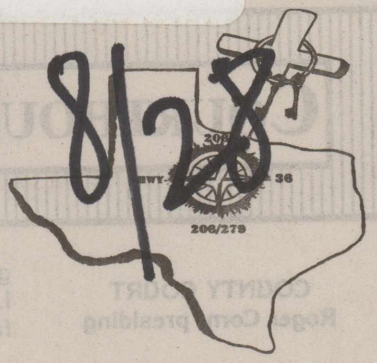


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: It always amazes me how that "just the right information" arrives when you really, really need it. Like they say, "God is GOOD!" Panniece Oglesby, a former resident, mailed this wonderful message via AUTHOR UNKNOWN and it couldn't have been more timely. Last week was extremely trying, and the following words brought hope, strength and true enlightenment. I hope it will be a comfort to everyone suffering from PROBLEMS. My son, Kye, often says, "Mom, I would like to have just one good day!" I keep telling him that is just how life is— one trial after another. However, taking one's own

advice is sometimes much tougher. Thanks Panniece, for sharing with our readership, as everyone can apply this great information to our lives. We miss Joe and you and wish you the very best. **Vanda Anderson Creech**

"About Problems"

Don't worry if you have problems! Which is easy to say, until you are in the midst of a really big one, I know. But the only people I am aware of who don't have troubles are gathered in little neighborhoods. Most communities have at least one. We call them cemeteries.

If you're breathing, you have
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Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative Sets Date for Annual Open Meeting Wednesday, September 3

By Wallace Bennett

Meeting on August 20, the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative set September 3, 2003 as the date for its annual open meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. On the agenda for that meeting will be an election of new board members for the coming year and discussions about activities for the coming year.

CPAHI is a group of concerned citizens, incorporated in 1999 for the purpose of upgrading and improving existing housing in the Cross Plains area, as well as making available new housing. CPAHI tries to identify housing need, to match with available resources in the area, while enhancing the local job market.

In 2002 CPAHI was awarded a Texas Community Developer of the Year Award by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The 2003 workday for CPAHI's

"Helping Hearts and Hands" project has been set for Saturday, October 25. Applications for assistance will be taken at the Senior Citizen's Center beginning September 2 between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. each Tuesday. The application period will close on September 30, 2003.

Anyone: senior citizens, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged person, who need assistance with housing issues should contact Regina Hart at the Senior Citizen's Center during those hours. Of special interest for the Helping Hearts and Hands project, is assistance needs related to safety, health and maintenance issues.

The newly constituted CPAHI Board of Directors will hold its first meeting immediately after the open meeting on September 3, to elect officers and discuss housing issues of interest to the organization.

Saturday, September 13, 2003 Constitutional Amendment Special Election

Callahan County Polling Places

- Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club Building
- Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building
- Precinct #3, Baird Housing Authority
- Precinct #4, Cross Plains City Hall
- Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center
- Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church
- Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

Constitutional Amendment Election early voting underway Thursday

Early voting in the Saturday, September 13, 2003 Constitutional Amendment Election will begin on Thursday, August 28 at three early voting locations in Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains.

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon said early voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will begin Thursday, August 28 and conclude on Tuesday, September 9 at the County Courthouse Room #17 in Baird, the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office and the Clyde Justice of the Peace office. Early voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays during the early voting period.

The Constitutional Amendment Special Election will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at seven voting locations throughout the county. Precinct #1 voters will cast their votes at the Clyde Lions Club, Precinct #2 will take place at the Eula Lions Club, Precinct #3 will be held at the Baird Housing Authority, Precinct #4 voting will take place at the Cross Plains City Hall, Precinct #5 will be held at the Putnam Community Center, Precinct #6 votes will be cast at the Clyde Southside Baptist Church and Precinct #7 voting will be held at the Oplin Community Center.

Texas Heritage Bank Honoring U.S. Military Service Men/Women

During the past year, Texas Heritage Bank has honored those who are currently serving and have served in our nation's military. They continue to add names and faces to this "Wall of Honor" and invite all to come in and view this information. They welcome anyone wishing to place someone's picture as an addition to the wall.

As part of their continued effort to honor the military, they would like to enter a float in the upcoming Homecoming Parade that would allow them to recognize those who have served and are currently serving in our military. They extend an invitation to any retired personnel and those

currently serving to ride on this float. Texas Heritage Bank welcome anyone participating to wear their uniform, if possible, but want to encourage participation by those who have served and do not have a uniform to wear.

Please contact Texas Heritage Bank as soon as possible to let them know if you will be willing to participate in the Homecoming Parade. The parade is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 13. Participants will need to be at the vacant lot north of the Dairy Queen at 1:00 p.m. to line up. Please contact Texas Heritage Bank at (254) 725-6141 and let them know of your interest.

Methodist to Celebrate Wesleyan Heritage in Day-Long Festival

By Wallace Bennett

Area Methodists are looking forward to Sunday, September 14, when they will celebrate 128 years of Methodist presence in the Cross Plains area and the 300th Anniversary of John Wesley's birth. Timed to fit when many ex-students will be at the 2003 Homecoming, the John Wesley 300th Anniversary and Methodist Heritage Festival will celebrate 128 years of Methodist Mission and Work in the

Cross Plains area. Beginning in 1875 with the first Methodist Class meeting held in a
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DOROTHY ODOM

Dorothy Odom Celebrated 80th Birthday with her Family and Friends

Over forty people helped Dorothy Odom celebrate her 80th birthday at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham on Friday, August 22. Guests enjoyed visiting and reminiscing about days past. Cake and appetizers were served. Guests from Cross Plains, Goldthwaite, Coleman, Brownwood, Albany, Stephenville, Clyde, Abilene and Grand Prairie all added to Dorothy's special day. Everyone sang happy birthday to her as she blew out candles, and wished her many, many more years of happiness.

