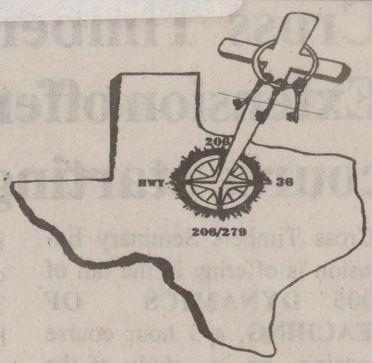


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THURSDAY, July 7, 2005

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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was given to me to read to my mother, who is critically ill. The emotions that a person experiences at a time like this is amazing. They ask questions that you just can't answer, because you don't know.

Death is something none of us have experienced, so we can't comfort them with some personal account.

This was such a wonderful analogy that I felt others might benefit from it. This brief story puts things into perspective so our mind's eye can see.

It is really a matter of faith and trust in the Lord. Hold fast to your faith!!!! Vanda Anderson

"What's On the Other Side?"

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...

I know my Master is there waiting to welcome me, and that is enough."

Author Unknown

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BURN BAN

Ordered in Callahan County

Callahan County, Texas
Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, declaration with provision of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wild fire and,

WHEREAS, declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fire,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED, that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas, effective June 28, 2005 and further notice,

(1) Action prohibited.

A. A person violates this order if he or she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he/she engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement.

A. Violations of this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail.

B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of violation of this order will be the County Courts at Law of Callahan County, Texas.

(3) A person is not in violation if, prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she obtains permission to stage a Prescribed Burn from the Natural Resources Conservation Services.

(4) A person is not in violation, if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief or the Callahan County Sheriff. In this instance, the Fire Chief or Sheriff will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and or precautions which must be observed.

(5) Further, the burning of prickly pears as a food supplement for livestock is not a violation, if he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief or the Callahan County Sheriff. In this instance, the Fire Chief or Sheriff will have the authority to set the conditions, restricts, and or precautions which must be observed.

ORDERED by the County Judge of Callahan County, Texas on the 28th day of June 2005, and executed on the same day.

(s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge

Meet the Author
Our Own
Carol Walt

Author of
West Texas Classified

Tuesday, July 19th
7:00 PM
Cross Plains
Community Center



DEDICATION FOR MARKER OF THE WESTERN CATTLE TRAIL- Saturday, July 2, 2005 a dedication ceremony was held and a marker erected in Baird commemorating the path of the Western Cattle Trail. The marker in Baird located at the train caboose on the corner of Highway 283 and Business 20 was the first of five historical markers to be placed within Callahan County.

"Holidays of the Year" Theme at Read Aloud Cafe

Did you hear that we'll be celebrating five different holidays in one week at Cross Plains Public Library? It's true! Make plans now for your child to attend the Read Aloud Cafe this coming week, July 11-15, 2005!

This is an annual program sponsored by the Library and this year's theme will be **HOLIDAYS OF THE YEAR**. Every day will feature a different holiday: Monday, Independence Day; Tuesday, Valentine's Day; Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day; Thursday, Christmas; and we will conclude with a Birthday Party on Friday! Lunch will be served to the children promptly at 12 noon each day and they will enjoy many fun read-aloud books and prizes while they eat.

Come and "celebrate" with us every day next week or you'll miss all the fun! Please call the Library (725-7722) or Jacque Childress (725-6866) for more information or if you would like to help provide food. If you are interested in helping provide food items for this program, a list is available in the Library for sign-up. Also, if your child is not registered yet, please call or come by the Library before the program starts each day. The children will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. each day. Lets celebrate holidays and reading at the same time!

Submitted by Jacque Childress

C.P. Cowboy Church Starts Annual Trail Ride July 9th

The Cross Plains Cowboy Church is beginning an annual Trail Ride Saturday, July 9th.

The ride will begin at 8:00 a.m. Barbecue and drinks will be provided and the cost of the ride will be \$10.00 per person. Proceeds from the event will benefit the building fund for the Cross Plains Cowboy Church.

Directions for the ride from Cross Plains are: take 206 toward Coleman about 8 miles, then turn right on County Road 180, follow the signs for there.

