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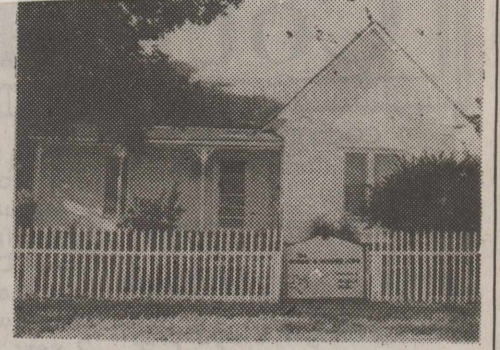
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Down Home

EDITOR'S NOTE: My daughter, Blandye Crawford, faxed me the following collection of thoughts about mothers last year and I vowed I would publish it this Mother's Day. Someone e-mailed it to her and she shared it with me. I got a wonderful Mother's Day gift in advance, when Blandye called me recently and said, "Mom, I just called to tell you I love you." It came at just the right time and was so appreciated. If you still have your precious mother, remember her on this special day. Mother, I love you! Vanda Anderson Creech

"Moms Are Best"

This is for all the mothers who froze their buns off on metal bleachers at football games Friday night, instead of watching from cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see me?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf, laced with Oscar Meyer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here."

This is for all the mothers of Kosovo who fled in the night and can't find their children.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

For all the mothers of the victims of the Colorado shooting, and the mothers of the murderers. For the mothers of the survivors, and the mothers who sat in front of their TVs in horror, hugging their child who just came home from school, safely.

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who DON'T.

What makes a good mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time?

Or is it heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

The need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a school shooting, a fire, a car accident, a baby dying?

So this is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the mothers who wanted to, but just couldn't.

This is for reading "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then reading it again. "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair and stomp their feet like a tired 2-year-old who wants ice cream before dinner.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started to school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

For all the mothers who bite
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CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 11, 2002

HAVE YOUR ITEMS CURBSIDE

No hazardous materials, paint, batteries, tires or items containing Freon

Senior Citizens needing help with large items - Call (254) 725-6114

W.G. McCoy Honored



COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD RECIPIENT—Wimpy McCoy (center) and his wife, Joyce, are accepting a plaque from Mason John Baum (right).

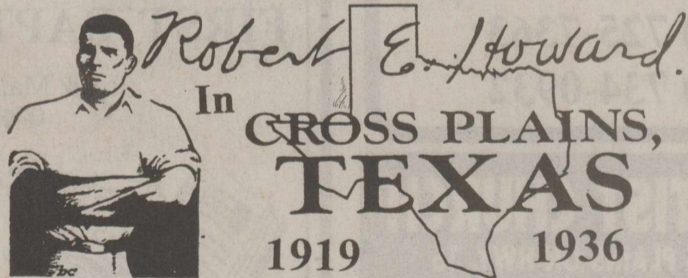
Well-known resident W.G. McCoy was this year's recipient of the prestigious Community Builder Award presented this past Tuesday by Cross Plains Masonic Lodge at a well-attended Kiwanis meeting.

The rarely bestowed Masonic award is given to formally recognize outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through service to their community, to the local, state, or national government, to their church, or to humanity. It seeks out those men and women who, year in and year out, quietly and without fanfare, show devotion to their community and its people without the expectation or recog-

niton or honors.

Winfred Gene (Wimpy) McCoy was born the 2nd of three children to Roy and Hazel (Posey) McCoy, on October 17, 1934 at Indian Creek, Brown County, Texas. The family moved to Moran, in 1941, when Camp Bowie moved in during WWII.

Wimpy graduated high school in Moran and then attended East Texas State Teachers College, where he Majored in Vocational Ag. He received a Bachelors of Education in 1957. He started teaching in Quinlan the fall of 57. In the summer of 1958 he went to work as a milk inspector with
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Annual Howard Days

In June each year local residents are especially reminded of a period in the history of the city and the life of a now internationally recognized fantasy writer, the late Robert E. Howard. In remembrance, two full days of activities are planned for Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, when fans, enthusiasts, and scholars from all over the nation will gather in Cross Plains. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. both days at the Howard House located on West Highway 36. A complete schedule giving times

and places for events will be available at that time. If you would like more information, please call Billie Ruth Loving at (254) 725-7432.

Howard is noted for his creation of Conan, The Barbarian, Soloman Kane, Kull and a number of other fantasy characters. He made his home in Cross Plains with his parents, the late Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Mardecai Howard, from 1919 until his death in 1936. The home, where most of his writings were done, is currently owned and maintained by Project
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STAMP OUT HUNGER!

May 11, 2002

10th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Have your non-perishable food items at your Mailbox before your letter carrier arrives.



CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

C.P.H.S. Buffs Win District Baseball Championship

With a 10-0 win over Baird, the Buffs became the 12-A District Champs for 2002. Ranger finished second and both teams will advance to the baseball playoffs in Class I A.

Baird led off in the 1st inning with a single, a stolen base, and put a man on second base. Chuck Norris then struck out the next 3 batters to end the 1st inning threat.

In the Buffs' first at bat, Tony Beggs walked, stole 2nd, went to 3rd on a fly-out and then scored on a slower grounder by Joseph Dillard.

In the 2nd inning, Norris again struck out the other side with a walk in the inning. Buff Charlie Rogers walked, then James Ross laid down a good bunt and the pitcher overthrew 1st base. This allowed Rogers and Ross to advance to 2nd and 3rd. Beggs then grounded to the short stop and on the throw Rogers scored from 3rd. Ross advance to 3rd on the throw then scored on Josh Hopkins' single to give Cross Plains a 3-0 lead.

In the 3rd, the Baird's first batter struck out, then Vestal hit a double. A walked batter put men on 2nd and 3rd with one out. The next hitter hit a ground ball to Beggs, who threw to Wilson to get the lead runner and the second out. The last batter was struck out by Norris. Tim Butler led off in the 3rd inning with a single, went to 2nd on a pass ball then scored on Dusty Dickson's single. This brought Cross Plains' score to 4 and Baird 0.

Baird came to bat and Norris struck out the first two batters and the last one hit a ground ball to Marcus Williams who made a good throw for the third out.

