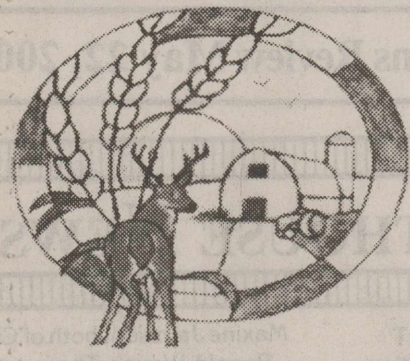


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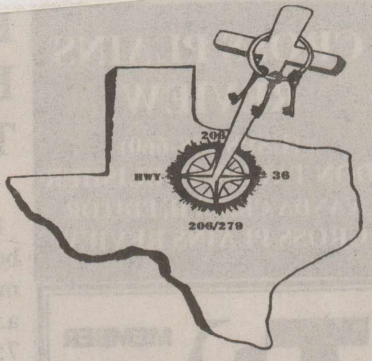


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MEMORIAL DAY

Honoring Their Memory

Pioneer Memorial Day Observance Monday, May 26

Editor's Note: The following patriotic poem was brought to my attention by Peggy Baker of Cross Plains. The celebration of Memorial Day seemed the perfect time to share this with our readers. Let's take this time to honor all the military personnel who gave their lives to keep us free. Make your Memorial Day weekend a safe one and remember the sacrifice so many made.
Vanda Anderson Creech

"I Am the Flag of the United States of America"

I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.

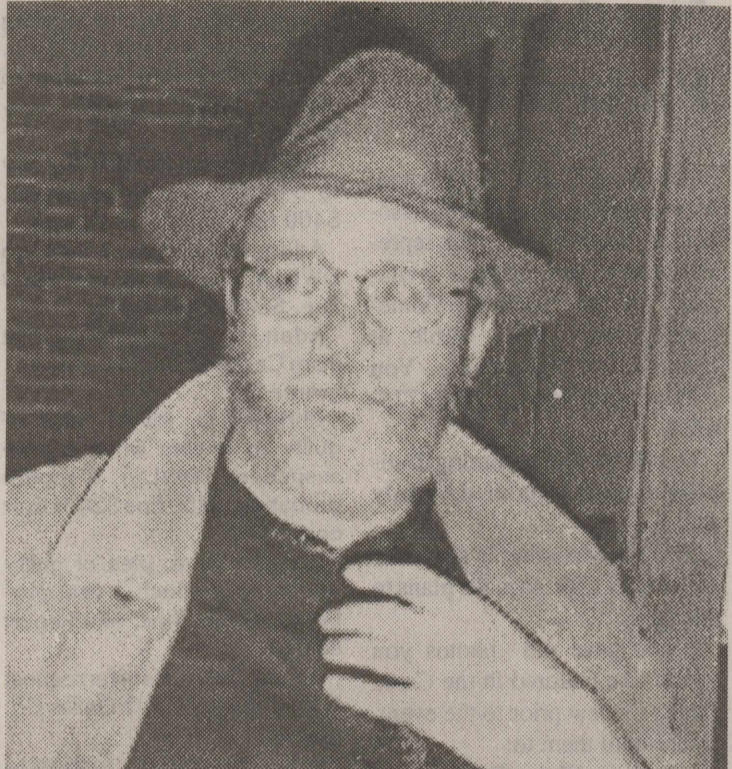
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
my head is a little higher,
my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa.
The people of Korea, Vietnam and Kuwait know me as a banner of freedom.
I was there.
I led my troops,
I was dirty, battleworn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me
And I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and trampled
on the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my countryman,
When I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER — Don Herron (photo courtesy of Stacey Irvine)

Make Plans to Attend Howard Days Activities

Don Herron of San Francisco, California, a pioneer figure in modern Howard studies and editor of the landmark volume of Robert E. Howard criticism, "The Dark Barbarian", will be the keynote speaker for a banquet on Friday evening, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center. The banquet is a part of the annual two-day celebration held each year as Cross Plains remembers one of its own, Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan, the Barbarian, and a number of other fantasy characters.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 each and may be purchased at Texas Heritage Bank, Cross Plains Public Library from any member of Project Pride. If this is not convenient, you may call (254) 725-6498 or (254) 725-6562 and arrangements can be made. A silent auction will be conducted at the banquet and books by noted authors and other items, not available anywhere

else, will be offered. The Howard House will be open for tours with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. both Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14. Howard enthusiasts from all over the nation and some foreign countries will be here and Project Pride invites you to join them in hosting this event. Panel discussions and other activities are scheduled under the pavilion. Details will be available at registration. Still more information can be obtained on the following websites, <http://www.donherron.com> and click on Guest of Honor or <http://www.rehupa.com> and click on Howard Days 2003.

A special postal cancellation will be available at the Post Office from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Saturday. The Public Library will also be open on Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for viewing of original Howard manuscripts and books. Some items may be purchased.

C.P. Cemetery Association to Meet Wednesday, May 28

The Cross Plains Cemetery Association will meet at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 28th, at the

City Hall. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

TESTING SCHEDULE		
Wednesday, May 28	Thursday, May 29	Friday, May 30
8:00-8:55 Study Hall	8:00-8:55 Study Hall	8:00-8:55 Study Hall
9:00-10:30 Test, per. 1	9:00-10:30 Test, per. 2	9:00-10:30 Test, per. 7
10:35-10:50 Break	10:35-10:50 Break	10:35-10:50 Break
10:55-12:15 Test, per. 3	10:55-12:15 Test, per. 4	10:55-12:15 Test, per. 8
12:15-12:45 Lunch	12:15-12:45 Lunch	12:15-12:45 Lunch
1:00-2:30 Test, per. 5	1:00-2:30 Test, per. 6	Buses run at 12:50
Buses run at 2:40	Buses run at 2:40	Semester, Wrap-up

FREE

Concert at City Hall this Saturday

The citizens of Cross Plains and surrounding areas are cordially invited to come to the Gazebo, next to City Hall this Saturday, May 24th, at 3:00 p.m. to be a part of the "Keys To The Kingdom Concert".

We will be worshipping Jesus in spirit, truth and song. Local musicians from area churches, as well as musicians from other parts of Texas will be gathered to exalt and praise His Holy Name. Christians from all churches will be represented and joined together as different, yet essential parts of His Body, each expressing worship for who He is.

So whether you attend a church or not, you're welcome to stop by, bring your lawn chairs, and experience this historic event. Sponsors will be providing free hot dogs, chips and drinks!
Submitted by Deborah Lowitzer

Project Graduation Is Rapidly Approaching

Project Graduation is a drug, alcohol and tobacco free party for the Seniors and a guest of their choice. The Cross Plains High School Seniors will be celebrating Friday, May 31, immediately following graduation exercises at the First United Methodist Church.

The all-night party is a fun-filled time with lots of good food, prizes, music, games and movies. All Seniors are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. You may come at anytime, but once there, you cannot leave and then return.

Prizes are given away about every 15 minutes all night long and you must be present to win!! If anyone would like to donate to Project Graduation it's not too late. A \$5 or \$10 donation is a nice gift and can really add up. Individuals are encouraged to donate if you like.

See you Seniors Friday night after graduation exercises! Congratulations!!!
Submitted by Connie Kirkham

The Pioneer Memorial Day Observance is planned for 12:00 noon on Monday, May 26th. The program was changed from the normal morning program to accommodate previous schedules of the speaker. The speaker for this year will be Russ Gill of Abilene. Mr. Gill has served as speaker recently at troop support rallies and other patriotic meetings, and served as an Air Force pilot in Desert Storm. We feel the community is very fortunate to have Mr. Gill as speaker for this year's event.

The program will begin with Sheila Rhyne of Cross Plains singing the National Anthem as the flag is raised from half staff to full staff. Many other local and area residents will have special

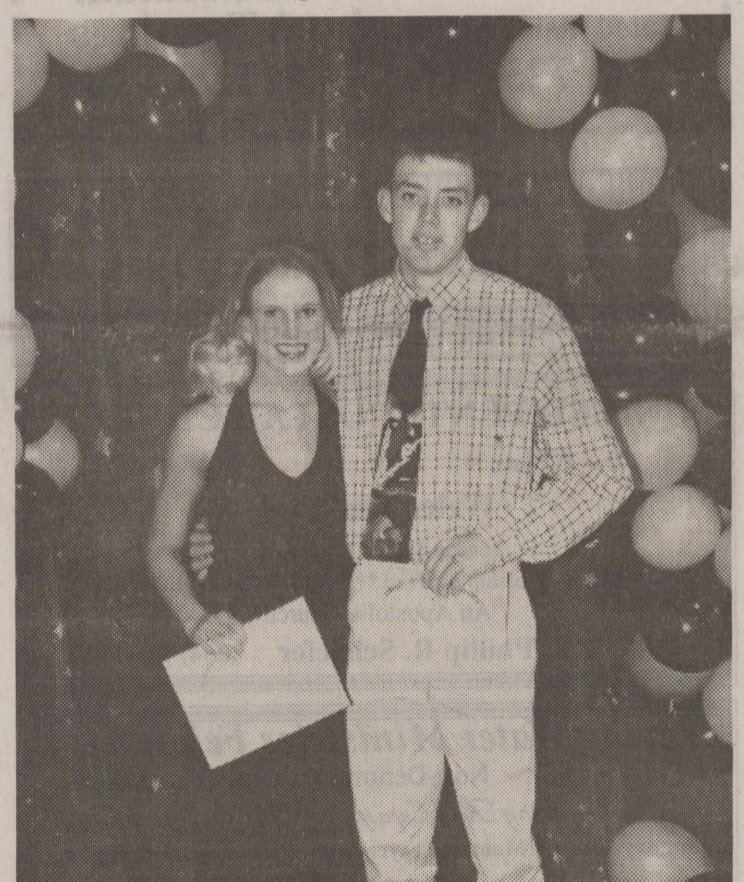
parts on the program, which will last about one hour. Kandra Poole of Cross Plains will conclude the Memorial Day program with the playing of TAPS.