Everyone is invited to bring your horses and join the fun. Call (254) 725-6446 or (325) 518-5882 for details.

Thanks for your support.



OFFICIALS ERECT MARKER- Saturday, July 2, 2005 members of the Vernon Rotary Club, Callahan County Historical Commission, City of Baird, Rotary Club of Abilene, the Tom Ivey Family and many Callahan County residents were on hand for the erecting of a marker of the Western Cattle Trail. Flags carried by Callahan County Sheriff's Posse officers Jeff Bureson and Mike Walker.

Renowned Prophets to Speak at Pioneer Pentecostal Church July 7-9

The Pioneer Pentecostal Church Revival will be held July 7th, 8th, and 9th, starting at 6:30 p.m. each night in Pioneer, Texas (Located between Cross Plains and Rising Star, 5 miles east of Cross Plains on Hwy 36, turn left on County Road 569, go 1 mile church is on left). Come get a refreshing from the Prophets of the Lord, and also come expecting blessings from the Lord!

The main speakers will be Michial Ratliff and Cary Stultz. Michial Ratliff has been functioning in the office of the prophet for 30 years. He has traveled extensively worldwide, and the fruitfulness of his words from the Lord coming to pass includes: Israel, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Australia, Canada, Mexico, and the United States, to mention a few.

In the United States, God has graced Michial to minister at the White house, as well as to Christian members of the CIA, FBI, the Secret Service, Pentagon officials, members of Congress, and various other agencies in our government. In Scandinavia, to numerous parliament members in Oslo, Norway, Helsinki, Finland, and Sweden. In Jerusalem, Israel he was a featured speaker at the Feast of Tabernacles to some 88 nations. In Australia, to conferences of pastors, Christian businessmen and churches.

Prophecies that have come to pass include: the Oklahoma City Bombing, Hurricane Andrew, the Great St. Louis train wreck, the Pensacola Revival, Texas Flood on the Brazos River, the majestic lightning storm of San Antonio, Texas, the softball size hailstorm

in Kerrville, Texas, earthquakes in Bergen, Norway, Australia, and the United States.

Personal words to everyday people from an extraordinary God of Love: Barren wives after being prophesied over became pregnant and gave birth to healthy babies; thus, "Receive a Prophet in the name of a prophet and you received a Prophet's reward", which is a birthing, both the natural and supernatural. Michial's delight is primarily in the testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy (Revelations: 19).

Cary Stultz, who is also a prophet, prophesied the Tsunami, and the 9/11 Twin Towers just to name a few. He is an ordained minister of the Gospel. Cary also has a degree in practical theology from Christ for the

See Revival on Page 3

Cross Timbers Seminary Extension offering teaching course starting July 21st

Cross Timbers Seminary Extension is offering in the fall of 2005 **DYNAMICS OF TEACHING**, a 3 hour course focusing on a study of the principles and methods of teaching youth and adults, including the relationship of the teacher to the teaching task, the steps in lesson plan development, and the use of teaching aids.

This course will begin July 21 and end November 17th. We will meet every Thursday evening for 2 1/2 hours beginning at 6:30 p.m.

in Breckenridge. Other classes can meet in your area Monday, Tuesday or Friday evening if you have at least three students to sign up.

Textbooks: *Teaching Ministry of the Church*, Eldridge D. *Teaching for Results*, Edge, F.B.

If you are interested in taking the fall course contact Baylis Pope at (254) 442-4663.

Submitted by Baylis Pope

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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
Church (254) 725-6266

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Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

OBITUARIES



Lora Marie Dillard

Lora Marie Dillard, age 91, of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005 at Higginbotham Chapel, with Faye Simons officiating; burial was followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

She was born on July 6, 1913 to John McGee and Mollie (Wingfield) McGee in Callahan County, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters, Renie Hyman, Dessa Higgins, and Donna Turner as well as 1 grandchild.