Dorothy Lee Barnett was born at Burkett on August 25, 1923. She was raised by her grandparents, Lynn and Bell Barnett. She has lived in the Burkett/Cross Plains area most of her life. She married Morris Odom January 3, 1941 in Coleman. Morris was in the U.S. Navy, for 3 years, and during this time Dorothy was employed with the Civil Service in Washington, D.C., Newark, New Jersey, New Orleans, Louisiana and Dallas. When World War II ended they returned to Cross Plains and Morris was a stock farmer. The couple had two sons, Sam born

in 1944 (passed away March 10, 2000) and Scott was born in 1946.

In July 1952 they opened the Night and Day Cafe which later became Odom's Cafe. Dorothy and Morris were owners and operators of the cafe until 1976. From the restaurant business Dorothy went into the ladies retail business with the Gazebo Shop in Cisco. She was in business there until 1986. The couple continued in their cattle business, also. Morris passed away in 1996, and Dorothy moved into town in the fall of 1999.

Dorothy's two sons blessed her with four grandchildren, Conda Odom, Cody Odom, Ashley Moon Odom and the late Shawn Odom. She also has six great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. She loves and enjoys them all.

Since retirement, Dorothy continues in the cattle business and takes pleasure in visiting with friends and family. She is an active member of the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Submitted by Connie Kirkham

Cross Plains Kiwanis Club to Hold Charity Golf Tournament

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 6, at Rolling Oaks Golf Club in Rising Star (2 miles west of Rising Star on Highway 36, phone (254) 643-4563).

All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network and local Kiwanis projects.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. The format is a 3-person best ball scramble. Entry fee is \$40 per person (does not include cart, cart rental is available at the course for \$9 per person or bring your own cart). The entry fee

includes the following:

- *Eligibility for all hole-in-one prizes.
- *Eligibility for closest to pin prize.
- *Eligibility for longest drive prize.
- *One mulligan per player (3 max. per team).
- *Free food and soft drinks.

There will be cash prizes for first and second place (other prizes possible based on number of entries). There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize!

So all you golfers get a team together and come out and enjoy a fun tournament for a great cause.

Athletic Booster Club Meeting Date Changed

The Athletic Booster Club has changed their September 1st meeting to Tuesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym foyer.

Anyone interested in helping with the homecoming float is welcome to come.

Homecoming Meeting Set for Tuesday, September 2

Cross Plains High School Ex-students Association will meet Tuesday, September 2, to discuss the 2003 Homecoming at 7:00 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn.

This is an important meeting and all committee members NEED to be present at this session to report their progress.

Cross Plains Football

Junior High

vs.

Robert Lee
August 28, 2003

5:00 p.m.

Home



Varsity

vs.

Robert Lee
August 29, 2003

8:00 p.m.

at Robert Lee

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Roger Corn, presiding

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Rocky D. Morrow, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Doyle Edmondson, Jr., theft by check.
Randall Bode Webb, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Bradley Jones, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
Christopher Yates, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Karla Davis, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$250.56 restitution.
Gary L. Butman, plea of guilty to DWI-2nd, 2 year probation, \$1200 fine, \$243 court costs.
Richard Creasy, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 year probation, \$400 fine, \$243 court costs.
Richard Creasy, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.
Johnny Markham, order extending probation granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

J. P. Morgan Chase Bank
f/k/a Chase Manhattan Mort-

gage Corporation vs. Samantha I. Baker and Russell Baker, default on contract.
Kerry McKinley and Donna McKinley, divorce.

Stephen Edward Livingston and Margaret Yvonne Livingston, divorce.

Sallie Nanny and Dwight L. Nanny, Jr., individually and as next friend of Jorie S., Cade C., and Klorie P., minor children vs. Conda Odom, d/b/a C. O. Cattle Company individually and as representative of C. O. Cattle Company and Shea Walker, damages.
Tammy Darlene Slaton and Jerren Eric Slaton, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Kaylee Allyn Cortinez and Mario Ocon Cortinez, divorce granted.

Pamela Kelly vs. Philip Trever Hensey and Coverium Insurance North America, Inc. f/k/a and d/b/a ZC Insurance Company, take nothing judgment granted.

Marisa Louise McCowan and David Allen McCowan, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

James Michael Watson, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 2 years in prison, \$199.25 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Donald Zant, motion to dismiss to criminal mischief granted.

OBITUARY

Steven Lee and Heaven Lee Hyles

Private graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2003, at the Cleveland Cemetery in Santa Ann, for infant twin children, Steven Lee and Heaven Lee Hyles. Rev. Mike Riley officiated.

The infants are survived by their parents, Trampus and Shannon Hyles, a brother Brayden and sister Rheannon Hyles, all of Bangs; maternal grandparents, David and Dondi Fields of Freeport, Daryl and Kaci Almgren of Lake Brownwood; great-grandparents, Tommy and Jodi Sedam of Brownwood, William Almgren of Brownwood, Alva Dean Janner of Bangs; great-great-grandmother, Doris Moren of Brownwood; paternal grandparents, Kelly and Kim DeBusk of Bangs, Jimmy and Sharla Hyles of Cross Plains, great-grandparents, Valton and Leona Bowers of Bangs and several aunts and uncles.