The program will be held in the shade of the large pecan trees just south of the flagpole and War Memorial at the Cemetery on Highway 36.

Some seating will be provided, but guests are ask to bring their own lawn chairs. In case of rain, the program will move to the tabernacle approximately 1/2 mile north near the Baptist Church.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program while volunteers are placing flags on veteran's grave sites.

Submitted by Jim Fleming



ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2002/2003 — Ashley Cook and Chris Harris

ATWELL Homecoming Saturday, May 26th

The Atwell Homecoming and Cemetery Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 25, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Atwell Shelter.

The program committee for this year is Eddie Fay Dillard, Grady Scott and Reggie Pillans. All who attend are asked to bring a covered dish or dishes consisting of meat, vegetables, salads or desserts. The bread, drinks and ice will be furnished by the association. The food will be spread together for lunch.

Ribbon Cutting TNT Fina

A Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for Tuesday May 27, at 10:00 a.m. for TNT Fina. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event as they welcome Clarence Tennon to the community of businesses.

All Chamber of Commerce board members are urged to attend.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Notes: The Cross Plains Garden Club is on hiatus now until September of 2003. Personally, I need to get some work accomplished on my yard, this being laid up for over a year has really gotten me behind on my flower beds as well as my herb bed. I guess I'll be playing catch-up for the rest of the summer.

"Summer Fun is Cool"

It's beginning to look a lot like summer. The mesquites are waving their lacy leaves in the evening breeze.

Summers are a lot of fun and a lot of work, too. The gardens to be tended—three gardens 1. Vegetable 2. Herb 3. Flowers

Plus there are lawns to be moved, edged, shrubs to be trimmed, trees to be watered and leaves and blowing-in-trash and debris to be raked.

The part, however, that I like best of summer, is the fun! One summer activity I always enjoyed was bicycling, I learned to ride a bicycle in the best place in the world, Cross Plains, Texas. There were not many roads here: paved. The road we lived on and most other roads at the time were sandy with really white sand. My dad would hold the bike up by the carrier seat (the seat in back where you carried your passenger); then when you got on the bike and started pedaling, he would run alongside, when he thought you were going good, he'd turn loose, not realizing he had turned loose, we'd keep on pedaling. Eventually we gained enough confidence to just go ride it by ourself. I bet my Dad was

really grateful when we finally could ride by ourself.

Another fun thing to do in summer is water sports. Boat rides, swimming, water skiing, also nowadays lots of people have that water-ski that your ride (looks similar to a three-wheeler). Fishing also is enjoyed in the summer.

Other summer fun are community picnics, fairs, and baseball games. Summer is also a great time to eat ice cream, popsicles, sno-cones and such. A great treat to us was always cutting open several watermelons and eating all you wanted. Meanwhile all that watermelon juice was dripping off you chin clear down to your belly. I can just feel it now. It was so cool and tasty. Some like to eat salt on their watermelon, some preferred it without salt. Some like red-meated, though others like the yellow-meated variety even better. There were different ways to eat it also. Cut it into wedges, eat it like sandwich in mid-air, or place the wedge on a plate and eat it with a fork. Cut it into hunks, rind on, or cut into hunks, rind off. There were twenty some-odd of us cousins and the way I liked it best was cut the watermelons in half, give 3 or 4 kids a half watermelon and spoons. O-ooo-oh, it was so good! I can just taste it now! Of course, by the time you got home, you were practically marinated in watermelon juice.

Mama would have to break out that ol' galvanized tub, and start dipping and scrubbing kids in it, almost assembly-line style. I said nearly.

Move on over Jancey, you're crowding me plum out of this tub and give me back my soap, too!

PIONEER NEWS

Attention! Do not forget the upcoming Pioneer and sounding community reunion on June 14 at the Cross Plains Community Center. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you.

The quilting ladies had a profitable day on Tuesday. We are about finished with Lessie's "flower squares". Sandy's outside quilt is a "string" top. Her hostess top in a "pin wheel". They all are very pretty.

Miss Jurnee Thomas of our community had her dance recital in Cisco Sunday. She wore a red tutu and looked very beautiful. She did a fantastic performance. She is the daughter of Travis and Kim Thomas and the proud grandparents of Harold and Ophelia Merrill. Jurnee will be going to 1st grade soon. Also performing in the recital was Blake, granddaughter of Jerry and Shirley Smith. Blake wore a red tutu and looked very pretty. All the parents and grandparents were very proud of these young ladies.

Earlene and Jessica were in Brownwood Sunday. They had a Mother's Day dinner at James and Cindy Fuller's. Another daughter, Dee Ann Chisholm and her husband, Andrew, and their son, Cameron, were there. Andrew's parents, Henry and Morya Chisholm, also attended. James and Cindy gave them a patio set, two wicker rockers and a glass top table. They are so appreciated. Want it be nice to have coffee outside on these nice mornings!

Glenda went to Krista's band concert on Thursday. Krista plays with the fifth and sixth graders. They did a really good job. Glenda and Howard had dinner with Allen, Janice and family on Mother's Day. Kali cooked hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Glenda received a beautiful begonia plant from Glen Dale and family for Mother's Day. She is really proud of it and proud of all her children.

Frankie Smith, along with Freddy and Maudine Blount, attended the Coleman musical. Frankie was surprised by her daughters, Shirley Haroldson and Roxie Nance on Mother's Day.

They took her out to lunch. A good time was had by all. Monday night, Frankie went with Jay, Ernestine and Laquitta Rankin. They attended a church meeting at Sweetwater. They had great preaching, music and food.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton's children hosted a Mother's Day supper last Friday evening for their mother. They gathered at Lynn and Pam's house for the occasion. Two grandchildren, Samantha and Anthony were present. Laverne certainly enjoyed being with their children. It was a wonderful Mother's Day.

Mother's Day turned out real well for Olena Ezzell. Two of her grandchildren graduated from college on Saturday. Cullen Dean Ezzell (Benny's son) graduated from Howard Payne University at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and Courtney Catherine graduated from Tarleton University at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. All the families are very proud of these children. Willie and Brenda came in from California; Skipper and Roberta came from Fort Worth and Linda Worley of Hewitt, Janet Murphree, Sidney, Ann and Olena of Rising Star and Mrs. Winnie Stokes of Brownwood, and others attended the graduation exercises. Bryan and Lisa from Iowa Park went to Stephenville to help their daughter find a pickup and managed to see part of the family. So, Olena saw all her children over the weekend. Becky, Janet, Doc, Linda and Anna had dinner at Olena's Sunday. What a great get-together!

Charlene Chesshir had a wonderful Mother's Day. Her daughters, Christy and Nancy, came home. They all went to church together. The girls brought lunch for them. Charlene really enjoyed that. It made her day, girls! They also left in time for her to get in a nap before church. Wasn't that thoughtful! It is so dry that Charlene is having to water the garden, but it is still growing. We like the sound of that! Jim was down doing his usual things and planting milo and sunflower seeds. Keep up the good work, Jim!

Words of Wisdom: We are always getting ready to live, but never living. Emerson

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Cottonwood Musical Attracts New Band

Shorty Stout and his band of musicians delighted a Cottonwood audience with their style and rendition of popular country western music last Friday night, according to several regular members of that crowd of devotees. "They were very good and had a great singer, although, I can't remember his name," remarked one listener. "I do hope they come back," she said.

Meeting the night before last week's musical, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Fighters enjoyed a good attendance as they tuned equipment and discussed future plans.

I had occasion a few days ago to sit with Isla Stroud on her front porch and get better acquainted. It turns out that X.L. Stroud, Isla's late husband, and my brother, the late Arnett Bennett, worked together at Johnston's Truck Service in Cross Plains several years ago. Another Cottonwood member of that work-crew was Charles Waggoner. And I do remember when X.L. visited

with Arnett a few times when he managed the Cottonwood Store. So, we had this connection and it was very pleasant to sit on her porch, enjoy a very nice cool morning breeze and share our mutual delight in living in Cottonwood and going for a drive in the country-side to revive our spirits. It was a very nice visit.

Coming up this weekend will be a reunion of the Coats family. Going back to the settling of John Alexander and Angelina (Love) Coats in the Turkey Creek area of Cottonwood. Their family descendants include the Coats, Hollis, Bennetts, Tyes and Lawsons family names. The clan of the Coats will meet on Sunday, May 25, at the Cottonwood Community Center. A worship service led by four ordained minister descendants of John A. Coats will be held at 11:00 a.m. Visitors are invited to drop in to renew old friendships and make new ones.

(Please notify Wallace Bennett of any news or personal items for this column at (254) 725-7474.)

COTTONWOOD CEMETERY UPDATE

This update contains the petition I gave to the Cottonwood Historical Association on May 3, 2003. Except for my brother who owns property in Cross Plains and has his gravestone in the West cemetery where his wife is buried, every person who signed this petition came from in or around Cottonwood and those places nearby whose schools or churches were closed and became bonded with Cottonwood's and are still tied to us today in many ways—Nubbin Ridge, Burnt Creek, Turkey Creek, Deer Plains, and Cedar Bluff. The petition:

To: The Board Members of the Cottonwood Historical Association, Albert Lovell, President, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

We, the People, within the old town of Cottonwood, Texas and the Landowners nearby do hereby petition the Cottonwood Historical Association to cease permanently the use of the 4 acres (give or take a few feet) traded, exchanged and obtained on September 29, 2002 from Roger Hinkle of Cross Plains, Texas. With the 4 acres added to the present cemetery (West) of the 2 acres on CO RD 444 and CO RD 429, making a total of six acres for the West cemetery, we find this unacceptable. Because of every person's quest for "life, liberty and property," we have the rights, written and unwritten, to be free from the nuisances of the "come and go" and devaluation of property associated with a huge 6 acre graveyard on CO RD 429—a potential graveyard of more than two (2) football fields long. If accepted, it will be a nuisance of doom to this little community.