She is survived by her son, N.L. (Raz) Dillard of Cross Plains; daughters, Bonnie Heard, Jean Wilson, Nelda Pancake, La Neal (Sissie) Worley all of Cross Plains and Kala Rane (Pill) King of Weatherford; sisters, Lois Vaughn of Cross Plains and Johnnie Alexander of California; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donnie Dillard, Allen Key, Chris Key, Cody Pancake, Randy Pancake, Nikki Wilson, and Donnie Worley. Honorary Pallbearers were Donnie (Bubba) Dillard, Joseph Dillard, Brodie Elkins, Drew Hagler, Tyson Moreland, Sam Nixon, Jeremy Pancake, Jody Pancake, Dawson White, Josh Wilson, and Kevin Wilson.

Guy Watson

Guy Watson, age 45, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2005, in Abilene, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 2nd at 2 p.m. at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene under the direction of Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Rd.

Jeffrey Guy Watson was born on May 16, 1960 in Abilene, Texas to Jack Watson and Joe Atwood Watson. He moved to Abilene from Cross Plains in September of 1967. Guy graduated from Cooper High School in 1981 and has been a volunteer worker for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for 17 years. He was recognized as Honorary Employee of the Quarter in 1999 at the Rehab. He was the coach for the WTRC softball team. Guy was a member of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Guy is survived and lovingly remembered by his parents, Jack and Joe Watson, of Abilene; a brother, Todd Watson and wife, Tina, of Tyler; and a sister, Staci Watson, of Memphis, Tennessee.

Pallbearers were Rosemary Ash, Larry Farr, Sam Elliott, Henry Loza, Dole Mitchell, Eddie Nevarro, Jim Washburn and Woody Gilliland. Honorary Pallbearers were West Texas Rehabilitation Center Employees.

Memorial may be sent to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Sayra Jo Evans Fox

Sayra Joe Evans Fox, age 76, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, July 2, 2005 at her home.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 3, 2005 at the Cross Plains Cemetery, with Max Evans officiating.

Sayra was born in Jacksboro, Texas on July 17, 1928 to Joe B. and Thelma Jo (Dye) Evans. She graduated from Post High School and later assisted her husband in his architectural business while in San Angelo and Abilene. In her later years she was a business woman in Cross Plains assisting with Stroud Shamrock, and then opened her elite dress shop.

She is survived by her nephews, Joe Bob Evans, Larry Evans and Max Evans and her niece, Jo Partin; numerous cousins, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, as well as her uncle, Jack Dye and wife, Doris; and a host of friends.

Eugene "Junior" Grider, Jr.

A funeral service for Eugene "Junior" Grider Jr., 73, of Early, was held at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 26, in the Chapel at Heartland Funeral Home with the Rev. Ruben Packer officiating. Burial followed in Salt Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Grider passed away Friday, June 24, 2005, in Brownwood.

Eugene Grider Jr. was born February 7, 1932, in Cross Plains, the son of Eugene and Alice Grider. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was married to Norma Birdwell on May 25, 1958, in Coleman. She preceded him in death after 40 years of marriage, in March of 1998. He later married Pat Langley on August 22, 1998, at Lake Brownwood.

He was a self-employed electrician and had lived in Early for the past 36 years, moving here from Coleman. "Junior" was an avid gardener and loved to cook for family and friends. He was a member of the American Legion and Victory Baptist Church. "Junior" was a loving husband, a devoted father and grandfather and a loyal friend to many.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Pat Grider Early; two sons, Dewey Grider and wife Sabrina of Blanket and Michael Grider and wife Jill of Lubbock; one daughter, D'une Winfrey of Brownwood; four stepsons, Mike Langley and wife Debbie, Donnie Langley and wife Amber and Benny Langley and wife Melinda, all of Brownwood, and Steve Langley and wife Betty of Houston; one stepdaughter, Jeanne Teague and husband Duane of Brownwood; three brothers, Robert Grider of Rising Star, Dick Grider of Cross Plains and David Grider of Gunsight; three sisters, Frances Taylor of Cross Plains, Helen Gage of Sabana and Rosa Lee McClain of Conroe; grandchildren, Michael Dearing, Amanda Williams, Max Grider, Nicholas Grider, Bailee Lusk, and Whitney Lusk; and six great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by seven step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

William N. Smith

William N. Smith, age 91 years, of Cross Plains, passed away on June 30, 2005 in the Clyde Nursing Home. Funeral services were held 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2, 2005 with Matt McGowen officiating; burial was in the Cottonwood Cemetery.

