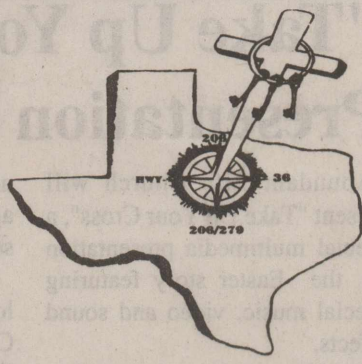


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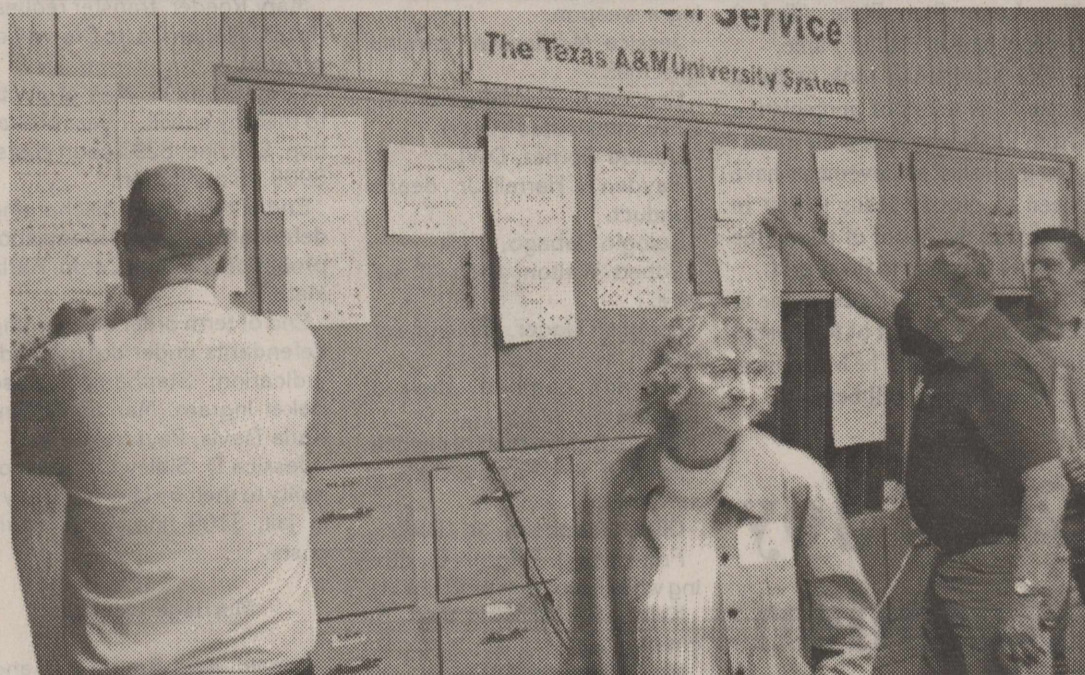
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RANKING THE ISSUES— April 1 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. The group prioritized a list of issues during the 2004 Texas Community Futures Forum held Thursday, April 1 at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. The group determined the top issues facing Callahan County over the next three to five years. Water, education funding, economic development, and zoning ordinance enforcement were determined as top priorities for the county.



THE MARKSMEN

Country Gospel Quartet to Appear at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains

The Marksmen will appear at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The Marksmen consist of Earle Wheeler, Mark Wheeler, Darrin Chambers and Tommy Dutton.

The Country Gospel Music Guild has voted **THE MARKSMEN** as "The

Country Gospel Quartet of the Year" For the third time! They also voted Mark Wheeler as Instrumentalist of the year.

Over a period of thirty years, The Marksmen has become one of the top Bluegrass Gospel Groups in the nation. For many years a dynamic force on the southern gospel circuit. Several

years back, The Marksmen began to tread new ground on the bluegrass circuit as well, but always with their familiar brand of music, with a gospel message.

In 1991, The Marksmen won video of the year for their production of "Grandpa Was a Farmer", at the Independent See Quartet Page 2

Water top issue facing Callahan County

A group of Callahan County leaders said water, education funding, economic development and zoning ordinance enforcement were the top four issues facing Callahan County over the next three to five years.

The issues were ranked during the 2004 Texas Community Futures Forum held at the County Courthouse in Baird on Thursday, April 1. The Texas Community Futures Forum is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension.

The goal of the county forum was to hear the views about the future of Callahan County. The event in Baird was sponsored by the Callahan County Extension Office. County Extension Agent Robert Pritz, the Extension Office secretary Julie Cooper and Extension Agents Kit Horn from Taylor County and Rocky Vinson from Shackelford County facilitated the county forum.

About 25 community leaders from Callahan County met to prioritize issues facing Callahan County.

The community leaders were broken down into three groups and each group elected a spokesperson. Gary Franke, John Belcher and Sammy Edgington led each individual group. The three groups then gathered to rank the issues brought before each group.

Group #1 issues brought before the forum were water conservation, community infrastructure, economic diversity, workforce, education and state funding, county zoning and community ordinances, healthcare and rural access, mental health, drug awareness and equal precinct areas.

Group #2 issues brought before the entire forum included water and district water rights availability, economic development and job creation, youth opportunities, zoning subdivisions, tax relief and property tax

issues, educating and funding energy and renewable energy, and county road improvements.