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August 28, 2003

3rd Annual "Party for Jesus" this Labor Day Weekend in Rising Star

By Patty Davis

Thanks for the prayers! Please continue as the party gets underway. There is quite a lineup of talent this year and lots of excitement as the weekend approaches.

Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. Power One Ministries with Duane DeGravel will start the party off. This powerful man of God will impress you with his brute strength as he bends iron bars with his teeth, bashes bricks with his forearm, rolls up skillets, etc. Duane ministers all over the U.S. and brings the Gospel Message to many high schools, prisons and churches. There is no admission fee. We will "pass the hat" and if you want to bless him you can. Following his performance and testimony, we hope to have some live music provided by many local people.

Beginning around noon on Saturday the Praise and Worship will begin at the park. We hope to have a great Praise and Worship Group from Cross Plains to kick this off. At 1:00 p.m. The Howards will sing. Mr. Howard is the music teacher at Rising Star and you won't want to miss this group.

At 1:30 p.m. the mayor of Rising Star, Mike McGuinn, will sing and play the keyboard. Mike's talent is awesome. He has recorded an album and maybe he will have that available.

At 2:00 p.m. Gary Childers from Cross Plains will play and sing. He has been blessed with the ability to minister in song, as well as from the pulpit. His style is usually country gospel.

At 2:30 God's Country Band will perform. Hey, this is their debut. Jarrod Hoggett (lead singer) has written songs that the band will perform along with other country Christian songs. Randy (Bubs) McGuinn, Jessica Childers and Jarrod are doing a great job.

Sue Dulin will sing at 3:00 p.m. She really brings a message in her songs. She also has recorded a project and hopefully will have cd's or tapes available. Sue is Max Ratliff's sister and she recorded one of his songs on her album. Maybe Max Ratliff will sing a little with her.

Area Churches Sponsor Tent Meeting in Cross Plains Beginning this Tuesday, Sept. 2 Don't Miss It!!!!

Evangelists George and Suzanne Wheeler of Lometa, will be coming to Cross Plains for a two week, "old time" tent revival.

The tent will be set up on the east side of Believer's Fellowship located one-half mile east of the red light on Highway 36. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. and a prayer meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, and will wrap up on Saturday, September 13.

Saturday night, September 6th, will be dedicated to youth, and the supporting churches will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs.

Sunday morning, September 7th, there will be a Sunday morning service at the Gospel Mission with Bro. Wheeler preaching.

This revival meeting is sponsored and supported by the following churches in the Cross Plains area: The Revival Center; Pioneer Pentecostal Church; Jesus Holiness Mission Church; Gospel Mission; and Believers Fellowship.

DOWN HOME

difficulties. It's the way of life. And believe it or not, most of your problems may actually be good for you! Let me explain.

Maybe you have seen the Great Barrier Reef, stretching some 1,800 miles from New Guinea to Australia. Tour guides regularly take visitors to view the reef. On one tour, the guide was asked an interesting question. "I notice that the lagoon side of the reef looks pale and lifeless, while the ocean side is vibrant and colorful," a traveler observed. "Why is this?"

The guide gave an interesting answer: "The coral around the lagoon side is in still water, with no challenge for its survival. It dies early. The coral on the ocean

side is constantly being tested by wind, waves, storms—surges of power. It has to fight for survival every day of its life. As it is challenged and tested, it changes and adapts. It grows healthy. It grows strong. And it reproduces." Then he added this telling note: "That's the way it is with every living organism."

That's how it is with people. Challenged and tested, we come alive! Like coral pounded by the sea, we grow. Physical demands can cause us to grow stronger. Mental and emotional stress can produce tough-mindedness and resiliency. Spiritual testing can produce strength of character and faithfulness.

Abilene Quilters Guild to Present Program on Unique Quilting Patterns

The Abilene Quilters Guild will host a program entitled "Quilting Patterns from the Kansas City Star and Other Fun Stuff" at Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road, Abilene on Monday, September 8. A meet and greet will be held from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. when the presentation begins.

The program will be presented by Mary L. Jones, who lives in McKinney. Originally from Missouri, she became interested in quilting patterns printed in the *Kansas City Star* and has modest collection of the patterns. Some were given to her by family members. Her program is about what she has learned about the patterns and their designers, as well as some American history and some family quilting stories.

She will be bringing some Visitors are always welcome to attend any meeting of the Abilene Quilters Guild.

ANGELS Have Wings

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair or power scooter, paid for by Medicare, if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a manual wheelchair.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

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LIBRARY NOTES

Hi! If you are a parent of a newborn child or one who is not school age yet, you'll want to read this. For years the Cross Plains Public Library has had "The Learn About" Program for children who are 3-5 years old. Parents of younger children will be glad to hear that beginning in November a program "Child LAPSIT" for children from birth to age 3 will be offered.

Both programs have experienced people working with them. Needless to say, the parents will also be involved.

Beverly Ross is the experienced LAP leader. That program begins in November. The LAPSIT program will begin in October. Diane Block and Catherine Smith will work with Cherry in that program.

Now, who can top those plans for children from newborn to five! Give three cheers for Cross Plains who saw the importance of getting children off to a good start by providing books that they can grow up with. Now is the time to come in to see all that is available for children and their parents.

