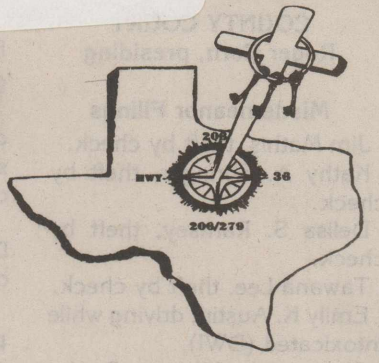


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DOWN HOME

"A Tribute to Billie Loving"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

This is strange, but I'm still waiting for Billie to give me a call. She usually called on Monday or Tuesday and we discussed her column for the Cross Plains Public Library. She loved creating a personality for the bookworm.

Billie will be dearly missed by so many, not only in her hometown, but all the Robert E. Howard fans who had grown to love her, too. She made a lasting impression on our city with her involvement in the library and through Project Pride. She was one of those people who didn't just talk about getting things done—she did them. Our community will forever be changed because of her encouragement and actions to move forward.

On a personal level, she was someone I admired for her tenacity. She went through some traumatic health issues, and yet I never heard her complain or ask "why me"? She once told me that when her legs were amputated she felt that it was just another learning experience in life. Of course, she had a very, very strong faith in the Lord and she knew she could depend on Him to help her through.

Billie had always been a caretaker and she had to learn how to accept help from others. That can be a difficult task when you are truly an independent spirit. However, she passed that test with flying colors. Her family expressed their appreciation for the way the community came together to care for her. Compassion and caring always leaves one route and returns another.

It was amazing how she could accomplish so many things from her wheelchair, as she never once gave up. She went on several major sight-seeing tours following the loss of her legs and had a wonderful time. She wouldn't allow anything to slow her down. I think we could all learn something valuable from her positive attitude. She made the best of each day and loved life. Billie continually saw the glass half full.

She was a great promoter of others, too. Billie encouraged anyone she saw who had talent, ability, potential, etc. to reach for the stars. What a great legacy!

She often told me, "Honey, you've come a long way since I first got to know you." I took that as a compliment coming from Billie, as she always spoke exactly what she thought. She helped me through several situations offering her wisdom and understanding. I loved her for her honesty.

Billie was one of the people the employees at the *Cross Plains Review* offered curbside service. She would honk her horn and we would go out to retrieve her information. When she was unable to drive, we made house calls. She was appreciative of the consideration.

The last visit I had at Billie's home will not be long forgotten.

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COWBOY POET/HUMORIST—Dennis Gaines is acting out one of his hilarious tales.



CONGRATULATIONS—Dennis Gaines (left) presents the "Miss Beulah" contest winner, Tony Wyatt, with a rose. (Fund-raiser photos courtesy of Vanda Anderson, Editor.)

GAINES WAS GREAT

It has long been said that laughter is good for the body and soul, so people left the EVENING WITH DENNIS GAINES feeling great. Even the smudged mascara and cheeks wet from laughing tears failed to dampen the spirits of the large crowd.

Gaines, popular Cowboy Poet/Storyteller/Singer and all 'round entertainer from Kerrville, was the featured attraction at the Library fund-raiser last Friday evening. Folks around the room were constantly nodding and

laughing with that "been there, done that" reaction to his visually descriptive tales.

In true "Bachelor" fashion, Tony Wyatt beat out Mitch Atchley and Rolan Jones to receive the long stemmed rose from Gaines as the most popular Beulah. A Beulah Beauty in boots and a beard—only in Texas!

Then, Nora in some mysterious fashion, managed to win most of the raffle prizes donated by the Bitter Creek Ranch, the Western Heritage Classic and Luskey/

Ryon's Western store.

From the delicious chili graciously prepared by Frank and Edna O'Banion to the home-made cakes generously donated by special library patrons to the music provided by the Barn Boys from Jean's Feed Barn to the special appearance of the three civic minded Beulah "Wannabe's", it was an evening of old-fashioned fun.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

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.

Cottonwood Historical Association Annual Meeting 2004—May 1st

The Cottonwood Historical Association will hold its 34th Annual Meeting Saturday May 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center.

