

## **Water system complete at Trails End**

Citizens in Trails End celebrated the completion of the water system in their neighborhood with a free fish fry.

Several of the long time residents said that they did not believe it would ever happen. Jim Roberts, president of the Trails End Home Owners Association, said that there were times when he did not think it could be done. He and Hal Lanham worked for four years to get the system installed. They collected almost a quarter of a million dollars from Trails End residents to pay for the system. Still there were delays.

Trails End needed treated water badly. There were contaminated wells and wells going dry. Some residents had to have water hauled in and some were getting their water from the lake. Residents were also very concerned about fire protection. Houses in the neighborhood had been completely lost because the fire department could not get enough water to the fires quickly enough.

The delays ended when Billy Carter, president of the Jonestown Water Supply Corporation, decided that they would build the system themselves instead of contracting it out. Dave Stewart, who is their treasurer, was directed to get it organized. John Tichi, who later became their general manager, was assigned the job of building the system.

Once started, the build went like clockwork. In fact, the build went much faster than some of the customers expected, and now they are scrambling to get their houses connected.

Van Keene, vice president of the Trails End HOA, experienced a dry water well a few days before he was connected. Jonestown Water Supply

responded and provided his connection earlier than planned. His wife Janice said that it was nice to have as much water as they need.

At the fish fry, Jonestown Water Supply employees were quick to point out that the fire hydrants are actually flush valves, and are not legally fire hydrants. Trails End residents responded that the flush valves are a hundred times better than all the garden hoses that they could drag to a fire.