Group #3 had just a few issues for the forum including water conservation including other water sources, rural septic tank issues and mesquite and cactus pear control. The group also brought up school finance, including the cost to landowners and agriculture/technology training issues. Economic development, with fuel costs and population retention, seminars for the elderly and the law enforcement budget issues were also brought up to the third group.

When the forum combined to rank the issues, water was the number one issue for the groups. One out of every four votes cast by those in attendance went toward water issues. Education and related issues came in second, while economic development issues was the third highest ranked subject. Zoning ordinance enforcement issues came in fourth.

The forum then discussed which entity are best positioned to address the issues brought by the forum.

Concerning water issues, water supply corporations, Soil and Water Districts, Texas Department of Agriculture, the State Legislature and the Extension Office were determined best positioned to address that issue.

For education, the State Legislature, State Board of Education, School Boards, Federal Government, Extension Office and School Districts were determined best to tackle that issue.

On economic development issues, the local Economic Development Corporations, Chambers of Commerce, State Legislature, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Department

of Tourism, Texas Employment Commission, and Texas Midwest Community Network were suited best to address those issues.

As for zoning ordinance and enforcement issues, County Commissioners, City Councils, State Legislature, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality were determined best to address the zoning-related issues.

Extension Agent Robert Pritz said all 254 counties in Texas were conducting the Community Futures Forums to determine those critical issues facing each county. Pritz said the Texas Cooperative Extension is unique because it has facilities in every county of the state. He said the Community Futures Forum is conducted once every four years in Texas. Pritz said the issues brought by the forums on the county, regional and state level will be shared with other agencies.

Pritz pointed out the county forum group did not meet to solve any of the issues—just to identify the issues facing the county.

Pritz said the results from the county forum will be located on the world-wide-web, along with other counties in Texas. The web address is: <http://futuresforum.tamu.edu>.

Those attending the county forum included: Charlie Grider, Billy Jackson, Danny Tabor, Tony Reed, John Belcher, Maurice Newton, Meta Isenhower, John Isenhower, Pat Chrane, Gary Franke, Joe Compton, Jim Paylor, David Estes, Jim Stapleton, Louise Chandler, J.J. Farmer, Roland Smith, Sammy Edgington, David Miller, James Trammell, Carol Hodges, Kit Home, Julie Cooper, Rocky Vinson, Marilyn Seider, Roselyn Nichols and Robert Pritz.

Living Last Supper Project at FUMC April 8th

On Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will again perform The Living Last Supper.

This is a wonderful portrayal of Jesus and the 12 disciples as portrayed in the painting by Leonardo Da Vinci.

You will hear the words of Jesus and the disciples as they might

have been expressed on that night whereupon each of the disciples cried out, "Lord is it I?"

You will recognize many of the participants as local town people playing both Jesus and the disciples.

First United Methodist Church hopes that you will come and be a part of this wonderful event.

Pride monthly Meeting

Project Pride will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00 P.M. at the Cross Plains Public Library. The public is invited.

Cross Cut Church holds 6th Annual Easter Service

The old Cross Cut Baptist Church will host its 6th annual Easter Service this Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Reverend James Ray Roach will preside. Come early or stay after awhile for fellowship and refreshments. For more information call (254) 725-6836.

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2004 Texas Community Futures Forum Top Issues

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Education Funding	39
Economic Development	34
Zoning Ordinance Enforcement	30
County Roads,	
Community Infrastructure	19
Tax Relief	18
Energy Costs	7
Elderly, Health Care Issues	8
Juvenile Justice Improvements	2

"Take Up Your Cross" Presentation Upcoming

Abundant Life Church will present "Take Up Your Cross", a special multimedia presentation of the Easter story featuring special music, video and sound effects.

There will be two performances, Saturday, April 10th, at 7:00 p.m. and Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

There is no admission charge

and childcare for infants through age five will be provided for both services.

Abundant Life Church is located at the corner of West Commerce (US 84/67) and Belle Plain (Hwy 279) in Brownwood. For more information call (325) 643-4738 or e-mail them at alcbrownwood@hotmail.com.

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OBITUARY

Ray Nell (Sis) Gary Duncan

Ray Nell (Sis) Gary Duncan, 73, of the Cottonwood Community, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Craig Churchill officiating. Burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Callahan County. Arrangements were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Ray Nell was born November 16, 1930 in Callahan County, Texas to Loyd Bentley and Mary Lee (Green) Gary. She married Red Duncan on July 8, 1946 in Callahan County and lived most of her life in this area.

Survivors include her husband, Red Duncan, of Cleburne; three sons, Larry Duncan and Elmer Duncan, both of Cleburne, and Chris Duncan of Clyde; four daughters, Margie Duncan of Cleburne, and Wanda Marsh, Mary St. Peter and Martha Jones, all of Cross Plains; five brothers, Bill Gary and A.B. Gary, both of Cisco, D.A. Gary of Cross Plains, Tommy Gary of Harrah, Oklahoma and J.L. Gary of Bloomfield, New Mexico; three sisters, Virginia Stoker of Bedford, Joann Marton of Cisco and Joyce Marton of Admiral; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Gary, A.B. Gary, J.L. Gary, Tommy Gary, Elmer Duncan and Larry Duncan.

