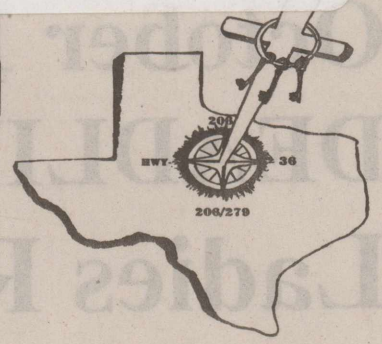


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Just this week the following was handed to me to read. I feel that the information is controversial, but thought provoking. Everyone has the right to their own opinion, so just read and decide what you think. Vanda Anderson Creech

"School Prayer"

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd...

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen.
And the 'unwed daddy', our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgements" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

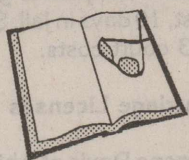
It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen

Meet The Author!

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library are pleased to announce that Carlton Stowers, *New York Times* best-selling master of the true crime story, has agreed to appear at the upcoming Meet the Author evening. Mr. Stowers will discuss the writing of his most recent book **Scream at the Sky: Five Texas Murders and One Man's Crusade for Justice**.

The book tells of the brutal murder of five Wichita Falls young women in 1984-85, and relates how the guilty man was finally tracked down and brought to justice.



Join Us

Tuesday, October 14
7:00 p.m.

Cross Plains Community Center

Bank Employee to be Honored with Reception

Texas Heritage Bank invites you to an open house on Friday, October 3, honoring Sharon Ames as she retires from Texas Heritage Bank after 23 years of service.

Sharon came to work for Citizens State Bank in October of 1980. She has been employed in various capacities for the bank and has been a valuable asset.

Sharon and her husband, Tom,

have 3 grown children and 9 grandchildren. She plans to spend more time with Tom and her family.

Texas Heritage Bank will miss Sharon's smiling face and wonderful disposition. However, she will be with us occasionally on a part-time basis.

The Texas Heritage Bank family wish Sharon much happiness for the future.

Ribbon Cuttings for New Businesses October 9

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be holding ribbon cuttings for two new businesses in Cross Plains on Thursday, October 9.

The first ribbon cutting will be for Staghorn Cafe at 10:00 a.m. The cafe is located at 100 South Main Street, across the street from the Texas Heritage Bank. Their phone number is (254) 725-4986.

The second ribbon cutting will be for Farmer's Mutual Protective

Association of Texas, Lodge 198 at 11:00 a.m. Their office is located at 140 South Main Street, next door to Ray's Barber Shop. Their telephone number is (254) 725-4747.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at noon on the same day at Dairy Queen in the Buffalo Room.

For more information, contact the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce at (254) 725-7251.

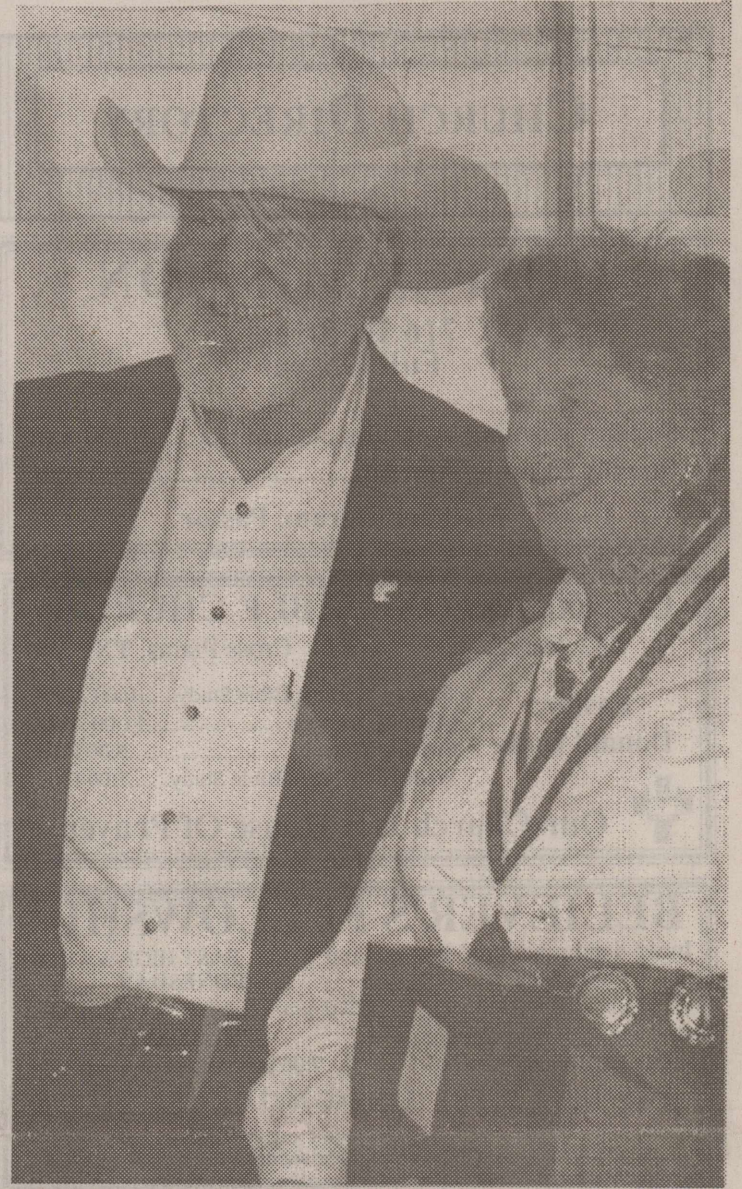
Helen Kleberg Groves Honored by Her Peers

Helen Kleberg Groves, owner of the Silverbrook Ranch southwest of Cross Plains, was awarded one of the five 2003 Foy Proctor Memorial Cowman's Award of Honor by J. Evetts Haley, Jr. of the Haley Museum and Library in Midland September 25. The awards ceremony was moderated by cowboy poet and singer Red Steagall.

Groves was born on the King Ranch, in the saddle by age 4, and started helping with roundups on the King Ranch by age 10, where she first learned to "cut cattle". When it came time for high school, she went to school in Virginia where she took up English riding and fox hunting. Later after two marriages and while raising six children, in 1968 she bought her own ranch in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where she developed a cattle and horse operation.

