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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry and Chris Biggerstaff brought by the following for your reading pleasure. I think everyone enjoyed the "Living In A Small Town". However, there were some questions about "cow tipping". I was so glad that I wasn't the only one who didn't know what that was. My daughter-in-law had to explain its meaning to me. When cattle go to sleep at night you can supposedly slip up to them and tip them over. They say it is great fun. Another one that readers were intrigued by was "knee high by the 4th of July". Most agree that it was referring to the height of a crop. At least that is what John Adams thought and he is very well read. I'll bet he is right. You can relate this one about visiting Texas, too.

Vanda Anderson Creech
"Texas Tourist Bureau
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This summer, please consider Texas as your destination! But, please be aware of the rules:

1. That slope-shouldered farm boy did more work before breakfast than you'll do all week at the gym. He doesn't need your respect, but he sure deserves it.
2. It's called a "gravel road". No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your BMW. We have four-wheel drives because we need them.
3. We all started hunting and fishing when we were nine years old. Yeah, we saw Bambi. We got over it.
4. Any references to "corn fed" when talking about our women will get you in trouble with our women.
5. Go ahead and bring your \$800 Orvis Fly Rod. Don't cry to us if a flathead breaks it off at the handle. We have a name for that little 13-inch trout you fish for.....bait.
6. If that cell phone rings while a flock of dove are coming in, we will shoot it. You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.
7. High school football is as important here as the Lakers and the Knicks....and a sight more fun to watch.
8. No, there's no "Vegetarian Special" on the menu. Order steak. Order it rare. Or, you can order the Chef's salad and pick off the two pounds of ham and turkey. Yeah, we have sweet tea. It comes in a glass with two packets of sugar and a long spoon.
9. You bring Coke into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice, or in a can.
10. So you have a \$62,000 car. We are real impressed. We have a quarter of a million dollar cotton stripper that we drive three weeks a year.
11. Let's get it straight. We have only one traffic light in some towns. We stop when it's red. We may even stop when it's yellow.
12. Our women hunt, fish and drive trucks....because they want to.
13. Yeah, we eat catfish....carp,too....and turtle. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the bait shop.
14. They are pigs, cattle and oil wells. That's what they smell like. You'll get use to it.
15. The "Opener" refers to the See Down Home Page 10

First Baptist Church Welcomes Pastor

The members of First Baptist Church at Cross Plains are pleased to announce the arrival upon the field of their new pastor, Rev. Ronnie White.

Rev. White, 56, is a native of the Weatherford/Mineral Wells area, a Vietnam veteran, and a graduate of Howard Payne University. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment at Lake Brownwood.

He and his wife, Charla, a re-

tired music teacher, come to Cross Plains from Beulah Baptist Church in Millsap. Rev. White has been the pastor there since 1995. The couple has three grown sons and three grandchildren.

Easter Sunday, March 31, will be Rev. White's first sermon here. The members cordially invite the community to come celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the long-awaited arrival of their new pastor.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Cross Plains Little League Baseball Registration will be March 29th, and 30th at the Little League Baseball field at 5:00 p.m.. Baseball for boys and girls ages 5-8 Teeball, 9-12 Little League, 13-15 Junior League, Girls Softball ages 8-14.

Tryouts for Little League will be Thursday April 4th at 6:00 p.m.. There will be a workday on Friday March 29th beginning at 5:00 p.m. All parents or any interested individual are welcome and encouraged to attend. Supper will be served at the Little League Park, complements of Alvin, Vondean and Greg Hutchins of Cross Plains Frozen Foods. Texas Heritage Bank will prepare the meal.

Candidates for Upcoming Elections Announced

Three individuals, incumbents Jerry Cassle and Dean Dillard, and Marvin Mosley, have announced their candidacy for two seats on the City Council. Only incumbent Ray Purvis is vying for mayor.

In the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees election four candi-

dates have announced. Incumbent Monty Richards, Larry Thomas, Bryan Bennett and D.T. Crockett are seeking the two the expiring terms of Richards and Scott Childress.

Both elections will be held on May 4th at the Cross Plains Community Center.

County Democratic, Republican Primary runoff voting at Baird

All seven voting precincts for the Democratic Primary Runoff Election and Republican Primary Runoff Election slated for Tuesday, April 9 will be combined into the Activity Center (old light plant) at 228 Walnut Street in Baird, according to County Democratic Party Chairman Jon Hardwick and Republican Party Chairwoman Pat Chrane.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day Tuesday, April 9.

Early voting for the Democratic Primary Runoff Election as well as the Republican Primary Runoff Election will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. April 1 through April 5 in Room # 107 at the County Courthouse in Baird, the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde and Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains.

The only race of local interest involves the runoff election between Baird Precinct #3 Justice of the Peace incumbent Don Burns against challenger Steve Odom.

Rain Motivates Lifting of Burn Ban in Callahan County

Callahan County Commissioners, meeting in a regular session of the Commissioners' Court Monday, March 25, voted to lift the burn ban in Callahan County effective immediately.

Commissioners deliberating and considering other action items Monday included:

—Commissioners voted to move the April Commissioners' Court meeting dates to April 9th and April 24th, if necessary. The Commissioners' Court meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

—Commissioners voted to approve an interlocal agreement with area cities giving the city responsibility for reviewing all plants in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Judge Roger Corn said according to House Bill #1445, cities and counties must provide unified review of ETJ plats by the April deadline.

Commissioners had some four options to consider, but felt that turning over the ETJ plats to the cities would benefit the cities more. Judge Corn said the cities of Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains and Putnam would maintain control over their ETJ.

The bill was passed in response to complaints from certain builders and developers that the dual review of plats in the ETJ by cities and counties was time consuming and expensive and that there needed to be "one-stop shopping" for plat applications within an ETJ.

—Commissioners were to meet with Tom Rumsfield, representative for the Citizens EMS, who ever he was unable to attend the meeting.

—Commissioners were to meet with Yvonne Dionne to discuss Conesco performing a group presentation to the County, who

ever no one attended the meeting.

—Commissioners were to meet with Chris Faught of the Texas Association of Counties to discuss approving the volunteer fire department workers compensation, but Faught was unable to attend the meeting.

—Commissioners voted to post 35 mile-per-hour speed limit signs on Gas House Road after meeting with Darryl Harris. Harris requested the speed limit signs along Gas House Road near a practice athletic field south of Bulldog Steel and Gas House Road.

Commissioners Hicks, in whose precinct the practice fields are located, will place the 35 MPH speed limit signs. Discussion of a possible four-way stop sign on Gas House Road will require further investigation.

—Commissioners took no action considering a resolution adopting a property tax exemption for the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627. Commissioners took no action because the Masonic Lodge is currently property tax exempted.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

—Commissioners voted to approve and sign the minutes of the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Commissioners received no public comment during the allotted agenda time.

—Commissioners voted to approve a resolution from Brown County Veterans Officer endorsing a war memorial there.

The resolution follows: Whereas, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of Texas Chapter, has undertaken the herculean task for creating a memorial to pay homage to

those in Central Texas who paid the ultimate price by losing their lives while serving the United States of America in foreign conflicts;

Whereas, the memorial will be built entirely with donated funds raised by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of Texas Chapter;

Whereas, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of Texas Chapter, is expanding the memorial to include the seven counties surrounding Callahan County, and the memorial will be named the Central Texas War Memorial and will include the names of all of the residents of these eight counties who were casualties of World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War.

Be it further resolved that the Callahan County Commissioners' Court wholeheartedly endorses the efforts being put forth by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of Texas Chapter, to create the Central Texas War Memorial and further encourages the Commissioners' Courts of Eastland, Coleman, McCulloch, San Saba, Mills, Brown, and Comanche Counties, as well as the City Council of Brownwood, to join them in endorsing this worthy cause and by creating an atmosphere that encourages the successful collections of the necessary donations to complete this project.

- (s) Roger Corn County Judge
- (s) Harold Hicks Commissioner Precinct #1
- (s) Bryan Farmer Commissioner Precinct #2
- (s) Tommy Holland Commissioner Precinct #3
- (s) Charlie Grider Commissioner Precinct #4

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday March 30, 2002
On The Bank Lot Behind DQ
10:00 A.M.