He was born on February 6, 1918 in Los Animas, CO to Raymond E. and Florence (Cooper) Smith. He completed high school and joined the U.S. Navy and retired as Sr. Chief Storekeeper.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Worley of Cross Plains; a brother, Eugene Neher of Denver, CO; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the West Texas Rehab in Abilene.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Amanda Moore, theft by check.
Tonna D. Nix, theft by check.
James B. Northcutt, theft by check.
Bobby L. Pence, theft by check.
Kurt B. Waldon, assault.
Thomas P. Yeary, Ct. I. driving while intoxicated (DWI), Ct. II - possession of marijuana.
Trey B. Scott, DWI.
Tyson G. Jules, DWI.
Ronald P. Rhoads, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Julie M. Pearce, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$180.95 fine, \$215 court costs, \$79.05 restitution.
Bryan A. Martin, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$186.47 fine, \$215 court costs, \$63.53 restitution.
Pat W. Hart, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 10 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$343 court costs.
Jimmy Pickett, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 2 year probation, \$750 fine, \$343 court costs.
Jimmy Pickett, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Scott R. Rentz, plea of guilty to possession of a dangerous drug, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$343 court costs.
Daniel R. Haas, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$343 court costs.
John D. Dobbs, plea of guilty to DWI - 2nd, 2 year probation, \$800 fine, \$343 court costs.

John D. Dobbs, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Midland Co. granted.

Emily Austin, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$343 court costs.
Jim Mathis, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$250 fine, \$243 court costs, \$885 restitution.
Jim Mathis, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Lubbock Co. granted.

Amanda Lambert, motion to dismiss to theft of service granted.

Paul Prieto, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$700 fine, \$243 court costs.

Paul Prieto, Jr., transfer request from Taylor Co. to Eastland Co. granted.

Franklin B. Gomez, plea of guilty to interference with emergency telephone call, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$243 court costs.

Sherry Wade, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Terry Brown, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: David Anthony Breneman; Lester Charles Howe.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Monica Webster; Jesus Ybarra; Margo Eileen Cornellie; Jason Bulger; Sandi Watson; Jeremy R. Franke; Bryson Cannon; Audie Ray Williams, Jr.; Cody Franklin.

James M. Long, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$300 fine, \$165 court costs.

Camille Tomlinson, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted.

Marriage Licenses

Ryan Cory Phillips and Tiffany Sevanna Goains, both of Cross Plains.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Gary Pickett vs. Alea London, LTD, damages.

Jere Margaret Drake and Ricky Dean Drake, divorce.

Jena Ann Williams and Thomas Jerald Williams, divorce.

Wanda Kay Sellers and Billy Lloyd Sellers, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Vera C. Beck and Calvin A. Beck, divorce granted.

Donna Lynn Norwood and Timothy J. Norwood, divorce granted.

The Cross Plains Review

Deadlines are as listed

Ads Noon on Tuesday-Articles Noon on Monday



God Bless America

Pray for our President and all our military sons and daughters as the fight for freedom continues.

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11:00 am & 6:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Wed. Prayer/Worship

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Independence Day Celebration Bangs Like A Big 4th Of July Firecracker

Thanks be, to a whole slew of people who volunteered (nothing good ever gets done without volunteers) their time and effort to making our 4th of July Independence Day celebration a great start for the rest of the day's celebration.

And, it's going to be hard to mention everyone who volunteered to make our program a success. You had to be there, really, to appreciate the efforts of so many. First of all three cheers for the Quilting Club of Cottonwood for furnishing the building, free of charge, and for their help preparing the refreshments. And three cheers for Ben Schaefer who showed up in his impressive Boy Scout Uniform to Post the Flag.

If you were there you would have caught the emotion of the hour as Mary Ella Weaver read the poem "In Flanders Field" by Maj. John McCrae, and the enthusiasm of the crowd as participants sang the great

patriotic songs and hymns, accompanied by Gail Ransdell and lead by Jacque Childress.