In 1990 she decided to move back to Texas and dispatched her foreman, Ken Welch to find a ranch in Texas. Aided by his father, Buster Welch, a former Proctor Award winner in 2000, who nominated Helen for the award, Ken located 20,000 acres in Callahan and Coleman counties and Groves moved her cattle and horses to the Silverbrook Ranch south of Baird. Buster Welch, who had worked on the King Ranch for a number of years, called the Silverbrook "the best ranch in Texas."

Another awardee with Callahan County roots was James Dyer, II, who went to Baird to school and grew up on Callahan County



LOCAL LADY RECOGNIZED—Red Steagall presents Cowman's Award to Helen Groves at Haley Museum.

ranches. He started the Dyer Land and Cattle Co. in Baird with partner Gene Newman. After a couple of years in Colorado, he leased 50,000 acres in Jeff Davis County. Today his family

operates a ranch of about 120 sections in Jeff Davis County, along with ranches in Hudspeth, Culbertson, Reeves, Presidio and Brewster counties.

New driving laws now on the books

Texas has some new driving laws on the books, ranging from license plate visibility to DWIs. A new Driver Responsibility Law assigns punitive points to moving violations and levies surcharges when enough points accumulate on an individual's record over a three-year period. The information below explains the new laws as posted on the Department of Public Safety Web site.

According to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the following driving-related legislation took effect September 1, 2003:

- SB 45 makes it a state jail felony to drive while intoxicated with a passenger younger than 15.

- SB 193 requires drivers nearing a stopped emergency vehicle that has lights activated, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, to:
 - Vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, if the highway has two or more lanes traveling the direction of the emergency vehicle; or
 - Slow to a speed not more than 20 miles per hour (mph) less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 mph or more; or
 - Slow to a speed not more than five mph when the posted

speed limit is less than 25 mph. A violation is punishable by a maximum fine of \$200. If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500. If the violation results in bodily injury, the offense is enhanced to a Class B misdemeanor.

- Having a video display that is visible from the driver's seat is illegal. SB 209 expands the definition of video receiving equipment to include digital videodisc players, videocassette players or similar equipment. This equipment may be used only if it is located so that the video display is not visible from the operator's seat.

- HB 1326 automatically suspends for one year the driver's license of anyone convicted of illegally racing on a public roadway. Before the license can be reinstated, the driver would have to complete 10 hours of community service. The punishment for illegal racing increases to a Class B misdemeanor. The law also increases the punishment for drivers who are racing drunk, who have open containers of alcohol in the vehicle when racing, who seriously injure or kill someone during the race or who have been convicted multiple times of illegal racing. Those

offenses range from a Class A misdemeanor to a second-degree felony.

- SB 439 makes it illegal to add reflective material, lights, emblems or anything else that changes the color of the license plate or makes it difficult to read the letters on the license plate. The name of the state where the vehicle is registered must be visible.

- SB 613 suspends the driver's license of anyone under the age of 21 who is convicted of the manufacture, delivery, possession, transportation or use of an abusable volatile chemical.

- HB 2096 makes human trafficking a second-degree felony; if the person trafficked is younger than 14 years of age or the commission of the offense results in the death, the offense is

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LOCAL BAND SETS RECORD ATTENDANCE—Local band, 80 Proof, set a record in Comanche for the largest attendance in the history of the establishment. The band has been playing together for approximately 4 months. They have recorded a C.D. and have played The Brownwood Reunion, and all through West Texas. L. D. Whitehead, lead singer says they are looking forward to getting a free weekend so they can play a show here at home in the very near future. For more information concerning the band call (325) 642-8807 or (254) 725-6323. 80 Proof members are Landon Hill (from left), L. D. Whitehead, Cliff Hayes, Boone Cook and Wes Manly. (Photo courtesy of Larry Whitehead.)

Cross Plains Football

Junior High

vs.

Baird

October 2, 2003

6:00 p.m.

There

J.V. vs. Baird

Immediately Following

Varsity

vs.

Baird

October 3, 2003

7:30 p.m.

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October 15 is the DEADLINE for Ladies Retreat

An inspirational retreat for women of all ages! All area women are invited to attend this retreat sponsored by Cross Plains First Baptist. The retreat will be held at the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment at Lake Brownwood.

Cost: \$35 per person, which includes overnight lodging, snack on Friday night and two meals on Saturday. They will depart from First Baptist at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and return at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

Sharon (Dillard) Lewis of Midland, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "The Body of Christ". Sharon and her Praise Team will lead the praise and worship.

Ladies, the supplies you will need to take with you include bed linens, towels and washcloths and toiletries.

Deadline to register is **OCTOBER 15**. Please call (254) 725-7629 or come by the church office.

OBITUARIES

Vera Kay Kline

Vera Kay Kline, 63, of Brown County, died Monday, September 22, 2003. No services are scheduled. Heartland Funeral Home of Early directed the cremation.

Vera Kay was born April 21, 1940, in Altoona, Penn., the daughter of Howard and Florence Boyles Diehl. She had worked as a C.N.A. and was a volunteer for Central Texas Opportunities and the Food Pantry in Brownwood and Winters. She was also a foster parent. She had been a resident of Brown County since 1991 and was formerly of Franklinville,

N.Y. She was Pentecostal.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Kline, Jr. of Louisiana and Timothy Robert Kline of Fort Worth; three daughters, Lori Osborn and husband, Jim, of Brownwood, Rachel Riley and husband, Scott, of Cross Plains, and Megan Kline of Bangs; a brother, Robert Diehl, of Ohio; a sister, Maxine Bauer, of Altoona, Penn.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Kline, and parents, Harold and Florence Diehl.

Shirley Ann Falkner Johnson

Shirley Ann Falkner, 73, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2003, at her residence in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Services were held Wednesday, October 1, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tom G. Walker Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman with the Rev. Gary Bender officiating and Mr. Delbert Wilson assisting. Interment followed in the Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Coleman.