Annual Fire Department Fish Fry Told



QUEEN SIZE "FLOWER BASKET" QUILT — The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be drawing for the lucky winner of this quilt at their annual Fish Fry.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor their Annual Fish Fry this year on Friday, April 26th, at the Cross Plains Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

The menu will consist of fish or chicken strips, French fries, beans, coleslaw, tartar sauce and all the usual condiments including iced tea and peach cobbler for dessert.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has a "Queen Size Flower Basket Quilt" that will be drawn for on the night of the Fish Fry. You may view the quilt at Texas Heritage Bank where you may also purchase tickets for \$1.00 each. Members of the fire department will also have tickets for sale.

Remember April 26th for a great evening out for a truly worthy cause.

Cross Cut Baptist Church Easter Service Set for This Sunday

Cross Cut Baptist Church will have an Easter Service Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. James Roach will be presiding.

Come early or stay after for fellowship and refreshments.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Call (254) 725-6836 for further information.

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Don't Forget!!!
Saturday, April 6
Justin Dickson Baseball Benefit Day
Fun-filled day with lots of activities and good food.
Be There!
(High School Gym)

Democratic Party's County Convention April 6

Callahan County's Democratic Party will hold its County Convention Saturday, April 6 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the County Courtroom of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Democratic Party Chair Jon Hardwick invites all County Democrats to participate in the party's convention.

Democratic Party Precinct Chairpersons for Callahan County include: Silas Tucker, Clyde, Precinct #1; Patricia Logan, Clyde, Precinct #2; Harold Hass, Baird, Precinct #3; Sarah Brashear, Cisco, Precinct #4; John Dyer, Putnam, Precinct #5; Patsy Hogan, Clyde, Precinct #6; and Shirley Landers, Ovalo, Precinct #7.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Shonna Brunson, theft of property by check.
Jimmy C. Buval, theft of property by check.
Johnie Smedley, theft of property by check.
Angela Hill, theft of property by check.
Donald Bilbo, theft of property by check.
Lucio Dominguez, criminal mischief.
James Michael Tennison, official oppression.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jeff L. Smith, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Jeremy R. Barbian, motion to dismiss to theft granted, sentenced to a state jail facility on other charge.
Mary York, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Jeremiah White, motion to reinstate bond granted.
Janice Underwood, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.
Jon R. Orman, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Joshua Wayne Haile of Clyde and Jennifer Lee Keith of Baird.
James William Ruddell of Clyde and Jennifer Lynn Dove of Cincinnati, OH.
John Harley Baidas and Kathalina Marie Whitney, both of Abilene.
Terry Vincent Brown of Comanche and Patricia Louise Heaslet of DeLeon.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Jeremy R. Barbian, judgment revoking probation granted.
David L. Tubble, judgment revoking probation granted.

OBITUARIES

Roger A. Butler

Services for Roger A. Butler of Palestine were held at 2 p.m. March 4, 2002, at First Baptist Church with the Revs. Jay Abernathy and Donald Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Land of Memory Cemetery under the direction of Herrington/Land of Memory.

Mr. Butler passed away early Saturday morning at his Palestine residence.

He was born August 22, 1924, in Beeville, Texas to Leon and Minnie Jones Butler.

Mr. Butler was reared in Ohio and moved to Palestine in 1985, coming from Abilene. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Palestine. He served as a pastor for more than 50 years in the Abilene area, Cleburne and in Tennessee Colony. He will be remembered as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains during the 60's.

He was a past member of the Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club. He attended the University of Cincinnati and graduated from Baylor University and the Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Butler is survived by his wife of 54 years, Doris Butler of Palestine; two sons, David Butler of Alvarado and Don Butler of Palestine; and two sisters, Willa Kraemer of Odessa and Dottie Monroe of Cincinnati.

Pallbearers were Tim Brazzel, Fred Walker, Tony Sharp, Olan Campbell Jim Richie and Ronnie Ingram. Honorary pallbearers were member of the Joseph Class at First Baptist Church.

If desired, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

Richard H. Illingworth

Richard Hill Illingworth, age 69, of Lingleville, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at his daughter's home in Longview.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Henry Grubbs officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains directed Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Richard was born May 1, 1932 in Callahan County, Texas to Riley M. Illingworth and Alma Graves Illingworth.

Richard retired from Chapman Construction Company after 42 years loyal service, where was a shop foreman. He was a graduate of Cross Plains High School and International Mechanic School. He was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. Mr. Illingworth was a student of Fred Astaire Ballroom Dancing Studio and was an accomplished dancer, participating in many competitions and winning awards. He was also an accomplished life-long bowler. Richard served as president of the Independent Order of Foresters; was a blue ribbon chili cookoff winner; and member of Red River Chapter Harley Owners Group. He was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include a son, Keith Illingworth and wife, Toni, of Longview; a daughter, Brenda Coker and husband, Ronnie, of Longview; four brothers, Robert Illingworth and wife, Bonnie, of Iowa Park, Tommy Illingworth and wife, Charlene, of Desdemona, and Johnny Illingworth of Dallas; four sisters, Barbara Young and husband, Bill, and Sandra Jones and husband, Rolan, all of Cross Plains, Carolyn Youngblood and husband, Jim, of Mesquite, and Patty Turner of Hawkins; two grandchildren, Rose and Erin Illingworth; as well as a sister-in-law, Lee Preston, of Baytown.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Shorty and Alma, and a brother, Jack Preston.

Pallbearers were Junior Coggin, Tom Carpenter, Gary Brown, Keith Coburn, Freddie Tatom and Lewis Fortune.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice Longview, Inc., 1308 Pine Tree Rd., Longview, Texas 75604.

Johnie L. Slaughter

Johnie L. Slaughter, 80, of Abilene, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at a V.A. Hospital in Kerrville.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2002, in Potosi Cemetery with Neil Hall officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene.

Johnie was born on May 28, 1921 in Putnam, Texas and attended public school in Cross Plains. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater of Operation, and later in food service as a chef in the U.S. Air Force. After 21 years of combined service, he retired from his military career at Dyess A.F.B. in 1961. He moved to Abilene in 1959 from New Egypt, New Jersey.

He married Jean Boyle in Coleman, Texas on February 23, 1943. Mr. Slaughter was a member of Northwest Church of Christ in Abilene and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Boyle Slaughter of Abilene; a son, Johnie B. Slaughter and wife, Peggy, of Abilene; a sister, Louise King of Potosi; two grandsons, Daryl Slaughter and wife, Dawn, and Lyn Slaughter; two great-grandsons, Noah Slaughter and Matthew Slaughter; four nieces; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Vance Slaughter and Alice Holley Slaughter; two brothers, Bill Slaughter and Mutt Slaughter; and a granddaughter, Renee Slaughter in 1988.

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans, VA Hospitals and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 17, 2002 through March 23, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-68
Complaints-121
Possession of Marijuana-2
DWI-3
Open Container-Alcoholic Beverage-2

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

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants
There were two outstanding warrant issued for a total of \$600.00 collected.

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1. Is there really a God?
2. Is Genesis relevant today?
3. Did God create in 6 literal days?
4. Why is there death & suffering?
5. Do Animals Evolve?
6. Where did the "Races" come from?
7. What is the only answer to Racism?
8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

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Matthew 28: 5b, 6a I (angel) know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as he said.

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EASTER

Sunday, March 31

"Jesus is Risen!"

Ronnie White
Pastor

"Join us in worship today!"

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Sunday's Sermon

"He Is Risen!"

COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT



LADIES MAKE EASTER BONNETS— Myrtle Hoggett (from left), Ruby Harrell, Hallie Hartley and Donie McCowen had a great time designing their Easter bonnets.

Our ladies enjoyed a fun afternoon making their Easter bonnets. Lots of pretty flowers and ribbons to choose from, I must say each one turned out beautifully. Good job ladies!

We are looking forward this Friday to Mrs. Randolph's Pre-K Class to come and hunt Easter eggs with us. The residents will be hiding the eggs for the children to find.

Appreciation to Nikki Callaway for making balloon baskets with the residents; to Billye Sinclair for the peanut brittle; to Cross Plains School for their donation; to Eddie Walters and Barbara Young for the pretty flowers.

Evelyn and Emily Harris, Chris and Pam visited with Frank Bartek.

Bob Pipes visited Jo Boatright. Katie Wilham of Ovalo and Lorene Bryson visited Carl McKenzie.

Fred Coffey, Ray Purvis, Hazel Lambert, Kim Mosier, Chad Switzer, Helen Brown, Mary Bates, Jimmielee and Virginia

Payne, David Peters, David and Brenda Switzer, Pam Harris and Mattie Faye Wilson visited Pauline Switzer.