CCFA Planning God & Country March for April 24th

Concerned Christians For America (CCFA) is planning a God and Country march on April 24 at 7 p.m. If any church group, children's church, or youth group would like to participate, please contact Jim or Pauline Holloway at 325-641-1301. For more information about CCFA log onto: www.brownwoodlive.com/ccfa.

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Country Awards. Then in 1992 they received a Telly Award with their video of "Wagon Tracks." In 1993, '94, and '95 at the National Bluegrass Awards The Marksmen won SPBGMA's award for the best Bluegrass/Gospel Group of the year.

Recently The Marksmen had a #1 song **Potters Wheel** in the U.S. Gospel News Country Gospel Charts, written by Mark Wheeler and Raymond Fortner. Over the last few years The Marksmen have had several top 20 country gospel songs. The Marksmen have recently been inducted into the Lone Star State (Texas) Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

The Marksmen look at these awards as token of appreciation from those who love their music. Their greatest achievements have been to glorify Jesus Christ in song and the honor of taking the Gospel message to the world.

First Baptist invite everyone to come enjoy a night of fellowship and worship with The Marksmen. A love offering will be taken.

2004 Joy Reunion

Yes family and friends, it's that time again! Reunion Time!! The reunion will be held on April 23, 24, and 25th at the Old Cottonwood Schoolhouse in Cottonwood, TX.

Friday, April 23 is our arrival date. Come join us as everyone begins to arrive and visit! You will have to furnish your own meals today.

Saturday, April 24th will be the fun day!! Join us for fun and games for all ages! We will have some organized games and competitions as well as the usual horseshoes, dominos, cards, softball, etc! So bring your game equipment. And of course, we will do our usual auction of items brought by you. So get creative or go to the store, but try to bring three items to put in the auction to help pay for food and building costs! A BBQ lunch will be provided on this day. We ask that you please bring a dessert and side dish of your choice if possible.

Sunday will be clean up day and good-bye day! It is always hard to leave once we get together. Come help us finish the leftovers, clean up and visit some more before everyone has to go.

There are overnight sleeping accommodations. Camping is allowed on the schoolhouse grounds. So bring the campers, RV, tents, sleeping bags, etc.! Electrical hookups at the schoolhouse for RV's, campers, etc. is \$5.00 per day. You can pay PeeWee when you get there. There are also several motels you can stay at, 36 West Motel in Cross Plains (All rooms here are booked) or Baird Motor Inn in Baird, TX, 500 I-20 E, 325-854-2527. You will have to call them direct to reserve a room!

If you have any questions, call Creshia Bailey 432-530-2501, Pat Jones 432-333-6036, or PeeWee Joy 431-381-0847. We'll see you there!!

Peter Cotton Tail hippie hopping down the bunny trail. He has been here two, hope he makes it three. He is just like suger and spice and everything nice. but be aware! Those little pills he leaves behind "They ain't sugar babies." Happy Anniversary "Ronnie"

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Aretha Faye Louis, resisting arrest.

Don A. Schroers, possession of marijuana.

Adrian Villa, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Jessica McGlassen, criminal mischief.

Ernest H. Fontaine, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Ubaldo Gomez, DWI.

Hayden A. Harrell, Jr., deadly conduct.

Eulogio Rabago, DWI.

Robert Walton, theft of service.

Dwight Cigger, theft of service.

Amanda Lambert, theft of service.

Brandi Colvin, theft of service.

John Blake Taylor, theft of service.

Gilbert Mendoza, Jr., DWI.

Francisco J. Palomares, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Kelley R. Millikan, theft by check.

W. C. Roberts, DWI.

Juan Olivarez, possession of marijuana.

Reynaldo Samaneigo, Jr., possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Carsten K. Nielsen, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, case dismissed for plea of co-defendant.

Brett McAdams, motion to dismiss to evading detention granted, dismissed for plea to other charge.

Edward T. Walker, order extending probation granted.

Karen Woolf, order extending probation granted.

Brenda Sue Johnson, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Russell Jones, plea of guilty to driving while license suspended (DWLS), 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$243 court costs.

Michael Herrera, plea of guilty to DWLI, 6 month probation, \$200 fine, \$243 court costs.

Michael Herrera, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Mary Roeder, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$157.93 restitution.

Mary Roeder, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brown Co. granted.

Cody Franklin, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$909.16 restitution.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation; Manuel Cerda, Karla Mathis.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; Stephanie Denise Baker-Ingram, Marcus Brown, Karla Davis, Payton Davis.

Jessica D. Sibley, Jr., plea of guilty to theft by check, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$268 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Ronald Kay Smithwick and Joyce Marie McConnell, both of Eastland.

Robert Fenton Walton and Patricia Angelina Farni, both of Baird.

Timothy Wayne Robinson and Summer Ann Leeper, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Nancy Lynn Pickett and Steve W. Pickett, divorce.

Lavon Reed and Forest Wayne Reed, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. Teddy G. Merryman, et ux, et al, petition for condemnation.

Criminal Minutes

Stephanie D. Daffron, judgment revoking probation granted.

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PIONEER NEWS

Well, we did not get finished with Lou's "butterfly" quilt, but it will come out this week. It is so pretty. We have Lessie's "wedding ring" and the "lone star" to work on. Everyone had a very good day working and visiting.

Glenda Phillips went with Allen and Janice to the Jr. High track meet at May. She said the wind was blowing so that it was really cold after dark. Krista ran in the 400 and 800m races.

Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz were in Brownwood one evening this week to get parts for a lawnmower and did some shopping at Wal-Mart. Of course, they saw a few people they knew. That is always a good place to see someone you know! Everyone is quilting every Tuesday and now we are working to finish a quilt for Lou Grider. It is a butterfly quilt.

Jim Chesshir came last weekend and got the west field plowed on the Chesshir farm. He went over it with tandem then with a breaking plow. That's a lot of plowing for one weekend! He apologized for not having time to plow the garden. (Jim, you will just have to come back to do that!) Charlene said "no more garden for me!" The first time in 50 years with no garden! Charlene says she is not able to hoe or gather vegetables. (Doesn't sound like Charlene!) Charlene and Christy went to Abilene Monday for Charlene to see the eye doctor. Her eyes have changed a little, but not enough to change glasses. That is great! They did a little shopping, and visited Christene and Stewart Cooper. Stewart hurt his back ten days ago and is in a lot of pain!

Pauline Parsons from Baird

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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The currently very popular movie, "Passion of the Christ," has attracted record crowds and netted near record profits. I still have not seen it, though I do intend to. I told someone that I do not think that I need to see the movie to be thankful and impressed by what Jesus did for me on the cross. It's possible, however, that it would make me even more thankful...

I was so very "caught off guard" when someone commented that "if you like the movie, you'll love the book." Before thinking, I asked, "Oh, is one being written?" And having hardly gotten the words out of my mouth, I realized what they were talking about — the Bible! (I am so gullible at times!)

And several have suggested a needed sequel — "The Resurrection of Christ" — in order to make sure that people who are unfamiliar with "the rest of the story" as recorded in the Bible know that His death on the cross was not at all the end! Let us be equally as awed by the power He demonstrated over death as we are the forgiveness he provided by His death.

We encourage you to and 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

Community Churches Schedule Special Holy Week and Easter Services

Easter Week, Holy Week as it is known, is the greatest day for celebrating Independence and Freedom the world will ever know. That's because Christians celebrate Easter Sunday as the greatest day of victory human beings can ever know.

As a nation we remember "Valley Forge" and the victory that brought us the freedoms embodied in the Declaration of Independence. We "Remember the Alamo," along with the Battle of San Jacinto, which made us Texans free. We remember "Pearl Harbor" along with VE Day and VJ Day that brought us a new lease on Freedom and Independence.

During Holy Week, Christians the world over, "Remember the Cross" and the "Resurrection" that makes all people equal and free with a freedom that only God can give.

The best way to insure our freedoms is to exercise them. The following is a partial list of opportunities to worship and are presented to allow us to do that. Please remember that all Christian churches of the area will be observing Easter Sunday as a special day of worship.

The Cottonwood Church of Christ will enjoy their regular 2nd Sunday fellowship meal after Sunday School and Worship Services which start at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. respectively.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church has scheduled a special Song Service and Fellowship Hour for Easter Sunday. The Song Service will begin at 9:00 a.m., and will be followed by a fellowship hour with refreshments. Regular Worship Services will be at the usual time, 11:00 a.m.

"Everyone is welcome," said Matt McGowen, pastor of the church, as he announced the services and extended an

invitation for everyone in the Community of Cottonwood to attend.

For Methodists of the Cottonwood Community, the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains will hold two special services in addition to the Easter Morning Worship Services. A Living Last Supper will be presented on Thursday at 7 p.m. and Good Friday Worship will be held at 7 p.m., according to Mike Redd, pastor of the church. Regular Worship Services will commence at 10:40 a.m.

Ray Nell "Sis" Gary Duncan Buried in Cottonwood Cemetery

Ray Nell Duncan, long time resident of Cottonwood, died last week and was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery. Services were held in Cross Plains with Gregg Churchill conducting.

Survivors include her husband, Red Duncan; three sons, Larry and Elmer Duncan of Cleburne and Chris Duncan of Clyde; 4 daughters, Mary St. Peter, Wanda Marsh and Martha Jones of Cottonwood and Margie of Cleburne. Her surviving brothers are Phil and A.B. Gary of Cisco, D.A. Gary of Cross Plains, Tommy Gary of Harrah, OK and J.L. Gary of Bloom Field.

Ray Nell's surviving sisters are Virginia Stoker, of Bedford, Joann Marton of Cisco, and Joyce Marton of Admiral. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Don't Forget

Keep your calendar marked for May 1, 2004; first Saturday in May; Annual meeting of the COTTONWOOD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. Details will be published next week.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett about news or personal items for this column 254-725-7474. Email csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail, 11093 County Road 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443)

Cowboy Poet to Entertain locally Friday, April 16

The Friday, April 16 appearance of western entertainer, Dennis Gaines, is guaranteed to be an unforgettable evening. His unique style of reciting his tales of "cowboying" will make folks laugh, cry and have an old-fashioned good time. We might be treated to "Bungee Buckaroo" that begins with "There's certain aggravations that a cowhand can't abide/Weak coffee, gunsels, dudes and whiny women chap my hide/But of all the banes and pestilence this cowboy's life has wrought/What truly ups my dander is a horse that won't be caught."

The EVENING WITH DENNIS GAINES is sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library as a major fund-raising event. It will be held in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church on April 16. A free chili supper (donations accepted) will be available beginning at 6:00 with the show starting at 7:30. Tickets will cost \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for buckaroos under age 12. Only 350 seats are available, so plan to come early, eat and visit until the show starts.