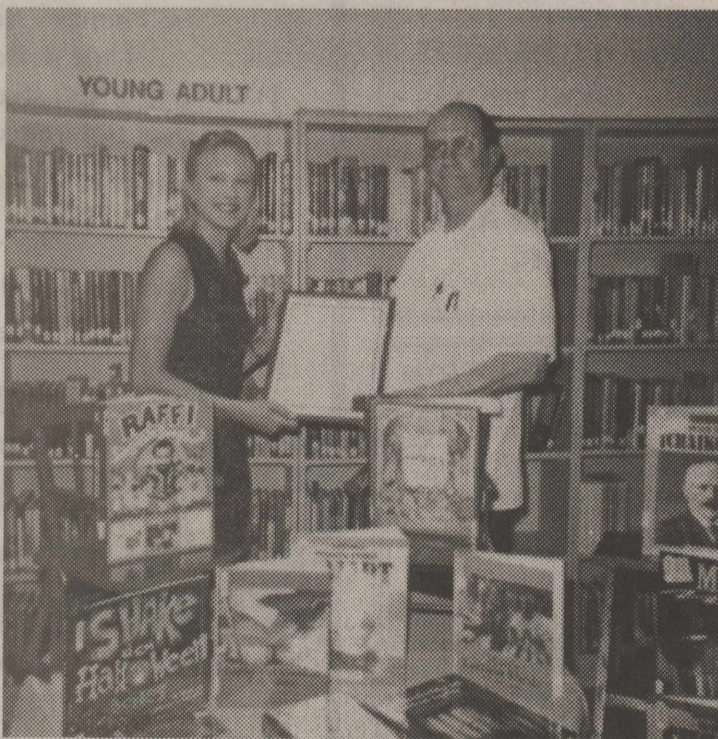
In the 4th, Cross Plains scored 1 on two Baird errors and a couple of stolen bases bringing the score to C.P. 5 Baird 0. Baird batters in the 5th were struck out by Norris.

Cross Plains came to bat in the bottom of the 6th needing 5 runs to end the game. Kevin Wilson and Joseph Dillard had consecutive singles to put men on 1st and 2nd. A double steal put them on

2nd and 3rd. A Tim Butler double to score Wilson and Dillard brought the score to 7 for Cross Plains and 0 Baird. Needing 3 more runs with Butler on 2nd, Dickson was hit by a pitch to put him on 1st and then the dramatic moment happened. With the count 3-2 and after fouling off 7 pitches, Norris connected for a 3 run homer, and unless you were there you can't imagine a better ending to the game. The final score was Cross Plains 10 Baird 0.

In the game Norris faced 23 men, walked 3, gave up 2 hits, one ground ball, and struck out 15 batters. This ended the regular season for the Buffs with a District Record 5-1 and for the year 7-7. The Buffs will now play two practice games. The first game will be against Rotan on Thursday, May 9, at Albany beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, May 10th, the Buffs will play Evant at Early High School at 5 p.m.

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley



PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK—Mayor Ray Purvis is making the presentation to Angela Swift.

Cross Plains Observes National Music Week

May 5-12 marks National Music Week with community celebrations, recitals, concerts and various recognitions held in honor of "Music...A Language of the Heart".

This special week, set aside since 1959, is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. The purpose is to promote and recognize the importance of music in the social, cultural, historical and educational development of our country. Cross Plains is one of many communities in the Big Country taking part in this week's observances.

Recently, Mayor Ray Purvis presented a Mayor's Proclamation of National Music Week in our own community. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the Cross Plains Community was Angela Swift, a graduating Senior of CPHS.

Ms. Swift has been involved in many facets of music all her life and represents many of you who take part in music in some form...either through participation or the enjoyment of listening. She has been raised in a musical family and has been involved in
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Election Results

Mayor Ray Purvis and Councilmen Jerry Cassle and Dean Dillard were re-elected to their positions leading the City of Cross Plains.

Election results were:
Ray Purvis 107
Jerry Cassle 85
Dean Dillard 84
Marvin Mosley 39.

Incumbent Monty Richards was re-elected as trustee for the Cross Plains I.S.D. and Bryan Bennett will begin his first term replacing Scott Childress.

Election results were:
Bryan Bennett 136
Monty Richards 116
D.T. Crockett, Jr. 94
Larry Thomas 60.



"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"



Presents: "What's Inside"

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Armando Duran, theft of property by check.
Jackie Bridges, theft of property by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Alfredo Cortez, Jr., plea of guilty to driving while license suspended, 6 months probation, \$200 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Stephanie Vanclief, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$287.25 court costs, 69.56 restitution.
Joshua Welch, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6

month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Joshua Welch, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Jones Co. granted.

Jatana Lowe, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Hubert E. Harden, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.

Hubert E. Harden, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Basque Co. granted.

Mario Lee, plea of guilty to possession of dangerous drug, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$243 court costs.

Mario Lee, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. granted.

Dianna Walling, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Dianna Walling, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Berllino Co., N.M. granted.

Sean Walling, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Sean Walling, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Berllino Co., N.M. granted.

Karen Woolf, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.

Karen Woolf, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Hood Co. granted.

John Robert Wheeler, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Bernard Doh Nuar, Jr., motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Jimmy C. Bural, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Steven Bynum, plea of no contest to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs, \$57.83 restitution.

Steven Bynum, transfer request from Callahan Co. to San Saba Co. granted.

Larry Segura, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Armando Duran, motion to dismiss to theft of property by check granted, paid restitution.

Darrell Lynn Sasser, affidavit for release of surety granted.

Marriage Licenses

Michael Chad Gray and Sonja Sue Garvin, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

First National Bank of Abilene vs. Aurelio Reyes, default on contract.

OBITUARY

John Madison Griswold

John Madison Griswold, 70, passed away Monday, May 6, 2002, at his residence in Breckenridge. He was the father of former Cross Plains residents, James and Deborah Griswold, now of Hawley.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2002, at Morehart Mortuary Chapel in Breckenridge. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. at Elmwood Memorial Gardens. Morehart Mortuary of Breckenridge was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Griswold, also known as Papa John to his grandchildren, was a pipe fitter and owned and operated Griswold Plumbing in Breckenridge for many years.