Charleen McGowen of Brownwood, Naomi McCowen, Alton and Joan McCowen visited Donie McCowen.

Activities

Monday: Bingo winners were Clifford King (2), Lucky Taylor, Donie McCowen, Rozell Gary (2), Ruby Harrell and Jessie Casey. Exercise.

Tuesday: Art class. Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Dean Brannan. Exercise.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss.

Friday: Easter egg hunt with Pre-K Class children. Popcorn and Dominoes.

Sunday: Pioneer Pentecostal Church.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the VICTORY through out LORD JESUS CHRIST.

HAPPY EASTER!!!!

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Story-Telling Contest Included in Agenda for Annual Membership Meeting of Cottonwood Historical Association

The board of directors for The Cottonwood Historical Association met last Saturday to lay plans for its Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

The board's goal is to get "everyone" who has ever lived in Cottonwood or has other connections to the community to "come home" for a reunion. The invitation is for all local residents (new or old) to join in the festivities and get their root well established in Cottonwood.

The tentative agenda calls for adequate time for visitation with old friends and the making of new ones, a business meeting, the customary noon meal, and a "Story-Telling Contest".

That's right a Story-Telling Contest. So, wake up your memory, recall your favorite story about Cottonwood or someone you have known from there. Sharpen your story-telling skills and join our fun. Details for the contest are being formulated and so are plans for the meal and business meeting.

So mark your calendar, call someone you would like to see at the Coming Home Party and say, "See you in Cottonwood on Saturday, May 4th." I mean it, call someone; help the board meet its goal, and stay tuned to this column for details.

Cottonwood Connections

Stephanie Childress, a sophomore student and English major at the University of North Texas in Denton has been visiting her parents, Scott and Jacque Childress during the Spring Break.

Jacque is fresh from a performing-arts venue in Abilene where she presented a short concert of seven Irish songs for the State Meeting of the National Federated Music Clubs. Jacque has been a member of the Harmony Club, Abilene's chapter of the organization for 10 years. She was accompanied by Lora Lynn

Christensen, also a member of the Harmony Club. "It was really an honor to be asked to be on this program," she said.

Lou Rodenberger has penned an article published in the Spring 2002 issue of the Haley Library Newsletter and entitled "West Texas Pioneer Women: The Wilder, Stronger Breed."

Lou's pen presents a survey of testimony from letters, diaries, journals and other literature about the first settlers of our state where, as she writes, "West Texas life provided ample occasions for bringing out 'hardhood and courage' in the women who came with their families to make new homes in an often hostile environment."

Lou proves her point by reviewing many exploits of frontier women who were forced by circumstance to become representatives of that "wilder-stronger breed, able to prevail as individuals and leaders with determination and purpose." She concludes, "They were truly the Grandmothers of West Texas - the women who set the pace for future generations of West Texas Women." Congratulations, nice article, Lou Rodenberger.

JONES FAMILY REUNION:

Descendants and friends of Jim and Effie Jones gathered at the Cottonwood Community Center March 23, 2002. Those in attendance included Jack and Uva Jones of Cottonwood; Mac and Edith Jones, Wink; Betty Godfrey, Midland; Bruce and Alice Evans with grandson, Matthew, Arlington; Gail Jones, Snyder; Arthur and Susan Granoff, Dallas; Carter and Cynthia Jones, San Marcus; Jennifer Monroe and daughters, Lori and Magan, Coleman; James and Debra Jones and children Bailey and Kevin, Coleman; Jim Mangum and friend, Jamie and daughter, Jenna, Southlake; Don and Effie B. Dawkins, Brownwood; others from Cottonwood were Sean Jones, Vanica Aetchison and daughter, Sarah, and Mary Albright. "A good time was had by all," said Jack Jones.

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PIONEER NEWS

We had a good day quilting on Tuesday. We worked on quilts for Laverne, Earlene and Jean Fore. Laverne's is about finished and it will probably come out of the frame next time.

Last weekend Jim Chesshir planted potatoes and put onions out. He is determined to have a garden for his mother. Charlene Chesshir and Glenda Phillips visited Laverne Hutton in Hendrick Medical Center on Monday, and then Charlene saw her eye doctor.

Frankie went to Big Bend with Oliver's cousins, Mrs. Blanche Martin of Ranger and Dickie Eaves of Gorman. They all enjoyed the trip very much.

Glenda Phillips visited Opal and Theo Boyd on Opal's birthday. They are such special people. Glen Dale and Kosta of Alpine came in on Monday to get a load of hay. They stayed until Thursday. Glen Dale, Kosta and part of Allen's family went to the Abilene Zoo. They really did enjoy their visit. Glenda attended the funeral of Don Nelson's mother, Inez Nelson. Don is married to Vernon's sister-in-law, Wanda. Vernon's sister and husband, Nancy and Thomas Wolf of Midland, his brother, Homer of Stephenville, and his sister, Minnie Roberts, and grandson,

Jason of Copperas Cover, were all at the funeral.

Jean Alexander and May Jones traveled to Richardson to visit with Jean's granddaughter, Andrea Appleton. Jean's daughter, Starr Appleton, and friend, Carolyn Markus of Corpus Christi, met them there. While in Richardson they all spent time in the home of Jim, Marla, Will and Ashley Alexander. They all had a "great" time!

Mary and Bill Langletz and daughter, Linda of Graham, visited D.P. and May Jones.

Even with the cool weather, signs of spring are around. The purple martins are claiming their summer homes. The hummingbirds are looking for their feeders and some geese can be spotted and heard going north. We are very thankful for the wonderful rain last week. Let's pray we will have some more along to renew the land and enhance the farming and ranching that is so vital to this community.

The next "Domino Party" will be Thursday, April 4th. Don't forget. Come on out to join the fun.

Words of Wisdom: I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him. B.T. Washington

LIBRARY NOTES

March 18-22

Circulation:	
Books	82
LAP	28
TOTAL	110
Donations:	
Books -	
Donna Castleman	
Jacque Childress	

Rod and Dee Jackson

We are now receiving new first editions of Science Fiction Books. For all of the Sci Fi readers, come in and see the new collection.

A big thanks to James Nichols for the Easter eggs for the LAP kids.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 1 - April 5

MONDAY-- Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread, Milk	toes, Applesauce, Oatmeal Cookie, Roll, Milk
TUESDAY-- Lasagna, Carrots, Green Beans, Bread Pudding, Garlic Toast, Milk	THURSDAY-- Oven Fried Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Jellied Veggie Salad, Pudding, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY-- Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Broccoli, Diced Potatoes	FRIDAY-- Pork Chops w/Gravy, Corn, Okra & Tomatoes, Cake, Bread, Milk

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Note: A REMINDER! Come on out to Trade Day, April 6, sponsored by the Cross Plains Garden Club. The location will be behind the Dairy Queen on the vacant lot that belongs to the local bank, aka Texas Heritage Bank. Come one, come all, there will be great booths to shop from and

loads of fun to be had. Those of you who are interested in having a booth, please call Robert (Bob) Powell at (254) 643-2404 for details. Electricity will be available for booths.

"My Friend, Helen"

If you follow that silver streak

of highway "just far enough" you will find the gracious home of longtime Cross Plains Garden Club member, Helen Tillotson.

Helen and her late husband, Cole, moved here from Iowa some years ago. She is renowned in the local garden club for her magnificent and delectable rolls and breads. During his lifetime here in Cross Plains, Cole worked his magic with wood. He made many and varied wooden toys to delight the eyes of children.

We spent some happy times visiting them, as did our daughter and granddaughter. Helen's cheery, green lawn, sprinkled with trees, shrubs and plants seem to say WELCOME, as you pull into the drive.

She now spends time in California every year with her younger daughter, Coleen, and husband. Her daughter, Donna and husband, John, live right beside her.

So for about half the year Helen resides in California with the sunshiny climate and beautiful floral landscape of lush tropical plants and extraordinary flora and fauna that comprise the California dream.

The other half of the year she's in Cross Plains enjoying the sunshine and peaceful calming breezes, visiting the chortling, happy birds at her bird feeder. At home in Texas, the second Friday of each month, you can find Helen at the garden club meeting visiting her friends and enjoying the program. Helen's smile lights the room.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Well, it's that time of year again - when the "Easter bonnets" are gotten out, the eggs are prepared, hidden and found - and when attendance at church services goes up. Perhaps you, like me, have mixed feelings and emotions about at least some of that - especially the rise of attendance at church services.