Submitted by Your Book Worm

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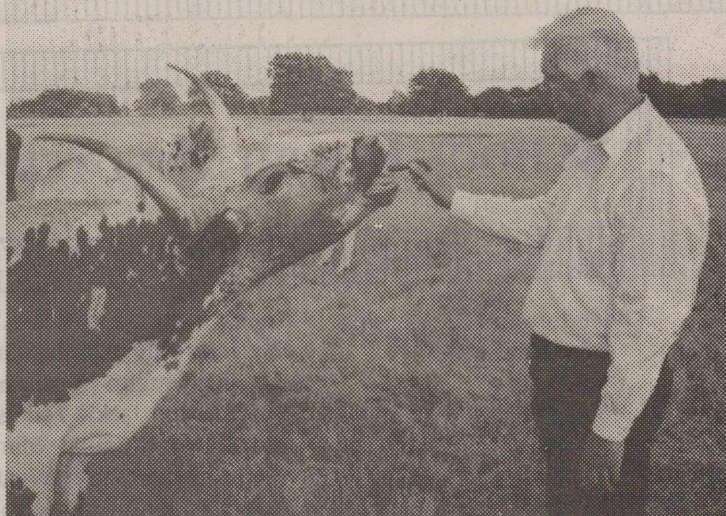
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett



Richard Parr is shown feeding one of his prized Longhorns on the KO Ranch west of Cottonwood, Texas.

Local Longhorns Compete in Contest

Richard and Sharon Parr operate the KO Ranch on the western rim of Cottonwood Valley. They run a herd of Longhorn cattle. Both are former strangers to Texas, Callahan County, Cottonwood Valley and cattle. Now they are avid fans of the Longhorn breed and delight to show them off and talk about raising the "big ones".

Richard revealed that he has a prize-winning spread of horns attached to one of his favorite cows. From tip to tip the horns measure 60 inches. That is almost as wide as my wife is tall.

A fellow Longhorn raiser from Oklahoma remarked to Richard that his entry in a contest is probably a prize-winner and he knows of only one other that may beat out Richard and Sharon's entry. Richard asked him, "Whose?" His friend replied, "Mine."

I forgot to ask the Parrs some questions like—"How did you get interested in Longhorns?" "Is this just a hobby?" "How did you get started?" "How do you stay one step ahead of all those horns?" I'll do that someday. They encourage visitors.

Who Is An Angel?

Bob Childress is at home recuperating from surgery on an ankle that was broken in an accident while flying his new ultra-light

flyer. We hope he is doing well and continues to heal without complications. His wife, Lavonne, remarked, "He had almost convinced me he was an angel. Now I know better, since he can't fly."

Fall Is Arriving

Everyone has noticed the freshness of fall beginning to fall—a very welcome feeling. As I drive the streets of Cottonwood and the county roads, I notice signs that seem to have come too suddenly to recognize what was about to happen. The yucca stems are dead. When did they die? Just yesterday they were sticking proudly above all the weeds waving a white flag of truce. The tall weeds are beginning to bow their heads to the inevitable approach of change, as if to say, "Welcome, Fall!" Birds are in the air. I noticed more hawks than ever before. And doves! Biggest coveys ever! Jimmy and Becky Joy must be raising quails for market. I recently flushed the largest covey I have ever seen while driving past their place. Hundreds and hundreds (it seemed) arose as if hitched together and landed to disappear quietly in the green-green grass of a field across the fence.

(Please call Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 about any news or personal item you wish to be printed in this column. I refuse to print it, if I don't know about it.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: An excerpt from the old Indian doctor book—for palsy of the hand...wash them often in a decoction of sage, as hot as you can bear, I know of nothing better or two or three spoonfuls of mustard seed in a quart of water, and wash often in this as hot as may be.

"Knit One, Pole Two!"

When you catch a glimpse of Marvin downtown; you might notice a little secret smile. He doesn't mind it; he just can't hide it. It's there to stay for a while. He always has it handy, just in case...

Just in case he gets to go fishin'. We've been on vacation to Canyon Lake. Sonny (my brother-in-law) and Marvin went fishing two or three early mornings while we were there. Now, you may not notice every mile he walks, 'cause now he's hitting on sublime. Doesn't even have to change gears. He just seems to glide along, about 3 feet off the ground.

There is a large deer population around there. I wanted to catch a deer, but I couldn't find a long enough pole. We enjoyed a good time and had lots of fun while we were there. One night while we were there, we all went out to the

movies. We hadn't been out to the movies, I guess, in ten years, or more, we would just rent one and go home. This one was a really good movie; it was "Seabiscuit!" Being out to the movies really took us back to some fond memories.

Marvin had a birthday while we were there. A surprise birthday party was held at the home of our niece in New Braunfels. Attending were Ann and Sonny Bounds, their daughter and family, Belinda and Mel Maddox, Drew, Landry, Evan, Marvin and me. We had pizza and drinks for everyone and a birthday cake and presents, too. The kids are still trying to count all the candles...and a hundred and thirty four and...

We ate out a lot while we were there. One night they took us out for a special dinner. Oh—it was so good. I had stuffed shrimp. It's easier to get out now that I have the oxygen in a bag and over my shoulder.

I think the reason I couldn't find a long enough pole to try and catch a deer was because Sonny and Son, and Randy burned them all, two days before we arrived. I hope their recuperation is going well. Burns can be all too painful.

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

"Herbs de Provence"

This is a favorite spice blend in the south of France that Americans have become increasingly captured with. This pungent complex flavor is an enhancer for fish, game, red meat, poultry and even vegetables.