Shirley was born December 4, 1929 in San Angelo, Texas the daughter of Rev. Henry V. and Macy Falkner. She graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1947. She was employed in the Cross Plains Citizens State Bank and Higginbotham's Department Store. Later she moved to Lubbock and then Austin in 1953 and was employed at the State Comptroller's Office as a bookkeeper. She married Kelley Johnson on July 3, 1959 in El Paso. She later lived in West Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico where she taught children and youth in Bible study classes for 10 years.

Shirley and her husband moved to Albuquerque in 1988. Until her

illness, Shirley was an active member of the Hoffmantown Baptist Church. She enjoyed playing Bridge at the Bear Canyon Senior Center. She loved her family and entertained them regularly in her home. Always smiling and trusting in Jesus, she fought a brave battle against ALS.

Survivors include her husband, Kelley Johnson; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Rev. Gary Bender of Tijeras, New Mexico; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Julia Johnson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; sister, Macy Louise Boyles of Brandy; four brothers, Henry Falkner of San Angelo, Riley G. Falkner of Abilene, John Falkner of Lovington, New Mexico and Robert Falkner of Longview; six grandchildren, Chad Beal of Santa Anna, Joe Beal and Cody and Casey Johnson, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Cassandra Bender and Crystal Hernandez, both of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Vernon Falkner, Dan Falkner and W.C. Falkner.

Pallbearers were grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the ALS Association, NWM Chapter, P. O. Box 16495, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191-6495.

Driving Laws

a first-degree felony. The bill also makes it a Class B misdemeanor to transport a person in a trailer or semitrailer.

•HB 292 strengthens an existing law and allows a police officer to have a blood or breath alcohol sample taken from a driver involved in an alcohol-related crash that kills or seriously injures another person, either in a motor vehicle or a boat.

•SB 895 requires that a parent or family member participating in the Parent-Taught Driver Education Program have a valid license for the previous three years. The license cannot have been suspended, revoked or forfeited during the past three years for traffic-related violations.

•SB 1445 amends the current law to allow limited use of electronic information from the magnetic strip on the back of driver licenses by banks and Texas Parks and Wildlife and its vendors.

•HB 148 makes it a Class A misdemeanor to manufacture, sell or possess a placard that is deceptively similar to a disabled parking placard without proper authorization. A person also commits a Class B misdemeanor if they knowingly park in a space

designated for persons with disabilities using a counterfeit placard.

•HB 1784 makes it an offense for a person to park their vehicle where it blocks a disabled access aisle that is designed to aid persons with disabilities.

•HB 1330 allows an applicant to voluntarily list on their driver's license or identification card any health condition that might impede communication with police officers. The applicant must supply DPS with a written statement from a licensed physician. (This law takes effect January 1, 2004.)

•HB 3588 increases the penalty for seriously injuring someone when illegally passing a school bus that is loading or unloading students to a Class A misdemeanor.

According to DPS, an email has been circulating on the Internet, claiming that HB 281, which outlawed talking on a cell phone while driving or without using a hands-free device, had passed and took effect September 1. The bill did not pass and will not take effect.

The texts of these bills can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jesse Chavana, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

John Pfoh, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution paid.

James Don Seals, Jr., motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

John Hope, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$193 court costs.

Joshua Haile, order extending probation granted.

Russell Clayton Raymond, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Sherry Wade, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Jefforie Frazier, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$100 fine, court costs and restitution paid.

Candace Cole, plea of guilty to theft by check, 90 days in jail, \$238 court costs.

Jesse Chavana, plea of guilty to DWI-1st, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$193 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Kyle Eugene Davis of Abilene and Donna Jean Currens of Clyde.

Kevin Dale Castleberry and Shelly Renee McLaughlin, both of Cross Plains.

Ward David Robinson Jr. and Mickie Jo Poindexter, both of Clyde.

Scotty Lynn Hutton of Cross Plains and Carrie Elizabeth Rogers of Rising Star.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Allison Renee Wilson Sullivan and Lon Leroy Sullivan, divorce.
Whitney Hope Odom and Canda Finley Odom, divorce.

Patricia Corene Fomby and Sidney Dawson Fomby, divorce.

Molly Beth Appleby and Joe Earl Appleby, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Patricia Loyd and Ralph Thompson, divorce granted.
Kay Lee Ann Thurmond and Charles Ray Thurmond, Jr., divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Lewis A. McWhorter, possession of controlled substance.
James W. George, theft.

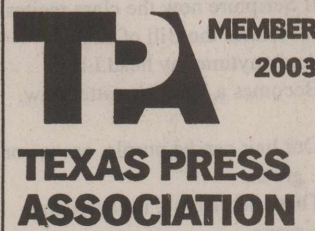
Criminal Minutes

Tammy R. Jasso, judgement revoking probation granted.

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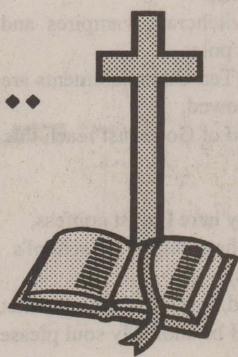
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PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies are almost through with Lou Grider's "Log Cabin" top. It is being quilted for the Lord's Acre that will be in November. Also, we are working on Olena Ezell's "Sixteen Patch" top. There were eight quilters present. Maybe one of these days all of us will be able to be there.

Earlene Burge was in Brownwood Thursday for her grandson's birthday. She spent the day with Dee Ann Chisholm. They did some shopping and watching movies on TV. They made cream cheese pie for Jon. All the family met at Humphrey Pete's in the evening to celebrate Jon's 27th birthday. Those who came for dinner included Jessica and Jack Stultz, Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm and son, Cameron, James and Cindy Fuller, Jon and Leslie Ochoa, and Leslie's mother, Tammie, who lies in Shreveport, La. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the

waiters cutting up with Jon. Earlene's cousin from Potosi came Monday and spent the day with her. They visited with Glenda and Reggie Barr in the afternoon.

Charlene Chesshir has been under the weather for a couple of weeks, but is feeling better now. The weekend of "Homecoming" at Cross Plains had both of Charlene's daughters down to see her. She had a good visit with Nancy Rogers on Friday night. Jim and son, Dusty, came in late Friday. We had not seen Dusty in a while. Christy took Charlene to Abilene on Wednesday to see her doctor about her back. What would Charlene do without her children?

