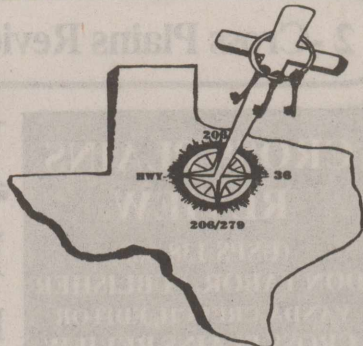


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another composition from our local poet, D.B. Gunn. This one was perfect for Mother's Day. Every mother can relate to the message herein. Many hours have been spent in prayer by mothers for the safety, etc. of their children. The Lord knows the hearts of mothers all over the world. We are so fortunate that we can go to Him freely upon the cares of the world seem overwhelming.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day. Tell your mother how much she means to you.

I have a very special mother, who I truly appreciate. I love you Mother. Thanks for all the time you dedicated to me. Vanda Anderson Creech

"Just A Mother's Prayer"

Oh yes, my friend, this is just a mother's prayer, that's prayed world wide each night. While kneeling there under the moon. God's giving light. For in a whisper, you can almost hear them say, "It's me again, Lord. It's time again to pray.

Oh Lord, please, look down upon my children, who are lying here in bed. Please, Lord, give them a happier, better life than the one that I've just led. And if you will, with your kindly grace, wipe away their frowns and scowls of anger and put sunshine in its place.

For I know Lord, you bring sunshine. So if you only will, fill my children's hearts full of love, so the Devil there won't dwell. Yes, Lord, let your light shine over the world wide, chasing away the darkness, so the Devil here can't hide.

Oh yes, my friend, this is just a mother's prayer, that's prayed each night. Asking God for His forgiveness and for His forever lasting light.

D.B. Gunn
April 6, 1980

Accident Claims Local Man's Life Saturday, May 3

Saturday morning, May 3, 2003, at approximately 2:00 a.m. a head-on collision with an 18-wheeler claimed the life of Dr. Bill Fortune of Cross Plains.

Fortune was driving east on Highway 36 (near the gas plant 2 miles east of the Rowden Community) in his Toyota pickup and the 18-wheeler was headed west hauling Alfalfa hay. The name of the truck driver was not available at press time.

According to Justice of the Peace Rolan Jones, who prepared the inquest, Fortune was killed upon impact. Jones stated that it required several hours for the

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department to free his body with the jaws of life.

The Cross Plains E.M.S. also responded. The truck driver was not injured. A truck wrecker from Clyde was secured to remove the 18-wheeler from the scene.

Dr. Fortune had lived in the B.K. Eubank residence in Cross Plains for the past several years. He attended Cross Plains Elementary for a couple years and graduated from May High School as valedictorian of his class. He was an outstanding athlete during his high school years. Bill graduated from North Texas

State in 1967, and received his MBA in 1969. He obtained his Doctorate in Business Administration with a Minor in Engineering in 1974 at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Fortune is survived by two children, Chris Fortune, who is currently serving in the Army National Guard in Kuwait and Iraq, and Jill Fortune, of Brownwood.

His services will be under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains. Details are not finalized at this time due to fact that they are awaiting the arrival of his son.

School Board Trustee and City Councilman Election Results Told

Local voters chose Reggie Pillans and incumbent Donnie Dillard as Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Trustees for 3-year terms at the election Saturday, May 3.

The returns for the school board election were as follows:

Reggie Pillans	140
Donnie Dillard	127
Larry Thomas	101
Tony Wyatt	82
Michael Smith	17

Gene Dillard and incumbents James Nichols and Edwin Weiss

were elected to 2-year terms on the Cross Plains City Council.

The returns for the City Council election were as follows:

James Nichols	78
Edwin Weiss	74
Gene Dillard	67
Joe Ingram	64
Eddy Wyatt	54
Marvin Mosley	27

The Proposition for Street Maintenance that would increase the sales tax to 8 percent passed with 73 votes for and 33 votes against.

Local Man Writes Book About His Hometown

By Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

James W. Nichols has written a collection of short stories about past and present Cross Plains residents, family stories, along with historical facts about Cross Plains and surrounding communities. *On the Banks of Turkey Creek* is a colorful recollection of his childhood memories through adulthood. The title came from the fact that Cross Plains was first established on the banks of Turkey Creek.

Cross Plains Public Library assisted James in his life-long dream of writing a book, by providing a sponsor, the Texas Heritage Bank. The Library in return was given half the royalties on the sale of the books.

His first editions came in three weeks ago. Two hundred, seventy-five copies were secured and James stated that 126 have already sold. "We hope that several will be purchased during the Howard Days and the upcoming Cross Plains High School Homecoming."

If you haven't read it yet, you better get a copy just to see what he said about you. I asked him if anyone had gotten angry? He grinned sheepishly and said, "Nope, not yet." I agreed with Alvin Hutchins when he said, "James, I'm not going to tell you anything else." I guess I got just what I deserved by sharing.

James started this project about a year ago. He remarked, "I guess everyone would like to write a book, but they just get bogged down, never get started, or lose interest. It is not an easy task, but it was enjoyable." When I inquired if he would write another one he said, "I'll probably start on one, but I haven't yet."

The historical facts were taken from the pages of the *Cross Plains Review* and James spent many afternoons at my office researching stories. He would be reading along and say, "Listen to this. Do you remember this?"

Most of the stories from the sixties were familiar. It will bring back memories for you, too.

It is James' opinion that the historical facts alone would be boring, so he put in relating humorous stories.

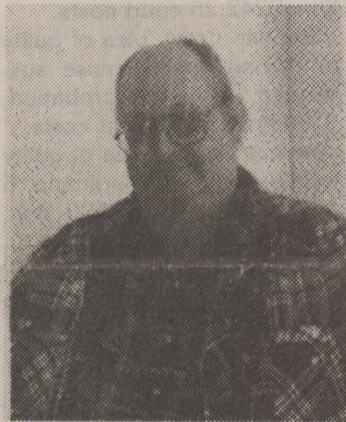
James designed the cover of his book. Jerry Biggerstaff took the photo of the sunset at Cross Cut. Jerry and his wife, Chris, were instrumental in the project. It took four months for it to be published from the time it was first sent in.

Personally, I found the history and comical stories all very entertaining. I laughed out loud at the antics reported. A friend of Charles and Lou Rodenberger e-mailed them a note stating how much she enjoyed the book. She said, "It was a hoot!" That is a good description. Donald Beeler said, "I thoroughly enjoyed it." Bobbeye Hinkle, remarked, "I liked it." Others have written him complimentary letters. So far, copies of *On the Banks of Turkey Creek* have been mailed as far away as California and Louisiana.

James' wife, Lovey, has encouraged him throughout his endeavor. She has done her share of reading over stories, etc. Their only son, Darby, and his wife, Shannon, and family, Tawni, Clayton, Steven, and Tyler, also reside in Cross Plains. James is the son of the late Tolbert "Nick" and Doris (Atwood) Nichols.

Nichols has been active in the local community serving ten years on the City Council; currently a board of director on the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce; served on the Callahan County Board of Nutrition for six years; a member of the Cross Plains Public Library Board; and a member of the Cross Plains Garden Club. He writes Garden Tips and a "Ma and Pa" column for the *Cross Plains Review*.

If you would like a copy of his book, they are available at Texas



JAMES W. NICHOLS

Heritage Bank, Cross Plains Public Library, *Cross Plains Review* and Lawrence Farm and Ranch for \$12.93. If you would like to have one mailed to you, write: James Nichols, P. O. Box 463, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443. The cost is \$16.93 (includes shipping and handling).

On the Banks of Turkey Creek is a book you will find hard to put down until you finish.

G.E.D. Classes to Start at Local Library May 12th

If you are interested in obtaining a G.E.D. certificate, which serves the same purpose as a high school diploma and is accepted by most businesses and colleges, this class is for you. The class will prepare you for taking and passing the test. It can also provide a refresher course for those who just want to review basic skills, but don't need to take the test.

The G.E.D. classes will begin Monday, May 12, at the Cross Plains Public Library. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Anyone over the age of 17 is invited to take the class at no cost to you. Details about the G.E.D. test will be given at the class. The actual test will not be given here, but they will prepare you for taking the exam. Instruction is individualized for each student, and you may enter the class any time while it is in session. So don't worry if you missed the first class.

C.P.H.S. All-Sports Banquet to Be Held Monday, May 12th

The Cross Plains High School All-Sports Banquet will be held Monday, May 12, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The meal this year will be catered by Lemon's Barbecue and includes all you can eat fish and chicken and the trimmings.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. with the meal being served first and awards to follow.

If you would like to help decorate, please come to the Family Life Center at 3 p.m. Saturday,

May 10, and Sunday, May 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. (if not finished).

Parents and students will be able to purchase posters again this year for \$2, so be there early to look.

If you have not bought your tickets, you may still do so at City Hall, Cross Plains I.S.D. or Texas Heritage Bank for \$12 or you may purchase tickets at the door for \$14. **Deadline to purchase tickets for \$12 will be Friday, May 9.**

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Plans 2003 Ranch Rodeo

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse is re-organizing, new officers have been elected and plans are underway for the 14th Annual Ranch Rodeo.

The 2003 Ranch Rodeo has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14th, beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena in Baird, following the Baird Trade's Day events downtown.

Officers elected during last Tuesday's meeting were: President, Mike Walker; Vice-President, Johnny Adkins; 2nd Vice-President/Arena Director, Jeff Burleson, Public Relations, Anita Mays and Secretary/Treasurer, Lyn Walker.

The Sheriff's Posse would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in helping with the Ranch Rodeo and/or joining the Sheriff's Posse Riding Club to call Mike and Lyn Walker at 254-725-6880, (this is a local call, but you must dial all the numbers). Jeff Burleson, Johnny and Leonna Adkins, or Anita Mays.

A cleanup day was held Sunday afternoon and the grounds look much better! Many thanks to John Windham and his dozer, Johnny and Leonna Adkins, Walt Tollett, Brenda Moore, Cathy Green, Joe Buchanan, Zach Green, Anita Mays, Emalie Green, Jeff Burleson, Mike Walker, Josh Spencer, Jeremy Spencer, and Lyn Walker.

The new officers want to emphasize "Family Entertainment" and perhaps interest some of the younger citizens of the County in rodeo sports, so there will be "NO Acoholic Beverages allowed inside the rodeo arena grounds".

Anyone-Everyone! Cowboys young and old! If you would be interested in participating in this year's Ranch Rodeo CALL Lyn Walker IMMEDIATELY! at 254-725-6880, (no 1, but please dial all numbers), leave a message or call after 7:00 pm.

The Sheriff's Posse is currently looking for **FIFTY COWBOYS**, if you are interested, give us a call!

