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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a clever presentation that expresses how God might feel about how we are managing our lives. You may see things in a different light after reading this. It makes you realize just how much we really need HIM.

Thanks to Deborah Lowitzer for sharing this with our readers. Both of my "Deborah" friends are so good at providing great information. **Vanda Anderson**

To Whom It May Concern:

I heard you were considering a new manager in your life. I would like to apply for the job. I believe I am the most qualified candidate. I am the only one who has ever done this job successfully.

I was the first manager of human beings. In fact, I made them, so naturally I know how humanity works, and what is best to get people back into proper working condition. It will be like having the manufacturer as your personal mechanic.

If this is your first time considering me, I would just like to point out that my salary has already been paid by the blood of my son, Jesus, on the cross of Calvary.

What I need from you is the acknowledgment that the price is sufficient to pay for all of your sin and your independence from Me. I need to believe this is in your heart and to tell somebody else about your decision with your mouth.

The next thing I ask is the right to change and fix your life so you can learn how to stay close to Me. I will make some major changes and revisions. They are not for you to worry about. I need your permission to execute these changes. My way and in My time. I will change your desires and give you the strength to make the changes. Please keep your hands out of the way. Don't try to help Me and don't resist Me. I really do need your full commitment and cooperation. If you give those, the process can go smoothly, without delays.

Yours Sincerely,
GOD

Below Is My Resume:

GOD

*Everywhere, All Over, Every Place, Alpha and Omega
Phone: (333) 777-PRAY

Experience:

*From the beginning of time. Before the beginning of time. From everlasting to everlasting. I made time.

Ability:

*All-Powerful
Prior Employment
*Created the universe, put the galaxies in place, formed man.

*Established heaven and earth by My spoken Word and am currently holding up the world by My power.

Education and Training:

*I AM and I have all knowledge.

Character Reference:

*Love, light and life (1 John 4:16, 1 John 1:5, John 14:6)

A representative, but by no means conclusive list of other character traits follows:

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Grandparents Raising Kids Support Group

Raising grandkids can be a wild ride. **You are not alone.** Join other grandparents on Tuesday, May 24th, from 7 to 8 p.m. This monthly meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Cross Plains First Baptist Church.

Anyone in the community who is raising a grandchild or helping raise a child that is not their own, please join us in supporting each other.

There are more and more grandparents raising kids who need a loving home. Many of us are alone, some have a son or daughter around to help with the responsibility. As grandparents with kids, we face issues such as emotional, working, school, financial, medical, being parents of two generations at the same time (our grown children and

their kids), and so many situations that we are not prepared for. Lots of stress in our lives.

On the other hand, we are privileged to share our lives with these children who need us so much. So much joy and laughter, when we have the energy. They keep us involved in their lives with homework, birthday parties, learning to ride a bike, ball games, doctor and dentist appointments, etc.

Please join others raising their grandkids. We can support each other, and at the same time learn how to deal with the generation gap and other circumstances we face. If you have any questions, please call Helen Parson at (254) 725-4422.

Submitted by
Helen Parson

Atwell Cemetery Association Meeting to take place May 29th

The Atwell Cemetery Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 29, 2005 beginning at 10:30am at the Atwell shelter.

The program committee for this year is Nona Belote, James Foster and Beverly Ross.

All who attend are asked to bring a covered dish or dishes of meat, vegetables, salads or desserts. The bread, tea, and ice will be furnished. The food for lunch will be spread together.

Submitted by **Barbara Black**

Men's Night Out at First Baptist Church May 23rd

Come hear Ron Ingram speak on Whitetail deer at Men's Night Out at First Baptist in Cross Plains Monday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You will see 200 plus Boone and Crockett bucks, antler sheds, etc.

Ron will talk on pen raising deer, ranch management, and how to grow big bucks. Questions about the deer are welcome.

A meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. and there is no charge.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Project Pride is announcing Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, as Howard Days 2005 in Cross Plains

Each year on the second weekend in June Cross Plains is privileged to host a gathering of Howard scholars and fans from around the world. Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan The Barbarian and other fantasy characters, lived here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Howard, from 1919 to 1936 and most of his writing was done at the Howard home on West Highway 36. The home, listed in the National Register of Homes, has been restored and now serves as a museum.

This year's celebration includes two full days of activities with a Friday evening banquet. Theme for the event will be "Let His Name Not Fade...Interpreting Robert E. Howard in Books, Films and Other Media". Guest

Africanized Honey Bee Seminar set for Monday, May 23rd

Despite their value as pollinators and producers of honey and wax, honey bees are generally unwelcome in and around homes because of the possibility they may sting people and animals. Due to the recent bee encounters in Callahan County a special Africanized Bee Seminar has been scheduled for May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will take place in the District Courtroom located on the 3rd floor of the county courthouse in Baird. This seminar is being presented to teach community members as well as emergency service personnel important facts about honey bees. Some of the topics that will be discussed will include; Biology and Habits of Honey Bees, Characteristics of Africanized Honey Bees,

Control of Bees and Safety issues as they relate to emergency situations.

At this seminar we hope to provide general information about bees, answer frequently asked questions and solve common problems associated with honey bees. We also hope to dispel some of the myths that are associated with honey bees while at the same time helping citizens and emergency personnel establish a safe and effective manner of handling and dealing with Africanized Honey Bees.

For more information and to pre-register contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

Robert Pritz,
County Extension Agent-Ag



2005 HOWARD DAYS—Don't forget to take your tour of the Robert E. Howard house during the Howard Days festivities.

of honor and featured speaker for the banquet will be noted writer, director and producer, Marcelo Anciano, of London, England.

The public is invited. Tickets for the Friday evening banquet may be purchased at Texas Heritage

Bank, Cross Plains Public Library or from a member of Project Pride. If this is not convenient you may call 254-725-4993 to make other arrangements.

Submitted by
Era Lee Hanke

Community Work Day at Pioneer Cemetery

Our annual workday will be May 21st. We want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come out to help in this endeavor. This is preparing for our Memorial Day Service which will be May 30 at the Pioneer Cemetery.

We usually begin between 8 and 9 a.m. You can bring mowers, weed eaters, etc. we will probably need to wash the chairs under the pavilion.

We know that we can depend on your help.

Submitted by
Jo Veda Watson

Calvary Cowboys to be in Concert at The Faith Cowboy Church in Rising Star

FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

The Calvary Cowboys will be here. Yes here in concert at the Faith Cowboy Church. The concert will be 2:00pm in the afternoon of May 22, 2005.

Please come, hear the Cowboys, and be sure to bring your friends and family. We all look forward to seeing you there, because they are a blessed duo. Please come as you are! The Faith Cowboy Church is located at 405 South Joyce Street in Rising Star.

Cross Plains Roping Club Presents a Weekend of Events

The bulls are ready to buck. The cowboys are ready to ride. The cooks are ready to cook, and the band is ready to play. Come join the fun Saturday, May 21st at the local roping arena!!!!