Do not forget November 1 is getting close. Put it on your calendar. That is "QUILT SHOW" and Country Store day.

Word of Wisdom: For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

OCTOBER 6 - 10

MONDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Bread, Milk
Tossed Salad, Corn, Cookie, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Salmon Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Pudding, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, Cabbage, Blackeyed Peas, Cake,

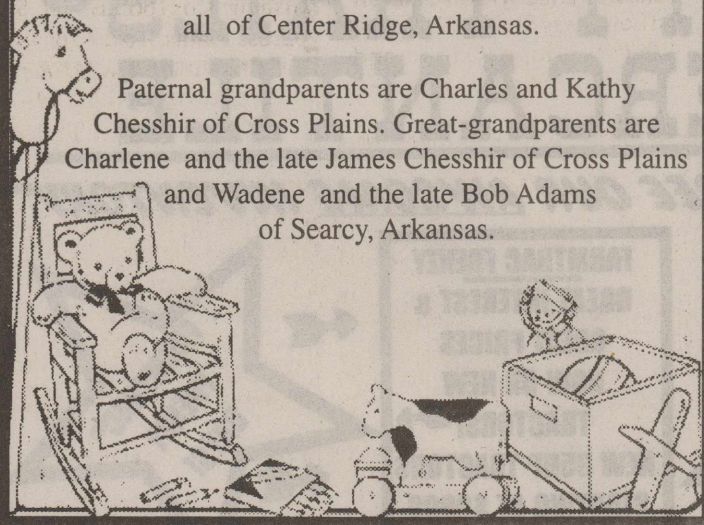
Bread, Milk
THURSDAY - German Sausage, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Cobbler, Bread, Milk
FRIDAY - Hamburger, Lettuce-Pickles, Tomato-Onions, Pork & Beans, Rosie Applesauce, Milk

IT'S A BOY!

Samuel Polk Chesshir,
son of John and Summer Chesshir, was born August 24, 2003 in Conway, Arkansas. He weighed in at 9 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Melissa Polk of Center Ridge, Arkansas. Great-grandparents are Kenneth E. and Mary Anderson and Weldon and Lorene Polk all of Center Ridge, Arkansas.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Kathy Chesshir of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Charlene and the late James Chesshir of Cross Plains and Wadene and the late Bob Adams of Searcy, Arkansas.



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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Recently I was given a few "Funny Holy Humor" stories. This one fit in with a new study we are beginning on Wednesday nights entitled "God's 'Top Ten'": "A lady was mailing a family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. The postal clerk asked her if there was anything breakable in the package — to which she replied, 'Only the Ten Commandments.'"

I doubt if Moses was the only one in the Bible who "broke all ten of them" (Ha!) — and from observation, I suspect they are all being broken by some in our day.

Actually, the Ten Commandments, along with the rest of the Old Testament Mosaic Law, was "nailed to the cross" by Christ when He died there, Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:14-16. But the principles (not the specifics) that God laid down in the Ten Commandments are still binding, taught throughout the New Testament of Christ. For instance, we will be studying the principle of the first of the Ten Commandments — "You shall have no other gods before Me" — on Wednesday night, October 8, under the title of "Get Your Priorities Straight."

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

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

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Cottonwood Connections: Good Neighbors are Forever

I recently told you the story of Obie Gattis' mule and me and promised you another story about Obie Gattis being a friendly neighbor. I publish it now by special request.

When I was a kid growing up in Cottonwood, Obie was our next door neighbor and a very friendly one. After WWII, R.T. Peavy, Richard Purvis and I entered Texas A&M College to pursue a "higher education". In December 1946, when we came home for the Christmas holidays, I had not finished an assignment for an engineer drawing class, so had to return to the campus a few days early in order to get it finished.

I intended to catch a bus in Cross Plains, change in Brownwood, change again in Hearn and arrive on campus that night. But, the weather changed and blue norther blew in the night before to deposit a heavy layer of snow after dark. The north wind had blown deep drifts of snow across the roadway in many spots. I mean deep drifts of snow!

My dad could not get a car started to take me to Cross Plains, so I started walking with a suitcase and a canvas boot-bag. I had to lift the bags up high to wade through the drifts and I quickly drew tired, cold and hungry.

After walking about two miles, I topped the Clifton hill and started down the south slope, which had collected a huge mountain of snow. I was miserable. I thought about abandoning my possessions and going back home. I was trying to think of some way to tell my folks I didn't want a very high education anyway.

Then I heard the put-put-put of a motor starting up somewhere over in the direction of Cottonwood. It was a very still, cold and crisp morning and every sound in the Cottonwood Valley floated over heard between the ridges. The motor kept put-putting and seemed to be getting closer.

I realized it was coming from behind me and turned to see it top the Clifton hill, a relic of by-gone days. Put-put-put, it rolled toward me, never varying in speed or sound. I could not imagine who it could be. As the relic auto drew near, I could tell was a green and rusted coupe, in those days it was pronounced "coo-pay". It had large, narrow, wooden red spoke wheels, plowing through the drifts like bulldozer and pushing a pile of snow in front.

It drew along side and stopped. I am sure my mouth was agape (not pronounced "a-ga-pay") as I looked in and recognized Obie Gattis in control.

He said, "Hop in Wallace, I'll

take you to town." I opened the door with a thankful heart and felt the blessed warmth of heat sweep past my face. It was a five-gallon bucket to live coals from Obie's fireplace sitting on a metal plate he had placed over the wooden floorboard of his '28 model Chevrolet Coo-pay.

I hopped in, straddled the heater and said a right deeply felt "thank you". He explained that when I passed his house carrying my bags he knew I was trying to catch the bus to return to school, and he knew I would never make it to Cross Plains in time. "But," he said, "I didn't stop you because I thought I might not be able to start this old car and I knew we couldn't make through these drifts in my Plymouth."

Well, we did make it through and in time to catch the bus to Brownwood, and in time to get to Lampasas in order to become "snowed-in" overnight at the bus station. The passengers huddled around a pot-bellied stove all night and some of us played "bridge" and talked.