Unless you were there in person, you cannot appreciate the connection, as Beth Bogue read, from the Children's Book, "The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm," penned by Nancy Robinson Masters, her cousin. Both the reader and the author are 3rd generation descendants of Judge Henry Robinson. And, unless you were there in person, you missed the joy of the crowd as Tracy Dillard played her famous puppet show "I'm Proud to Be An American."

Scott Childress' notes about the founding fathers as he read the "Declaration of Independence" was very much appreciated and Wendel Draper's reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America was excellent. And thank you Bob Childress for a meaningful benediction.

Thank you to all those in the audience who volunteered their time to come and help us celebrate this Fourth of July,

listening again to the founding documents of our American democracy and freedoms.

Lady From Coleman Purchases Winning Ticket For Quilt

Liz Rush from Coleman bought the winning ticket for the Cottonwood Quilting Club's fund-raiser quilt. She will be invited to the quilting club's meeting this week and hopefully we can have a photo for next week or so.

So, better luck next time, all you losers out there! You can feel very good that your purchase of the non-winning tickets went to a good cause, the upkeep of a nice facility we can all use for dinners, reunions, and other meetings of note. There is a cost for using this facility so please call Isla Stroud 254-725-7263 for reservations.

(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.)

LIBRARY NOTES

Behind The Books

Once in a while, I get to sneak out of the Library and go "see books in action" as it were. Such was the case on Monday when I hitched a ride out to Cottonwood to check out their Independence Day Celebration. Zowie, it was such a neat old timey program reminiscent of those little country schools, where my great grandmother used to hide behind the books. Delightful puppet show, patriotic "recitations", stirring audience sing-a-longs, great music and folks of all ages participating. Those fine folks have obviously read everything on the PATRIOTIC shelf. As I looked around to see how real people look in goosebumps, I saw boo-koos of my Library friends - board members, former board members, program directors, authors and relatives of authors and a whole heap of special friends of the Library.

You can bet that I'm going to sneak out there again next year. RU? CU-BW

Statistics 6/27/05 thru 7/1/05

Total Books	
Summer Reading	276
Other	53
	329

ILL	1
Internet Users	29

Donation:
Children's Resource Center:
Robert G. Taylor, Dallas Galbraith, and Charles and Alberta Arledge
Donations: Books
Leo Thompson, Betty Browning, and Charles and Lou Rodenberger

Library Activity Report 6/27/05 thru 7/1/05

Patron:	159
Summer Reading	68
Other	91
Programs:	110
Summer Reading	68
Other	42
Copies	0
Reference	2
Check In/Out Books	88
Calls In	6
Internet Users	29

67th Woody Reunion coming July 9th & 10th

The 67th Woody Reunion will be held July 9-10. On Saturday, July 9th, they will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Ethel Champion's home at 325 South Avenue A in Cross Plains. On Sunday, July 10th, they will meet at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood.

All family and friends are invited.

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Joshua Hopkins Recognized at Tarleton State

Joshua W. Hopkins has been awarded "Distinguished Student," one of the highest honors Tarleton State University confers on its students.

This distinction is the University's way of honoring academic achievements and recognizing a student's importance on campus.

Joshua is the son of Hoppy and Patricia Hopkins of Cross Plains.

Terry Nixon Honored at McMurry

Terry Gail Nixon was among the students at McMurry University who were selected for induction into Alpha Chi, a national honor society which recognizes the highest ten percent in academic standing of junior and senior students.

Terry, a junior and General Business Major, was also named to the Spring 2005 Dean's List. A student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

"Just Drinkin' and Feeding"

Be cautious and stay hydrated. This is good advice; especially for small children and senior citizens. Be careful and drink plenty of fluids such as Gatorade, water and other refreshing beverages could prevent Heat Stroke and very well, might save your life.

On lovely, bright and sunny days, my favorite thing to do is to go outside and watch the birds as they fly in for feed and water and sing their cheery song. We have four or five bird feeders up. There are also some very agile and cute little hummingbirds also, with their small delicate wings going

90 to nothing. We have two hummingbird feeders up also.

I could sit for hours watching them. Sometimes they are just plain mean. They will fly in and fight another hummingbird and run it off so that they can take his spot at the feeder.