The bull riding starts at 5 p.m., but if you'd like to come a little early, you can walk around and visit with the cooks in Treadway Park.

Following the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. the People's Choice plates will be available.

This year we're honoring the "Old Timers" who started the roping club way back in the 1950s. After talking with a couple of these "old timers", I've come to know that it was built with fun and entertainment in mind.

For \$2.00 you can sample a bit of everyone's cooking, and then vote for the best cook. This is one

of the cooker's favorite parts of the whole day, and I must admit, it's one of mine, too. So come on down and mingle with some of the best grill chefs in this territory.

And don't forget the dance following the bull riding. If you've never heard the Jim Sadler Band before, it's high time you did.

We'd again like to thank everyone who has made this event possible: our sponsors, the PSBR, the cooks, the Jim Sadler Band and the members of the Cross Plains Roping Club.

And please remember, no firearms or underage drinking at this event. We also ask that no glass bottles be brought on the grounds. Thank you.

Submitted by
Tani Pointer

Bee Attacks Prevalent in the Community

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

Two bee attacks last week in the city limits of Cross Plains have brought an awareness of the existing danger.

Tommie Harris was attacked Tuesday, May 10, while mowing his lawn at N.W. 5th Street. He estimated 100 or more bees suddenly swarmed around his face, getting into his ears and nose. "I barely could see to get to the house," Tommie remarked. He was able to drive his lawn mower to the house and get inside. The bees came from an old well he was mowing beside.

The Cross Plains E.M.S. was called and they transported him to Abilene. 32 stingers were removed from his face. He experienced a reaction to the stings resulting in breathing difficulties. Tommie said, "I don't think I would have made it without the E.M.S." He was hospitalized overnight but reported he is doing fine now.

Living Water Ministries will not meet at regular location Sunday, May 22

Living Water Ministries will not have worship service at their church on West Highway 36 this Sunday, May 22. The entire body will be attending Fountaingate Church at the corner of North 10 Street and Willis in Abilene.

Living Water Ministries is traveling to Fountaingate to support the opening of this new church. Jamie Lipe, former Praise and Worship Leader at LWM, will be directing the Praise and Worship Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. The group will eat lunch at a restaurant following the service.

A caravan will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who would like to attend, please be at the church before 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

On Friday, May 13, Albert and Shirley Sharpe of Bangs were both mowing at Apple Street, on the S.E. side of town, when they were swarmed by hundreds of bees. The bees came from an old house on their property. Neighborhood resident Gaynelle Callaway assisted Albert by spraying water and applying bleach water to his bites. Wanda Goble provided Shirley with a blanket to get away from the bees. Doris Goble called 911 and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and E.M.S. responded.

Bob Harrell, Jerry Cassle and Seth Morgan were also bit while helping the couple. The bees were trapped in Shirley's hair. Blake Foster put on bunker gear (with all the openings taped up) and went in to turn off the lawn mower. Bees swarmed the neighborhood for a couple of blocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe were both transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. It was reported they suffered over 300 bee stings between them.

Mr. Sharpe has talked with several agencies to see about eradicating the bees. Most folks agree that the local honey bees have crossed with the African bees making them more aggressive. See Bees Page 5

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Down Home

- *Wisdom - James 1:5
- *Comfort - 2 Corinthians 1:3
- *Truth - John 8:32
- *Healer - 1 Peter 2:24
- *Strength - Phil. 4:13
- *Forgiveness - 1 John 1:9
- *Provider - Phil. 4:19
- *Mercy - Ephesians 2:24
- *Good - Matthew 19:17
- *Peace - Romans 14:17

- Availability:**
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 - *Your only responsibility is to commit initially and on a daily basis.
 - *To trust and obey what Jesus has done and wants to do in your life.
 - *Other references available upon request.
 - *Please feel free to call ME anytime!

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Ashlie Michelle Haines, theft by check.
Roman Mendez, theft.
Drew R. Large, possession of marijuana.
Franklin B. Gomez, interference with emergency telephone call.
Bradley J. Goosen, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
Michael A. Keller, DWLI.
John W. Anderson, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Travis R. Byram, Ct. I - unlawful carrying weapon, Ct. II - prohibited weapon.
Mark A. Moreno, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Kenneth G. Greer, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$50 fine, \$210 court costs.
Adrian Villa, motion to revoke probation granted.
John Crutchfield, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Alfredo Vasquez, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$343 court costs.
Shane Bennett, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, \$215 court costs, \$635.63 restitution.
Cynthia Wheeler, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$263 court costs, \$634.83 restitution.
Jeremiah L. Johnson, plea of guilty to Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - obstruction of a highway, 9 months probation, \$1000 fine, \$268 court costs, \$101.17 restitution.
Kenneth Shults, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$200 fine, \$293 court costs, \$1112.26 restitution.
Sandy Goodman, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$293 court costs, \$209.17 restitution.

Donald Dortman, plea of guilty to failure to stop and give information, 18 months probation, \$600 fine, \$293 court costs.

Donald Dortman, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Denton Co. granted.

Jaime Sansom, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, paid restitution.

Carlos Lopez, motion to dismiss to DWLI granted for plea to other case.

John L. Ashmore, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.

Marriage Licenses

Mark Allen Daniel of Clyde and Maricela Salinas Luna of Abilene.

Tyre James Brown and Carla Jeanette Rodriguez, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Richard B. Spicer, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$241 court costs.

Civil Filings

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Paula Bailey, breach of contract.

Betty King Westerman and Gary Dewain Westerman, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Jeff Barton and Regina Gail Barton, divorce granted.

General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Samuel Nichols, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5,298.54 from defendant granted.

In the guardianship of Ira Roy Akers, Jr., order revoking letters of guardianship and appointing successor guardian granted.

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OBITUARY

Gerald O. Foster

Gerald O. Foster, age 74, of Minneola, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2005, at the V.A. Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at First Baptist Church with Gene Parker officiating, assisted by Ronnie White. Burial was in the Atwell Cemetery.

Gerald was born in Atwell, Texas on April 14, 1934 to Leonard Truett Foster and Lela C. (Hutchins) Foster. He proudly served in the U.S. Marines. Gerald returned to Cross Plains after his stint in the service and worked in the office for an oil supply company. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

Survivors include his sister, Lola F. Strahan of Minneola; several aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

Pioneer /Area Schools Reunion Set for June 11th

The 85th Annual Reunion of Pioneer and area schools will be held on Saturday, June 11, at the Cross Plains Community Center.

Registration and morning coffee will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A memorial service and a business meeting will be held before lunch.

Lunch, catered by Del Rich of Eastland, will be served at noon. Cost is \$7.00 each. The menu will be chicken fried steak and all the trimmings. It was a very good meal the last two years.

