



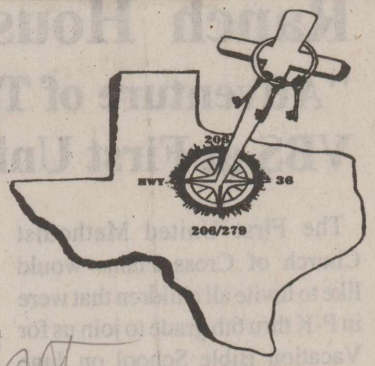
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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are some funny "Christian one liners" that will keep you laughing and thinking. Everyone knows laughter is the best medicine and it certainly heals the soul. Frankie McGough handed these to me to share with our readers. Thanks to everyone who sends wonderful information.

Holding onto our JOY is very difficult in the fast pace world that we live in, but you just can't let the devil steal your JOY, that would be his greatest victory.

Take a few minutes, relax and enjoy. You know God has to have a great sense of humor or else we wouldn't. **Vanda Anderson**

"Christian One Liners"

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited—until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons, than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes and sand gnats come close!

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny, they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Quit griping about your church, if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better preacher, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

We were called be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them—He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts".

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Copilot—swap seats!

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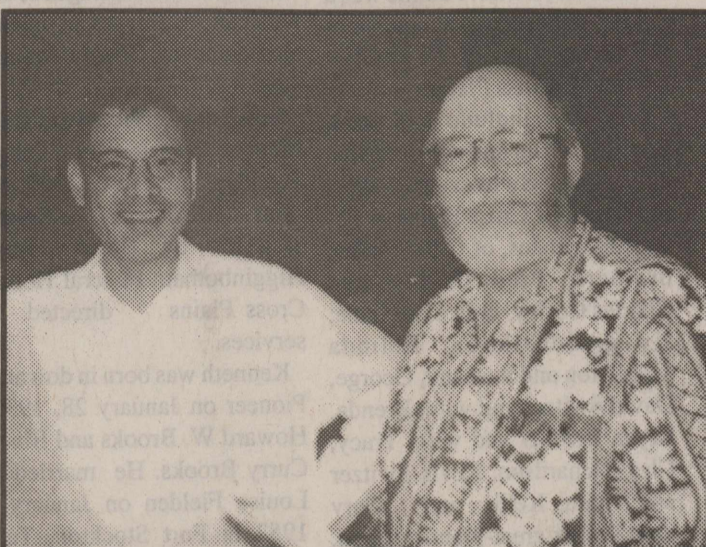
Howard Days Declared A Success

The Project Pride's two-day event started with the banquet last Friday evening attended by approximately 100. It was reported that special guest speaker Marcelo Anciano of London highlighted the evening with interesting facts about Robert E. Howard, along with a clip presentation.

Tom and Arlene Stephenson utilized film strips, old newspaper articles published about Robert E. Howard, and a time-line of Howard's published works to decorate the Cross Plains Community Center. The decor complemented the speaker's presentation entitled "Let His Name Not Fade...Interpreting Robert E. Howard in Book, Film and Other Media".

Over 200 registered at the Howard House, representing at least seven states, Washington D.C. and London, England. All scheduled activities were well attended.

The following article was written by Mark Finn of Austin. He is an author, editor and long time Robert E. Howard scholar.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR BANQUET—Marcelo Anciano (left) of London, England, speaker for the Project Pride banquet Friday evening, is shown visiting with Don Herron of Emeryville, California.

"Robert E. Howard: Lone Star Fantasist"

By Mark Finn

I was the first to light a torch of literature in this part of the country, however small, frail, and easily extinguished that flame may be.

Robert E. Howard to H.P. Lovecraft, June 1933

It is impossible to calculate the impact of Robert E. Howard's work in pop culture. He has influenced as many people as Tolkien, if not more, and did so from a small house in Cross Plains, Texas. In a professional career that spanned only twelve years, Robert E. Howard generated a lifetime's worth of fiction and single-handedly

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2005 Barbarian Festival Winners Announced

The Barbarian Festival was held Saturday boasting 27 craft vendors and 11 food vendors. Participation in the car, tractor and motorcycle show was the greatest entries ever. Cindy Payne stated, "Tractors came from as far away as Monahan and the antique engine from near Houston. There were around 30 entries in the car show."

The downtown section was busy with activities for the entire family.

Barbarian Festival started off the day with a Parade and the following are announced as winners:

Kid Mini Choppers:

1. Josh Wilson
2. Dillon Whiteley and Justin Whiteley (tied)
3. Tony Kemp

Mini-Cycles

Austin Thomas

Best Bicycle 10 and Under

Justin Simons

Best Bicycle 11 and Up

Misti Simons

Best Float

Coleman Red Hat Society

Best Tractor

Number 9 Entry (name unknown)

Most Unique Tractor

Number 10 Entry (name unknown)

Best Group

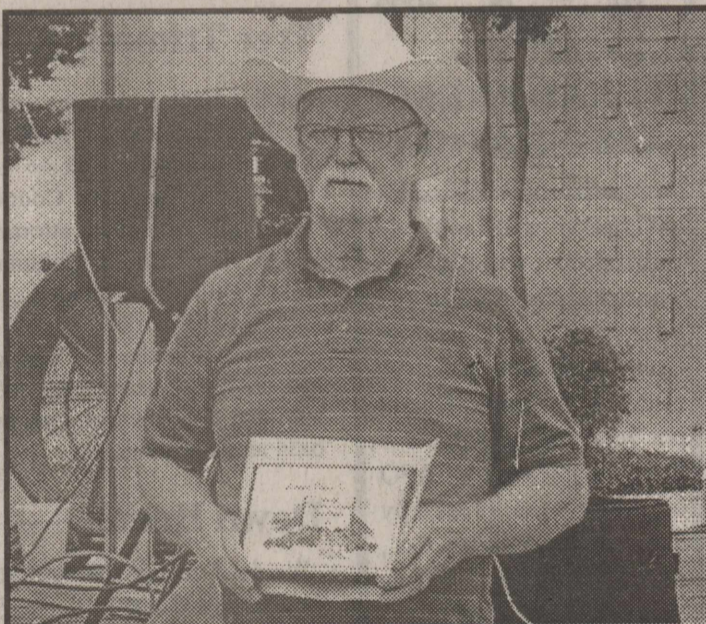
Long Horns - Stan Jernigan

Most Unique Entry in Parade

Long Horns - Stan Jernigan

The results of the Car Show 2005 are as follows:

- Coupe** - Gary and Jan Davis
- Sedan** - Kenneth Himmelberger
- Truck-Pre 1964** - Gary Alexander



FESTIVALS CHOICE AWARD IN ANTIQUE CARS
Billy Lee



WATCH OUT HERE I COME—Josh Wilson won 1st place in his division of the Barbarian Festival Parade.

- Truck 1965-2005** - Charles Patterson
- Orphan** - Lynn Reese
- Street Rod** - Dave Rush
- Classic** - Norman Owen
- Convertible** - Clarence and Nelda Evett

- Unfinished** - Ron Robbins
- Antique** - Wayne Burrow

- Festivals Choice** - Billy Lee
- Peoples Choice** - Norman Owen

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Community Residents Met with AEP Representatives About Tree Trimming Issues

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

An emergency meeting was called at the Cross Plains City Hall on Thursday, June 9, at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the trimming of trees by AEP. Mayor Ray Purvis, Councilmen Gene Dillard, Audrey Purvis and Terry Lichy, and Debbie Gosnell, Secretary, were present.

Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order. Greg Blair, Manager of Community Affairs with AEP addressed the group of approximately 30 people.

Mr. Blair explained that the trimming was an obligation of AEP to serve the public. The project was related to safety and liability, as the trees were the leading causes of outages. He noted that Cross Plains fell in the 10 percent worst performing feeders and most frequent electricity outages. Mr. Blair stated that AEP had the right to trim trees and maintain reliable service.

Rolan Jones asked if the trimming crews had been professionally trained. Cody Magruder, ISA Certified Arborist for AEP, was introduced at this time. He stated that they had hired Asplunda Tree Expert Company to trim the trees and the trimmers operating out of buckets had been certified to work around the lines.

Several community members asked why the trimming was so radical this particular year. He explained that the trees were cut back to a branch that would sustain the tree, or otherwise it was cut down completely.

Arlene Stephenson asked how

half a tree (many have been trimmed one sided) could even sustain its weight in a storm or the Texas winds.

Councilman Terry Lichy emphasized the fact that the community residents had never complained of tree trimming before. However, the cuttings were never so radical. Lichy performed a physical demonstration with a small tree branch to make his point concerning the complete destruction of some trees. Lichy drew the conclusion that labor cost and maintenance was the determining factor leading to the drastic cuttings.

Nancy McGough stated that Cross Plains residents were proud of their trees and wanted to protect them.

VonDell Bailey asked why they were trimming at the wrong time of the year and emphasized the fact that some of the large oaks, etc. would probably die.

The AEP representatives stated that the trees must be 15 feet from the line according to their requirements. Their goal was to have fewer outages and to get the electricity back on quickly.

The trimming project in Cross Plains would last for three months and it was a concern to residents that many trees would be damaged and destroyed in that time period. They have already been working in the area for about a month.

Ann Beeler offered information she had obtained via internet stating that the City Council had legal authority concerning the trimming. The attorney for the City of Cross Plains could be contacted about the matter.

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Commissioners approve order prohibiting fireworks in County

Callahan County Commissioners voted Monday, June 13 to approve an order prohibiting the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday season.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the motion. The order follows:

Callahan County Order Prohibiting Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Callahan County

A. The order states a person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way of a county road.

B. If the landowner's permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civil Statutes Article 62011-1 (a) (2).
 2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation.
 3. Children are adequately supervised by adults.
 4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.
- C. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00. The order was approved the 13th day of June, 2005, by the

Callahan County Commissioners Court.

- (s) Roger Corn County Judge
- (s) Harold Hicks Commissioner Precinct #1
- (s) Bryan Farmer Commissioner Precinct #2
- (s) Tommy Holland Commissioner Precinct #3
- (s) Jeanie Bohannon County Clerk

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Ladies' Night Out "Salad Supper" Monday

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains cordially invites you to attend a "Salad Supper" to be held on Monday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The guest speaker will be Annette Leverett of Goldthwaite.

She will be presenting a program about "Decorating a Shoestring".

As the owner of a speciality shop named "Kreations" for eighteen years, Annette specializes in custom decorations.

Please invite all your friends and neighbors and join us for a delightful evening of fellowship, entertainment and delicious salads.

Submitted by
Linda Slaymaker

Ranch House Kids "Adventure of The Open Door" VBS at First United Methodist

The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains would like to invite all children that were in P-K thru 6th grade to join us for Vacation Bible School on June 20th thru June 24th.

Each night we will go out on the range and explore the Circle G Ranch where God is at the center the lover never ends.

This year's VBS program is based on the Bible verse from Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

With each activity the children will know God's door is always open, to discover an open Bible is an open door to God, encounter the love of Jesus, and share God's open door with others.

VBS will begin with a light meal starting at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. So come out and join them for singing around the campfire, open range recreation, chuck wagon snacks and the craft corral. Lasso some fun with your friends at the Circle G Ranch!

Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast This Saturday All Men Encouraged to Attend

Please join us for our FREE breakfast, cooked and served up cowboy style. Come and enjoy a free breakfast, good fellowship and prayer time. Men of our entire community and surrounding area are invited.

This is a No Denomination event.

This week's location is at Believers Fellowship parking lot, off Highway 36 East, about 1 mile east of Cross Plains.

For more information contact Matt McGowen (254) 725-4599 or H.D. (Hoppy) Hopkins (254) 725-6355.

The next breakfast meeting will be July 9.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Submitted by
H.D. (Hoppy) Hopkins

OBITUARIES

Pauline Virginia Switzer

Pauline Virginia Switzer, age 88, of Cross Plains, passed away Thursday, June 9, 2005, at the Rising Star Nursing Center. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 13, 2005, at Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

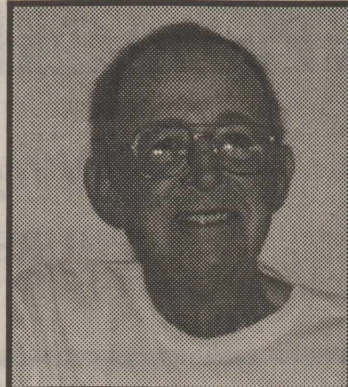
Pauline was born in Leaday, Texas on July 8, 1916 to Lon and Clara Mae (Richie) Coffey. She married Oscar Benji "O.B." Switzer on September 21, 1940 in Gouldbusk, Texas. Pauline was a nurse's aide and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

Survivors include her sons, Lonnie Switzer and wife, Martha, and James Switzer and wife, Sylvia, all of Cross Plains; a sister, Mary Bates, of Cross Plains; brothers, Fred Coffey and Charles Coffey, both of Abilene; six grandchildren, Belinda Middleton and husband, George, David Switzer and wife, Brenda, Bryan Switzer and wife, Tracy, Clay Richardson, Kevin Switzer and wife, Kelli, and Cory Switzer; six great-grandchildren, Benji Switzer and wife, Lana, John Peters, David Peters, Chad Switzer, Kim Mosier, and Sterling Switzer; one great-great-grandchild, Reagan Switzer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, O.B. Switzer.

