



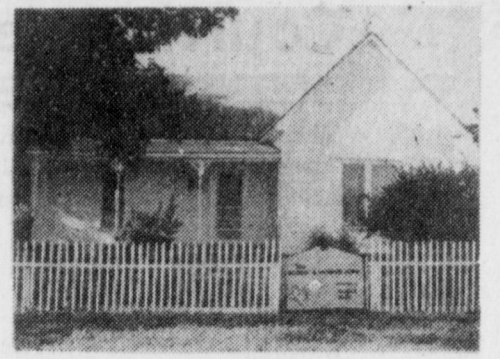
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Editors Note: How about those Cross Plains Buffaloes. The community would like to let the boys know that it is behind them all the way. Just remember boys that if you play as a team you can accomplish anything.

Editor Vanda Creech

"Thank You Lord for the Rain"

By VANDA ANDERSON-CREECH, EDITOR

The Lord truly blessed our community with a wonderful rain. Cross Plains reported up to 8 inches, while the Sabanno Community received 6 inches. Various amounts around this area certainly helped the drought-stricken country side.

Just the beautiful sound of rain drops was so refreshing. At my house we only had rain - no wind or hail. The first day it gently fell all day and the second day it came down hard and filled the almost dry tanks. All of our tanks are now full and some are running around.

The Sabanno Creek is only 1 mile from the house and water ran over the bridge. The 12-14 ft banks of the creek were overflowing into the Coastal Field. The sound of the rush of the water could be heard from my back door. You can't imagine how loud it was.

Watching the water moving along swiftly makes you realize the destruction it can hold. Most of our cows and calves were stranded on an island of land beside the creek, while the Coastal field was under water. They could have waded across, but they preferred the high dry place, even when we tried to call them.

There were some calves who had never seen rain before. Don't you know the flooding was a surprise for them. All they had seen were those terribly hot days of blowing wind. Guess it blew up a good rain anyway.

Since I've moved to the country I haven't seen the water so high. Some of Richard's place is considered wet lands and now I know why. It only took one day for the thirsty land to absorb the liquid. It will only take a few weeks for the creek to lower. The water look out-of-place after all the months of seeing the creek bone dry. What a great change. Now there is hope for hay production and crops.

Burn Ban haulted for Now

With the recent rainfall over a wide area, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court have voted to remove the burn ban in Callahan County.

The Commissioners' Court is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 12 to determine if the burn ban in the county should be reimposed.

**Pray For Rain
Wednesday
Evenings
6:30 p.m.
In Front Of
City Hall**

Project Pride Invites Everyone to the Robert E. Howard Days Celebration June 9 th and 10 th

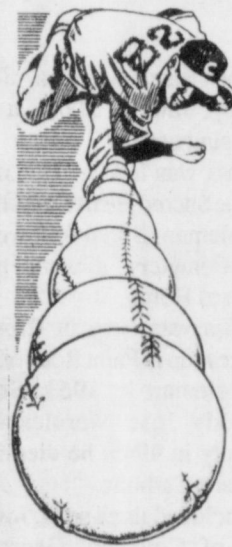
Project Pride invites the community of Cross Plains and surrounding area to join in the activities of Robert E. Howard Days Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. Bring your lawn chair and visit with the out of town guests under the new pavilion. You may want to join one of the tour groups traveling to Brownwood to the Howard family burial site or join the tour to "Howard Haunts" with Jack Baum.

Plan to attend the ribbon cutting and pavilion dedication at 9:30 AM Saturday. At noon join Project Pride members and out of town guests for a barbecue lunch. Lunches may be purchased at the pavilion for \$5.00.

Have you not purchased your dinner ticket for Friday, June 9 at 7 PM. A limited number of extra dinners is still available. Call Bettie Cavanaugh 725-6284 to reserve yours.



CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES CAPTURE REGIONAL TROPHY



Buffaloes Win Regionals STATE Next

The Cross Plains Buffaloes defended their Region I Title this past weekend in Lubbock. They defeated Claude in a 2 out of 3 series. The first game was a 10-0 game that only went 5 innings. The second game was much closer with the Buffs fending off Claude in the 7th when they had runners on 2nd and

3rd with no outs. Pancake fanned the last two batters and we hung on for a 4-3 win.

We travel to Austin to compete in the State tournament this week. Thursday at 1:00 we will face Blue Ridge at Burger Center. If we play well and win, we will then face the

winner of the Evadale vs. Bosqueville game at 8:30 AM on Friday at Disch Falk Field.

Hope to see you there and thanks again for the support. Coverage of the ball games can be heard on KOXE (101.3) out of Brownwood, Texas.



STEPHANIE CHILDRESS



ROGER CAREY

Childress and Carey Earn State Medals

San Marcos, Texas was the sight for this year's TSSAE, Texas State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest, held on Memorial Day, May 29, 2000. Two music students from Cross Plains High School were able to advance to this prestigious UIL State level contest as a result of their high ratings at Regional in January. Their top State performance ratings were equally impressive, with Stephanie Childress receiving a Gold Medal for a "I" rating and Roger Carey receiving a Silver Medal for a "II" rating. Childress, a recent 2000 graduate, competed in the Solo Vocal division, performing

"Lullaby" by Gian Carlo Menotti with piano accompaniment by Susan Wester. Carey, a Junior, was in the Solo Instrumental division (Tuba), performing "Adagio and Larghetto" by G. F. Handel and was accompanied by Twyla Felty.

All pieces performed for TSSAE are selected from a UIL required list of music, and individual performances are meticulously judged and rated on a I-IV scale by professors from Southwest Texas State University's Music Department. Congratulations go out to both of these fine students!



Jaden Winfrey Recognized

ALL-STAR RECOGNITION—Cross Plains High School senior football player Ja'cen Winfrey was recognized at halftime of the 2000 Big Country All-Star Football Classic held Saturday, June 3 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Pictured with Jaden are his parents,

Mike and Staci Winfrey, at left, and Melinda Poe, at right. Winfrey, a member of the South All-Star Squad, received a plaque with an individual picture and team picture of the 2000 All-Star Team. The South Squad won the game 21-6.

Ribbon Cutting & Pavilion Dedication to be June 10th

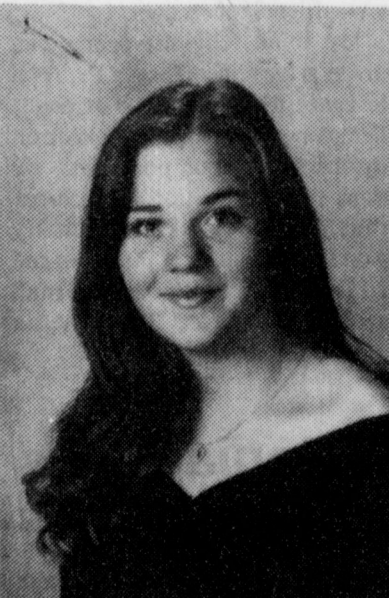
The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting at the newly constructed pavilion at the Robert E. Howard House Museum on Saturday, June 10 at 9:30 AM. A short dedication ceremony will be held immediately following the ribbon cutting.

Project Pride members at the Howard Days celebrations each year will use the large covered concrete

area as a gathering place for those who wish to sit and visit. The area will also be used each year in conjunction with the light display during the Christmas holiday. The facility will be available to rent by groups or families for such things as reunions and birthday parties. For more information regarding rental fees and available dates you may contact Susan McNeel at 254/725-

6498. Carouth Construction of Cross Plains constructed the 1320 square foot pavilion. The south end of the structure holds the kitchen area and two bathrooms, one of which is wheelchair accessible.

Project Pride invites each of you to join in this ribbon cutting and dedication. Many Robert E. Howard fans, enthusiast and scholars from around the nation will be in attendance. Project Pride encourages each of you to show your support by attending this event and joining in the weekend activities. See the two day schedule of activities elsewhere in this paper.)



MARY JO NICKERSON



BRANDI RICHEY

Nickerson and Richey Receive Taylor Electric Cooperative Scholarships

Taylor Electric Cooperative granted twenty \$1,000.00 scholarships to area youth. Two students from Cross Plains received scholarships. Our congratulations go out to Brandi Richey and Mary Jo Nickerson for their hard work.

The scholarship winners were selected by a committee made up of three area school counselors and a business owner selected by the Taylor Electric Board of Directors and Management. We wish these students much success in their future.