Plans are underway for a playday later this summer and presently the Baird 4-H Horseback Riding group, led by Cindy Clark meets at the Rodeo Arena on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for Baird 4-H members ages 8 years and up.

The events in the Ranch Rodeo are chores Cowboys do on a working cattle ranch.

Fifty local cowboys, working in ten, five men teams will perform: Team Penning, Team Branding, Team Mugging, Team Roping and everybody's favorite, the Wild Cow Milking! Local businesses sponsor these teams, and each team bears its sponsor's name.

There are three children's events, the goat ribbon race and two boot races.

Adult tickets are five dollars, children under 12 can enter for two dollars.

Immediately following the Ranch Rodeo there will be a Rodeo Dance across the street from the arena at the Rodeo Dance Pavillion. "CrossCountry" of Clyde will be playing for your listening and dancing enjoyment. **Tickets for the Dance will be \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. COME JOIN THE FUN!**

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"Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely, if every publicize the programs," says Gary Nave, Director of The Institute. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available through patient assistance programs, for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #: PD-65, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get more information from The Institute's Internet web site: www.institute-dc.org.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

John Pruet, minor consuming alcoholic beverage.
Marla S. Smith, theft by check.
Chad Walsh, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Tomi King, DWI.
Robert K. Stewart, possession of marijuana.
Steve M. Nail, assault.
Donald G. Dillion, deadly conduct.
Jose A. Herrera, DWI.
Susan Hemwall, theft by check.
David Huffman, theft by check.
Donald E. Walker, possession of marijuana.
Norman Olley, possession of marijuana.
Edward G. Hendrix, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

William D. Jolly, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, case dismissed for plea of co-defendant.
Douglas Bishop, motion to revoke probation granted.
Samuel Stewart, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$231.25 court costs.
Thomas Fields, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.
Stanley B. Honea III, plea of guilty to possession of stolen property, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Stanley B. Honea III, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.
Maunie D. Brumaugh, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$242.25 court costs.
Stephen Crow, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended, 6 month probation, \$300 fine, \$243 court costs.
Marcus Brown, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Marcus Brown, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Bexar Co. granted.

Kristopher Hubbard, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$243 court costs.

Kristopher Hubbard, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Erath Co. granted.

Julius Williams, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Julius Williams, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

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

Payton Davis, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Wichita Co. granted.

Carlos Aubrey, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Carlos Aubrey, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Fannin Co. granted.

Cliff Foster, plea of guilty to DWI-2nd, 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$243 court costs.

Gary Varner, plea of guilty to DWI-1st, 2 year probation, \$600 fine, \$243 court costs.

Charles A. Lewis, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.

Bennie Fish, plea of guilty to DWI-1st, 3 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$243 court costs.

Kathy Hawk, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Dominique T. D'Alise, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$61.99 restitution.

Dominique T. D'Alise, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Karen Woolf, order amending condition of probation granted.

Brandon Chad Lester, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution.

Debra Floyd, plea of guilty to sale of alcohol to a minor, 3 days in jail, \$50 fine, \$243 court costs.

Stephanie Vancleef, bench warrant granted.

Marriage Licenses

Burlie Odell McDowell and Dena Lyndel Wilsher, both of Clyde.

Michael Vernon Hargrove, Jr. and Christie Nichole Rollins, both of Clyde.

Shawn Randell McKibben and Rebecca Ann Burkhalter, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Scott Allen Wyatt and Karman Reane Wyatt, divorce.

Bombardier Capital, Inc. vs. John Lorenzo Willis and Crystal Leann Willis, breach of contract.

Donald Lawrence Depew and Carolyn Depew, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Robert Dare Stallings and Patricia Ann Stallings, divorce granted.

The State of Texas vs. 1998 Ford Ranger pickup, VIN #1FTYR10U7WUA63910, default judgment granted.

Lessa Kim Baize, an adult, order granting name change.

Mickie Jo Neely and Johnny Ray Neely, divorce granted.

Dale Andrew Brewer and LaDean Ellen Brewer, divorce granted.

Jan Lynn Bruton and Lawrence Sylvester Bruton, divorce granted.

Bobbie Ann Betz and Timothy H. Betz II, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Lillard S. Ford, assault on public servant.

Lillard S. Ford, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Don P. Ferguson, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 7 year probation, \$7500 fine, \$211 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Roxanne R. Stoner, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance by fraud, 5 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$261 court costs.

Stephanie D. Daffron, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$286 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Robert L. Diaz, plea of guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container, 5 year probation \$1500 fine, \$291 court costs.



Justin Todd Herod

Country Christian Hoedown May 9th

On Friday, May 9, at Colquette Williams Park (Rising Star City Park) there will be a country Christian hoedown with Justin Todd Herod and Mike Hammock. Wow! What a night. Both of these guys are recording artists and both have been nominated by the CCMA for Country Christian Male Vocalist of the Year.

They will be together in Rising Star for a hoedown. They will be backed by great musicians, such as James Adams on drums and Shorty Grisham on bass guitar (or lead, whatever is needed). These guys are professional pickers and everyone is looking forward to a great night of Christian music.

The stage will be open if more talented musicians want to join in the fun.

The hoedown will start around 7 p.m. and last until they decide they have had enough. Wear your boots. These guys are really country. There is no admit fee. Just come on out and enjoy the evening.

To find out more about Justin Todd Herod, you can check out his website at www.backroadministries.com. He will have cassettes and CD's available at the concert.

For more information on Mike's ministry, go to www.mikehammock.com. Mike will have his tapes and CD's available, also.

Both of these awesome recording artists are currently working on brand new projects and will share some of their new songs as well as the old tunes we love.

Come on out and have a good time in the Lord! All ages welcome. Just "Come As You Are".

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National Prayer Day Observed

National Day of Prayer was observed all day Thursday, May 1, by area churches opening their doors with their alters available for prayers. A number of residents took advance of this opportunity to pray on an individual basis.

At 5:00 p.m. a small group gathered under the gazebo at the City Hall. The numbers may have been few, but the prayers were powerful for our all levels

of our government, our troops, our community and even individuals.

The ministers of the Cross Plains area sponsored the event and it demonstrated a spirit of unity for worthwhile causes. It also expresses our freedom to meet and pray openly.

Submitted by
Vanda Anderson Creech
Editor

Abilene Quilters Guild to meet May 12

The Abilene Quilters Guild will meet Monday, May 12, 2003 at the Wylie United Methodist Church located at 3130 Antilley Road in Abilene.

The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a meet and greet and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The program is Dimensional Applique Techniques. The program this month will feature Susan Tolle and Alice Griggs. They will demonstrate the techniques for making ruching flowers and folded flowers, these can be used on quilts, clothing and other fabric crafts. Please contact Alice Griggs of Abilene at 325-673-9440 for a list of supplies to be brought to the meeting.

Visitors are always welcome to attend any meeting of the Abilene Quilters Guild. Contact Jay Neal at 325-235-9600 for more information.

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Putnam Homecoming Planned for Saturday May 10th

All Putnam friends, ex-students, and ex-teachers are invited to attend the 2003 Putnam Homecoming. Registration, fellowship, and visitation will begin at 9:00 AM on May 10, 2003 in the schoolhouse. Bar-be-que and ham sandwiches with drink and dessert will be served at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal is \$5.00.

The General Session will begin in the auditorium at 1:00 p.m. The master of ceremonies will be Carl White. Carl is prepared to have some ex-students and teachers share some of their experiences while they attended school at Putnam. The present schoolhouse was opened in 1937, and was closed in 1976.

For more information, please contact Mary Green at 325-662-3631 or Hubert Donaway at 325-662-3334. Visit their website at www.putnamtexas.com.

Happy
"Mother's Day"

Sunday, May 11, 11:00 a.m.
Mother's Honored

Come to
The "FRIENDLY CHURCH"
9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer/Worship

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Sunday's Sermon
"The Meanest Mother In The World"

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

All I have is hear-say evidence about the successful Annual Membership Meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association last Saturday. I missed the meeting due to a little medical emergency on Friday, and the doctor suggested I spend the night with him so he could take a closer look at my complaints. So if hear-say evidence is all you have at deadline time, that's what you go with.

First of all, I hear folks say that Nancy Robinson Masters' presentation was outstanding and added a dimension to our store of folklore that we would have been challenged (disabled), if we had not heard. Taking as her mantra, "If you can read and write and live in America, you are a very rich person," one person said.

Then she proceeded to count our blessings as American readers and writers and wove some very interesting folklore of her own into her story about being the granddaughter of Judge Henry Robinson, and her experiences and privileges of planting some deep roots in the Cottonwood soil. Judge Robinson was Justice of the Peace in Cottonwood for about 38 years. Entertaining, inspirational and absolutely "authentic" folks said of Nancy Robinson Masters. I am very sorry I had to miss her presentation.

There was also some serious discussion about the future of Cottonwood and the role the Historical Association can play in that future.

During the meeting, a petition was presented about the use of the recently acquired acreage, and the Board of Directors will study the petition and make recommendations to the membership. Re-elected to the Board

of Directors were Albert Lovell, Beverly Brown and Bryan Bennett, whose terms of duty were expiring. They approved recommendations of the Board to raise prices of cemetery plots to \$100.00, as of the 1st day of June, 2003.

And I hear there were, as usual, a lot of laughter, funny stories, and sharing of good memories and good food—the stuff that good reunions are made of.

Old friends from out of town who came included: Grady and Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey of San Antonio; Geraldine (Ramey) Underwood and daughter, of Lampasas; Bob and Jean (Thompson) Brown of Weatherford; Roxie (Jordan) Bynum of San Angelo and Claire (Jordan) Edwards of Arlington; Gilbert Ibarra and Terri Brown of Houston; Dorothy Woody of Clyde and Nelda (Woody) Wilcoxon of Abilene; and others I have not heard about.

R.T. Peevy tells a little anecdote about his grandfather, Ott Peevy, and Judge Henry Robinson, who were both old settlers of Cottonwood and spent a lot of time together in their old age, living just across Cottonwood Creek from each other.

It turns out, as R.T. tells it, they were permanent members of the "spit and whittle club" who met on Jim Coffee's bench outside the south door of the Coffee Store each day. Each would get a stick of equal dimensions and whittle away, trying to make the smallest shavings possible and the largest pile of shavings while they joshed, joked and laughed with each other and the customers in the store.

(Please report any news or personal items about Cottonwood to Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474.)