Pallbearers were grandsons and great-grandsons.

Memorial may be made to Cross Plains E.M.S., P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.



Kenneth Don Brooks

Kenneth Don Brooks, age 70, went to be with his Lord on June 12, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was an industrial electrician in Odessa for many years.

Graveside services were held at Pioneer Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, with Matt McGowen officiating, assisted by Bruce Stovall. Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains directed the services.

Kenneth was born in downtown Pioneer on January 28, 1935 to Howard W. Brooks and Blanche Curry Brooks. He married Ella Louise Fielden on January 16, 1952 in Fort Stockton, Texas. The couple were members of the Pioneer Pentecostal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lenda Jean Brooks; and one daughter, Terry Ella Brooks Norris.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Louise Brooks; two daughters, Linda Brooks Wilson and husband, Richard of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and Ramona Brooks Lewis and husband, Robert, of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a sister, Mona Wilson, of Pioneer; 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; mother-in-law, Letha Turner and sister-in-law, Shirley Hoffman and husband, Cotton, all of Fairfield; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Donations may be made to a local Hospice or the Pioneer Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

James Ray Mayhall, theft by check.
Russell Harnack, assault

Misdemeanor Minutes

John Ashmore, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$293 court costs.

Clayton Warwick, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Richard C. Sanchez, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Charles Chaney, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.

Lisa Dela Rosa Keith, waiver of counsel and application to proceed pro se granted.

Melvin L. Wade, plea of guilty to securing execution of document by deception, 30 days in jail, \$293 court costs.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Lenora Ann Evans and Odie Leon Evans, divorce.

Amanda Sue Waggoner Hitt and James William Hitt, divorce.

John Wilson and Michelle Leann Wilson, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Ismael Flores vs. Ennis Surratt, et al, motion for dismissal granted.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Paula Bailey, agreed final judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$3,638.52 from defendant.

Jason Charles Weir and Brandie Jill Weir, divorce granted.

Jacob Barron and Misty Barron, divorce granted.

Marie Elana White and Greg Eric White, divorce granted.

Suzanne Sandifer, individually and as sole heir and representative of the estate of Ruby Sandifer vs. Clyde Nursing Center, LLC and Brenda Harmon, agreed order granting motion to dismiss with prejudice.

Criminal Minutes

Jason Knapp, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$301 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Ronnell D. Sims, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 12 years in prison, \$251 court costs.

Eloy Gomez, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 6 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$286 court costs.

Todd W. Earsley, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 1 year probation, \$4000 fine, \$216 court costs.

Ronnell D. Sims, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 5 years in prison, \$321 court costs.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication; William B. Reynolds, Richard L. Gonzales, Timothy J. Reynolds.

Cheryl A. Chick, judgment revoking probation granted.

Aaron M. Williams, judgment revoking probation granted.

FISHING Tournament Scheduled for June 18

A Fishing Tournament is being sponsored by First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Saturday, June 18, at Turkey Run Resort (old Lakewood at Pioneer).

Check in at 8:15 a.m. Competition begins at 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served and everyone is invited.

This fishing tournament is for everyone, so come on out and join the fun!!! If you have any questions call the First Baptist Church office (254) 725-7629.

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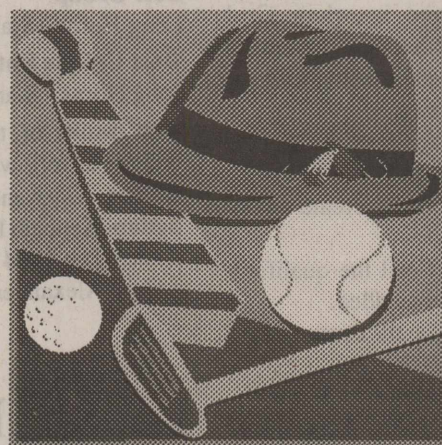
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Happy Father's Day



9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am & 6:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Wed. Prayer/Worship

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PIONEER NEWS

Well, I didn't put in about our quilting last time, but we are still working on the "Flower Garden" and the "Broken Star". We think we might get finished with them this next week. When we do we will be through for the summer. Charlene decided to start her top in September. Earlene had another AC put in this week. We want to stay cool! We had out monthly business meeting and guess what! We are already talking about the Quilt Show. Never too early to get started. We also talked about the Rehab quilt we will be putting in.

We had a special guest with us at quilting Tuesday. Lou Grider's daughter, Patty Hefley, from North Richland Hill spent the morning with us. We were so glad to have her. We all have heard a lot about her and her family. Hope she will come back again. Great to have you with us, Patty!

Earlene Burge and Jessica were in Brownwood last week to watch Cameron Chisholm play baseball. They did very good but lost the game by one point. We enjoyed their game so much, both teams were so good. All the boys are getting so big! DeAnn brought little Matthew to the game and a lot of attention was given to him. (That is the way to start him if you want him to play ball when he gets big.) Afterwards, Jessica, Earlene, Jack Stultz, DeAnn, Andrew, and Cameron ate out. They all had such a good time!

James and Jean Alexander had their children, Jim, Marla, Jack, Will and Ashley, from Richardson visiting with them over the Memorial Day Weekend. They all enjoyed being together. Will even cooked up a real treat for them!

Glenda Phillip's son, Glen Dale, and granddaughter, Kosta, came in on Sunday night. Glen Dale, Allen, Janice, and Logan took Krista, Kosta, and Emily Harris to a basketball camp at A&M (sounds like we have some future Aggies)! They all went to Summerville Lake on Monday and took the girls on to camp on Wednesday. All except Janice stayed at the lake during camp. Janice came back to go to the teachers retreat in Abilene Wednesday through Friday, then returned to the lake late Friday. They all went to A&M on Saturday for the finals and the awards. The girls really had a long, hard workouts everyday. The girls were put into teams when they got there. They were all three on different teams. Emily and Krista were picked for the All Star Team, and played against each other on Saturday. They were also with some high school girls. Emily was given the "Miss Hustle" award. Emily and Krista were given awards for being on the All Star Teams. Kosta was in a younger group and they didn't have any All Star game. Kosta made several points in her group. Evelyn Harris joined the group on

Friday night in order to watch the girls on Saturday. Emily returned home with her mother and the rest of the group went back to the lake until Monday. Wow! We will be looking forward to seeing these girls play for the "Lady Buffs"!

Krista and Emily had a softball game at Comanche on Monday night so Krista met the team at Comanche on the way back. Glenda rode with Evelyn to watch the game. They did great, improving at every game! Glen Dale and Kosta went back to Alpine on Tuesday. They all had a great time on their trip but it seemed like they were gone a long time to Glenda.

Kali and Howard stopped by to see Glenda. Kali and Charlie visited Charlie's grandparents at Centerville over the weekend. They also went to the lake for a while on Saturday.

The Pioneer reunion was attended by about 75 persons. Everyone seemed to have a very good time. Frances Taylor will have an article in the paper about it. Thanks to all who came!

Do not forget Jim and Charlene Fleming have their "Country Store" open now. Come on out on Hwy 36 and get some good fresh fruits and vegetables.

Word of Wisdom: It is always wise to stop wishing for things long enough to enjoy the fragrance of those now flowering. Patrice Gifford

RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

Plans are in the making for the 4th of July parade. Preparations for a float to represent the Nursing Center are under the direction of our maintenance supervisor, Dane Clark.

We helped celebrate the Banana Split Festival in Wilmington, Ohio, by having our own banana splits. This was a special treat for everyone.

It is good to have Alton Shelton back with us, who had been in the hospital.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Pauline Switzer. May the love of friends bring you comfort and may God's love give you peace. Pauline was not only a resident here at this facility — she had been a fellow employee and a

dear friend. She will be missed.

Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. we will be having cookies and lemonade in honor of our fathers here at the center. Family and friends are welcome to come.

Anyone can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Daddy. **Happy Father's Day**

Local Students Named to HPU Honor Lists

Melissa Ann Richards was recently named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2005 semester at Howard Payne University. Richards is currently an Elementary Education major.

Students must earn a grade point average of 3.65 - 3.99 to be named to the Dean's List.

Larry Doyle Whitehead was recently named to the President's List for the Spring 2005 semester at Howard Payne University. He is the son of Larry and Elizabeth Whitehead and is currently an Exercise and Sport Science major.

Students must earn a grade point average of 4.00 to be named to the President's List.

Howard Payne University is a private university located in Brownwood. HPU was ranked in U.S. News' America's Best Colleges 2005 among Comprehensive Bachelor's Degree granting college in the Western Region 4th in Best Value, 8th in Campus Diversity and 17th overall.

Harris/Brown Reunion Set

The 2005 Reunion of the Harris and Brown families is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th at the Community Center (Beech Street) in Cross Plains, located next to the Multi-Purpose Center on the old Pioneer Highway (700 N.E. 1st Street).

Over 130 years ago, Harris and Brown families settled southeast of Burkett. Family and family friends are encouraged to enjoy a day of fellowship and reminiscing.

Family members will bring enough food for their immediate families and items to be used as door prizes or raffled to benefit the reunion association. Ice, drinks, napkins, flatware, plates and cups will be provided.

New officers will be elected and donations accepted as necessary to keep the association alive.

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind the Books

And the people came...and came...and came. I took one look outside last Saturday to watch little readers making "Clifford" puppets to remind them to come to the pre-school reading program and I decided I was much safer inside, 'sides, that's where all those interesting visitors were browsing our Robert Howard holdings.

I really did get to see the guy from England as well as folks from at least seven other states. Isn't that just too awesome? All those people taking dead aim on Cross Plains, America!

June 6-11, 2005
Statistics

Circulation:	
Books:	71
Internet Users:	39
Memorials:	
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Whitehead HPU Honor Graduate

Brownwood—Larry Doyle (L.D.) Whitehead recently graduated from Howard Payne University with Magna Cum Laude honors and a degree in Exercise and Sport Science.

He is the son of Larry and Elizabeth Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead was recognized during commencement exercises on May 7, 2005.

Students must have a grade point average of 3.70-3.84 to receive Magna Cum Laude honors.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Mission Trip

Approximately 15 youth from Cottonwood Baptist Church will be leaving this coming Sunday night after church to travel to Piedras Negros, Mexico on a mission trip.

The youth, accompanied by Pastor Matt McGowen and his wife, Sonda, will be joining a mission team from Eula First Baptist Church. The team will be doing work on projects in the area. They will return on June 24th.

Bad News or Good News

In a recent visit to the Cottonwood chat-room, the question was, "Where are you going on vacation this year?" The answer was, "Nowhere, the price of gasoline is too high?"

"It's getting outrageous," said another. And so the conversation ran through the age-old complaint about big auto-makers conspiring with the poor gasoline-makers to keep gas consumption high and thus benefit both industries.

The auto manufacturers could make a car with a carburetor that would get "50 miles per gallon" if they wanted to do that.

"I'm going to buy one of those new hybrid cards," said Wendell Draper.

"I've looked at them, too," said Fred St. Peter. And the conversation went on about the merits of the "hybrid car." It supposedly runs on batteries at a moderate rate of speed around town, but get it out on the highway and it

switches over to gasoline for more speed. And it gets "50 miles to the gallon."

Now, I must confess that I had never heard of a hybrid car, but the conversation intrigued me.

Some days later, my wife and I were down in Victoria and met up with two old friends, Rev. Phillip and Beverly Robertson, of Rock Port. Lo and behold, they owned a "hybrid" car.

We took it out for a spin, and sure enough we cruised through town on battery at about 40 mph. We went up on the freeway and sped up to 70 mph. Somewhere it switched over to gasoline without a shudder, or stutter, or hic-up. And sure enough, he claimed it got "50 miles per gallon."

So cheer up folks, salvation is on the way. Soon, we will all be driving hybrid cars.