Everyone is encouraged to share memories of school days and old times. We would like you to think of favorite teachers and friends and share with us these memories and how they affected you lives.

There will be recognition of the oldest man, oldest woman, longest distance traveled and the family with the most members present.

We hope you will come early and stay late. Submitted by Frances Grider Taylor

Pecan Tree Spraying Time Approaching

Time is approaching to start scouting for one of the most important nut-infesting insects of pecans, that is the pecan nut casebearer. The adult casebearer is a gray almost black moth about 1/3 inch long. The moths are active at night, when they lay eggs on pecan nuts. From research and working with producers we are confident that an egg lay will occur 7 - 10 days after the first catch of the moths using pheromone traps. In Callahan County your first significant catches were made around May 8 - 11. Eggs are oval, flat and tiny, just large enough to be seen with the unaided eye. Nut clusters with eggs can be tagged with a piece of ribbon and checked each day to determine an exact hatch date. Insecticides need to be applied 1 - 2 days after first egg is hatched. With catches on May 8 - 11, nut entry is predicted to occur 12 - 16 days after this catch which would give us the spray schedule of May 20 - 26. Proper scouting is suggested to determine the best time for insecticide applications. However, homeowners have very few choices in products to use for casebearer control. Malathion 50% EC at 2 tablespoons per gallon or several of the BT products are labeled for use by homeowners for casebearer control. Before purchasing or applying any insecticide, always read the label to determine how the product is labeled for use on the target plant site. For more information contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-1518.

Cardio focuses on beef

Cardiovascular health professionals—ranging from physicians to rehabilitation therapists—examined how lean beef can motivate patients to change their lifestyles. The Texas Beef Council discussed lean beef, healthier lifestyles and behavior modification with 150 members of the Texas cardiovascular association. TBC also distributed its new beef cookbook published in partnership with the American Heart Association.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

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- Brownwood-Gore Brothers Inc. (325) 646-8966 11-12 A.M.
- Bangs-Bob's LP Gas, Seed & Feed (325) 752-6422 12:30-1:30 P.M.
- Santa Anna-Simmons Feed & Supply (325) 348-3168 2-3 P.M.
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Coupon

Remember to bring in two milk caps for your two free weeks at Curves in Clyde. This offer is good from May 1 to June 30, 2005. Please call 325-893-9110 for an appointment and complimentary figure analysis.

325-893-9110

BRING IN THIS COUPON

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

By LINDA MERRITT

Vita Johnson has been chosen as the employee for this month. Vita and her husband, Gene, have two children and six grandchildren. She enjoys playing basketball, riding bikes, doing yard work and looking for wild-life, turkeys and deer. Vita has been an employee for the dietary department for nine years. She is a joy to work with, a kind, sweet, dependable person. Always ready to do what is asked of her. Administrator, Johnnie Elliott presented her a plaque, a framed picture and a nice gift. Congratulations Vita.

Ginny Nieto was presented the love gift from the facility representing the residents was Volley Jo Williams and Don Pawloski, who represented the employees. Get well soon Ginny, we miss you.

Appreciation to Wilma Dean Butler for the butter pound cake.

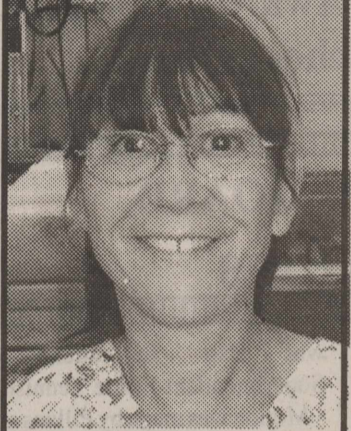
We enjoyed having Teresa and Shorty Lewis join in on our bingo games. Teresa was a resident here for awhile recuperating from hip surgery. Apron receiving physical therapy and 24 hour nursing care she was able to return to her home. We miss having her here but we are happy for her and wish



THE GIFT OF GIVING—Ginny Nieto (left) receives gift from Volley Jo Williams (center) and Don Pawloski (right).

her the best. We would like to congratulate Judy Porter for being the lucky winner of the beautiful Afghan that was made by Irma Jones.

A tribute to one of our dearest residents who passed away, Emma P. Kile. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Emma was a special lady and loved by all. We will miss her greatly.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH—Vita Johnson

PIONEER NEWS

The ladies had a great day quilting Tuesday. There were nearly all the members there. We do enjoy being with each other. We quilted on the "Flower Garden" that Earlene is sponsoring, also. Sandy's "Broken Star" top is being worked on. Charlene should put in her quilt top soon. The ladies work very hard and all can be proud of their accomplishments.

The Pioneer Reunion will take place on the 11th of June. All you Pioneer and surrounding communities be preparing to come to the Cross Plains Community Center.

Dick and Lou Grider enjoyed her daughter and son-in-law, Patty and Larry Heffley from Fort Worth, on Mother's Day. They took them out to lunch and Dick and Larry went fishing. Patty and Lou enjoyed her Mother's Day.

Jean Fore and Frankie Smith traveled to Sipe Springs for the musical. It was very good! Everyone is welcome. There is always plenty of food—pot luck supper! Frankie had for her company, Shirley Harrelson and Roxie Nance, her daughters. A good time was had by the three. They took Frankie out Monday for a Mother's Day dinner!

J.D. and Sandy Hutton visited J.D.'s mom and dad for Mother's Day dinner Sunday. They also had their children, Tamara and

her daughters, Raley and Reagan; Shanna and son, Dodge; and Tabitha's daughter, Lauren. After dinner, Danny and Trisha's daughter, Robbie, and children, Jaycie, and Chase, and Terry Hutton and sons, Garrett and Gavin, visited. Everyone had a very good visit.

Cowan and Laverne's grandchildren, Travis and Arlene Parson of Fort Worth, visited during the weekend.

Glenda Phillips went with Allen and Janice Phillips to see Krista play softball at Comanche. She saw Logan play T-ball Saturday evening at Cross Plains. Sounds like they will be going to ball games again this summer. Logan spent the night with Glenda Saturday. They had a good time. They did a lot of reading.

Allen and Janice took Glenda out to eat on Mother's Day. Charlie joined the family there to eat.

Glenda has three grandchildren graduating this year, Blake, Kali and Kendall. All on the same night. What a shame, that she can't get to see them all. Maybe the parents will take pictures so she can enjoy the graduation. I know it breaks her heart that she can't be at all three.

Charlene Chesshir went to Eastland on Mother's Day. She went to church with her family, Christy and Doug Dallas, and

son, Jake, Nancy and Brian Rogers and daughter, Sarah. They all went to ZJ's at Gorman for lunch. Charlene saw several old friends and had an enjoyable time. Both girls always go overboard with gifts. They are such a blessing!