I have been known in the past to preach scathing sermons on Easter Sunday at those who were there for the first time in a long time. I finally decided it might be best to try to impress upon their minds, and remind us all of, the great love Jesus had for us all to go to the cross and die for the sins of the world (Philippians 2: 5-8), and the love that God the Father had for us in sending Him to do so (John 3:16-17), the connect with that the response it should bring from our lives (Philippians 2: 9-11; Romans 12: 1-2).

If you read those passages, not to mention the rest of the Bible, especially Christ's New Testament, you have to conclude that Jesus' death on the cross for our sins demands a greater response from us than "visiting church" once or twice a year - even once every Sunday - or even three times each week. It includes that, but it calls for an everyday commitment to living a life of confession that He is indeed the Son of God - and being a living sacrifice on a daily basis - which is our "reasonable response/service."

So if you're on of those planning to "visit church" again this Sunday because it's Easter, please follow through! I'll share an expanded version (not too expanded, however!) of the things mentioned above - and certainly not "brow beat" you for it being your first time in too long awhile. And, yes, we'll be grateful again for His blessed resurrection on that Sunday morning nearly 2000 year ago...

See you Sunday?

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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Christ is Risen!

Join us

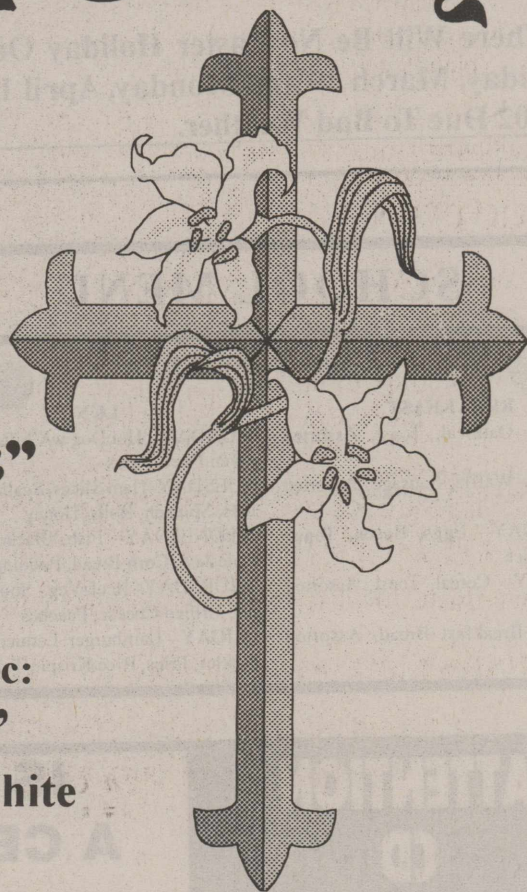
Easter Sunday

March 31

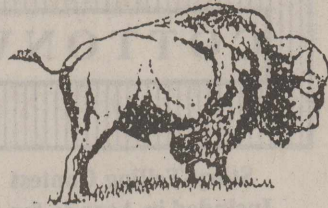
Worship the "Living Christ"

11:00 a.m. Sermon Topic: "He Is Risen" by Bro. Ronnie White

First Baptist Church of Cross Plains
Ronnie White, Pastor 3rd & Main



C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



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Commended Student in the 2002 Merit Program

Leonard Wilson, the principal of Cross Plains High School, announced today that Shena Thomas has been named Commended Student in the 2002 Merit Scholarship corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Being recognized for their exception academic promise are a total of about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2002 competition by taking the 2000 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their performance in our competitive Merit Program," commented a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "In a nation that values excellence, it is



Shena Thomas

important to publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

Three Students Earn One Act Play Honors

The high school actors performed "Antic Spring" last week at the Zone One Act Play competition, where Marcus Williams

and A.J. Carouth received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast and Erin Stephens was named First Team All-Star Cast.

High School Boys Golf Team Update

By Coach Mike Cavender

The Cross Plains High School Boys Golf Team who competed at the Robert Lee Meet finished 6th out of 13 teams, with a team score of 372.

Individual scores were:

James Ross	83
Cole Koenig	94
Josh Hopkins	96
Dusty Dickson	98
Andy Bennett	108.

Other members not participating were Nathan Joy and Marcus

Williams.

James Ross finished in a 3-way tie for 3rd place individual and lost out on the medal in a one-hole play-off.

Members of the Girls Golf Team are Stephanie Parker, Angela Swift and Carrie Rogers. The girls were competing at Eden Monday and their final 9-hole scores were Stephanie 59, Angela 64 and Carrie 65.

The weather has been tough on the kids this year, but we continue to compete and play hard.

FFA Judging Team Season Underway

During the past two weeks the Cross Plains FFA Chapter has been busy attending several judging contests. These practice contests help to prepare the students for the Area Contest which will be held the first week in April.

The first contest this year was at Sweetwater. The Dairy Products Team consisting of Dani Rivard, Kati Wooten and Jennifer Canales placed 6th as a team and Kati was the 9th high individual and Dani was 10th high individual. Nathan Joy was the only Poultry Team member who was able to attend, and he was the 4th high individual. The Livestock Team, consisting of Charlie Rogers, Erin Stephens, Emily Winfrey, Brittany Apple and Thomas Dimitri also competed but did not place in the top ten.

The second contest was the Cross Plains Invitational Contest and the results can be found in a related article. After the contest at Cross Plains our teams competed at Tarleton State University Invitational Contest. This is the largest contest held in the state each participating in 12 different contests. This contest does not give team awards but recognized the top 20 individuals in each contest. A.J. Carouth placed as the 14th

high individual in Dairy Products. We had several students who almost made the top 20 individuals.

After the TSU contest we competed at the Weatherford College Judging Contest. The Dairy Products Team consisting of Dani Rivard, A.J. Carouth, Jennifer Young, Jennifer Canales, Kati Wooten and Kandra Poole placed 3rd as a team and Jennifer Young was the 5th high individual and A.J. Carouth was 10th high individual. The Livestock Team consisted of Erin Stephens, Charlie Rogers, Emily Winfrey and Brittany Apple on Team # 1, and Chris Harris, Thomas Dimitri, Shana Hyles and Christin Hyles on Team #2. Team # 2 finished 4th overall as a team. The Poultry Team consisting of Cole Koenig, Nathan Joy, Kevin Scott, Clinton Grubb and Brandon Horton placed 4th as a team and Nathan Joy was the 8th high individual.

Next week the Livestock Team will be competing at ACU and Llano. So far, the students have had a great year judging and hopefully this will continue through the Area Contest and several of the teams can qualify for the State Contest.

Submitted by Roy Richey

Cross Plains Invitational Judging Contest Results

Last Tuesday the Cross Plains FFA sponsored its annual judging contest. This included Dairy Cattle Judging, Poultry Judging and Dairy Products Judging. The Dairy Cattle Judging was held at the Foster Dairy. Even though it rained during most of the contest, 23 teams from the surrounding areas continued to judge and do their best.

A special thanks goes to Randy and Kyle Foster for allowing us to use their dairy cattle and facilities. Also we would like to thank Jackie Tennison for helping run the dairy cattle contest, without his help we would not have been able to have the contest.

The Dairy Products and Poultry Contests were held inside, so the conditions were quite a bit better. There were 16 schools entered in the Dairy Products Contest and 15 schools were entered in the Poultry Contest. The results were

as follows:

Dairy Cattle Teams - 1st Cross Plains #1 Team; 2nd Dublin #1; 3rd Olney; 4th Brownwood; 5th Cross Plains #2. **Top High Individuals** - 1st Josh Hopkins (C.P.); 2nd Brownwood; 3rd Greg Black; 4th Thomas Dimitri; 5th Dublin; 6th Chris Sliger; and 9th Kali Phillips.

Dairy Products Teams - 1st Cross Plains; 2nd Jacksboro; 3rd Ranger; 4th Abilene High; 5th Jim Ned; **Top Individuals** - 1st Jacksboro; 2nd - A.J. Carouth (C.P.); 3rd Ranger; 4th Jacksboro; 5th Kati Wooten; 7th Jennifer Young; 10th Jennifer Canales.

Poultry Teams - 1st Cross Plains; 2nd Perrin; 3rd Wylie; 4th Vernon; 5th Jacksboro. **Top Individuals** - 1st Perrin; 2nd Nathan Joy (C.P.); 3rd Wylie; 4th Jacksboro; 5th Kevin Scott; 8th Cole Koenig.

