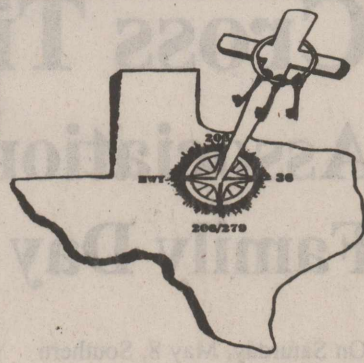


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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Linda (Potter) Slaymaker submitted the following poem to be shared with all the readers who have lost their beloved mothers. She would like to dedicate this beautiful poetry to her late mother, Estalee Potter. Memories of your mother will be everlasting.

For those who are fortunate enough to still have their dear mothers, don't forget her this Mother's Day. Remember all the things she has taught you and did for you through her love. Happy Mother's Day to mothers everywhere! **Vanda Anderson**

Memory's Door

Within the sacred portals of my heart,
Where mortal eye can never gaze,
Is enshrined above all else apart,
The memory of my Mother's face.

At eventide---that quiet hour,
When sun sinks low and day is o'er,
I long for her, I feel her power,
'Tis then I open "Memory's Door".
I am carried back to other days,
Down the cycle of the years,
When I could see my Mother's face
Through smiles and not through tears.

Through happy days---through
anxious days,
In fancy, then, I wander;
From room to room I fondly roam,
Alone, these scenes to ponder.
I see her dress, her shoes---all worn,
A token here and there,
Her kitchen apron, slightly torn,
Her book---her vacant chair,
Souvenirs, each one a key
To "Memory's Shrine"---this sacred
place,
They thrill my heart, precious to me---
They bring to me my Mother's face.

So sacred this---her memory---
So infinitely dear,
That only God, Himself, doth see
The memories dwelling here,
And though it be the early dawn,
The noon or midnight hour,
When years the heart for her---now
gone,
For Mother's soothing power,
I turn the key, pass through the door
To this "Shrine" known to none other,
Then, here, in "Memory's Room,"
once more,
I see the face of "Mother".

Author Unknown

Project Pride Meeting Next TUESDAY

Project Pride will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.



1ST PLACE DESIGN—Esther Kerr

Local Garden Club Competition Was a Beautiful Success!!

The Cross Plains Garden Club presented their Spring Plant Show Sunday, April 25th, at the Senior Citizens' Center in Cross Plains.

The primary purpose of the spring show is to be educational, to stimulate interest in horticulture and to provide an outlet for creative expression. The public was invited to enter the show.

The show included **Functional Tables**. A table exhibit arranged for the service of food. **Design FORM** with plant material. **Displays**, which are judged for artistic effect as well as for horticultural perfection. **Horticulture**

which is the art and science of growing plants. This exhibit included **collections, plant cuttings in a clear container and potted plants**.

Members working to create this show were Eva Fleming, President of the Cross Plains Garden Club, Joyce Odom, Barbara Powell, Mary E. Weaver, Esther Kerr, James Nichols, Betty Beggs, Wanda Martin, Tony Skidmore and Julene Franke.

The club had 40 visitors Sunday afternoon. Each visitor voted on their choice as best of show. The results are as follows:

See Garden Club Page 7

Cross Plains Roping Club to Meet Monday

Cross Plains Roping Club meets Monday, May 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at the local arena. Discussion of the final plans for the upcoming Cook-Off will be the highlight of the evening.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Local Elections Upcoming May 15th at C.P. Senior Citizens' Center

Local elections for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees and the Cross Plains City Council will be held Saturday, May 15th, at the Senior Citizens' Center, 108 North Main Street, Cross Plains, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Remember the change in location for polling.

Candidates will appear on the ballot for school board trustee as follows:

1. Vicki Dillard
2. George Mathews
3. Susan Schaefer
4. Darby Nichols
5. Jim Cook.

Candidates for the City Council will appear on the ballot as below:

1. Jerry Cassle
2. Dean Dillard
3. Terry Lichty.

Mayor Ray Purvis was not opposed in the election.

All registered voters are encouraged to exercise their right of choice on May 15th.

COMMUNITY SPRING CLEANUP Set for Tuesday, May 11th

The City of Cross Plains and BFI will hold their annual Spring Cleanup on Tuesday, May 11th.

Citizens who wish to dispose of items other than their usual weekly garbage, may do so on this day.

Any senior citizens, who may have a large item they need help with getting to the curb, may call City Hall at (254) 725-6114.

As always BFI will not pick up batteries, tires, paint and any hazardous material, or any

appliance that contains freon.

Citizens may haul brush related items out to the city brush pit, or may cut them into 4 foot lengths and bundle for BFI to pick up.

For further information call City Hall at (254) 725-6114.

"Fighting Hunger in America" Help With the Local Food Drive

Letter carriers around the U.S. will be volunteering at their annual food drive to "stamp out hunger" on Saturday, May 8th.

Your local postal employees will carry the food you donate to our food pantry here in Cross Plains. All you have to do is put your non-perishable food by

your mailbox and the letter carriers will pick it up for you.

So now is the time to go clean out your pantry, with the knowledge that someone will come pick your canned items up for this worthy cause. The best part is you won't have to leave your home.

Last year the letter carriers in Cross Plains picked up 522 pounds of food for the local food pantry. So join your local letter carriers as they strive to help "stamp out hunger".

Submitted by Melody McWilliams

Farewell Party Planned for Joe and Delma Coppinger May 15th

Everyone is invited to a "Farewell Party" for Joe and Delma Coppinger on Saturday, May 15, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The Adult Sunday School Department will be hosting the event.

Joe and Delma have been outstanding citizens of the community of Cross Plains and they are being honored with this special reception. Please come by and tell them good-bye and wish them well, as they depart on a new journey in their lives.

Cottonwood Quilting Club BAKE SALE This Saturday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday, May 8th, in front of the Village Market in Cross Plains beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be utilized by the Cottonwood Community Center for maintenance and upkeep.

Come by and buy a tasty sweet to help celebrate this special Mother's Day weekend.

ATHLETIC Booster Club Meets Monday

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club will have a meeting on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the foyer of the gym. They will be deciding on pictures for posters for the All Sports Banquet and finalizing all plans.

All Sports Banquet Monday—May 17th

The All Sports Banquet for Cross Plains High School athletes will be held Monday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church.

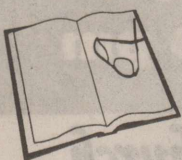
The meal will be catered by Lemon's Barbecue of Brownwood. The menu will include all you can eat fish and chicken for \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Tickets will be sold at Texas Heritage Bank, G&G Sporting Goods and the Superintendent's office. The deadline for buying advanced tickets is noon, Friday, May 14th.

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Monday, May 10th

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PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies finished Lessie's quilt on Tuesday. Laverne and Sandy will put their tops in next. We are still working on the "Lone Star".

Lessie Baum has another great-granddaughter, Alyssa Gayle. She was born April 12th. The proud parents are Matt and Susie Lowery.

Sandy Hutton is still in Georgia with Jamie and family. He has improved enough that he has gone home from the hospital but the doctors do not know what is the cause of his illness.