Earlene Burge, along with Jessica and Dee Ann, were surprised at Cindy's with a Mother's Day cake, cards and gifts. They thought they were to honor James Fuller for being selected "Policeman of the Year". Instead the five mothers were honored. It was very nice, Jessica and Earlene are going to Brownwood Thursday, as Jessica's grandson, Cameron Chisholm, will be inducted into the National Honor Society that evening. His mother and father were both members of the National Honor Society. All of the folks are very proud of Cameron!

What a wonderful day the elementary school kids had on Thursday! They had a field day for the students. Nearly all the students from Pre-K through 6th grade participated. Lots of parents and grandparents came out to watch.

Word of Wisdom: He is a wise man who does not grieve for things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has. Epictetus

Putnam Homecoming taking place this Saturday, May 21

The Putnam Homecoming will be held on Saturday, May 21, at the Putnam Schoolhouse. Registration will begin at 9:00

a.m. A hospitality room will be set up for refreshments and visitation. The noon meal will be bar-b-que

sandwiches and trimmings. There will be no charge for this meal.

A business meeting will be held after lunch and then more visiting.

The Class of 1955 will be honored as the 50 Year Class.

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main
(254) 725-6117



Once in New Haven, Connecticut, (then) President Gerald Ford was being driven to the airport in his limousine when he was involved in an accident. A young man had driven his car through the intersection and collided with the president's car. During a brief investigation it was discovered that the intersection had not been blocked as it should have been. The secret service had failed to "prepare the way"; the young man was completely innocent of any wrongdoing.

I wonder how many of our daily "collisions" could be prevented if we would simply "prepare the way." A song expresses one need in order to do so: "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray? In the name of Christ our Savior, did you sue for loving favor, as a shield today?"

Preparing the way. Preparing the way to avoid "collisions." Perhaps that's one of the reasons Paul admonishes us, "Never cease to pray" (I Thess. 5:17). It's certainly a wonderful way to begin the day, just as studying the Bible and worshipping together with us each Sunday is a good way to begin each week.

We encourage you to share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

Reading the write-up about that young man stringing tennis racquets sure brought back a lot of fond memories—on a much broader scope. I remember the day that Randy came into this little library years ago. His family was just moving into town and he wandered in to check us out.

Billie and Clara Nell were busy getting ready for the six week long summer reading program as they always were this time of year.

But, as always, they stopped to visit with him and make him feel welcome and important. Before he left, Clara Nell had him trying to sharpen pencils on that old crank sharpener that was screwed to the side of the front door. And yes, he came back for the summer program, as he did every year that he was eligible.

In thinking about their positive influence on that young reader, I can't even imagine how many kids those two ladies impacted over the years with their love of books.

What a wonderful trip down memory lane.

CU-BW

Statistics

May 9-13

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| Circulation: | |
| Books | 40 |
| Internet Users | 18 |
| Memorials: | 0 |
| Honorariums: | |
| Charles and Lou Rodenberger - Honoring Sonja Clayton | |
| Donations: | |
| Richard and Mary Ann Chaffin | |
| Donations - Books: | |
| Lorna Muniain | |
| Ann Beeler | |
| Activity Report | |
| Patron: | 67 |
| A.M. - 10 | |
| P.M. - 57 | |
| Programs: | 30 |
| Copies: | 96 |
| Reference: | 6 |
| Check In/Out: | 14 |
| Calls In: | 4 |
| *Internet Users: | 18 |

Sign up for 42 Tournament slated for June 11 at Senior Citizens' Center

Saturday, June 11, during the Barbarian Festival, 42 games will be played at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. and play begins at 12:30 p.m.

Pre-register price of entry fee is \$5.00 and the day of the game it is \$7.50. Prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center and the Terry Jane Wyatt Scholarship.

Print your name and phone number on a card and send a check or money order to:

Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center
P.O. Box 144
Cross Plains, TX 76443.
For more information call Kandy Jones (254) 725-4458.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MAY 23 - 27

MONDAY - Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Mexican Corn, Pineapple, Milk
TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Ham & Pinto Beans, Okra & Tomatoes, Hominy, Apple Crisp, Cornbread, Milk
THURSDAY - Chicken Salad, Potato Soup, Peaches, Yellow Cake, Crackers, Milk
FRIDAY - Chili Dog on Bun, Onion/Cheese, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Apple Orchard Annie — Come out! Come Out! Where ever you are! Are you there???? Apple O. Annie sez, "Yeah, I'm out flying a kite. What a beautiful day."

"The Cistern"

Did you ever see one? Or have one? Are you familiar with the term? Do you know what it is or what its usage is? There are not as many in use these days. We didn't have one. However, my mother's father, who we all called Papa Meador, had one.

A cistern, from the outside looked like a well. When you removed the cover and look inside, that looks like a well, too; at first glance. However, a well is very deep, where as the bottom of the cistern is pretty much even with the ground. A cistern is used to store water. You keep a wooden cover over it, then when it rains you run out and remove the cover. This allows the rain to collect inside the cistern. After the rains, you replace the wooden cover.

The stored water was most usually used to wash your hair, take a bath, do the laundry, mop the floors, water the house plants and perhaps a small vegetable patch. That was in the days when people didn't have water hoses and not very many had running water in the house, either.

Having a cistern enabled that family to have most of the well water for consumption. You

filled up a wooden water bucket with water from the well and put a dipper in it. You sat it on the kitchen counter and whenever you got thirsty you went and drank from the dipper. The well water was also used for cooking. So by having the cistern for cleaning and washing purposes, this assured them of having water for drinking and cooking.

In later years, after the death of my grandmother, Mama used to try to get Papa to come up and spend a day or so with us, but he'd always say, "Ah, it might rain and there wouldn't be anyone to uncover the cistern, so I better just get on home."

At one time, as he advanced in age, one of his children borrowed his ladder and didn't take it back because they were all afraid he'd climb up to the roof and fall off. That didn't stop Papa. He outsmarted them. He went across the street and borrowed the neighbor's ladder. He and my grandmother raised eight children, two boys and six girls. You had to get up pretty early in the morning to outsmart Papa Meador.

Papa came to Texas from Tennessee by himself at the age of 12 years. He married my grandmother when he was 19 and she was 13. Mama Meador died when I was 4 or 5 years old. Papa Meador lived until I was 25 or so and I had a husband and my first two children. Later on we had two more children.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT



HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING REVISITED—Photo shows former Cottonwood teacher, Leo Thompson, and one of his former Cottonwood students, Dr. Lou Rodenberger. Leo was a teacher at the Cottonwood school during 1932-34 and Lou (Hassel) Rodenberger was one of his pupils. She gave the speech during Cottonwood's recent Historical Association meeting and both teacher and student now live in the Cottonwood area. Another of Leo's students at Cottonwood who attended the meeting but did not get in this picture was his sister, Dorothy (Thompson) Ramey. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Charles Rodenberger)

Quilting Club To Exhibit Its 2005 Fund-Raiser Quilt

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be exhibiting its fund-raiser quilt for 2005 at its booth during the Cross Plains Barbarian Festival to be held June 11, 2005. According to Sue Bennett, President of the club, the quilt depicting garden flowers covering a lattice and will be on display at the

Barbarian Festival.