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Mark Steven Haley, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$217.25 court costs.

Brook Callaway, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Sullivan Mathis, motion to revoke probation granted.

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42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Glenn M. Santos and Allison G. Santos, divorce.

Brenda Sue Martinez and Salvador Martinez, divorce.

Scottie Ray Ayers and Debra Kay Ayers, individually and as next friends of Michelle Ayers, a minor vs. Shane Hutcherson and Billie Hutcherson, damages.

Obituaries

JESSE RAY HARRIS

Jesse Ray Harris died Sunday, May 21, 2000 in the Lewisville Hospital after a lengthy illness. The funeral for Jesse Ray Harris was held May 23 at Davis & Son Funeral Chapel in Lewisville, Texas with Rev. Bob Spencer officiating. Burial was in the Furneaux Cemetery in Carrollton, Texas.

He was born January 2, 1940 in Midland, Texas. He attended Cross Plains schools.

Survivors include his wife, Pat of Carrollton; two sons, Gary Harris of Hastings, Minnesota, David Harris of Carrollton; three daughters, Bobbie Winn of Carrollton, LeAnn Pifer of The Colony, and Sherry Bradford of Arlington; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harris of Cross Plains; two brothers, Billy Harris of Amarillo, James Harris of Waskum; one sister, Lou Ramirez of Brownwood; fifteen grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

MARY 'BABE' GLENN

MAY- Mary "Babe" Glenn, 70, died Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at her home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Starnes officiating, burial in May Cemetery.

Mrs. Glenn was born in Brown County and attended schools at Rising Star. She married Windle H. Glenn in 1947 and was a homemaker and a member of the May Methodist Church. She had been a resident of May since 1977 and formerly lived in Lake Jackson.

Survivors include her husband, Windle Glenn of May; one daughter, Ann Milam of Early; two sisters, Jackie Lambright of Dayton, Ety Swindell of Dayton; two grandchildren.

LILA DOT GARDNER LOTT

Lila Dot Gardner Lott, 68, died Sunday, June 4, 2000, in a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Pioneer Cemetery between Rising Star and Cross Plains with the Rev. Sam Earp officiating, directed by Community Memorial Funeral Home, 1443 N. Second.

Mrs. Lott was born in Aspermont and moved to Abilene in 1969 from Rising Star. She married Otis Lott in 1984; he preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Roger Isley of Abilene; one daughter, Judy Spurrier of Fredrick, Md; two brothers, Wayne Gardner of Midland, Frank Gardner of Abilene; two sisters, Verna Childress of Cross Plains, Lily Tyler of Abilene; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

BLASA MORALES

COLEMAN- Blasa Morales, 86, died Thursday, June 1, 2000, at a Coleman nursing center.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman. Burial followed at Coleman Cemetery, directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morales was born in Cross Plains. She grew up in Paint Rock and moved to Coleman in 1963. She married Buddy Jose Morales in Concho County in 1945; he died in 1985. She was a Catholic.

Survivors included three sons, Jose Morales Jr. of Coleman, George Morales of Lubbock, Johnny Morales of Denver City; five daughters, Maria Torres of San Angelo, Alica Estrada of Abilene, Julia Sanchez of Winters, Carolina Luera of O'Donnell, Angie Felipe of Coleman; 38 grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial Day Donations for Fire Dept. & EMS great success

The CPVFD & EMS once again manned the corners at the blinking light to collect donations for needed equipment for both departments. We had personnel from each department as well as local volunteers give of their time to help make this a wonderful success again this year.

To each person that helped out we want to thank you, some of you worked much more than your 2-hour shifts and for that you are appreciated even more. To all of the local residents that donated money, we thank you. For it is because of people like you that are willing to give not only money, but of your time that we are able to continue to

serve Cross Plains and the surrounding area.

Many of you gave each time you passed by, when you could have easily taken a detour and by passed those standing at the light. We enjoyed seeing many folks that we don't normally see, and some that we see on a regular basis. We also had the opportunity to meet new people traveling to and from local lakes or relatives, and we are sure that these travelers were left with a positive impression of the people that live in Cross Plains.

To everyone that provided drinks for the volunteers and those that just showed up to see if anyone needed a break, thank you as well.

Masonic Lodge Elects New Officers

Masons of Cross Plains Lodge No. 627 elected officers at their monthly meeting this past Thursday. Alex G. Hodges was elected Master of the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year 2000-2001.

Also elected at the general membership meeting were Ron Wooten, Senior Warden; Jerry Fortune, Junior Warden; Cecil Barton, Senior Deacon; Smokey Callaway, Junior Deacon; Randy Jennings, Tiler; Rev. Richard Chaffin, Chaplin; Ray Purvis, Secretary; C. E. Woody, Treasurer; Stan Painter, Senior Steward; Phillip Strength, Junior Steward;

Mark Harris, Master of Ceremonies; and Johnny Moore, Marshal.

Masonic Lodges are the foundation and root organization of other Masonic Bodies such as the Shriners, Scottish Rite, and York Rite Masons. Among their charities are Scottish Rite Hospitals for Children, Shiner Burn Center Hospitals, and Scottish Rite Learning Centers for Speech Disorders.

A public installation of elected officers of Albany, Cross Plains, Baird, Clyde, and Moran Lodges is being coordinated and scheduled for early July.

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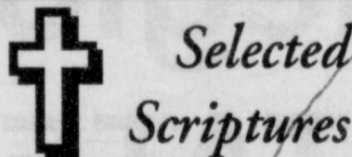
Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 28, 2000 through June 3, 2000 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-80
Complaints-68
DWI-2

Vehicle Accidents
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were 15 outstanding warrants issued for a total of \$7,837.00 collected.



Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep your precepts. Psalms 119:134

...you have made the commandment of God of no effect by our tradition. St. Matthew 15:6

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Religious Poems sought from Cross Plains

Good news for sincere poets! The Bards of Burbank is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their Poetry Competition 2000, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is June 26, 2000.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506, or enter online at www.friendlypoets.com.

"We think religious poems can invite achievement," says Dr. John Scribner, the organization's Contest Director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets and we think this competition will achieve that. Texas has made many wonderful poets over the years and I'd like to discover new ones from among the Cross Plains-Area grassroots poets."

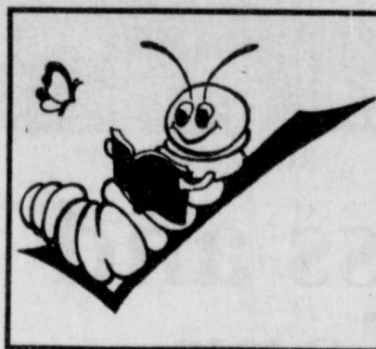
Colonial Oaks Services

First United Methodist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, June 11, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Nimrod Baptist Church to hold VBS on June 19-21

The Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Evangelism Rally meeting was held at Nimrod Baptist Church on May 25, 2000.

There was special music by Paul Comelius, pastor of Word of Truth Baptist Mission in Comanche. The guest speaker for the evening was



Library News

These are the stats for the dates 5-22 through 6-2 due to Memorial Day Closing:

Donations: Pauline Lawson, Joe and EraLee Hanke, Jack and Kathryn Tunnell.

Rare Book Donation: Rodney and Barbara Callaway
Books: Wanda Matthews
Work Donations: Dinah and David Keathley and Tim Dill

Cross Plains 212
Abilene Books 6
Audio Cassettes 2
Interlibrary Loan Books 2
New Library Cards issued for May 12

This weekend is the Howard Day festivities and everyone will need to come to the Library and see the Howard Book collections besides the books to buy. The Robert E. Howard original manuscripts will be out for everyone to view and at 2:30 p.m. there will be the showing of "The Whole Wide World," the movie about Howard. Come and enjoy the festivities.

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Sunday's Sermon

"Dealing With Doubt"

Appendicitis

Appendicitis can occur at any age. In older adults it can be more subtle and difficult to detect. It's important to be aware of the symptoms. They include pain that usually starts in the mid-abdomen and then shifts to the lower right, pain that worsens when touched, nausea, vomiting, and a low-grade fever that begins after other symptoms. If the pain is persistent and especially if accompanied by a slight fever you need to see your doctor.

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Pioneer News

By: Pioneer Quilting Club

Oliver, Frankie and Jean attended the Rising Star Musical, Friday night.