He is also survived by another son, Ben Griswold of Abilene; two daughters and one son-in-law, Cleve and Cara Mia (Griswold) Humphreys and Cheryl Ann (Griswold) Glenn; his stepmother, Etta Peters of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren and 6 step great-grandchildren; two sisters; aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R.S. "Bob" and Nancy Griswold, a brother and a granddaughter.

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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.

Rowden Baptist Church has a free book entitled "Refuting Evolution" for any student or teacher in the area who would like a copy. Call and we'll get one to you.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

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MCCOY

North Texas Milk Producers in Muenster. In January of 1960 he was transferred to Wichita Falls.

He married Joyce Ann Armstrong on March 7, 1959 at Garland. In the spring of 1960 they moved back to Commerce, where Wimpy went back to school. Upon receiving his masters in 1961 they moved to Howe where, for the spring semester, he filled in as the agriculture teacher. After school was out they moved to Sulfur Springs where he went back to work for North Texas Milk Producers. During this time their first child, Shelli, was born on August 7, 1964.

In January of 1965 he accepted a position with Texas Power and Light Company and was moved to Taylor, promoting electricity through agriculture. At this time their second child, Jeff, was born on September 9, 1965. The family returned to Sulfur Springs in 1967 at which time Wimpy worked in sales for TP&L. He was then transferred to Round Rock in 1968 to become the manager of the Round Rock office. While at this position he was instrumental through the city of Round Rock and the Chamber of Commerce in helping to bring Westinghouse Corporation to the area. During the stay in Round Rock their third child, Tim, was born March 26, 1970.

In 1973 Wimpy went to work at Farmers State Bank as vice presi-

dent in charge of public relations. For three consecutive summers he attended SMU and graduated with a Degree in Banking. In August of 1976 the family moved to Cross Plains where he became the Vice President of Citizens State Bank. On July 1, 1980 he received the position of President, CEO and Chairman of the Board. He retired in December of 1996.

During twenty-five plus years in Cross Plains, Wimpy was part of the group that organized an EMS and worked as a volunteer for 20 years. He also helped organize the Kiwanis in Cross Plains, served as president and is currently vice president. He also served on the City Council and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Wimpy and his family are members of the First Baptist Church. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1965 and has served in numerous capacities. These include: Chairman of Deacons, Sunday School Director, Chairman of the Building and Finance and Chairman of the Pastor Search Committee.

After retiring, Wimpy and his wife have enjoyed traveling and camping. He really enjoys the outdoors, spending his spare time with his tractors, farm and his grandchildren.

Previous recipients of the Community Builder Award: Jack Scott, Bob Pipes and Terry Thomas.

HOWARD

Pride and is open for tours by appointment throughout the year.

The Howard House will be open on Friday and Saturday with continuous activities there and under the pavilion. The Cross Plains Public Library on Main Street will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. both days and number of Howard's works will be displayed. Some are for sale. Of particular interest will be a special postal cancellation available at the Post Office. Art work for the cancellation come from Bill Cavalier of Michigan City, Indiana.

A dinner is scheduled for Friday

evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center and the public is invited. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Cross Plains Public Library, Texas Heritage Bank or from any Project Pride member. If this is not convenient, you may call (254) 725-6498 to make arrangements. Guest speaker for the dinner will be Fred Blosser. His topic will be "The Influence of Texas in Howard's Works".

The Living Word
Sponsored By:
Dean Brannan

Proverbs 31:28, 29 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

6-5p

Cross Plains
Masonic Lodge
No. 627

Stated Meeting
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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www.gltexas.org

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd & Main Cross Plains
(254) 725-7629



Sunday, May 12

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Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m.
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Sunday's Sermon

"Beauty of Woman"

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Attention Musicians and Singers SIGN UP NOW

Time is fast approaching for the second annual City of Cross Plains Fourth of July Celebration. This year we are asking our local musicians and singers to share their talents for an Old Time Gospel Sing.

So, get your groups and solos together and help us celebrate!

If you would like to participate, please contact Debbie Gosnell (254) 725-6114 or Susan Schaefer (254) 725-7251 by June 1st.

Submitted by Susan McNeel

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

PIONEER NEWS

WOW! What a nice rain we had this week! Friday morning we received about 3 inches and on Sunday morning the community received about 4 inches. Surely our prayers have been answered. The creeks around were all running over full. The lake had water coming around the old spillway. The bridge south of the cemetery was covered with water. I don't know if it was washed completely out or not. It was so wonderful to have that rain. The farmers can really get on with their work.

The quilting ladies got Jean Fore's "Bow Tie" quilt out. We put in a "special one". I will tell you all about it later. Earlene's "Barn Door" will be out this Tuesday. Then we will be hard at work on Lessie's "Nine Patch".

Charlene Chesshir had an enjoyable weekend. Her Oklahoma granddaughters and daughter-in-law came to Texas. Margaret Chesshir, Abby Chesshir, and Amy Boubour brought Amy's baby daughter, Mia (3 months), to meet her great-grandmama and her great-aunts. They had a beautiful day at Margaret's sister's house east of Clyde. Charlene's sister, Christene Cooper, came from Abilene and Nancy Rogers and daughter, Sarah, and Christy Dallas and daughter, Jodie, were all present. The hostess, Jo Beth Downing's daughter came from Lubbock and their sister-in-law, Glenda Weatherford of Abilene came. They enjoyed listening to Mia coo and watching her smile. She was born 6 weeks premature in January, but she is doing fine. Jim Chesshir spent the weekend

sowing hay grazer at the farm. Hope it rains! It did! Glenda Phillips and Olena Ezzell went to the 39er's Christian Camp at Iron Springs near Lake Whitney. They left Rising Star Sunday afternoon and came back Wednesday afternoon. Needless to say, they had a very good time. Seventy-five to eighty people attended the 3-day event from all over Texas and Oklahoma.

Vernon Phillips' brothers and sisters and some of their families came to Cross Plains Saturday. They had lunch at the Dairy Queen. Present were Homer Phillips, Bob and Mildred Phillips, Don and Wanda Nelson, Minnie Roberts and daughter, Ruth, and granddaughter, Misty, Glenda, Allen, Janice and Logan Phillips. Everyone had a good time visiting.