COTTONWOOD CEMETERY UPDATE

Concerning the Cottonwood Historical Association meeting on May 3, 2003, the consensus among the members was this: "Why are you worrying about having a 6-acre cemetery nearby when you'll never see anyone buried there? It'll be at least 35 years before a grave is ever dug in that addition of 4 acres!" Well, I bought the place where I live because it's beautiful, in my mind; and I want to pass it on to my beloved daughter and her 4 daughters--

I have a limited number of audio-tapes of the Association business meeting if anyone would care to purchase one—\$25.00—and learn a lesson or two. By Harold Strahan.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 12 - 16

MONDAY - Pepper Steak w/ gravy, Zucchini, Okra, Banana Pudding, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Enchilada Cass., Spanish Rice, Mexican salad, Orange Gelatin w/topping, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken w/brown gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Waldorf Salad, Cookie, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - BBQ Brisket, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY - German Sausage, Hominy Casserole, Kraut Salad, Brownie, Bread, Milk

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Give some people an inch and they want to be a ruler! You thought I was going to say, "Give some people an inch and they take a mile," right? It's almost the same—just a little more catchy: "Give some people an inch and they want to be a ruler."

Some people can't handle a little authority for it goes to their head and they want to be in charge and over it all. That's not what leadership is all about. Leadership is setting an example of whatever you are wanting another to do, rather than demanding something or driving a person to do something.

The perfect example of someone handling authority wisely and effectively is that of the Galilean. He wasn't bragging when He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"—just factual. He had preceded that statement with a life that proved that rather than coming to rule and be served, He came to serve—to be a Servant! (Matthew 20:28) One writer of the New Testament put it this way: "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient, even unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him, and gave unto Him the name which is above every name, that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Philippians 2:7-10.

Yes, give some people an inch (of authority) and they take over being a ruler. Let us be keen to stay down to the measure that has been given us—and if anything, measure ourselves short rather than long. One must be a servant before becoming a leader—for that's what leadership is all about!

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RISING STAR NURSING CENTER PRESENT CHECK TO CROSS PLAINS E.M.S. — Pictured are Linda Merritt (from left), Rachel Riley, Curtis Cooper, George Mathews, Verna Mathews and Ava Dodd.

As I mentioned in last week's article, our fund-raiser for the Cross Plains E.M.S. raised a substantial amount of money for this important community service. On Monday we presented the Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service with a cashiers check and personal checks totaling \$1,000.

An ambulance service is not something that all of us think about everyday. We here at the

center tend to think about it more, because it is so important to us to have reliable, fast and professional service when one of our residents has to go the hospital.

We urge all community members to support the Cross Plains E.M.S. You never know when someone will be in need of it.

Remember our Open House is Thursday, May 15, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

PIONEER NEWS

The ladies of the Quilting Club had a very good and productive day on Tuesday. It was good to have Jean Alexander back for a little while. We are quilting on Leslie's and Sandy's tops. We should have a third one in the frame next week.

It will not be long until the Pioneer and surrounding communities have their reunion. Be thinking about coming to the Pioneer Reunion on the second Saturday in June (June 14).

The Game Night will be at the Community Center on May 15. Be sure to come out for fun and food.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton recently made a trip to Temple. The bluebonnets were beginning to fade and very little showing of other flowers right now. The most beautiful flowers are right here in the area of Pioneer. Such pretty bright colors of paint brushes in hues of deep rose to pinks, and the Texas Primrose, dressed in such beautiful pinks. Now the yellow flowers are beginning to show.

Thursday, Jean and Frankie along with Ilene and Wayne Smith traveled to Carbon Church for senior days. They enjoyed a great fish fry, singing by the Calvary singers, and preaching by two great preachers. The day begin at 10 a.m. and over at 3 p.m. Friday Jean and Frankie enjoyed the Cross Plains Musical. Saturday they, along with Freddy and Maudine Blount attended the Clyde Musical. Monday Frankie had for her guests, Jean Fore, Tommie and Phyllis Harris, Earlene Burge and Troy Crockett for a game of 84.

A great time was enjoyed by all. Linda Worley from Hewitt and her daughter and granddaughter from Temple attended the memorial service for Elton Murphree. They also visited Linda's mother, Olena Ezzell, and other members of the Ezzell family.

Glenda Phillips was really thankful for the good rains. She said she had more sticks and twigs in her yard from the wind blowing so hard. Maybe Logan will help her pick them up. Kali did some painting for her Saturday, which she really appreciated. Glenda said Kali is really fast at doing things such as that.

Charlene Chesshir went to Abilene last Wednesday after Ladies Bible Class to see a doctor about her back. He says he can help her. She is waiting for an appointment to go back for some injections. Jim came on the weekend and finished plowing the west field. They had 1 1/2 inches of rain on Tuesday and Wednesday. Sure was needed! Jim planted 8 rows of black-eyed peas in the garden. (Oh boy! You may have neighbors come to see you!) Maybe we will have okra this year. It is coming up! Wow! Want that taste good together.

This whole community was thankful for the rain. Also, thankful that we did not get a lot of large hail or tornados. Our grandson grew up in Stockton, Missouri where a tornado hit on Sunday, leveling the town. Fortunately, no one was killed.

Words of Wisdom: Some lives, like evening primroses, blossom most beautifully in the evening of life. C.E. Cowman

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: The Texas Bluebonnets in my front yard are almost bloomed out now, most of them have gone to seed. In a few days they will mostly just be green plants with green seed pods. We will miss them very much. Two or three families stopped by and ask if they could take their children's pictures in the Bluebonnets, in the midst of our front lawn. We said, "Yes, they sure could." We were glad to share the view as well as the beauty of our bluebonnets with everyone. Hopefully we will even have a few more next year.

"Looking Back on Yesterday"

Today, in many families, in many towns, cities, communities, suburbs and so-on, many, many children are looking forward to school being out soon. Also a number of students, parents, teachers, etc. are delightedly anticipating this event.

Long ago, when I was in school (you know way back in the dim, dark ages); I can vividly recall how much I looked forward to school being out and oh, how I enjoyed those summers.

Happy Mother's Day to one and all. A special Happy Mother's Day to my mother-in-law, Mrs. Marie Sykes of Cross Plains. I lost my sweet mother in October of 2000.

My parents were usually already gone to work when my sister and I woke up. We'd turn that big squirrel-cage air conditioner on HIGH, turn the radio on, and raid the refrigerator for breakfast. We'd eat stuff like pork'n beans, vanilla wafers and Koolaid. At the time we thought we were having some pretty exotic breakfast foods. Some days when it was rainy or cold, we'd stay in bed, under the cover, and eat peanut butter sandwiches and read books (novels). My sister became real fond of peanut butter/mayonnaise sandwiches during that time.

Some days we had to iron our clothes. If we had to iron any of Mother or Daddy's clothing we were paid—15 cents for a blouse or shirt or 25 cents for a dress or

khaki shirt and pants. That was pretty high pay back then. After all, 12 and under could get in the movie for a dime. Later it went up to 15 cents and still later 25 cents for students, and 40 or 45 cents for adults. I'll never forget when I was 13, they were still admitting me to the movie for a dime. Then I started wearing lipstick and they asked my age and I had to start paying 15 to 20 cents. My dad got so aggravated. He said, "You could still be getting in for 20 cents if you had not started that lipstick."

Inside the movie theatre popcorn in a sack was 10 cents. There was no McDonald's, Dairy Queen, etc. Teenagers sort of hung out at the local drugstore, which had a soda fountain. Milk shakes or malts were 25 cents. A soda over ice was 10 cents or 20 cents, depending on what size you ordered. The only sizes available were little or big. They didn't have extra large, extra, extra large, or any of the exotic sizes that are available today. Mostly their sodas were limited to Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper, 7-Up, Root Beer and the like. They dispensed from a soda fountain. They also sold ice cream. Mostly you'd find people ordering cherry Coke, cherry lime, vanilla Cokes or Dr. Pepper, Root Beer or Coke floats. Others would order frosted Coke or whatever. They were very similar. Floats and frosted were basically a glass of some kind of pop and a dip of ice cream added instead of ice cubes.

To go with your drink, drug stores usually had salted peanuts, candy bars, potato or corn chips, a cone or dish of ice cream. The ice cream usually came in 3 flavors—vanilla, strawberry and chocolate. And then of course there was a juke box playing. You could have a sandwich with your drink such as pimento cheese, egg salad, ham and cheese and sliced cheese on toast. I wonder, would it still taste the same as it did then, if we could go back to those drug stores and order those simple menu items from yesterday?

GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

LIBRARY NOTES

April 28 - May 2

Statistics

Circulation:
Books 35
Audio 5
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Total 41

Memorials:
Pat DeBusk - In Memory of
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Memory of Loyd A. "Rich"
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Tomato Hornworms

Hornworms range in size all the way up to five inches. Found through the United States, these long, fat caterpillars, feed voraciously on the leaves and fruit of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and potatoes.

Adults are rather spectacular sphinx months, grayish brown with orange spots on the body with a four to five inch wing span.

After over wintering in the soil a two inch brown, spindle shape pupil cases appear; moths emerge in the late spring to early summer to lay greenish yellow eggs on leaves underside.

Caterpillars feed for about a month, then go into the soil to pupate. There is one generation in the north and two or more in the south.

Controls use Bacillus Thuringiensis when caterpillars are small. When they are large Granny's remedy works just as good, hand pick the worms and squish between fingers.

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LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE WELL ATTENDED - The Hardin-Simmons Six White Horses came and participated in the parade on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

Little League Parade Kicks Off the Season With a Great Start

Well, we all made it though the parade last Saturday.

We would like to thank the volunteers for bringing their antique tractors and flat beds including Wimpy McCoy, Rick and Cheryl Daniels, Harold Merrill, Jim Fleming and Brent Key. Without you guys things would not have been so successful.

The participation of the Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons added to the festive

atmosphere. We appreciated all the residents who came to cheer on the baseball players.

The Little League would like to recognize the sponsors of all 10 ball teams: Higginbotham Brothers and Company, Skinny's, Food Plaza, Taste of Texas, Pioneer Farmers Coop, Custom Tile, Village Market, Justin King House Moving and Leveling, Texas Heritage Bank and Dairy Queen. Your participation is ap-

preciated.

The City of Cross Plains has been so wonderful and patient with us. Thanks for the continued help all the ball fields.

Thanks to G&G Sporting Goods for the great ball suits she printed up for the teams. They look so great.

Everyone is invited to come out and support all the teams as they begin the season.

Submitted by Angie Ames

Leifton Hunter Scholarship Contest Upcoming

The Leifton Hunter Scholarship Fund was established by Leonard Wilson in memory of Leifton Hunter, a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. A graduating senior will be awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to assist with tuition, books and/or fees to further his or her education.