Don't Forget

The Cottonwood Quilting Club had a good day selling tickets at the Barbarian Festival. They are still selling and will draw for the quilt during the Fourth of July Celebration in Cottonwood. Good Luck! I hope you bought enough ducats to have a winning ticket. They are still selling them.

Please Remember

I can't print it, if I don't know it.

(To place personal or news items for this column, please contact Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474. E-mail: csb5@airmail.net. Snail mail: 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

Note: Summer is one of my favorite seasons. I love the sunshine and the nice warm weather. I appreciate so very much my friend Apple Orchard Annie for helping me to get my column finished and to the newspaper office every week.

"Maybe, the Punishment Should Fit the Crime"

It seemed to me, lately that crimes against children have escalated. Almost every day, across the United States, one or more children come up missing, kidnapped, molested, taken advantage of and terrorized.

Somewhere, somehow, somebody should come up with new laws with teeth in them. One suggestion that came to my mind is to form a committee of one person per state; plus one other person per state as a replacement on stand by. This way each state would still be represented. Surely by process of elimination, they could come up with a better solution. I also think that when it is a parent who kidnaps their child or children just to get custody of

them, that the public should be made aware of that or if it's otherwise the public should be told it is a stranger or an unknown person who did the kidnapping.

We, every person in the U.S.A. needs or should pray every day for help in finding solutions in the kidnapping, missing children and also children who are victims of child abuse.

You may not agree with me on what I'm going to say next, but it is my own personal opinion.

As far as pedophiles and/or child sexual molesters, I see it this way. Many have already had therapy and counseling, went back to society and nothing helped. They committed the same offenses again. My idea is this, they murder someone, you go to prison, after some years they're released. Well, they don't give them back the gun or knife they used to commit the crime.

So-oo-o, a pedophile molests a child, the counseling doesn't help. He gets out and does it again. He goes back to prison. I think the offending weapons should be disarmed. Then they can't do it again.

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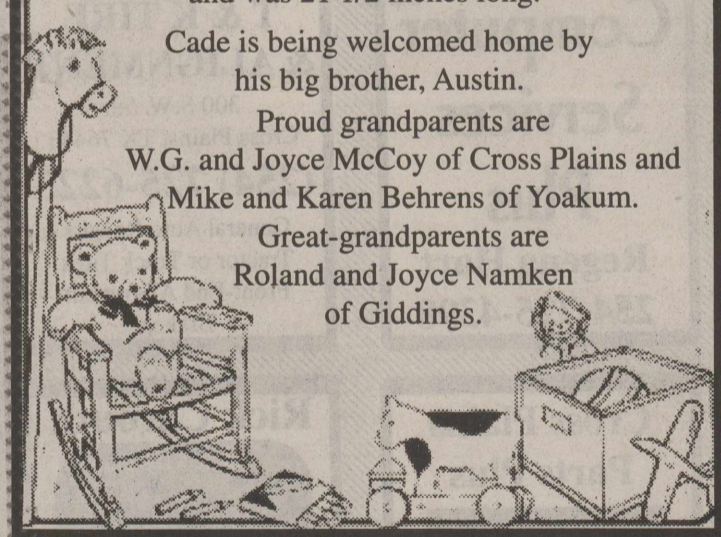
Cade Thomas McCoy

Cade was born on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 4:07 p.m. On arrival he weighed 9 pounds and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Cade is being welcomed home by his big brother, Austin.

Proud grandparents are W.G. and Joyce McCoy of Cross Plains and Mike and Karen Behrens of Yoakum.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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I finally gave in to reading "Zits" in the "comics" section of the newspaper recently. I guess I'm really hard up for reading material! But in a recent one, Zit says to his friend, "Even though I don't have all the things I want, I'm really grateful for the things I don't have that I didn't want." And his friend replies, "That's either the most profound, or the most idiotic thing I've ever heard." And Zit says, "With philosophy, sometimes it's hard to tell the difference." To which I say, "Amen!"

But the apostle Paul expressed a "philosophy" that you can "take to the bank." He said, "As for me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). I understand Paul to mean that as a Christian he was a winner either way, alive or dead. To live a life focused on Christ is certainly the best life, and to die, having focused upon Christ in life, is the best death — in some ways, even "far better," verse 23.

And regarding Zit's statement, if you change it to, "I'm really grateful for the things I don't have that I didn't need," it may not be profound but it certainly is something to think about...

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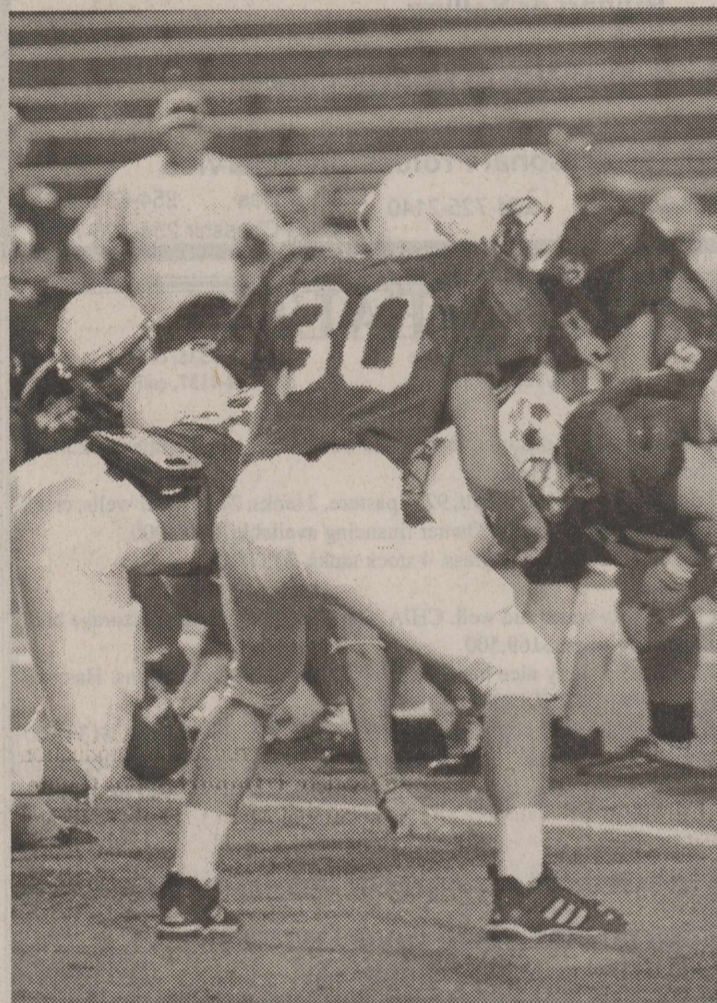
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CROSS PLAINS ALL-STAR—2005 Cross Plains graduate Thomas Dimitri participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic



PLAYING CORNERBACK—Thomas Dimitri, #30 in black, played cornerback for the South All-Star team during the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic football game played Saturday, June 4 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.



ALL-STAR RECOGNIZED—Cross Plains 2005 graduate Thomas Dimitri was recognized, along with his parents, during the 2005 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic played Saturday, June 4 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on June 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

1. Prayer
2. Minutes
3. Open Forum
4. Use of Auditorium for Conference
5. Texas Primary Reading Inventory Report
6. Public Report on 2004-05 TAKS Results for C.P.I.S.D.
7. Discuss and take action on auditor for 2005-06 (tabled from last meeting)
8. Discuss and take action on Drug Dog Contract
9. Discuss and take action on workers compensation program
10. Discuss and take action on Appraisal of Administrators TEC 21.254
11. Discuss and take action on harassment and retaliation
12. Discuss and take action on disciplinary alternative education program
13. Discuss and take action on in school suspension program
14. Discuss and take action on 2005-06 schedule of classes at CPHS
15. Discuss and take action on Handbook for 2005-06
16. Executive session
17. Personnel
 - A. Accept resignations
 - B. Hire new employees
18. Review Bills/Expenses
19. Adjourn.

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

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- ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**
20. Elect an assistant secretary.
- Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on June 13, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

The healing power of laughter

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.
Texas Tech University
Health Sciences Center

"He who laughs, lasts."
—Mary Pettibone Poole

It has been an ongoing question in the medical community for years: What effect does humor have on healing? Some researchers focus on the strictly scientific aspects of the debate, noting that there is no direct evidence indicating that humor heals illness. Yet other medical experts have demonstrated how laughter can bring specific health benefits. For instance:

- Laughter boosts the immune system, increasing natural disease-fighting cells.
 - Laughter lowers blood pressure.
 - Laughter increases tolerance to pain, as reported in the 1989 Journal of the American Medical Association.
 - Laughter increases heart rate and pulse rate.
- And probably most importantly, laughter helps to reduce stress. A wealth of research has shown that distressing emotions, such as depression, anger and anxiety, are all related to heart disease. Humor directly changes distressing emotions; therefore, humor may help reduce the risk of heart disease.



CALLAHAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM AT BROWNWOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

Callahan County Shooting Team Can't Be Stopped

Shooting coach David Nichols is wearing a smile from ear to ear these days. It's all from the excellent shooting results from the Brownwood Extravaganza match. On April 23, 2005 the rifle team competed against some very tough competitors. Twenty-five members were present to represent Callahan County. Team members that exercised their shooting ability are: Collin Nowell, Brent Nichols, Emalie Green, Brandon Black, Landon Hart, Barrett Ancinec, Trendon Rouse, Janae Rouse, Peyton McIntire, Tyler White, Will White, Jarrett White, Katelynn Mitchell, Ty Rhoads, Cody Cedergren, Zackery Hines, Landon Nichols, Shelby Nail, Jagher Gray, Will Russell, Kailey Hart, Dylan Wilson, Seth Thompson, Nicki Carroll, and Garrett Scott.

Events that the team competed in were 22 Silhouettes, Light Rifle, BB Gun, Air Pistol paper target, and Air Pistol Silhouettes. With anxious hearts and steady hands the team produced some awesome targets and scorecard results. The rifle team took the lead right off the bat when it came time for the awards ceremony. And the results are...

22 Silhouette/Sub Junior Class A	Class C
1st Landon Hart	2nd Jagher Gray
2nd Brandon Black	6th Nicki Carroll
3rd Jarrett White	11th Dylan Wilson
4th Ty Rhoads	Senior
5th Barrett Ancinec	4th Collin Nowell
6th Cody Cedergren	BB Gun/ Sub Junior Class A
7th Zachery Hines	2nd Katelynn Mitchell
8th Will Russell	Air Pistol Paper Target/ Sub Junior Class A
11th Shelby Nail	3rd Will White
Class B	4th Ty Rhoads
3rd Nicki Carroll	11th Trendon Rouse
4th Tyler White	Class B
8th Janae Rouse	2nd Janae Rouse
9th Seth Thompson	9th Kailey Hart
11th Peyton McIntire	Senior
Class C	1st Brent Nichols
2nd Dylan Wilson	Air Pistol Silhouette/Sub Junior Class A
3rd Jagher Gray	3rd Katelynn Mitchell
10th Garrett Scott	5th Trendon Rouse
Senior	8th Barrett Ancinec
6th Collin Nowell	Class B
Light Rifle/ Sub Junior Class A	5th Landon Nichols
1st Landon Hart	Junior
4th Jarrett White	2nd Emalie Green
6th Will White	Senior
7th Landon Nichols	1st Brent Nichols
8th Brandon Black	
9th Shelby Nail	
11th Tyler White	
12th Zackery Hines	
15th Peyton McIntire	
16th Will Russell	
Class B	
2nd Cody Cedergren	
5th Seth Thompson	
13th Garrett Scott	

Congratulations to all shooters for a job well done!!
Submitted by Tanya Black

4-H Roundup District Winners Told

Angelo State University was abuzz with activity with activity May 7 during Texas Cooperative Extension's annual District 7 4-H Roundup. More than 500 4-H members, their parents, adult leaders and Extension personnel from the district's 23 counties attended the event. Roundup is the final step in a series of contests of various disciplines held across the district in recent months. The event consists of 39 contest meant to test the skills

of 4-Hers from 8 - 19 years old. Contest events ranged from shooting sports to public speaking. The annual event let 4-Hers compare their skills with those of others and to their own past performance.

Senior winners in the May 7 event qualify for Texas 4-H Roundup June 7 - 11 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station. To qualify for state, individuals or teams must have placed first or second in the District Senior Division for

youths 14 - 19 years old. Juniors don't compete past the district level.