After the business meeting Richard Purvis will entertain you with "TALL TALES FROM COTTONWOOD".

The meeting will be followed with a luncheon. The Association will furnish the meat, bread and drinks. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

If you are interested in helping with the care and maintenance of our cemeteries and historical buildings in our community we urge you to attend. We need your support. Donations may be sent to:

Cottonwood Historical Association
P.O. Box 704
Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.

Submitted by Pauline Lawson

Leighton Hunter Scholarship Details Told

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

Requirements:

1. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior who has enrolled or plans to enroll in a college, university, vocational or technical school.
2. Please write a one-page essay about one of the following topics:
 - A. Explain how a particular individual has significantly influenced your life.
 - B. Fully describe this sentence: "I am a —year old male/female"

See Scholarship Page 4

Cross Plains Garden Club Annual Flower Show this Sunday, April 25th

The Cross Plains Garden Club will stage their annual Flower Show at the Senior Citizens' Center on Sunday, April 25th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Members will set up the displays on Saturday, the 24th.

The show will consist of:

- I Horticulture
- I Design—Fresh or dried material
- II Functional Tables
- III Displays of Collections of Horticulture—Wild flowers, herbs, or perennials or such, and consist of 5 species of the same horticulture.

The show will be judged by "People's Choice".

During the course of the show, the winners of the two plants that tickets were sold at the Plant Sale will be drawn for. Our plant sale was rained out twice and we've been hampered in having a drawing. We think when we need a rain the Garden Club should schedule a Plant Sale and it will rain—at least that has been the record so far.

The public is cordially invited to view the Flower Show. This is the first time we have not had accredited flower show judges.

Submitted by
Joyce Odum

Brush Pit Provided by City for the Community

The City of Cross Plains has been providing a "brush pit" at the city water wells for the convenience of local residents. They had designated the use of this pit so that the community could dispose of their brush, grass clippings, leaves, etc. Residents are reminded that the pit is ONLY for brush, grass clippings and leaves. The City of Cross Plains WILL NOT ACCEPT lumber, household garbage or other items not re-

lated to brush at this facility.

Recently some of the users have been placing this type of refuse in the pit and if this does not cease, the City of Cross Plains will be forced to stop the public use of the cite. Should this occur, residents will be required to bundle their brush and have BFI haul it off.

The City of Cross Plains asked that you please do not place anything other than brush or brush related items in the provided pit.

Water Supply Corp. to Hold Election on May 15th in Coleman

The Coleman County Water Supply Corporation has scheduled an election on Saturday, May 15th for the purpose of converting from a water supply corporation to a special utility district and additionally, to elect temporary directors for the newly formed district.

CCWSC manager Davey Thweatt said that persons qualified to vote in this election are registered voters who reside within the proposed district boundaries. "The cities of Coleman and Santa Anna are not included in the proposed district," said Thweatt. "The district will include all of Coleman County (except the Trickham and Buffalo communities which are currently in the Brooksmith Special Utility District), northeast and southeast Runnels County (Content area and Lake Ivie area, southern Taylor County (Lawn area), southern Callahan County (Cross Plains area), and northern Brown County (Cross Cut area)." A map of the district and a sample ballot will be published in next week's issue of the *Cross Plains Review*.

"There are several advantages for the corporation in converting to a Special Utility District," said Thweatt. "The main one being that this conversion will enable the corporation to seek tax-exempt financing for future project. I must emphasize that the district will not have a taxing authority." Early voting will begin on April 28th and extend through May 11th, 2004. The early voting box will be located at the Coleman

County Water Supply Corporation's office at 214 Santa Anna Avenue in Coleman. Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Election Day is Saturday, May 15th. The polling place will be located at the Corporation's office and will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Jack E. Hagar

Jack E. Hagar was born December 31, 1932, in Moran, Texas and passed away at his home on April 16, 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Arthur and Etta Mae Thrash Hagar of Moran, and his brothers, Floyd Lee and James Don. He is survived by his loving wife of thirty-three years, Elizabeth Hagar.