Saturday Oliver and Frankie had for their guest Mrs. Larry Hidge and two of her grandchildren. Also Mrs. Milton Chrisman, from Lovington, New Mexico. Also Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith from Lovington. We all attended the Eaves Reunion, Sunday. A good time was had by all.

Oliver and Frankie and Jean have been attending the Pioneer Revival. We have had wonderful music and great preaching and fellowship.

Leon and Jerry Shedd came down from Abilene Sunday and went with Cowan and Laverne to church. Then they had dinner to gather at Ophelia's. Glenda Phillips and Allen and family joined them there. They all enjoyed eating and visiting together.

Glenda visited her sister at Early recently and spent the night. She went with Allen and Janice and family to the Phillips-Harrell reunion at Hords Creek Lake at Coleman on Saturday. Glenda, Kali, and Krista attended the memorial service at the Pioneer Cemetery Monday.

Meghean Laura Forbes was born May 25th to Jason and Misti Forbes of Hutto, Texas. Meghean weighed 7lbs and 8oz. Her grandmother is Linda (Ezell) Worley of Hewitt; her great-grandmother is Olena Ezzell of Rising Star.

Visitors at the home of James and Jean Alexander were Jim, Marla, Jack, and Ashley Alexander.

We all need to thank the Lord for the wonderful rain we received this weekend. Everything already looks

greener. Seeing water in the stock tanks is such a blessing. It has really put "smiles" on faces.

The Quilting Club is working on Trish's "Boston Common", Bernice's "Flower Basket", and Cody's "Family Sampler." We had our little folks visiting again- Dodge and Rachell, Sandy's grandchildren and Anthony, Trish's son. We do enjoy having young folks around. Thanks to Jim and Charlene Fleming, we did have a wonderful "Memorial Day" service at the Pioneer Cemetery. Each year seems to bring more people to join us. Thanks to Sharon Crediston, Jesse Reddick daughter, we have a count of those who attended. Sharon made us a beautiful "Registration Book" for us to keep our visitors names in. You can see it at the "Pioneer Homecoming."

Do not forget the Pioneer Homecoming this weekend, June 10, at the Community Center in Cross Plains. We hope to have a big crowd. Ophelia's will be catering it, so we know the food will be great. All you ex-students and friends, we will see you there.

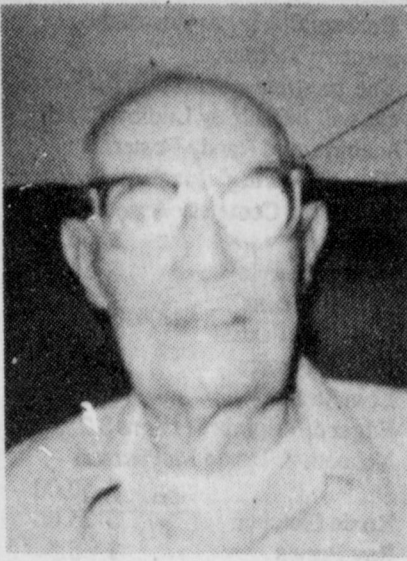
How about those Buffs? We are going to state again in Baseball. Keep the good work up. The community is backing you. Go, Buffs, Go!!!

Folks!!! Don't forget Ophelia's third Saturday "prayer breakfast". Every Tuesday is "prayer" night. Also, Thursday the 15 will be domino night at the community center.

Word of Wisdom #45
If you sow thorns, you will not reap roses.

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home News

By: Linda Merritt



Raymond McCowen

Raymond McCowen was chosen as the employee for this month. He was born in Gustine, Texas and is 92 years old. Raymond and his wife Donie have one son, Alton McCowen. He enjoys reading the paper, watching T.V., and playing bingo.

Our love and sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Lila Dot Lott. May the thoughts and prayers of others comfort you during this time of loss.

Congratulations to the Cross Plains Buffaloes, they are now State Bound!!! All the way Buffs-You've got what it takes, SO TAKE IT!!!

Thoughts and prayers for Dean Haddock who is in the hospital. Allie Dickson and Myrtle Owen sure look pretty with their new

perms. Howet Wilson was our winner for a free meal from Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

N. Joy Wood from Sonora and Vic Curry from Pineville, Mo. visited with Kate McCarty. Also Liz McCarty.

May Dawson from Luscola; Nikki, Cora, and Cassie Bowles from Irving; Beth and Dub Meador, Taylor Parker visited with Nan Stiles.

Daniel Cooper, Kimberly Carter, Jason and Tiffany Goains, Trevor and Logan Bobb, Steve and Kully Propest visited with Bulah Ferguson.

May Nixon from May and Luke McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Donie and Joan McCowen visited with Raymond McCowen.

Activities During the Week:

Monday: Bingo winners were: June Hickman (2), Falba Shotner, Minnie Swann and Vera Belyeau (2). Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class. Sing with Dorothy Raynolds. Skip-Bo games.

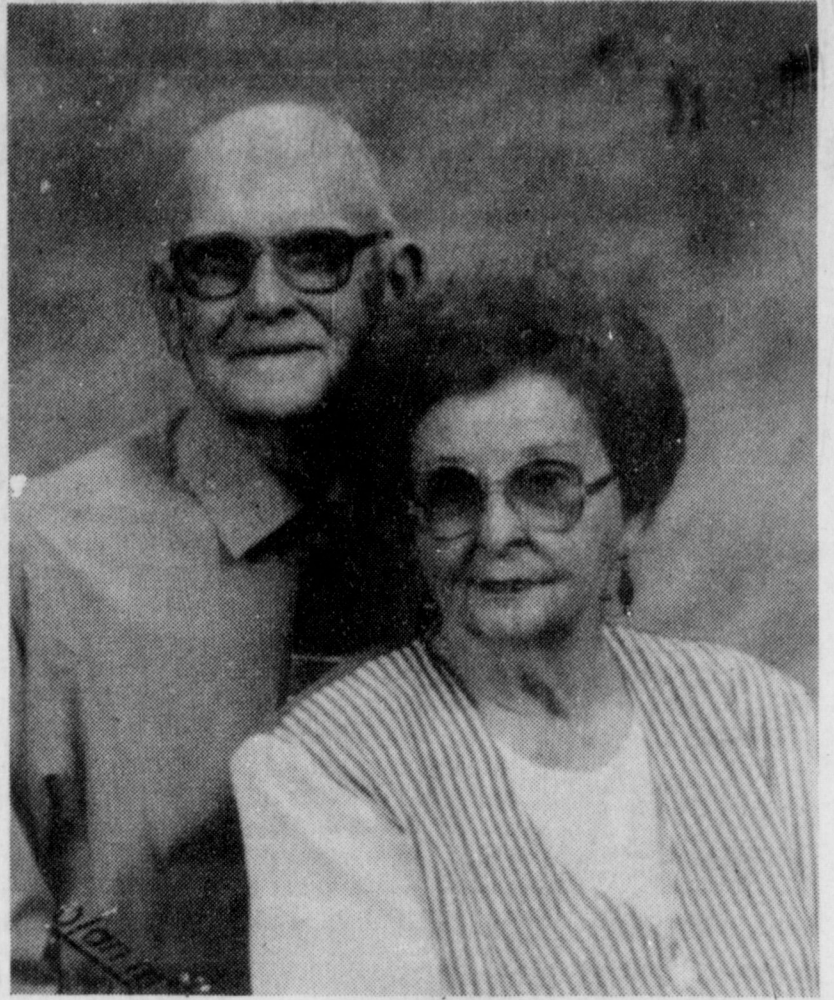
Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball Toss. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were: Minnie Swann (2), Victor Long, Vera Belyeau (2), Falba Shotner (2), and June Hickman (2). Popcorn Social. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: First United Methodist

A harvest of Peace grows from seeds of contentment.