Folks familiar with Will Rogers' famous philosophy of "I never met a man I didn't like" are sure to enjoy the similar approach to life by Gaines who states, "I consider everyone a friend until proven otherwise; a philosophy that would go a long way toward solving the world's ills if everyone thought likewise."

Gaines considers his appearance

at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, the highlight of his life thus far. He was a Texas State Representative Poet there in 1990, 1991 and 1992. He was named the winner of the Best Cowboy Storyteller/Humorist Award for the Year 2000 as presented by The Academy of Western Artists.

Area residents may have caught his appearance on the "Texas Country Reporter", at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene or at the Texas Cowboy reunion in Stamford. Or perhaps some have traveled to his shows in Dalhart, Lubbock, Amarillo, San Antonio, Fort Worth or Stephenville. Others may have laughed their way through his videos or CD's.

Judy Luter, Event Chair for the EVENING WITH DENNIS GAINES has traveled out of town several times to catch his shows. A real fan, Judy explains, "He's like a cowboy George Carlin in that he is so animated, makes such great faces and takes the simplest things and makes them hilarious. You don't have to know anything about the cowboy life to find his humor funny."

So, if you're a fan of Hank the Cowdog, if you enjoy Ace Reid's cartoons, if you remember Will Rogers, if you like the mental pictures painted by old cowboy campfire songs --- you are sure to enjoy the EVENING WITH DENNIS GAINES.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

NOTE: Mostly we think of a yardstick as a ruler, a tape measure, or etc., of a manner of measure. But remember a shoe has measured many yards.

"THE SHOE A Milestone Measure"

Can you recall from your childhood just how good it felt to get new shoes?

I'll never forget that first new pair of Roman Sandals and another new pair the following year. My sister was still in hightops, and she was two years younger than me.

The very next year I got Mary Janes for the first time and she got-you guessed it; Roman Sandals. If you don't remember Roman Sandals, it's most likely because you are younger. Just think of a pair of Mary Janes only instead of one strap and buckle it had four or five starting where your foot begins to arch and going up to and above the ankle just slightly. Sometimes in black patent for dress wear and also worn in black, brown or tan leather for school and with other casual wear. IT WAS A SHOE MILESTONE!

Who would ever have thought you could measure milestones with shoes which are not usually considered a standard of measure.

The age was 17 years. My dress was made princess style of material of an off white color with pink splotches of colored flowers and avocado leaves and stems in a vast array over a large area. I had avocado hi-heeled shoes and bag. My sisters dress was of a similar material of pink with blue and aqua flowers with avocado stems and leaves. I believe she had white shoes and a bag. The shoes were not hi-heeled as she was only 2 years younger than I.

My next milestone was my wedding slippers. My dress was my favorite color, a baby blue dress of lace, cocktail style with a small bolero, my cocktail that was covered in a blue tulle circle veil sprinkled with many, many small rhinestones. My bag and shoes were baby blue also, the shoes dyed to match the dress were of satin. On my ears I wore small pearl earrings and a strand of pearls surrounded my neck. Those blue satin shoes have sustained our 45 year marriage...and the Beat Goes On...

LIBRARY NOTES



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Total 132	Reference: 10
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Melba Hutchins, Sandra	Calls In 9
Crockett, Jerry and Chris	Internet Users 29
Biggerstaff, and Betty Beggs	

RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Eggs, Eggs and more Eggs. Parents don't forget about the Easter Egg Hunt here at the Center Friday the 9th at 2:00. All kids 8 years and younger may participate.

Our Easter Bunny Baskets are coming along good. Several of our ladies are helping put them together.

A warm welcome to our new resident, Opal Brooks. Thoughts and prayers for J.W.

who is in the hospital.

Everyone is enjoying the beautiful Easter Lilies from Tim's Floral. Our appreciation to our special friend for her thoughtfulness.

A big Thank You to Marilyn McBride for the hooked rug kit.

But thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 12 - 16

MONDAY - Chicken & Dumplings, Tossed Salad, Peas & Carrots, Apricots, Bread, Milk	Beans, Chocolate Cake, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Beef-A-Roni, California Blend Vegies, Pineapple & Cottage Cheese, Sugar Cookie, Bread, Milk	THURSDAY - Tuna Salad, Tomato Soup, Macaroni Salad, Banana Pudding w/Cookie, Crackers, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Pork Chops w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green	FRIDAY - Taco Bowl Salad, Mexican Corn, Ranch Style Beans, Lime Gelatin, Milk

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We're already looking forward to next year's!!

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

Cross Plains Tennis Report

The Cross Plains tennis season got underway with a tournament in Santa Anna last week. Russell Allen advanced to the quarter finals with two victories while Kelsee Richards split her matches. Other participants included Jordan Dillard, Michaela Wallace and Christina Avants. More recently, the players competed in a duel meet against Rising Star and Goldthwaite in

Cross Plains. Winning both their matches were Russell Allen, Kelsee Richards, Samantha Hutton and J.D. Cook. The doubles team of Michaela Wallace and Christina Avants won one of their two matches as well.

District will be in San Angelo next Tuesday. Congratulations and good luck to all these players!

Key Club Sponsors St. Jude Bike-A-Thon

Memphis, TN—The Cross Plains "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on May 1, 2004, has been announced by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Sponsor for this year's event, the Key Club of C.P.H.S. Encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort.