Jack was a graduate of Moran High School and North Texas State University with a degree in Education. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He spent many years teaching and coaching at John H. Reagan Elementary School in Dallas providing an example of honesty and integrity to his students. Following his teaching career, he became a Farmer's Insurance Group agent.

For the past several years he pursued his interests in real estate investments and oil and gas leases. At the time of his untimely death he served as the first vice president of the Dallas First Republican Club. He also served as an election judge and devoted endless hours to campaigning and holding elections in Dallas County. He was a faithful member of the Cedar Hill Church of Christ.

Jack is survived by many Hagar nieces and nephews, Cynthia, Jimmy, Kathy, Larry and Donny. Also, the Misenheimer nieces and nephews, Randy, Lisa, Dee, Alan, Jay, Louis, Mark, Karen, Julie and Jean. Also, many grandnieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive guests on Thursday, April 22, between 6 and 8 p.m. at Laurel Land Funeral Home. The memorial service will be held at 6000 S. R.L. Thornton Freeway in Dallas on Friday, April 23, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Moran Cemetery in Moran at 4 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Jack E. Hagar.

Doris A. McBride

Doris A. McBride, 72, of Comanche, formerly of Lake Brownwood, passed away Friday, April 16, 2004, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco with Charles Chesshir officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Doris was born August 13, 1931 in Calexico, California to Henry and Lucile (Martin) Callaway. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen Dickson of White Oak, Texas and two step-daughters, Dianne and Barbara; two brothers, Bennie Callaway of Cross Plains and Weaver Callaway of Coppell; a special cousin, Loyce Cox of Comanche; three grandchildren, Lisa Goolsby, Chesley Dickson and D.J. Dickson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jim McBride, and two sons who died in infancy, Michael Wayne and Johnnie Ned.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79603.

Mamie Kent Clark

Mamie Kent Clark, 88, of Abilene, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Monday, April 19, 2004, at Sears Methodist Center in Abilene.

The family will receive friends and relatives Wednesday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a time of visitation at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star with the Rev. Billy Everett officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mamie was born July 22, 1915 in Abilene, Texas to Charley A. Kent and Alice A. (Jones) Kent. Mrs. Clark was raised in Cross Plains and attended Cross Plains schools. She married Grady Floyd Clark on May 8, 1936 in Pioneer, Texas. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her three daughters, Selma Adams of Las Vegas, Nevada, Janice Courtney of Midland, and Alice Ballard of Haskell; two sisters, Daisy King of Cross Plains and Winnie McCoy of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grady; one son, Keith Clark; five brothers, Texas Tohl Kent, Jerry Kent, Lawrence Kent, E.T. Kent and Jasper Kent; and two sisters, Ruth Dillinger and Inez Ingram.

Down Home—

Patsy McNeel Friend was also there and I enjoyed hearing them talk about their friendship from children to adults. A life-long friend is a special treasure and they knew it. Billie loved for folks to come by and talk and her door was literally always open. A note would give you instructions as to what to do. She didn't live in fear, but in anticipation of yet another conversation or adventure.

Billie was a very courageous lady and her influence on others will be everlasting. She was "one of kind" just like God intended.

You know, if God doesn't have His library in order, it won't be long until Billie will have it all organized.

Farewell dear friend!!

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God and Country March and Rally this Saturday

The God and Country March and Rally that Concerned Christians For America (CCFA) at New Beginning's Church is coordinating will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. The purpose for the march is to lift up God's Word over our nation. We will be marching with colorful banners, flags and signs made by groups who want to participate, youth groups, children's churches, women's groups, special ministries, etc.

We would like for each group to display a particular scripture or appropriate slogan that their group has chosen. Of course, we would like for them to carry something that acknowledges the name of their group and/or the church they represent.

We have asked Rachel and Kevin Koontz form K-99.3 *The Rock*, to speak at the rally. Mercy Dew an anointed praise and worship band will bless us with live music, and there will be a candlelight and prayer vigil following.