Paige Galindo of Eula 4-H participated in the junior division and came away with a 1st place in the individual Junior Horse category with her presentation focused on Limentitis which is an inflammation of the laminae of the hoof of horses

Submitted by Robert Pritz
Callahan County CEA - Ag

2nd and 3rd Place Overall Winners in Library Contest

Riley Lawrence entered a poem in the 2005 Annual Writing Contest at Cross Plains Public Library and was chosen 2nd Place Overall Winner. He is in grade 4, Connie Ricci's class. Riley is the son of Keith and Leslie Lawrence.

His poem is as follows:

"Swirling Gray Terror"

By Riley Lawrence

Swirling gray terror
Sweeping from the big ocean
Bringing destruction

Big men came with bat
Wanting to hit the white ball
Running bases

Green warty creatures
Like to devour small insects
Live in swampy ponds

Zach Thompson entered a short story in the contest. He is in the first grade, Terri Hunter, teacher. Zach is the son of Robert and Stephanie Thompson.

His short story is as follows:

"I Found Two Magic Apples"

By Zach Thompson

In my backyard I found a treasure chest. When I opened it I found three things. First, I found two magic apples. Then, I found a toy size horse. I feed one of the magic apples to the horse. After horse at the magic apples it grew to normal size.

Next, I found magic reins. I put the reins on the horse. The something magic happened. I rode my horse up to the sky and landed on the clouds. My horse started to eat the pretty flowers that grow on the clouds. Then I saw a castle with a wicked sorcerer holding a pretty young princess in the castle.

So I swooped in on my horse and saved the princess. Then I flew back to earth. And I gave the last magic apple to my horse. He ate the apple and went back to toy size. Finally I closed the lid and we lived happily ever after.

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Think Girl Scout Camp Is Not For You ????????

Do you think Girl Scout summer camp can't possibly be for you? This past summer, there were sessions for almost every girl!

While one group learned to make their own beauty products, another was developing reading and critical thinking skills through the use of computers. Jane Cate, CEO of the Heart of Texas Council stated that "this year's line-up will be just as varied and includes a unit held in conjunction with the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council.

A group of their girls will to the camp to join our campers for one week of canoeing and sailing;

then all the girls will go to Permian Basin's camp to ride horses. All girls will enjoy the regular camp activities—swimming, hiking, making crafts, singing, playing games and just plain having fun in the sun! Girls will not want to miss this opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime."

Now, who says camp is not for you?

For more information, check out the website: www.heartoftexasgsc.org or call the Girl Scout service center in Brownwood at 325-646-1516 or 800-346-3215 for a copy of camp information.

Project Graduation Winners

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Once again Project Graduation was a great success. We again had ever graduate in attendance and all had a wonderful time—thanks to the seniors and lots of wonderful volunteers. This was our 16th year of Project Graduation and we are looking forward to 2006!!

Project Graduation is a drug, alcohol, tobacco free all night party for the graduates and a guest of their choice. The group play volleyball, basketball, board games, ping pong, watch movies, play video games, listen to great music and have a good time visiting. The good donated by parents and businesses is always plentiful and delicious.

Prizes are a big part of the night. All are donated by local businesses and others by out of town establishments who believe in Project Graduation. Some of the prizes are monetary, other gift items the graduates can use at college or etc. About 500 gifts were given away—do your math... ___seniors each one received ___ gifts if they stayed all night. Wow!! From colored TV's to VCR's, phones, lounge chairs and etc.

Here is a list of prizes and donors:

2005 Project Graduation Prize List

M. Byrd - Lucky Beauty Supply, T-Shirt; **S. Edington**-Lucky Beauty Supply, T-Shirt; **S. Edington**-Lucky Beauty Supply, T-Shirt; **J.D. Cook**-Lucky Beauty Supply, T-Shirt; **K. Phillips**-Wicks 'N' Sticks, Room Deodorizer; **N. Clark**-Waldenbooks, Book; **D. Hamlin**-Lifeway Christian Stores, Bible; **K. Richards** - Katz Tanning Salon, 1 Month Tanning; **N. Wolford**-Katz Tanning Salon, 1 Month Tanning; **D. Bennett**-Katz Tanning Salon, 1 Month Tanning; **L. Hail**-The Chocolate Box, Extra Large Lollipop; **L. Hail**-Domino's Pizza, 1 Large Pizza Gift Certificate; **B. McNutt**-Domino's Pizza, 1 Large Pizza Gift Certificate; **S. Edington**-Domino's Pizza, 1 Large Pizza Gift Certificate; **D. Bennett**-Curves, 3 Month Membership; **R. Sifuentes**-Hobby Lobby, Picture Album; **M. Besselaar**-Albertson's \$20.00 Food; **N. Clark**-Cheapo-Depot, Candle Holder; **C. Beaty**-Heart of Texas, Travel Bag; **A. Rivers**-Heart of Texas, Toiletry Bag; **K. Richards** - Heart of Texas, Toiletry Bag; **N. Wolford**-4 Corners, Picture Frame; **E. Rose**-Dalton Jewelers, \$35.00; **N. Clark**-Bed, Bath & Beyond, \$10 Gift Certificate; **K. Richards**-Bayer Motor, \$25; **K. Phillips**-Tyson Pharmacy, Bakeware Set; **J. James**-Kevin Carlton, D.D.S., \$25; **M. Byrd**-Family Health Clinic, \$25; **T. Dimitri**-Family Health Clinic, \$25; **A. Rivers**-Anonymous, Top Of The Class Pin; **K. Phillips**-B.E.S.T., Beach Towel; **A. Rivers**-B.E.S.T., Beach Towel; **N. Wolford**-B.E.S.T., Beach Towel; **E. Rose**-B.E.S.T., Glasses; **N. Wolford**-3-M, \$50; **J. Brown**-Browning Ferris IND., \$50; **T. Dimitri**-Browning Ferris IND., \$50; **D. Hamlin**-Abilene Teachers FCU, \$50; **D. Hamlin**-CP Grain & Peanut, \$15; **J.D. Cook**-CP Grain & Peanut, \$15; **N. Clark**-Kiwanis of CP, \$25; **R. Sifuentes**-Kiwanis of CP, \$25; **B. Horton**-Cross Plains Review, 1 Year Subscription; **D. Cooper**-Cross Plains Review, 1 Year Subscription; **J. Nelson**-Cross Plains Review, 1 Year Subscription; **L. Rickenbacker**-Cross Plains Review, 1 Year Subscription; **S. Edington**-Carouth Construction, \$25; **J. Goains**-Carouth Construction, \$25; **N. Wolford**-Greenwood Insurance, \$15; **A. Rivers**-Greenwood Insurance, \$15; **D. Hamlin**-Farmers Mutual Pro. Assoc., \$10; **T. Dimitri**-CP Medical Clinic, \$25; **D. Bennett**-CP Medical Clinic, \$25; **D. Hamlin**-Barr Fabrication, \$20; **R. Sifuentes**-Barr Fabrication, \$20; **J. Goains**-Barr Fabrication, \$20; **C. Beaty**-Barr Fabrication, \$20; **S. Edington**-Barr Fabrication, \$20; **D. Bennett**-John and Donna Burleson, \$25; **E. Rose**-Coleman Co. Telecommunications, \$25; **L.**

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Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 2005 Ranch Rodeo Winners

Saturday, June 11, 2005, The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse held their 15th Ranch Rodeo and Sheriff's Posse officials termed it very successful!

Summer's heat was tamed by the clouds and with a light wind blowing, watching this year's Ranch Rodeo was "pretty cool!"

The rodeo kicked off with the Hardin Simmons Six White Horses under the direction of Debbie Jones. The girls performed a fantastic drill routine. Next was the grand entry, National Anthem and "posting of the colors." Two of the HSU girls, carrying the American Flag and the Texas Flag circled the area with flags flying.

Rodeo announcer and Cross Plains native son, Glen Lawrence introduced each of the rodeo teams, team sponsors and individual team members to the crowd. Jim Hall, Pastor of the Clyde Church of Christ and longtime Callahan County Sheriff's Deputy gave the invocation. Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis was recognized along with the 2005 Callahan County Sheriff's Posse officers, President: Mike Walker, Vice President: Johnny Adkins, 2nd VP/Arena Director: Jeff Burleson, Sec./Treas. Lyn Walker, and PR Leonna Adkins, then it was time to RODEO!

Ten, five men teams vied for the quickest times in Team Branding, Sorting, Team Roping, Trailer Loading, and a new event Longhorn untagging. The cowboys had to retrieve a tag from a longhorn heifer's belly and run back to the judges circle.

There was an unusual twist to the 2005 Ranch Rodeo. Two teams, "The Hashknife Ranch", sponsored by Callahan County Farmer's Cooperative; and "5-D", sponsored by Callahan County Veterinary Clinic ran neck and neck through all five events, jockeying for 1st place, in the end it was a dead heat, a tie. Rodeo judges, Sheriff's Posse officials and both ranch team captains elected to name them "Co-Champions" and the two teams split the money for first and second place.

Hashknife Ranch: Jason Gerngross, Jim Davis, Jody Gerngross, Sam Taylor and Donnie Choate tallied up 9 points in branding, 6 in sorting, 9 in trailer loading, 7 in team roping, and 6 in tagging. 5-D: Damon Albus, Dee Bland, Rody Goodwin, and Ky Brandon had 10 points in branding, 7 in sorting, 7 in trailer loading, 5 in team roping and 8 in tagging. Both teams had a total of 37 points and each rode away with \$675.00

3rd Place winner was Goldsmith Ranch. Sponsored by Hanner Supercenter. Steve Goldsmith, Chase Goldsmith, Bubba Wilson, Seth Goldsmith and Spencer Goldsmith. This team was only 3 points behind the leaders. They had 0 points in branding, 9 in sorting 10 in trailer loading, 6 in team roping, and 9 in tagging for a total of 34 points and \$400.00 in earnings. 4th Place winner was T.J. Cattle

Company from Gorman. This team was sponsored by the First Financial Bank. Jimmy Johnson, Kris Scitem, Chaad Johnson, Mitch Magin and Juan Naverette. They had 0 points in branding, 5 in sorting, 5 in trailer loading, 10 in team roping, and 10 in tagging for a total of 30 points and a \$250.00 payday.

5th Place: G-Ranch. Sponsored by Metal Mart. Michael Seaton, Casey Clark, Wes Ashlott, Hunter Willikins and Bucky Cooper. They had 0 in branding, 3 in sorting, 8 in trailer loading, 8 in team roping and 5 in tagging for a total of 24 points.

6th Place: Silverbrook Ranch. Sponsored by 1st National Bank of Baird. They had 0 in branding, 0 in sorting, 4 in trailer loading, 9 in team roping, and 7 in tagging for a total of 20 points.

7th Place: The Good Ole Boys. Charlie Palmer, Michael Palmer, Randy Ross, Ronnie Welch and Duane Farr. They had 0 in branding, 10 in sorting, 3 in trailer loading, 0 in team roping and 4 in tagging for a total of 17 total points.

8th Place: Broken 2. Sponsored by Thrifty's Food Mart & DQ of Clyde. They had 0 in branding, 4 in sorting, 6 in trailer loading, 0 in team roping, and 2 in tagging for a total of 12 points.

9th Place: Parachuting Cattle Company. Sponsored by Estes Real Estate of Clyde. They had 0 in branding, 8 in sorting, 0 in trailer loading, 0 in team roping and 1 in tagging for a total of 9 points.

10th Place: Wineglass 2 Ranch. Sponsored by Parker Funeral Home of Baird. Tim R Roberts, Mike Roberts, Bo Trojcek, Jody Kelley and Wade Trojcek. They had 0 in branding, 0 in sorting 2 in trailer loading, 0 in team roping and 3 in tagging for a total of 5 points.

As you can see by the totals there was some stiff competition in this rodeo and some pretty tough cowboys!

Spread through the rodeo were some events—just for kids. The five and under boot race stole the show, as tiny cowboys and cowgirls had to run to a pile of boots and retrieve their matching footwear. The 1st, place winner was Creed Goode of Cross Plains, 2nd, Shelby Russell, 3rd, Dally Albus of Abilene, 4th, Dash Albus of Abilene, 5th, Alexis Gootee and 6th, Rider Ross of Brady.

Winner of the six to nine year old boot race was Parker Jones of Commanche, 2nd, Kyla Patterson of Hamby, 3rd, Reno Thorton of Abilene, 4th, Corbin Hughes of Arkansas, 5th, Cassidy Dixon of Stephenville and 6th, Rex Ross of Brady.

In the Goat Ribbon race for ten to twelve year olds, two goats was turned loose in the arena sporting ribbons on their tails. The idea was for the miniature cowboys and cowgirls to see who could be fastest at retrieving those ribbons. The goats really gave them a run for the money or tee shirts in this case. Winners were 1st Lauren Goode of Cross Plains and 2nd was Rett

Lawrence of Clyde.