The increase in the overall survival rate of children with cancer from 30% to 70% has been made possible through research. The funds from events like the Cross Plains Bike-A-Thon make that research possible. The citizens of Cross Plains work hand in hand with the researchers, technicians, and doctors at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to provide treatments and cures for children of catastrophic diseases. Due to the overwhelming importance of the research conducted at the

hospital, St. Jude freely shares its new treatments and research findings with doctors and hospitals around the world including those in your state.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for catastrophic diseases of childhood. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance for medical treatment rendered at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

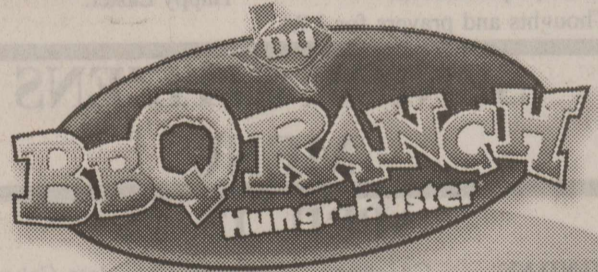
SCHOOL MENU

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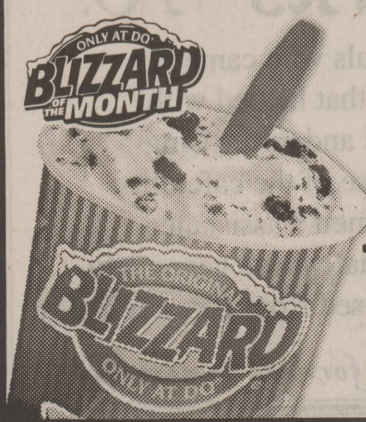
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS	MONDAY- CLOSED FOR EASTER
TUESDAY - Muffins, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY- Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Jello w/Fruit
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY- Crispy Fish, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit
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Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club needs pictures

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club needs pictures of athletes participating in any athletic event. These pictures will be used for posters for the All-Sports Banquet. If you have

any pictures please bring them to G&G Sporting Goods 240 N. Main. Please put your name on the back of the pictures if you want them back. Deadline is May 1st.

Immunization Clinics Told

Texas Department of Health will hold the following Immunization Clinics in Callahan County including:

Monday, April 12th
Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th

10 a.m. to 12 noon and

Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
Cross Plains
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14th
Clyde Community Resource Center
306 North 1st
10 to 12 noon and 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. For more information call (325) 754-4945.

ATTENTION!! Cross Plains Little League

WORK DAYS

Saturday, April 17th & Saturday, May 1st
At Baseball Fields

We would like to ask EVERYONE to come lend a helping hand!!

Athletic Booster Club Meeting

April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

in Gym Foyer

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Source: Prevent Child Abuse Texas 12701 Research # 303 Austin, Texas 78759

On behalf of the Callahan County Child Welfare Board, we

are glad to be a part of this special month. Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to focus our hearts and our minds on protecting our children of today. Even though this should be our thinking all the time, this month is designated for the purpose of sharing information all over the community about how to prevent child abuse and neglect.

There will be information this month at different locations in the community. Check with your local school, city hall and churches for information on child abuse awareness. People in the community will be wearing blue ribbons on their clothing and vehicles. Fee free to get any blue ribbon and wear it every day to show your support of this special cause. If you are unable to find various kinds of information please call (254) 752-4290 or (254) 725-4282 and we will get you what you need. Also, please call if you are interested in volunteering with our board. We always need committed volunteers.

Submitted by the Callahan County Child Welfare Board

Board Members for 2004 are: Granville Griffith, D.T. Crockett, Jr. Melissa Richards, Mary Crockett, Pat Stephens, Kim Crockett, Davy Crockett, Jamie Fahnrtrapp, Jeff Fahnrtrapp, Rhonda Vestal, Julie Keller

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Spring Planting

We have just entered the season of Spring. It is a season of new growth and new beginnings. One can look out across the land and see new specks of green and other color. It just feels good to see God's color beginning to show.

I am carefully watching the mesquite trees. Local lore has it that when the mesquite trees have leafed there will not be another freeze. I vote for that. I get so sad when the fruit trees bloom out and get nipped. I also want to put my plants that have wintered outside for revitalization.

This is also the season for what we call "Spring Housecleaning" I do not get very enthusiastic about that. I have that excuse that I'm not "able" but to tell the truth I was not excited about it when I was able.

Spring also brings our time change. "Spring forward, Fall back." There are varied feelings about this too. In some ways it is a nuisance and some ways a help.

After all this philosophizing, I'll do a bit more. Like most things, change is about what we make it. We can embrace and use the changes or we can gripe and ruin our "sunny dispositions."

Change will still come.

I want to suggest a mental Spring and the concept of mental "planting." It has been said that "what we sow we also reap." If we plant beautiful seeds in our mental garden, beauty is what we shall likely reap.

Becky Teal has suggested some things to plant in our mental garden,

Plant the gift of Listening.
Plant Affection
Plant Laughter
Plant the gift of a Written Note
Plant the gift of a Compliment
Plant the gift of a Favor
Plant the gift of Solitude
Plant the gift of a Cheerful Disposition
Plant Friendship

I could elaborate on each of these but I will allow you the luxury of your own thoughts.