It is a delightful mixture of lavender flowers with dried

savory herbs—basil, oregano, rosemary, sage, savor and thyme. All these herbs can be grown in the back yard garden, even in the hard zones of 6 and through 10. Most all will grow in containers or window boxes in a south window that gets at least four hours of sunlight daily.

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SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 5

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TUESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Corn, Apricots, Bread, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Pepper Steak, Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Pudding, Bread, Milk

THURSDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread, Milk

FRIDAY - Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Bread, Milk

METHODIST—

log cabin in the vicinity of Caddo Peak near Cross Plains, no less than 10 Methodist congregations were established in small communities in this area: Burkett, Cottonwood, Cross Cut, Pleasant Valley, Byrd's, Dressy, Burnt Branch, Victoria, Pioneer and Cross Plains.

Methodists were among the earliest pioneers who settled in the region and the Methodist congregations made a significant and lasting Christian impact (as did all other church denominations) in the development of a civilized society out of what was a rough, rugged and very often, a violent frontier life.

As the means of transportation and communication developed over the years, Cross Plains became the center of a large ranch, farm, oil and trade territory. Gradually the rural communities, along with their churches, schools and other cultural activities, merged with the city of Cross Plains and the First United Methodist Church gained a rich heritage of Christian life and spirit. The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains became one of the leading congregations of the United Methodist Church in the Brownwood District of the Central Texas Conference area. The congregation continues to make a significant Christian impact upon life in this area.

The John Wesley 300th Anniversary and Methodist Heritage Festival is designed to celebrate and remember the rich heritage of this church in a one-

day gathering of former members of the local congregations and their descendants. The invitation also includes all former pastors, district superintendents, bishops and their descendants. Friends of the congregations who have played a role in the formation of our life and heritage are also invited.

The Festival will begin at 9:00 a.m. on September 14 at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains with registration and visitation. As adults renew acquaintances and remember the experiences of Church and Sunday School activities in the "good old days", youth and children will participate in a clown ministry hour. Worship services will begin at 10:45 with Rev. Clifton Howard, Superintendent of the United Methodist Brownwood District, delivering the morning message. Visitation and renewal will continue during a covered dish luncheon. A short afternoon program will follow lunch and will include introduction of visitors and special guests and a Wesleyan Hymn Singing.

The celebration will end in mid-afternoon to allow visitors from out of town who want to travel before nightfall to be on their way. You are invited to come home on September 14 and help celebrate our Wesleyan Methodist heritage.

Former pastors, district superintendents and other ministers planning to attend are requested to call Wallace Bennett, Church Historian, at (254) 725-7474.

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A tactless person was "defined" by someone as "one who says what everybody else is thinking." While there may be some merit to "telling it like it is" at times, at other times "silence is golden." Call it tact or good sense, a lot of thoughts would be better kept as such, and not expressed!

James, in the New Testament, tells us just how wild and unruly the tongue is, by "nature," and how dangerous and destructive it can be (3:1-2). So let's "bridle" it, verse 3, "put a rudder on it," verse 4, and prevent a great "forest fire," verse 5!


If you have ever wondered what the tongue is attached to "down there," be assured that it is rooted in the heart—our spiritual heart, that it. So keep that "spring" sending forth "fresh water," verse 11, so the mouth will send forth only blessings, no cursings, verse 10.

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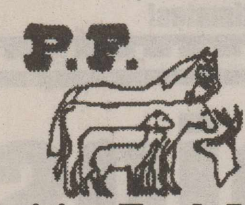


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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

C.P.H.S. Buffaloes Scrimmage Hounds

The Cross Plains Buffaloes kicked off the 2003 season Saturday when they scrimmaged the Throckmorton Greyhounds. The Buffaloes looked sluggish early but managed to come on strong in the second part of the scrimmage.

Both varsity teams scored once. The Buffaloes did score a second touchdown with it being nullified by a holding penalty.

The Buffalo defense prevented a second touchdown by holding out the Greyhounds. The Grey-

hounds had a first and goal from the 3 yard line.

"We did some things right, and some things wrong. That is what scrimmages are for. To learn, to correct our mistakes and evaluate personnel," stated Coach Hagler.

The Buffaloes will have the second scrimmage here Thursday night starting at 5:00 p.m. It will be a three-way scrimmage: Cross Plains, Hico, Eastland. "We have a few people out and this will be an opportunity for others to step up and show they can play."

Buffs Scrimmage Hico and Eastland

Cross Plains scrimmaged Hico in the first round with Hico scoring 3 and Cross Plains not able to put one in the endzone.

In the scrimmage with Eastland, Cross Plains Eastland scored once each. In game-like conditions, none of the teams were able to score.

"We didn't do squat against Hico. It's tough to block anybody with one hand around you're neck. Against Eastland, we made a couple of plays but still didn't perform to a level we are going to

need to be. Defensively, we made some progress. We need to keep improving on blocking, tackling and execution," Coach David Hagler.

The Cross Plains Buffaloes will travel to Robert Lee for the first game of the year. Kickoff is set for 8:00 p.m. "They look like tough farm boys. We will have our work cut out for us. Defensively, they run a 4-3. Offensively, they have run two different offenses in two weeks," Coach Hagler remarked.

Athletic Booster Board Spots on Sale

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club is selling ads for Booster Supporters to be placed on the Booster Supporter Board in the gym foyer.

Ads will be \$25.00 for a 6" X 12". Those of you who have ads already on the board, need to renew by October 1st or you will be replaced by another ad.