The Hutton's are certainly thankful for the good rains that have refreshed the beautiful flowers and the green pastures.

Frankie Smith had for her company Friday and Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith from Lovington, New Mexico. Friday night they played 42. Mrs. Jean Fore played, also. A great time was had by all.

James and Jean Alexander had

visitors over the weekend. Andrea Appleton from Dallas came down. Andrea, Jean and May made a trip to Eastland on Saturday. Will Alexander from ACU in Abilene was down a couple of days helping out and doing some hunting. The Alexander's always like to see their grandchildren.

The community did have some more rain this week. We did have a little hail to go with it. It did not seem to hurt anything.

Let's not forget that on May 22, the community will have a work day at the cemetery. Also, do not forget to mark the calendar for the Memorial Day Service that will be held at the Pioneer Cemetery. Everyone in the area is invited to join us. It is such an inspirational service.

Word of Wisdom: Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding. Proverbs 23:23

RIISING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Caring Is A Work of Heart

Every day across America, nurses, nursing assistants, housekeepers, food service workers and other dedicated employees provide compassionate care to millions of nursing home residents. On May 12th we will show staff members how much they are appreciated by celebrating National Nursing Home Week. Staff, families, friends, residents and volunteers we honor your presence at a cookout Wednesday, May 12th, at 5:00 p.m. Hamburgers will be served with trimmings and entertain-

ment will be provided. Hope to see you here!

Pauline Switzer reports that she had a nice visit with her niece, Darla and her husband, Alton, from Angleton.

Jessie Casey, Tommie Heairren, Lorene Jennings and Thora Walker sure look pretty with their new perms. We appreciate Lilly Dillard for keeping our ladies looking beautiful.

Mothers hold their children's hands for a while...their hearts forever.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 10 - 14

MONDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk
TUESDAY - Pinto Beans & Ham, Stewed Okra & Tomatoes, Pickled Beets, Ranger Cookie, Cornbread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Salad, Potat. Soup, Pea Salad, Lemon Pudding, Crackers, Milk
THURSDAY - Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Pineapple, Garlic Toast, Milk
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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While "bad breath (halitosis) is better than no breath at all," most of us know how offensive halitosis can be. But have you ever thought about how offensive "personality halitosis" is? Some, because of bad temper, jealousy, foul language, or a gloomy, pessimistic nature/attitude, could be diagnosed as having "personality halitosis." This kind of halitosis can't be cured with a breath-mint or mouth wash for it does not come from eating garlic or having infected tonsils, teeth or gums—it comes from a bad heart, one's spiritual heart.

Solomon put it so well in saying, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it comes the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23), and "For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (23:7). Think dreary, immoral and greedy thoughts and you'll spout "spiritual halitosis." But if we will put more of Christ and His thinking into our lives, our "breath will smell a lot better!"

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 Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By Wallace Bennett

Historical Association Meeting Drew Members from Far and Wide

The 2004 meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association was a great time for renewing acquaintances, recalling historical events of old Cottonwood and an opportunity to meet new residents and friends.

The meeting was chaired by Herman Weaver and Richard Purvis delivered the keynote address as he recalled the beginnings and events of Cottonwood's past. Minutes of the last meeting and a financial statement were read and approved. Members of the Board of Directors whose terms of office were expiring were re-elected.

A report that the association's application for a Historical Marker for the old cemetery has been approved by the Texas Historical Commission and a certificate stating that the cemetery has been designated as an official Texas Historical Site has been received. A request for the actual metal plaque is now being prepared.

A partial list of the hundred or so, new and old, members who attended the meeting included: Morgan and Page Kemper of Nebraska; Billy Woody of Arizona; Dorothy Woody, Clyde; Nelda (Woody) Wilcoxon, Abilene; Nancy Robinson Masters (last year's speaker), Abilene; Beth (McCowen) Bogue, new resident of Cottonwood; John Ingram, Midland; Shirley (Hargrove) Meador, Abilene;

Winifred Waller, Albany; Golden Purvis, Arizona; Janet Purvis, Wimberly; Faye Purvis, San Marcos; Richard and Jeanell Purvis, Abilene; Claire Edwards, Joan Sadowsky and Susan Dewitt, all of Arlington.

Dr. J.W. and Laura Williams of Arizona also attended and reported they will be moving back to Abilene in the near future.

The meeting and dinner was a real fun-time of renewing acquaintances and making new friends, as Cottonwood's current and former residents enjoyed personal conversations and public observations that provided everyone some new insights about families, school days and community scenes of old Cottonwood. If you missed it, you missed a joyful event.

Quilting Club Bake Sale to Benefit Community Center

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will hold a bake sale this Saturday, May 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Village Market in Cross Plains. Proceeds will benefit the upkeep of the Community Center. Volunteers are requested to provide the baked goods and anyone wishing to do so may contact Isla Stroud at (254) 725-6263.

Quilting dates for May are set for Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20 and 27.

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

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"Penny Candy, A Quilt and A Bear"

It used to be so much fun! They still did it in Abilene in the early 60's in the neighborhood in which we lived.

It was not so far from the H.S.U. Rodeo Grounds when our sons were small. Late in the afternoon a group of neighborhood kids would come around and gather together the rest, including mine, and they'd all get their pennies and nickels and go to the little Candy Shack over on Grape Street and buy penny candy.

Remember the song "Penny Candy"? It went like this, "Penelope Candace was her name, but they call her Penny Candy."

It's really been quite some time since I have seen any penny candy. I figure by the time my grandchildren become grandparents, the pennies, nickels and dimes of this world will be no more and the quarter will be the small change for which we now equate the lowly penny. That's my prediction.

It seems to me that sunshine is

very good for the soul as well as for the body and for the health. Over the past winter, melancholy and old arthritis has got me. I'm thinking this good sunshine will perhaps chase Ms. Melancholy and Ol' Man Arthur-Itis away.

I was reminded this week of two little riddles about children and church.

A little girl attended Bible School or Sunday School. She came home and her mother inquired what the girl learned. "Why mom, I learned to sing a song about sleeping close to a ragged worn out quilt!" Her mom inquired the song's name. "Oh, said the girl, 'The Holy Comforter Now Is Near'."

A boy attended Bible School and came home and happily told his mother about the new song he had learned. His mother asked the boy, "What was the song you learned today?" The boy replied, "It was about a bear that could not see well and was constipated." His mother called the church and learned the name of the song—"The Consecrated Cross I'd Bear".

LIBRARY NOTES



April 26-30

Statistics

Circulation:
Books 45
Lap 57
Interlibrary Loans 0
Internet Users 25
Total 127

Memorials:

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Janet Swanson of Caddo Peak Ranch - In Memory of Billie Loving
Alice Roby and Ruthie Lawrence - In Memory of Billie Loving and Mamie Clark

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Adams -

In Memory of Billie Loving

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Library Activity Report
April 26-30

Patrons: 117
A.M. 29
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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

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SCHOOL MENU

MAY 10 - 14

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY - Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice	MONDAY- Hot Dog w/Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY - Muffins, Assorted Juice	TUESDAY- Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
WEDNESDAY - French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice	WEDNESDAY- Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapples
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice	THURSDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding
FRIDAY - HOLLIDAY	FRIDAY- HOLIDAY

Update of Cross Plains FFA Competitions

By Bree Dillard, Vice President and Christin Hyles, Reporter

The Cross Plains FFA chapter has been very busy this spring participating in stockshows, judging contests and degree checks.