And that's why I always remember Obie Gattis as my friendly neighbor. This story is published by request of Kay Mosley of Cross Plains, who is author of the column "Quips, Clips and Comments" published in the *Cross Plains Review*. She has Cottonwood connections because her mother is a sister to Opal (Meador) Gattis, Obie's wife. And she claims we are next-door neighbors because our columns appear side-by-side each week in "The Review".

Other Cottonwood Connections

Carol and I had a chance to stop by Nancy Robinson Masters' booth in Abilene last Saturday. She was displaying and autographing her books at the annual West Texas Authors and Book Fair sponsored by the Abilene Public Library.

Nancy expressed her delight for the warm and friendly reception she received in Cottonwood when she spoke to the crowd at the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association in May. I had missed the meeting due to a little heart episode and hospital visit at the time. But, I did explain to her that the rave reviews I heard from those who attended were beyond compare, and since she had well established roots in the soil of Cottonwood, she was a member in good standing and would be expected to attend the annual meetings from now on.

Next week I'll have the monthly calendar of events in Cottonwood.

(Please call Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 about news or personal items for this column.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Carlton Stowers will be our next "Meet the Author" and we want to let out patrons know that we have several of his books on our shelves that can be checked out prior to his coming. They are great true crime stories, so come in and check them out.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Notes: Fall is definitely in the air! And winter is coming on! So you better get out your long Johns (underwear) and get it on soon!

"Landscaping—Homemade Style"

Instead of sowing or planting those plants, seed, bulbs, etc. TRY YOUR OWN LANDSCAPING PLAN!

Somehow, I think my needle is stuck—again!! To interpret the meaning of the prior line about the needle being stuck, it would probably be better to have been born before 1950. That's when, to play recorded music, you needed a record player and a record! The record player had a round, revolving base on which you placed a round plastic like cylinder or disc.

A small arm on the player extended out over the record while the arm had a needle on the end and plugged up to electricity, the needle ran lightly over the record, as they say "in the grooves" and thus produced the sounds of music that had been recorded. Of course, that was the old fashioned way. None of these tapes and cassettes, etc. that they have now-a-days. Anyway, now I'm unsticking my needle or perhaps in this case it should read noodle, and outlining plans for one more flower garden to the bedding plant suggestion that I lined out in my article last week. Remember you will see how much better they will show up, especially when you plant at least five like colors and types of flower together.

It is lovely also to plant ferns and hostas in the shady areas. I think you will find this works out really well. Also caladiums are beautiful planted in the flower

beds to separate different types of flowers, especially when changing from one height to another. Caladiums and hostas both add some beautiful white and shades of pinks and reds from their leaves. The colors of the other flowers give your eyes a restful little pause as they sweep across your flower garden.

Another thing which is possible to do when coordinating your flower beds or flower gardens is: try to plant in each one a row or stand of flowers for each season, if possible, usually it will have at least one or more variety blooming bulb. In all beds most of each year for example, plant amaryllis bulbs, chrysanthemum plants, in a yellow or gold color, more golds in varying heights and colors of marigold seed—some orange, and in the front row plant candytuft with abundant small, very early white flowers. In front of your back row of amaryllis, plant daisies with white petals and yellow centers.

The candytuft will bloom in the early spring, late February or early March. Then the amaryllis should bloom late April and daisies in May and June. The marigolds bloom in late July and early August and the chrysanthemums bloom late September and early October. Some annuals that I usually buy to fill in with are pansies (but not this year) that bloom from February into June, if you keep replacing them about every six to eight weeks; you may also include petunias, vinca, phlox and many others that you most likely can find at your nearest nursery in the spring, summer, etc.

From now to then—Happy Gardening!

The Class of '54

By Joe Coppinger

Can anyone top this?

The Class of '54 had twenty-seven who showed up for our homecoming, and a number of them brought their spouses. There were forty-three who graduated in this class almost fifty years ago. Two of these have earned a Ph.D., two have been full-time pastors, two are married to pastors, some have worked on a church staff, at least seven have either been teachers or married to teachers, and one put a spouse through medical school. But far more important than these accomplishments, the Class of '54 has some of the best and finest people on the face of the earth.

We are planning our 50th year anniversary celebration for next summer. Maybe we will get to find out just how much good clean fun a bunch of old people can have in one weekend.

Only three of our group have passed on. They are Joyce Neeb Taylor, Delma Jean Luttrell Brooker and Cordelia Baines Rae. A tiny few have dropped out of contact with us, but one of those finally came home after forty-eight years. Bill Buzbee was found on the internet, contacted, and was here for the homecoming. HE is Dr. Buzbee, and he worked for the government in the atomic or nuclear testing in New Mexico for many years. Another recent "find" came as a result of a tip shared at homecoming. Someone heard that George Lowery was living in Waco. Telephone information revealed a listed number and that was all there was to it. George had not been back since graduation but now has been found. He has been involved in public education as a teacher and administrator with eighteen years of that in the Houston I.S.D. He enthusiastically stated that we could not keep him away from that big 50th celebration if we tried. We really look forward to seeing George.

The class always enjoys being together, but there is never enough time to satisfy our

appetite for visiting and reminiscing. Maybe we'll get a better chance at that next summer at our big reunion.



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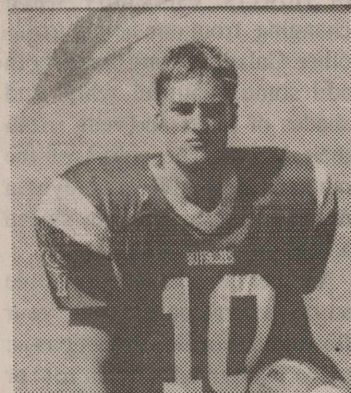
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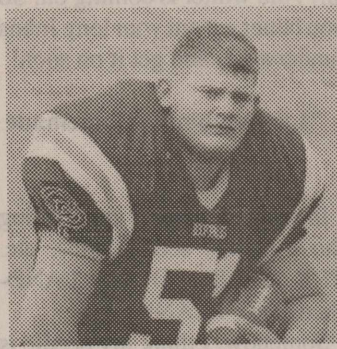
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE



DUSTY DICKSON
Quarterback - Sr.
Rushing: 12 Carries-70 yards
Passing: 4 of 12 for 36 yards

DEFENSE



JARED WOOTEN
Middle Linebacker - Sr.
Tackles: 5
Assists: 6

Rattlers Blank the Buffaloes 39-0

The last offensive series of the half for the Buffaloes perhaps was how the game could best be summarized. With a first and goal from the five yard line and time running out, the Buffalo offense was unable to punch it in. This is as close as the Buffaloes would be able to get suffering their worst loss of the season.