Jean Alexander and May Jones made a quick trip to Temple last week. Jean had a good report on her eyes. Also Jean and James had their granddaughter, Andrea, visit them over the weekend. She is a teacher in the Richardson I.S.D. It is always fun to have her visit.

May Jones visited with Frankie Smith for a while during the week. Frankie showed May her freshly painted rooms and new windows she had put in. Everything looks so nice.

Words of Wisdom: Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.
G.B. Shaw

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Cross Plains Garden Club will hold their final meeting of the club year on Friday, May 10, at 2 p.m. at the local Dairy Queen. Business will be discussed, committee reports from all chairmen presented, and the installation of officers.

The door prize will be conducted by Eva Fleming. All members will act as hosts. Remember to bring canned goods or coupons for the Food Pantry and recyclables for Joe Howser to pick up.

Submitted by
Joyce Odom, Reporter

Project Pride Meets Tuesday

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is invited.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

May 13 - May 17

MONDAY-- Beef-A-Roni, Peas & Carrots, Pickled Beets, Brownie, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry, Vegetables, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY--German Sausage, Sauerkraut, Blackeye Peas,

Copper Penny Salad, Butter-scotch Pudding, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY--Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Orange Gelatin w/Pine-apple, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY-- Fish, Apple Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, Pears, Milk

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main At 12th
(254) 725-6117

Whoever invented patience must have had too much time on their hands! I suppose it would be easier to have patience if we did have a lot of "time to kill." I believe we live in a "hurrier-scurrier" accented society today than has ever existed before. If people don't quit inventing so many timesaving gadgets and devices, we soon won't have enough time to hurry!

Well, because of our busyness, we need to listen to God's writers of the greatest book of psychology ever written, the Bible, all the more-to inspired-by-God writers like James. He not only says, out and out, "Be patient; be patient!"--he asks, "For what is life?" Then he answers his own question: "It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." That's not for very long, is it? We ought to live in the shadow of the fact that we don't know what tomorrow holds, and thus say, "If the Lord is willing, I will do thus and so..."

If you are anywhere near like me, you don't have "time to kill"--but if we don't learn patience, time might kill us! Let us do as the Highway Patrol suggests: "Slow down and live!"

Helen Steiner Rice said that if she had life to do over again, she'd even stop more often and "Smell the roses." Surely we ought to stop more often and smell of God's love and goodness--and ponder about eternity....

Come grow in patience with us--and hurry! We really do care about you, too.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Historical Association Meet Achieves A Rating of Success

"This was the best meeting we have ever had," said several of the homecomers who attended the annual meeting of Cottonwood's Historical Association this past weekend. Those who registered listed addresses in such far away places as Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Indiana, New Mexico and other residences in every corner of the state of Texas.

The day started off with the annual membership meeting of the association. The agenda included reports about the past year's achievements of the Board of Directors to keep the cemetery mowed and clean and to improve its looks by re-aligning some of the headstones. Arrangements are underway for a land-swap deal with another party to trade land the Association owns in a separate parcel for land along the road and adjacent to the new cemetery.

It has also made application for a Historical Marker for the Old Cemetery from the Texas State Historical Association. Repairs have been made to the roof of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South and paperwork is being prepared for a Historical Marker for that piece of property.

Donations were received in the amount of \$1,000 plus that will go to the upkeep of property owned by the association. Then the homecomers heard a keynote speech by Bryan Bennett, who talked about life in Cottonwood for the baby-boomer generation who will, in their time, become the new generation of old-timers. Growing up in Cottonwood, according to Bennett, was evidently as exciting and full of pleasant memories for them as it was for

us. Time was devoted for introduction of each family and a delightful meal was provided for the crowd, after which a story-telling contest regaled the homecomers with stories that embellished and stretched facts about past events and former residents of Cottonwood. Richard Purvis, Connor Elliot, Eugene Wilcoxon and Craig Koerpell were the listed story-tellers.

There was not an actual "winner" for the contest but we did have some judges and they voted Craig Koerpell's (of Pennsylvania) story about his grandmother, a former teacher in Cottonwood, as their favorite. To make her main points more impressive, she would point her finger at the students and say, "NOW PAY ATTENTION!"

"It certainly was one of the best meetings we have had in many long years," said Albert Lovell, president of the association, and Pauline Lawson, secretary, echoed that sentiment. "What really impressed me," she said, "was the fact that everyone seemed to have such a good time meeting old friends and sharing stories, photos and other mementos of the past.

Lovell continued, "We owe a big debt of gratitude to everyone who helped make the day a success. The Cottonwood Quilting Club was especially helpful and generous in allowing us to use the facility and in their efforts to keep the Community Center in good repair. The new wheelchair ramp and other recent repairs and a new paint job have really made the old school building attractive and accessible for so many of us who have pleasant memories of school days in Cottonwood."

VETERANS NEWS

By TOM IVEY

News for Veterans:
PHARMACEUTICAL AID---- The May-June issue of AARP's Modern Maturity carries a very detailed feature on various means of financial aid for senior citizens faced with high prescriptions cost. A free directory of patient-assistance programs is available by calling 800-762-4636 or by downloading from the Internet at www.phrma.org/searchcures/dpdpap/pa99.pdf. Other free online resources are NeedyMeds.com and Medicare.gov click on Prescription Drug Assistance Program.

The May issue of the AARP Bulletin tells of a new drug discount card which, they say, offers discounts on more than 150 products. The "Together Rx" card will be available to Medicare enrollees with no drug coverage whose annual incomes are less than \$28,000

(individuals) or \$38,000 (couples).

The seven companies in this program are Abbott, Astra Zeneca, Aventis, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmith Kline, Johnson & Johnson and Novartis. Two others, Pfizer and Eli Lilly, offer flat-fee copayment cards on prescriptions for their own products.

For more info or to get an application, call 800 865-7211 or go online to www.togetherx.com. We do not have a number for Eli Lilly as yet. Pfizer may be reached at 800 717-6005 or go to www.pfizerforliving.com.