Fifty-three caring people signed this petition to stop the destruction to my property. As far as I know, it is not written in the Records of Callahan County that Cottonwood's Historical Association has the right to do abuse to anyone's property living here in Cottonwood; but harm it would be if the West cemetery became enlarged to six acres. Buying a home is like planting a tree—you're planning on the future, and very few people, if any, want a giant graveyard in their front yard. Or what would the future be for an heir of mine, such as my great-grandkids in their old age, facing 1,000 gravestones or more? That's bad enough but what you see above ground is not necessarily the worst of the nuisances to human beings. Hopefully, I can explain about the groundwater and cemeteries in two weeks! To defend our groundwater from potential pollution, we can't do it all, because, for us to live, the abundance of agriculture must exist, it must exist, but we can protect what can be protected. And that is, put cemeteries in other areas where the water table is not extra shallow, like it is here in Cottonwood. Without Cottonwood, where would Cross Plains be?

A book "Published and distributed by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation, Post Office Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087" has some rather up-to-date information concerning cemeteries and water wells. "...a well shall be located a minimum horizontal distance of 150 feet from any concentrated sources of potential contamination such as, but not limited to, existing or proposed livestock or poultry yards, CEMETERIES, pesticide mixing/loading facilities." Since the law's beginning in 1996, this silent encroachment has been virtually unknown. It crosses roads and fences alike. A person who has lands near a burial ground cannot drill a water well on his property any closer than 150 feet from the cemetery, because of the potential pollution to his or her well from the cemetery. Just in this local proposed ground for the dead on CO RD 429, there are six families affected by this ruling by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Serious! You decide how it would affect you if you couldn't have a well within 150 feet of the fence line surrounding your real estate? With a 6-acre cemetery I will have almost no rights at all to drill a well in my pecan orchard. Because of the proposed 170 ft. of new fence line with the graveyard, I would face this unholy potential contamination consuming 1.6 acres of the 2.5-acre pecan orchard. What would you do? Sue! Well maybe. But first, a peaceful solution should have its day. For there are 5 other families facing almost the same situation, some with even more damage to their property and they don't know it.

Rumor has it those illegally elected and still holding on to the Board of Directors, without a trial, have no intention of letting me see the minutes that supposedly gave the ex-President the authority to have those six Afghans, valued at \$3,500, pushed down. I wonder why? I hope you, the general public and our members wonder why, also. Just maybe the board meeting never happened, though I know not.

But what I'm really saying is something has been different here for some time, concerning democracy within the Association; and you members who voted the ayes at the last business meeting need to be reminded, though no one wants to be, an illegal handpicked board by a President doesn't promote democracy within the Cottonwood Historical Association. How can you tell your children and grandchildren democracy is America's way of doing what is right for the majority when one has ruled the day. I did not choose to make this political. To save my home, it was forced upon me. I don't wish to harm anyone, having them hate me for the rest of my life is unthinkable! I just want justice concerning the West cemetery and our water. Is that too much to ask, justice for all, including one of the major elements of our environment? What is a neighbor without compassion? I'll forgive all, if you ask? And I'll ask your forgiveness, too! Time ticks on— By Harold Strahan

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MONDAY - CLOSED FOR

MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY - Ham, Blackeyed

Peas, Zucchini & Tomatoes,

Birthday Cake, Bread, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Chicken

Strips w/gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Tapioca Pudding,

Roll, Milk

THURSDAY - Taco Bowl Sald,

Mexican Corn, Pinto Beans,

Bread Pudding w/lemon sauce,

Milk

FRIDAY - Hot Dog on Bun w/

chili, Chips, Coleslaw, Oatmeal

Cookie, Milk

Musical this Friday Night

The Cross Plains Musical will be held this Friday, May 23, at 141 South Main Street beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A Pot Luck Supper is planned, so bring some food and enjoy fellowship and a meal with everyone.

There is NO admission fee to the musical.

For further information, call (254) 442-1137.

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GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

Butterfly and Humming Bird Favorites

To select a perennial collection of plants that please hummingbirds and butterflies is a must if you wanted your garden filled with beautiful winged visitors. A good collection includes two each of the following varieties:

Aster "Patricia Ballard" pink in color, full sun

Asclepias "Ice Ballet" white in color, full sun

Heliopsis "Summer Sun" gold in color, full sun

Sedum "Tricolor" pink and white in color, full sun to part shade

Echinacea "Magnus" rose and pink in color, full sun.

These plants will grow in heights as small as 4 to 6 inches to as tall as 48 to 60 inches and will have a good long blooming season.

VETERANS NEWS

By Tom Ivey

MEMORIAL DAY 2003: Monday, May 26 will be observed as Memorial Day this year. The Day will be a holiday for many people and a day of rest from our daily toil. Please take time during the day to remember those who have served our great country and especially of those who made the supreme sacrifice to help preserve our wonderful freedoms.

Flags will be placed on the graves of our fallen in cemeteries across the county, state and nation. Please

remember the recently lost Veterans along with those of earlier years. Those answering the last call of late include Harold Baxter, USA Cross Plains, John Hello, USA Clyde, Alfred "Dooney" Newman, USA Baird/Sweetwater, Robert "Bob" Orr, USAF Clyde, Hoyt Ross, USA Clyde, Elsie Loriece Steakley, USAAF Oplin, Fieldon Strickland, USA Clyde, Frank Lee Weese, USA Clyde and Kennard Cody, USN Clyde.

Enjoy your holiday but be sure to remember those who made it possible.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes

Cross Plains Church of Christ

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Someone defined "time" as "a nonspatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession." I don't really find that very helpful, do you? I much prefer Ben Franklin's better known definition: "Time is the stuff life is made of."

It's interesting how many times the Son of God tied the misuse and abuse of time in with foolishness. There's the person who hears but fails to take the time or make the effort to obey—fails to put what is learned into practice, Matthew 7:21-29. Jesus says that such a one is foolish, like a person who would build a house on shifting sand rather than rock foundation. Jesus also warns about failing to take the time to prepare for eternity, Matthew 24:36-25:46. And Paul, in writing to some Christians, said, "Be careful how you walk (live, bp), not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time," Ephesians 5:15-16a. I understand him to be advising them/us to "buy up the time—every opportunity—"lock, stock and barrel!" Now the only way one can really, actually "redeem" time is to use it properly at the time—for it only comes around once.

William F. Taylor put it this way: "We travel through this world only once—so let us live to some purpose. The day that dawned this morning will never come again. The opportunities it brought will never return. If we fail to fill our measure of time with the service it requires of us, there will be no possibility of returning to this day to repair the mischief."

Yes, "time is the stuff life is made of"—and, that eternity is prepared with. So let's be careful how we live life. Come join us in "making" life and preparing for eternity. 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

ELEMENTARY EXTRA

BY NANCY RANDOLPH

Students that met their Accelerated Reading goals had a fun-filled trip to Mr. Gatti's in Abilene. They left the school at 10:00 a.m. to eat lunch Mr. Gatti's and enjoy the game room. Students in grades Kindergarten through 6th were eligible to be rewarded with the trip. The students had a great time.

The elementary award assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 28, in the new gym. The students in grades K-6th will be recognized during this time. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Pre-Kindergarten's graduation will be held that afternoon Wednesday, May 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the new gym. They will receive their awards at this time. Everyone is invited to attend and see our students showcased for their hard work.

The 5th grade will be going on a fun-filled field trip this Friday evening. Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Sowell along with the help of some parents will be having a star gazing party. The students will go out to the Sowell's home for hot dogs and some star gazing. This will complete the 5th graders' study of the stars.

The last week will also have fun-filled afternoons for students in grades K-6th with the behavior

party. This six weeks is a water party. The parties will be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Watch for notes about dates and times. Students who are rewarded with participation will need to bring a change of clothes and towel. Caps and sunscreen might be nice, also. The Pre-Kindergarten will have its beach party on Thursday, May 29.

Students will be dismissed this Friday early for the Memorial Day holiday. School will dismiss at 2:20 with buses running at 2:40 p.m. School will also dismiss on Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29, at these times due to final exams in the junior high and high school. On Friday, May 30, school will dismiss at 12:40 p.m. with buses running at 12:50 p.m. Graduation will be that evening in the new gym.

This is the last edition of the elementary extra for this year. Thanks to all the elementary teachers for their information and a special thank you to Charlou Cowan for all her help and information. This couldn't have been possible without them. It has been a joy to share elementary information and happenings with you. Have a nice summer, and look for the Elementary Extra next year.

National Honor Society to Hold Spring Induction

The Cross Plains High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its Spring Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 23, in the high school gymnasium. The Chapter would like to extend an invitation to the community to attend this special ceremony.

Annually, students are selected for membership based on their scholastic achievement, character, volunteerism and service, and leadership within the school and local communities.

The Chapter's five-member Faculty Council nominates eligible students for membership to the Society. This year's nominees for membership are Seniors, Chris Harris and Remington O'Dell; Juniors, Andy Bennett,

Christin Hyles, Shana Hyles and Jose Mauricio; and Sophomores, Michael Allen, Thomas Dimitri, Brandon Horton, Lori Hail and Karen Ross.

This year our graduating Seniors include A. J. Carouth, Ashley Cook, Judith Hartman, Nathan Joy, Cole Koenig, Dani Rivard, Kevin Scott, Chris Sliger, Mack Taff and Emily Winfrey. Other members who will continue in another year as a Society member include Bree Dillard, Kati Wooten and Jennifer Young.

Please come join us for an evening to honor the successes of these young adults. A reception will follow in the gymnasium foyer.

Submitted by Melissa Owen
NHS Chapter Adviser

Cross Plains Buffalo Track Club Sign Up

The Buffalo Track Club is ready to get started for the summer. The program was successful last summer and Mr. Randolph will be turning it over to the new Athletic Director, David Hagler, for another great summer.

To be eligible for the track club, a child must have been born in the year 1997. The following chart shows what group a child will compete in:

2003 T.A.A.F. Divisions

Pee-Wee Girls - born 1995, 96, 97
Pee-Wee Boys - born 1995, 96, 97
Bantam Girls - born 1993, 1994
Bantam Boys - born 1993, 1994
Midget Girls - born 1991, 1992
Midget Boys - born 1991, 1992
Junior Girls - born 1989, 1990
Junior Boys - born 1989, 1990
Inter. Girls - born 1987, 1988
Inter. Boys - born 1987, 1988
Senior Girls - born 1985, 1986
(no college level competition)
Senior Boys - born 1985, 1986
(no college level competition).