There were only two winners in the goat race, as there were only 2 goats, but contestants of these races received tee shirts from the Baird Chamber of Commerce and a discount coupon from Frontier of Texas.

The final event of the evening was a Wild Steer Saddling. Three, three men teams were to halter, saddle and ride a steer across the finish line. Teams entered in this event were Goldsmith Ranch: Chase Goldsmith, Spencer Goldsmith and Jason Gerngross. T.J. Cattle Company: Chaad Johnson, Juan Naverette and Kris Scitem. Third team was Broken 2: Josh Carruth, Cory Carruth and Jake Saunders.

The T.J. Cattle Company won this event. Extra special thanks to the Baird Volunteer Fire Department for the firetruck rescue unit. This unit is something you hope and pray you'll never need, but when in need, it's wonderful to have them right there ready to help. Thanks to Billy Kilpatrick and Jake Woods for judging the events.

Rodeo announcer, Glen Lawrence, who did a superb job keeping the cowboys and fans informed on arena action. Thanks You!

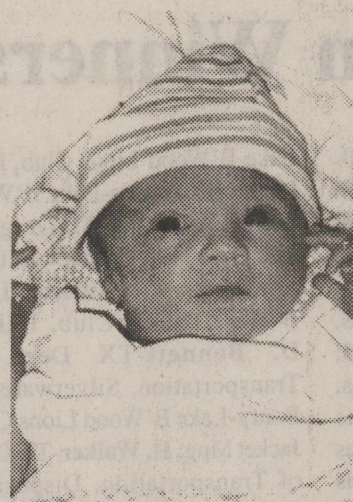
Thanks to the Baird Chamber of Commerce for the gift bags for the kids events. Thanks to Debbie Jones and the cowgirls of the Hardin Simmons Six White Horses, and Tally's Convenience Store for sponsoring them.

"BIG THANKS" to a fantastic arena crew: Stuart Bell, Walt Tollet, Troy Knowles, Josh Spencer, Jeremy Spencer, Jarett Knowles, Cody Knowles and Zack Green for keeping the cattle pushed up and ready during the events.

Thank you to NF Cattle Company of Baird for use of equipment, Larry Shelnut, hay for the cattle, Keith Edwards, electrical work, David and Anita Mays for working the front gate and timing, Walt Tollet, sound equipment, work, Stuart Bell grounds work and Jeff Burleson, Welding of Baird for LOTS OF WELDING.

Most important, for without their hard work this rodeo could not be produced. An "Extra Big" "Thank You" to all the wonderful people who work so hard behind the scenes each year to make the rodeo happen; Katie, Melanie, John, Leonna, Anita, Lyn, Mike, Jeff, Johnny, Stuart, Walt, David, Josh, Keith, Jarett, Troy, Ron, Cody, Glen, Larry, Walt, John, Cathy, Daryl, Zack, & Jeremy. Brenda Moore, Tommie Jones, the Baird Chamber of Commerce and to all the businesses who sponsored a team.

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Howard Days—

created the genre of heroic fantasy. His fiction has crisscrossed the world, been translated into a dozen languages, and continues to inspire and move new generations of writers and fans some seventy years after his death. Known chiefly as the creator of the world-famous Conan the Cimmerian, Howard's literary barbarian and his world were less the culmination of his writing career, but another notch on a literary belt so varied that it defies categorization.

Robert Ervin Howard was born January 22, 1906, in Peaster, Texas. His father, Isaac M. Howard, was a country doctor, tending to farmers and their families. Dr. Howard moved his wife, Hester Jane Ervin, and their young son all over Texas, hopping from small community to small community. Robert E. Howard leaned heavily on his mother for companionship, and she encouraged his reading and studies. He was an imaginative boy, able to absorb and retain oral stories as well as written fiction, reading everything he could get his hands on.

By 1919, the family settled in Cross Plains, just slightly ahead of the oil booms of the twenties, which brought huge numbers of people into the area, causing local businesses to thrive. Thousands of people thronged the small town looking for legitimate work in the fields, but with this crowd came the con men, gamblers, drifters, saloon girls, and of course, the fast-talking businessmen and speculators looking to make a quick buck before the oil wells dried up.

These images of sudden civilization, indolent cruelty, thievery, and boomtown decadence indelibly colored Howard's perceptions of the world, and these views of civilization in decay would turn up again and again in Howard's fiction. In a 1931 letter to *Weird Tales* editor Fransworth Wright, Howard wrote: "I'll say one thing about an oil boom; it will teach a kid that life's a pretty rotten thing as quick as anything I can think of."

Cross Plains was the largest community that the Howard family had lived in at that time, and, coupled with the influx of people chasing black gold, offered plenty of amusement for young boys. Howard's vivid imagination and knack for making up stories gave him an outlet for acceptance with the local kids, and his love of boxing helped him fit in with the boys.

In high school, Howard was an average student, but his skill at writing singled him out amongst his fellow classmates. At the age of fifteen, he had decided to make his living as a writer when he submitted a story to *Adventure*, one of his favorite pulp magazines. It was promptly rejected. By the time he was sixteen, Howard was winning prizes for stories and essays in the school newspaper. Howard continued to write stories, working through his reading sources and influences, looking for his voice.

Shortly after Howard graduated high school, he made his first professional sale, a caveman story called "Spear and Fang," to *Weird Tales*. He had accumulated a number of rejection slips, too,

but that sale rekindled his ambition. During the early 1920s, Howard sent out and sold a number of stories to *Weird Tales* and other pulp magazines while he worked at a variety of jobs in Cross Plains, everything from stenographer to soda jerk, from errand boy to oil-field reporter. Howard was also an accomplished poet and wrote reams of verse with historical subject matter, much of which wouldn't be seen until decades after his death, though he did sell several poems to *Weird Tales*. However, *Weird Tales* paid on publication, not acceptance, and as a result, Howard was forced to find work. His father added to the pressure by wanting Howard to follow in his footsteps, or, failing that, go to college and find a vocation. Howard hated all of these menial jobs. He hated punching a clock, and he didn't like being told what to do by others.

In a letter to H.P. Lovecraft, Howard wrote: "It is no light thing to enter into a profession absolutely foreign and alien to the people among which one's lot is cast; a profession which seems as dim and faraway and unreal as the shores of Europe." The Howard family enjoyed some prestige in the community, as Dr. Howard was well-liked and took good care of the citizens of Cross Plains. Robert was expected to fit in by either taking up his father's mantle or at the very least contributing to the town in such a way that the family's prestige wasn't diminished. Some folks thought he was sponging off his parents. Others thought that he was just a little strange (an opinion not helped by his bookish side), because he didn't have the same opinions and desires as those around him.

Howard had a circle of friends that he hung out and corresponded with, but he was essentially alone in his aspirations. These pressures weighed heavily on the young man, and his writing was sometimes sporadic. He blew off steam whenever he could, most notably in the local icehouse, where he boxed with other roughnecks. Bodybuilding and exercise had turned Howard into a heroically proportioned man with a punishing punch. His wins at the icehouse allowed Howard a measure of self-respect, but his job situations and nagging at home persisted.

Robert struck a deal with his father: he would take a bookkeeping course at nearby Howard Payne University. Afterwards, he would be given one year to find success as a writer. If that failed, he would take up the profession of bookkeeping.

The die was cast. He received his diploma for the bookkeeping course in 1927, and set to work immediately thereafter, determined never to rely on it. Howard needed to produce saleable stories. Motivated by the mundane world around him and a fervent desire to make his own way, he dipped into childhood fantasies, European history, and his own rough surroundings to create a host of memorable characters.

While taking his bookkeeping course, Howard came up with a character and a story that would be very influential in his later career. He went back to the manuscript, polished it up, and sent it to *Weird Tales*. Howard was over-

joyed when it was accepted for publication. "The Shadow Kingdom" was the first sword-and-sorcery story ever written, a combination of horror and heroic fantasy starring King Kull. Himself an Atlantean barbarian, Kull ascends to the throne of Valusia and is beset on all sides by conspiracy, weird menace, and diplomatic intrigue.

It was Howard's biggest sale to date, and thereafter he began to sell steadily to *Weird Tales*. Another Kull story, "The Mirrors of Tuzun Thune," was accepted and published, along with a different character Howard resuscitated from his adolescence—Solomon Kane, the-dour and puritanical swordsman who fought pirates and cannibals along the coast of England and darkest Africa. Seven stories were ultimately published in *Weird Tales*, contributing greatly to Howard's income and prestige within the readership of the magazine.

Howard's second big break came in 1928 when he sold "The Pit of the Serpent" to *Fight Stories* magazine. This sale was the beginning of Howard's most personal and most overlooked character, Steve Costigan. An able-bodied sailor, Costigan roamed the Asiatic Seas with his white bulldog, Mike, in these picturesque boxing tales. Sailer Steve was gorilla ugly, but he had a heart of gold, fists of steel, and a head full of rocks. Costigan was a bare-knuckled fighter and Howard's flair for writing vivid action served these stories well. Conflicts often revolved around a boxing match, but just as frequently took place in back alleys or other unorthodox environments. These were the first humorous stories that Howard would make a living writing, and they were extremely popular in the page of *Fight Stories* and *Action Stories* and later, *Jack Dempsey's Fight Magazine*. The publishing company, Fiction House, paid on acceptance, as well, and by the end of 1928, all discussion about Howard taking a bookkeeping course was summarily dropped.

While the Costigan series provided steady income, Howard gave voice to another pair of childhood characters, Bran Mak Morn, King of the Picts, who clashed with the Roman armies in Britannia, and Francis Gordon, a.k.a. El Borak, the swashbuckling gunslinger who traveled the Orient. These, in addition to various horror, action, and historical stories, appeared mostly in *Weird Tales* and its companion magazine, *Oriental Tales*.

Howard wrote in most every genre, and was able to write well, quickly, and with an economy that the editors liked, since most of them paid by the word. That's not to say that Howard just knocked them out, either. He wrote multiple drafts of most of his stories, often incorporating suggestions from his editors. Howard wrote intuitively, trusting his instincts, and was able to work at a manic rate, writing stories and casting them aside, then picking them up, rewriting them again when they came back, and submitting them to different editors and markets. For all his effort, Howard had yet to create his most famous character, the one that would far outlive him and doom him at the same time.

It was in 1932 that Howard created and sold his most famous character. "The Phoenix on the Sword" was the first Conan story to appear in *Weird Tales*, and it was an immediate hit. In the story, Conan has already ascended to the throne of Aquilonia and now wears the crown of rule on an uneasy head. His right-hand man is lured away by a point of diplomacy, leaving Conan vulnerable to an assassination plot (which is helped along by the wizard, Thoth-amon). Conan, tipped off by a ghost, makes ready to welcome his would-be slayers. The conspirators, loyal to the old king, are unprepared for a half-armored Conan and he mops the floor with them in a characteristically fierce battle:

"Phoenix on the Sword" has all the primal ingredients of Howard's Conan stories: magic, adventure, swordplay, politics, and most

importantly, a little of Howard's own philosophy: barbarism must ultimately triumph. In many of the stories, we see the barbaric Conan behaving with more honor and dignity than the cultivated aristocrats around him. It was a recurring theme in Howard's work, one he first explored in his earlier Kull stories.

Other stories followed, each one detailing a different phase of Conan's varied career: pirate, mercenary, thief, wanderer, and even king. In the pages of *Weird Tales*, Conan was an unqualified hit. Howard was mentioned frequently in the letters page, drawing praise from fans and fellow writers.

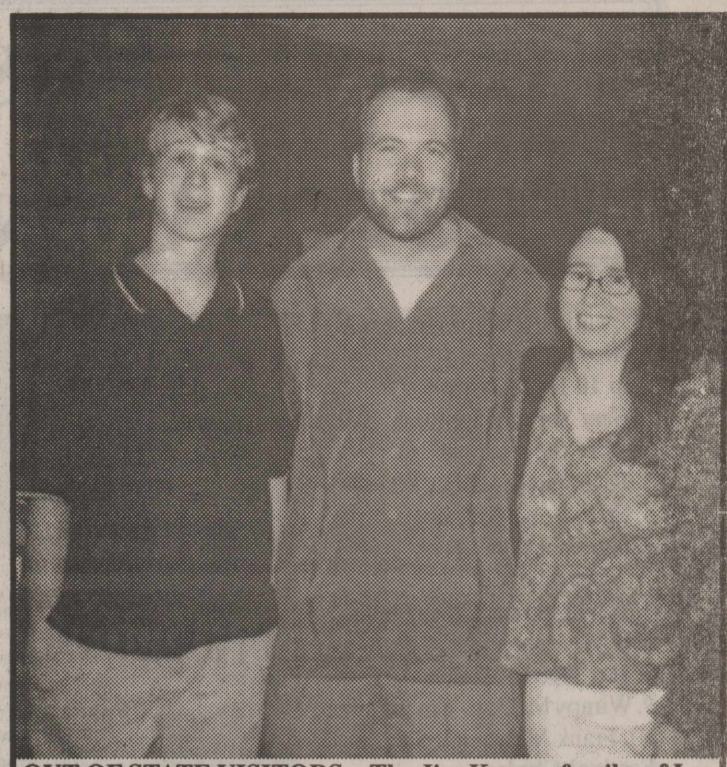
Even now Howard is referred to as one of the "three Musketeers" of *Weird Tales*, along with H.P. Lovecraft and Clark Ashton Smith. These three writers set the bar for quality and originality.