MEMORIAL DAY----Our day to honor the fallen of all wars is just three weeks away. Words from the Korean War Memorial tell the whole story in just four words - FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Think about it!

submitted by Tom Ivey

LIBRARY NOTES

April 29-May 3

Hi! We hope you'll get by this week. Things are just a little slow, people-wise. We've been trying to come up with enough funds to match a grant from the Swalm Foundation of Houston to put a new roof on the buildings. Believe it or not, we now need only \$250.00 to meet the requirements.

A new roof will keep water out, bats away, and protect our books for a long time to come. Can you help? You can designate memorial funds and other gifts to be used for the roof. Help these folks nail this down, since they're so close. Please come in if you haven't visited for a while. You'll be pleased.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Just the other day I found myself recalling "the olden days" when as a youngster on Mother's Day it was the custom to wear a rose on your shoulder (red if your mother was living and white if she had gone to Heaven). My sister and I, naturally wore a red rose, but I remember that I always felt sad for my mother because she had to wear a white rose, as my grandmother passed away when I was like 4-5 years old.

"Mother's Day"

Sunday, May 12, will be Mother's Day, and my mother passed away in October of 2000. My sister and I still miss Mama; and most likely will for all our remaining days.

In about 1966 or 67, my sister Ann Bounds ran across the following poem, made a copy of it, and sent our mother a copy along with a personal note to Mama for Mother's Day. Ann had always tried to keep a copy of the poem in her files, but likely could not have found it very readily. After Mother had gone to be with the Lord, Ann found the poem and her note from the 60's, while going through some of mother's things.

We like the poem not only because it reminds us of Mama, but also because we are both mothers.

As far as Ann know, the author is unknown and it truly is a won-

derful poem. Here is the poem. I hope you all have a great Mother's Day. For Ann---here's to the tears!

I wonder...does heaven give mothers
A sort of a separate place,
With clothing to mend
And bruises to tend
And tears on very small faces?

And do you suppose there are minutes
In which there is much to be done,
When breakfast is rushed
and curls must be brushed.
Girls sent off to school on the run?

And do you suppose there are kitchens
With boys seeking something to eat,
And pies, cakes and jells
And heavenly smells,
Sought out by small pattering feet?

And will there be rugs to be walked on
By shoes not too carefully clean,
And fingermarks small
On woodwork and wall,
Right where they are sure to be seen?

And do you suppose there is darkness,
With small figures kneeling in white,
And tales to be told
and covers to fold
And hands to be held very tight?

There must be...
for how else would mothers
Find joy that is promised above,
When all of their days
Are spent finding ways
Of serving the children they love?

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Cross Plains Little League would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Cross Plains for purchasing the material needed to rebuild a set of bleachers at the Pee Wee Field.

We would also like to thank Eugene Ford for building the bleachers, along with several other volunteers.

A special thanks to Dustin Hinyard for the use of his truck and trailer to pick up the supplies.

Without everyone's help, these projects would not be possible.

We would also like to encourage everyone to come out and support all the Little League Teams.

Cross Plains Little League
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DOWN HOME

their lips sometime until they bleed when their 14 year-olds dye their hair green.

Who lock themselves in the bathroom when babies keep crying and won't stop.

This is for mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for all the mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home.

This for mothers who put pin-wheels and teddy bears on their children's graves.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't

find the words to reach them.

This is for all the mothers who sent their sons to school with stomach aches, assuring them they'd be just FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up right away.

This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation.

And mature mothers learning to let go. For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers.

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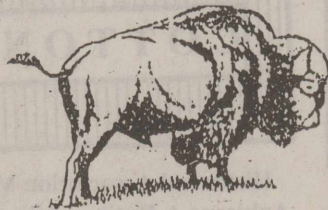
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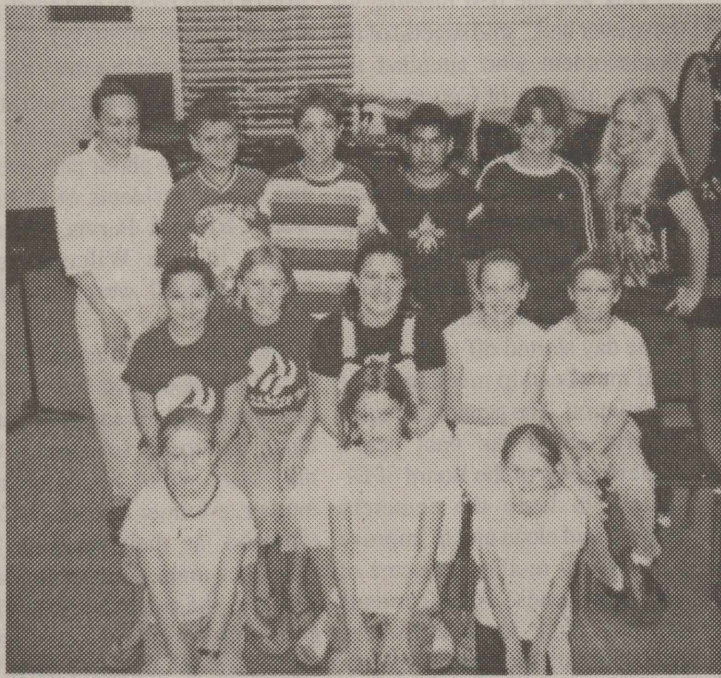
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JUNIOR HIGH ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS—On Saturday, April 27, Region 7 held its Junior High All-Region Band Concert at Llano High School. Two members of the Cross Plains Buffalo Band made the honorary group: Michael Navarro (right), a seventh grade trumpet player made 16th chair, and Andrew Poole (left), also a seventh grader, made 12th chair trombone. Travis Crockett, Tracey Randolph and Megan Thomas also competed against the 400 other junior high students from Region 7 for a spot in the 100 piece band.



BAND STUDENTS COMPETING— Terrah Augustin (front, from left), Brooklyn Strength, and Mandy Rose; Gina Newsom (middle, from left), Brittany Stout, Tiffany Walker, Macayla Cook and J.J. Callaway; Starla Schaefer (back, from left), Markus Maxwell, Cody Baker, Fili Vasquez, Ashleigh Galloway and Hailey Biggs. Not pictured are Emily Harris, Doug Bowden, Krista Phillips, Brian Rivers and Christi Burrhus.