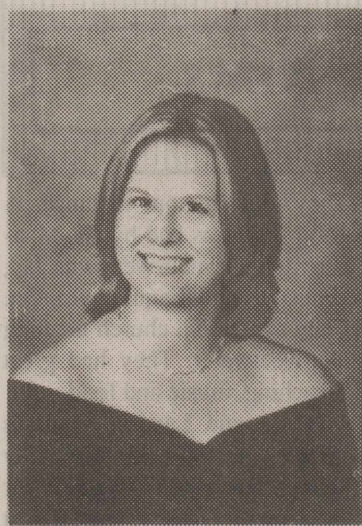
The entry fee to join the club will be \$25.00. This will entitle each member to their TAAF membership, membership in the Cross Plains Buffalo Track Club and t-shirt/tank top and fees for Regional and State Track Meets. The members will be responsible for all circuit track meet fees. A note will be given at the first track practice listing the dates and location of meets. The first practice will be held on Monday, June 2.

If you are interested in joining the Cross Plains Buffalo Track Club, please fill out a club sheet. These will be available for Coach Hagler and sent home with elementary students. Please return them to the school by Thursday, May 29, with a copy of your birth certificate. You may turn them into the school offices or to Coach Hagler.

SCHOOL MENU

MAY 26 - 30

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY
TUESDAY - Muffins, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY - Pizza, Salad, Carrots, Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad, Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese, Rice, Salad, Pineapple Spears
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY - BBQ Weiners, Cheesey Potatoes, Roll, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY - Donuts, Assorted Juice	FRIDAY - Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Pickles, Cookie



DANIELLE JORDANNA RIVARD



EMILY JEAN WINFREY

Brownwood Lions Club Selects Two C.P.H.S. Seniors for Scholarship Awards

The Lake Brownwood Lions Club would like to congratulate all Seniors of 2003. They would also like to award scholarships of \$500.00 each to Danielle J. Rivard and Emily Jean Winfrey, both members of the 2003 Class of Cross Plains High School.

Dani is the daughter of Brenda and Omer Rivard of Cross Plains and she plans to attend Cisco Junior College.

Emily is the daughter of Tony and Paul Winfrey of Cross Plains and she plans to attend Cisco Junior College.

The Lake Brownwood Lions Club would like to thank their members and their faithful and supportive Bingo players who have made these scholarships possible. Without them, it would have been impossible. You are great!

National Honor Society Walks to Assist the Cystic Fibrosis Fund

The Cross Plains High School Chapter of the National Honor Society walked about 6 1/2 miles on Monday to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disorder, which affects the lungs and digestive system. Money raised by these young people will help fund research and medical studies to find a cure for this disease. This

annual walk is one of the Chapter's community service projects. This unique opportunity allows these young people to serve and give back to our community. We would like to thank all of you who contributed to this effort.

Submitted by
Melissa Owen
NHS Chapter Adviser

Cisco Junior College to Host Basketball Camp for Area Youths

Ronnie Hearne and the Cisco Junior College Basketball Program will be hosting three different camps this summer. The first two will be held June 16-19. The Little Wrangler Camp is designed for girls and boys ages 5-12 and will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. This camp includes instruction in shooting, ball handling and offensive and defensive skills. A camp T-shirt, camp ball and medical insurance will be provided.

Position Camp will also be held June 16-19. This camp is for boys and girls in 5th grade through 12th grade. It will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Individual instruction will be given in all phases of post and guard positions. The camp also includes video instruction, passing skills, scoring moves and shooting instruction. Insurance

and a camp T-shirt are provided.

The final camp is the Lady Wrangler Camp, which is for girls only in grades 5-12 and is held July 13-17. This is an overnight camp, but it is also available for girls who want to commute. Campers will be grouped by skill and age levels. This includes offensive and defensive fundamentals and league games. Included in the camp are a T-shirt, medical insurance, meals, air-conditioned dorms, awards and a camp report card. A group of outstanding coaches conduct this camp each summer. Last summer over 180 junior high and high school girls attended.

For more information and a camp application, please contact camp director Ronnie Hearne at (254) 442-4630.

Mail Us Your Loved Ones Address

SSGT Travis W. Parson Airman 1st Class Rebecca A. Collier
CJSOAC Unit 1/14 4054 E. West Castle Drive
APO AE 09309 McGuire Air Force Base, NJ 08641
(In War Zone)

Warren Parson
PSC-2 Box 8883
APO AE 09012
(In Germany)

Mike Bennett
P.O. Box 571
Cross Plains, TX 76443
(Home For Now)

EA 2 Hopkins, Justin
NSF Thurmont
P.O. Box 1000
Thurmont, MD 21788
(Camp David)

Corporal Maddox, Chris E.
USMC
HMH-462
UIC 41034
FPO AP 96614-1034
(In War Zone)

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APO AE 09330
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on May 16, 2003, beginning at 6 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:

Interview Principal Candidates.
This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on May 19, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school administration board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Interview Principal Candidates.
This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act on May 14, 2003, at 8:00 a.m. by Jackie Tennison for the Board of Trustees.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 2003

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees meet in a regular meeting with following members present:

Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook (late) and Monty Richards.

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent, and guests, Reggie Pillans.

Prayer was led by Donnie Dillard.

Executive Session in at 6:08 p.m. out 10:11 p.m.

Motion was made by Richard and seconded by Cook to offer Lloyd Vedder a one year probationary teacher/coach contract for 2003-04 with a \$5,000 stipend. For 5 0 Against Vicki Dillard abstained

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Susan Schaefer, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jim Cook, Monty Richards and Reggie Pillans.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent and Elementary Principal and guests, Annette Nickerson, Nora Odom, Susan Holland, Tom Turner, Suzi Pillans, Larry Thomas, Cliffadean Hargrove, Leslie Lawrence and Jamie Apple.

Prayer was led by Jackie Tennison.

Open Forum:

1. TAKS Test will be around May 29 according to Margie Sowell.

2. Susan Holland - dress code for teachers; repair auditorium; wants more field trips; Accelerated Reading Program need to be upgraded; shortage of books

3. Annette Nickerson - thanked Mrs. Sowell for extra Accelerated Reading days.

4. Diana Webb - Open Library during tutorials?

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pillans to nominate Monty Richards as School Board President. For 6 Against 0 Richards abstained

Motion was made by Vicki Dillard and seconded by Pillans to nominate Jim Cook as Vice-President for the School Board. For 6 Against 0 Cook abstained

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Vicki Dillard to nominate Susan Schaefer for Secretary of the School Board. For 6 Against 0 Schaefer abstained

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Schaefer to nominate Vicki Dillard as Assistant Secretary. For 6 Against 0 Dillard abstained

Motion was made by Pillans and

seconded by Bennett to table the school calendar for 2003-2004 until May 19, 2003. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by Bennett to approve TASB Worker's Comp renewal unemployment benefits risk management fund for 2003-2004. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett to approve contract with Big Country Library Media Co-op for Library Consultant for 2003-04. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by V. Dillard to table telephone system. For 7 Against 0 Executive Session in 9:40 p.m. and out 11:26 p.m.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dillard to accept resignations of Candilyn Smith. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by Cook to accept resignation of Carol Meador. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Dillard and seconded by V. Dillard to accept resignation of Casey Stone. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by V. Dillard to give letter of assurance to Matt Sowell for 2003-04. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pillans to give Dianna Webb 10 additional days and Annette Nickerson 15 additional days for technology upgrade for this year only - summer 2003. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Dillard to offer a one year probationary contract to Cristy Vedder for elementary teacher for 2003-04, subject to elementary principal approval. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pillans to adjourn.

High School /Junior High Awards Ceremony

JUNIOR HIGH

Friday, May 23 10:30 a.m. in Gym

HIGH SCHOOL

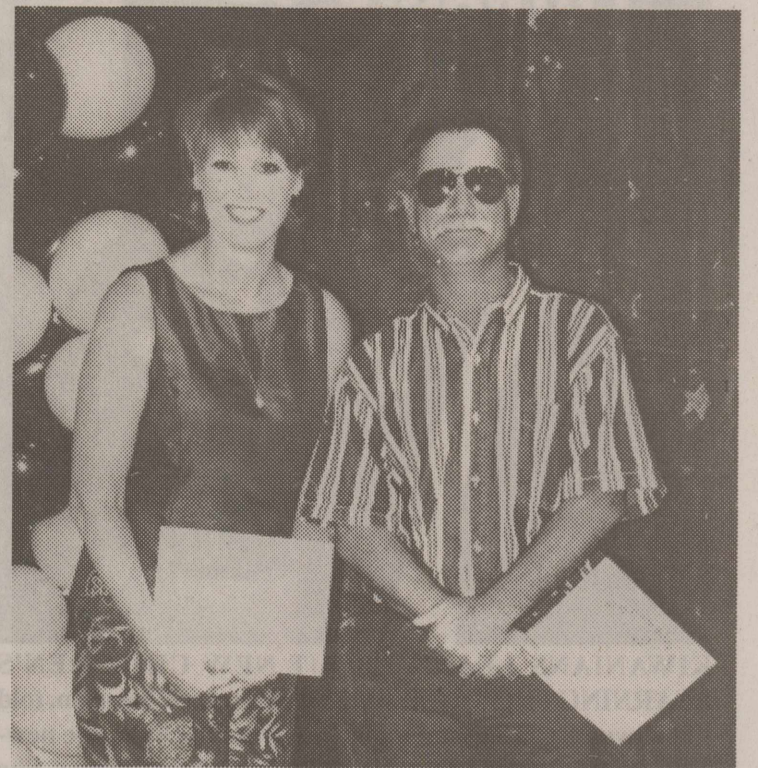
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SPORTS BANQUET 2003 AWARD WINNERS