Chances for the quilt drawing will be sold at the Festival and by members of the club at any time. Drawing for this "Golden Lattice" quilt will be held at the Cottonwood July 4th Celebration, a good reason to attend both celebrations. Proceeds from the drawing will go to upkeep of the Community Center.



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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on May 19, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subject to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

PRAYER

1. Open meeting
2. Swear in newly elected school board members
3. Re-establish new board
4. Open forum
5. Read and approve minutes from previous meeting
6. Discuss and take action on community member renting old gym for tumbling classes
7. Discuss and take action on depository pledge contract bids
8. Discuss and take action on contract with Big Country Library Media Co-op for library consultant for 2005/06
9. Discuss and take action on agreement for audit services for 2005/06
10. Discuss and take action on cleaning and refinishing gym floors
11. Discuss and take action on

the sale of delinquent tax property

12. Discuss and take action on tentative school calendar for 2005/06 school year, pending state waiver
13. Discuss and take action on TASB Policy Update 75
14. Executive session
15. Personnel
 - A. Accept resignations
 - B. Discuss and take action on contracts and letters of assurance
 - C. Other personnel matters
16. Review bills/financial report
17. Adjourn.

If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 11, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

Baccalaureate Services
Cross Plains High School Gym
Sunday, May 22, 2005
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18th
C.P. High School Awards 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 19th
C.P. Junior High Awards 1:30 p.m.
In High School Gym

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 16, 2005

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Susan Schaefer, Jim Cook, Reggie Pillans.

The following administrator

was also in attendance: Superintendent Jackie Tension.

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Schaefer to accept canvass of the votes for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustee election. For 3 Against 0

Motion was made by Pillans and seconded by Schaefer to adjourn. For 3 Against 0

Attention! Athletic Physicals May 25th

One again, it is time to get your physicals if you plan to participate in athletics for the 2005-06 school year. These physicals are required by the UIL for those students entering the 7th, 9th and 11th grades.

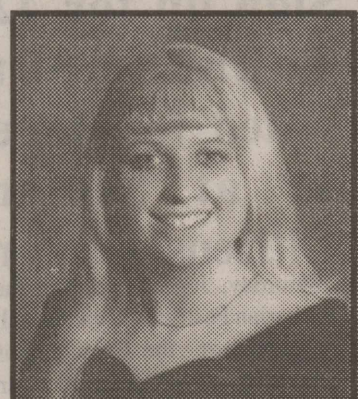
One Source Health Center in Cross Plains will be offering FREE physicals on Wednesday,

May 25th, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All students must be at the clinic no later than 5 p.m.

Students who wear glasses must bring them for the physical. Students will also need the forms signed by the parent before the physical can take place.

Submitted by
 Coach Hagler
 Athletic Director

Local Couple's Daughter among the 2005 Baird High School Graduates



KISHIA HOLLAND

Elmer and Janice Holland are proud to announce the upcoming high school graduation of their daughter, Kishia Ann Marie Holland, from Baird ISD. Kishia is the granddaughter of Stella Holland of Eastland.

Kishia has grown from a very "shy" little girl to a very

"Beautiful" and outgoing young lady.

She will be attending CJC in Abilene and furthering her future education in Criminal Justice.

Whatever road Kishia chooses to take, she will "Succeed". Congratulations Kishia from your family and friends! We love you!

Storm Blows Past Cisco #2 last Thursday Night

The Cross Plains Storm, teenage boy's baseball team, won against Cisco #2, 9-6, in Cisco last Thursday night.

Fili Vasquez started us off with the first run of the night. Taylor Savell started the night out pitching only giving up one run and four hits in the 1st inning. JJ Callaway made two outs, one at 1st and the other at 3rd.

Chris Marr hit a triple to left field in the second inning bringing home two runs. Ashton Yates hit a double to right field bringing in two more runs. Making the score 5-1.

Savell struck out two in the 2nd inning and Yates threw a man out at 1st.

Cisco brought three runs home during the 3rd inning, where Savell struck out one and Callaway threw out a man on 3rd

base. Yates caught a pop fly for the 3rd out.

Savell struck out one in the 4th inning and Callaway came in as pitcher striking out two more. Neither team made any runs in the 4th inning.

Cisco brought two more home in the 5th. Ricky Daniels got two men out at 1st and Callaway struck one man out in the 5th.

In the 6th Callaway struck one man out, threw a man out at 1st and Yates threw a man out at 3rd.

Callaway knocked Fili Vasquez in to tie up the game in the 7th inning which took them into overtime.

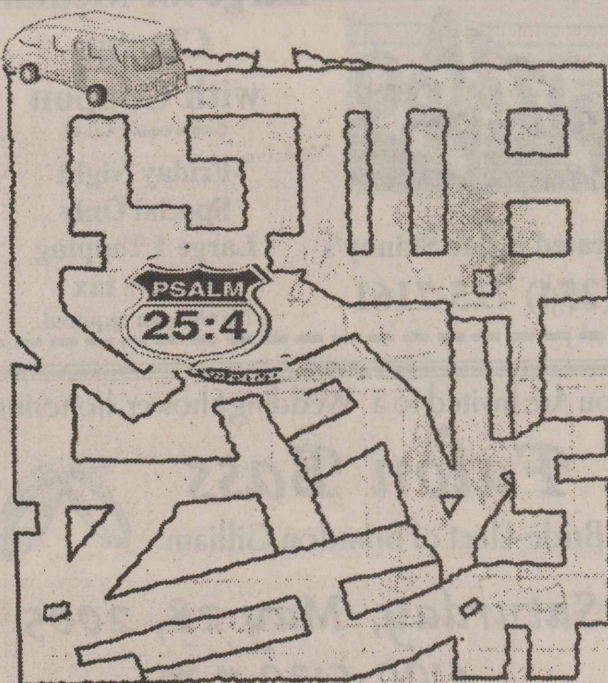
In the 8th Yates hit a single to left bringing in two more runs.

Fili Vasquez came in as pitcher, struck out two men, then Charlie Vasquez and Yates threw to Alec Apple on 3rd for the final out.

—THANK YOU—

Thank You for your support and vote in the School Board Election.

Burlie W. Taylor



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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MAY 23 - 27

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY - Breakfast On A Stick, Assorted Juice
- TUESDAY - French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
- WEDNESDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
- THURSDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Assorted Juice
- FRIDAY - GRADUATION!!

LUNCH

- MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce
- TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches
- WEDNESDAY- Chicken Fajita, Salad, Mixed Fruit
- THURSDAY- Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Pickles, Cookie
- FRIDAY- GRADUATION!!