THE GIFT OF CARING— The Girls Scout Troop would like to thank the community and others for buying Girl Scout cookies and extra boxes for "The Gift of Caring" which was donated to the charity of their choice. This year the cookies were given to the Food Pantry at Cross Plains. Betty Edwards (front, right), who is in charge of the Food Pantry, said her clients would appreciate the cookies. Girls Scouts pictured are Brooklyn Strength (front); Gina Newsom (middle, from left), Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Brittany Stout and Hailey Biggs; and Kala Stout, Scout Leader (back).

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on May 8, beginning at 8 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Addendum to Agenda
Discuss and Take Action on Advertising for Sealed Bids on Buses.
This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 2, 2002 at 9 a.m. by Jackie Tennison, Superintendent for the Board of Trustees.

CROSS PLAINS ALL SPORTS BANQUET

Monday, May 13, 2002
6:30 p.m. at Cross Plains Community Center
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5th and 6th Grade Solo and Ensemble Winners

On Friday, May 3, the Howard Payne University Band Festival was held on the HPU campus in Brownwood. Cross Plains Beginning Band students who participated and received a Division I medal are: Terrah Augustine-flute solo; Mandy Rose-clarinet solo; Emily Harris-trumpet solo; Fili Vasquez-trumpet solo; Doug Bowden-trombone solo; and Brooklyn Strength and Krista Phillips-clarinet duet.

Students from the sixth grade band who received Division I

medals are: Brittany Stout-clarinet solo; Markus Maxwell-baritone solo; J.J. Callaway-snare drum solo; Brian Rivers-trumpet solo; Gina Newsom and Brittany Stout-clarinet duet; Hailey Biggs and Tiffany Walker-flute duo. Students who received a Division II are: Ashleigh Galloway-baritone solo; Cody Baker and Markus Maxwell-duet; Hailey Biggs, Starla Schaefer and Tiffany Walker-flute trio; and Macayla Cook and Christi Burrhus-flute duet.

MUSIC

many school, church and community music activities. Angela has directed her church choir since she was 14 years old, has been very involved in the school band since elementary, and has sung or played for many community occasions. She also plans to minor in Music at Southern Methodist University this fall

with aspirations of going into the field of Sacred Music.

This is an excellent time to join in observing how music is used all around you through church, social and personal enjoyment this week. Music is an integral part of our live...a wonderful part we should never take for granted.

SCHOOL MENU

May 6 - May 10

BREAKFAST
MONDAY--Blueberry Muffin, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY--Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY-- Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY-- Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice

LUNCH
MONDAY--Corn Dogs, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Cake
TUESDAY- Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY-- Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Pears
THURSDAY--Pizza Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce
FRIDAY--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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HOWARD HAPPENINGS

BY LEO GRIN

Howard Speaks!
Compiled and Edited by Leo Grin

I thought it would be nice to give the people of Cross Plains a little taste of Bob Howard himself, talking about things that town residents might find of interest. So here is a selection of edited quotes from Howard's letters to friends and fellow writers. This is Robert E. Howard in his own voice.

It is my belief that people who think Howard was "strange" or "crazy" might get a different impression from putting aside rumors and gossip, and instead listening to his side of the story told in his own words. Enjoy....

"I am a 100 percent American and proud of it. I think the United States is the finest country on earth, and I wouldn't trade a quarter section of it for the whole land of Europe. I feel linked to the country, not only by birth but by descent and tradition. I know that the Declaration of Independence was signed or drawn up or read or something, July 4th, 1776, and the people in the North still celebrate the event by blowing each other up with fireworks, but it's too hot in the South to celebrate the day, so we do our fireworking on Christmas and New Year.

As a boy and a youth in my teens, I read purely for the love of reading. I can say with confidence that no man, however mature, ever loved reading for its own sake more than I. I did not read because of any particular urge for learning, or to merely pass the time, or to escape the realities of life. I read simply because I loved reading for its own sake alone. The printed page was like wine to me.

My boyhood was spent in the oil country - or rather oil came into the country when I was still a young boy, and remained. I'll say one thing about an oil boom: it will teach a kid that Life's a pretty rotten thing about as quick as anything I can think of.

The people in this town treat me in several manners; contemptuously ignore me, which doesn't bother me any; go out of their way to start trouble with me, which does; and assume a sort of monkey in a cage attitude. Those who deign to notice me at all are forever on the lookout for some peculiarity, some difference that will stamp me as an eccentric. The infernal fools can't seem to understand that a man can make his living some other way besides dressing tools or selling stuff, and still be an ordinary human being with human sensations. The more money I make at my trade the more strangely they eye me. I can feel their stares on me every minute I'm on the streets; eagerly watching for me to do something that they can garble and chatter and jabber among themselves. It's the price a man pays for being any way different from the mob. The man who chooses to follow a dream to its bitter and ultimate end, walks alone.

Did you ever make a fool of yourself, then want to cut your

throat? I was out working on my car. While I was working, like a fool, I was talking, trying to figure out something about a yarn I was stuck on. I wasn't talking too loud, but I got to a place where ol' Conan was fighting, and I said, 'Fool. Dog of Hell. Die'. About that time a timid little voice said, 'Robert, is your mother home?' I turned around and there was Mrs. Jackson, looking as if she didn't know whether to run or stay there. I wanted to go through the ground. What can you say when you do a thing like that? All I could do was stand there and look at the woman, and I guess the way I looked scared her half to death. She had a little cake or something she'd baked for Mother. I suggested she go on in the house, and I got real busy around the car and kept my mouth shut. I sure felt like a fool that day.

I've worked at several jobs, but wasn't a success at any of them; I've picked cotton, helped brand a few yearlings, hauled a little garbage, worked in a grocery store, ditto a dry-goods store, worked in a law office, jerked soda, worked in a gas office, tried to be a public stenographer, packed a surveyor's rod, worked up oil field news for some Texas and Oklahoma papers, etc., etc., and also etc.