JIMMIE AND VIRGINIA PAYNE

Payne's celebrate 60 years of marriage

On June 1, 1940, a young couple rushed from church to find someone to marry them. Finally on that Saturday morning around 10:00 a.m. they found Reverend Poe, the Baptist pastor, at home and; he performed the ceremony. Jimmie Payne and Virginia Ruth Neeb became husband and wife with Harold Freeman, Leo McDermitt, and Leonard Baum as witnesses. After a honeymoon to San Angelo, the couple lived in a little white house on a hill for three years before being blessed with their first child, James. Jimmie farmed until he went into the Armed Services in 1945. That year they were blessed with another son, Jerry. After his tour of duty, Jimmie began working in the Piggly Wiggly Grocery in Cross Plains. In 1951 a daughter, Kathy, was born to them. Continuing to farm and work in the grocery store, Jimmie and Virginia decided to build a new home for their

growing family in 1955. Later in 1960, they moved this home to another, and the following year another daughter, Melissa, joined the Payne family. Jimmie and Virginia became active in the community, school, and church while their children grew up in Cross Plains. After 25 years of grocery business, Jimmie retired in 1980 to enjoy gardening. Virginia worked in the home, the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home, and the local Dairy Queen under Ophelia Merrill. In 1987, Virginia decided to retire and spend her time quilting.

This June 11, 2000, their four children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren would like for you to come and help them celebrate 60 years of happiness. There will be a reception at the First United Methodist Church from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please, no gifts! Just your presence is gift enough for Mom and Dad.



TAMMY WALKER (LEFT) AND BETTY LEWIS

Kiwanis Club News

Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector Chief Deputy **Tammy Walker** (Left) was guest speaker at the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meeting on Tuesday May 30th. Also present was **Betty Lewis** (Right), the county's Deputy Tax Collector stationed in Cross Plains. Tammy shared some information regarding her 18 1/2 years experience in the county tax office, with twelve of those as Chief Deputy, and how she was looking forward to her appointment on July 1 as Appointed

Tax Assessor-Collector, replacing Bunn Barry who is resigning to accept another job. She is hopeful of this being a longer-range appointment, however, as she is running, unopposed at this time, for the elected position (election this November). Kiwanis members invite guests to join them each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn for food, fun, fellowship, and informative programs. Membership inquiries are welcomed.

Quips, Clips & Comments

By: Kay Mosley

"Out of the Mouths of Babes"

-----Or perhaps Art Linkletter and Bill Cosby say it best, "Kids say the darndest things."

My sister, Ann grew up and became a school teacher. She and her husband have three children, one daughter and two sons. My sister (now retired) taught in the primary grades. As best I can remember she; at this time was teaching second grade at Woodrow or Lubbock Cooper as some call it. Their youngest son Randy was; I think, in the other second grade that year. Anyway his teacher told my sister that they were studying about wild animals, wolves, coyotes, foxes, etc. that particular day. The teacher inquired as to whether any of the students could tell her anything about foxes. Randy raised his hand and when the teacher called on him, Randy said, "Mrs. Blank* my daddy

knows a "Foxy" lady." Apparently he was attempting to furnish a reputation for both his parents. I am unsure whether it was the same year or not but one of Randy's teachers reported this little caper to my sister Ann.

The teacher asked if any of the students could use the word weighs in a sentence. Randy, bless his heart, raised his hand and the teacher called on him. Randy's sentence: "My mother weighs naked."

No wonder Ann retired and they moved from the Lubbock area to Wimberly. Her head just couldn't take anymore gray hairs.

She swears she never weighs in that manner. I am unsure whether my brother-in-law denies knowing that "foxy" lady or not. ----GO FIGURE----

*Name changed to protect the teachers identity.

Burkett News

By: Lovera Strickland

Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery reports more donations received. Those making donations are:

- Barney and Joyce Klutts \$20.00
- Helena Strickland \$10.00
- Roland and Gail Wilson \$50.00
- The Family of M/M JC Boyle \$50.00
- Norris Sonnier (Daughter of M/M A.L. Hollon) \$10.00
- Bob and Bonnie Illingworth \$50.00
- Royce and Jean Cox \$50.00
- Janet Hounshell \$25.00
- W.C. Henderson \$100.00
- Zora Mae Bryant \$25.00
- Lucille Carmichael \$50.00
- Elizabeth Cook \$25.00
- Anonymous \$100.00
- Sylvia Watson \$10.00
- Mrs. J. Melvin Jones \$25.00
- William and Mary Aaron Helton \$25.00

Mrs. Bama Golden, Mrs. Sue Bearden, Bobby George Golden, Mrs. Joe Robards (In memory of George and Esther Johnson) \$40.00

- Bill and Vale holland \$100.00
- Jim and Fayle Gains \$30.00
- Leta Dagley \$10.00
- M/M William Brown (Brenda Cason) \$25.00
- M/M James E. Williamson \$30.00

- Edna Earl gray McCleave \$100.00
- Neal and Tedra Ulmer Moore and Powers Plat \$100.00
- M/M Bennett Maples \$30.00
- Billy and Carol Watson \$50.00
- Julie Peterson \$50.00
- M/M Arthur Boyle \$25.00
- Mike and Linda Brady

(In memory of Anne Thompson) \$25.00
Auttie Mae Seeton \$25.00

The Cemetery Board greatly appreciates all donations that are sent. All donations go for the upkeep for The Burkett-Adams Cemeteries.

The Memorial Service was held at the Burkett Cemetery, May 28, 2000. The speaker was Bob Zirkle. He spoke on memories, the good memories we have of our loved ones who have passed away. Then there was a short business meeting. They voted to keep the same members on the Cemetery Board.

Kathy Purvis, Shirley Hunter, and Lavers Strickland attended the High School Graduation in Somerville, Texas. Staci Strickland, granddaughter of Lovera Strickland, was a member of the graduating class.

The Burkett Community is gradually getting their repairs made following the hail storm. Saturday afternoon, 5-27-00 the official rain .85. It rained and the wind blew but no hail.

Those visiting Lovera Strickland during the holiday weekend were: Don and Kathy Tinney, Johnathon, Jonelle, and friend Buddy of Lefars, Texas. Darryl Tinney of Kingfisher, Ok. Jackie Strickland, Jacob, and Jared of Somerville, Bill and Eddie Strickland.

DJ and Lois Turner attended the 56th Sagerton, Texas school reunion Saturday. Lois's sisters and brother were also there. Lois got to visit with her fifth grade teacher. They all enjoyed the reunion.

Ma & Pa

By James Nichols

R. C. Merryman, Bill Dillard and myself were setting at a table in one of the local cafes when a young man and his son come in to see R.C.

The young lad of five or six started with R.C. and walked around the table looking each one of us over real

good. When he got back to R.C. he paused and gave R.C.'s shirt sleeve a couple of tugs. R.C. looked down at the lad, who was looking R.C. square

in the eyes as he stated, "Say mister you sure got a big nose. R.C. never missed a sip of coffee as he shook his head yes. Me and Bill got a kick out of watching the lad.

R.C. would often sleep in his pickup when at the drilling rig. It seems R.C. could sleep real good as long as it was dark. Bill Kilgore and Luther Porter covered over R.C.'s pickup with a tarp. It was rumored R.C. slept for three days.

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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Let me share a story I once read in a church bulletin entitled: "A Law of Life."

A young boy, mad at his mother, ran angrily to the edge of a canyon behind their house and hollered, "I hate you!" To his surprise, the voice came back - "I hate you!" Frightened, he ran back to the house and told his mother, "There's a mean, bad person in the canyon; I heard him say, 'I hate you!'" Knowing what had happened, she suggested, "Go back and say, 'I love you.'" -- and of course when he did, the same words echoed back, "I love you." When he reported this to his mother, she explained, "Son, this is the law of life: what you say, you hear; what you give, you receive."

People who have studied family life and what elements make up healthy family communication should lean the balance between positive - at least 80 percent. A critical spirit within a family has far-reaching negative effects; a supporting and appreciative spirit has far-reaching positive effects. One writer goes so far as to say "communication is to family what blood is to the body." Obviously, just as the blood must be healthy in order for the body to survive, communication must be healthy in order for the family to survive - and individual members to remain.

Room does not allow me to relay all that the Bible says about our speech and actions toward one another. It even has much to say about these in regard to family relationships. Read Proverbs, Read Ephesians 6:1-4. Read the whole Book!