We have a butterfly feeder which we put up some years ago. The past two years, some man at my house can't seem to locate it and doesn't remember where he stored it. But that's okay, the butterflies don't seem to mind; they just go drink from the hummingbird's feeder.

All in all, it makes one fun and interesting summer.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JULY 11 - 15

MONDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Vegetable, Mixed Fruit, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Pineapple, Oatmeal Cookie, Crackers, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Pinto Beans w/Ham, Tomatoes & Okra, Hominy, Cheesecake, Cornbread, Milk
THURSDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Steamed Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Sugar Cookie, Bread, Milk

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

How Much Does A Prayer Weigh

Louise, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work. Her seven children needed food.

The grocer scoffed at her and requested she leave the store. Standing beside the counter as a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and said that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant manner, "Do you have a grocery list?"

Yes Sir," Louise answered. OK he said, put your list on the scales and whatever it weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries."

Louise reached in her purse, took out a paper and scribbled something on it. She laid the

paper on the scales and bowed her head.

The eyes of the grocer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed there.

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the counter. The scales stayed down. Finally the grocer grabbed the list and looked with greater amazement. It was not a list but a prayer which said: "Dear Lord, You know my needs. I am leaving this in Your hands."

The grocer gave Louise the groceries, and stood in stunned silence.

Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed the grocer a fifty dollar bill and said "It was worth every penny of it."

It was sometime later that the grocer discovered that his scales were broken. Therefore, only God knows how much a prayer weighs.

I dare say that the customer was the most blessed that day. It is truly "more blessed to give than to receive."

REVIVAL

Nations. Michial and Cary have both ministered on GLC (Gods Learning Channel 58). Everyone is welcome. We will enjoy fellowship with all and receive a blessing from the Lord, whatever your needs may

be. More testimonies will be given at the meetings. For more information concerning the Revival you can call Dane Ratliff at 254-725-4267 or Dru Eppard at 254-725-6329.

Submitted by Dru Eppard

BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries reports more donations received. Those giving include: M/M J.C. Herring \$25; M/M Hollis Adams \$50; M/M Al Godwin \$25; Roy Hollon \$100; Mrs. Melvin Jones \$25; Ruth Newton \$25; Bob and Kay Magee \$25; Arthur and Wand Boyle \$25; M/M Sammy Edington \$100; Elizabeth Cook \$25; Donna Richardson \$100; Ruby Nell Neff \$30; M/M C.W. Golson \$50; Ealey Cox \$10; Lavada Young \$20; Roland and Gale Wilson \$50; Cody Golson \$50;

Ken and Terri Hunter (In Memory of Leif and Bill Hunter) \$25; Charlyne Connelly \$100; Liz Golson \$50; R.L. and Maxine Cross \$25; M/M Roy White \$35; Bob and Baker and Marie Andrews \$100.

The Cemetery Board wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

Jackie and Jared Strickland of Somerville and Matt Turney of Santa Anna visited Lovera Strickland this last weekend. Mark and Marsha Turney and Eddie Strickland visited Saturday afternoon.

'They Came-We Seek' genealogy conference in Caldwell July 21-23

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society announces their genealogical conference. Titled "They Came-We Seek" to emphasize that our ancestors left the Fatherland to come to America. They came with hope and we seek to learn of our ancestors with love while being reunited with family and friends.

The conference, scheduled for July 21 - 23, 2005, will be held at the Caldwell Civic/Visitor Center, 103 Hwy. 21W, in Caldwell, Texas.

With more than 36 scheduled genealogical sessions, attendees will be given an opportunity to learn many ways to solve unanswered genealogical questions. Speakers include: Lloyd Bockstruck from the Dallas Public Library, Dr. Miroslav Koudelka of the Czech Republic, Doug Kubicek, Frances Hazmark, Bill Page, Tammy Kubecka, Leo Baca, Frank Kalbac, Patrick Janis, Sandra Matthijetz, M. F. Chupick Bennett, Margie Harris from Clayton Library, genealogy columnist Lynna Kay Shuffield, Retta Chandler, Marie Mann and Alex Wensowitch.