Requirements include:

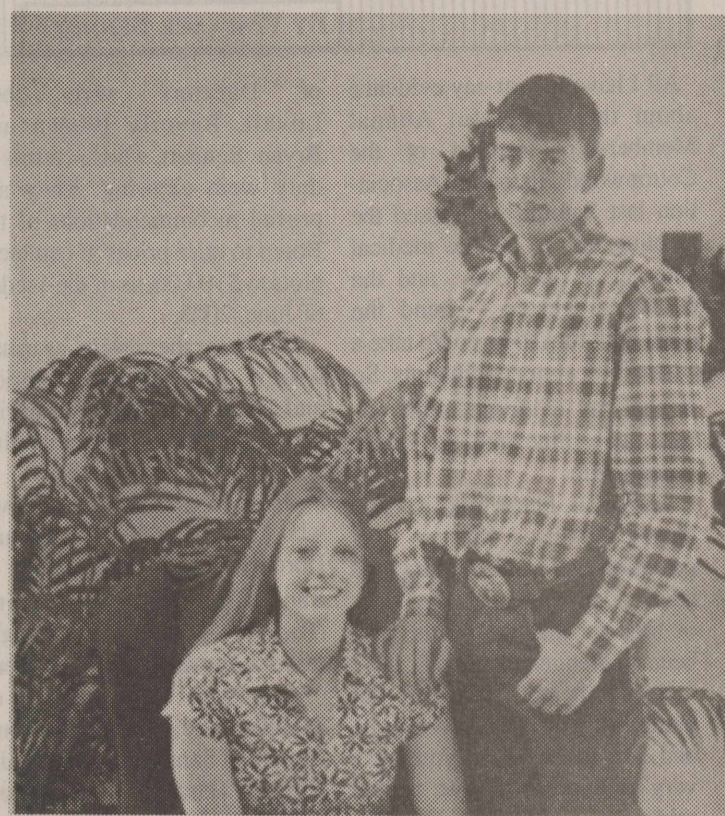
1. The scholarship is open to graduating seniors who have enrolled or plans to enroll in college, a university, vocational or technical school.

2. Please write a one-page essay about one of the following topics:

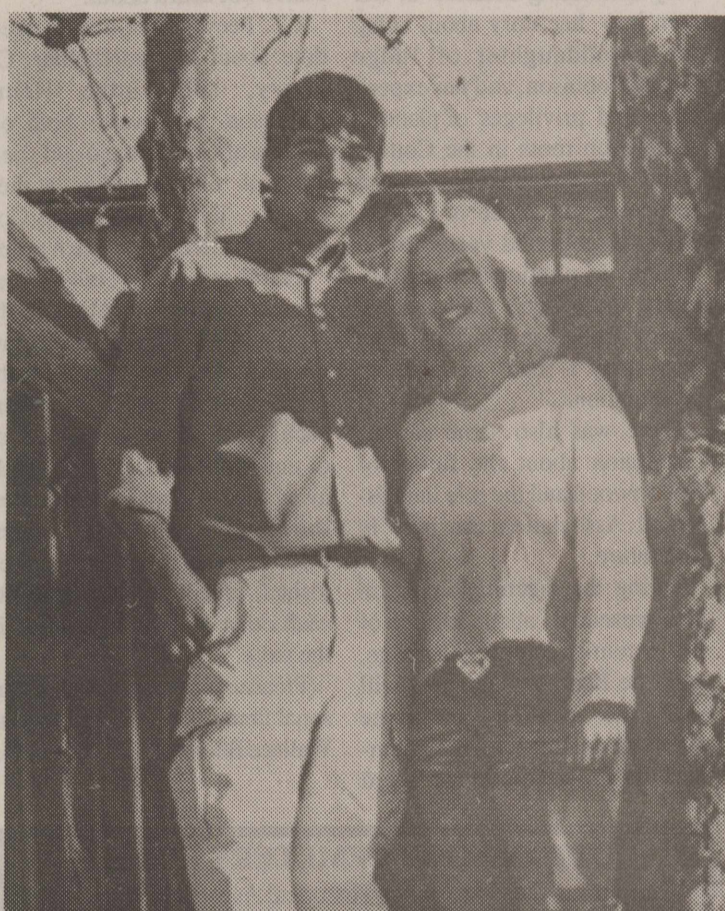
- Explain how a particular individual has significantly influenced your life.
- Fully describe this sentence. "I am a ___ year old male/female growing up in the United States in 2003 and I am most hopeful/pessimistic about..."
- Describe a challenge that you have successfully overcome and how it affected your life. What challenges do you anticipate facing after graduation?

Selection will be based on school and community involvement, financial need and completion of a brief essay.

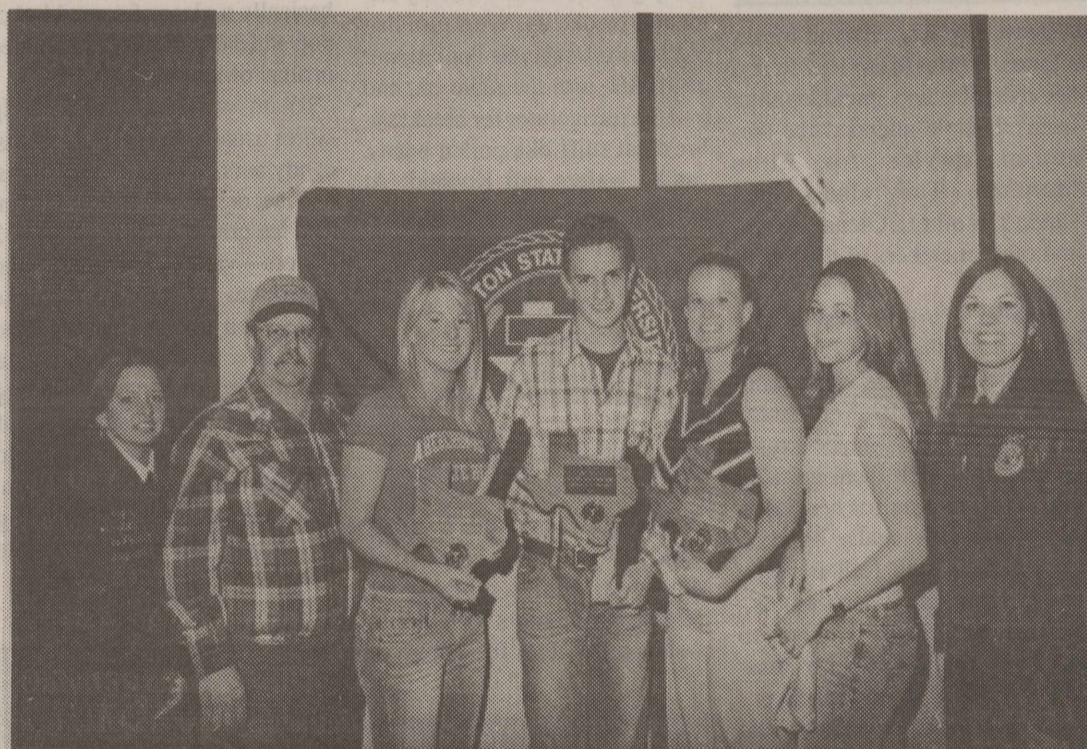
Application deadline is May 16, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Please return the application with the essay attached to Debbie Edington at Texas Heritage Bank.



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Chris Harris and Emily Winfrey



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1ST RUNNER UP
Colby Barton and Judith Hartman



FFA STATE DAIRY FOODS -- the Dairy Foods judging team from Cross Plains High School placed sixth in the State FFA Dairy Foods Judging competition hosted by the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Tarleton State University. Members of the team included (third from left) Jennifer Young (eighth high individual), A.J. Carouth (third high individual), Dani Rivard and Kati Wooten. Left is State FFA Vice President Stacey Cox and Cross Plains FFA advisor, Roy Richey. Pictured far right is State FFA Vice President, Lindsay Allen. There were almost 50 teams and over 180 participating in the Dairy Foods category of the State Career Development Event. (Tarleton News Service Photo)

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. was held on Tuesday, May 6, in the high school administrative board room to canvass the school board election.

Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on April 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennon for the Board of Trustees.

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ELEMENTARY EXTRA

By Nancy Randolph

With only three weeks of school left, parents need to watch for progress reports/notices of concern this week. The end of school is fast approaching. This means there will be lots of activities coming up—the end of school assembly, Mr. Gatti's Accelerated Reading party and water party for good behavior.

The band will finish with its final concert this week. Come to the auditorium Thursday evening to listen to the wonderful music these students have been learning all year.

The Pre-Kindergarten will be coming to school all day Friday, May 9. They will be taking graduation pictures. They will also attend school all day, every day of the last week of school.

The Pre-Kindergarten's graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the new gym. Everyone is invited to attend and see a few things these students have learned. The theme for this year's graduation is "Pre-Kindergarten Has Been Oceans of Fun".

Be watching for notes from the new athletic director, David Hagler, about the summer track club.

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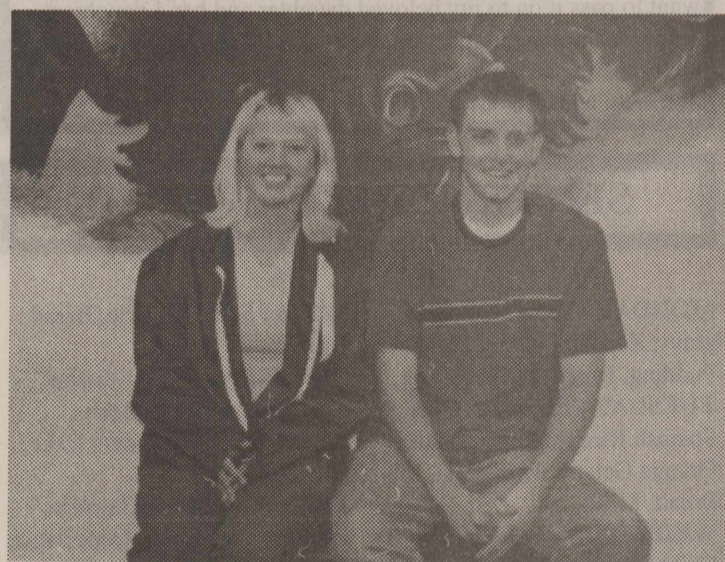
Only 150 chances will be sold. Need not be present to win. Tickets will be available in the concession stand, Pioneer Co-Op, J & L Sales, and Taste of Texas.