The March will start at the Coliseum, down Baker Street and turn left on Fisk, go 4 blocks turn right on Adams Street, go 2 blocks turn right on Center, go 1 block and turn right on Chandler Street, go 2 blocks turn left on Fisk, go 3 blocks turns right on Baker Street back to Coliseum. We will meet in front of the Coliseum for the line-up at 5 p.m. The idea of a march was birthed in our hearts back in January when we received a forward on our e-mail that told of a march that will take place in

Pioneer Cemetery Association Meeting on April 26th

A called meeting of the Pioneer Cemetery Association will be held Monday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Quilting Club House.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Submitted by JoVeda Watson

Trail Ride Postponed Club to Meet April 26th

The Cross Plains Roping Club has postponed plans for a trail ride until further notice.

The club will be meeting Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the local arena. All members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

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PIONEER NEWS

We had a very "great" day at quilting. We did get to roll Lessie's "Wedding Ring" top a couple times. We also started on May's "Lone Star" top.

Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz had Jessica's daughter, Cindy, and her husband, James Fuller, for dinner on Sunday.

Game night was held this past Thursday. The gang was hoping for a good turnout.

Logan Phillips stayed with Glenda Phillips some on Thursday and Friday. His other wasn't feeling well after her wreck.

There was a big crowd and plenty to eat. Everyone had a good time.

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore attended the musical Thursday at Jean's Feed Barn. Saturday Frankie traveled to Fort Worth to attend a memorial for a niece.

Chris Lowry of Wimberly spent Monday night and Tuesday with his grandmother Lessie Baum.

The wildflowers are still beautiful but some weeds are getting mixed up with them. This year the paintbrushes are prettier than ever.

Word of Wisdom: I am not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I love today. William Allen White

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Please Don't Forget!

Saturday, April 24, is Clean-up Day for the Cottonwood Historical Association.

See you at the Historical Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 1st.

Quilting Club Finishing Quilt for Drawing on July 4th

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is almost finished with their "fund-raiser" quilt.

Mary Ella Returns Home from Metroplex

Mary Ella Weaver has returned home from the Fort Worth area where she has been visiting her sister, Shirley Byrd.

Mary Ella remarked that when she rounded the Kitchen's corner north of Cottonwood on her way home, she saw the pretty blue bonnets and other flowers and felt it was "good to be home".

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

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By Kay Mosley

Note: As you go through life keep your sights on the pinnacle; aim high, never waiver, reach your goal, hand on and pray a lot.

"Long Lonesome Road"

Traveling that stretch of life's highway, is for the most part, just what it seems...a journey down a L-O-N-G L-O-N-E-S-O-M-E ROAD, E flat and key of C.

Most of us begin our journey in the bosom of the family (so to speak) surrounded by multiples of family members.

At high school graduation they're all still there nestling us in family love and educational bliss. Then comes the era in which we supposedly (more or less) cut the ties that bind A/KA the umbilical cord and flee limping and weeping off to our proverbial collegiate years.

Lessons commonly learned

during this period of time are not easily forgotten.

We hear a lot about following the road which is straight and narrow rather than the one which is paved with gold and transgressions. Be that as it may, in my opinion, however, we seldom hear an awful lot about the extreme length of those two roads or the rock in essence therein.

So, as you make your way through life and its problems, its joys, its treasures, its snow storms, jungles, combat zones, earthquakes, ambushes and other of life's good and bad experiences it is my advice to you to make everything you do your BEST EFFORT.

If you can manage to do this; you will at least have a running chance of completing life's journey with honors.

I reckon most everyone can use a little bit more honor...don't you think???

Ladies Night Out "Salad Supper" Set

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains cordially invites you to attend a "Salad Supper" to be held on Monday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Karen Walker from Abilene.

Karen has been employed by the Department of Family and Protective Services for almost 9 years. She has worked in many facets of the agency, including investigating suspected child abuse; working with children in foster care; making adoptive placements; as well as training and certifying foster/adoptive

parents.

She has a Bachelors Degree in Child Development from Texas Tech University. Prior to her work with the foster care system, she taught pre-school for 2 years and was a Child Development Center Director for over 15 years in the public sector and also in a church setting.

Karen has always worked for the safety and well being of children.

Please make plans to attend. If more information is needed, please call the church office at (254) 725-7629.

RISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By Linda Merritt

This week is National Volunteer Week. In appreciation to all our volunteers—the residents have painted a picture of flowers with a Prayer for Volunteers as follows:

Lord:

Make me an instrument of you peace Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

Thanks to all our volunteers for sharing a part of their lives to help brighten-up ours.

We had a large group of ladies

and some of our gentlemen to attend the weekly devotional class. DeVerel Harp delivered a nice message that Christ is here for us. Lillian Jackson enlightened us with her piano music.

Our appreciation to Karen and John Webb for the magazines and to Betty Browning for the plastic canvas resident name tags.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Leon Stewart and Grace Berry. They will be truly missed. Many thanks for the beautiful flower pot plant from the Stewart family.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Table with 2 columns: Day and Menu Item. APRIL 26 - 30. MONDAY - Enchilada, Casserole, Mexican Salad, Spanish Rice, Pineapple, Crackers, Milk. TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread, Milk.

I heard someone comment once on the oddity of some terms or words used — like what we call the vehicle that is summoned after a wreck—a "wrecker"?! We don't need a wrecker, the wreck has already happened! What is needed is a tow truck. But I've seen some who were summoned to tow the wreck, turn out to be a "wrecker" due to adding to the wreck by picking it up improperly or pulling it incorrectly!

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

It Is OK To Cry

This may not sound like me, because I basically believe in the discipline of having a positive attitude. But I know that is not possible all of the time. Sometimes life hands us situations that are not good and in which we find NO WAY to be happy. We try to find a way around, over, or out from under them and we find no way. AT THESE TIMES IT IS OK TO CRY! This applies to men also. Some of the most masculine men I know cry at times.

When our friends are hurting during one of these tough times and there do not seem to be any words with which to comfort them. It is also OK for us to cry WITH them.

There are times when tears sort of wash the mind. The Bible says that God keeps the tears of His people in a bottle, so they must be precious to Him.

Dave Savaya of God's Work Ministry, has a little story along these lines that I will include.

IT WAS OKAY TO CRY

I saw her last night for the first time in years. She was miserable. She had bleached her hair, trying to hide its true color, just as her rough front hid her deep unhappiness. She needed to talk, so we went for a walk. While I thought about my future, the college applications that had recently arrived, she thought about her past, the home she had recently left. Then she spoke. She told me about her love — and I saw a dependent relationship with a dominating man. She told me about the drugs — and I saw that they were her escape. She told me about her goals — and I saw unrealistic material dreams. She told me she needed a friend — and I saw hope, because at least I could give her that.

We had met in the second grade. She was missing a tooth, I was missing my friends. I had just moved across the continent to find cold metal swings and

cold smirking faces outside the foreboding doors of P. S. 174, my new school. I asked her if I could see her Archie comic book, even though I didn't really like comics; she said yes, even though she didn't really like to share. Maybe we were both looking for a smile. And we found it. We found someone to giggle with late at night, someone to slurp hot chocolate with on the cold winter days when school was canceled and we would sit together by the bay window, watching the snow endlessly falling.

In the summer, at the pool, I got stung by a bee. She held my hand and told me that she was there and that it was okay to cry — so I did. In the fall, we raked the leaves into piles and took turns jumping, never afraid because we knew that the multi-colored bed would break our fall.

Only now, she had fallen and there was no one to catch her.

We hadn't spoken in months; we hadn't seen each other in years.

I had moved to California, she had moved out of the house. Our experiences were miles apart, making our hearts much farther away from each other than the continent she had just traversed.

Through her words I was alienated, but through her eyes I felt her yearning. She needed support in her search for strength and a new start. She needed my friendship now more than ever. So I took her hand and told her that I was there and that it was okay to cry — so she did.

By Daphna Renan

I have a friend who says not to spend more than 30 minutes having a "pity party". This is pretty good advice, but not an iron clad rule. I realize that we can not make a lemonade until we have squeezed the lemon.

I hope that your tears are few but remember, when those difficult times come to us or to our loved ones, IT IS OK TO CRY.