Jr. High Boys Track Team Compete In Pioneer Relays

The Pioneer Relays Jr. High track meet was held on Thursday March 21, 2002 at Cross Plains. Seven teams competed in both 7th grade and 8th grade Divisions.

7th Grade Field Events
 Discus- 1st Koenig 76' 7 1/2"
 Shot Put- 5th Carpenter 23'11"
 6th Bennett 23'9"
 Long Jump-6th Thomas 13' 3/4"
 High Jump- 2nd Dickson 4'6"
 Triple Jump-4th Thomas 25' 11 1/2"

7th Grade Running Events
 2400m Run- 3rd Dickson 10:17.37
 4 X 100 Relay- 3rd Williams, Reyes, Dickson, Thomas 58.96
 800 m Run- 3rd McBride 3:10.83
 6th Peters 3:22.94

400 m Run- 1st Thomas 1:04.88
 5th Garrett 1:28.43
 200 m Dash-1st Reyes 28.23
 1600 m Run-4th McBride 7:58.38
 5th Peters 8:19.91

8th Grade Field Events
 Shot Put- 1st Smith 35'2"
 5th Sifuentes 29'5"
 6th Watkins 29'3"
 High Jump-3rd Smith 5'
 4th Watkins 4'10"
 Tie 5th Dillard 4'8"

8th Grade Running Events
 4 X100 Relay- 3rd Watkins, Dillard, Phillips, Smith 54.49
 400 m Run- 2nd Smith 1:05.64
 300 m Hurdles-2nd Dillard 53.39
 200 m Dash-4th Watkins 29.30

High School Girls Win Pioneer Relays

The Lady Buffs totaled 192 points to win the Pioneer Relays, with May finishing 2nd with 144 points.

Individual results were:

Pole Vault- Erin Stephens 66" 1st
 High Jump- Bree Dillard 4'8" 2nd
 Long Jump - Kim Mosier 14'2" 5th
 Discus - Kelsee Richards 83'10" 2nd
 Dayna Bennett 60'0" 6th
 Shot Put - Kelsee Richards 31'8" 2nd
 Dayna Bennett 24' 7/12" 5th
 3200 - Christin Hyles 14:10.71 1st
 Melanie Chesshir 16:48.70 3rd
 400 Relay - Karen Ross, Kelsee Richards, Stephanie Edington, Bree Dillard 59.8 3rd
 800 - Shana Hyles 2:45.52 1st

100 Hurdles - Ashley Cook 18.8 3rd
 Kelsee Richards 19.4 5th
 100- Karen Ross 15.19 5th
 Stephanie Edington 15.59 6th
 800 Relay -Karen Ross, Kelsee Richards, Stephanie Edington Bree Dillard 2:11.1 2nd
 400- Kim Mosier 65.5 1st
 Candice Bailey 71.4 2nd
 Angela Swift 75.5 3rd
 300 Hurdles - Ashley Cook 53.7 2nd
 200 - Kim Mosier 28.04 1st
 Bree Dillard 31.09 5th
 1600- Shana Hyles 6:32.15 1st
 Christin Hyles 6:34.44 2nd
 Melanie Chesshir 7:57.32 3rd
 1600 Relay- Candice Bailey, Angela Swift, Shana Hyles Kim Mosier 4:50.2 1st

Varsity Boys Track Team Take Third Place

Pioneer Relays were held Saturday March 23, 2002 in Cross Plains. A total of seven boys teams competed at this meet.

Field Events:

Pole Vault- 1st Dimitri 10'
 High Jump-5th Williams 5'6"
 Discus- 4th Wooten 107'6"

Running Events:

3200 run-1st Bennett 11:36.81
 2nd Ramirez 12:04.29
 3rd Duncan 13:18.95
 cp gold 5th Cooper 13:53.41
 4 X 100 Relay- Purvis, Dillard, Williams, Mauricio
 800 m run- 3rd Williams 2:27.05
 cp gold 4th St.Peter 2:28.55

5th Duncan 2:43.94
 6th Joy 2:44.49
 100 m Hurdles- 1st Harris 16.91
 2nd Goains 19.48
 100 m Dash- 5th Purvis 11.85
 400 m Run- 3rd Dickson 57.89
 300 m Hurdles-4th Harris 48.50
 5th Goains 50.48
 200 m Dash- 5th Purvis 25.15
 1600m Run-1st Bennett 5:22.84
 3rd Ramirez 5:35.89
 4th J. Dillard 5:47.19
 cp gold 6th St Peter 6:02.25
 Total points: Cross Plains 123,
 May 68, Panther Creek 127,
 Richland Springs 58, Rising Star 127,
 Santa Anna 17, Cross Plains Gold 8

Junior High Girls Do Well In Three Meets

1st Meet - March 1st was the girls first track meet of the season. It was held at Gorman with cool and rainy weather.

Brittany Adams won two gold medals - 400 Dash (1:11.45)
 Long Jump (14' 13 1/4")
 Naomi Isbell won one silver medal- 800 Dash (3:02.5)
 Vecy Carpenter won two bronze medals-
 100 Hurdles (22.80)
 300 Hurdles (1:29.35).

2nd Meet - March 8th the girls traveled to Winters to compete with teams from Coleman, Eula, Jim Ned, Roscoe and Winters. Each girl ran as well as they could and the team gained 5th place with 36 points.

Ribbon winners were:
 Brittany Adams -
 4th Long Jump (14" 7 1/4")
 3rd 100 Dash (13.22)
 2nd 400 Dash (1:09.48)
 1st 200 Dash (28.28)
 6th 400 Relay (1:02.60) - Scott, Douglass, Norris and Isbell
 5th 1600 Relay (5:28.84) 0
 Norris, Libey, Douglass and Isbell

3rd Meet - March 21 The girls participated in the Pioneer Relays in Cross Plains in windy and cold weather. The girls won 3rd place as a team with 96 points.

Ribbon winners:
 Brittany Adams

1st 100 Dash (13.40)
 1st 400 Dash (1:13.49)
 2nd 200 Dash (31.05)
 2nd Long Jump (13' 6 3/4")
 2nd Triple Jump (25" 6 3/4")
 Naomi Isbell
 1st 800 Run (3:06.65)
 Jesse Norris
 6th 800 Run (3:24.09)
 5th Triple Jump (21' 6")
 Jarrah Hutchins
 5th 200 Dash (33.33)
 Vecy Carpenter
 3rd 300 Hurdles (1:17.40)
 Mykea Douglass
 3rd Shot Put (22' 9")
 6th Discus (60' 11")
 5th 400 Relay (61.32) - Scott, Bacon, Hutchins, Isbell
 5th 800 Relay (2:18.26) - Hutchins, Douglass, Scott, Bacon
 2nd 1600 Relay (5:33.60) - Norris, Bacon Douglass Isbell
"B" Group
 Britanni Libey
 3rd 100 Dash (15.82)
 3rd 200 Dash (36.38)
 2nd Long Jump (10' 6 1/2")
 Kassie Miliam
 6th 200 Dash (39.98)
 4th Long Jump (9' 7")
 Shawna May
 4th Shot Put (20' 1/2")
 5th Discus (46' 10")
 Other tracksters participating were Megan Thomas, Samantha Hutton and Tracy Randolph.

Notice to Parents:

Early Out Friday, March 29, 2002 At 1:00 P.M. Before Easter Weekend. Buses Will Run At 1:10 P.M.

There Will Be No Easter Holiday On Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1, 2002 Due To Bad Weather.

SCHOOL MENU

April 1 - April 5

BREAKFAST

MONDAY--Oatmeal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 TUESDAY--Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice
 WEDNESDAY-- Eggs, Bacon, Toast, Assorted Juice
 THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
 FRIDAY-- Breakfast Bread, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY-- Hot Dog w/Chili & Cheese, Oven Fries, Pears
 TUESDAY-- Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey
 WEDNESDAY-- Fish, Blackeyed Peas, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Pudding
 THURSDAY--Beef-Veg. Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese, Peaches
 FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat.

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Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Extravaganza

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Area 4 Shotgun Extravaganza will be held April 6, 2002 at the Abilene Gun Club Shotgun Range. Entrance to the range is located on FM 707 at the south end of Kirby Lake. Taylor County 4-H Shooting Sports will host this years event.