Happy Birthday!

MAY 21
 Mrs. George Lambert
 Glenda Simpson
 Lanita (Baugh) Sturgill
 Lanice (Pittman) Keener
 Paul Neeb
 Bobby Bomar
 Benji Wagner
 Becky Ford
 Mrs. Robbie D. Stephens
 Tim Mosley

Buck Morris
 Clifton Chambers
 Angela Sue Purvis
 Sam Warren
 Frances Taylor
 Stacy Lynn Smith
 Kristin Wells

MAY 22
 Sue Walker Lewis
 Terri Robinson
 Harvey Koenig
 Bobby Beaty

MAY 25
 Roy Markam
 Elizabeth Elliot
 Ross R. Gerking
 Synnoeve Duran
 Cory Phillips
 Pete Golson
 Jimmie Fleming
 Garland Ford
 Patti Burks Pope
 Steven Havener
 Sharon Reed
 Neely Danitte Lovell
 Paula (Kennedy) Price

MAY 23
 Mary Ellen Magnus
 Alene Hale
 H.P. Hopkins
 Mrs. Bill Stroope
 Mrs. Ray Haackonsen
 Rita Boyd
 Jackie Lapata
 Timothy F. Bishop
 Audry Wheeler
 Janelle Irwin

MAY 26
 Jerry Boyle
 LeRoy Butler
 Jackie Rector
 Dona (Long) Waggoner
 Stefanie Lynn Swinney
 Tony Winfrey
 Trey Fortune

MAY 24
 George Webb, Jr.
 Edith Darlene Hinesly
 Raymond Franke
 Bobby Vaught
 Mrs. Wes Holcomb

MAY 27
 Cecil Ray Kelly
 Mrs. D.E. Gould
 William R. Taylor
 Balinda A. Cleveland
 Virginia Shoemaker

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to The Cross Plains Review, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

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Former Resident Honored as High School Teacher of the Year

By Bob Salmon
Staff Writer
The Herald-Chronicle
Winchester, Tennessee

Cindy Brown is the recent recipient of "Teacher of the Year for High School Grades 9-12" honors in Franklin County. Brown continues to face the daily challenges in her classroom at Huntland High School, and with nearly twenty years in the teaching profession, she uses that experience to inform, prepare and educate her students.

Brown, a high school biology teacher, recalls some "wonderful teachers who inspired me to teach when I was young," and she also explained that many of those same teachers would allow her and other students to offer assistance to students who needed a little help. "That experience," Brown added, "motivated me at an early age to want to teach."

One of the most important

aspects of Brown's role as a teacher is the importance of making the subject of biology relative to today's cultural environment. "Biology is a constantly changing subject, and not only is there a need to teach the facts, but the real challenge is to encourage them to understand how those facts can be used in every-day life." Brown also noted that educating her students "to use knowledge to meet life's challenges," keep teaching fresh and exciting.

Although her students are equipped with textbooks, Brown explained that "I sometimes go ahead and update with whatever is on the Internet" to keep students up-to-date on current changes and new information. Most of the information that is presented in class comes from Brown's background, experience and text books, but Brown knows the importance of "putting the old with the new" and takes advantage of Internet sources of

information. When asked what she enjoyed most about teaching, Brown quickly responded, "I enjoy the daily interchange with the students. I like working with young people."

Several times during this interview, students and other teachers stopped by Brown's room to ask her questions about biology or to get her input on the upcoming Huntland High School junior-senior prom. She always took the time to answer each student's question and never seemed to be rushed, and when she finished answering her student's questions, she would smile at this reporter and say, "Now where were we?"

Cindy Brown, Huntland High School Biology teacher, well-deserving as one of Franklin County's "Teacher of the Year."

Editor's Note: Cindy (Hickman) Brown is also a former teacher of Cross Plains High School. Congratulations!!!
Vanda Anderson

Bees

If you are swarmed, it is suggested that you stay calm and try not to swat them, which would be very difficult.

Be aware of where any bees may have their hives and be cautious. They seem to be attracted to the vibration of lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc.

According to City Secretary Debbie Gosnell, landowners are responsible for eradicating the hives. She also added that killing them can be very difficult, as they may have to be treated repeatedly.

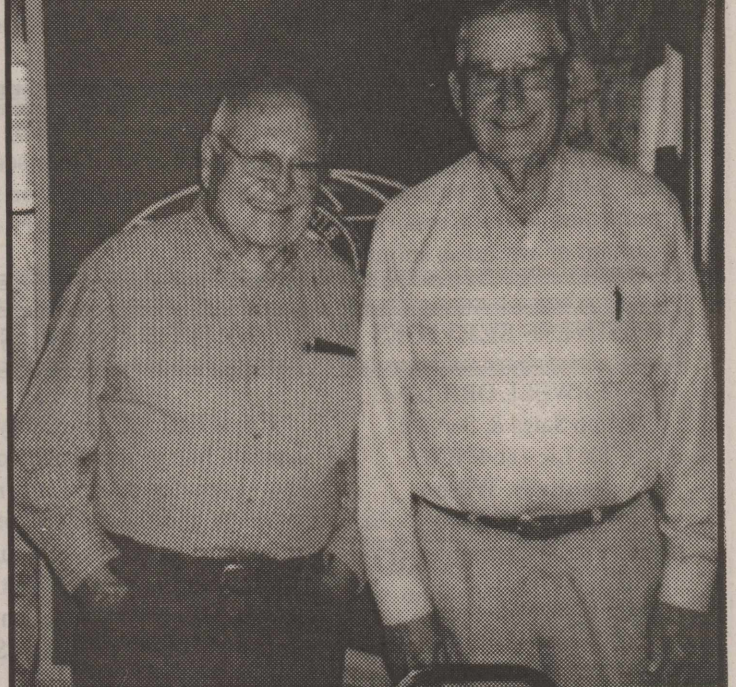
PERSONAL

Terry Harris is currently residing at the Rising Star Nursing Home following a brief stay at M.D. Anderson. You may write him at:

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You may call him at (254) 643-2053. He would like to hear from his classmates and friends.

KIWANIS CLUB



KIWANIS CLUB NEWS—John Adams (left), was guest of Cross Plains Kiwanis Tuesday. John, who presented himself as a "Timber", gave an educational and humorous program. He demonstrated late 1800 type small engines that operated on Kerosene and ran by heat creating a vacuum rather than internal combustion. He also demonstrated an engine operated from heat by sunlight. As defined by Webster dictionary, John is more than a "Timber". He was the guest of W.G. McCoy. Everyone is welcome to meet with the Kiwanis each Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn.

C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for the final regular meeting of the 2004-2005 club year on April 13, at the Senior Citizens' parking lot and car-pooled to Christoval to the "Hummer House" for an excursion for the day. Stopping at San Angelo, they ate at the Golden Corral.