The first stockshow Cross Plains participated in, after the county show was the Ft. Worth Stockshow. They had 11 pigs, 5 steers and 3 goats entered. Samantha Dickson placed her steer 8th (with Justin Dickson showing).

At San Antonio we had 13 pigs, 4 steers, 2 goats and 5 lambs entered.

The next stockshow was Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. They had 9 pig entered and Garrett Stephens placed 20th. There were 9 steers entered and they place as follows: Cierra Odom - 5th; Emma Bennett - 5th; Bree Dillard - 8th; Dayna Bennett - 9th. There were also 4 goats and 4 lambs entered. The Agricultural Mechanics returned to Houston the last 4 days of the show to participate in the Ag. Mechanics Contest. They exhibited a 5 bale dump ha trailer and placed 2nd in their class. The members of this team were: Dusty Dickson, Jared Wooten, Casey Pack, Russell Allen, Dusty Ivy, Brandon Phillips and Marcus Williams.

After stockshows the Cross Plains FFA went right into competing in judging contest, now called CDE's (Career Development Events). Unlike most other organizations in school, the FFA does not use the classification system when competing against other schools. Cross Plains FFA team members compete with other teams from 1A schools to 5A schools across the state.

The Livestock Team and Land Team participated in the first contest of the year at ACU in Abilene on March 23. Next, was the Tarleton State University Invitational at Stephenville on March 23, in which all of our teams participated. The results of the TSU contest are as follows: The Horse Team place 1st as a team (team awards were not given, just individuals) with Bree Dillard being the 17th high individual and Clay Koenig was 18th high individual. Since members of the Horse Team scored high enough, Mr. Morgan was awarded 3rd place in the Top Coaches Sweepstakes. The Dairy Products Team place 15th as a team. Other teams that participated were Poultry, Land, Livestock and Dairy Cattle.

The following day the Poultry, Dairy Products, Livestock and Land teams all traveled to Weatherford College for their

annual CDE. The Poultry Team placed 9th with Brandon Horton being the 10th High Individual. The Dairy Products Team also placed 9th and the Land Team placed 12th with Ryan Payne being the 5th High Individual.

Each year the Cross Plains FFA hosts a CDE. This year the event was held on March 31, in the gym and ag building. At the Cross Plains Invitational the Poultry Team was 14th and the Dairy Products Team was 2nd place with Team #1 and 4th Place with Team #2. Kati Wooten was 2nd High Individual and Jake Snell was 4th High Individual.

On April 5, three teams traveled to Snyder for their annual CDE. The Land Team placed 7th, the Poultry Team was 3rd and the Dairy Products was 5th.

The Area IV contest at Tarleton State University is the CDE in which our team competes in hopes of qualifying for the state contests.

The Poultry Team place 4th, which qualified them for State. High individuals were Thomas Estes 12th, Brandon Horton 13th and Chance Watkins 15th, other members include Clayton Thomas and Russell Allen.

The Dairy Products Team placed 6th and were one team out from qualifying for state. High individuals were Jake Snell 10th, Kati Wooten 12th and Karen Ross 13th. The other member was Dayna Bennett.

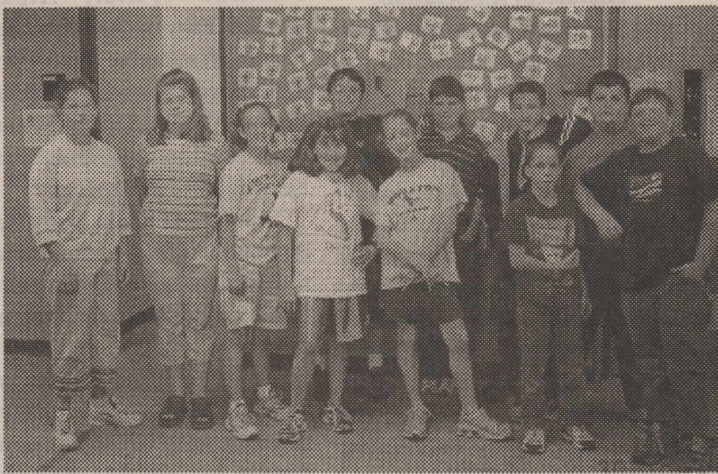
The Horse Team placed 9th and were also one team out from qualifying. The Horse Team members were Bree Dillard, River Dillard, Clay Koenig and Rainey Bacon.

The Land Team placed 16th and those members include Ryan Payne, Levi Wooten, Megan Thomas and Travis Golson.

The Livestock Team placed 10th and were only 2 teams away from qualifying for state. Jeremy Torres was the 16th high individual. Other members of the livestock team were Justin Dickson, Mykea Douglass and Thomas Dimitri.

The Dairy Cattle Team placed 11th and only missed qualifying by 4 teams. Angela Rodriguez was 8th high individual. Other Dairy Cattle Team members include Kali Phillips, Cassie Galloway and Hayli-Jo Foster. The Poultry Team judged at the Hamilton State Qualifiers Contest on April 14, in preparation for state. They placed 2nd as a team and Brandon Horton was 3rd high individual and Chance Watkins was 10th high individual.

Upcoming events for the Cross Plains FFA is the State FFA CDE's at Texas A&M, Area IV Convention in Mineral Wells on May 7 and 8, 2004 and our Annual FFA Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 20th.



MRS. CAM MORGAN'S 6B SIXTH GRADE CLASS

Math Madness

Cross Plains Elementary students have been participating in a Multiplication Madness Contest.

Students in the 6B sixth grade have made one hundred percent. Each student passed the required test. This is the first class to reach the one hundred percent mark.

This class is taught by Mrs. Cam Morgan.

Mrs. Sowell and the faculty are very proud of these students and are looking forward to other classes reaching the same goal.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

Cross Plains Athletes Compete Well at Regional Track Meet

The Buffaloes traveled to Abilene last week to compete in the Regional Track Meet. The weather started out nice, but turned ugly for the field events and the finals on Saturday.

The boys received medals in 2 or 6 events they competed in during the meet and placed 4th overall in the region as a team with only 8 members.

Kelsee Richards was the lone girl to participate and she was able to bring home bronze in the shotput (38'4") after a rain delay and 5th in the discus (102' 11").

Brandon Horton placed 4th in the pole vault by clearing 13'6" and Thomas Dimitri finished 5th with 13'. The winning height of the vault was only 14'.

Dusty Dickson was able to clear 5'10" jumping into a strong headwind. The winning height of the high jump was only 6'2".

The team of Roy Smith, Jason Goains, Dusty Dickson and Michael Allen started out qualifying 5th in the 400 m relay and finished 4th in the finals (45.24).

Roy Smith, Brandon Horton,

Dusty Dickson and Jason Goains set a new school record in the 800 m relay in the prelims to qualify 7th (1:34.22).