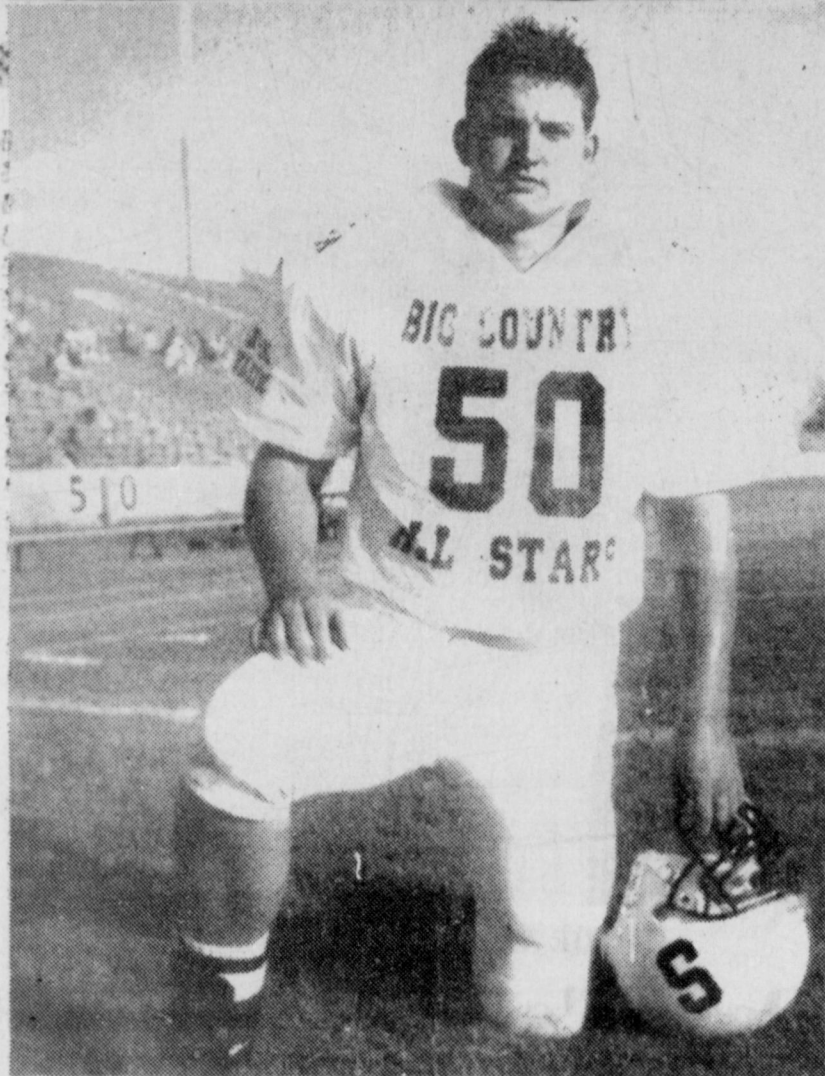
Let us as parents and children alike - as people - be as positive and encouraging, wholesome and edifying, godly and Christ-like as possible in our actions and words toward one another - at home, at school, at work, at sports, in the market place - every where! One scripture is that we same will "echo" back. You see, it's "a law of life."

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Student Review



All-Star Player Jaden Winfrey

CROSS PLAINS ALL-STAR—Cross Plains High School senior football player Jaden Winfrey competed in the 2000 Big Country All-Star Football Classic held Saturday, June 3 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Winfrey, a 6'5" 220 defensive lineman, helped the South All-Star Squad to a 21-6 victory. Winfrey recorded several

tackles in the game and had one fumble recovery which setup a South All-Star touchdown. Fellow Cross Plains High School senior Coby Richards, was scheduled to compete in the All-Star Classic, but because Richards plays on the CPHS baseball team, he was competing in the Class A Regional Title game against Claude.

Band Booster Officers Elected For 2000-2001

The Band Boosters elected new officers for the 2000-2001 school year. The officers were elected at the meeting on Thursday, May 11. Terry Jane Wyatt was elected President, while Jamie Apple was elected Vice-President. The Treasurer will be Connie Swift and the Secretary will be Linda Reed.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 12-June 16

MONDAY—Swiss Steak, Whole Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Strawberry cake w/icing, bread, milk.

TUESDAY—Enchilada Casserol, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Apple Crisp, crackers, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Lima Beans & Ham, Hominy Casserole, mixed greens, Cherry Gelatin w/pears, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY—Teriyaki Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Rice, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread, milk.

FRIDAY—Tuna Salad, Tomato Soup, Pea Salad, Carrot Cake, Crackers, milk.

Atwell Cemetery Association Holds Annual Meeting May 27

The Atwell Cemetery Association met for their annual meeting and Memorial Day Observation May 27, 2000 at the Atwell Cemetery.

The meeting had approximately 175 in attendance. A program brought by Beth Arnold about "What I had Already Learned in Atwell" was enjoyed by everyone. The oldest in attendance was Lewis Purvis. The most distance traveled was from Russia. Also in attendance were those from New Mexico and Arizona.

Louise Foster resigned as Secretary Treasurer. Louise had been the Secretary Treasurer for over 50 years. Her dedication and commitment to the association has been so greatly appreciated all these years.

Barbara Black was elected the new Secretary Treasurer.

The program committee for next year will be Shirley Ludlow, Alvin Hutchins, and Randy Foster.

The following donations were made to the Cemetery Association:

Pal Foster	\$100.00
Darwin Purvis	\$ 50.00
Fern Hutchins	\$ 10.00
Betty Joe Paxton	\$ 40.00
Gerald Foster	\$ 10.00
Lola Strahan	\$ 10.00
Edgar & Virginia Sessions	\$ 25.00
Kenneth & Doxie McPherson	\$ 50.00
Roxie Fletcher	\$ 25.00
Ray Purvis	\$ 5.34
Permit for Wilmajean Dill	\$ 50.00

Ballgame of the Spirit

Author Unknown

Bill was caught up in the spirit where he and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs.

They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love.

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because Love never fails. The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom.

Satan wound up and threw the first pitch; Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass, because Godly Wisdom does not swing at Satan's pitches.

Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly Wisdom never swings at Satan's throws. The bases were loaded.

The Lord then turned to Bill and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Bill said he sure did not look like much! Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen.

But Satan was not worried; his center fielder, the Prince of the Air, let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; then continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord then asked Bill if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game. Bill answered that he did not know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, faith, and wisdom will get you on base, but only My grace can get you home."

Central Texas Gospel Concert To Be Held June 10

There will be another Southern Gospel Music Concert on Saturday, June 10, 2000, 7 PM., at the First Baptist Church Bangs 401 S. Second St., Bangs Texas. The admission is free.

The concert will feature locally known groups such as In His Name and Rejoice.

For more information contact Emmett Mathews (915) 752-7234 or e-mail mathews@bwoodtx.com.

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Rebekah Holmes Makes Honors List

Rebekah Darlene Holmes, was one of more than 3,800 Texas Tech University students that qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Texas Tech Local Graduates

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during 2000 spring commencement exercises.

Graduating students include the following: Rebekah Darlene Holmes, with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and Janeal Wyn Stephens with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Cisco Junior College Dean's List

Several locals were on the Dean's List recently released from Cisco Jr. College, for the spring semester of 2000.

The Deans List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade average on a 4.0 system.

Students making the Dean's List this semester were Robert J. Hartman and Kelli S. Hyles.

Cisco Junior College Announces President's List

Cisco Jr. College has recently released the President's List for the spring semester of 2000. Cisco Plains was fortunate enough to have several people on that list.

Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system. The following students were on the list: Allen K. Barnett, Donna J. Besselaar, Jason W. Bien, and Jaime M. Mauricio.

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CP	3	0	7	0	0	10	9	0
Claude	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2

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BEGGS	1	3	2	0	1	1	
KITCHENS	1	3	1	0	1	1	
CALLAWAY	2	4	2	3	0	0	
RICHARDS	0	3	1	1	0	1	
WHITEHEAD	2	4	1	1	0	0	
DILLARD	2	3	1	2	0	0	
BAILEY	1	2	1	2	0	1	
PANCAKE	0	2	1	1	0	1	
GOSNELL	0	3	0	0	1	0	

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CP vs CLAUDE GAME 2

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GOSNELL	0	1	0	0	0	2	
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Immunization Clinic to be held June 12

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic in Cross Plains Monday, June 12th, at the Multi Purpose Center, 701 Beach from 10-12.

If your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox a vaccine is now available, but parent or guardian must call our office before the clinic date or we will not have the vaccine with us.

For more information or to make arrangements for us to bring the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine call 754-4945.

Callahan County Ranch Rodeo Postponed

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse's 13th annual ranch rodeo had to be postponed, due to the much needed rains which fell in the area this past weekend.