Members going were Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Barbara Powell, Sandy Lusk, Betty Beggs and Joyce Odom.

Barbara conducted the door prize which was won by Julene. It was a tulip-shaped yard stake saying "Welcome".

The same slate of officers will serve for the following club year.

When we arrived at our destination, we viewed the

surroundings for the "Hummer House" which showcases the concentration of birds in their natural habitat. The feeding and nesting needs were explained. Also we viewed the catching and banding of birds by experts who recorded all their species. The catchers were guests who were staying at the private cottages on the ranch.

There were Texas gems also for sale that had been hand crafted by Dan Brown, the owner.

When we left our members had souvenirs of bird feeders, jewelry and books they had bought as a reminder of a most enjoyable day, even though it was Friday the 13th.

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By Barbara Holmes Worcester

GROW GREAT BY DREAMS

The question was once asked of a highly successful businessman: How have you done so much in your lifetime?

He replied, I have dreamed. I have turned my mind loose to imagine what I wanted to do. Then I have gone to bed and thought about my dreams. In the night I dreamt about my dreams. And when I awoke in the morning, I saw the way to make my dreams real. While other people were saying, "You can't do that, it isn't possible; I was well on my way to achieving what I wanted."

As Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the U.S., said: "We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers."

They see things in the soft haze of a spring day, or in the red fire on a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them. They nourish them through bad days until they bring them to the sun-

shine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true, and work to make it happen.

So please, don't let anyone steal your dreams, or try to tell you they are too impossible.

Sing your song, dream your dreams, hope your hope and pray your prayer. Let your dreams help you grow great.

Author Unknown

If you have been feeling discouraged and want to give up on your dreams, be encouraged and know that God is not finished with you yet. Continue to dream your dreams and get it in your mind that with God all things are possible to those who believe. Believe in yourself and trust that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you can ask or even think. (1 Peter 2:9-10) (Ezekiel 37:3-14) (Hebrews 12:1-3) (Ephesians 3:20-21)

God's Work Ministry -
Dave Savaya

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Good Citizens of Cross Plains and Cisco Area

I live on FM 569. I enjoy living in the country and having all the benefits of country life, however, FM 569 is not an area to throw out unwanted pets.

It is not fair to us on the outskirts of town, or to the poor animals that you no longer love nor want. It is not fair that it is left up to us to dispose of these unwanted animals. It is easy to

load them up and drive on a country road, open the door and kick them out, drive off and never look back.

It is NOT easy for us as good citizens to have to try to catch these scared, starving animals, risking our health with the possibility of being bitten by an animal that hasn't had its shots. Sometimes it is necessary for us to dispose of the animals because they are harming our pets or chasing the cattle or goats because they are too afraid to be near humans.

I am asking you to "stop" throwing away your unwanted pets. Know for sure that you want that pet before you get it. Know for sure that you can afford your pet. Know that if you don't love or want your pet anymore, that there is someone who has to make the decision as to how to dispose of your unwanted pet.

This is unfair to us because we don't like destroying an animal that has gone wild because of neglect and lack of responsibility. We do have a conscience and heart, and do not like doing your dirty work.

As this is being written, we have 1 stray cat and 1 female Pit Bull puppy. There are other young pups down the road from us near Sabanno. At least the \$10 for the collars of your unwanted pets could be utilized to buy food or gas to get them to the dog pound.

Please have your dogs and cats spayed and neutered. This is the humane thing to do. Throwing them away is not humane.

Thank you,
Paula Garcia

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County Commissioners Approve two tax sale bids during meeting

Callahan County Commissioners voted to accept the high bids from two individuals from the recent tax sale during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held Monday, May 9 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker met with the commissioners' court to discuss the bids from the tax sale.

On a motion by Commissioner Tommy Holland and second by Commissioner Doris Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the Ken Horan bid of \$400.00 for 2.63 acres located in Abstract 523, Section 798 G.M. Vigal Survey.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to accept a bid from Misty Sublett for \$1,200.00 for 1/2 of Lot 3 Block 66 RR Baird 16'x56'. This bid has already been approved by the City of Baird.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—County Judge Roger Corn called the May 9 meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Others present were Commissioners Harold Hicks, Tommy Holland, Doris Grider and Bryan Farmer; County Treasurer Dianne Alexander and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

—The commissioners' court meeting minutes of April 11 and May 5 were approved as presented.

—Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker gave a report on the fiscal year 200 monies and responsibilities of the Callahan County Tax Office for Clyde CISD. The county auditor suggested the paperwork, responsibilities, liabilities and money be transferred to Clyde CISD since the contract has been filled. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to transfer paperwork, responsibilities, liabilities, and \$19,934.70 to Clyde CISD. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—There was no public comments received.

—Julie Keller with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen presented a nice picture of the Callahan County Courthouse with elected officials listed to honor Callahan County because

the county was featured in The County Progress. This will be placed in the Courthouse at Baird.

—Commissioner Holland made a motion to accept the bid from First National Bank of Baird as the depository for the General Funds of Callahan County and County Commissioner Precinct #4 would accept the bid for depository from Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. All three county banks turned in bids and were accepted. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Jimmy Wilson was not present to discuss Water Districts.

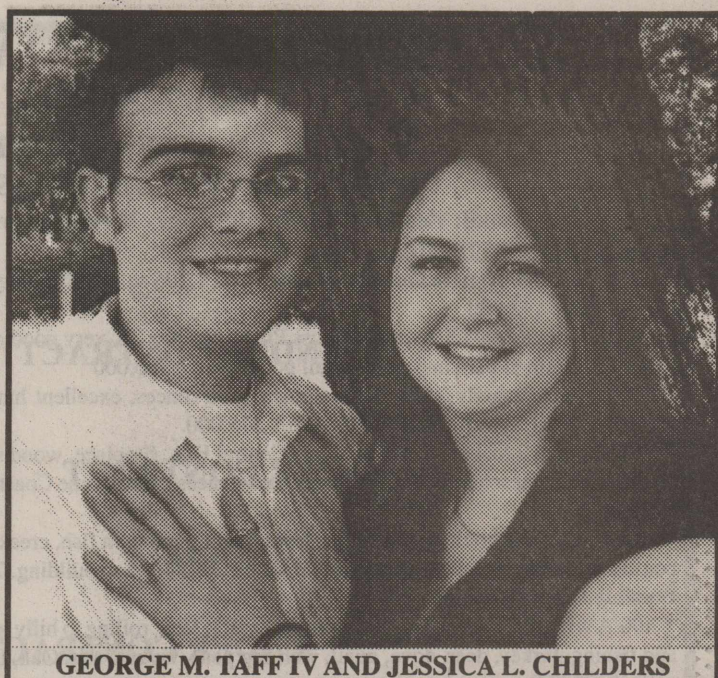
—Rick Hanson with Texas Communications notified the commissioners' court that no bids were complete for the communications tower construction. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reject the present bids and open new bids on May 27, 2005. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion for Mr. Kim Williams with The Williams Company Architects to appear on the next meeting agenda May 23, 2005 and bring a contract for the Courthouse Restoration Master Plan. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