The Shotgun Extravaganza is open to all 4-H Shooting Sports Members. This event is a fun-filled day of shotgun shooting for beginning and experienced shooters alike. Skeet, Trap, International Skeet, 5-Stand Sporting Clays and Walking Sporting Clays will be available. Shooters may choose to participate in any of all of these events.

Area 4 Shotgun Shooting Sports coaches will be on hand to assist new shooters in all events. Spectators are welcome!

Area 4 is comprised of 94 counties in the Big Country area, west and north.

For more information and registration contact you County Agent or your 4-H Shooting Sports Leader.

Stenholm Announces 2002 Summer Interns

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Omar Burleson Foundation has selected four individuals and one alternate to serve as Omar Burleson interns in the Washington, D.C. office of Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Ms. Leslie McDonald of Winters and Ms. Valerie Ramirez of San Angelo will serve as interns in June. Ms. McDonald is a graduate of Texas A & M and is currently enrolled in the Advanced International Affairs certificate program at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M. Ms. Ramirez is a junior at San Angelo University, majoring in History/Communications.

Serving as July interns will be Ms. Cindy Buckner of Chico and Mr. Bryan Weber of Blanco. Ms. Buckner is an Agriculture Science teacher at Chico ISD and Mr. Weber is a junior, majoring in Political Science, at Abilene Christian University.

Mr. Todd Richardson of Stamford, a senior at Texas A & M was named an alternate intern candidate.

Other finalists in the selection process were Mr. Nole Hadaway of Abilene, teacher at Wylie ISD; Mr. Jeff Haddox of Bridgeport, senior at University of North Texas majoring in Business Economics; Miss Shayla Hager of Stamford, an Agricultural Economics graduate student at Texas A & M; Mrs. Tracy Phillips of Abilene, a part-time Government teacher at Cisco Jr. Col-

lege and Management Assistant to the City Manager of Abilene; Mr. Brent Toliver of Sweetwater, a junior finance major at Texas Tech University.

"I am honored to announce the selection of these outstanding recipients as Omar Burleson Foundation Interns and look forward to them being in my Washington office," noted Stenholm. "This is an opportunity for our future leaders to receive some hands on experience of working in the Government and our Educators gain firsthand knowledge about the legislative process, so they can convey it to their students. With so many highly qualified applicants, it was difficult for the Selection Committee to select just four interns to come to Washington, D.C."

In addition to assisting Congressman Stenholm and his staff, interns will attend Congressional hearings, observe the proceedings of the House of Representatives and the Senate, attend a distinctive speakers series for interns, and tour points of interest in the nation's capital.

The Omar Burleson Intern Foundation is a private, non-profit organization which makes internships available to individuals who reside or study in the 17th Congressional District of Texas. The Foundation is named for the late Congressman Omar Burleson who represented the 17th District of Texas in Washington, D.C. for 32 years.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting March 21, 2002 with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Scott Childress, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Tony Wyatt.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Leonard Wilson, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell, and guests, Larry Thomas, Susan Hartman and Annette Nickerson. Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that we sign a joint election agreement with the City of Cross Plains. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Vicki Dillard and seconded by Childress that all textbooks on the state-approved list be adopted. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Richards that on May 8 at 8:30 p.m. we would meet to canvass the election. For

7 Against 0
An executive session for personnel began at 7:52 p.m. and was out at 8:52 p.m.

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Childress that we take the full-time technology director job off the table. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard that Dianne Webb be made 1/2 time teacher and 1/2 time technology director for the 2002-2003 school year at base pay plus 10 days @ daily rate. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Richards that all continuing contract teachers extend and show support. For 7 Against 0 See list: Carol Atchley, Mitchell Atchley, Billie Clausen, Charlene Fleming, Paula Winfrey, Carole Anne Morgan, Kathy Purvis, Karen Richey, Roy Richey (12 months), Dianna Stover, Vickie Walker and Julia Wheeler.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard that term contracts be extended for 1 year. For 7 Against 0 See list: Betty Barclay, Pat Stephens, Becky

Dillard, Jamie Apple, Terri Hunter, Marc Morgan (12 months), Connie Ricci, Gerry Webb, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Vicki Campbell (217 days), Leslie Lawrence, Melissa Wooten, Deanna Golson, Michelle Beasley, Karen Robinson, Nancy Randolph, Aaron Hood, Dianna Webb (+10 days tech director), Michelle Carter (+10 days), Dalena Tarver and Tyson Stevens.

Motion was made by Wyatt and seconded by Cook that Aaron Hood be given a 2 year contract for 2002-2004 school years at base pay and \$5500 stipend. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richards and seconded by Wyatt that Todd Sparkman's contract not be renewed in the best interest of Cross Plains I.S.D. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Richards that Maranda Hood and Rhonda Hinten be given a probationary contract. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Childress and seconded by Wyatt that they adjourn. For 7 Against 0

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COMPARISON OF REVENUE AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES ¹ STATE TO CROSS PLAINS ISD				
	TOTAL REVENUE	AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND SPENT PER STUDENT BY PROGRAM	% PER STUDENT	TOTAL EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM
1996-97				
TOTAL REVENUE ²				
State	\$4589			
Cross Plains	\$4931			
REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM ³				
State		\$2367	67.1%	
Cross Plains		\$2284	63.8%	
ATHLETICS/RELATED ACTIVITIES				
State		\$77	2.2%	
Cross Plains		\$187	5.2%	\$86,245
1999-2000				
TOTAL REVENUE				
State	\$5520			
Cross Plains	\$6040			
REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM				
State		\$2843	66.4%	
Cross Plains		\$2357	52.7%	
ATHLETICS/RELATED ACTIVITIES				
State		\$106	2.5%	
Cross Plains		\$256	5.7%	\$115,260
2000-2001				
TOTAL REVENUE				
State	\$5688			
Cross Plains	\$6069			
REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM				
State		\$2938	66.4%	
Cross Plains		\$2366	51.6%	
ATHLETICS/RELATED ACTIVITIES				
State		\$105	2.4%	
Cross Plains		\$281	6.1%	\$121,410
1997-98				
TOTAL REVENUE				
State	\$4927			
Cross Plains	\$5234			
REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM				
State		\$2495	66.1%	
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TOTAL REVENUE				
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State		\$2609	66.9%	
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State		\$92	2.4%	
Cross Plains		\$237	5.8%	\$101,735

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Nicki Harle is Gov. Perry's campaign chair in Callahan County

AUSTIN - Governor Rick Perry today announced his statewide, grassroots organization for his 2002 gubernatorial campaign. Governor Perry has built a local organization with a campaign chair in all 254 Texas counties. Governor Perry welcomed his county chairs to his campaign. "I am honored to have the support of so many great Texans, every one a leader in their communities," he said. "With these men and women behind me, helping to spread my positive message of better schools and roads, improved health care and greater economic opportunity to every county in Texas, I am confident that I will win in November."

Teresa Spears, Governor Perry's Organization Director, notes that Governor Perry has run three successful statewide campaigns. In all three campaigns, she said, he has benefited from a hard-working, enthusiastic grassroots organization that has made the difference in his races.

"Governor Perry knows that campaigns are won by ideas and strong grassroots organization. Grassroots organization and enthusiasm can't be bought, they must be earned. After 17

years of public service, Governor Perry has the knowledge, experience and strong grassroots support he needs to win," Spears said.

Among the men and women who have agreed to serve as Governor Perry's main contact in their counties are state legislators and mayors, county officials, small business owners, educators, veterans, health care professionals, pastors, farmers and ranchers, and law enforcement officials.

Governor Perry's Abilene-area county chairs are: Brad Locker, Brown County; Nicki Harle, Callahan County; John Pearce, Coleman County; Joe Stewart, Eastland County; Frank Moore, Fisher County; Doyle High and J.R. Perry, Haskell County; James Griffin, Jones County; Jay McCollum, Mitchell County; Larry May, Nolan County; William Cervenk, Runnels County; Drew Bullard, Scurry County; Clifton Caldwell, Shackelford County; James Rominger, Stephens County; Joe Rimes, Stonewall County; and Joy Ellinger, Taylor County.

A complete list of Governor Perry's county chairs is available on his website, www.rickperry.org.

Locally Known Youth United States National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Jim Blackwell from Clyde has been named a United States National Award Winner in History and Government.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Jim Blackwell, who attends Clyde Jr. High, was nominated for this national award by Virginia Shanks, a teacher at the school.