Booster Club Elects New Officers

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club met on August 11 to elect officers. Officers elected are as follows:

President- Frankie Hyles
Vice-President- Mike Walker
Secretary- Jane Wilcoxon
Treasurer- Julie Wyatt.

The Booster Club also discussed various ways to help the athletic program and fund-raisers for the year.

Everyone is invited to attend the Booster Club Meeting every Monday (except Labor Day) at 7:00 p.m. in the gym foyer.

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club Will Be Taking Donations For:

\$5.00 donation or 5 for \$20.00 for 1/2 of a beef donated by Silverbrook Ranch. Processing donated by Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker. Drawing to be held in January 2004.

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Addendum to July 15, 2003 Minutes

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by V. Dillard to accept the resignation of Tyson Stevens. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pillans to hire Barry Gill as teacher/coach with a one-year probationary contract with stipend. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Cook to hire Lacy Bean with a 10-month probationary teacher contract. For 7 Against 0

August 12, 2003

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called 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 Jackie Tennon.

Budget Workshop
Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by V. Dillard to recess the budget workshop until August 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. For 7 Against 0.

August 18, 2003

Budget Workshop Continued - Monty Richards was not present. Cook conducted the workshop. Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Bennett to adjourn.

August 19, 2003

Budget Hearing and Tax Proposal

Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees 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 Jackie Tennon, Elementary Principal Margie Sowell and guest, Tony Wyatt.

Prayer was led by Jackie Tennon.

Comments were made regarding budget and proposed tax rate.

Motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bennett to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

August 19, 2003

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

The following administrators and guest were also in attendance: Superintendent, Elementary Principal, and guests, Homer Parson, Helen Parson, Ron Bagley, Tony Wyatt and Nora Odum.

Minutes were approved as read. Motion was made by Cook and seconded by D. Dillard that they accept insurance from Texas Association of Public Schools as presented by Ron Bagley. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made V. Dillard and seconded by Bennett that they accept bids of \$526.26 for 1982 GMC bus and \$526.26 for 1989 Chevrolet from Billy Don Bell. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cook that they give letters of assurance to Charlie Scott, Anna Coe and Brenda Montgomery for 2003-04 school year. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by D. Dillard and seconded by Bennett that they approve the annual investment report. For 7 Against 0
Motion was made Bennett and seconded by Cook that they adjourn. For 7 Against 0

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SCHOOL MENU

SEPTEMBER 1 - 5

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - LABOR DAY
TUESDAY - Blueberry Muffins, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY- Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY- LABOR DAY
TUESDAY- Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY- Tacos, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit
THURSDAY- Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Sticks, Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

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Callahan County Student Enrollment

	Clyde CISD	Eula ISD	Baird ISD	Cross Plains
1991	1,488	512	472	446
1992	1,447	527	481	457
1993	1,511	511	491	451
1994	1,532	558	503	454
1995	1,528	568	490	449
1996	1,530	595	438	450
1997	1,539	575	454	470
1998	1,517	558	454	437
1999	1,520	573	427	474
2000	1,521	574	391	430
2001	1,489	513	385	409
2002	1,494	532	373	410
2003	1,472	492	378	393

Callahan County school enrollment totals for 2003

Baird ISD was the only Callahan County school district to report an increase in student enrollment for the first day of school this year compared to last year.

Baird ISD Superintendent Lacy Hogue said 375 students reported during the first day of school Monday, August 18, up 24 students from the end of school last May. Hogue reported 180 students in kindergarten through sixth grade, while the seventh through twelfth grade had 195 students enrolled.

Clyde CISD Superintendent Tony Reed reported 1,460 students in the district's four campuses in Clyde the first day of

school on Monday, down seven students from the 1,467 reported on the first day in 2002.

Eula ISD had the largest drop in the county, down 50 students from the year ago mark. Eula ISD had 482 students enrolled Monday—186 students in elementary, 115 students in middle school and 181 students in high school.

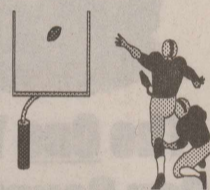
Cross Plains ISD had a decline of 12 students from the enrollment total from one year ago. Cross Plains reported 390 students enrolled on Monday, down 12 from the 402 students who reported for the first day of school last year.

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Public meeting on Africanized bees in Abilene Thursday

The summer of 2003 has shown a dramatic increase of Africanized bee incidents in the region. It has become one of the main subjects of calls to the Extension office. There are many questions surrounding the topic of Africanized bees. Questions range from how deadly the attacks can be to who is responsible for elimination of the bees. On Thursday, August 28, 7:00 PM, a public informational meeting regarding Africanized bees will be held at the Taylor County Extension office in Abilene. The Extension office is located on the grounds of the Taylor County

Expo Center. The purpose of the meeting is to provide accurate information regarding this growing nuisance. Speakers will include Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist, from San Angelo and representatives of the Abilene Fire Department. Topics to be discussed will be the biology and control of the Africanized bees. In addition, the role the fire department in the control of the bees in public and private areas will be addressed. For additional information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 672-6048.

Thunderstorm Safety Rules

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Lightning and Thunderstorm Facts:

On average, lightning annually causes 93 deaths and 300 injuries nationwide. Texas is second only to Florida in the number of lightning-caused casualties. You are not only in danger when the storm is overhead; any time you can hear thunder you are in danger of injury or damage by lightning.

A person who has been struck by lightning does not carry an electrical charge that can shock other people. Provide assistance immediately and call 9-1-1.

Thunderstorms always include lightning and can also bring heavy rains, flash floods, strong winds, hail and tornadoes.