The Buffaloes were out-gained 370 yards to 175. Tolar had 15 first downs to 9 for the Buffaloes. The Buffaloes only trailed 16-0 at half, but several fumbles and missed tackles allowed Tolar to take command of the game.

We did not put a Buffalo team

on the field Friday night. I'm not sure what we put on the field. All I know is that if the same mentality shows this Friday, we can expect the same results.

I talked to the guys Monday and they seemed quite embarrassed. I think they will respond with a different attitude.

Baird has got a good team. Quick on defense and consistent on offense. We need to not turn the ball over and not miss tackles. If we do this, then we will have a chance to be successful.

GOABH!!!!

Coach David Hagler

Junior Varsity Buffaloes Lose to Tolar 32-6

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity had a tough time with Tolar last week losing 32-6.

The Buffaloes were able to keep it close until the second half. The score was 6-6 at the half. Tolar had a few big plays to pull away after half.

Buffalo standouts were River Dillard, Jordan Dillard, Russell Thomas, Sean Williams, Heath Walker, Zach Bennett, Colton Manley, Dalton Carpenter, Derik Hamlin and Garrett Stephens.

Applications for Region 14 Special Education Teachers Available Now

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2004-2005 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers will be accepted until **December 5, 2003**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

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- *Attained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average overall OR 2.75 on the last 60 hours.

- *Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) formerly the TASP.

- *Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region XIV ESC.

- *Completion of an interview process.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades EC-Grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's program contact: John Stevens (325) 675-8630 or Janice Hill (325) 675-8605.

SCHOOL MENU

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FRIDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, Assorted Juice

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THURSDAY- Chicken Pot Pie, Spinach, Crackers, Strawberries & Bananas

FRIDAY- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

Goat sale in Cross Plains October 4

A BlackJack Wether Goat Sale will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at the Callahan County Show Barn in Cross Plains.

The preview will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with the sale starting at 1:00 p.m.

The goat sale is from February through May 2003 kids. This will be one of the last chances to buy your goat before validation.

Directions to the Callahan County Show Barn: Go north on 206 at the four-way stop (Highway 36 and 206) in Cross Plains approximately two miles and the barn will be on the left.

For more information contact Tony Wyatt at 254-725-7762 or Lesa Harris at 325-854-1147.

Co-Ed Softball Tournament

The Parents of the Cisco High School Class of 2004 will be having a Co-Ed Softball Tournament on October 4th at the High School Baseball Field in Cisco.

The cost of the tournament is \$100 per team, to be paid by October 1st. All proceeds will go towards Project Graduation.

For more information please call Johnny or Eva Lynn Ramirez at: home (254) 442-4354; cell (254) 433-0467; or cell (254) 433-1727.

There will also be a concession stand selling Cokes, candy, sausage wraps and hamburgers. Come and join the fun and help them support the teens.

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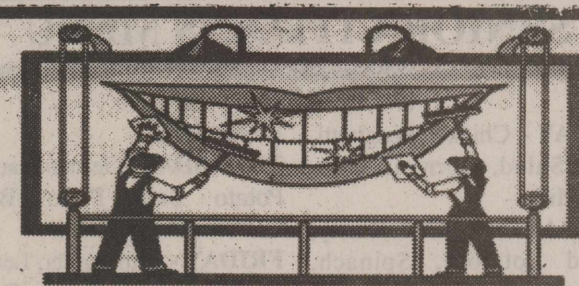
Make a Difference with World Heritage

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering international friendships, be community minded and enjoy working with teenagers. Community representatives screen potential host families, meet with local high schools, and provide support counseling for host families and students.

World Heritage also provides international opportunities for families to host a student and for an American teen to become an exchange student. If you are interested in one of these rewarding experiences, please call Chris at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at www.world-heritage.org.

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Callahan County Cuts to CHIP Program Will Total \$596,249

AUSTIN—Over 169,000 children across Texas will no longer be eligible for health insurance coverage by 2005 as a result of changes to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) made by the 78th Texas Legislature. These enrollment cuts will mean a loss of over \$760 million in state and federal funds. In addition, more than 500,000 Texas children enrolled in CHIP lost dental, vision, hospice and most mental health services as of September 1, 2003.

Local officials and health care providers are concerned about the impact of the cuts and that the cost of health care will be shifted to cities and counties already facing severe budget shortfalls. Counties in Texas, regardless of size, will lose state and federal funding, ranging from a \$ 12,045 loss in King County to \$139,550,978 in Harris County. Callahan County is expected to lose \$596,249 in the Children's Health Insurance Program by 2005 based upon the 133 clients served. "By changing the eligibility criteria, the state will lose \$550 million in federal matching funds alone for CHIP over the next two years," said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff. "These cuts to CHIP and Medicaid will throw our Hospital District into a projected \$25 million deficit. That's not good for our kids or our hospitals."

Patti Everitt, Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas, stated that the changes are unprecedented. "One-third of the children currently enrolled in CHIP will lose their coverage by 2005. No other state has made such drastic changes to its CHIP program or provides such a limited benefit to children receiving CHIP," she said. "Removing 169,000 children from coverage and eliminating critical benefits will set Texas even further behind other states."

Impact of Cuts to Children's Mental Health Services: Local community organizations will struggle to meet the needs of working families who lose benefits through CHIP. Of particular concern are cuts to children's mental health services. All but the most minimal mental health benefits have been eliminated from the Texas CHIP plan. All 500,000 children enrolled will no longer receive evaluation, treatment and therapy after a

crisis, or counseling and early intervention to prevent serious illness.

Mental health organizations and providers, also struggling with significant budget cuts, will have difficulty absorbing the children who lose counseling and therapy services under CHIP.