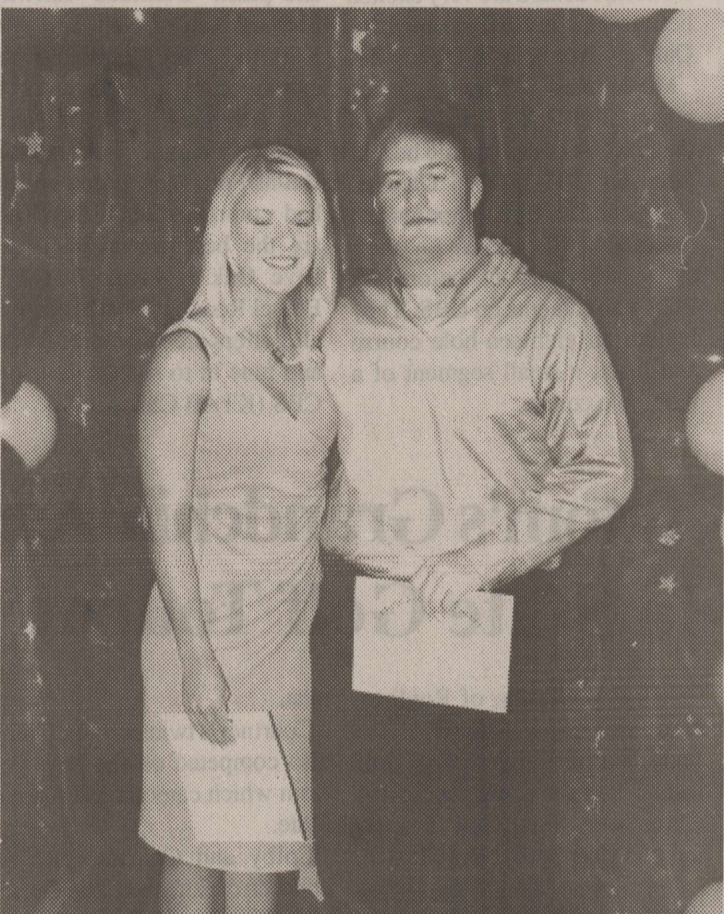
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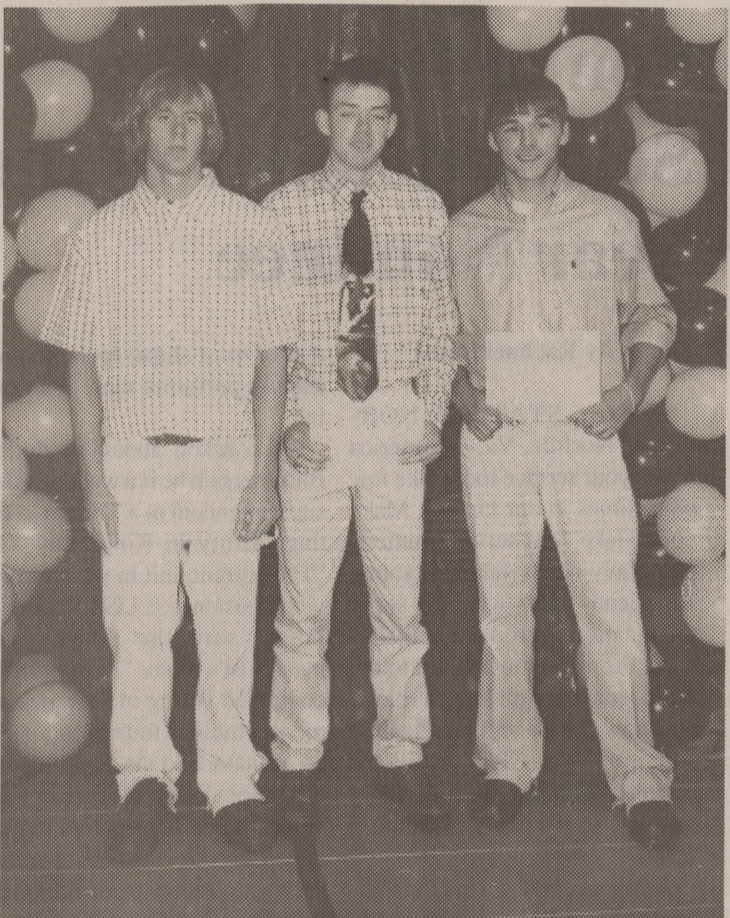
BILLY BROWN 110% — Dani Rivard and Thomas Dimitri



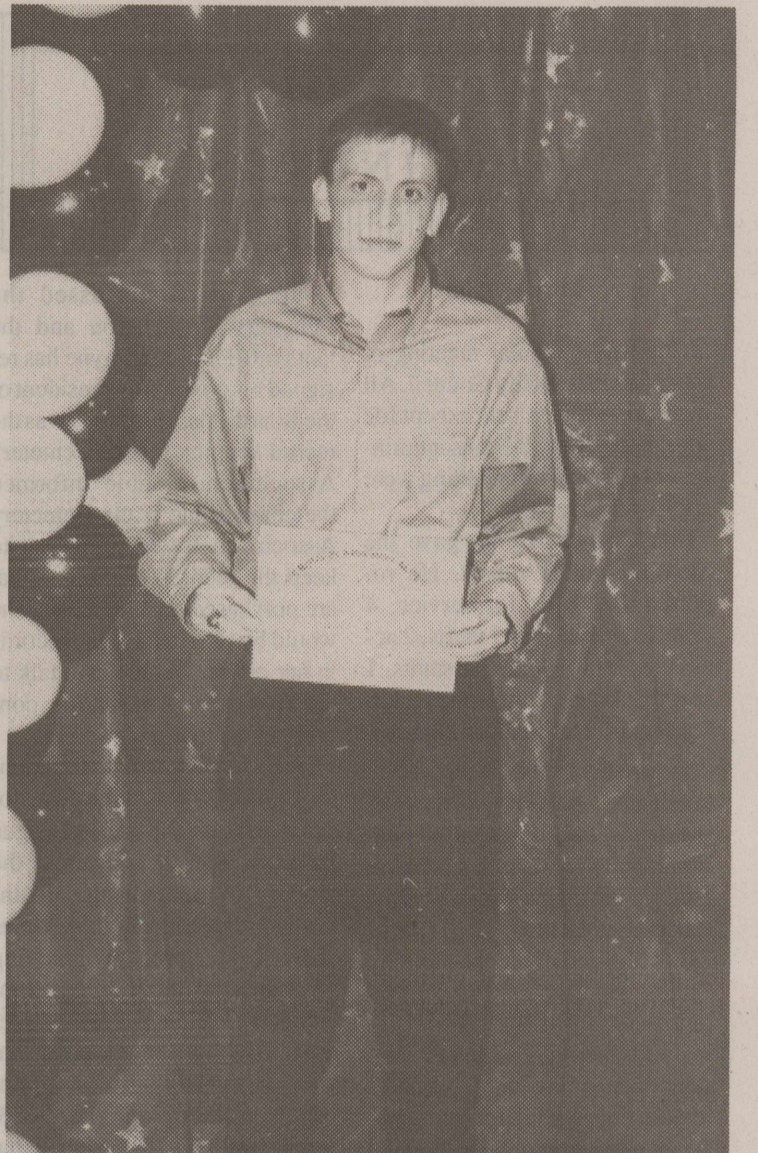
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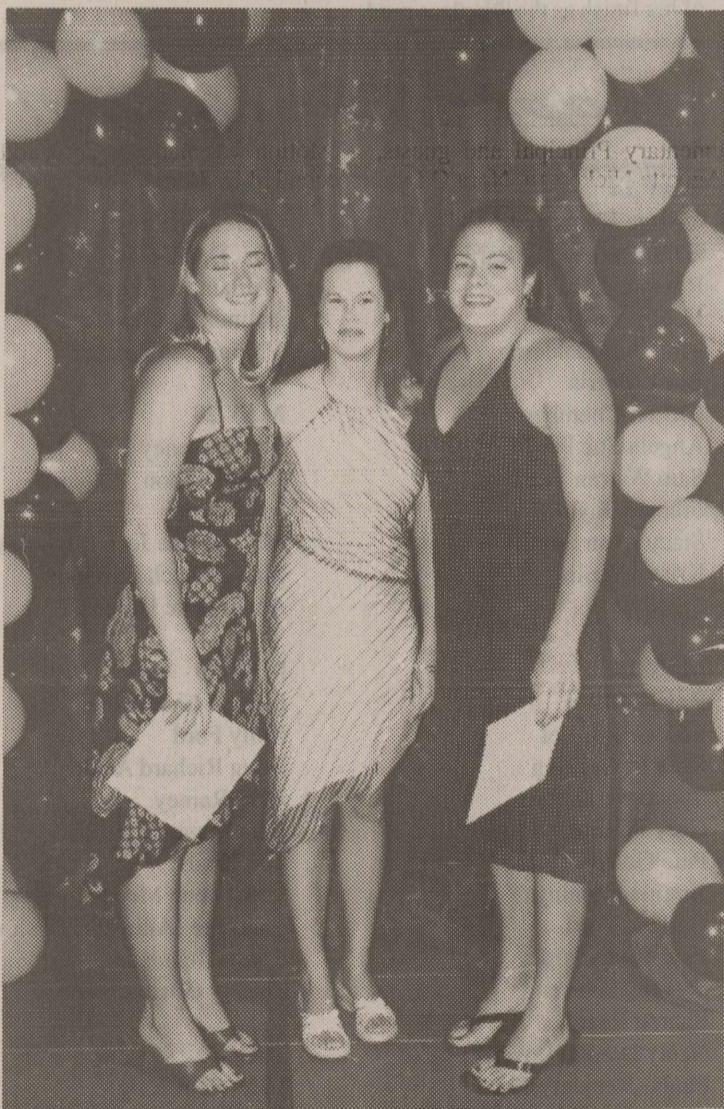
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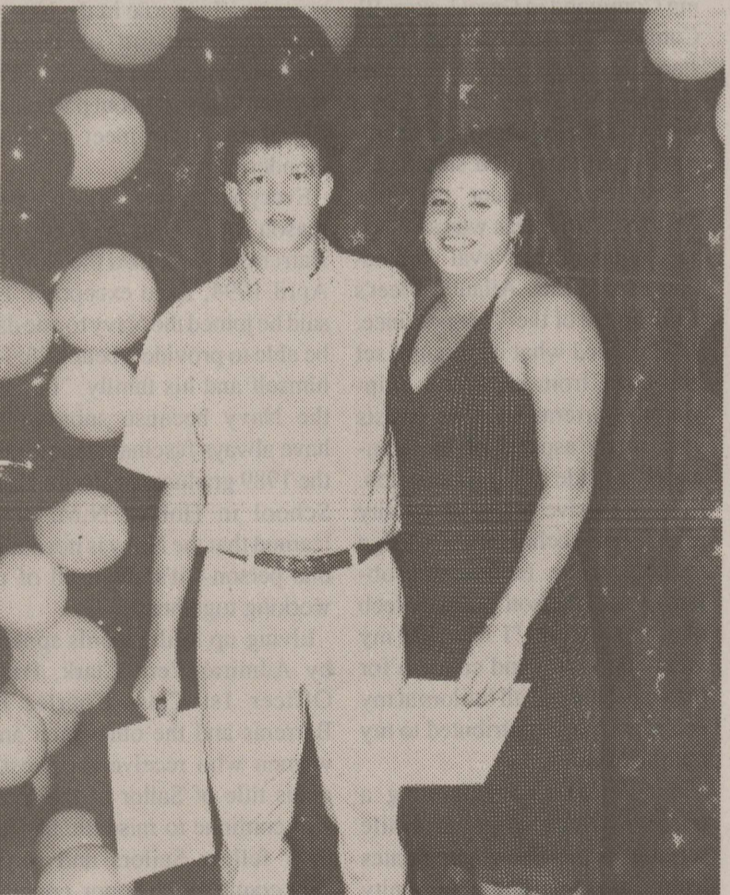
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BENARD/SIBLEY DEDICATION — Nathan Joy