Safety Tips:
Install surge protectors on all major appliances. If lightning strikes your home, the charge can destroy appliances that are plugged into wall outlets, including TVs and computers. Proper surge protectors are inexpensive, easy to install and stop the charge before it reaches valuable equipment.

Check for hazards on your property—Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and injure someone or damage your home or power lines during a severe thunderstorm. Do not handle any electrical

equipment and do not use the telephone except for an emergency—An electric charge from lightning could be transmitted through the wires. Television sets are particularly dangerous during a lightning storm.

Do not take a bath or shower and avoid water faucets—Water and metal pipes can conduct electricity.

Stay away from damaged or downed power lines—Report power outages and downed or damaged power lines by calling 1-866-223-8508.

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Allen Barnett
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Ryan Glenn Payne

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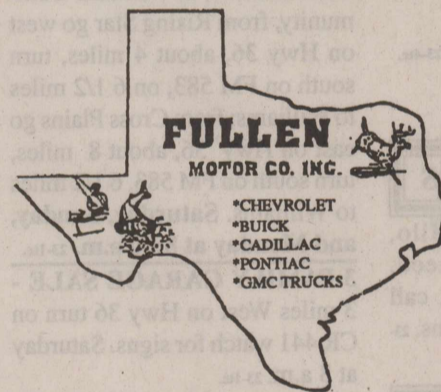
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County Commissioners reschedule adoption of budget, tax rate, for September 8th

Callahan County Commissioners took no action on adopting the 2003-2004 fiscal year budget and adopt the tax rate after receiving a salary grievance from the District Clerk.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said commissioners were to consider adopting the budget and tax rate at the Monday, August 25 meeting, however the budget and tax rate consideration has been postponed until Monday, September 8, while the Salary Grievance Committee meets to consider the grievance from District Clerk Sharon Owens. The Grievance Committee will meet at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 28 to consider the request. Judge Corn said the commissioners' court held an emergency meeting at 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 25 to set the Grievance Committee meeting for this Thursday.

Judge Corn said the commissioners' court cannot adopt a budget until the salary grievance has been cleared up. Judge Corn said adopting the budget and tax rate was also being postponed because the county elected officials salary had not been published in a newspaper. The elected officials salary appears in this week's *Baird Banner*.

The Salary Grievance Committee is made up of nine individuals, including six elected officials and three public members. The six elected officials include the sheriff, county attorney, county clerk, district clerk, tax assessor/collector and treasurer. The public members include James Patton, Tommy Sampson who is replacing Christopher Key and Rita Bennett who is replacing Charles DeShazo on the committee.

Judge Corn said all nine members of the Grievance Committee must vote in favor of the salary request for the employee to receive the salary. If six, seven or eight members of the committee vote in favor of the new salary, the item will go before the commissioners' court who can grant the new salary or not. The judge said if less than six members of the committee vote for the new salary request, the employee will not receive the new salary.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Commissioners voted to sign the minutes of the previous meeting.

—There was no public comment received during the meeting.

—Commissioners voted to approve a bid in the amount of \$4,500 from SEC Electric to perform electrical work at the county courthouse in Baird. Judge Corn said the company is replacing old fuses in the building with new breaker boxes, as well as replacing conduit and putting in new wiring. The work is expected to take place over the new several Saturdays, which

will allow county business to function Monday through Friday.

—Commissioners took no action concerning a request from the Baird Foundation to approve the fiscal agency agreement with Callahan County concerning the Baird Depot insurance, etc. Judge Corn said the Baird Foundation is still working on the paperwork involved in the agreement.

—Commissioners met with Larry McIntire concerning a request for chain link fencing from the Texas Department of Transportation. McIntire reported some chain link fencing has been located in Taylor County and for the Baird Little League to receive the fencing, Callahan County must make the request. The fencing is for a new little league batting cage which will be located next to the little league field and the high school baseball field in Baird.

—Commissioners approved a polling place relocation for the Constitutional Amendment Election set for Saturday, September 13. The voting precinct #4 in Cross Plains was moved from the Cross Plains Community Center to the Cross Plains City Hall located at 201 South Main Street in Cross Plains. Judge Corn said the community center had a reunion scheduled in the building on that day.

—Commissioners voted to approve the purchase of a computer Internet connection for the Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains. The connection expenses associated with the connection will be taken from the Technology Fund.

—Commissioners voted to approve a contract with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen to collect delinquent court fines and fees for Callahan County. Court fines and fees are considered delinquent after 60 days.

—Commissioners voted to approve a resolution imposing an additional fee for the collection costs associated with delinquent fines and fees imposed by the Callahan County courts. The additional fee of 30 percent will be added to the court costs to cover collection of the delinquent fines and fees.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and voted to adjourn the meeting.

The commissioners' court also met on Friday, August 15 to consider two agenda items. They included:

—Commissioners voted to appoint Sharon Gage as the election judge for the Precinct #6 voting location at the Southside Baptist Church in Clyde for the upcoming Constitutional Amendment Election.

—Commissioners approved a resolution strongly recommending the Veterans Administration Hospital location in Big Spring, Texas to not close and relocate to Midland.



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Ratliff-Stover Exchanged Marriage Vows at Brownwood

Kimberly Dawn Ratliff and Brandon Shane Stover were united in marriage on April 5, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood with Bro. Dwayne Clower officiating. A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Bud and Rhonda McCorkle of Brownwood and the late Jim Barker of Marble Falls, Barbara Ratliff and the late Gerald Ratliff of Burnet, Shirley Baker of Bryan, Buddy and Sandy McCorkle of Brownwood and Kenneth and Doris Wills of Burnet.