No one had done anything like Conan before. As both a character and a genre, the work was utterly unique. Howard's inspiration was a varied and fickle thing. He told Clark Ashton Smith that: "(Conan) is simply a combination of a number of men I have known...some mechanism in my subconscious took the dominant characteristics of various prizefighters, gunmen, bootleggers, oil field bullies, gamblers and honest workmen I have come in contact with, and combining them all, produced the amalgamation I call Conan the Cimmerian."

That Howard was able to vividly conjure up a historical world that never existed and a character that was the American "everyman"—an orphaned immigrant who pulls himself up by his bootstraps to become a king—all from a small town in Texas, is an astonishing thing. But it was Howard's determination to succeed as a writer without moving to one of the major publishing centers, Los Angeles, Chicago, or New York, that is truly remarkable. Howard was merciless in his onslaught to various markets. When one story came back, rejected, he would turn it right around and send it to another market. Farnsworth Wright, the editor of *Weird Tales*, was most directly responsible for Howard's income, although Howard continued to sell stories elsewhere for the rest of his life.

In 1934, Howard turned to his surroundings to construct new stories. He started another popular series in *Action Stories* in the style of his earlier burlesque boxing sailor stories, this time about a mountain man named Breckenridge Elkins and his various goings-on. A refined mix of action and comedy, they continued to run in the magazine until two years after Howard's death. Howard wrote modern westerns, serious westerns, as well as weird westerns with ghostly or supernatural trappings in them. Again he returned to the theme of civilization being an inherently corrupting influence, and these played very well within the western myths. His correspondence with fellow Lovecraft Circle writer August Derleth shows Howard's love of folklore, Texas history, and the tall tales in the same tradition, as both men regaled each other with information about their respective states. In particular, both men were sympathetic to the plight of the Native American people, and discussed local tribes in some detail. Howard's letters with H.P. Lovecraft also show him defending the concept of the noble savage.

In spite of great success making a living as a writer in a small Texas town in the middle of the Great Depression, Howard's home life was less than satisfactory. With his father gone for extended periods of time, Howard was left alone to care for his mother, who suffered from tuberculosis. He was prone to fits of depression, what he referred to as his "black moods." He had many friends and acquaintances and kept a regular correspondence with many fellow writers, but had very few people close to him that he could open up to. When his mother went into a coma in June 1936, Howard wrote a final couplet:



OUT OF STATE VISITORS—The Jim Keegan family of Los Angeles, California have been contributors to the Howard Museum for a number of years and attend the Howard Days celebration each year.

*All fled, all done, so lift me on the pyre.
The feast is over, and the lamps expire.*

He committed suicide on June 11, 1936. He left behind a large stack of completed, unpublished stories, as well as his poetry. He was thirty years old.

Only at the end of the twentieth century has Robert E. Howard and his work been seriously studied by academics. Thematically, he has much in common with writers like Ernest Hemingway and Jack London. His economy of prose has been compared to fellow pulp scribe Raymond Chandler. His world, the Hyborian Age, is every bit as detailed as Tolkien's Middle Earth or other places of fantasy. Most importantly, Howard's brand of heroic fantasy (also called sword and sorcery) was unlike anything previously published: a combination of historical setting with magical or "weird" elements thrown in. His stories spawned a slew of imitators, with very few coming close to his level of craftsmanship, and as a result, Howard was critically lumped together with a number of lesser writers, and his work was not taken seriously.

What draws authors, scholars, and collectors to Howard is his intensity as a writer and his unique way of telling a story. Howard liked to revisit certain themes, such as man vs. man

(usually a lone specialist against vast, innumerable hordes) or the birth and decay of civilizations and the decadence that comes from said civilizations. Howard was fascinated with primitive cultures and featured them heavily in his work. He was also able to create a sense of place, in both scope and scale that was very real and immediate. His stories read naturally and ring with authenticity. His love of poetry served him well and allowed him to paint vivid, immediate pictures with very few words. But Howard's most notable skill was his portrayal of action. Few authors are able to come close to the edge-of-the-seat, nail-biting action sequences that Howard was famous for. Whether he was orchestrating a swordfight on the beach between two perates, or a grand sweeping battle with thousands of participants, his poetical skill for violence, coupled with a flair for conversational storytelling, mark him as one of the greatest adventure writers of the twentieth century.

Barbarism is the natural state of mankind. Civilization is unnatural. It is a whim of circumstance. And barbarism must ultimately triumph.

from "Beyond the Black River"
Robert E. Howard

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Project Pride members would like to thank each organization or individual who helped to make the Robert E. Howard Days 2005 such a huge success.

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4. Stacy Jobe, Moran
5. Clarence Chambers, Brownwood
6. David Goble, Cross Plains
7. G.W. Ashwander, Goldsboro
8. Mel Norris, Abilene
9. Wimpy McCoy - Cross Plains
10. Frank McDaniel, Sidney

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Tyler Jobe

Peoples Choice-

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Russell Snyder

Most Unique Antique Engine

Benny Ezzell

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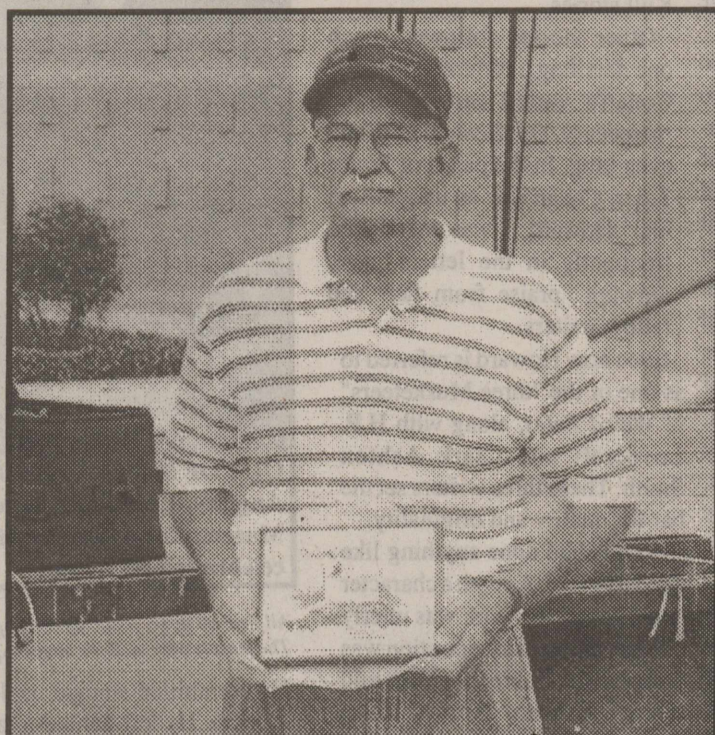
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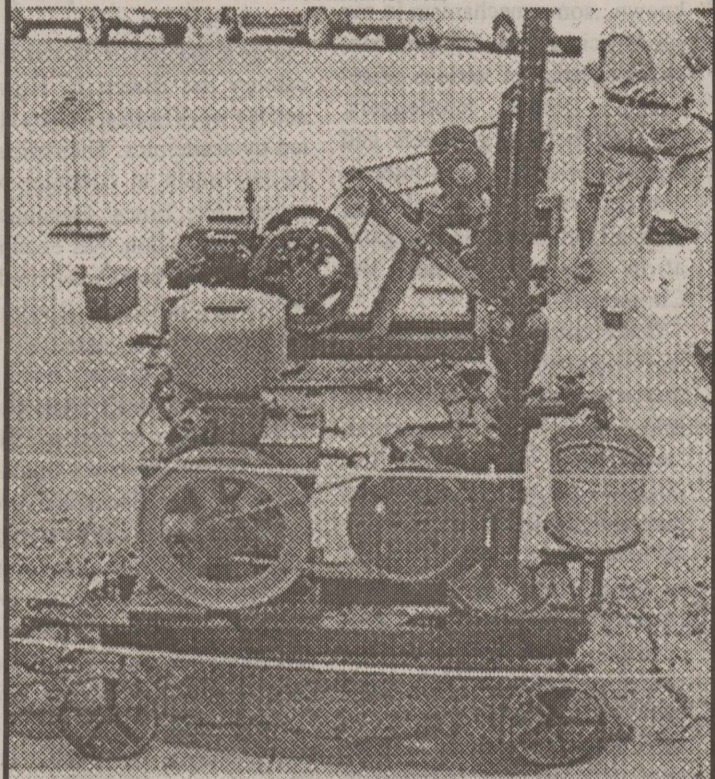
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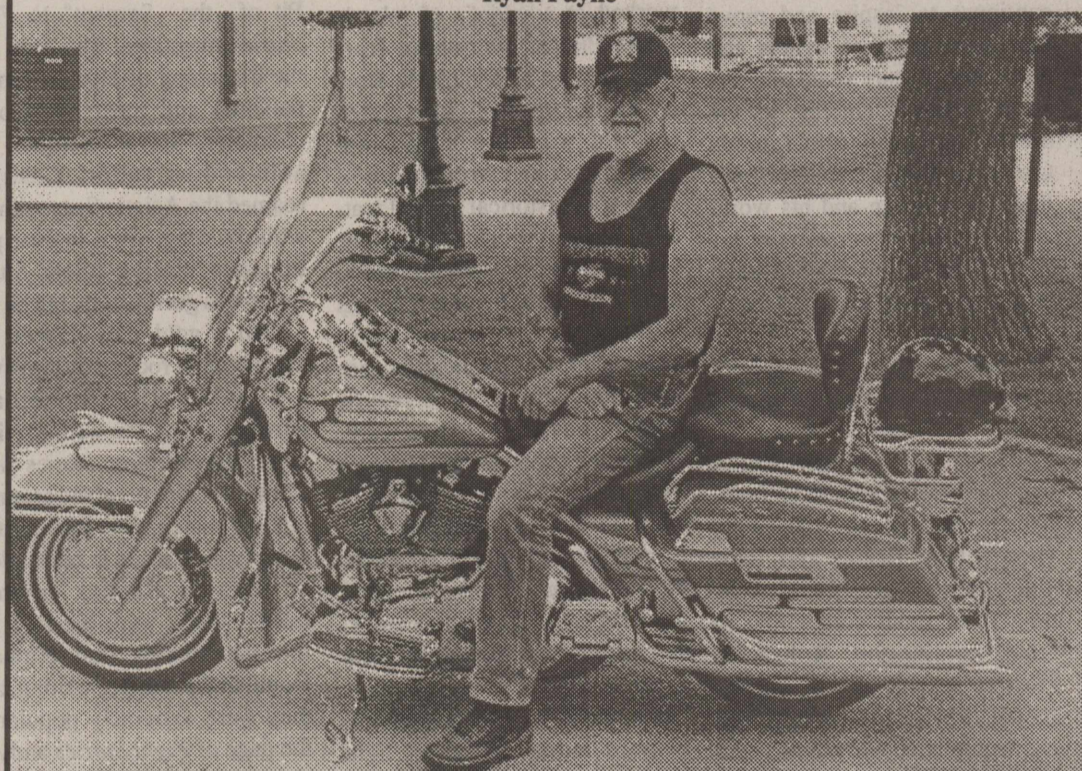
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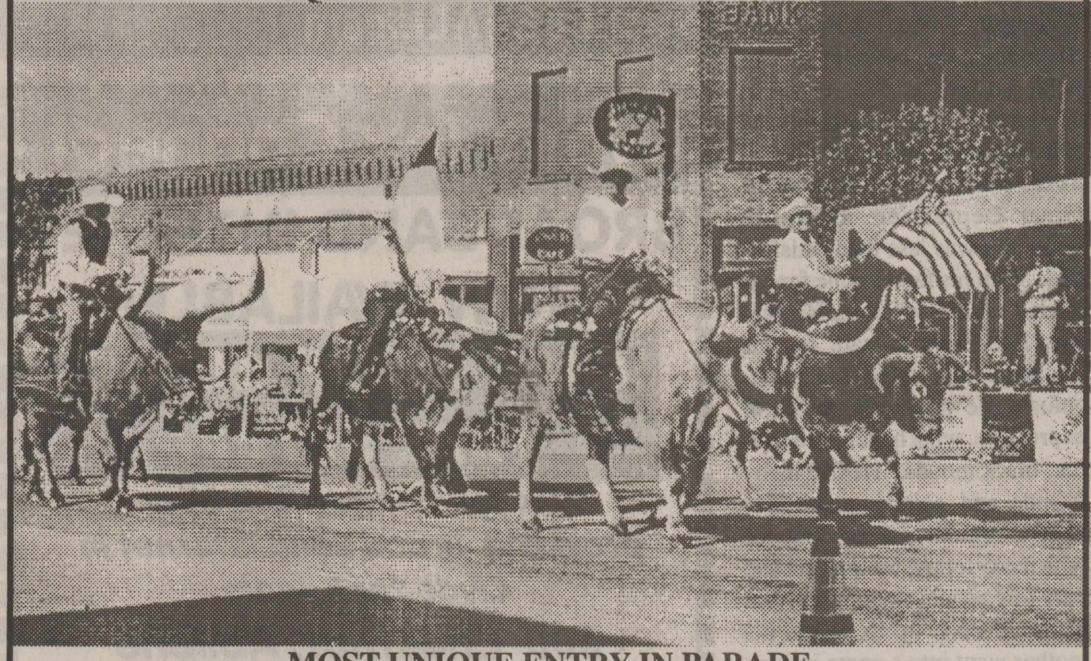
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Barbarian Festival Committee