Esther Kerr installed as secretary/treasurer of Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. held its annual installation of officers for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 at the Administrative Offices located at 2302 Commercial Avenue in Coleman on Tuesday, March 23, 2004. The Honorable Jimmie Hobbs, Coleman County Judge, administered the Oath of Office to the three candidates that were elected to serve a one-year term. Officers are: Kermit Sorrells, Chairman, Public Sector Representative for the Honorable Jimmie Hobbs of Coleman County, Marsha Scott, Vice-Chairman, Target Area Representative for Comanche County, and Esther Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer, Public Sector Representative for the Honorable Roger Corn of Callahan County. A meal and a business meeting followed the installation of Officers. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. congratulates each candidate on their election and appreciate their loyal dedication and service to Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., a private, non-profit corporation providing a vision of a better tomorrow for all people by providing opportunities for changing lives and strengthening families through community partnerships. We are preparing families for the future by giving hope and dignity through people helping people. We provide Head Start, Early Head Start, Energy Assistance and Case Management services to residents of Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, and Runnels Counties.

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KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Kiwanis member Susan Schaefer (left) brought the weekly program to the Kiwanis Club on April 13, 2004. Ed Brady (right), director of testing and curriculum and counselor at Cross Plains High School, presented an update on the new TAKS test as well as a brief history of the testing process in Texas schools in the last 20 years. The Kiwanis meet each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn and welcomes anyone to visit the club.

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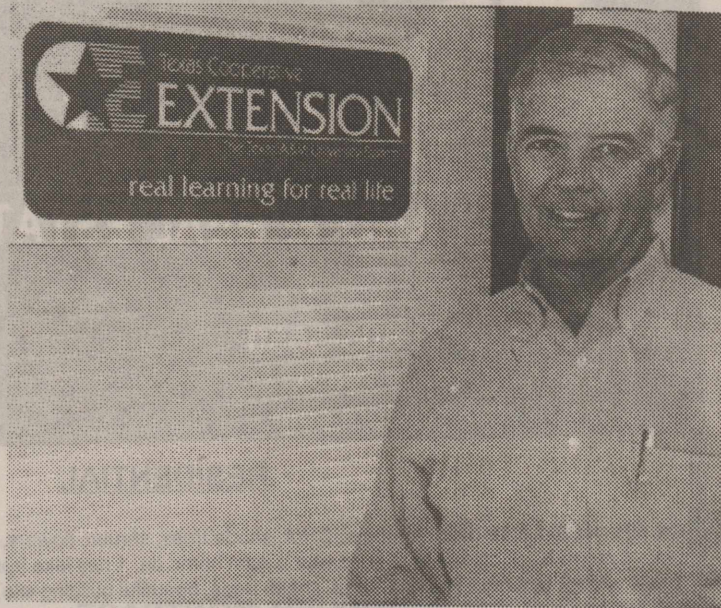
Former Resident Recently Recognized as Outstanding in the Field of Agriculture

Joe Pope has recently been awarded "2004 Friend of Agriculture". A graduate of Tarleton State University, he earned a Master's degree in education.

Pope's roots in agriculture go back to his hometown, Cross Plains, where his parents Bill and Virginia Pope still reside. One of five brothers, his family was involved in raising cattle and producing hay. He has devoted his professional career to education and leadership development. He has held the position of Erath County Extension agent for the past 26 years.

Pope has coordinated, organized and mentored many committees and programs for various organizations. He has proved to be a true public servant assisting the youth of Erath County through tenured ag producers adapting to an ever changing industry.

He has served the Cross Timbers area by serving on numerous boards and committees for the Erath County, the L/S Association, the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, the Education Foundation and has been an intrical of the 4-H and FFA programs. He has served on numerous committees for the Extension Service, for the TAMU and for the State of Texas. He was instrumental in establishing a feed and forage testing lab in Stephenville and a group to promote and educate the general public about this industry.



JOE POPE

His most recent activities have been directed toward environmental issues, water quality, conservation practices and in establishing the new underground water district.