Roy Smith, Thomas Dimitri, Dusty Dickson and River Dillard ran in the finals but were disqualified.

Michael Allen followed with a bronze performance in the 400 m dash (51.62).

Roy Smith, Jason Goains, Andy Bennett and Michael Allen closed the season for the Buffaloes by qualifying 3rd (3:28.08) and finishing in the 3rd position (3:34.06).

The Buffaloes performed as well as they could in the meet. Linday won the Team Championship and Irion County was the Runner-up in the boys. The Buffaloes are just unfortunate to be in the toughest region in the state and can hold their heads high that they did their best. If you see them around town, tell them how good they did, because they worked very hard.

Submitted by Coach Jay Wilcoxon

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Buses Will Run at Regular Time
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Monday, May 17th

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 Congratulations and Good Luck!
 May God Bless You with Happiness and Success.
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SCHOOL BOARD



I moved here from Houston in 1979 and was employed by my uncle, Jim McBride, as a mechanic. In 1980 I went to work for Merryman Drilling and remained there until 1994 when I joined the ranks of Kohler in Brownwood, where I am currently employed. Verna and I were married in November 1980 and we have two children. Our son, George Ray, graduated in 2002 and our daughter, Betty, is now in the eighth grade. I have been active in the community as a member of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains EMS, and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. I would appreciate your Vote and Support in the School Board Election on May 15th.

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SUSAN SCHAEFER
SEEKS REELECTION
FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Susan Schaefer is seeking reelection for school board in the upcoming May 15, 2004 election. Susan has served the board for the past three years. Susan is a CPA and has had a practice in Cross Plains for 17 years. She is active in community activities such as EMS, church, band boosters, athletic boosters and Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Phillip, have two children, Starla, age 14 and Benjamin, age 11 that attend CPISD. Susan is committed to providing the best education for our children that is possible. Susan believes in a strong academic base and providing an environment where students may perform their best. She also encourages participation in all activities, including the arts, sports and agriculture. She believes in providing resources and support for teachers and staff enabling them to properly equip students for college and/or careers. It is important that the district provide services to all students while still operating efficiently within a budget using all the resources available.

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City Council Minutes

March 2, 2004

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members of the council were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 93 calls for service, 4 criminal mischiefs, 5 thefts, 2 warrants served, 2 assaults, 2 prowlers, 2 gas drive-offs, 2 disorderly conducts, 2 accidents, with 42 warnings, 40 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill, Municipal Judge, presented the monthly Judge's report. He reported 42 citations from February with 22 remaining outstanding. There are 8 citations outstanding for January and 1 remaining outstanding for December. Collections for January were \$5,809.00. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Gary Morpew, Chief of Police for the City of De Leon, met with the council concerning the nuisance ordinance and other ordinances concerning cleanup, dilapidated structures, abandoned or inoperable vehicles. Mr. Morpew discussed the council's, as well as the Chief of Police's and the Judge's authority in enforcing the ordinances. Mr. Morpew left additional information in the form of laws, ordinances and other material addressing the subject. The council thanked Mr. Morpew for coming and sharing his knowledge and experience with the council. By general consent the council agreed to have Debbie Gosnell continue to gather information concerning code enforcement.

Keith Lawrence met with the council to discuss the EDC's annual budget, accomplishments, goals, and to ask the mayor to reappoint three board members for a two-year term. Mayor Purvis reappointed Keith Lawrence, Andy Anderson and Mark Norris to a two-year term. Keith also informed the council that the EDC board has approved a loan for Potter Gam Tables in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be repaid at 6 percent interest.

Equipment is to be used as collateral to secure the note. Jerry Cassle moved to approve the loan to Potter Game Tables. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Keith Lawrence also met with the council to discuss his opinion concerning the opening of the south end of Avenue B. Mr. Lawrence stated that his concern was that the street would be blocked by debris falling off of trailers and other items left in the street, such as it is currently at Mr. Tidwell's place of business. Discussion was held concerning some of Mr. Lawrence's property being parked in the street on the south end of Avenue B. Other debris that was placed in the street and left by Dan Johnston when he sold his property to Mr. Lawrence was discussed. Mr. Tidwell offered to help dispose of some of the metal items. By general consent the council agreed to go ahead and open the street so that Mr. Tidwell would have access to his property.

Judy Porter met with the council to update them on the Food Pantry. She informed the council that the Food Pantry has applied for a grant but has "not" received the grant as yet, as was previously reported. She stated that she hoped to receive approximately \$9,000 in grant funds, \$2,000 raised by local citizens, and \$3,000 from other sources.

Discussion was held at length concerning a right-of-way located on the John Ivie property. Gene Dillard moved to offer John Ivie \$1,000.00 for a 20 foot right-of-way located on the west side of his property. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new backhoe. James Nichols moved to take bids on a new backhoe with 4-wheel drive, 80-90 HP, fully loaded. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to put up a metal privacy fence on the City's property located behind City Hall and to take the cost out of the water supply fund. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried with all aye except for James Nichols voting nay.

Dean Dillard moved to pay the bills. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Cassle moved to allow for the purchase of a computer systems and software for the police department and municipal court. Funds for the purchase are to be used out of the \$3 per fine technology fund. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols moved to pay Don Gosnell for 100 comp hours. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

By general consent the council set a public hearing for March 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of passing the 2004/2005 annual budget.

Gene Dillard moved to adjourn. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST: Debbie Gosnell,
Secretary

March 23, 2004

This was a public hearing of the Cross Plains City Council. All members of the council were present. No public was in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was for the adoption of the 2004/2004 Annual Budget for both the City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation.

Gene Dillard moved to accept the budget for both entities as presented for the fiscal year 2004/2005. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Dean Dillard moved to pass Ordinance 2004-002 making appropriations for the support of the City of Cross Plains for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2005, and adopting the annual budget of the City of Cross Plains for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

Edwin Weiss moved to reject all bids received for the awning for the Senior Citizens' Center. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

James Nichols moved to adjourn. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST: Debbie Gosnell,
Secretary

Local Student Among the 41 Named to Who's Who at McMurry

Forty-one McMurry University students have been selected for inclusion in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

This is an annual award given to outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic ability, participation and leadership in academic and extra curricular activities and community service.

A local student receiving the award is Sam Nixon, of Cross Plains. He is the son of Terry Nixon and the late Leon Nixon.

Abilene Quilters Guild to Meet Monday, May 10 (Stella Swim to Present Program)

The Abilene Quilters Guild will meet Monday, May 10, at Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road, Abilene at 6:45 p.m. to meet and greet. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Stella Swim will present the May program. She will feature a fun technique for making chenille which can be used in clothing, pillow and quilts. She will cover such important basics as using a walking foot, whether to wash fabric, drawing stitching lines and grain of fabric.

Mrs. Swim was employed with the Department of Public Safety for 22 years and has long been an avid quilter. She has been piecing, quilting and machine quilting since 1986. She has taught Stack-n-Whack classes, basic beginner quilt piecing such as Log Cabin and Rail Fence, as well as hand quilting. She has been the Quilt Division Chair of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for the past two years and has judged quilts in a local community.