Jim Blackwell will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest



JIM BLACKWELL
...named US National Award winner in History & Government

and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn, and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jim Blackwell is the son of Jimmy and Becky Blackwell of Clyde, TX. The grandparents are Nora Blackwell Green of Cisco, TX and Velda Warren of Abilene, TX.

County's Namesake Controversial Hero

Editors note: Following is a brief history of James H. Callahan in whose honor Callahan County was named. It was penned by Dr. T.R. Havins of Cross Plains. Dr. Havins is one of the most knowledgeable historians on this part of Texas, and has written several books concerning historic happenings and locations in this area of the state.

By T.R. Havins
Following the lead of John Henry Brown, a member from Galveston, the legislature of Texas decided to honor a member of the tragic Georgia Battalion when, on February 1, 1858, Governor Hardin Runnels signed the measure that created Callahan County.

James H. Callahan was a native of Marion, Ga. He was born there September 14, 1814. Under the guidance of his father he became a mechanic and blacksmith.

Venturesome and fond of outdoor life, he joined the Georgia Battalion in 1835 for service against the Mexican army in the Texas Revolution.

Callahan, along with other Georgia troops, fell prisoner to Mexican forces in the battle of the Coleto. They were sent to Goliad as prisoners of war.

With the order for massacre of Fannin's troops, Mexican officers selected certain men to be spared. The officers considered Callahan's background as a mechanic and ordered him to be spared.

One of the provisions of the Treaty of Velasco which Santa Anna signed with the Republic of Texas recited that all Texan prisoners should be

released. This provision applied to Callahan and he decided to remain in Texas.

He joined the Texas Rangers in 1837 and served almost continuously for 15 years. He was a lieutenant of a ranger force that went to the relief of San Antonio, when General Woll invaded Texas and captured many prominent people in the city. Among those captured were the member of the district court.

The Georgia native advanced to the rank of captain in the ranger force, and in 1853 proved his fearless leadership. A band of Apaches and Kickapoos from Mexico invaded Texas in the region of Eagle Pass.

The ranger captain and his men followed them closely and crossed the Rio Grande and entered the Mexican town of Piedras, Negras. When the populace turned against the rangers, shots resulted and fires spread throughout the town. Callahan and his men withdrew to the Texas side of the river immediately following outbreak of the fires. Mexican officials blamed the Texans for setting the fires, while Callahan steadfastly maintained that his men were blameless.

Callahan resigned from the ranger force at the end of 1853 and moved to Blanco, TX, where he engaged in the mercantile business and in trading in livestock. Within two years ill feeling developed between him and another prominent resident of the town. Friends of the two men formed sides, and in a pitched battle between the rival bands Callahan was killed in 1856.

Project Graduation Meeting April 4th

Project Graduation steering committee will have a meeting Thursday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen. Junior and Senior parents are urged to attend and help us plan.

Project Graduation is an alcohol, tobacco free party for Cross Plains Seniors and a guest of their choice. The night is designed for

fun and safety. Cross Plains has provided Project Graduation on Graduation Night since 1989 and has been a great success!

If you wish to help but cannot attend, please call Connie Kirkham at home 725-6500 or at work 725-6318. You may also contact Jean McWilliams or Lurene McNutt at 725-6121.

American Cancer Society Health Tips

60 percent of cancer cases can be prevented if people made seven simple healthy lifestyle choices. Almost all are related to lifestyle patterns and decisions made early in life. The seven simple choices are:

Cut Out Tobacco
Smoking is the number one cause of preventable cancer death. The number of adult tobacco users in the U.S. is down, but there are still 48 million who need to quit. Unfortunately, each day 3,000 teenagers start smoking for the first time. Plus all smokers endanger those nearby with secondhand smoke. By cutting out tobacco, you can reduce the risk of lung, throat, bladder, kidney, pancreas and mouth cancers.

Hold The Fat
By keeping your daily fat intake to a minimum you will go a long way towards reducing your risk of certain cancer. Limit meats, mainly high fat red meats, and cooking oils, margarine and shortenings. Limit high fat dairy products - a significant source of fat. Cutting down fat intake reduces risk for colon, breast and prostate cancers.

Only Moderate Use of Alcohol, If At All
Heavy drinkers of alcoholic beverages are at increased risk for cancers of the liver, throat, and larynx. Regular alcohol consumption also increases breast cancer in women. If you drink, it should be occasionally and sparingly.

Increase High Fiber Fruits, Vegetables and Grain
Foods from plants source - vegetables, fruits, beans, breads, cereals, pasta, other grain products - are powerful weapons against many cancers. Five or more servings a day of fruits and vegetables, plus grains, is the smart choice to reduce your cancer risk.

Call Your Doctor For Regular Checkups

Unfortunately, cancers often begin their deadly growth before symptoms become obvious. Screening and self exams are a critical tool in discovering cancers at a point when treatment is most likely to be successful. Protect your health through self-exams and maintaining a regular cancer screening schedule.

Exercise 30 Minutes Most Days
Whether it is an aerobics class, a walk around the neighborhood, taking the stairs instead of an elevator or simply parking at the far end of a parking lot, 30 minutes (or more) of moderate exercise most days keeps your body

physically fit and gives you a much better chance of warding off cancer.

Safeguard Your Skin From The Sun
About 80 percent of the nearly one million skin cancers diagnosed each year could be prevented. Protecting yourself from the sun's rays is one of the simplest and most important defenses against cancer. Keep out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when ultraviolet rays are strongest, and examine skin regularly for any abnormalities.

Submitted by: Rosalie Holden

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Marian Reed is proud to announce the arrival of her nephew, Jared Paul Fulcher. Jared was born March 6, 2002, at 12:14 p.m. in Havana, IL. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 17 inches long.

Proud parents are Gary and B.J. (Reed) Fulcher of Havana, IL.

Maternal grandmother is Linda Reed of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy Fulcher of Brownwood and Nita Myers. Great grandparents are Raymond and Delia Blankinship of Blanket and Rev. Bill and Sharon Reed of Cross Plains.

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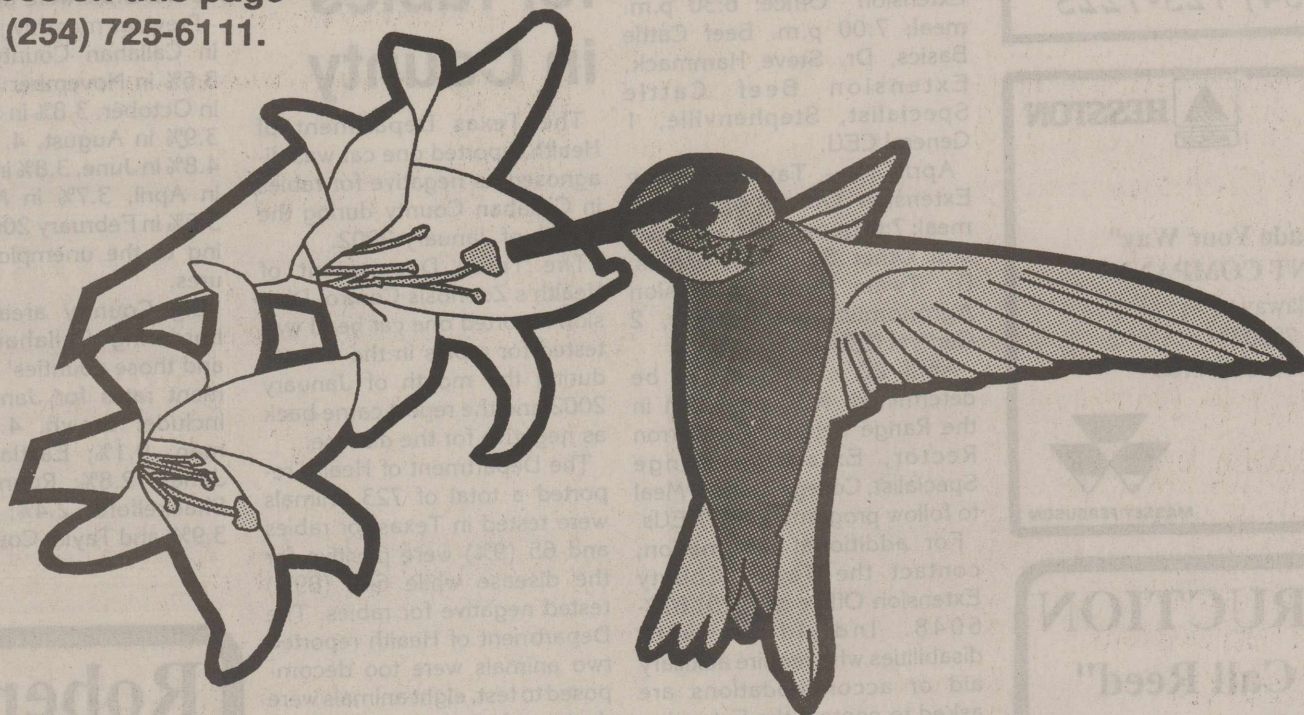
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Finding keys...