Due to our bad weather earlier in the year,
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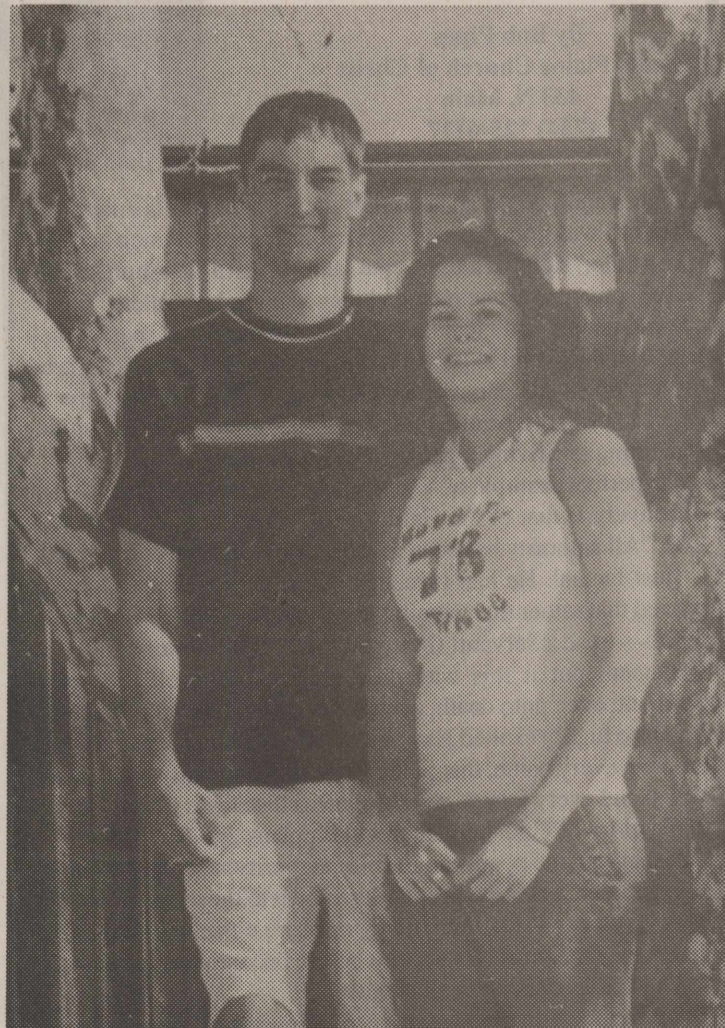
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HAVE A SCHOOL HOLIDAY ON MAY 9TH.

Classes will be held on a regular schedule.



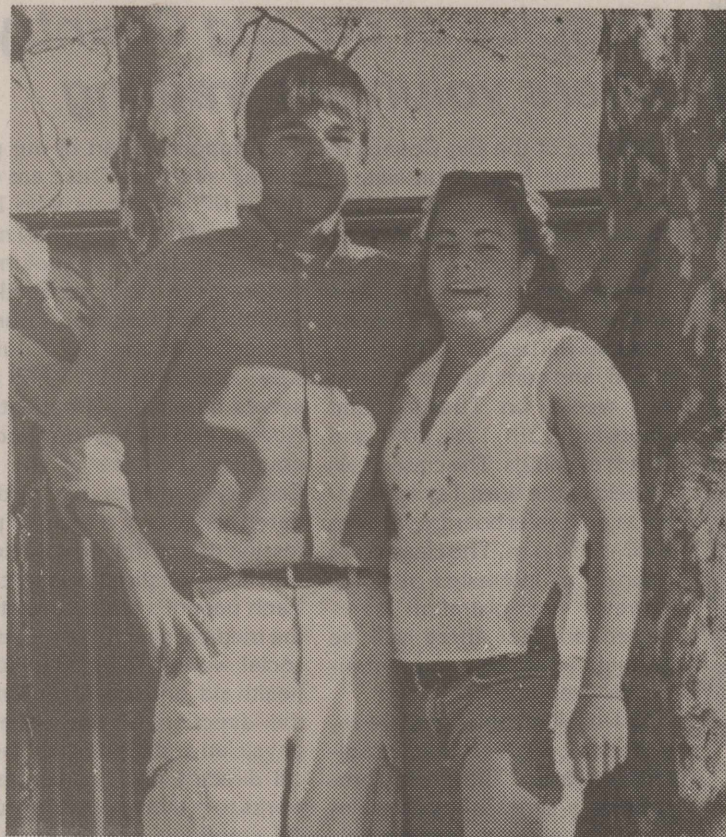
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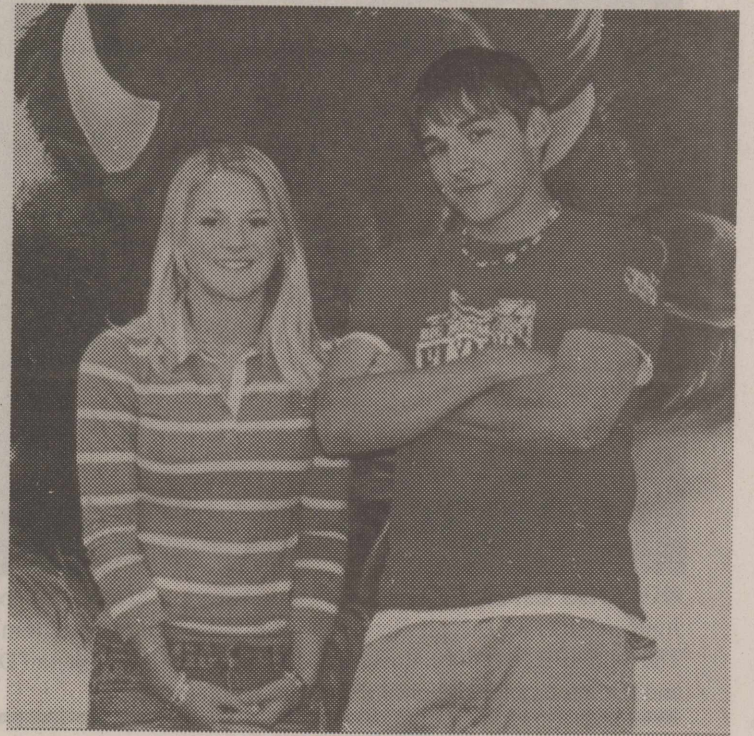
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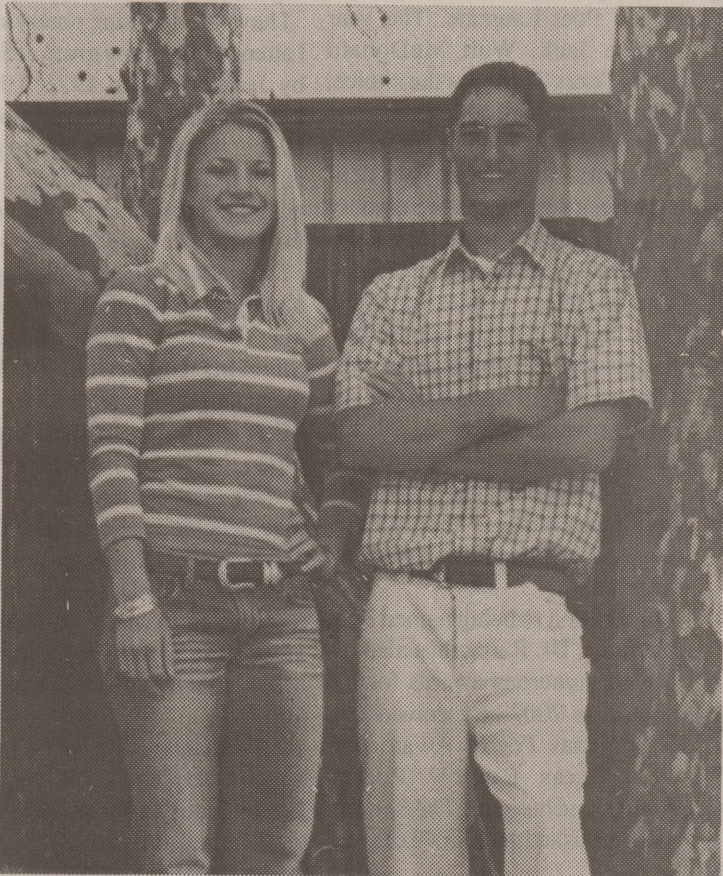
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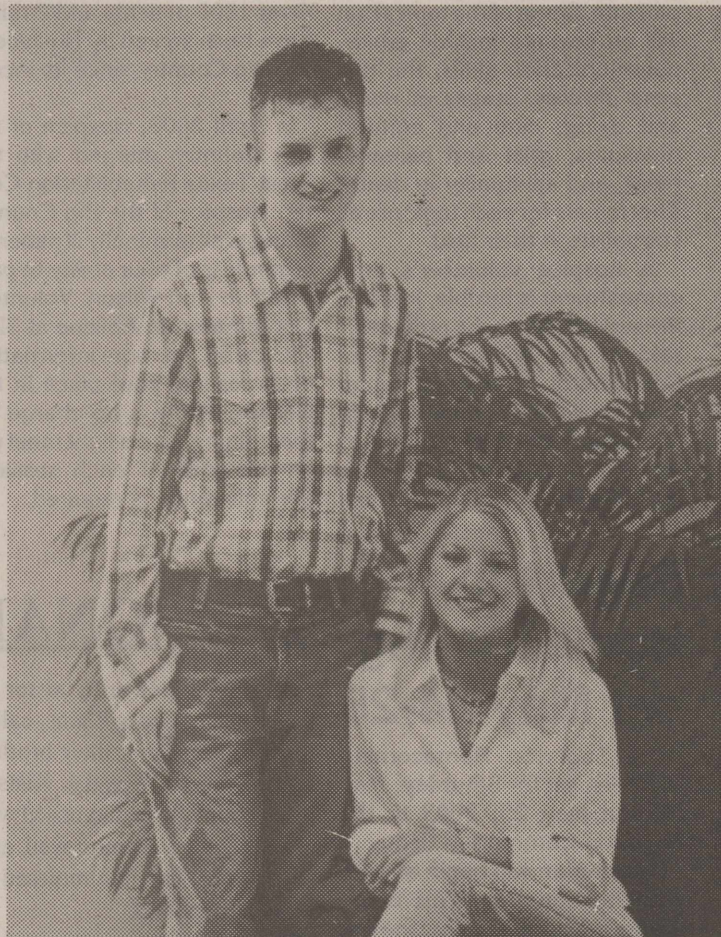
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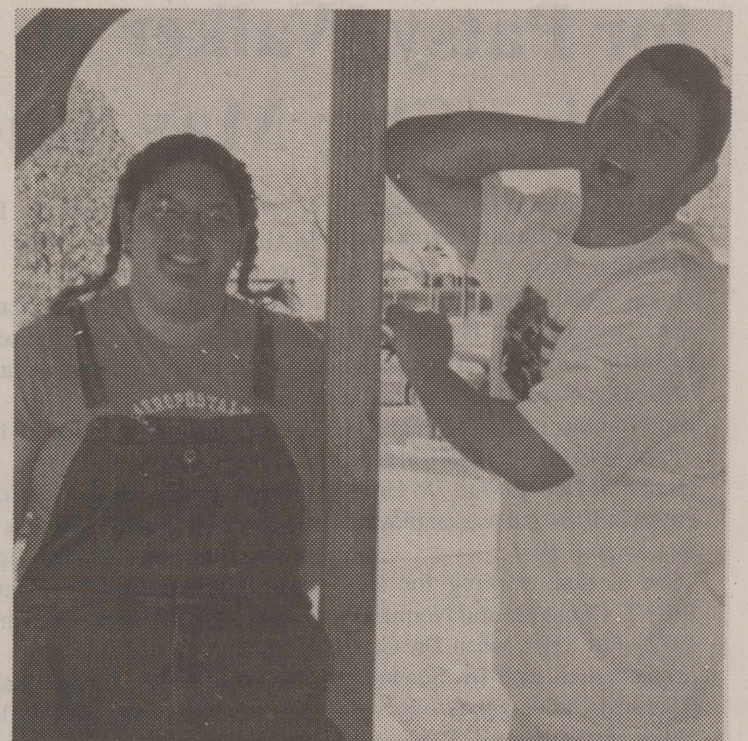
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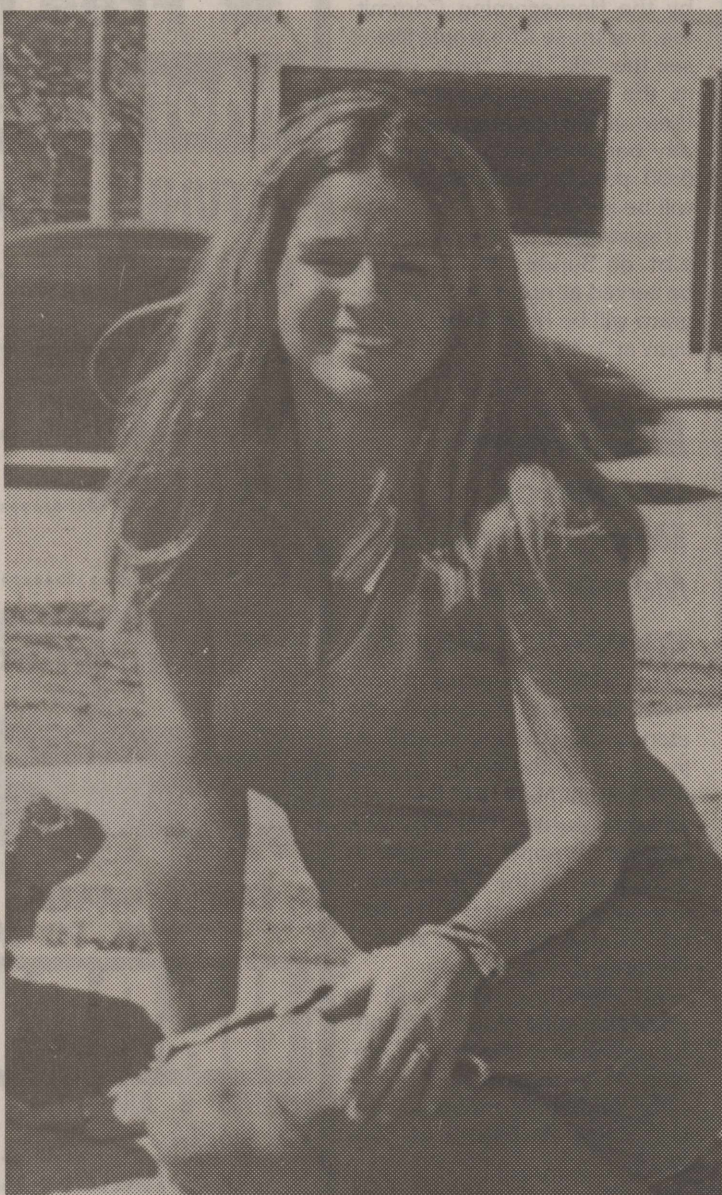
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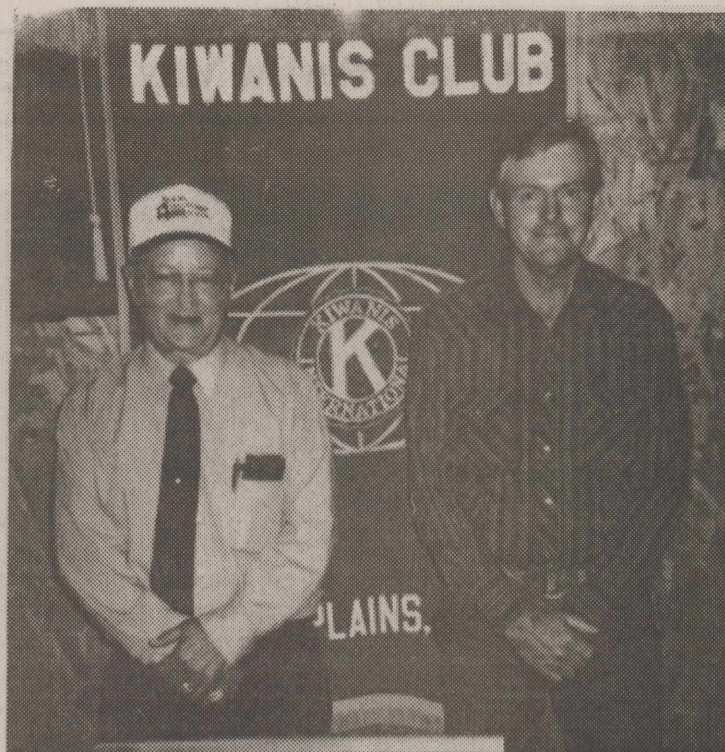
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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS —Kiwanis program chairman, Rolan Jones (left) and Darrell Hargrove, who presented the program on The Scientific Breeding, Raising and Management of Whitetail Deer and the importance of hunting the local economy.