Turkey Creek Cook-Off Planned for May 21-22 at Treadway Park

The Turkey Creek Cook-Off sponsored by KEAN 105.1 and the Cross Plains Roping Club will be held at Treadway Park on Highway 36 in Cross Plains on May 21-22.

Dance to 80 Proof under the stars 8 p.m. till 2 Saturday, May 22nd. Coolers allowed, no bottles please. Admission is \$5.00 per person/\$5.00 per cooler. A concession stand will be open during the dance.

A Horsemanship Clinic will be presented by Robert M. Liner of Equine-in-line from Moss Brothers Ranch. He has had demonstrations at State Fair of Texas, Lone Star Park and Animal Planet. The clinic starts on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. The Fee will be \$50.00 per horse.

Categories for the Cook-Off are brisket, ribs, chicken, beans, and

chili. There will be an award for Showmanship and Friendliest Cook. You can pay \$1.00 and eat barbecue and vote for the special People's Choice in Honor of Dusty Hargrove.

This is not a sanctioned cook-off. To enter all categories the cost is \$75.00; \$50.00 for 1 category. 100 percent of the entry is paid out. 1st through 3rd places will be designated; 15 total cash prizes; 3 trophy awards; for a total of 18 awards.

For entry forms call or come by Cross Plains City Hall (254) 725-6114; Chamber of Commerce (254) 725-7251 Dana (254) 725-7430; or Lorna (254) 725-4933.

For more information on the Horse Clinic contact Rod (254) 643-3701, Tani (254) 725-6518 or Dru (254) 725-6329.

Star gazing party at Fort Griffin State Park May 22

Fort Griffin State Park is having a star gazing party hosted by the Fort Worth Sidewalk Astronomers on Saturday, May 22, 2004.

View our amazing solar system through the astronomer's large telescopes; see the moons of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn the constellation Andromeda, and the many other fascinating sites

of our amazing West Texas night sky. Everyone will get to view through the telescopes and be able to have their questions answered by the astronomers. It will be an unforgettable experience for the entire family!

Fort Griffin is located 15 miles north of Albany, Texas, on Highway 283. For more information call (325) 762-3592.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 25, 2004 through May 1, 2004 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—42
Complaints—44
DWI—2
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Possession of Controlled Substance—2
Vehicle Accidents
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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National World War II memorial to be dedicated May 29, 2004

The National World War II Memorial will be dedicated on May 29 in Washington, D.C. Located between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, it will be the first national memorial dedicated to the men and women who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II, including those who died in combat and the Americans who supported the war effort on the home front. This special edition of Facts for Features pays tribute to those who served our country in that war.

Proud to Serve
16.1 million - The number of U.S. armed forces personnel who served in World War II between Dec. 1, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946.
33 months - The average length of active-duty by U.S. military personnel during WWII.
Serving Abroad
73% - The proportion of U.S. military personnel who served abroad during WWII.
16 months - The average time U.S. personnel served overseas during WWII.
Supreme Sacrifice
292,000 - The number of U.S.

soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines killed in battle in WWII.
114,000 - The number of other deaths sustained by U.S. forces during WWII.

And the Wounded: 671,000 - The number of U.S. troops wounded during WWII.

Veterans - 5.7 million
The number of World War II veterans counted in Census 2000. The census identified the period of service for World War II veterans as September 1940 to July 1947.

475,000 - The estimated number of WWII veterans living in California in 2002, the most in any state. Other states with high numbers of WWII vets included Florida (439,000), New York (284,000), Pennsylvania (280,000), Texas (267,000) and Ohio (208,000).

5.4% - The proportion of WWII veterans among the Clearwater, Fla., civilian population age 18 and over in 2000.

Other large places (100,000 or more population) with high concentrations of WWII vets were: Cape Coral, Fla. (5.1 percent),

Oceanside, Calif. (4.3 percent); and Scottsdale, Ariz.; Pueblo, Colo., Metairie, La., St. Petersburg, Fla.; Santa Rosa, Calif.; Mesa, Ariz.; and Independence, Mo. (all around 4 percent).

210,000 - The estimated number of women in 2002 who were WWII veterans. These women comprised 4.4 percent of WWII vets.

22% - The proportion of all veterans in April 2000 who were WWII veterans.

76.7 years old - The median age of WWII veterans four years ago when the last census was conducted.

11.6% - The proportion of WWII veterans who were still employed in 2000.

440,000 - The number of WWII veterans in 2002 who received compensation for service-connected disabilities, about half the number in 1990 (876,000) and nearly two-thirds less than the nearly 1.2 million disabled WWII vets in 1980.

\$62 billion - The projected national expenditure for veteran's benefits in 2004.

Cross Plains Area Housing Authority Initiative Would Like to Help You With Minor House Repairs, Etc.

Is your home in need of minor repairs—painting, plumbing, insulation, caulking? The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you in the help you might need.

Free assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or very low income. Applications will be available for filing beginning Monday, May 3, 2004, at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center and at Higginbotham's Hardware store. On Tuesday mornings, beginning May 4, Regina Hart will be available at the Senior Citizens' Center to assist in filling our applications. **Deadline for application will be June 30, 2004.**

This a worth-while community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year. We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Roxie Thomas (254) 725-6141 or Regina Hart (254) 725-4398.

Submitted by
Roxie Thomas

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A Mother's Day Wish

By: Texas First Lady
Anita Perry

I hope every day, but especially this Mother's Day Weekend, Texans take a moment to thank the women who shaped their lives, whether they are mothers, grandmothers, aunts or friends that helped to guide them as they grew.

This weekend flowers, greeting cards and brunches will be given in special recognition of moms. As we take part in this tradition, I'd like to ask Texans to take a moment and also remember the moms for whom this day might not be quite as special.

For many mothers in our state, the celebration of this day can be a painful reminder that their lives and possibly the lives of their children are clouded by domestic violence. Sadly, statewide research shows that 74 percent of Texans have been abused, or know of someone who has suffered abuse. More chilling is the fact that two Texas women every week are killed through acts of domestic violence. Many more are physically or emotionally abused.

Focus group after focus group shows that the first person survivors talk to about an abusive relationship is a family member or friend. However, many Texans, about 35 percent, who learn of a friend or family member's violent circumstances, do nothing, as they don't realize how they can help or don't want to get involved. I have spoken to many sisters, mothers and daughters who said they just didn't recognize the signs of a loved one's abuse or paid too little attention until it was too late.

When a friend, family member or a co-worker we know needs outpatient surgery, we offer to drive them home from the hospital. When a family suffers a loss or illness, we bring food to their home. But all too often, when a friend or co-worker

shows up with a bruise or acts unexplainably withdrawn, we don't want to interfere. Domestic violence is not just a private family matter. It is a crime with serious, dangerous repercussions for men, women, children and the entire community.

That's why our state will soon launch a second phase of an awareness campaign to change the situation this time focusing on friends, family and co-workers who are in a position to assist victims of domestic violence.

In 2002, with the aid of a \$2 million grant from the Office of the Attorney General, the Texas Council on Family Violence launched an unprecedented 16-month, bilingual public awareness campaign to give women trapped in violent relationships, many of whom are mothers, the information they need to seek and obtain help.