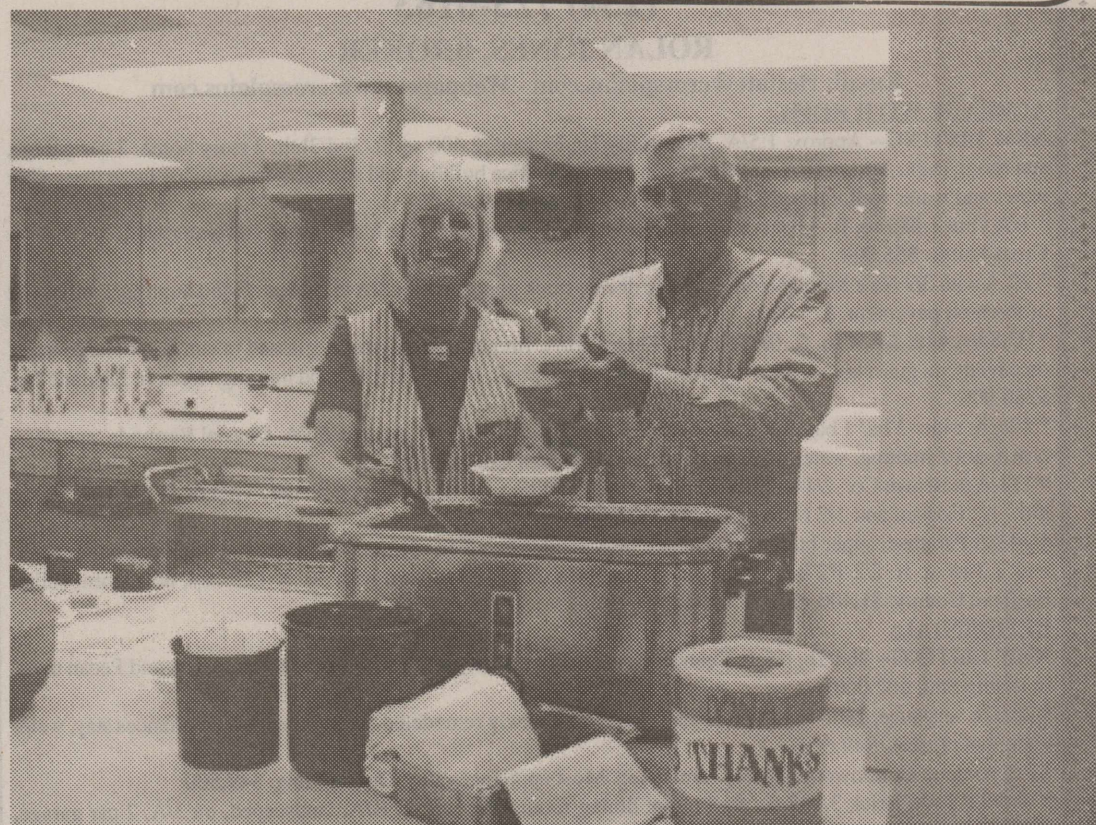
Joe Pope has received numerous state and national awards including the Texas Superior Service Award; NACAA Distinguished Award; The Deputy Chancellor's Award; and the list goes on. He is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Stephenville, where he also served on various committees.

"Mr. Agriculture", as he has been called, stands ready and willing to serve the ag industry and his community with a lot of class and professionalism. Erath County feels it is a better place because of his untiring efforts

and endeavors. Pope's position working in agriculture as well as in economic development puts him in a position as a logical bridge between the rural and the urban portions of the community he serves.

He noted that Erath County had changed, reflecting on his service as an Extension agent so far, pointing to the demise of the peanut farms and the growth of the dairy industry. But change is the nature of his business. He stated that was what he liked about going to work—there was something new each day.

Joe's wife, Joan Burke Pope, is also a former Cross Plains resident. She is a school nurse, and the couple have two grown children, Craig Pope and his wife, Sarah, of Burseson, and Melissa Pope of Irving.



SERVING CHILI AT LIBRARY FUND-RAISER—Connie and Cliff Kirkham




MISS BEULAH CANDIDATES PRESENTED—Judy Luter (right) introduced Tony Wyatt (from left), Mitch Atchley and Rolan Jones.

Health and Nutrition Meeting Friday

The public is invited to a health and nutrition meeting Friday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Cross Plains (on Beech Street).