Sheriff's Posse President, Shannon Staggs, stated that due to conflicting dates with other area rodeos and the 4th of July holiday, it will probably be sometime in late July before the rodeo can be re-scheduled.

Watch this newspaper for more information and re-scheduling dates.

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Jordan Cattle Auction Brownwood April 25, 2000

Receipts totaled 555 head. Slaughter cows and bulls were going steady. Light weight heifers and yearlings were steady. Light steers were \$2.00-\$4.00 lower while yearlings were mostly steady to \$2.00 lower. Stocker cows and pairs sold \$10.00-\$25.00 lower.

Representative Sales

Gary Mitchell	Shreveport, LA	1 Str 235 @ 123.00
Lloyd Cole	Bangs	1 Str 270 @ 118.00
Mike Wadsworth	Rochelle	1 Str 325 @ 113.00
Cris Haines	Richland Springs	1 Str 300 @ 108.00
Terry Scott	Brownwood	1 Str 410 @ 105.00
C M Michael	May	1 Str 415 @ 103.00
Charlie Gamblin	Brownwood	1 Str 445 @ 99.00
WPH	Goldthwaite	1 Str 555 @ 90.00
HI- Lonesome Ranch Co	Brownwood	3 Strs 678 @ 84.50
Gary Mitchell	Shreveport	1 Str 960 @ 73.50
Bert Cole	Bangs	1 Hfr 310 @ 107.00
Mike Wadsworth	Rochelle	4 Hfrs 323 @ 105.00
Mike Wadsworth	Rochelle	2 Hfrs 343 @ 100.00
Mike Wadsworth	Rochelle	2 Hfrs 463 @ 93.00
Lloyd Cole	Bangs	1 Hfr 525 @ 89.00
Tucker Brothers Farm	Early	1 Hfr 615 @ 83.50
Shorty Russell	May	7 Hfrs 626 @ 82.50

WEIGHT	STEERS	HEIFERS	REPLACEMENT
150-300	1.05-1.23	90-1.07	Slaughter Bulls 42-57.50
300-400	1.00-1.13	89-1.07	Slaughter Cows 28-45
400-500	88-1.05	81.95	Bred Cows 355-540
500-600	82-90	80-90	Pairs 560-800
600-700	75-84.50	72.50-83.50	
700-800	75-83.50	62.50-77.50	

The Homecoming Tree...

Our driveway was difficult to locate as we drove homeward along this County Road our first few weeks in Texas. It was a small gap snipped in the tree line, somewhere a long ways down the road. We weren't sure how far it was or what signs to look for.

After a time, the kids noticed a certain tree that leaned out over the road about the point I needed to slow for the turn. The bold lines of the canopy shaped a certain familiar image etched against the big blue sky. Its branches projected the distinctive profile of the cartoon character Snoopy.

The Snoopy tree served as our signpost that first spring, pointing us home.

The season wore on. The tree branches swayed heavily under the rich bounty of summer and Snoopy's strong features began to droop. Before long, the leafy green profile hung loose, lost its shape and wilted under the sun. The tree dropped its leaves in the proper season and stood bare all winter. It no longer bore any remarkable traits to single it out.

By then, every feature of the road was routine, and we gauged the distance to our driveway by other

landmarks and the intervals between them. The car nearly made the turn by itself and settled comfortably into its parking niche outside the back door.

The seasons made a complete turnabout and suddenly spring came again. We've driven the road so many times the tires trace the same ruts and avoid the same potholes over and over. We no longer search for the driveway. We can tell where we'll turn from way back down the road.

On the way home a few weeks ago, the kids blurted out, "Grammal There's the Snoopy tree!"

Sure enough, there was the same tree, the same leaning trunk, the same welcoming cartoon character formed by branches and filled in by leaves. The year's changes and new growth hadn't altered the formation. Snoopy was back, this time wearing sunglasses, a comic whimsy of nature.

We chattered about those earlier days when the tree had first become a signal for us on an unfamiliar road, a signpost leading us home.

This renewed appearance gave us a feeling of homecoming, a very welcome sense in a strange new land.

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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to remind your readers of an exciting new initiative that will assure the children of Texas quality health insurance at a price that fits any budget.

As of April 3rd, families in Callahan and its surrounding counties have had the opportunity to enroll their children, from birth to age 18, under the state's new insurance initiative, the TexCare Partnership.

This partnership offers three separate health insurance programs for Texas children: Texas' Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid and the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation (THKC).

Now every Texas child, no matter how much the family earns, can be assured of health insurance coverage. Even if you have never afforded health insurance for your children, you will be able to now.

Benefits include regular check-ups and doctors' office visits, shots and immunizations, eye exams and glasses, prescription drugs and medical supplies, hospital care and services, x-rays and lab tests, dental care and mental health care.

Please inform your readers that CHIP representatives will be in Baird on June 14, 2000, in the Game Warden's office at the Callahan County Courthouse from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will need to bring at least two months work of income verification (check stubs, W-2's, or ever a letter from their employer) and proof of other expenses. You can call us at 1-800-592-7433 if you have any questions about the CHIP program or to find out how much it would cost to insure your child(ren). Do keep in mind that the most any family will pay with CHIP is \$18 a month for the family of children.

If you have no uninsured children, please tell your friends, family and co-workers about the TexCare Partnership.

Yours truly,
Dominick Yanez
CHIP Administrator
People for Progress, Inc.

Water Quality Permit--Notice of Application & Preliminary Decision

Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision
PERMIT NO. 10434-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Cross Plains, P.O. Box 295, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a major amendment to TNRCC Permit No. 10434-001 to authorize an increase in the amount of land used for irrigation of treated effluent from 27 acres to 50.1 acres. The current permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 87,500 gallons per day. Issuance of the proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10434-001 will replace the existing TNRCC Permit No. 10434-001. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on September 1, 1999.

The facility is located approximately 2,500 feet west of State Highway 36 in Callahan County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to Turkey Creek; thence to Pecan Bayou Above Lake Brownwood in Segment No. 1420 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are high aquatic life uses for Turkey Creek. The designated uses for contact recreation, high aquatic life uses and public water supply. No significant degradation of high quality receiving waters is anticipated.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility

must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Cross Plains City Hall, 623 Main Street, Cross Plains, Texas.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notice for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public

comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Cross Plains at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Darin Jennings, P.E. at (915) 695-1070.

VETERANS NEWS

EASTLAND CLINIC & HEALTH SCREENING

Thanks to everyone for the very good turn-out on May 25!! The Dallas VA Personnel were impressed with the fine response starting that a similar presentation earlier in Fort Worth had fewer than half the attendance of Callahan County Veterans. Thanks again to all of you for coming out!!

Remember that the Eastland Clinic requires a minimum of 10% service-connected disability rating.

PAY DAY—This will be an advance warning about VA payments for October 1, 2000. October 1 is a Sunday and September 30 is a Saturday, of course. In accordance with past procedures, Veterans would expect to receive their checks from VA on Friday, September 29. However, this situation violates the spending caps enacted under PL 105-33, the Balance Budget Act of 1997, since there would be 13 payments in Fiscal Year 2000 instead of the normal 12. As a result, VA is adjusting its payment schedule to conform with the requirements of PL 105-33 and payments for September will be received or electronically transferred on Monday, October 2.

Veterans and other receiving VA payments WILL NOT be paid on September 29. Payments will come on Monday, October 2.

DIRECT DEPOSIT—There is a new telephone number for those inquiring about Direct Deposit/electronic funds transfer. The new number is 1-877-838-2778 and it is answered by the VA Regional Office in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00

p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.

VETERANS LAND LOANS—The Texas Veterans Land Board has recently changed the interest rates for land loans. The ENTIRE \$40,000 can now be borrowed at 7.5% for 30 years and the 5% down payment still applies. Previous loans carried one rate for the first \$20,000 and a higher rate for the second \$20,000. Housing loans are available up to \$150,000 with the present rate of interest being 7.25% if the Veteran has been discharged less than 30 years. The rate is 8.57% for those discharged over 30 years. These interest rates change daily and Veterans are advised to call 1-800-252-VETS for the latest rates. Home Improvement loans still carry a rate of 7.25%.

VA PAYMENTS—VA expenditures in Callahan County totalled \$2,055,789 for Fiscal Year 1999 (ending September 30, 1999) This is an increase of \$103,559 from FY 1998 and all of the increase came in Compensation and Pension (\$1,912,169 vs \$1,799,805) while Insurance and Vocational rehab reflected decreases. Compensation and Pension are monthly payments received by disabled Veterans, Widows and Dependents.

