rehearsal symphony to welcome a new season.

A bunch of black dots speckle the sky, looming larger as they pop into the ancient pecan tree at the edge of the field. It's a tribe of migrating Grackles taking a flight break in our tree.

They can't know how they bewilder the tree that has held up bare brown arms all these cold months. It seems the tree itself is stirred to look up and welcome Spring.

Grackles are so noisy and social, they match pace with the hum of the city. In fact, the first Grackles I met were crowning a tree by the Post Office; the old Post Office before the new one was built.

Waiting in the car, I tapped my fingernails on the steering wheel while Punkin ran inside to buy stamps. Next minute I was spell-bound with the rattle-dazzle clamor of the black birds in a top-heavy tree.

The birds are from the crow fam-

ily, but they must be the drama department. I can't do anything but listen and watch while they're clowning around. It's obvious they live a show biz lifestyle, posing and upstaging each other, hamming it up.

They are so entertaining. Here at the house, my small piece of flat West Texas ground becomes a gilded amphitheater with the actors playing only to me.

They strut and tweet, hop and hoot and chirp. Their language includes whistles and clucks, screeches and scratchy clicks. For effect they throw in an unexpected raspy croak, kind of like a roadrunner. They cavort and converse while the sun polishes their blue-black feathers. Their long tails lend a comic note to their dance. Even their name is funny.

I don't understand their language, but it sure sounds to me like the excited telling and retelling of wintering stories as they meet at the rest stops with the crowds traveling north.

It humbles me, and I'm honored that the birds have come to entertain me, just one lone person out here in the country. I'm sure they long for the applause of many, but my appreciation is sincere, and I think they must know that.

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# Guerra-King to Wed Saturday, March 31st

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Evans of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Creech and Tommy King, all of Cross Plains, would like to announce the wedding of their children, Jamie LeahAnn Guerra and Kye King.

The bride-elect attends Hobbs High School and the groom to be is a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. He is employed by R.E. Hedrick in Sweetwater.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, March 31, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. in the gazebo at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kirkham.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend. A reception will follow directly.



KYE KING & JAMIE GUERRA

## Free Photo Contest Open to C.P. Residents

OWINGS MILLS, MD. — The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographer, especially beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline is May 31, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

To enter, Send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Por-

traiture or Other. The photo must be a color or back-and-white print (unmounted), 8"x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and title of the photo. Send them to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2611, 3600 Condall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by May 31, 2001. You may also submit your photo directly online at [www.picture.com](http://www.picture.com).

## Livestock—

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000-crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or 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 or ranch.

For more information on LAP, visit the USDA-Farm Service Agency website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/lap01.htm) or contact the local USDA Service Center.

## Oakdale Bluegrass Jamboree

Oakdale Park, located in Glen Rose, will host its annual Bluegrass Jamboree March 29, 30, 31, and April 1. For the 30th consecutive year, this spring bluegrass musical will take place in the tree-shaded park of the small central Texas town.

In addition to scheduled stage show, numerous informal jam sessions will be scattered throughout the park. Groups varying in numbers from three to thirty will be playing the old-time music in every crook and cranny of the park.

Oakdale Park is a campground/resort specializing in family entertainment. Camping and cottages are available. For more information, contact Oakdale Park, Box 548, Glen Rose, Texas 76043; [www.oakdalepark.com](http://www.oakdalepark.com) (254) 897-2321.

# Happy Birthday!

**MARCH 30**  
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Wesley Kelly  
Jerry Ann Perkins  
Mrs. Granvel Scott  
Robert Williams  
Mrs. Grady Scott  
Elena Reyes  
Mathew Chase Smith  
Ector Junior Mireles

**MARCH 31**  
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Sharon (Ingram) Pope  
Ruth Clyatt  
Rusty Wayne Johnson  
Todd Kennedy  
Eva McGough  
Ector Mireles, Jr.  
Lyceria Juarez  
Blake Ryan Nickerson

**APRIL 1**  
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Mrs. H.H. Hutson  
Rhil Rutledge  
Virginia Sheppard  
Edna M. McCormick  
Bonnie Rogers  
Bethany (Meador) Parker  
Bob Kirkham  
April Jennings  
Florence Stewart  
Bill Strength  
Glen Maxwell  
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**APRIL 2**  
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Mrs. Sterling Odom  
Kailea Hunter  
Lynanne Hill  
Cody Self  
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Charlesea Jean Ethington  
Anthony Ring  
Kathy Anderson  
Mildred Smith

**APRIL 3**  
Louis Cavage  
Mrs. Roy Stambaugh  
John Baird  
Randall Segura  
Mrs. F.L. Merrill  
Steve Letney

**APRIL 4**  
Beth (McCowan) Bogue  
Glenn Phillips  
Orean Peevy  
Gregory Wilson  
Mrs. Harold Freeman  
Debbie Meroney  
Sonya (Renfro) Barnett

**APRIL 5**  
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Jeff Bacon  
Lorene Lanford  
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Casey Williams  
Carolyn Wilson  
Donna Jane Besselaar

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## Cisco FolkLife Festival April 28-29 --28th Annual

The 28th Annual Cisco FolkLife Festival, sponsored by the Cisco Civic League is scheduled for the weekend of April 28th-29th. Many activities have been planned for the weekend, so mark your calendar and plan to join in on all the fun.

Come early to enjoy the **TRAIL RIDE BREAKFAST** Free breakfast form 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. -- Location is 2 miles north of Cisco on Hwy 6, at the park below the Lake Cisco Dam. Approximately 9:00 a.m. the group will start the trail ride into town to join the parade at 10 a.m.

We will provide transportation if needed after the Parade back to the park to get your trucks and trailers.

Immediately following the parade the Cisco FolkLife Festival officially opens. Location for the Festival will be on the Cisco Junior College Campus, north of town on Hwy 6. There will be food booths, pioneer demonstrations, arts, crafts and lots of entertainment.

For more information contact the Cisco Chamber of Commerce at 309 Conrad Hilton BLVD, Cisco, Texas 76437, or call (254) 442-2537.

## White Family Reunion

Spring is near, guess what I hear? April 7, 2001 is the date, so don't be late.

### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 18, 2001 through March 24, 2001 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings-64
- Complaints-96
- DWI-1
- Possession of Marijuana-1
- Fugitive Arrest-Theft over \$20.00 and under \$500.00-1
- Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested on Outstanding Warrants

There were three outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$1,500.00 collected.

William Lee and Pearl's brood of kids have grown and moved through the nation. Whites, Verners, and Cunninghams have sure added to the population. Come with photos and keep-sakes to show. Search your memories for stories to be told. Friends and family, gather and part. We want all memories to touch your heart.

All family, friends, acquaintances, or anyone who wants to share in the memories of William Lee and Pearl White are invited to our Family Reunion at the Putnam Community Center on April 7, 2001. A Continental Breakfast will be served for the early-birds. Lunch will be served, and all items such as brisket, ham, etc. have been taken care of. If you wish, you may bring a covered dish of your favorite food that Grandma Pearl used to fix for us, but don't everyone bring fried chicken and peach cobbler.

Hope to see you there on April 7.

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