Pounding out a living at the writing game is no snap - but the average man's life is no snap, whatever he does. I'm merely one of a huge army, all of whom are bucking the line one way or another for meat in their bellies. I sell so little, though, that I have to produce a great deal in order to make a living at all. I have worked as much as eighteen hours a day at my typewriter. At a cent a word and less, it takes so many words to buy food for the table. But I hope I am a good enough workman to enjoy my trade, and to take a proper pride in it.

I've always had a honing to make my living by writing, ever since I can remember, and while I haven't been a howling success in that line, at least I've managed for several years now to get by without grinding some clock-punching job. There's freedom in this game; that's the main reason I chose it. All you have to contend with is a typewriter and it just puts down what you want it to. It doesn't swear at you when you do something wrong. If it does, you can whip it. It's a game I honestly love, and the praises the readers have been kind enough to give me have given me an immense amount sincere pleasure.

I was the first to light a torch of literature in this part of the country, however small, frail, and easily extinguished that flame may be. I am, in my way, a pioneer. To the best of my knowledge I am the first writer to be produced by a section of country comprising a territory equal to that of the state of Connecticut. I was the first writer of the post oak country; my work's lack of merit can not erase that fact. When I set my hand to my chosen profession, there was none other in the land except me.

I became a writer in spite of my environments. Understand, I am

not criticizing those environments. They were good, solid, and worthy. The fact that they were not conducive to literature and art is nothing in their disfavor. Nevertheless, it is no light thing to enter into a profession absolutely foreign and alien to the people among which one's lot is cast; a profession which seems as dim and far-away and unreal as the shores of Europe. The people among which I lived - yet live, mainly - made their living from cotton, wheat, cattle, oil, with the usual percentage of business men and professional men. That is most certainly not in their disfavor. But the idea of a man making his living by writing seemed, in that hardy environment, so fantastic that even today I am sometimes myself assailed by a feeling of unreality. Nevertheless, at the age of fifteen, having never seen a writer, a poet, a publisher, or a magazine editor, and having only the vaguest idea of procedure, I began working at the profession I had chosen.

I have accomplished little enough, but such as it is, it is the result of my own efforts. I had neither expert aid nor advice. I studied no course in writing; until a year or so ago, I never read a book by anyone advising writers how to write. Ordinarily I had no access to public libraries, and when I did, it was to no such libraries as exist in the cities.

I have not been a success, and probably never will be. But whatever my failure, I have this thing to remember - that I was a pioneer in my profession, just as my grandfathers were in theirs, in that I was the first man in this section to earn his living as a writer."

-Robert E. Howard-

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 28, 2002 through May 4, 2002 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings-104
Complaints-67
Open Container-1

Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

Kelly Lee Graduates from UMHB

Kelly Lee is a spring graduate of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, with an Elementary Education Degree.

At UMHB she has been on the Vice President's Honor Roll and a member of Gamma Beta Phi and Alpha Chi. She also was a member of the Cross Country Team and won the Crusader Heart Award, Honorable Mention All Conference, Academic All Conference and was a Crusader Letterman.

Kelly is the daughter of Richard and Wilma Lee of Comanche and the granddaughter of Ruby Lee and the late Albert Lee of Cross Plains and Claud and Charlie Mae Green of Robinson.

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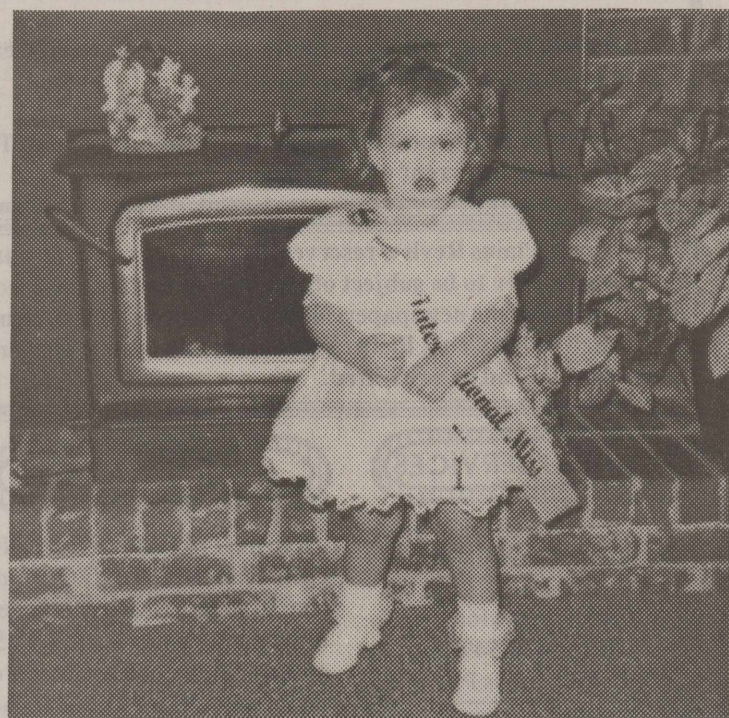
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INTERNATIONAL MISS PAGEANT WINNER—Tandy Blackstock

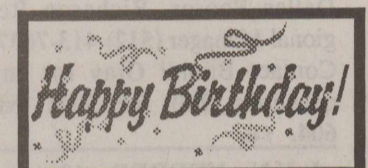
Little Tandy Blackstock Pageant Winner

Two year old Miss Tandy Blackstock was recently crowned Personality Miss at the Dublin International Miss Pageant in March.

Tandy is the daughter of Tiffany and Benji. She is the granddaughter of Donna and Fred Smoot and Zeke and Janie Blackstock.

Tandy has won the honor to compete at the State International Miss Competition in June. State will be held in Tyler on June 19-23.

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COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

Catching chickens...

I'm cramming for finals. It's got me craving something gut-busting hilarious to take my mind off Geology for a minute, so you're in for another chicken story.

There was a want ad in the local weekly newspaper: Chickens for sale. MyKeeper and I were decorating our newly purchased farm with critters, and intended to fill the empty chicken coop with hens bearing brown eggs.

I made the phone call in the morning. "We have eight," the lady said.

"Only eight?" I pictured a chicken farm with hundreds of chickens to choose from, and people lined up to purchase their choice of breed.

"How many do you need?" she asked.