The conference registration fee is \$80 for all three days, if post marked by June 15th, \$95 if post marked after June 15th, and \$100 at the door. The registration fee includes: lunch each day, dinner on Thursday and Friday, and entertainment for all three days. Conference entertainment includes: Thursday evening "Cotton Farming" presented by Frank Kalbac, Friday evening "The New Tabor SPJST Youth Performers", and Saturday afternoon "The Dallas Czech Orchestra Concert".

Complete registration information is available on our website at www.txczgs.org or contact Charlene Hurta at 979-849-0348 or by email at: fhurta@brazosport.edu for a complete registration booklet.

Submitted by Charlene Hurta
President Texas Czech Genealogical Society

BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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In Henry Drummond's book, *The Greatest Thing In The World*, in dealing with I Corinthians 13, the "love chapter," he says, "You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out — the moments when you have really lived — are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love."

It is no wonder that he would say that, in light of this 'love chapter,' for Paul says that all our actions are a big **nothing** in the eyes of God if they are done without love. And he describes love as being patient, kind, not jealous, not bragging, not arrogant, not acting unbecomingly, not seeking ones own, not provoked, not keeping a score of others' wrongs, not rejoicing in unrighteousness, rather in the truth... Isn't it interesting how many things Paul points out as being **opposites of love**? Living a life of love, then, necessitates **eliminating some bad qualities** from our lives as well as **adding good qualities** — so we can "seek others' best good."

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CLASS OF 1955—The Cross Plains High School Class of 1955 met at the Community Center on April 30, 2005 for their 50th class reunion. There were 23 members present. Pictured above are Velda Crow Stevens (front, from left), Jewell Partee Purvis, Rosemary Spencer Jeffries, JoAnn Montgomery Ringhoffer, Thelda Crow Jeffries, and Lucille Bernard Koenig; Elva Nell Rouse Dupreist (middle, from left), Pat Parrish Robison, Joyce Tyler Jones, and James Henry Brown; Sue Roady McNeil (back, from left), Carl McCord, Easter Tyler Scott, Johnny Baugh, Betty Brown Greenman, Betty Porter Baxter, Frances Grider Taylor, and Oran Baius. Those unavailable for the photo were LaNell Brown Sowell, Vondell Dillard Bailey, Eddie Johnson, Donald Illingworth, and Therenne Crites McCrohan. A good time was had by all.

Great time had by all at Class of 1946 Spring brunch

On June 18, 2005, the Class of 1946 met at the beautiful home of N.L. and Ann Long for a Spring brunch. Ann always has a wonderful buffet of delicious food. We did lots of eating and visiting. We never seem to tire of the same old stories, they just get better and better every year.

Those attending were Arthur and Wanda Boyle, Robert and Charlene Grider, Dick and Joan

Vestall, Bill and Becky White, Imogen Haun, Bobbie Johnston, Dorothy Petty, Bobby Hinkle, Harold Garrett, Eugene Gibson, Jimmy McCowen and our host and hostess, N.L. and Ann Long.

Those that were unable to attend were missed. Hope to see you at Dick and Joan Vestalls on December 10 for our Christmas get together.

Submitted by
Bobby Hinkle

CJC Receives Approval for 2-year RN Program

At the regular meeting of the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners, April 21, 2005, Cisco Junior College received initial approval from the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas for implementation of a two-year generic associate degree in nursing program. The college currently has a LVN-RN option which has boosted career opportunities for licensed vocational nurses while adding to the registered nurse supply for the local health care industry. The generic option will further boost the supply of RNs in the local health care industry and will give individuals the opportunity to obtain an associate degree in nursing in the local area. The closest location for this type of education is about 100 miles away. Cisco Junior College also received the required approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The generic option will begin fall 2005 with 20 students. Subsequently each fall another cohort of students will be admitted. Numerous inquiries are received daily for program information. There are currently 60 qualified applicants in the selection pool for the fall start up date. With the current nursing shortage, local healthcare facilities can accommodate the additional registered nurses the program will produce.

The recent move to Cisco Junior College's newly built facility in Abilene greatly enhances the accommodation of additional students in both the nursing and in allied health programs. The two-year ADN (Associate Degree Nursing) program will be taught at CJC's Abilene Educational Center, 717 E. Industrial Blvd. This program will join the nursing programs (LVN-RN option and the LVN program) and the allied health programs currently offered by Cisco Junior College.