"Break the Silence. Make the Call" resulted in a 69 percent increase in English-language calls to the National Domestic Violence Hotline and a staggering 93 percent increase in Spanish-language calls in its inaugural month. For many women, placing that first call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline was an incredibly important first step in seeking and receiving life-changing assistance for themselves and their family.

In the coming weeks, you'll see and hear new public service announcements, imploring all Texans to get involved by breaking their silence, making the call to 1-800-799-SAFE or TTY 1-800-787-3224, when a loved one or friend is in need.

This Mother's Day, take time to honor mothers - and honor all Texas women by raising our consciousness to help all mothers celebrate this day as they should: in a home filled not by fear, but love.

A nurse with 17 years in the health care profession, Perry continues to focus on women's and children's health issues as Texas' First Lady.

H-E-B Offers Approved Medicare Discount Drug Card

Consumer Education Major Factor In Program That Begins June 1

How do I know if I'm eligible? How will I know which card to choose? How many cards can I have? How much will I have to pay to get a card? These are the kinds of questions that Medicare-eligible seniors are already asking about the new drug discount program that will go into effect in June.

Twenty-eight companies nationwide, including H-E-B in Texas, have been chosen by the federal government to offer discount drug cards that will lower prescription drug costs for enrolled seniors. There are also 43 exclusive cards associated with Medicare managed-care organizations as part of a health plan package. Most Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for the new program, unless they already have another type of prescription benefit coverage with a health care provider or have Texas Medicaid coverage.

Savings are expected to range from 10 to 25 percent or more. H-E-B, with 189 pharmacy locations in stores across Texas, has partnered with Medical Security Card Company/ScriptSave to offer a Medicare-approved card

with no enrollment fee and savings up to 30 percent.

"The new drug discount card program will last until 2006 when the comprehensive Medicare drug benefit plan begins," said Alma Gutierrez, pharmacy operations director at H-E-B. "Seniors have many questions about the new program, so we have designated regional store leaders and individual store 'champions' to go out into the field and explain how the program will work. They have received special training about the Medicare plan and can answer consumer questions."

Medicare beneficiaries can sign up for cards beginning Monday, May 3. The cards go into effect Tuesday, June 1. Seniors can sign up for only one card and the discounts and fees will vary depending on which card they choose. Some seniors will qualify for a \$600 credit to pay for their prescriptions, but they must sign up for a card to receive that benefit.

Cards will cover most brand name and generic prescription medications. H-E-B will provide price comparisons at each pharmacy loca-

tion and will also accept most Medicare-approved discount cards from other companies.

As part of the education process for Medicare beneficiaries, H-E-B stores will host Senior Appreciation Days every Tuesday during the month of May in stores with pharmacies. One-on-one advice about the new card program will be available on those days, as well as free diabetes and high blood pressure screenings, recipes, games and refreshments.

"The new Medicare program will mean worthwhile savings for many beneficiaries," said Gutierrez. "However, it is important that they learn about the provisions of the new cards and understand that cards from some companies may offer more value than others for their particular situations."

Medicare beneficiaries will find more information about the new discount cards at www.medicare.gov or at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. To arrange for an H-E-B speaker, contact Stephanie Cannon at the H-E-B corporate office at 210-938-7126.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Boomerang Principle

A boomerang is an object that when thrown comes back to the thrower. The young people would say, "What goes around comes around." A poet of old said, "What you send into the lives of others somehow comes back into your own." The Bible speaks of sowing and reaping. If you sow seeds of love it will come to you when you need it. An old movie, and one of my favorites, "Magnificent Obsession," was about a man who did good things for people but cautioned them never to tell. If they tried to pay it back, he would say "It is all used up" meaning he had reaped his good from the deed.

I liked this story so I will share it with you.

A Story to Share.

He almost didn't see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road. But even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe, he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under

the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him.

She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid. Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. She asked him how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped.

Bryan never thought twice about the money. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "...and think of me". He waited until she started her car and drove off.

It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home,

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The cash register was like the telephone of an out-of-work actor, it didn't ring much.

Her waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress looked about eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger.

Then she remembered Bryan. After the old lady finished her meal, and the waitress went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, the old lady slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the old lady could be, then she noticed something written on the napkin under which was four \$100 bills.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You don't owe me anything, I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you".

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything's gonna be all right."

"I love you, Bryan."
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Volunteers thanked at Callahan County Nutrition Project event

The Callahan County Nutrition Project said "Thank You" to the volunteers of this county with a dinner at the Clyde Senior Citizens Building on Thursday night, April 28, 2004.

Approximately 90 volunteers were present at this event. In this small way, the Nutrition Project tried to show its volunteers how much they are appreciated, because without them the Project could not be the success it is today.

Approximately 28,000 meals were prepared by the Clyde kitchen last year, delivered by the Nutrition Project volunteers, to people in this county. To volunteer for these needs, is one of the most important things anyone can do to brighten the day for someone. If you would like to join this successful group, you are most welcome. Call the main office or one of the site managers for more information.

Again, the Callahan County Nutrition Project says thanks from the board of directors to the employees and from the folks who receive the meals.

What is the Callahan County Nutrition Project? Since 1981, Callahan County Nutrition Project has been providing congregate meals, transportation services, volunteer opportunities, and Meals on Wheels to the age 60+ population and disabled citizens of Callahan County.

How is the Nutrition Project Funded? The Nutrition Project receives money from the West Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Department of Human Services, City of Baird,

City of Clyde, City of Cross Plains, Callahan County, and donations from individuals and businesses.

Where Do We Operate and How Many Employees Do We Have? The Nutrition Project is run by the board of directors, consisting of seven representatives who are elected by the cities of Baird, Clyde, and Cross Plains, and Callahan County. The paid staff consists of seven employees, 1 Project Director, 3 Center Site Managers, 2 Cooks, 1 Van Driver. There are three senior citizens centers in Callahan County, and the main office is in the County Courthouse. The kitchen is located at the back of the Clyde Senior Citizen Center, and the Meals on Wheels are delivered from each center.

Can I Donate Money and Time? Yes! Although the Nutrition Project receives state and federal monies, it is required by law that we have a local match, which normally comes from contributions.

Can I Volunteer in Other Ways? Yes! There are many ways to volunteer for the program. The main areas are:

Meals on Wheels—The meals are picked up at the centers each weekday. The volunteer chooses how many days a month he/she wishes to deliver.

Center Volunteers—Center volunteers are always needed. One can choose to serve, clean tables, help plan events, etc.

Fundraising—Volunteers are always needed to help with fundraisers.

American Cancer Society observes National Women's Health Week

AUSTIN—In observance of National Women's Health Week, May 9-15, the American Cancer Society encourages women to take steps to reduce their risk for cancer through prevention and early detection practices. Cancer is the second leading cause of death among women with lung cancer being the top killer followed by breast and colon cancers. Approximately 60% of all cancers are linked to nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity and other life-style factors including smoking.