Retirement Reception for Patsy Walker at Rising Star May 8th

Patsy Walker will be honored with a retirement reception, Thursday, May 8, at the One Source Health Center in Rising Star. The reception is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to come by and wish Patsy good fortune in her retirement. Patsy started in the medical profession in Odessa with Dr. Billy Payne in 1959 and was employed by him until 1964. She started working for Dr. Billy T. Carpenter and Norma in 1972 until 1994, when Dr. Carpenter retired, and Dr. Shannon (Charles) Childers took over. In 1996, Brownwood Regional Medical Center purchased the clinic and she again stayed on.

Now she is employed by Dr. JoAnne Paulk, Dr. Billy T. Carpenter's daughter. Patsy is a lady with an abundance of knowledge and has seen health care change dramatically over the years. She intends to enjoy her children, Deanna Brown of Abilene, Susan Plourde of Connecticut and Jeanny Williams of Abilene, as well as her eight grandchildren, and her daughter-in-law, Angie Walker Goodman of Mount Bellview. Everyone at One Source Health Center wishes Patsy well in her retirement, and hopes she knows she will be truly missed.

Local Couple's Grandson Completes Navy OCS

April 29, 2003 (FHTNC)—Navy Ensign Jon M. Zedlitz, grandson of Fred and Dorothy Zedlitz of Rising Star, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. During the 13-week-long training program, Zedlitz received extensive instruction on a variety of specialized subjects including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management. Zedlitz also completed a demanding daily physical fitness program that

involved running, swimming and calisthenics. In addition, Zedlitz and fellow OCS graduates received leadership training and instruction on the importance of the Navy's core values—honor, courage and commitment; and how their meaning impacts the personal and professional conduct of the men and women serving in the Navy around the world. Zedlitz is a 1993 graduate of Georgetown High School of Georgetown, Texas and joined the Navy in June 1993. He is a 2002 graduate of New School University, New York with a BS degree.

Hospice of the Big Country offers volunteer training

Hospice of the Big Country is looking for new volunteers to join their volunteer program. Due to an increase in patient referrals, they are offering volunteer training for volunteers in Abilene and the Clyde area. Training sessions will begin on Thursday, May 8, and continue for the next two weeks on Tuesday and Thursday (13th, 15th, 20th, and 22nd) evenings. The classes will be held at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center boardroom from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. The classes are open to all interested persons, however preregistration is required so that there will be enough notebooks and materials for everyone.

All Hospice volunteers are required to complete hospice volunteer training. The training program is a series of classes designed to educate hospice volunteers about hospice care and all the ministries involved in being a volunteer for terminally ill patients. Some of the topics that will be covered include ethics, communication skills, the disease process, stages of death and dying, care and comfort measures, grief and bereavement, and spirituality in death. The trainers for each topic are all specialists in their field.

"A hospice volunteer's time commitment is flexible, just like the services he or she provides," said Jo Ann Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator. "Services range from providing companionship for patients and their families, to running errands and providing respite care. Volunteers are a

very important part of our program," she said. There are currently 90 volunteers who help Hospice of the Big Country meet its mission. HOBC has volunteer programs in Abilene, Eastland County, and Coleman County.

Hospice of the Big Country was established in 1992 and serves terminally ill patients in Abilene and eleven surrounding counties. Hospice of the Big Country provides the coordinated services of a team of professionals and trained volunteers with a personalized plan of care. Each patient's team consists of the medical director, a nurse(s), social worker, chaplain, home health aid, and volunteer. Under the direction of the patient's physician and the hospice medical director, the hospice team works together to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care to the patient and family. HOBC provides care for cancer as well as noncancerous diagnoses. Over 1800 patients and families have been served by Hospice of the Big Country since its inception.

In April 2000, Hospice of the Big Country merged with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Hospice of the Big Country accepts all terminally ill patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Call Jo Ann Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator, in Abilene at 325-793-5450, for more information or to reserve your place in the classes. There is no charge for the training, and a light meal will be provided at each session. Preregistration is required.

Sagerton homecoming set May 24-25

The Sagerton Homecoming has been set for Saturday, May 24 and May 25, 2003 at the Sagerton Community Center. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. This is the fourteenth homecoming; the first homecoming was held on July 4, 1954 and the last homecoming was in 2000.

Clancy Lehrmann is chairman for this year's homecoming. Others on the steering committee are J. D. Kupatt, vice-chairman, Mrs. Charles Clark, secretary-treasurer, Charles Clark, finance chairman, Delbert LeFevre, program chairman, Joyce LeFevre, publicity chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney, food chairpersons. The committee has appointed other interested persons to assist.

Special recognition will be given to all veterans. A homecoming queen will also be crowned. Since no tickets are sold for the Sunday lunch, registration is necessary. Donations will be needed to defray expenses. Contact Mrs. Charles Clark, (940-997-2680) for reservations. Registration cards will be sent to those who live outside a 50-mile radius of Sagerton.