MEMORIAL DAY—Hope you caught Bill Whitaker's columns in *The Abilene Reporter News*, especially the one on May 30 about Ernie Pyle and Ben Glover. Bill is a fine writer and that column was outstanding. As Bill says, "find a World War II Veteran and listen to what they have to say!"

CJC to hold 4 Different Basketball Camps

The Cisco Junior College Basketball program will be hosting four different basketball camps throughout the months of June and July. The first two such camps to be offered will be held June 12-15. Little Wrangler Camp is designed for girls and boys ages 5-12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon daily at the CJC gym. This camp will include individual instruction in shooting, ball handling, offensive and defensive skills, and team concepts. Insurance and a camp t-shirt are provided.

Position Camp will also be held June 12-15. This camp is for boys and girls in 5th grade through 12th grade. Position Camp will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily in the CJC gym. Individual instruction will be given in all phases of the post and guard positions. The camp also includes video instruction, passing instruction, scoring moves, how to receive the ball, and dribbling skills. Insurance and a camp t-shirt are provided.

The cost for each camp will be \$50.00, with a \$20.00 deposit due by June 12. Camp director is CJC Coach Ronnie Hearne. Hearne has coached basketball for 27 years, winning 627 games. His 18 years at Cisco Junior College has netted advancement to Regional Tournaments 15 times and 3 conference Championships. Hearne will be assisted with the Little Wrangler and Position Camps by Kevin Hearne and Jay Mauck, both graduates of Oklahoma Christian University.

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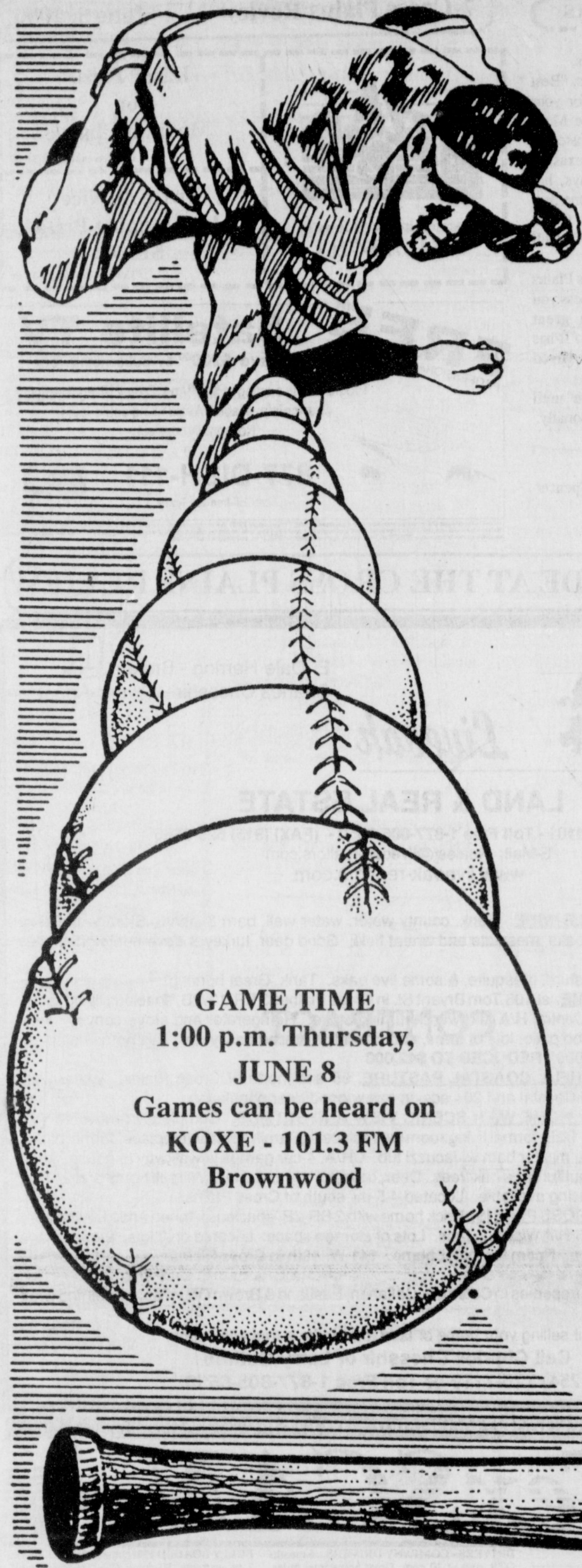
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The Sea by Robert E. Howard

This poem by Robert E. Howard was originally published in the Cross Plains Review in 1923. It was submitted to us by Glenn Lord.

The Sea

by Robert E. Howard

The sea, the sea, the rolling sea!

High flung, wide swinging, so wild and free,

The leaping waves with their white-capped crest

That plunge and lunge on the ocean's breast

Like wild, white horses racing free,

With the swing of the rolling, surging sea!

The white sea-cloud that drifts like a dream;

The sea gulls that skim o'er the waves, and scream;

The dolphin's plunge and the petrel's nest,

That is borne to land on the tide-race crest.

And all that goes, from mid-ocean to lea,

To make up the rolling, the surging sea!

Can ye stand on the peaceful, quiet lea,

And gaze on the tumbling, tossing sea,

Out o'er the surge and the white waves' crest,

Nor feel a longing within your breast?

A drawing, a pull, be it day or night,

That tempts ye to dare the ocean's might.

I stood on the deck of a ship off-shore

And harked to the awesome and deafening roar

Of the ocean waves when they struck the reefs,

High tossed on the tide like crested chiefs

Whose plumes toss high 'bove the battling hordes,

Where leap the lances and flash the swords.

And the mighty waves rose high and steep

To the hand of the winds that smote the deep.

And my soul leaped wild, and my soul leaped free,

To the leap and the swing of the rolling sea!

And my soul was freed with that ocean leap,

And it plunged the depth of the mighty deep!

Down, down, down where the mermaids ride,

Down where the things of the deep sea glide,

Down where the ships, long sunken, float,

War-ship and galley and coracle boat;

Down beyond reach of the storms or the tides,

To the coral halls where old Triton hides!

And I saw the mermaids and mermen play,

and the kraken and sea-serpent locked in fray.

And all the ocean-marvels that be,

And the wonderful monsters of the sea.

I wandered 'mongst beautiful sea flowers,

Where the castle built by the polyp towers.

Where the waters glitter with strange sea-jade,

And the sea-things swim through the deep sea glade.

And then my soul came back to me,

Back through the surge of swinging sea.

But still I gaze from the quiet lea,

And long for the swing of the plunging sea.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The board of directors of the Callahan County central appraisal district shall hold a public hearing regarding the 2001 appraisal district budget. The hearing will be held in the board meeting room at the appraisal district offices 130A West Fourth on Monday, June 19th, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. A summary of the proposed 2001 budget appears below.

Actual 2000 budget	\$249,100
Total proposed 2001	\$249,000
Percentage increase	0%
Number of employees under 2000 budget	6
Number of employees under 2001 budget	7

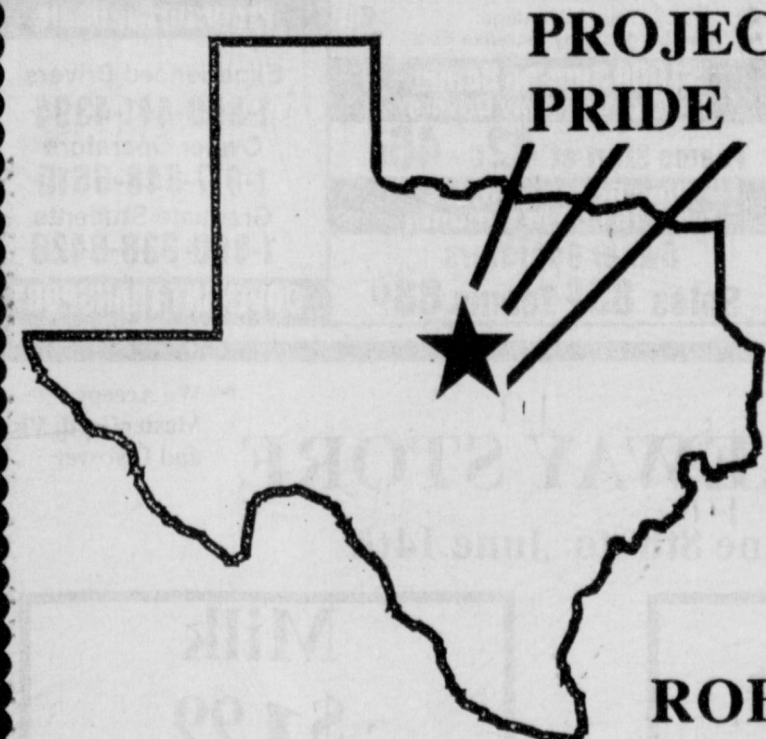
The central appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district. If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

Submitted for publication this the 5th day of June, 2000.