But there is hope; by following simple measures women can reduce their risk for cancer and other diseases. Women are encouraged to:

- Follow the American Cancer Society screening guidelines available on-line at www.cancer.org or by calling 800-ACS-2345. Get regular health check ups. Visit with physicians about screening tests for breast, colon, cervical and skin cancer and based on their history determine how often they should be tested.
- Eat a variety of healthful

foods, emphasizing plant sources such as vegetables, fruits, and whole grains, limit red meat, adopt a physically active life-style, maintain a healthful weight throughout life and limit alcohol consumption.

• Don't smoke. The American Cancer Society can help smokers quit through telephone counseling sessions by calling 800-ACS-2345.

• Avoid sun exposure. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, the most serious form, malignant melanoma will be diagnosed in about 55,100 people in 2004.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information on cancer prevention, early detection and services call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



1st PLACE DISPLAY—Joyce Odom



1ST PLACE TABLE SETTING (TIE)—James Nichols



1ST PLACE TABLE SETTING (TIE)—Joyce Odom



SPECIAL DESIGN—Tony Skidmore

Garden Club

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| Tables - | Display - |
| James Nichols | Joyce Odom - Herbs 1st |
| (Valentine for Two)-1st (Tie) | Eva Fleming - Succulents 2nd |
| Joyce Odom-Barbecue 1st (Tie) | Collections - |
| Design- | Eva Fleming - Iris 1st |
| Esther Kerr | Barbara Powell - Iris 1st |
| Fantasy in Black and White 1st | Potted Plants |
| Joyce Odom | Joyce Odom - House Leak 1st |
| A Walk in the Woods 2nd | Eva Fleming - African Violet 2nd |
| Special Design | Mary E. Weaver-Succulent 2nd |
| Home On the Ranch - | Horticulture |
| TonySkidmore (9 years old) | Esther Kerr - Iris 1st |
| | Barbara Powell - Pear branch 1st |



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—Amanda Waggoner (right), Postmaster in Cross Plains, was speaker at the April 27th Kiwanis meeting. She spoke on the special cancellation the Post Office had Friday for Mother's Day. She also spoke about the upcoming food drive the rural route carries will be having on Saturday, May 8th. Ronnie White (left), who was filling in for Ike Neal, introduced Waggoner as speaker.

"I became a member and the NASE helped me gain access to health benefits. They can help you, too."
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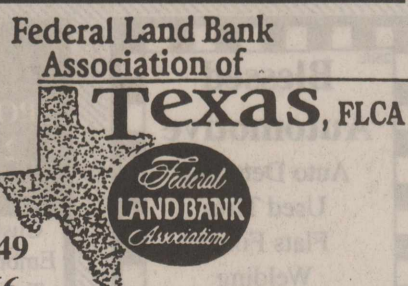
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IT'S A BOY!

Dylanjer Jakson Meiron was born April 8, 2004 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. He weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His proud parents are Dustin and Liz Meiron. Grandparents are Sandra Moore, Eddy McCarty, Trey and Donna Meiron, and Jeff and Deidra Holland. Great-grandparents are Ruth Lusk, Vincent and Betty Meiron, George and Sandy McCorkle, Kenneth and Dorris Wills, and Gloria Wagner.



IT'S A GIRL!

Sadie Jo Burkett

Sadie was born March 12, 2004 at North Austin Medical Center in Austin, TX. She weighed 9 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Her proud parents are David and D'lise Burkett of Leander, TX.

Maternal grandparents are Vernon Stamper and the late Ernestine Stamper of Coleman.

Paternal grandparents are Sandra Moore of Pioneer and Joe Burkett of Burkett.

Her great-grandmother is Ruth Lusk of Cisco.

OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

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Rowden Baptist will host a Special Gospel Meeting on Sat., May 15th at 7 pm.

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Summer Church Band.

Everyone is invited to come hear these two very talented men of God.





LONDON WESTERMAN

Local Couples Grandson Finishes his High School Years with Great Success

Landon Westerman, a senior at Rising Star High School, was recently selected to the Academic All State Basketball team. Landon is a member of the Wildcat basketball team that won the Regional Championship and the State Bronze medal after losing to Grady, who went on to win the State Championship. This was quite an honor as it awards excellence in academics as well as athletics. He has also been named the Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class.

The golf team of Rising Star also competed in the Regional tournament at Maxwell Golf

Course in Abilene. The team was tied for first place after the first day, and Landon was in fifth place individually. They struggled somewhat the second day finishing fourth out of eighteen teams. Landon ended his high school career in sixth place, just a few strokes from being one of the State qualifying medalists.

Landon is the son of Gary and Betty Westerman of Rising Star, and the grandson of Noel and Alma King of Cross Plains. He would also like to thank all of the people of Cross Plains who showed him so much support this year.

Locally Known Couple Retiring from Teaching Careers this May

In May, Tom and Karen Adams are retiring from education after 39 years and 36 years respectively in the profession. Three generations of their families have been in the school business and two of their children are the school business. They have both always taught in Big Spring. Tom and Karen, have long ties to Cross Plains and Burkett. Tom is the son of Bill and Ernestine Adams, both of whom grew up in Cross Plains. Karen is the daughter of Socrates (Soc) and Jane Walker. Tom's grandparents were Sam and Lottie Sipes and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Adams of Cross Plains. Karen's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Walker of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson of Merkel. Mr. Walker and Mr. Ferguson both worked for Higginbotham's.

Tom came to live with J.C. and Yunette Bowden when he was three years of age and still maintains a home on the Bowden farm near Burkett. Tom attended the Burkett schools from 1949 to 1957, when Burkett lost its high school. During his school days there, he had his aunt for a teacher in both the first and second grade and developed a love for basketball and sports. He has many wonderful memories of Mr. Walter Chambers, Coach Popnoe, Gilder Adams, Mrs. Brown and the other wonderful teachers there.

Tom started to Cross Plains High School in the fall of 1957. He says he owes a lot to the great coaches and teachers he had at Cross Plains. Coach James Alexander gave him a second chance in football and he grew to love the sport. He played for Coach Bill Gunn for the next three years, lettering in football (3 yrs.), basketball (4 yrs.) and track (3 yrs.) while at Cross Plains.

After graduation Tom attended Texas Tech for two years, and then graduated from Tarleton

State College with a degree in history and education. While at Tarleton, Tom gave a young lady named Karen Walker a ride to her grandparents in Cross Plains and was hooked for life. Tom started teaching in 1965 in Big Spring and then Tom and Karen were married in August, 1966. Both have been in the Big Spring schools since then. Tom coached in Big Spring from 1966 to 1978. He is very proud to have coached under some great coaches, like Spike Dykes, Clovis Hale and Bob Burris.

Tom and Karen both obtained their masters degrees from Sul Ross where Tom also got his administrative certification and became principal in 1983. During these years, the couple had three children, Shawna, Shay and Matt. Shawna is a counselor at Coahoma, married to Coley Dobbs and they have one child, Keegan (2 yrs). Shay and his wife Misty live in Copperas Cove where Shay teaches science and coaches. Misty is a school clerk at Lee Jr. High. They have two children, Shean (5 yrs.) and Sam (1 yr.). Matt, a mechanical engineer, is living in Houston and working for Ashbrook Corp.