Activities have been planned by the Homecoming Committee. For those who would like to see the "old" and "new" places in the Sagerton Community, there will be bus tours on Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. a sandwich supper will be served. Registration will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday and lunch will be served at noon. A short program will be held in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories plans Memorial Day ceremony May 26

To honor our veterans, Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories Cemetery and Crematory extends an invitation to the public to their first annual Memorial Day ceremony Saturday, May 26, 2003. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories Cemetery and Crematory located at 5601 Highway 277 in Abilene. Hot dogs and drinks will be served complimentary of Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories Cemetery and Crematory. For further information contact Ralph Rodriguez at 893-2678.

Dr. Cleatus Rattan Selected Poet Laureate of Texas for 2004

The Cultural Committee of the Texas House of Representatives recently selected Dr. Cleatus Rattan as Poet Laureate of Texas for 2004.

Dr. Rattan, a full-time English instructor at Cisco Junior College, said that his greatest pleasure in receiving this award comes from being thought of as being in the same class of persons he is following as Poet Laureate. "In 2003, for instance, Jack Myers, the Director of Creative Writing at my old school, SMU, is the Poet Laureate. The year before Jack, Walt McDonald from Texas Tech was the choice," Dr. Rattan said, adding that it is daunting to be in their company.

The first Texas State Poet Laureate was designated in February of 1932. Since that time each Legislature has appointed a commission to select a Poet Laureate. This tradition is an opportunity for the state to recognize an individual for his or her achievements and representation of Texas through poetry.

Dr. Rattan does not know who nominated him, but he said that it is a wonderful honor to have been selected.

In addition to being named Poet Laureate, Dr. Rattan has also received numerous awards for his poetry. In 2002 he received The New Texas Poetry Award and The Texas Review Poetry Award, and his book, *The Border*, was published by *The Texas Re-*

view. He was also selected as a finalist in the Bright Hills national poetry competition. More than 300 of his individual poems have appeared in magazines and journals published throughout the United States.

The Border is Dr. Rattan's third book of poetry, but he is also a well-known essayist. "In addition, I often try to write short stories, but one rarely finds one of my attempts at creative prose in print -- a few here and there, nothing more."

I have been writing poetry since I attended a reading given at SMU by Jack Myers in 1978. I have long thought that being a poet is all, but that to be known as a poet is not nearly so important. I suspect that most poetry is cathartic for poets," he stated.

Dr. Rattan holds a B.S. in psychology and an M.Ed. in secondary English from Hardin-Simmons University. His third master's degree is from SMU -- an M.L.A. (Master of Liberal Arts) in philosophy and history. He earned his doctorate in the college teaching of English from Texas A & M University--Commerce in 1982. Dr. Rattan began teaching English at CJC in 1969, after teaching four years at MacArthur High School in Irving.

Dr. Rattan and his wife Connie live in Cisco, and Dr. Rattan said that he plans to continue writing until he gets it right.

PERSONAL

Gloria Holdsworth, sister of Ruby Lee of Cross Plains, called to inform her that their brother, Larry Forc of Topka, Kansas, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Larry is employed as a taxi driver and has returned to work at this time.

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Winners Announced at Recent Paint and Palette Art Show

There was a good variety of paintings in the exhibit at the Cross Plains Paint and Palette Art Show (in conjunction with the Garden Club Flower Show), but not as many as entries as last year. This allowed the faithful participants a greater amount of prize money. Perhaps more art clubs and others will join next year. Many observers made lots of nice comments. They were pleased to see the new sculpture exhibit by Tom Dunn of Cross Plains.

Mrs. LaJuan Killion, the judge, commented that the artwork was very good.

Everyone had a good time.

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the following businesses: West Texas Butane Company; Ray's Barber Shop; Sanders Custom Tile; Texas Heritage Bank; Food Plaza; Subway; Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Inc.; and Village Market. They are grateful to Bob Powell and Rex Beggs for

putting up the panels to hold the pictures and then taking them down. Many thanks to LaJuan Killion and club members for hanging pictures, and Peggy Brock, who assisted in record-keeping and hanging pictures.

The results are as follows:

Best of Show—Fall Barn Scene - Virginia Callaway, Trophy - \$85

Professional - Still Life

1st Place - Window with Vase - Betty Beggs - \$50

2nd Place - Roses and Bowls - Leona Gary - \$30

3rd Place - Poinsettia - Betty Beggs - \$15

Professional - Landscape

1st Place - Old Home - Betty Beggs - \$50

2nd Place - Cliffs - James McKinney - \$30

3rd Place - Trees - Betty Beggs - \$15

Professional - Portraits

1st Place - Granddaughters - Leona Gary - \$50

2nd Place - Granddaughter (Little Miss Mischief) - Betty Beggs - \$30

Advanced Amateurs - Still Life

1st Place - Geese - Kathy Andrews - \$50

2nd Place - Orchid - Lois Vaughn - \$30

3rd Place - Horse and Colt - Lois Vaughn - \$15

Advanced Amateur - Portraits

1st Place - Indian Girl - Lois Vaughn - \$50

2nd Place - Horse - Kathy Andrews - \$30

3rd Place - Mom and Pop - Lois Vaughn - \$15

Amateurs - Landscapes

1st Place - Fall Barn Scene - Virginia Callaway - \$50

2nd Place - Yucca Plant - Mary Moore - \$30

3rd Place - Horse in Snow - Virginia Callaway - \$15

Honorable Mention - Yellow Landscape - Peggy Brock - Ribbon

Honorable Mention - Western Landscape - Mickie Dillard - Ribbon

Brian Robinson Honored as Student Organizations Man of the Year Award

Brian Robinson, a sophomore at Southwest Texas State University, was honored recently with the Student Organizations Man of the Year Award.

Brian, a 2001 graduate of Clyde High School, is the son of Bob & Cookie Robinson.

Brian is majoring in Business Administration at SWT. He is currently treasurer of Student Ambassadors, Presidential Host, and a Marketing Director of the Athletic Dept. Brian works at the Visitors Center on campus conducting tours of the University.

During the summer, Brian works as an Orientation Assistant with new student-parent orientation at Southwest Texas State University.

District 4-H Roundup Winners Announced

Angelo State University played host to some 500 youth, their parents, adult volunteers, and Extension personnel during the annual District 7 4-H Roundup May 3.

Texas Cooperative Extension sponsors the annual activity for 4-H youth in the District's 23 counties. Roundup is the final step in a series of contest held in various areas of the District in recent months.

The event consists of 38 contests meant to test the skills of 4-Hers from 8-19 years old. Contest events ranged from shooting sports to public speaking. The annual event lets 4-Hers compare their skills with those of others and to their personal past performances.

Senior winners in the May 3rd event qualify for Texas 4-H Roundup June 9-13 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station. To qualify for state, individuals or teams must have placed first or second in the District Senior Division for youth 14-19 years old. Juniors don't compete past the district level.

From Callahan County Michelle Robbins of Baird 4-H placed 1st with her demonstration in the clothing & Textiles category. Rebecca Hamilton of Eula 4-H placed 3rd with her illustrated talk in the Natural Resource category. Ivy Byram of Baird 4-H placed 4th in the Share-the-Fun vocal category. These individuals represented Callahan County at this year's contest and they all did a great job!

Submitted by Robert Priz County Extension Agent-Ag

HOWARD HAPPENINGS

BY LEO GRIN

"A Howardian Remembrance of Jack Scott"

By Rusty Burke

Jack Scott of Cross Plains, died in an Austin hospital on January 5, 2003. His passing was a loss not only for the town of Cross Plains, but also for his many friends in Robert E. Howard studies. Cross Plains residents may not know that it was a young Jack Scott who raced over to the Howard House on June 11, 1936 to cover the tragic story of Howard's death for the *Cross Plains Review*. That event began a sixty-seven year relationship between Jack and the admirers of Robert E. Howard.

As the years went by, that relationship only grew stronger. Jack's eye for anything that might benefit Cross Plains economically led him to recognize the possibilities in the town's most famous author. He was frequently interviewed about Howard for books, magazines, and newspapers, and Jack himself wrote a number of Howard-related articles for the *Review*.

I first met Jack in 1986, when I led several members of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association on a visit to Cross Plains. I was living in Houston at the time, and I became a frequent visitor to Howard's home town, seeking to talk with anyone who could help me learn more about the Howards and the history of Cross Plains. Jack was enormously helpful. He patiently wrote out answers to scores of questions I sent him about people and events mentioned by Howard in his letters. Many of the annotations in Howard's two-volume *Selected Letters* were based on information supplied by Jack.

One time Jack cut short a golf game in order to keep an appointment to meet me at the Howard House. He didn't tell me about the game, he just said he had come straight from the golf course. But later I sure heard about it from the other fellows whose game had been cut short! But that was Jack—he had said he'd meet me, and he did.

Though he was only three years younger than Robert E. Howard,

Jack always emphasized that he did not know Bob particularly well, other than as Dr. Howard's son. They simply moved in different circles and had little contact. One of the few times they did talk, however, was quite memorable. Howard—apparently upset with an article he thought had failed to give his mother due credit—stormed into the offices of the *Cross Plains Review* and demanded that his family's subscription be cancelled! (Dr. Howard stopped by the next day and reinstated it.)

While Jack didn't have much contact with Bob, Dr. Howard was a different matter: Jack clearly loved the old man and could spend hours regaling listeners with stories about him. In fact, Jack could spend hours regaling listeners with stories about anything. He was not a person you had to draw out, to say the least. Some of the stories about Dr. Howard were recounted in L. Sprague de Camp's Howard biography *Dark Valley Destiny*, but no one who ever heard them straight from Jack—told with a twinkle in his eye and admiration for the old doctor plain in his voice—ever forgot them.

Jack was a goldmine of information about the town of Cross Plains during Howard's time. For example, it is largely to him that I owe much of my knowledge of the town's oil booms. Having been personally involved in oil exploration he could really make it all come alive, taking care to explain the more technical details in understandable language.

On one memorable afternoon, Jack offered to drive me around town and point out where various buildings had been located during the 1920s and 1930s. So we climbed into Jack's pickup and set out, with me ready to mark each place down on my map. I soon noticed that every time Jack started pointing out things and telling stories, he stopped paying keen attention to the road. He would sometimes just come to a dead stop wherever he happened to be, even if right in the middle of the road, in order to show me something. Before long I got the impression that other people in town had recognized Jack's truck

—drivers seemed to be giving him a wide berth, and several even pulled over until we'd passed. Jack's storytelling and our erratic progress continued, until soon I had forgotten all about my map and was instead giving thanks that the streets of Cross Plains were wide! Novalyne Ellis, Howard's girlfriend and the subject of the movie *The Whole Wide World* once told me that Howard's driving while telling stories had sometimes made her nervous, too. So perhaps such driving is merely an occupational hazard of the raconteur.