Precious called. "Well, aren't you going to call me back?" "Yes," I replied. "I still have a few minutes left on the timer~" My daughter lives out-of-state. When she calls from her cell phone to my land phone, I'm to call her back on her land phone from my cell phone.

This morning we missed each other, so I left word on her message machine that I would call back in one hour. Then, because I forget things, I set the timer. It keeps me out of a lot of trouble.

"But, don't you remember, Mom?" Precious said. "I didn't get to the phone in time, but I called you right back! You said you'd call me back in about ten minutes, soon as you fed the goats."

"Ooops, I've been so busy, I thought that was yesterday."

Precious said I was silly, but forgave me. She confessed to misplacing her keys the other day, something she never allows herself to get careless about.

Sometimes we just chat, but today there was a reason for her call. "Do you remember the thing I was supposed to remember for you?"

"Hmmm..." I scanned my

memory banks, twice, but couldn't come up with anything.

She explained further, "I was on the road when we talked about it, and you weren't near a pencil, so I asked you to call my home phone and leave a reminder message to jog me later."

Even with timers and computers and email and cell phones, there's still not enough technology to keep something in my head if it wants to slip out. I told her it seemed awfully strange for her to be asking me. I'm the forgetter and she's the rememberer, but suddenly it did pop into my head. It made me laugh until she laughed. Through squinty eyes and barely squelched hysterics, I managed to blurt it out.

"It was a quote," I said. "A quote about forgetting and losing things."

"Oh, no," she groaned, "I really AM turning into my mother."

Attributed to more than one comedian and in varying syntax, the essence of the quote goes something like this: Science says the universe is finite, which is little consolation to those who can't remember where they put their keys.

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Artist Jodie Boren Captures Baird Scene

A familiar scene just west of Baird was the inspiration for a Chamber fund-raiser when the picturesque setting was captured on canvas by accomplished artist Jodie Boren.

The Baird Chamber of Commerce has begun the sale of 1300 signed and sequentially numbered prints from a Boren painting that depicts a west-bound Union Pacific train rounding Mt. Airy.

The creator of "Comin' 'Round the Mountain," the original oil painting commissioned by a local family, agrees with the Chamber's marketing approach for the limited edition print. Boren says the diverse appeal of the artwork's subject matter will extend sales far beyond Callahan County. Chamber Board President Mike Hanner said, "It's beautiful artwork that will be appreciated by people who never heard of Mt. Airy or Baird. It is a great depiction of West Texas landscape and scenery. Boren's addition of the wildlife and bluebonnets will have appeal to Texas art lovers everywhere."

The prints may also be personalized with the addition of a remarque which is a small drawing or painting on the border. Hanner said some requests have been received for remarques of the Depot. Image size of the print is 15"x26".

As is an artists' prerogative, Boren exercised certain liberties in his depiction of the Mt. Airy scene. The foreground includes indigenous wildlife and a profusion of color with blooming flowers that given favorable growing conditions would decorate the landscape.

It was more than 20 years before Jodie Boren began painting as a full-time profession following his graduation from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1949. Born in Sweetwater, Jodie and his brother, the late James Boren, attended art school together. Jodie then pursued a career in commercial art and James became a renowned western artist.

Jodie works in oils and watercolors, painting mostly wildlife, which he prefers; and contemporary western scenes. His work has been reported for the National Rifle Association, National Wildlife Association, State Wildlife Association, National Arbor Day, Ducks Unlimited, The Leaning Tree and the Wild Turkey Federation.

Boren usually works from photographs and experiences accumulated during years of travel. He said he is semiretired, allowing time for other interests, and no longer follows a regimen that includes art showings around the country. But he says he will paint as long as he is able and he maintains a small gallery in his Abilene home.

"Comin' 'Round the Mountain" is on display at the First National Bank of Baird, Cowboy Country Gallery and Framing, the Callahan County Courthouse, The Old Shoppe, the Depot and at Hanner Dodge. The prints are priced at \$75 plus tax with an additional charge for remarques. For information contact Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market Street, Baird, TX 79504, or call (915) 854-2003.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following paragraph was inadvertently left off the March 5, 2002 minutes published last week.

Mayor Purvis advised the council that his selections for the open

seats to the Economic Development Board are Mark Norris and Hoyt Foster. James Nichols moved to accept his appointments, Joe Ingram seconded and motion carried.

Down Home

first day of deer season. It's a holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.

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17. Yeah, we have golf courses. Don't hit in the water hazards. It spooks the fish.

18. We have counties the size of your states. While driving you should fill up your gas tank and drain your family every chance you get.

19. That thing on a rack in the back window of some pickups.....it's probably a gun. Everyone has one.

20. Now, enjoy your visit to our Lone Star State and have a safe trip home.

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CJC alumni search underway

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Dec. 3.3%	Jan. 3.8%
Total Labor Force	5,801	6,490
Total Employed	5,607	6,243
Total Unemployed	194	247

County unemployment rate jumps to 3.8%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County for the month of January 2002 rose to 3.8 percent from December's 3.3 percent, according to jobless figures released Monday, March 18 by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Of the 6,490 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,243 were employed during January 2002, and 247 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in January 2001 was 3.6 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in December 2001. Of the 5,801 civilian labor force in the county during August, 5,607 had jobs while 194 or 3.3 percent were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.6 percent in November 2001, 3.6 percent in October, 3.8 percent in September, 3.9 percent in August, 4.1 percent in July, 4.8 percent in June, 3.8 percent in May, 3.5 percent in April, 3.7 percent in March, and 3.5 percent in February 2001, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and those counties' unemployment rates for January 2002 include: Brown, 4.7 percent; Coleman, 9.1 percent; Eastland, 3.6 percent; Jones, 2.8 percent; Runnels, 3.2 percent; Shackelford, 2.4 percent; Stephens, 3.9 percent; and Taylor County, 4.2 percent.

The Texas actual series unemployment rate increased almost a full percentage point to 6.0 percent from December's rate of 5.2 percent. This is the highest January unemployment rate Texas has recorded since 1997.

This month's gain is still smaller than the average December-to-January increase of nine-tenths of a percentage point. January's rate is 1.7 percentage points higher than last year's record low rate of 4.3 percent. Nationally, the United States unemployment rate increased by nine-tenths of a percentage point from December's rate of 5.4 to 6.3 percent in January. This is the fourth straight month that the state rate has been lower than the national rate.

The unemployment rate in Texas for January 2002 was 6.0 percent, up eight-tenths of one percentage point from December 2001.

Of the 10,575,100 civilian labor force in the state, total employment was 9,937,600 in January. The total number of unemployed in January 2002 was 637,500.

The United States unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in January 2002. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of December 2001 was 5.4 percent. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in January 2001 was 4.7 percent.

2002 Beef Short Course Dates and Rates Told

ABILENE — The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2002 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Rolling Plains Central Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2002 in the RPC is \$10 per land acre. Like last year, all cotton acres planted in the zone are subject to the assessment.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 12, and payment is due September 16. Growers who pay by September 1 are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their assessment.

After that date, the cost will be \$25 per person for three sessions. The cost of individual sessions will be \$10 per person. To register, send a check made payable to Taylor County Extension and mail to: Taylor County Extension, 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX 79602.

Please include name, address and phone number on all registrations. The programs are as follows:

April 8 - Taylor County Extension Office: 6:30 p.m. meal; 7:00 p.m. Beef Cattle Basics, Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Stephenville, 1 General CEU.

April 15 - Taylor County Extension Office: 6:30 p.m. meal; 7:00 p.m. Bermuda Grass and Other Summer Forages, Dr. Twain Butler, Extension Agronomist, Stephenville, 2 General CEUs.

April 22 - Location to be determined: 6:30 p.m. IPM in the Range Setting, Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialist, College Station. Meal to follow program, 2 IPM CEUs.

For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension Office at (915) 672-6048. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodations are asked to contact the Extension office one week in advance of the program.

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