Just remember the sowing and reaping law. Remember that each of these positives has a negative to be avoided as we would the sowing of weeds in our gardens.

Let's all plan our mental Spring and our new growth plantings. If we plant well, we can look forward to a harvest of joy in our lives and in the lives of others.

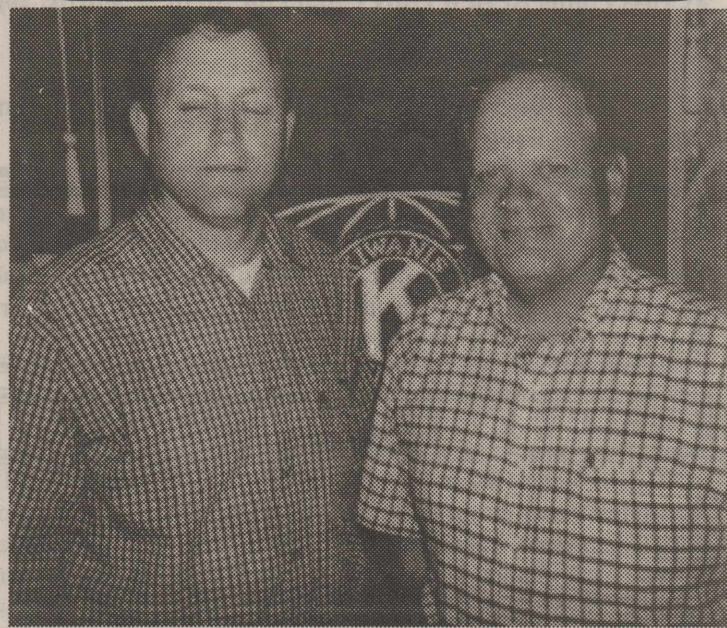
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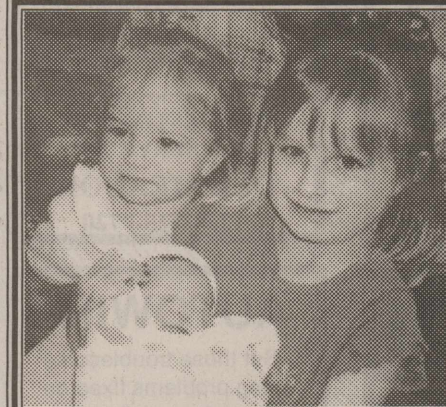
Happy Birthday
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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—David Miller (left), pictured with Charlie Ross, Kiwanis member, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting Tuesday. Mr. Miller spoke about the Hendrick Home for Children in Abilene, where he serves as director. Kiwanis meet each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. The public is invited.

IT'S A GIRL!



5 year old Racheal and 17 month old Reagan are proud to announce the birth of their baby sister, **Realei Dawn Young**.

Realei was born March 8, 2004 at 11:37 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Mom and Dad, Tamara and Payton Young are doing great also. Proud grandparents are J.D. and Sandy Hutton of Rising Star, Beverly Hill of Aledo, and Doug Young of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Laverne Schultze of Abilene, Lester Linney and Cowan and Laverne Hutton of Rising Star.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send 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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JOYCE ODOM CELEBRATES HER "90TH" BIRTHDAY— Mrs. Odom's children honored her with a 90th birthday celebration. Pictured are Virginia Trevey (back, from left), and Ivon Jr.; Nancy Palmer (front, from left) and Joyce Odom.

Joyce Odom Celebrates Her 90th Birthday

Joyce Odom's daughters and son hosted a "90th" Birthday Celebration at the Family Life Center, First Baptist Church, Cross Plains, on April 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Guest were from Abilene, Baird, Clyde, Tuscola, Potosi, Rowden, May, Snyder, Paint Rock, the State of Colorado and Cross Plains.

The serving table was centered by a fresh spring bouquet of flowers and was flanked by a cake that was inscribed "Happy Birthday—Mama Joyce" and rainbow colored napkins. Pam and Evelyn Harris, nieces, served cake and punch, nuts and mints. The registry table had a hand made registry book done by Nancy and Jennifer Stewart, granddaughter resided over this.

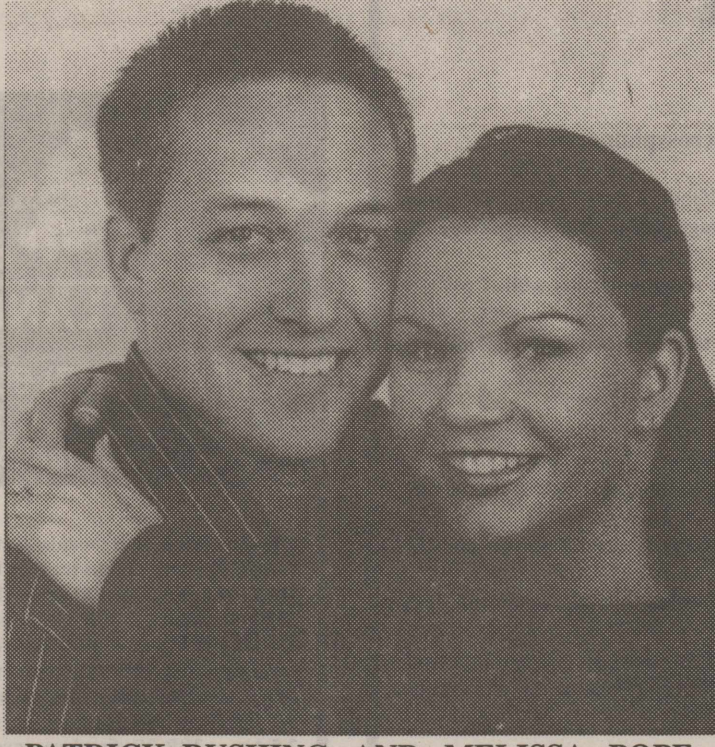
The table for guests to enjoy refreshments were centered by cloth covered flower pots filled

with petunias. They were done by Virginia.