Health nutrition, sports nutrition and weight loss/gain nutrition will be discussed. Samples will be given and there will be registration for a door prize.


Come and bring someone with you. For more information contact Linda Payne at 325-624-5510 or Faye Tucker at 1-888-317-0215.




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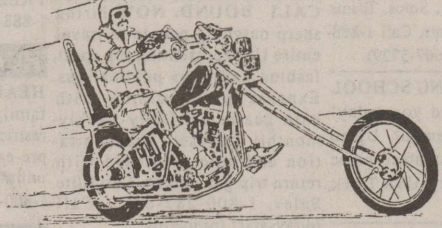
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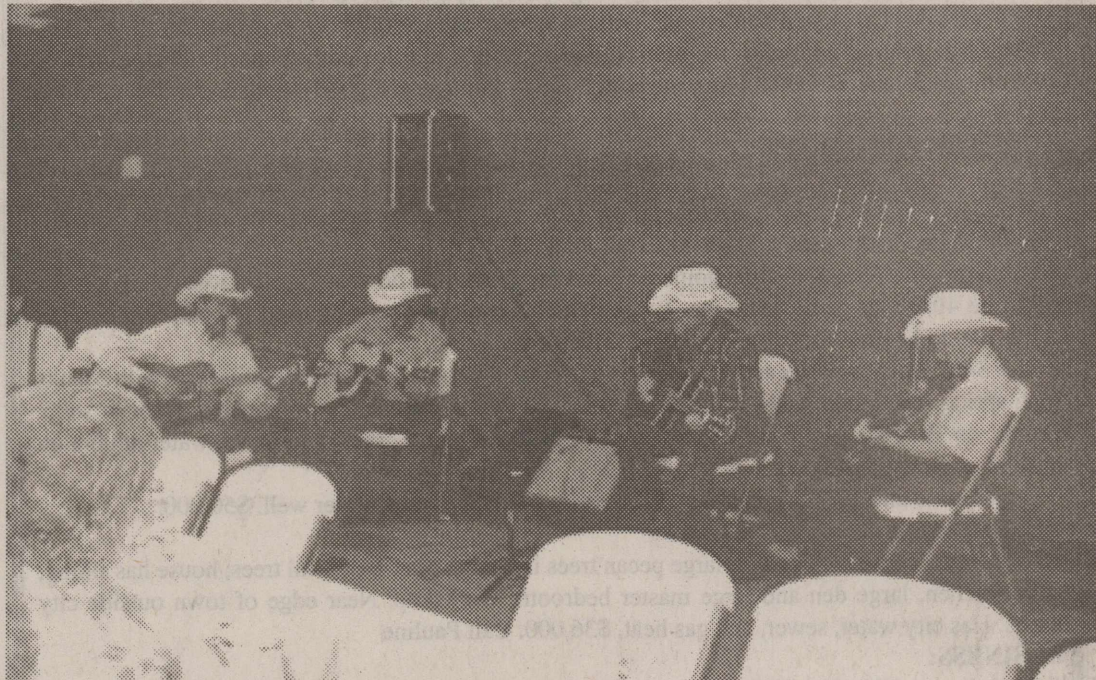
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Cisco Folklife Festival 2004 this Weekend CJC Campus

Cisco Folklife Festival 2004 will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 at Cisco Junior College in Cisco. Festival hours are Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is adults \$2.00 and children \$1.00.

Friday night, April 23, the Lions Club will host a Barbecue Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with musical entertainment provided by Tim Turnbeaugh. Pre-tickets are \$5.50, children \$3.50; at the door \$6.00, children \$4.00. This will be at the Food Tent on the grounds of CJC.

Saturday morning will kick off with a Trail Ride Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. (meet at the park below the dam). The trail ride begins at 9:15 from the park to the parade that begins at 10 a.m., sponsored by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce.

The Folklife Festival opens at 10:30 a.m. and the Sidewalk Art Contest begins at 10:30 a.m. The Tractor Pull starts are 11:00 a.m. on the hill opposite the CJC campus. The 18 Hole Golf Scramble starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Cisco Country Club.

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