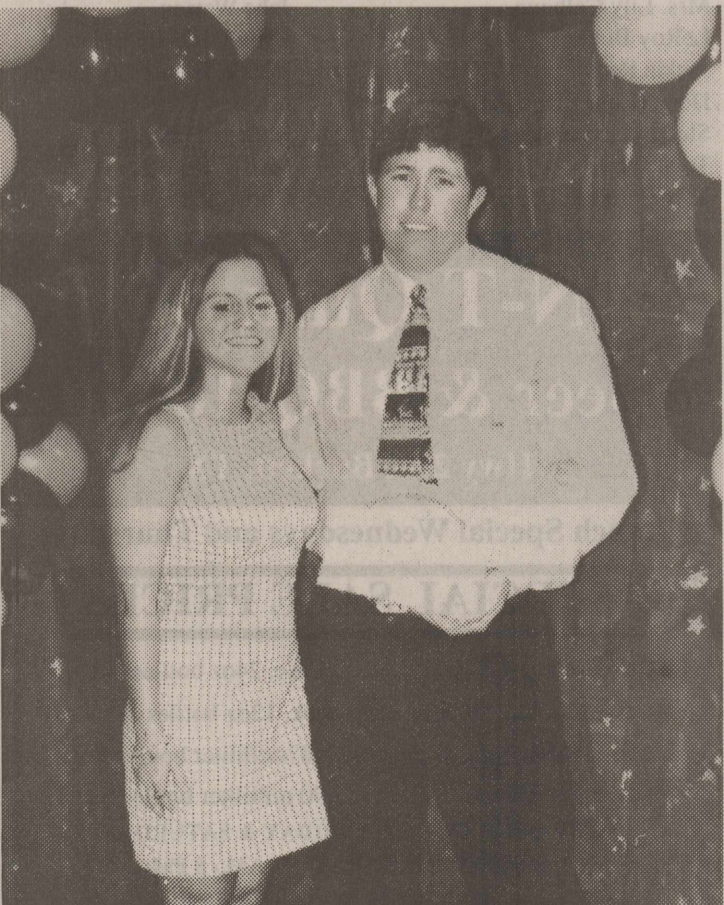
GIRLS BASKETBALL — Offense - Bree Dillard (from left), Defense - Stephanie Edington, and MVP - Kelsee Richards..



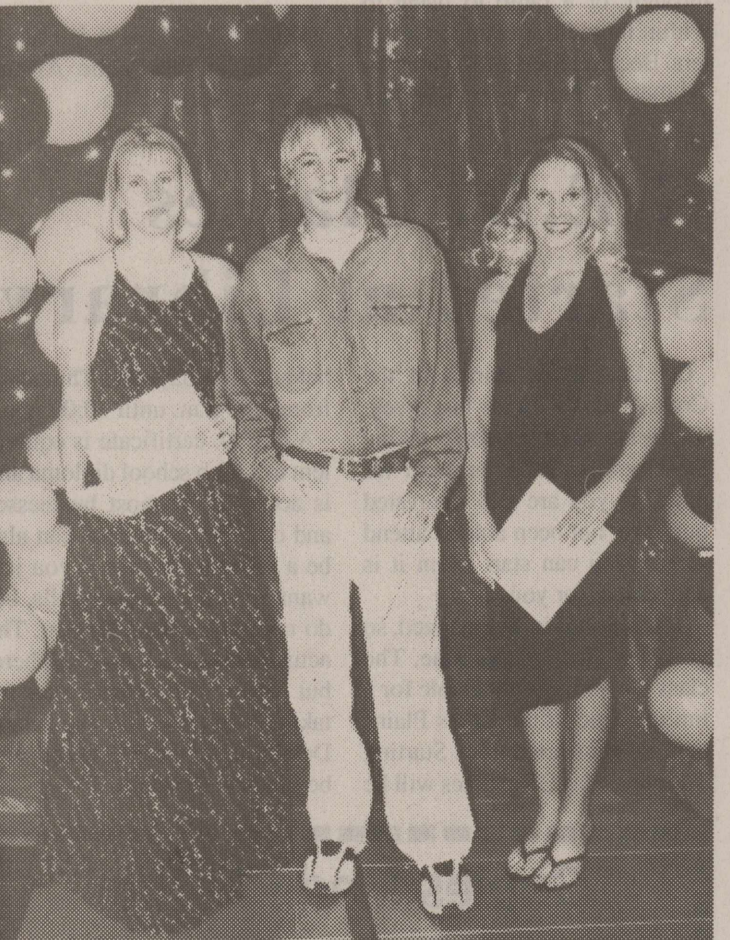
TENNIS — Russell Allen and Kelsee Richards



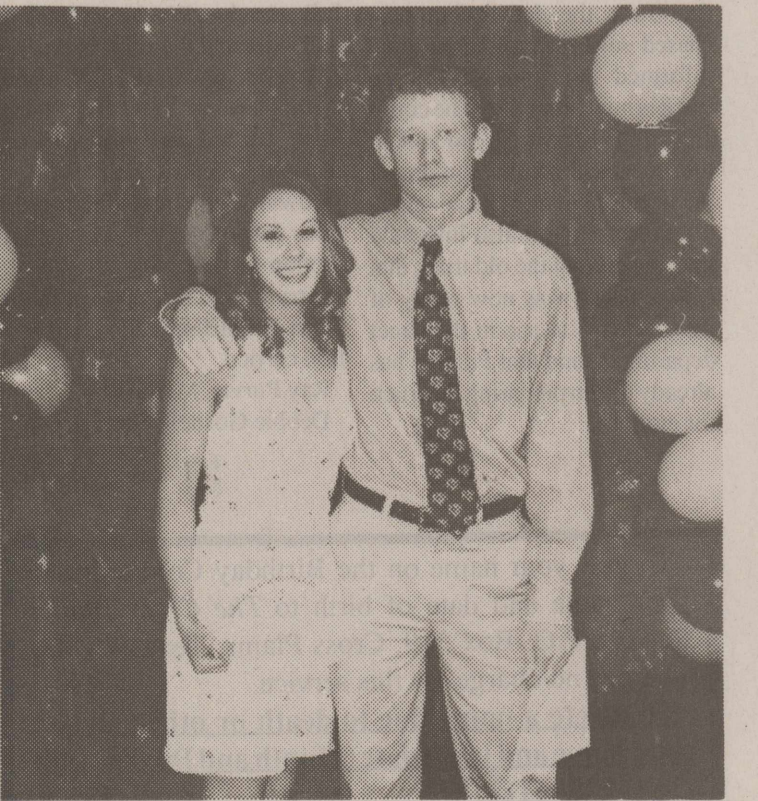
FOOTBALL — Defense- Dusty Purvis (from left), Offense-Dusty Dickson, and MVP-Cole Koenig



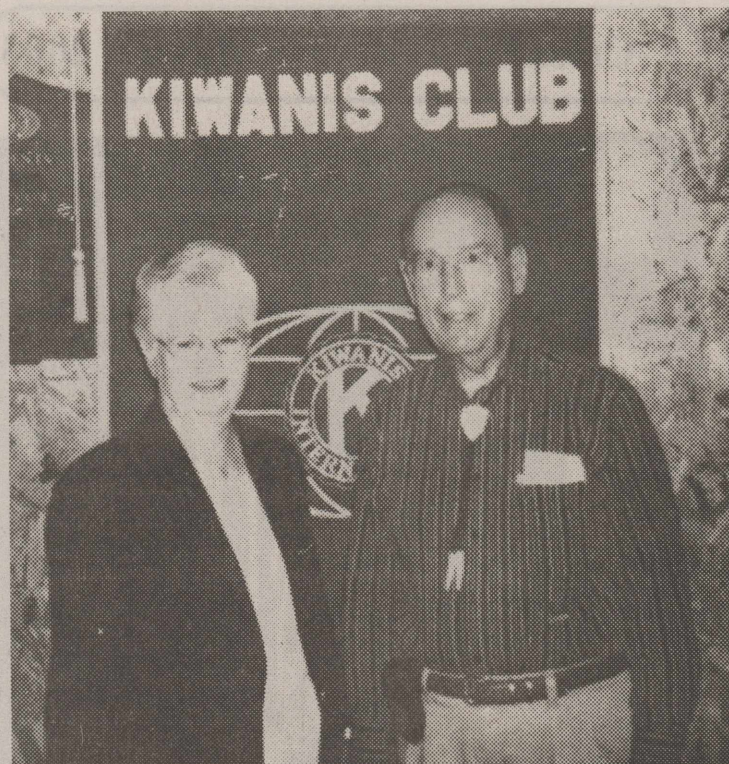
GOLF — Carrie Rogers and Cole Koenig



TRACK — Kim Mosier (from left), Brandon Horton, and Ashley Cook



CROSS COUNTRY—Shana Hyles and Andy Bennett



KIWANIANS LEARN ABOUT NEW CHILDREN'S LEARNING PROGRAM — Cherry Shults, Librarian, told the Kiwanis Club about a new program for kids, age newborn to 36 months, at the Cross Plains Public Library. She was the guest of Charles Rodenberger.