The eulogy for Jack published on the front page of the *Cross Plains Review*, January 9, 2003 remarked: "He leaves behind a wealth of gifts, not the least of which will be the memory of his fun loving personality and his zest and enthusiasm for life, history, words, story telling, competition, business investing, writing and games. He had many unique attributes including a remarkable memory with the rare trait of finding something interesting in every individual he ever met...and never forgetting a single detail about any one of them."

Fun, zest, enthusiasm, finding something interesting in everyone: I cannot say it any better. Jack included everyone around him in the conversation, going out of his way to draw in even the most shy newcomer. No one was a stranger to him after their first meeting. He leaves behind him any friends, not only in Cross Plains, but also among Howard fans around the world.

Rusty Burke is a twenty-three year member of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association. He is series editor for the Robert E. Howard Library of Classics, and has published many articles and essays on Howard in various books and magazines. It was Rusty who organized the REHupa visit to Cross Plains in 1986 that became the first of the now-annual Robert E. Howard Days.

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Farmers, ranchers urged to maintain a heightened awareness

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today urged Texas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses to maintain heightened awareness and vigilance for any unusual activity around their farms, ranches or businesses in light of the Level Orange national threat alert.

"With Operation Liberty Shield in place to increase security and readiness in the United States, Texas agriculture must be ready to do its part to make certain our industry and America's food supply are safe," Combs said. "Any assault on American agriculture would be a highly destructive force that could be used against our country."

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Combs put together the Texas Food Security Coalition, a 57-member coalition of agricultural and commodity groups, to keep the agricultural industry informed of any potential problems or threats.

In a letter to the coalition, Combs said, "While we have been vigilant in the past, now is the time for everyone in agriculture to be even more so. Producers and businesses along the border especially need to be on the watch for any unusual activity."

Combs also reminded producers about appropriate security measures. These include:

- Maintain a list of all emergency contacts and numbers and post these throughout your operation.
- Review internal security, safety procedures and provide training to employees.
- Report to local authorities all

suspicious activities, vehicles or persons.

- Report to local authorities all threats against personnel and facilities.

- Report to local authorities all thefts, inventory shortages or missing products that could pose a public health or safety risk.

- Report to local authorities all burglaries, sabotage to facilities or equipment, and all vandalism or activities that may pose a safety or security risk.

- Report any missing blank documentation or identification cards such as shipping forms.

- If you notice an unusual occurrence of animal diseases, contact your local veterinarian and the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242.

- Agricultural aviators should contact local authorities if they notice suspicious activity.

In addition, Combs is encouraging all pesticide dealers and applicators to reevaluate their storage practices and pesticide-use procedures and report any suspicious activities or requests immediately to the local authorities.

As a show of support for our troops overseas, Combs wants farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses all across Texas to display the American flag on their fences, gate posts and in their businesses.

"American agriculture is strong, and we must maintain our united efforts," Combs said. "I know that Texas farmers and ranchers will be a vital part in defending our safe and reliable food supply."

IT'S A BOY!



Roger and Michelle Rudloff of Mansfield announce the new addition to their family, **Hunter Kenneth Rudloff**. Hunter was born on February 23, 2003 at 6:41 a.m., weighing 5 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandmother is Lurene McNutt of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are the late Byron and Louise Richardson. Paternal grandparents are Kenneth Rudloff of Stephenville and Nora Odom of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Dollie Boyd and the late Dudley Boyd of Brownwood and Wright and Verna Price of Early.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, sent your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service.

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Project Pride Work Day Saturday, May 10th "Come Help"

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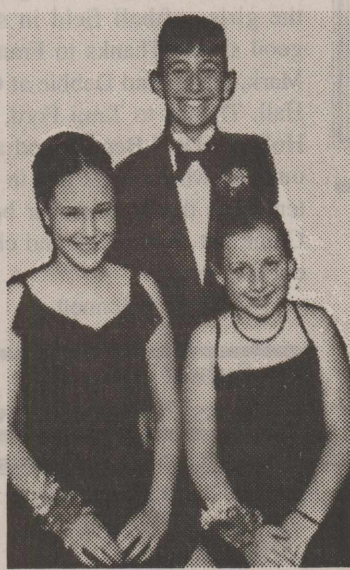
Lunch will be provided at noon and you are invited, but please call (254) 725-6498 before Saturday, to be counted.

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HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL PLAYERS - Coby Richards, Joseph Turner and Zach Edgington are pictured with the residents of the Horizon Home for boys in Goldthwaite. Also pictured is Benji Switzer. He and his wife, Lana serve as house parents and counselors for the facility.

Multi-County Wheat Tour set for May 9

The annual Multi-County Wheat tour will be held on Friday, May 9 beginning at the Taylor County Demonstrations Plots on Highway 351 Northeast of Abilene. The tour will then travel to the Callahan Count Plots located north of Eula on CR 250. The field day is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Producers will have the opportunity to view the variety plots, and receive the latest update on the current wheat crop situation. In addition to the viewing of the variety plots, Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo will discuss the topic of weed control for 2003. Dr. Warrick will review the herbicides available and explain how producers can avoid the weed problems occurring this growing season.

Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist from San Angelo will be on hand to give an overview on insect pest and their control. Dr. Chip Lee, Extension Plant Pathologist from Stephenville will be present to address the group concerning the impact of stripe rust and other wheat diseases noted this year.

The tour will conclude with an industry-sponsored lunch at the Eula Lions Club. At this location Billy Henderson with the Texas Department of Agriculture will give an update on Texas Herbicide Laws and Regulations and Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist from San Angelo will discuss the wheat price outlook.

Three CEU's will be awarded to holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture Applicators License.

If attending, contact the Extension Office in Taylor County 672-6048, Callahan County 854-1518 or Shackelford County 762-2232.

Disaster money still available in County for drought stricken businesses

FORT WORTH—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has extended the filing deadline for businesses to apply for low-interest disaster loans located in the states of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought that occurred on various dates from January 1, 2001, and continuing.

It is common for many states to request via the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) and have disasters declared separately for each individual crop year with "and continuing" designations, which ultimately results in filing deadlines within a few months after the incident period. However, with some of these declarations, the economic injury period of the agriculture dependent business does not always end before the filing deadline, due to varying business cycles and/or the time in which the disaster was declared. This situation is most notable with drought declarations beginning with the 2001 crop year. In an effort to allow equitable treatment of all agriculture dependent businesses regardless of when the 2001 crop year was declared, SBA will allow all businesses applying for assistance under a "2001 and continuing" drought declaration an extended application deadline.

This loan program will cover the impact of 2001, 2002 and 2003 crop losses as a result of the continuing drought experienced by non-farm businesses in the affected areas. This special 60 days extension will be effective from April 7 through June 6, 2003 and will include all "2001 and continuing" Secretary of Agriculture declarations with filing deadlines in 2002 and 2003. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Texas: (The following counties only) Andrews, Archer, Baylor, Borden, Brooks, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Eastland, Fisher, Foard, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Hardeman, Howard, Irion, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, La Salle, Live Oak, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Menard, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Taylor, Terry, Tom Green, Webb, Wichita, Wilbarger, Yoakum and Zavala.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners should call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) or less with terms extending to thirty (30) years.

May Trauma Awareness Month

The following article is the second in a series provided by the local Cross Plains E.M.S. to inform the community of life-saving techniques. Trauma Awareness Month is being promoted throughout the month of May; EMS Week is May 18-24. This week's article stresses the

importance of wearing seat belts. For Safety's Sake, Put Those Belts on Bones

Do you know the correct way to wear a seat belt?

You should, because a seat belt worn correctly can save your life by holding your body in place and allowing the car's safety features to protect you if you are involved in a motor vehicle collision.

"Just remember belts and bones. It's an easy way to visualize where seat belts should go," said Susan Douglass, director of the Child Health and Safety Awareness Department at University Health System in San Antonio. "A correctly-placed lap belt goes across your lower hip bones. A shoulder belt should cross your shoulder and the center of your chest."

Seat belts protect you by transmitting crash forces to the stronger parts of your body's skeletal system. The seat belt should be worn snugly across your lower hips and mid-chest, so that when the crash forces throw your body against the belt, the amount your body moves is reduced. The lap portion of the seat belt should be worn across the lower hips, with the shoulder portion crossing over the center of your chest and shoulder. The

seat belt should help position car occupants in a way that fully maximizes the protective capabilities of any other vehicle safety features, such as air bags. Seat belts also protect the car occupants by holding the driver in position behind the steering wheel, affording more possibilities for the driver to gain control of the vehicle.

While seat belts can protect you during a crash, injuries can actually be caused by a seat belt, if it is worn incorrectly. The lap belt should never be worn over the abdomen, because the forces from a crash can cause serious injuries in the abdomen's soft tissue areas and spinal cord. And special care should be taken to assure that the shoulder belt does not cross over the throat or face, because these areas can be injured quite badly by the belt itself during a crash.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for those ages 0-44 years and one of the major causes of injury and disability in the United States. By correctly using seat belts (and securing those children into child passenger seats and booster seats), you will most likely be able to reduce injuries.

For more information, contact Cross Plains E.M.S. at (254) 725-4350.

Rowden-Bayou Homecoming Saturday, June 7

Rowden-Bayou Homecoming is set for Saturday, June 7, at 12 noon at the home of Les and Faye Henderson, 1702 Alamo, Clyde (2 blocks east of the Clyde water tower).

The meal will be served in Les' shop. The brisket will be prepared by Dale and Les and Faye will provide the beans. Everyone else is requested to bring a covered dish.

Please call Dale and Pat Gibbs (915) 672-2522; Les and Faye Henderson (915) 893-3550, Katie Dunn (915) 854-2403 by May 20th if you plan to attend.

Mental health matters every day

According to Robbye Plummer, Director of Planning and Public Relations at the Betty Hardwick Center, mental health is critical for everyone's well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses.

Plummer said that it's easy for parents to identify children's physical needs - like food, safe housing, plenty of sleep and exercise - but children's emotional needs may not be as obvious. Here are some tips to help support a child's mental health:

- Communicate.
- Give unconditional love.
- Nurture confidence and self-esteem.
- Encourage children to play.
- Give appropriate guidance and discipline.
- Provide a safe and secure environment.
- Seek professional help, when needed.

Adults can help their mental health every day by doing the following:

- Relax and reenergize.
- Surround yourself with supportive people.
- Help others.
- Take care of your body.
- Value yourself.
- Broaden your horizons.
- Make a plan every week to do these things.

To learn more about mental health or to seek help, contact the Betty Hardwick Center at 325-690-5100 or visit www.bhcmhmr.org.

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