Cherished old and new friends and kin were registered by Jennifer granddaughter of Snyder. Michal Palmer, grandson of Paint Rock made pictures and also made a video throughout the event.

Kin that attended were: Nicky, Evelyn, Chris, T.J. and Emily Harris, Jimmy and Pam Harris, Becky Odom, Gary and Patsy Odom, Mariam Odom, Scott and Tom and Phyliss Harris. John Stewart, grandson and Ryleigh Stewart, great-granddaughter, David Trevey, grandson of Snyder called on his way home and Scott Trevey of Lubbock—innocence and beauty completed the family.

It was and will be a memorable occasion for me. The "well wishes" and beautiful cards will be cherished.



PATRICK RUSHING AND MELISSA POPE Pope—Rushing to be Married June 12th

Joe and Joan Pope of Stephenville announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Joann Pope of Dallas to Patrick Dean Rushing of Dallas. He is the son of Larry and Christine Rushing of Dallas and Jeff and Chris Dorton of Alpharetta, GA.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bill and Virginia Pope of Cross Plains. She is a graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor of

science degree. She is currently employed as a second grade school teacher in Irving.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a bachelor of science degree. He is currently employed as a third grade teacher in Irving.

A wedding is planned for June 12, 2004, at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano.

Virtual Daffodil Days Celebrate Spring Recognize That Someone You Love

AUSTIN—Each year, daffodils serve as a bright symbol of hope for a world free from cancer. Celebrate spring or let someone know you care by sending an American Cancer Society daffodil to anyone with an e-mail address.

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APRIL 10
Lonnie Switzer
William H. Kelly

APRIL 11
Erin Stephens
Wayne Fortune
Bonnie Heard
William Charles Earp
Terri Ann Williams

APRIL 12
Kala King
Patricia Hill
Doug Weiss
Roger W. Smith

APRIL 13
Sue Oliver
Nancy Hester
Barbara Thetford
Kenneth Clyatt

APRIL 14
Adam "Buba" Anderson
Sue Oliver
Nancy Hester
Barbara Thetford
Kenneth Clyatt
Marie Brown
Clay Churchill
Ken Hunter
Garmond Parrish
Faye Hodnett Tucker
Ann Haun

APRIL 14
Rodney Smith

Mrs. Connie Rudloff
Kathleen C. Stafford
Burlie Simons
Gerald Foster
Hayden Cole Wyatt
Brooklyn Ashley Strength

APRIL 15
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Raul Simpson
Mrs. Duke Mitchell
Danny Lewis
Mac Hoyt Foster II
Aaron Norris
Misty Ivie

APRIL 16
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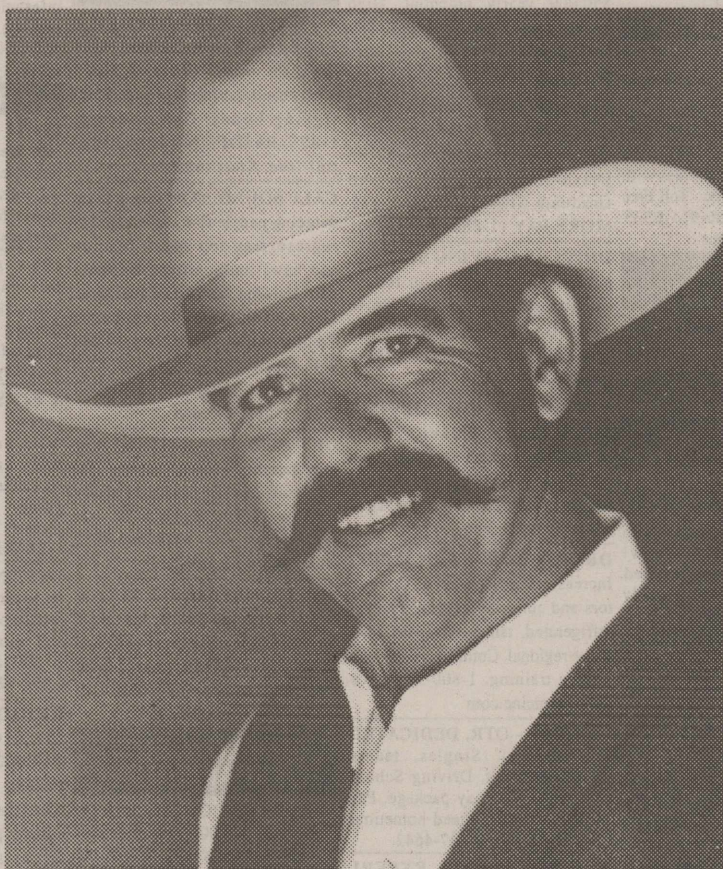
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