Following retirement, Tom and Karen will split time between Burkett and Big Spring. Karen likes to spend time on the internet researching genealogy, hunting antiques, and playing with the grandkids. Tom is an Archaeological Steward with the Texas Historical Commission and loves to work in archaeology. He also like to buy and sell antiques, hunt, fish and play golf. They say they will be glad to be able to spend more time on the farm south of Cross Plains and more time visiting with their old friends here. Karen says that since studying their genealogy, she has found that they are kin to half the county, so they have a lot of catching up to do visiting kinfolk.



ANGIE PURVIS

Purvis Graduates with an Associate of Science in Nursing

The Albuquerque T.V.I. Community College in Albuquerque, New Mexico, held their graduation ceremony on April 30. Among those graduating of the record 1800 graduates was Angie Purvis with an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Angie also participated in the traditional Pinning Ceremony on April 24 that is symbolic of the Nursing Profession. Her proud parents attended the activities, and her father did the honors of pinning. Out of 57 graduates in the R N Program, Angie received one

of four Outstanding Student Awards and was on the National Dean's list throughout the nursing program.

Her plans for the future are to remain in Albuquerque and work as a graduate nurse in the Emergency Room Department at Presbyterian Hospital. She plans to take the Registered Nursing boards in June.

Angie is the daughter of Ray and Kathy Purvis, and the granddaughter of Jimmiee and Virginia Payne and the late Otis and Treasy Purvis.

Deworming for Profit

Deworming cattle is a common practice used by most cattlemen. Although deworming the cows and bulls is the most common use of the procedure, this could be short changing your herds profitability. Don't forget the nursing calves and yearlings.

Why should you deworm nursing calves? An increase of 25 to 50lbs of weaning weight is the reason. This is according to research reported by Steve Wikse D.V. M. of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. For years, it was believed that internal parasites were detrimental due to them competing for nutrients meant for the animal. More recent research has demonstrated that they can depress the immune system and decrease appetite. This results in increased illness as well as lower gains.

What dewormer should be used? Most parasitologists agree that a group of products known as Macrocytic Lactones are best. These include the following products: Moxidectin (Cydectin by Fort Dodge), Ivermectins (Ivomec by Merial, as well as a number of

generics), Eprinomectin (Eprinex by Merial), and Doramecin (Dectomax by Pfizer). All of these products come in a convenient pour-on formula. Ivermectins also come in an injectable form. These help control both internal and external parasites. It is important to read the label for complete information on each product.

Does it matter when you deworm? Yes. Due to the lifecycle of the more common parasites, timing is important. The best time to deworm in this part of the country is late spring to early summer. This can often coincide with vaccination time of spring born calves. This is usually late May to early June when calves are 3 to 4 months old.

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Submitted by Dr. Curtis Creach

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Pat Moore
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Donald Beeler
Wayne Webb
Stanton Honer
Rhonda (Franke) Look
Mrs. Ruby Moore
Kyle Kitchens
Maci Whitson

MAY 9
Ellen Rutledge
Judy McNutt
Faye Simmons
Rolan Gene Bryan
Janet McAfee
Linda (Carouth) Bates
Nancy (Reed) Bishop
Velma Proctor
Randy Huffman

MAY 10
Chris Brown
Mrs. Judd Barnett
Margaret Price
Baylis Pope
Michael Umbarger
Billy Joe Covington
Opal Gray
Mrs. Bill (Sarah) Thomas
Fredrick Canales

MAY 11
Rosemary Jeffries
Bowen Clark
Velma Faye Pittman
Kenneth Beeler
Gaylon Williams
Shauna (Cowan) Guerrero
Mrs. Leo Franke

MAY 12
Emma Sue Albrecht
Paul Truair
Carolyn Adams
Lucille Koenig
Blandye (Harris) Crawford

MAY 13
Eddie Elliott
Shana (Strickland) Sanders
Gary Harris
Donnie Joe Pierce
Milton Bynum
Allen Holcomb
Jason Ray Flippin
Logan Phillips
Sondra (Merrill) Pope

MAY 14
Authur Boyle
Carla Vest
Matthew Burleson
David Morales
Nathan Strength
Steve Fortune
Chuck Grant



NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK—The Mayor, Mike McGinn (center, left), signed a Proclamation in honor of National Nursing Home Week as Jan Clark (center right), City Manager/Secretary, witnessed. Residents and employees that took part in this special event were Rozell Gary (from left), Albert Starkey, Angie Williams, Linda Merritt and Verna Hargrove.

National Nursing Home Week to be Observed at Rising Star Nursing Center

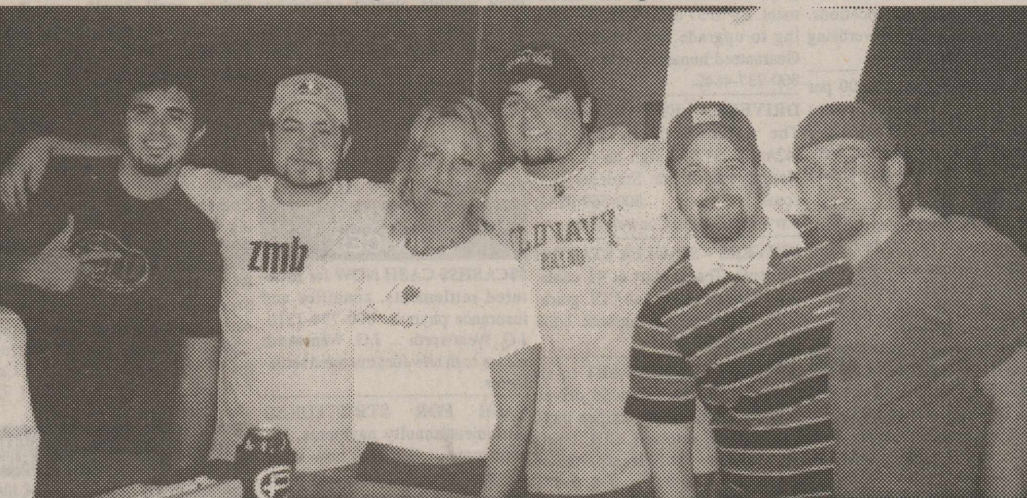
National Nursing Home Week this year is being held May 9-15, beginning on Mother's Day. Sponsored by the American Healthcare Association (AHCA), the week spotlights the crucial role nursing facilities play in delivering quality care to our nations' seniors and disabled Americans, 1.5 million of whom reside in nursing facilities.

This week brings awareness to nursing facilities and also provides an opportunity to celebrate the unending care that is given and received by senior

Americans across the United States. Caregivers make this happen every day in every facility but during National Nursing Home week others; family friends and member of the community can see and participate more fully.

Rising Star Nursing Center will host a cookout on the patio on Wednesday, May 12, serving to begin at 5:00 p.m. Hamburgers with all the trimmings will be served, entertainment will be provided and everyone is invited to attend.

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80 PROOF—Cliff Hayes (from left), Boone Cook, Kelly Peterson (D.J.), Landon Hill, L.D. Whitehead and Wes Manley.

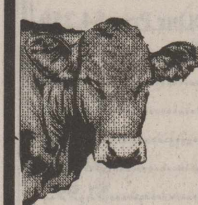
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