NAVY PETTY OFFICER — 1st Class Charles E. Barreras. (Photo courtesy of Benjamin Hammond, U.S. Navy)

Son of Local Man Selected Sailor of the Year Nominee

By Rachael Leslie

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Norfolk, Va.—"America needs your service today like few other times in our history. Make no mistake, you service matters. Our Navy needs talented young Americans who want to serve their nation and make a difference. From the most junior to the most senior, we all have a role to play now and in the future," stated Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, in a birthday message to the Navy in October 2002.

Living up to the Navy's standards of excellence is something young Sailor strive for after completing training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Continuing to strive to meet those standards during the years that follow boot camp is what sets Navy Sailor of the Year candidates apart from their shipmates.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Charles E. Barreras was selected as Commander, Naval Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet's 2002 Sailor of the Year nominee. When asked what he thought set him apart from his fellow shipmates, Barreras said he assists with many aspects of the command outside his primary job. "The defensive ordnance facility asks for my technical knowledge to help solve technical problems," said the son of Paul Neeb of Cross Plains. "I feel that my interaction with and concern for the well-being of all Sailors at my command also contributed to my nomination."

In addition to maintaining a positive frame of mind while serving in the Navy, candidates from the submarine community must also overcome months at sea without a window to look through, or a radio to listen to within incredibly cramped quarters. Because the crew on board a submarine is much smaller than

that of most ships, each member usually performs more than one job.

When asked about his duties, Barreras said he is a weapons ship superintendent at a Trident refueling facility in Kings Bay, Ga. "The current unit in which I provide assistance is USS Rhone Island," said the 32-year-old machinist's mate. "I am also the command voting officer, department combined federal campaign coordinator and the departmental educational services officer."

Because so few Sailors are selected for this prestigious award each year, Barreras considers it to be an honor. "This award is important to me because I know that my seniors respect my job performance and my role in the Navy," said the husband of Dianne Barreras and father of three. "The most unique part about participating in getting to meet so many wonderful Sailors."

Every Sailor has his or her own reason for joining the Navy and Barreras, who joined the Navy in April 1994, is no exception. He said he joined the Navy to one day be able to provide a better life for himself and his family. "I chose the Navy because submariners have always fascinated me," said the 1989 graduate of Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M. "I've learned that the Navy is not about one person—it's about all of us working together."

Living up to the words spoken by Admiral Vern Clark, Petty Officer 1st Class Charles E. Barreras and the other men and women who receive the prestigious title of Sailor of the Year will continue to raise the bar for their fellow Sailors and serve their country with honor, courage and commitment for years to come.

(Rachael Leslie is a journalist assigned to the Public Affairs Center in Norfolk, Va.)

G.E.D. Classes Started at Library

G.E.D. classes started at the Cross Plains Library last week. There are several people taking the class, but there is room for more. If you are still interested but have not been able to attend so far, you can start when it is convenient for you.

Instruction is individualized, so you may enter at any time. The class may only be available for a limited time in the Cross Plains area, so get started now. Starting Tuesday, May 27, classes will be

held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

A G.E.D. certificate is equivalent to a high school diploma and is accepted by most businesses and colleges. The class can also be a refresher course if you just want to review basic skills, but do not need to take the test. The actual test will not be given here, but they will prepare you for taking and passing the exam. Details about the G.E.D. test will be given at the class.

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Richard King's Golf Course Ranks High See it on KTAB TV

Live Oak Country Club, a nine-hole golf course in Weatherford where Richard King is superintendent (grounds keeper), ranks 19th of all nine-hole courses in the state of Texas according to a public pole taken by the *Dallas Morning News*. The pole ranks the top 50 eighteen-hole and the top 25 nine-hole courses in Texas. Members of the country club and Richard are very excited because this is the first time Live Oak has ever been in the top 25.

Much more excitement arose when Live Oak was informed that the golf course would be featured on CBS (KTAB Channel 32). Lone Star Links chooses and features golf courses on their show, which views before the PGA tournaments on CBS. They feature an eighteen-hole course and insert a small segment of a nine-hole course.

Live Oak Pro, Joe Mann, is the spokesman for the interview and the knowledge of the course. The segment will be televised on Saturday, May 24th at 5:30 a.m. and on Sunday, May 25th at 12:30 p.m., right before *The Colonial* begins. The segment should include pictures of hole #4 and hole #5, which is the signature hole. The course has Bent grass greens and plush Bermuda fairways, Richard, son of Noel and Alma King of Cross Plains, has been employed by Live Oak for the past six years. The course is admired by many golfers of the Dallas/Fort Worth area and has had comments such as, "These are the best greens in Texas." Live Oak is located at 1734 Bethel Road in Weatherford and all golfers are welcome. Be sure and tune in to see the course on CBS (KTAB Channel 32).

Tatom's Grandchildren in State Golf Tourney

Courtney Gibson, of Ruidoso, New Mexico, a member of the Lady Warrior High School golf team, recently competed in the Class AAA State Golf Tournament in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Her team earned the State Championship with its first place finish. Courtney was also placed on the All-State Team as a result of her finish as the 8th place med-

alist. Courtney's twin brother, Colby, also competed on the boys golf team which came in 3rd place at State.

Colby and Courtney are the children of Eddy and Kim Gibson of Ruidoso and grandchildren of Roy Neil and Ellowayne Tatom of Cross Plains.

Happy Birthday!

MAY 24

George Webb, Jr.
Edith Darlene Hinesly
Raymond Franke
Bobby Vaught
Mrs. Wes Holcomb
Buck Morris
Clifton Chambers
Angela Sue Purvis
Sam Warren
Frances Taylor
Stacy Lynn Smith
Kristin Wells

MAY 27

Cecil Ray Kelly
Mrs. D.E. Gould
William R. Taylor
Balinda A. Cleveland
Virginia Shoemaker

MAY 28

Earl Meroney
Jarad Landon Richards
Iris Davis
Mrs. Norma Jean Reynolds
Marciel Rich Carthen
Austin Tate Hilburn

MAY 29

Keegan Lane King
Kelly Ford
Doug Richard Adams
Jerry Ramey
John Logan Warsham
Ben Honea
Mrs. Glenn Merrill
Charlotte (Albrecht) Haston
Sandra Tennon
Chasity Goains

MAY 30

Kyler Paul King
Kevin Haackson
Mrs. Garmond Parrish
Maxey Evans
Henry Edington
Jake Watson
Lynn Rochelle Belew
Dickie Wayne Chambers
Micheal Hutchins
Melody Hutchins
Martha Ramirez
Christina Beaty

MAY 26

Jerry Boyle
Mrs. Lily Calhoun
LeRoy Butler
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New County Road 216 added to road system

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve a new County Road into the Callahan County road system during the Commissioner's Court meeting held Monday, May 12.

The new County Road is located south off FM 18 near the Taylor/Callahan County line. The new County Road will receive the County Road 216 number. Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said the new County Road is located near the Rose Ranch and a housing development is being planned for the tract where the County Road is located. The roadway is located inside Commissioner Harold Hicks Precinct #1. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Charlie Grider, Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the County Road into the County Road system.

Other agenda items brought before the Commissioners' Court included:

—Commissioners opened the meeting at 9:33 a.m. with all four commissioners and the county judge present.

—Commissioners reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous Commissioners' Court meeting.

—Commissioners received no public comment.

—Commissioners met with Don and Debra Strickland to discuss road maintenance on County Road 246. County Road 246 is located in Commissioner Grider's precinct. The Stricklands requested the road be graded and also discussed the possibility of imposing a speed limit on the road. Commissioner Grider told the Stricklands the County Road will be graded as soon as some rain falls on the road. Grider told the Stricklands it is difficult to

keep speed limit signs up on County Roads. Judge Corn and Commissioner Grider said they understood the Stricklands concerns and will make efforts to ease their concerns.

—Commissioners voted to approve a resolution urging the State Legislature to seek a solution to budget crisis.

—Commissioners voted to accept the bank depository bids from the three banks located in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains.

—On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Tommy Holland, Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

—Commissioners voted to adjourn the Commissioners' Court meeting on a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer.

Callahan County Commissioners also met during a regular meeting Monday, April 28 at the Commissioners' Courtroom in Baird.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

—Commissioners reviewed and signed the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioners received no public comments.

—On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Commissioner Hicks, Commissioners voted to approve the 2002 County Attorney's report.

—Commissioners took no action concerning the granting of an easement to Randal L. Wiginton located in Precinct #4.

—Commissioners voted to approve the payment of all approved bills on a motion by Commissioner Holland and second by Commissioner Farmer. On a motion by Commissioner Grider and second by Judge Corn, Commissioners adjourned the April 28 meeting.

Baseball Legend to Speak at Abilene Benefit for Noah Project

Jim Morris has an important story to tell. That's obviously what Walt Disney Pictures thought when they made the movie called "The Rookie" and casted Dennis Quaid to play the part of Morris in a major motion picture released in March 2002.

Area residents will now have the chance to hear the real rookie, Jim Morris, speak about his experiences at an event to benefit the Abilene's Noah Project.

"A Night with the Rookie" will take place at the Taylor County Expo Center's Round Building on Friday, May 23. The special Bar B-Que Tailgate dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. with Morris' speech following.