Commissioners approve 17 electronic voting machines for Callahan County

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved the purchase of 17 electronic voting machines for county voters to cast their ballots electronically.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 13 during a regular meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

A recommendation from a committee of Judge Roger Corn, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, Voter Registrar Tammy Walker and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon, was made to purchase the 17 electronic voting machines. Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to approve the purchase of the 17 Direct Recording Electronic (DRE's) machines. Judge Corn seconded the motion and it carried by a 4-0 vote.

The committee recommended the number of DRE machines based upon the number of total voters in each precinct. Three DRE's were purchased for each of the four largest county voting precincts (Precinct #1 in Clyde, Precinct #2 in Eula, Precinct #3 in Baird and Precinct #4 in Cross Plains). One DRE will be purchased for voting Precinct #5 (Putnam), and two DRE's each in voter Precinct #6 in Clyde and Precinct #7 in Oplin.

The total cost for the 17 DRE's will be \$119,490, however a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant for \$110,049 will pay the majority of the voting machines. Callahan County will pay the remaining \$9,440.95 cost of the DRE's.

The commissioners' court approved the new electronic voting machines during their regular monthly meeting held Monday, May 23 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The new electronic voting system is being mandated by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed after the Florida voting irregularities. The new electronic voting system must be available in the state by January 1, 2006.

Jim Stryker with Hart Intercivic made a presentation to the commissioner's court on Monday, May 23 on the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) equipment called the Ballot Now system.

County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon said the new voting system will still allow printed ballots for county officials to continue to mail out ballots to county residents residing outside the county.

The new electronic voting machine will allow hearing-impaired individuals to vote through an audio portion of the electronic system.

The voting system, called eSlate, employs a durable wheel to move a highlight bar through the ballot. The voter simply pushes the ENTER button when the choice is highlighted. The wheel and two-step voting process provides precise, highly visible selection and confirmation of voter intent. The system prevents over-voting and ensures the voter is alerted to under-voting. Before casting a ballot, the voter is presented with a

clear summary of the ballot, allowing verification of selections and a final opportunity for changes or corrections, as necessary.

Accessible by design, the Disabled Access Unit enables special needs voters, including disabled and literacy-challenged voters, to cast votes independently and privately.

The electronic voting system can complete tabulation of the largest precincts in a matter of seconds.

Each voting system weighs only 5.2 pounds and features a battery pack that provides back-up power. With back-up battery power in place, any poll worker can transport an eSlate to a voter, allowing election officials to offer curbside voting.

Access codes enable secure voter access without compromising voter privacy or anonymity. Advanced auditing capabilities allow for both manual (paper) and electronic recounts as necessary. The system provides election officials with a complete record to support recounts or audits.

Bohannon said there will also be some expense in training election workers on the new system. Bohannon said each electronic voting machine can allow 250 people to vote each day.

The county clerk said hopefully, the new electronic voting system will be installed in the county by the November 8 Amendment Election in Texas.

2005 Coleman PRCR Rodeo this weekend June 16-18

Coleman's 68th Annual PRCR Rodeo will hold nightly performances only at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th, and 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 17th and 18th.

The Coleman Rodeo Association provides one of the finest outdoor facilities in the Southwest. It seats 6,000 people and has free parking adjoining the dust-free arena.

The Coleman Rodeo is strictly professional and always has been. This insures that some of

the top cowboys and cowgirls in the nation will be competing for some \$20,000.00 added prize money. Over 500 contestants are expected this year!

The 2005 Rodeo Queen is Taylor Davis, daughter of Jay and Tammy Davis.

Mack Altizer's BAD COMPANY RODEO from Del Rio will furnish stock.

Rodeo events include Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Women's Barrel Race, Women's

Breakaway Roping, Bull Riding, Single Steer Roping, Team Roping and Wild Cow Milking Contest.

This year there will be a Kids Muttin Bustin, which will start at 6:15 p.m. along with the Goat Scramble, later in the rodeo.

The Rodeo Dance will be held at the Rodeo Dance Pavilion on Friday and Saturday nights starting when the rodeo ends. Jim Sadler and his band of Abilene will provide the music.

"GO WILD — READ!!!"

Register for the Pre-School Library Program

The latest addition to the local library activities is a summer reading program for pre-schoolers. "Go Wild—Read" is a program especially designed for 3 to 6 year olds, and will include finger plays, action songs, story time, crafts and snacks. The program will run June 27-July 1, 1:30 - 2:30 each afternoon.

Pre-registration is necessary to ensure adequate supplies and snacks; thus parents are encouraged to contact the library during the week of June 20-24. You may call the library, (254) 725-7722, to register your children.

Sue Bennett will direct the week long fun with help from Tabitha Martineau, Brittani Lidey and Kathleen Terstegge.

Parents, guardians, grandparents and older siblings all have a crucial role in the success of this program. The children will be checking out 5 books each day

and older family members are encouraged to read and share the books with them. Such quality time spent with young readers will help develop a life long love of reading.

The week promises to be a lot of fun with a lot prizes for each participant. Be sure to get your children registered so they can join the fun.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

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"Wishes on Wheels" Provide Power Electric Wheelchairs

May 2005--Wishes on Wheels makes available Electric Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old & up) and the permanently disabled of any age, if they qualify.

Usually, there is no charge or out-of-pocket expense for the power wheelchair, including shipping and delivery to the home by a technician, who makes the final adjustments to fit the individual and shows them how to use and maintain it. No deposit is required and there is no obligation for determining if they qualify.

Electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and also cannot operate a manual wheelchair sufficiently or safely enough to care for themselves in their residence. They do have to be able to safely operate a joystick controller on the armrest and understand the basic instructions.

There are additional qualifications including that their doctor approves and recommends their need for a power wheelchair.

Please call 1-800-823-5220 or visit our web site at www.threewishes2.com for more information on the details of this program.

The Wishes on Wheels program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness of the assistance options that exist to allow senior citizens and the permanently disabled to remain independent in their homes without incurring extra expense.

Without this awareness and assistance, the senior and their family may prematurely choose a nursing home or take on expensive in-home care simply because they cannot move safely (or quickly enough) from room to room, to get to the bathroom, the kitchen or answer the phone or doorbell.

Also, they might make an unnecessary retail or cash purchase of power mobility equipment, or worse, be sold or pressured into purchasing something that does not properly fulfill their needs. We insist that the doctor must confirm any necessary options and assures medical compliance.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage events planned in Callahan County June 22

The regional offices of the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) are working together to help Medicare recipients apply for the extra help offered by the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. This new coverage does not begin until January 1, 2006 but Medicare recipients can fill out applications now to see if they're eligible to pay lower—or no premiums and deductibles. Also, eligible recipients will pay reduced coinsurance amounts or very small co-pays for their prescription drugs.

Representatives from SSA and SHIP will be in Callahan County on Wednesday, June 22nd to assist with applications and answer questions about the new coverage. The representatives will be at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center at 10:00 a.m. on June 22. The SSA and SHIP representatives will be at the Clyde Senior Citizens Center at 12:00 noon and will be at the Baird Senior Citizens Center at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22. Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage handouts and other information of interest to Medicare recipients will be available. All interested individuals are welcome.

Employment opportunities with medical transcription company announced

ABILENE—Transcend Services, Inc., in partnership with the West Central Texas Workforce Center, is inviting interested individuals in the region to apply for employment as Medical Transcriptionists. Medical transcription services in Abilene will be provided to large acute care, clinic, oncology, (cardiology, and radiology-specific accounts. Transcend offers highly competitive pay, as well as production incentives, shift and certification differentials, and an attractive benefits package. Transcriptionists are able to work from their homes. Positions are available for entry-level medical transcriptionists, who have graduated from a medical transcription program in the past year, as well as positions for experienced medical transcriptionists (25 or more dictators), who have a minimum of one year of recent work experience in a large clinic or acute care setting.

In addition to medical transcriptionists, Transcend is seeking to hire a trainer, who is able to work in new Abilene offices scheduled to open in less than

one month. Qualified applicants must have at least 5-7 years of medical transcription experience and a strong background with acute care work.

Interested individuals who meet the eligibility requirements must register through the Workforce Center in Abilene. Applicants will be pre-screened and qualified candidates will be scheduled for interviews with company representatives at a recruitment fair on June 21st and 22nd.

Transcend Services, Inc. is an Atlanta, Georgia-based national medical transcription company, with a total labor force of 550 employees, all located in the United States. Using domestic labor is a hallmark of this Company, and 13 area residents have already been hired during the initial hiring phase earlier in the spring. Eventually, the company projects a total of 208 employees in Abilene.

Questions regarding these job opportunities may be directed to the Abilene Workforce Center at (800) 457-5600 or directly to Transcend at (800) 555-8727 Ext. 343.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 5, 2005

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

Ray Purvis gave the monthly police report. He reported 93 calls for service, 4 thefts, 1 trespassing, 2 trespass warnings, 1 forgery, 1 gas drive off, 2 stolen vehicles (recovered), 2 assaults, 1 accident, 1 suspicious fire, 4 assist other agencies, 3 suspicious persons, 2 harassments, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 runaways, with 57 warnings and 74 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill presented the monthly judge's report. He reported 74 citations for March with 28 remaining outstanding. There were 12 citations outstanding for February and 7 remain outstanding for January. He reported sending out 12 reminder letters, 3 failure to appear letters and registering 23 delinquent citations on OMNI. Collections for March were \$7,814.00. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Jerry Cassle moved to pay the bills. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Gene Dillard moved to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of land at the baseball park. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried. After lengthy discussion, Gene Dillard moved to return to open meeting. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried. No action was taken.

Terry Lichty moved to adjourn. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

May 3, 2005

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

Don Gosnell gave the monthly police report. He reported 102 calls for service, 3 thefts, 1 auto theft, 1 attempted burglary, 5 assaults, 1 terrorist threat, 3 alarm responses, 1 criminal trespassing, 5 criminal mischief's, 4 warrants served, 2 dog bites, 1 drug paraphernalia charge, 1 deadly weapon, 3 assist to other agencies, 1 disorderly conduct, 3 family disturbances, with 50 warnings and 73 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill presented the monthly judge's report. He reported 73 citations for April with 30 remaining outstanding. There were 10 citations outstanding for March and 12 remain outstanding for February. He reported sending out 5 reminder letters, 28 failure to appear letters and registering 26 delinquent citations on OMNI. Collection for April were \$8,142.00. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Susan Schaefer met with the council to update them on the EMS. She presented the council with a chart explaining the income for the EMS and where their incomes comes from. She informed the council of new equipment that the service has acquired and she also stated that the service is in need of volunteers, not only drivers, but certified attendants as well. She asked that if anyone knows of someone who would like to serve on the ambulance service to please give one of the members a call.

Don Gosnell met with the

council to ask them to consider purchasing some new equipment for the patrol car. Discussion was held at length and the acquisition was approved.