"Just enough to provide eggs for our family breakfasts and a few desserts."

She said eight hens would pretty much keep a family supplied with eggs. Over the phone it sounded like her eyes were rolling.

Next I asked if they laid brown eggs. She said they were New Hampshires. I mumbled, "Oh...good." After a brief hesitation, she said, "Yes, they lay brown eggs."

"What time of day do chickens lay their eggs?" I asked. The question was to gage whether there would be eggs for tomorrow's breakfast, or would we need to wait till the next day.

"They're not laying yet," she said. "They're pullets."

This time I had to confess the depth of my ignorance. "What are pullets?" I asked, "and do they still lay brown eggs?"

"Pullets are young hens before they start laying."

"Oh, you mean they aren't laying yet?" I said. "I really wanted laying hens."

"These will start laying in two or three months," she said.

When I said maybe I should try to find some that were already mature, she said like as not they would quit laying as soon as I put them in a new home. She told me hens don't like sudden changes. Well, that set me down hard.

"OK," I said. "Can I pick them up in about an hour?"

"Well, yes," she said, "but it might be better to wait till evening. We won't be here, but you can just take them."

"Oh," I said, "if you're going to be gone all day, I can come tomorrow instead."

"No, I'll be here most of the day."

There was a long perplexed pause (mine), and a quick comprehension (hers). "It will be easier to catch them in the evening," she said.

"I have to catch them?" Her words bashed my image of a nice neat counter over which I would purchase chickens packaged for convenient transportation. I guess this is why my neighbor liked to say I was on a very long trail to becoming a country girl.

The lady on the phone assured me the chickens wouldn't be hard to catch. "They sleep under the dog house. All you need to do is be there as the sun goes down."

While I was still gasping for breath, she added, "If they slept outside, you could just pick them up, because chickens can't see in the dark. But you'll have to nab them just before they disappear under the dog house."

I've got to get back to my textbook before I lose touch with reality. Wish me luck. (Yes, we caught the chickens. This was much too wild a challenge to pass up.)

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Howard Payne University Boast Talent of Five Local Young Men

The Howard Payne University Baseball Team traveled to Austin as representative of the American Southwest Conference West Division in hopes of bringing home the Conference Championship. There are 15 teams in the ASC from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The double-elimination tournament featured Howard Payne University and Concordia University of Austin from the West Division and East Texas Baptist University and Mississippi College from the East Division.

Cross Plains was well represented in the tournament with four local young men on the team. Senior, Jarad Richards - Left Field; Junior, Zach Edington - Pitcher; Junior, Joseph Turner - 3rd Base and Center Field; and Sophomore, Coby Richards - Shortstop.

Howard Payne came back from a 3-7 deficit in the 8th inning against Mississippi College to win their first game 12-8. In the second game Howard Payne faced their division rival Concordia University in a 4-5 loss. The highlight of the game however, was a home run by Jarad Richards to score two in the 7th inning. Zach Edington did an outstanding job of pitching in the third game of the series and leading Howard Payne to an 11-6 win over Mississippi College. Zach pitched the entire game. This win



HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL PLAYERS—Coby Richards (from left), Jarad Richards, Joseph Turner and Zach Edington.

gave Zach a 3-0 record with an ERA of 2.13. With this win the East Division champions were eliminated leaving Howard Payne and Concordia to face each other for a second time in the championship game. Howard

Payne's season ended after being defeated by Concordia in a hard fought battle by a score of 4-6.

L.D. Whitehead, 2001 graduate of Cross Plains High School, who chose to red-shirt his Freshman

Year, is also a member of the Howard Payne Yellowjacket Baseball Team.

Cross Plains should be proud of the accomplishments of these young men.

Senior Citizen Dance at De Leon

De Leon will host a Senior Citizen Dance on Saturday, May 11, at the De Leon City Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Country and Western music will be provided by the "Country Gold Band". Admission will be charged.



A WONDERFUL VISIT—John Baird of Highland Village (left) was in Austin on April 9th visiting with Jack Scott, former editor of the *Cross Plains Review*. John had a class under Jack when he attended school in Cross Plains and he always thought a lot of him. The two had a great time reminiscing, and as you can see, Jack is looking good.

Parkhill Retires as DPS State Trooper

By: AL PICKETT
Special Writer

The face of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Callahan County is changing.

Tuesday was state trooper David Parkhill's final day on the job. He officially retired after more than 30 years with the DPS.

April 30 was also the final day for patrolman David Mays. His retirement had been announced earlier. Both state troopers have lived in Baird since 1976.

"I plan to get caught up on everything," Parkhill said, "and see what the future holds. I'm doing a little work for a surveyor, and I run a few cows. I'll try to get caught up on everything and go from there."

Parkhill, 52, never ventured far from home during his 30-plus years with the highway patrol. He grew up in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High.

"I went into construction work after high school," he said. "I went to work for the state when I was 20, and I've been there ever since."

Parkhill said he was 21 when he graduated from the police academy and was sent to his first assignment in nearby Stephens County. He worked in Breckenridge from 1971-73 and in Eastland from 1973-76 before moving to Baird in June of 1976.

He worked in Callahan County until 10 months ago when he became the recruiter and tester in the Abilene office.

"That was a little more normal hours than what I did the first 30 years," he said.

Parkhill has two sons, a grandson and a granddaughter, all living in Abilene.

He admits to possessing a low-key personality.

"I don't wave my flag too much," he said. "You see a lot, but you keep it to yourself."

Like Mays, Parkhill said the toughest part of his job was working fatality accidents.

"I remember one in Taylor County in the mid-1980s," he said. "It killed five or six people and injured six. That was a tough one."

One the flip side, Parkhill said the most rewarding thing about his job is "Being able to help when needed."

He cited the Albany flood and the big range fire between Clyde and Albany in 1988 as examples of having to help people in trouble.

"The DPS was there," he said,

"and did what needed to be done."
Now, Parkhill said it's time for someone else to do that job.

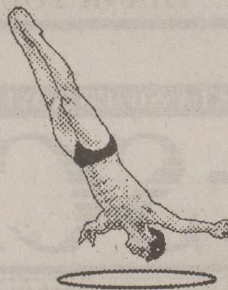
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