• Although 57,000 children used the CHIP mental health benefit from May, 2001 to December, 2002, the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority—Texas' primary mental health provider—currently only serves 38,000 children and cannot handle increased caseloads. "Children who are not able to access mental health services through CHIP will likely surface in less appropriate, more costly places such as the juvenile justice system and emergency rooms," said Lynn Lasky, president and CEO of Mental Health Association in Texas.

Timeline for Cuts:
Cuts are scheduled to take effect over the next several months, as follows:

• Effective August 31, dental, vision, hospice and most mental health benefits will be eliminated from the CHIP benefits package.

• Effective September 1, CHIP coverage will be reduced from 12 to 6 months of eligibility.

• Effective October 1, children will have to wait for 90 days after being declared eligible for CHIP in order to receive coverage.

• Effective November 1, CHIP co-pays and premiums will increase.

• Effective November 1, the following costs will no longer be considered in determining a child's eligibility for coverage: \$120 deduction for work-related expenses, childcare and disabled adult care expenses, child support and alimony payments.

• A new CHIP assets test will be implemented for individuals earning above 150% of poverty, preventing individuals with more than \$5,000 in assets in qualifying for CHIP, and a vehicle assets test that is more restrictive than that of Children's Medicaid.

As a result of these changes, an estimated 169,000 children—more than a third of the current caseload—will no longer be eligible for CHIP coverage by 2005.

Health advocates point out that despite the cuts, CHIP coverage is still critical to thousands of

Texas children and will continue to cover doctor visits, immunizations, prescriptions, hospital care and most needed medical services at an affordable rate.

For more information, please visit the Children's Defense Fund of Texas website at www.cdf-texas.org

The mission of the Children's Defense Fund is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

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10th annual Texas Midwest Conference October 15th

The 10th Annual Texas Midwest Conference is set for Oct. 15th at the Abilene Civic Center.

Community leaders throughout the region will gather to network and learn ways to enhance community development and economic development programs in their respective communities.

A feature of this year's conference is the announcement of the Texas Midwest "Community Achievement Award" recipients. Also featured at the conference will be solution seminars, motivational speakers, silent auction, live entertainment and the luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse.

Seminar topics will focus on quality of life issues and developing local economies. Topics include clean up ordinances, highway entry signage and landscaping, small business development, entrepreneurship, workforce issues, rural health care, marketing ideas for tourism and telecommunication needs for rural communities.

"Celebrating Regionalism" is the conference theme commemorating the organization's 10-year history.

Lapsit Program for Babies to Begin Tuesday, October 21 at Library

The spur for all librarians and teachers who are interested in growing new readers is an expanding body of evidence that these early programs really do make a difference for children. Researchers continue to discover important information about babies that can be directly related to infant/toddler programs.

Those scholars who once thought that children entered into the world as blank slates now know that infants have very sophisticated brains. Research is also showing that in the earliest months of life, a staggering amount of brain development occurs. Children's intelligence—actual brain growth—and well-being are directly affected by their environment, including nourishment, intellectual challenges and adequate affection. What this means is that babies exposed to an environment with

more stimulation will develop more synapses (brain cell connections) than those who are not stimulated. Or more simply, that the talking, holding, singing, playing and exploring we do with a baby adds up to an increased capacity for learning that lasts throughout that child's life. There are a few key statistics that can very quickly reveal the significance of programming for this age group.

We now know, for example, that 50 percent of a person's intellectual capacity is developed before age four. Additionally, children learn over 80 percent of the vocabulary that will serve them all of their lives by the time they are five. From this type of evidence, more and more libraries are deciding to add programming to serve families during this critically important period in the language and intellectual development of children.

Lapsit programs and services are valuable introductions to the wonderful world of language in which the very young child and adult together share a fun, learning experience that they will then want to recreate. These experi-

ences also encourage early brain development with verbal, visual and tactile stimulation. These programs provide an opportunity for parents, as their child's best teacher, to gather ideas for more learning experiences at home.

Stories, fingerplays, songs and games, repeated at home, all add to a child's cognitive development. Parents will also enjoy opportunities to meet other parents of toddlers to exchange notes, give support, and develop friendships.

Beginning Tuesday, October 21st, the Cross Plains Public Library will host its first meeting with the parents only to introduce them to program then the following week we will have the program ready for both parents and babies. The ages of the children will be from birth to three years and then the child will move on to the next level of the program called the LAP program. This program has already been in the library program for years and has proven to be very beneficial.

For parents who are interested and want more information, please contact the library at (254) 725-7722.

Submitted by Cherry Shults

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IT'S A GIRL!!

Jeremy and Debbie Box are proud to announce the arrival of **Caley Justine Box.** Caley was born at Abilene Regional Hospital on August 27, 2003 at 11:40 a.m. She was 22 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Brad and Carrie Bowden of Cross Plains and Mike and Michelle Eldred of Odessa. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Linda Golson of Cross Plains and Ricky Box of Brownwood.

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The proposed utility service area is located approximately 2 miles west/east of downtown Clyde/Baird, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by one quarter mile north of CR 110; on the east by 2.4 miles east of State Hwy. FM 2228; on the south by 3.8 miles south of the intersection of Hwy. 283 and 36; and on the west by Eula WSC's east service area boundary.

The total area being requested includes approximately 96,000 acres and 738 current customers.

A copy of the proposed service area map is available at Callahan County Water Supply Corporation, 218 N. Access Rd., Clyde, Texas 79510, (325) 893-3841.