Discussion was held concerning the 2005/2006 Annual Budget. Mayor Purvis went over the budget in its entirety. Members of the public present were: Mr. and Mrs. H.D. McCoy, Era Lee Hanke, Dannes Turner, Bob Harrell and Scarlett Koettel. Mayor Purvis opened the floor for discussion. No comments were made by the public. Jerry Cassle moved to pass ordinance 2005-001 adopting the 2005/2006 annual budget. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried with Jerry Cassle, Gene Dillard and Edwin Weiss voting aye, and James Nichols and Terry Lichty voting nay.

Edwin Weiss moved to adopt the 2005/2005 EDC annual budget. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried. Weiss, Dillard and Cassle voted aye, and Nichols and Lichty voting nay.

Mayor Purvis appointed W.G. McCoy to the EDC Board to replace Keith Lawrence due to Mr. Lawrence moving out of Callahan County into Eastland County. EDC By-Laws state that a member of the board must be a resident of the county. Mr. McCoy's term will be a one year term. Mayor Purvis also reappointed Era Lee Hanke, Jerry Cassle, Dannes Turner and Hoyt Foster to a two-year term to the EDC Board.

Edwin Weiss moved to pay the bills. Jerry Cassle seconded and motion carried.

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

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

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County to take bids on sale of Clyde JP office

Callahan County Commissioners voted to put the Justice of the Peace building located on North First Street in Clyde up for bids.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 13 during the regular commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Clyde Justice of the Peace office will be moving to old WTU office located at 204 Oak Street after the Callahan County Commissioners voted to purchase the building and relocate the JP's office. The commissioners' court approved the purchase of the building during the commissioners' meeting held Friday, May 27 at the commissioners' courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird. The commissioners' court voted to purchase the building from Carol Windham located on Oak Street for the purchase price of \$38,000.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and second by Judge Roger Corn, commissioners voted 4-0 to put the Clyde Justice of the Peace building located on North First Street in Clyde up for bids. The building will be sold "as is" and sealed bids will be opened on July 11, 2005.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Judge Corn called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with the following officers present: Judge Corn, Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tommy Holland, County Treasurer Dianne Alexander, and County Clerk Jeanie Bohannon.

Also in attendance were: County Attorney Shane Deel, County Sheriff Eddie Curtis, Sheriff's Deputy Willie Cheek, Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker and 42nd District Clerk Sharon Owens.

—The minutes of the May 23 and May 27 commissioners' court meetings were approved as presented.

—There was no public comment received.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the \$135,176.85 bid from Western Towers to construct a 480 foot communications tower on county-owned property located on County Road 470 near Belle Plaine. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried by a 4-0 vote. The County Attorney will draw up a contract to go with the bid.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Judge Corn, commissioners voted 4-0 to accept a \$300 bid from Frank Chrane for a .336 acre tract of land out of Abstract 280, Section 35 of the Edwin Moorehouse Survey. The land was put up for bids from a tax sale.

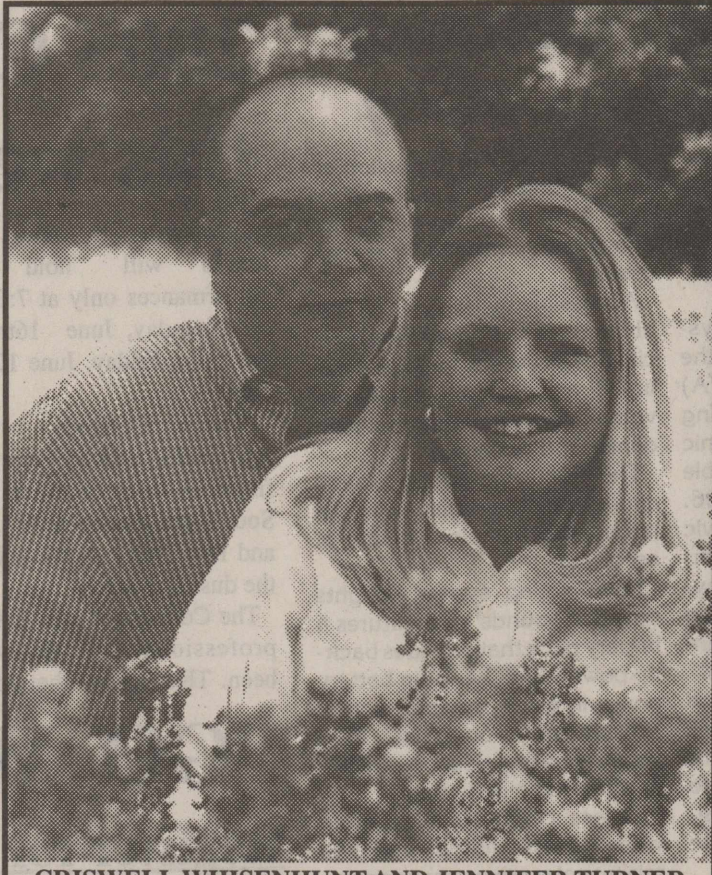
—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 4-0 to table a tax sale bid for part of a lot located on Rusk and Second Street in Clyde.

—Tax Assessor/Collector Walker requested permission to purchase a \$695 scanner for her office in order to preserve tax records and motor vehicle papers. On a motion by Judge Corn and second by Commissioner Hicks, commissioners voted 4-0 to purchase the computer scanner out of funds for Records Management and Preservation Fees.

—Commissioners took no action following a presentation from Sheriff Curtis on a proposal for a Sick Leave Pool for Callahan County employees. Sheriff Curtis gave each elected officials a copy of the Sick Leave Pool policy for each office. This item will be added to the June 27, 2005 commissioners' court agenda.

—On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Judge Corn, commissioners voted 4-0 to pay all approved bills.

—On a motion by Judge Corn and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 4-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:40 a.m.



CRISWELL WHISENHUNT AND JENNIFER TURNER

Turner-Whisenhunt to be wed August 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Turner Merkel are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer DaNell, to Criswell Riley Whisenhunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whisenhunt of

The wedding is planned for August 6, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Warren Ranch in Santa Anna, Texas.

All friends are invited to share in this special time.

A SOLDIER'S THOUGHTS

BY JERRY P. BIGGERSTAFF, JR.

Sleepless

Last night I did not sleep at all. Not for any reason that can be understood easily. I was so tired that I could not keep my eyes open but when they closed it was like a kaleidoscope of things that I needed to do floating around and around. I completely rebuilt my carport at home in my head. I wrote memo's to handle all things that have gone wrong since being here. I remarried my Loving Wife again. So on and so on. The swirling would not stop.

Sometimes around 3 a.m. I seemed to drift but only for a moment coming back to thoughts of what do I need to teach my Supply Clerk so she can handle

my job while I am away. And of course the cycle started all over again. In my tired state I did not remember to set my clock as everyday on generator power the clock loses about 45 minutes. So my day started off wrong.

Today, however, was a good day as my friend and I, who oddly enough was born on the same day as I, only 8 years later, put together a BBQ and cooked steaks. We said Happy Birthday to each other as the day prior he did not have the time to slow down enough to even think of his birthday.

You know, it seems in life that just when you think you have it bad you are reminded in a subtle way that someone out there has it worse.

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Happy Birthday!

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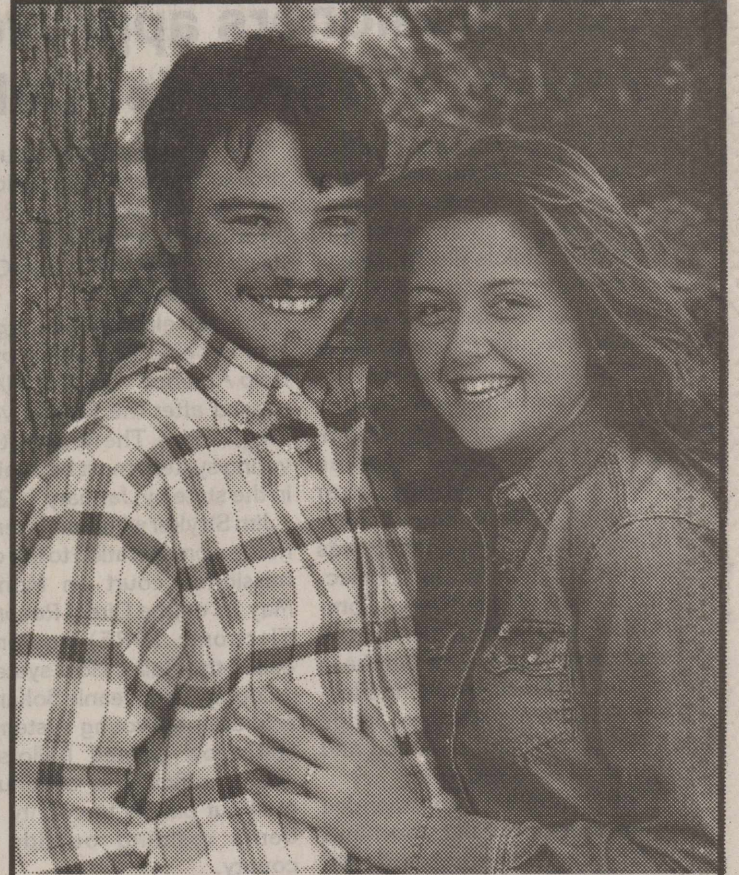
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BRANDON GILLIAM AND FALON BASS

Bass-Gilliam Engagement and Approaching Marriage Plans Told

Melinda Hinkle of Cross Plains is pleased to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of her daughter, Falon Neeley Bass, to Brandon Wayne Gilliam, son of Michael and Ila Gilliam of Cross Plains.

Falon is a 2003 graduate of Cross Plains High School. Her maid of honor will be Candice Bailey. Her bridesmaids will be Jenny (Pancake) Nickerson, Shana and Christin Hyles.

Brandon is a 2001 Cross Plains graduate who is employed by Pioneer Drilling Co. Brandon's best man will be Matt Nickerson. His groomsmen will be Cole Gilliam, Jeremy Gilliam, and Lance Gilliam (brothers of the groom).

The wedding will take place Sunday, June 26, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Michael and Ila Gilliam in Atwell.

All friends and family are welcome to attend.

Animal identification seminar set for June 16

A special Animal ID Seminar for beef producers is set for June 16th at the Abilene Livestock Auction to discuss the National Animal Identification Program. The seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an industry sponsored meal with the program starting at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Bob Hillman, state veterinarian with the Texas Animal Health Commission, will address "Premise Identification." Also, Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, will discuss "Individual Animal Identification." Dr. Gill and Dr. Hillman will also address the Tracking and Trace Back components of this system.

The National Animal Identification Program System (NAIS) is a national program intended to identify specific animals in

the United States and record their movement over their lifespans. It is being developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State agencies—in cooperation with industry—to enable 48-hour traceback of the movements of any diseased or exposed animal. This will help to ensure rapid disease containment and maximum protection of America's animals.

Those planning to attend are asked to please RSVP by June 14th so that we can have an accurate count for meal planning purposes.

For more information and to RSVP contact the Taylor County Extension Office at 672-6048 or the Callahan County Extension office at 854-1518.

Sincerely,
Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent-Arg

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Subject: God's Elephants

No one is insignificant in God's eyes, and His care for sparrows, finches, eagles, and elephants is a constant reminder that He cares for you, and for me. What He makes, He cherishes.

Consider the elephants of the Pavilion Hotel in Phuket, Thailand, where one of the most popular attractions is elephant rides. As many as eight people on one elephant, first into the surrounding forest, then down to the beach, to lunch at a fresh water lagoon, then back to the hotel.

"Our nine elephants," writes Pavilion Hotel Group manager Jim France, "are kept chained to in-ground posts, not because they need to be, but because it makes the tourists feel better because their children seem safe from a tromping when they're feeding the beasts."

"About twenty minutes before the first wave of the recent Tsunami hit, the elephants became extremely agitated and unruly. Four had just returned from a

trip and their handler's had not yet chained them. In a desperate panic, the four elephants helped the other five tear free from their chains. They all then climbed a hill and started belting. Many people followed them up the hill. Then the waves hit."

"After the waves subsided, the elephants charged down from the hill and started picking up children with their trunks and running them back up the hill. When all the children were taken care of, they started helping the adults."

"God's elephants" rescued forty-two people that day. Then, they returned to the beach and carried up four dead bodies, including one of a child.

Not until the task was done did they allow their handlers to mount them.

Then, with handlers atop, they began moving wreckage.

So remember, whatever God makes, He cherishes. Including elephants, sparrows, and you.

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