Rodney S. Lewallen, R.P.A., R.T.A., C.T.A.
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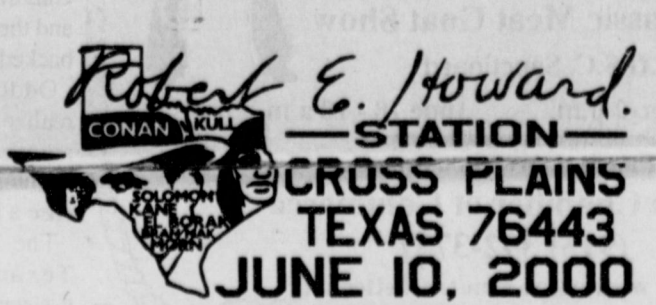
JUNE 9 & 10, 2000

ROBERT E. HOWARD DAYS SCHEDULE

JUNE 9-10, 2000

Friday, June 9		Saturday June 10
<p>All Day 10 AM - 4 PM</p> <p>10 AM 10:30 AM 1:30 PM</p> <p>1:30 PM - 5 PM</p> <p>1:30 PM</p> <p>2:30 PM</p> <p>7 PM</p>	<p>See map and visit Cross Plains Registration on Front Porch of Howard House Museum Pick up visitor's packet Tour of house - small groups Howard mementos available in house Visiting in Pavilion with complimentary coffee At Pavilion - "Down Memory Lane" Jack's tour to "Howard Haunts" Meet at Pavilion - Tour leaves at 1:30 Library open for viewing of Howard manuscripts and first editions Current publications for sale Tour to Brownwood Cemetery Meet at Pavilion - Tour leaves at 1:30 Cross Plains Public Library - Showing of film "The Whole Wide World" Dinner at Community Center - Purchase tickets by Tuesday, June 6 \$10.00</p>	<p>All Day 9 AM</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p>9:45 AM</p> <p>10 AM - Noon</p> <p>10 AM 10 AM - 12:30 PM</p> <p>11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 2 PM - 5 PM 6 PM Sunset</p>
	<p>See Map and visit Cross Plains Tour to Brownwood Cemetery Meet at Pavilion - Tour leaves at 9 AM Return to Cross Plains for postal cancellation and lunch Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of Pavilion Coffee and rolls Jack's tour to "Howard Haunts" Meet at Pavilion - Tour leaves at 9:45 or immediately following Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Tour Howard House Museum Postal Cancellation at Cross Plains Post Office At Pavilion - "Down Memory Lane" Library open for viewing of Howard manuscripts and first editions Current publications for sale Lunch at Pavilion \$5.00 - tickets may be purchased at pavilion Open house at Howard House Museum Meet at Jean's Feed Barn for dinner - Dutch Treat Travel to West Caddo Peak (thanks to Middleton family)</p>	

Robert E. Howard Postal Cancellation - Cross Plains Post Office
Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. to Noon



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Merrill-Fowler Wedding Vows Exchanged May 27

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glen Merrill of Shreveport, Louisiana are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Melanie Ann, to Mr. Kenneth Shane Fowler on May 27, 2000 in the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel Shreveport. Maid of Honor was Miss Kelli Jeane Merrill. Bridesmaids were Miss Shannon Fowler and Theresa Kava. The Best Man was Errol Farr and the Groomsmen were Darren Babin and Robert Merrill, Jr.

There was a reception dinner held at Southern Trace Country Club. The newly-weds are on their honeymoon in California after which they will reside in New Orleans while they each finish Dental school. Cross Plains locals attending were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Merrill, grandparents of the bride; Norma Evans, aunt; Glenda Tidwell and Tina Bradley, cousins of the bride.

Lamb & Goat Sale, June 17

The 11th annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, Abilene, Texas. This sale benefits the West Texas Rehab Center who was the recipient of over \$16,500 raised from last year's sale. These revenues go directly into treatment services for patients the Rehab serves each year. Lamb chairmen John Helmer of Merkel, Charlie Palmer of Clyde, Gaines Price of Roscoe, Wade Stephens of Cross Plains and Randy Chrane of Abilene are expecting over 100 lambs from donors throughout Texas and Oklahoma for the sale this year. Kirk Jones, goat chairman from Eldorado, expects around 75 goats to be donated from top Texas breeders. Only lambs and goats bought at

this sale will be eligible for the Rehab Jackpot Show, November 18, at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, Abilene, Texas. The chairmen invite you to come out for beans and cornbread at the chuck wagon before the sale. To donate a lamb or goat to the sale, call any of the chairmen or contact Danny Isbell at the Rehab Center in Abilene at 915-793-3507 or Dee Lackey at the Rehab Center in San Angelo at 915-223-6300. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center, established in 1953, is a nonprofit organization providing outpatient rehabilitation treatment to children and adults with disabilities throughout West Texas. Facilities are located in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, Texas. The Corporate Office is located at 4601 Hartford in Abilene.

Mr. & Mrs. David Watts Marriage held on May 5

Congratulations to Denese and David Watts, who were married on May 5, 2000. Denese and David were married at Lake Mineral Wells at 6:00 in the evening. Denese wore a sleeveless, beaded, traditional gown with a beaded headpiece. Her maid of honor and bridesmaid were her sisters Dee Ann Whiteley and Lee Ann Whiteley. Her father Raymond Wilson gave her away (happily). David's aunt married the couple in a quiet ceremony of about a hundred people, including David's father and step-mother, Fred and Barbara Watts and his brothers Burt and Gerald all of China Springs.

Denese's mother Sally Whiteley of Cross Plains was proudly seated in the front row, after her part in the candle lighting ceremony, along with David's mother, Autumn Lynn Watts of Mineral Wells. There were many friends and family members present and all greatly missed the presence of the best-man, who was David's brother and best-friend, William Jay "Bill" Watts, who unexpectedly died on April 30 and was laid to rest May 3. He was and will always be irreplaceable. David stood with his groomsmen, Ed Huddleston, a very close family friend. The couple will reside in Mineral Wells, and we all wish them the very best.

Legal form expresses guardianship wishes

"People worry a lot as they age," says Sam Polk, an attorney for the Legal Hotline for Older Texans. "What will happen to them and their possessions? And they worry especially if there's a greedy relative in the picture." Fortunately, those who confide such fears to Polk soon hear about a form called "Declaration of Guardian Before Need Arises." This form "lets you disqualify people you don't trust and keep them from making decisions about you, your property, your health care. It also lets you name the people you do want to put in charge in case the need ever arises," Polk says, "People breathe a lot easier after they sign this form and send it back to us." Only recently, Polk points out, he helped thwart the guardianship efforts that a caller's son was making. "The woman called the hotline," Polk remembers, saying that she'd been in a hospital for six weeks with no medical complaint that warranted hospitalization. She was 87, Polk says, "really sharp and mentally fit." "Meanwhile, her son was seeking guardianship. The woman told me he wanted to force her into a nursing home and sell her house. Another relative of hers also told me the son seemed to be more interested in his mom's money than her welfare. "I told her that legally she was free to leave the hospital and I sent her one of the Legal Hotline for Older Texans' publications. It had information about the form. She shared it with an attorney the court had appointed to represent her. The attorney prepared the Designation of Guardian Before Need Arises form, and the woman signed it and the son backed off." Oddly, Polk says, few people realize that such a form exists. There are even some lawyers unaware of it. Signing such a form, however, can ease a lot of fears. The Legal Hotline for Older Texans provides free legal assistance to persons 60 and over

through grants approved by the Texas Supreme Court and administered by the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation. Low income Texans who need information about the Designation of Guardianship Before Need Arises should call the Legal Hotline at 1-800-622-2520 toll-free.

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