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference

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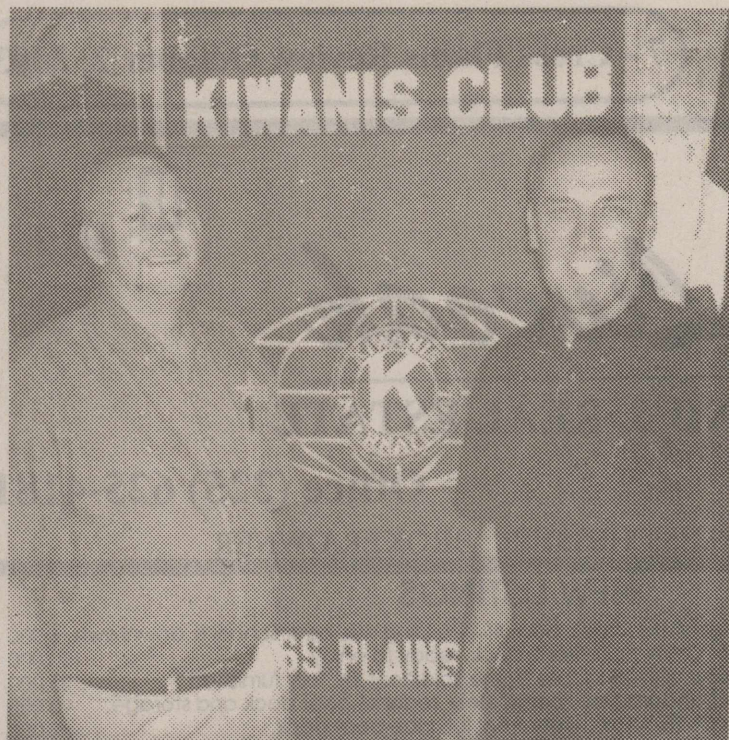
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INFORMATIVE GUEST SPEAKER—Ronnie B. White introduced Bobby Lovell, Senior Case Manager of Mesa Family Services, as guest speaker at the Kiwanis meeting held on Tuesday, September 23. He spoke on the importance of foster care for children in the state of Texas. Stable families are needed to serve the many children now in and needing foster care.

Large Group of Class of '46 Met for Homecoming 2003

The Class of '46 met at the home of Harold Garrett for their 2003 Homecoming get-together. Those present were Bobbie and Dan Johnston, Dick and Joan Vestal, Robert and Charlene Grider, Billie Jean and Carroll Guilbeau, Wanda Boyle, Imogene Haun, Colleen Anderson, Bobby Hinkle, Jack Lacy, N.L. Long, Eugene Gibson, Jim McCowen, Donald White, Bill White and host, Harold Garrett. We were glad to have Bill White

with us, as he had not been here for several years. We were honored to have Doris Givens and Joan Kunkle, sisters of Wanda Boyle, visit with us. Tentative plans were made for our annual Christmas party at the home of Dick and Joan Vestal on December 20th. We hope to see you all there. We always have such a great time and we do appreciate Dick and Joan so much. Submitted by Bobby Hinkle

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IT'S A GIRL!!



Darby and Shannon Nichols would like to announce the birth of their new daughter **Reagan Celeste**. Reagan was born September 14, 2003 at 8:17 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Reagan is welcomed by big brothers Clayton, Steven and Tyler and big sister Tawni. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Sheila Turner of Evergreen, Texas. Paternal grandparents are James and Lovey Nichols of Cross Plains.

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Texas historic farms and ranches sought for recognition

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the Family Land Heritage Program that honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has honored 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

"Texas was built by agricultural pioneers," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications.

- The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.
- The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural

sales of \$50 or more a year; or less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

- Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.
- If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.
- Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1903 or before is Nov. 15, 2003.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2004. The history of the farm or ranch will also be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burn-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Local Man Entertains Friends Last Saturday

Golfing friends of Jim McKoy were treated to a dove meal Sunday afternoon, September 28, at the McKoy barn. Those attending were Bob Lapham, author and former *Abilene Reporter-News* columnist; Frank Sheffield, retired movie theatre businessman; Jody Beal, retired oil field upper management; Bill Stanley, owner of F&S Clothier

in Abilene; and Pat Huggins, retired owner of Bridgestone Firestone. All the men reside in Abilene and are members of Shady Oaks Golf Club in Baird.

The men enjoyed chipping golf balls, shooting clay pigeons and playing cards. The group commented that Cross Plains was a very clean and friendly town.

Farm Bureau Annual Convention Tuesday, October 14

The Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Baird School Cafeteria in Baird, according to Sam Snyder, county president.

A fish fry will be catered by Catfish Corner of Abilene to members prior to the meeting. Farm Bureau members and their immediate families will be served at no charge.

There will be a dessert contest this year, and drawing for door prizes.

Guest speaker will be TFB Executive Director, Vernie Glasson.

The main purpose of this annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new directors will be elected at this time, as will voting delegates to represent the county at the state convention to be held in Waco, December 6-8.

Please call the office at (325) 854-1044 for reservations.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from September 21, 2003 through September 27, 2003 include:

- Cases Investigated**
- Warnings—75
 - Complaints—92
 - DWI—4
 - Public Intoxication—1
 - Possession of Dangerous Drug—1
 - Possession of Marijuana—2
 - Minor in Consumption of Alcoholic Beverage—1
 - Open Container—1
 - Driving While License Invalid—1
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—3

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

Scranton Musical to be Saturday, October 4

The Scranton Musical will be Saturday, October 4, at the Scranton Community Center. Joanie Shrader will be hostess in the kitchen. The special will be chopped brisket sandwich, potato salad, cole slaw and drink for \$4.00. They will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. The music begins at 6:00 p.m., with Mark

Ray as emcee. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Please come out for good food and entertainment. All proceeds from the kitchen go toward the operation of the community center.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

Pecan & Bluegrass Festival is Approaching

The annual Pecan and Bluegrass Festival is fast approaching. The festival is sponsored by the Clyde Chamber of Commerce and will be held this year on October 4th. It will once again be held in the Pecan Grove west of Bulldog Stadium.

A parade downtown will kick off the activities for the day. The parade will start at 10:00 am at The Peoples State Bank at the north end of Elm Street. Cash prizes will be awarded this year for the first three places in the float division. There is no fee to enter the parade but we would like to have an idea of how many entrants to expect. So, if you plan on being in the parade, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 893-4221.

The festival will start

immediately after the parade. There are still spaces available for arts and crafts and food booths. Please call the chamber office for information on these booths.

The Bluegrass music is sponsored this year by The Peoples State Bank and Big Country Dodge. Featured entertainers are Swing Shift from Clyde, Ronnie Gill and Buffalo Gap from Buffalo Gap, Lost River Bluegrass from Duncanville, Joe Bass from Stephenville, Salt Creek from Hawley, and Karen and Hary Brown from Hico.

Please plan to join us on the 4th for the fun and festivities. If you need other information, please contact The Chamber of Commerce at 893-4221.

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