—County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon discussed the update on the HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002) grant. Callahan County received a letter from the Secretary of State on May 6 listing total funding of \$117,049.05 for Callahan County to receive for the HAVA grant. Callahan County will pay for the expenditures and then apply for reimbursement through the Secretary of State for the grant money. The deadline for compliance of the HAVA grant is January 1, 2006. No action was taken by the commissioners' court.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Grider, county commissioners voted 5-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

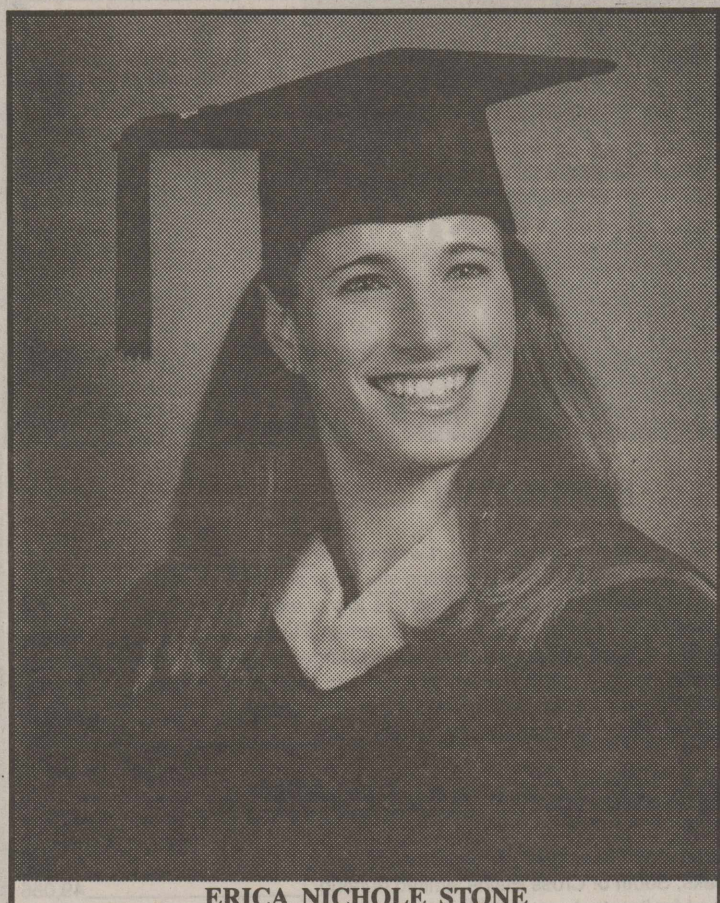


GEORGE M. TAFF IV AND JESSICA L. CHILDERS

Childers-Taff Announce Approaching Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Childers and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Taff III would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Jessica L. Childers and George M. Taff IV.

George is a 2003 graduate from Cross Plains ISD. He is employed by Cross Plains ISD as the computer tech. The wedding will be held Saturday, June 4, 2005 at 7:00 pm, under the gazebo beside City Hall, South Main, Cross Plains. Join us afterward at the Church of Christ Activity Center, East Highway 36. All friends and family are invited.



ERICA NICHOLE STONE

Local Man's Granddaughter Graduates from University of Pennsylvania Magna Cum Laude

Erica Nichole Stone graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics on May 15, 2005, from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. Erica had a dual concentration in both Management and Business & Public Policy.

During her academic career, Erica spent one semester studying international affairs and economics at the Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium. She was a member of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Kite and Key Society, and a volunteer for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. Erica obtained an

internship with KPMG's Business Due Diligence group doing merger and acquisition strategy consulting during the summer of 2004. She has accepted an associate consultant position with KPMG in New York City starting September 2005. This summer, she will be co-leading a group of teenagers to the Philippines through Teen Missions International where they will be constructing a school/dormitory in addition to backpack evangelism.

Erica is the daughter of Bryant Mason Stone, Jr. and Sharilla Payne Stone of San Antonio, and the granddaughter of Hadden Payne and the late Gretna Payne of Cross Plains.



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11:00 TEXAS TORNADOES -- STAGE
12:00 CLASS OF '57 -- STAGE
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DUNKING BOOTH SNO-CONES

"Sincerely Elvis" to be performed during the Foster Reunion May 27-28

James L. Wages, international tribute artist, will present "Sincerely Elvis" on Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center in conjunction with the annual Foster Reunion. If you would like to attend, call Ileen Smith at (254) 725-7433.

Saturday night will be the "Extravaganza Show" beginning at 7 p.m. Former classmates of Cross Plains High School will meet at the American Legion Hall at 6:45 p.m. and will walk to the Community Center to enjoy 2 hours of entertainment.

Classmates of the following years are to call for reservations as indicated:

- 1958 - Larry Crockett (254) 725-7628
- 1959 - Rolan Jones (254) 725-7456
- 1960 - Bobby Golson (254) 725-7653
- All Other Classes or Elvis Fans Call Ileen Smith (254) 725-7433.

A small cover charge (half price) will reserve seating.

This is family entertainment and you are sure to enjoy the Elvis tribute show.

Another activity at the Foster Reunion is a Blue Ribbon Homemade Cake Contest on Friday at 6:15 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. A Salute to Memorial Day follows at 6:30 p.m. Friday with Gravel Scott as the speaker.

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A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

BY JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

"Birthday"

Today was my birthday. As my wife put it; 36 years ago, God made something special for her.

Today started off in a terrible way. It seems that a couple of E-8's, who do not communicate with each other very well, got into a heated discussion over some decisions made to better take care of our soldiers.

Of course, stuff rolls down hill; so I was on the receiving end of lots of it. Tired, worn out and angry, I went to chow and talked with some friends. They were trying to get me to play dominos with them as I had done for the last 3 Fridays in a row. I did not want to go. I just wanted to sit back and think about the dumb stuff that had happened earlier in the day.

After some twisting of my arm, I decided to go. After all, these are my true friends here. Upon arrival we played several hand of dominos and I got up from the table and when I returned someone said, "Let's do it now." From around the corner the Lt. brought a cake with "Happy Birthday SSG 'B'" on it. (Biggerstaff would not fit.)

It was a wonderful surprise that not only did they remember, but they called another camp and asked the cooks there to prepare a cake for me. The cake was delicious.

It is incredible that when you seem to be down the most and family is not around, that your friends, no, your True Friends, come to the rescue. This was not my best birthday by far, but it is one that I will not soon forget.

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| 91 Ford F350 Crew Cab Diesel Dually, Flat bed, 2 tone paint..... | \$4,500 |
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