In addition to the movie, Morris' life was the subject of the best

selling book, "The Oldest Rookie" and a TNN documentary, "Fame for 15".

Individual tickets are \$15 and are available at PostNet on South 14th and Athletic Supply on Butternut. Sponsored tables are also available by calling Noah Project (915) 672-6626.

All proceeds benefit Noah Project and victims of family violence. Noah Project, is headquartered in Abilene and serves 10 counties: Callahan, Eastland, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Shackelford, Stephens, Stone-wall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Noah Project offers free comprehensive services, including emergency shelter, crisis counseling and legal representation to all victims of family violence.

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AIR FORCE AIRMAN
Rebecca A. Collier

Airman Rebecca Collier Completes Basic Training at Lackland

Air Force Airman Rebecca A. Collier has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the wife of Jason Collier and the couple have two children, Jordan and Jacob. Becky is the daughter of Vivian Wooten of Cross Plains. Collier graduated in 1997 from Cross Plains High School and graduated in 1998 from Cisco Junior College.

Bands Announced to Perform at Grand Ole Oplin May 23/30

The Oplin Community Center invites everyone out this Friday night, May 23, to listen and dance to the tunes of Muddy Creek. They'll get you off your feet and dancing in no time. On May 30, our fifth Friday of the month we're proud to announce the return of Cindy Nix and the Bluff Creek Edition. These folks hail from the Snyder area, have several recordings out, and are traveling a long way to play at the Grand Ole Oplin. So come out and show these fine bands your support, we'll know you will enjoy them.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the bands breaks. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. Admission to our dance is only \$4.00 per person.

So gather the family and friends and come out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music good friends and a real good time.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

CJC Summer Semester Registration to Begin

Cisco Junior College will soon begin registration for the Summer I semester. Registration at the Abilene Educational Center will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22. Registration at the main campus in Cisco will be Tuesday, May 27.

Registration is assigned by the first letter of the student's last

name. To determine proper registration time, call the Abilene Educational Center at (325) 673-4567 or the main campus at (254) 442-2567. The first class day at both locations is May 27.

For more information about CJC, to view summer schedules, and to apply online, visit our website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us.

Coats Family Reunion Set for June 14th

The Coats Family Reunion will take place at the Cottonwood School House on June 14th. All friends of the family are invited to

come and take part in the fine food and fellowship.

The Coats Family is looking forward to seeing you there!

Third Annual Red, White, and Blue Dinner/Auction to Benefit the Local Library

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This year, Joe and Jean McWilliams have generously donated a beef, of which two quarters will be won by raffle. Cross Plains Frozen Foods has once again generously donated the processing of the beef. Raffle tickets go on sale right now and are a great deal. They are \$1 each, six for \$5, or 25 for \$20. You can purchase these tickets at

your Library, Texas Heritage Bank or from any Beta Sigma Phi Sorority member.

The operational obligations are paid totally from funds your library receives in the form of donations from you throughout the year. Remodeling and expansion projects and obligations are only taken on after various grants are applied for and awarded.

If you would like to help with the fund-raiser by donating time, labor and/or items for our live and silent auction, please contact Ginny Hoskins, Fund-raiser Committee Chair, at (254) 725-7509 or Cherry Shults, Librarian (254) 725-7722.

In next week's *Cross Plains Review*, there will be more information on the dinner, raffle and auction items.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on June 27, for a truly enjoyable evening!

Submitted by Sharon Parr

TxDOT to host public transportation meeting

ABILENE—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public transportation meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2003 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2004 Section 5310 grant program and the recipients of that allocation.

The meeting will be held in the training center at TxDOT's Abilene District office located at 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The projected FY 2004 allocation for the Abilene District is \$104,978.00. The recipients are Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc., City Link Transit of Abilene, West Texas Opportunities, and Spartan.

Of that allocation, approximately \$75,000.00 has been earmarked for the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. for the purchase of a vehicle for improved service to the elderly and disabled in Jones County. City Link Transit of Abilene is expected to receive around \$20,000.00 for preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for the extended evening service for the elderly and disabled in Abilene West Texas Opportunities is

on tap to receive approximately \$5,000.00 for preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for the transportation of the elderly and disabled in the Howard County area. Spartan is also set to get approximately \$5,000.00 for preventative maintenance to offset operating expense for the Scurry County area elderly and disabled transportation.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to express their views, and discuss the project with TxDOT representatives.

Those interested in attending the meeting who have special accommodation needs are asked to contact Debra Rector, district public transportation coordinator, at (915) 676-6811 at least two days prior to the meeting. Because the meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate those needs.

Questions regarding the meeting should be directed to Rector.

Writers Workshop in Abilene June 14th

Abilene Writers Guild's Spring Writers Workshop is June 14, 2003 at Briarstone Manor in Abilene, Texas. Registration is at 8:30, workshop 9:00 till noon with the contest awards luncheon following.

The main speaker this year is Peggy Moss Fielding. She is a teacher and full-time writer of both fiction and nonfiction. Her former students have written over 350 books.

Answering questions on the marketing of self-published books are Joan and Steve Neubauer of Word Wright Publishing.

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The teams will play a minimum of three games, two in pool play for seeding, and then a single elimination tournament.

This tournament is to benefit the youth baseball teams in the area. Contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (915) 854-2003 or Butch Smith at (915) 854-1160 for more details.

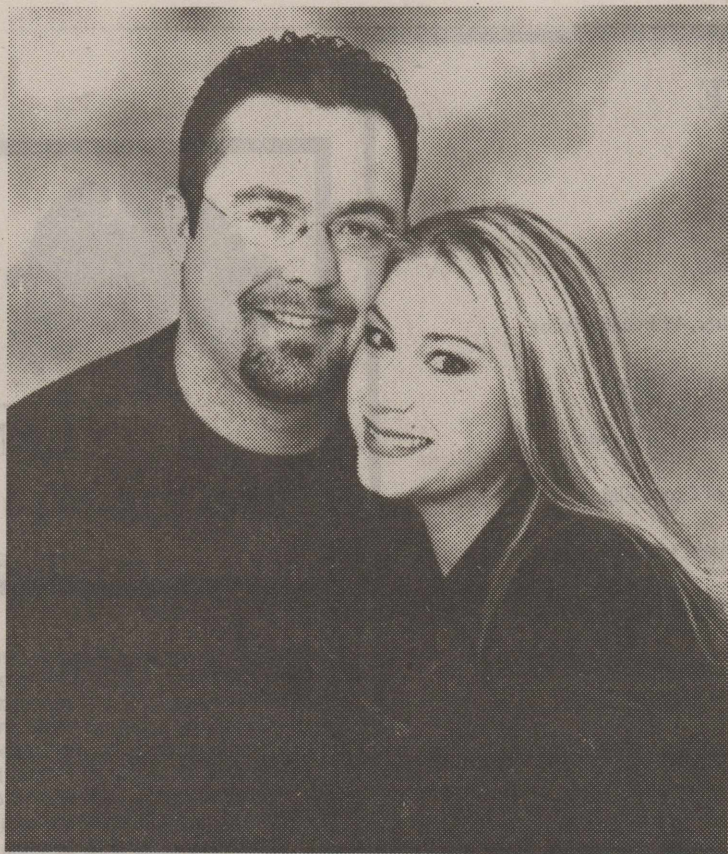
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SHANE NALL AND MINDY MITCHELL

Mitchell-Nall Announce Their Engagement

Dale and Myrna Mitchell of Cross Plains are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Mitchell, to Shane Nall, son of Jack and Donna Nall of Abilene.

The bride-elect is currently attending McMurry University and will receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Mathematics in May of 2004. Her future plans include a Master's Degree in Actuarial Science at the University of

Texas at Austin.

The bridegroom is a graduate of McMurry University, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science. He will complete his Master's Degree in August from Hardin-Simmons University in Sport and Recreation Management. A formal evening wedding is planned for August 9, 2003 at the Abilene Country Club in Abilene.

Brady-Kyle Wedding Set for August 10th

Sandy Koch of Cross Plains and William Brady of Pampa are proud to announce that their daughter, Carla Brady, is to wed Walker Kyle, the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Marty Avants of Cross Plains.

The wedding will take place on August 10, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Sign Up for Ranch Rodeo Deadline Sunday, June 1st

The June 1st entry deadline for the Cross Plains Ranch Rodeo is quickly approaching. There are only a few spots left, so if you want to enter a team, contact Barbie Creach at (915) 668-3103 as soon as possible.

The Cross Plains Roping Club met Monday night, May 5, at the arena. Plans for the Ranch Rodeo and Dance were discussed to insure a smooth running and entertaining evening.

The Cross Plains Roping Club would like to welcome anyone interested in becoming a member to join them at their next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the arena.

Passage of home equity legislation applauded

AUSTIN—Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn praised the Senate Business and Commerce Committee today for sending SJR 42 (Sen. Carona) to the full Senate with unanimous support. SJR 42 will give Texas homeowners access to Home Equity Lines of Credit.

In March, Comptroller Strayhorn released a special report on home equity lending in Texas and determined home equity lines of credit would be a tremendous economic gain for the people of this state. The report found that home equity lines of credit will save Texas homeowners \$741 million annually.

Strayhorn said, "Senator Carona is providing real leadership for the people of Texas by authoring legislation that will give them access to home equity lines of credit. I came out in support of this issue in March because it will make a real difference in the lives of countless Texas families in the form of lower interest payments, lower federal taxes, and \$741 million back in their pockets without incurring an additional dime of debt. Virtually every other state in the nation has home equity lines of credit and it's time we give the people of Texas this option."

Strayhorn also encouraged the Senate to take action on SJR 42. The Comptroller said, "I believe the Senate understands the importance of Senator Carona's legislation and will get SJR 42 to the House as quickly as possible. We've got a slow economy—the flexibility and savings Texans will get from home equity lines of credit is needed right now."

To see Comptroller Strayhorn's report on home equity lines of credit, please go to the publications section of the Comptroller website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/>.

Disaster loan deadline approaching for Callahan County disaster victims

FORT WORTH—Businesses in some Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma counties have until June 6, 2003 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The 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. 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:

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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-3666303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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