The groom is the son of Reggy and Dianna Stover of Cross Plains. He is the grandson of Donald and Doloras Stover of Cross Plains and the late R.W. and Nell Purvis of Abilene.

The maid of honor was Tiffany McCorkle of Olathe, Kansas, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Misty (Strickland) Gilley of Justin, Amanda (Dillard) Hagler of Stephenville, both friends of the bride, Tonya (Stover) Yeary of Weatherford, sister of the groom, Trisha Ratliff of Austin and Michelle (Ratliff) McDonald of Las Cruces, New Mexico, both cousins of the bride.

Junior bridesmaid was Brooklyn Strength of Cross Plains, cousin

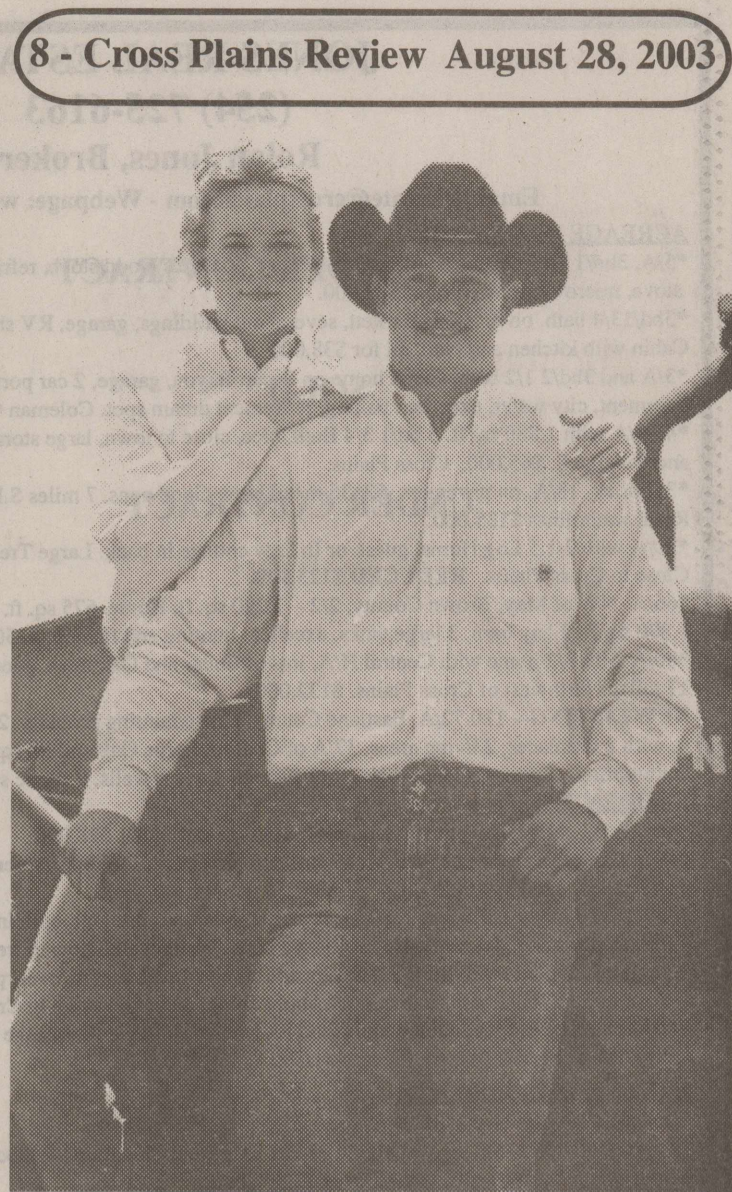
of the groom. Flower girls were Blayne Strickland of Justin and Blake Self of Cross Plains.

The best man was Regin Stover of Cross Plains, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Dustin Hinyard of Cross Plains, cousin of the groom, Toye Yeary of Weatherford, brother-in-law of the groom, Kenneth Ratliff of Kingsland, brother of the bride, Cory Switzer of Cross Plains and Jason Gilley of Justin, both friends of the groom.

Ushers were Drew Wilton of Brady and Creecher Garcia of San Saba, both friends of the groom. Candlelighters were Austin Hilburn of Merkel, cousin of the groom, and Cody Self of Cross Plains. Ring bearer was Drew Hagler of Stephenville and Bell ringer was Colten Hilburn of Merkel, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is a senior computer information systems major at Tarleton State University. She is the owner of Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts Salon in Cross Plains.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Cross Plains High School and 1999 graduate of Cisco Junior College. He is currently ranching on his family owned ranch in Cross Plains. He is also co-owner of Sun Rayz Tanning and Gifts Salon in Cross Plains.



ELIZABETH KOENIG AND JERRY WILSON

Koenig-Wilson Announce Engagement and Approaching Marriage on October 25th

Dylan Taylor Koenig would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of his mother, Elizabeth Nan Koenig, daughter of Lynn and Teresa Koenig of Cross Plains and Larry and Lisa Dobbs of Ranger to Jerry

Don Wilson, son of Jimmy Don and Leann Wilson, also of Ranger.

The wedding will be held on October 25 at the First Baptist Church of Ranger. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

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Submitted by Walker John Kyle

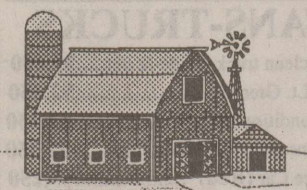
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