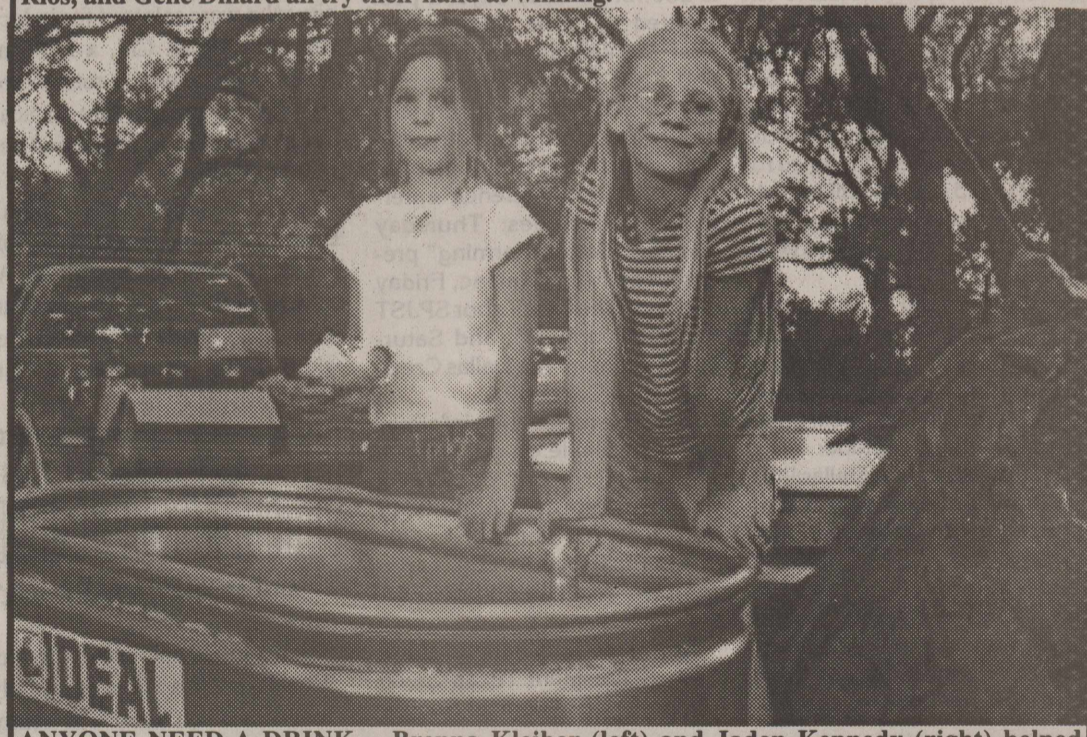
GREAT ENTERTAINMENT—Meagan Thomas, daughter of Ricky and Tina Thomas, was one of the many singers who participated in the City's 4th of July Celebration.



WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP—Patsy Pipes (from left), Bob Pipes, Helen Parson, Therenne McCrohan, and Larry Crockett visit while they await their turn to play in the 42 tournament.



42 TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS—Adrian Slaymaker (from left), Linda Slaymaker, Chris Rios, and Gene Dillard all try their hand at winning.



ANYONE NEED A DRINK—Brenna Kleiber (left) and Jaden Kennedy (right) helped distribute water and soft drinks to all the hot and thirsty people that turned out for the hotdogs, watermelon, and firework display. (All photos courtesy of Vanda Anderson, Editor)

Commissioners vote to move Clyde early voting location

Callahan County Commissioners voted to move the early voting branch location in Clyde from North First Street to the new Justice of the Peace office on Oak Street.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 27 in a regular meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The early voting location for the upcoming November Amendment Election is being moved to the new JP office located at 208 Oak Street.

Callahan County must notify federal election officials about the early voting branch location change.

The Clyde Justice of the Peace office will soon be moving to the new location at 208 Oak Street in Clyde. Callahan County Commissioners recently voted to purchase the old West Texas Utilities office from Carol Windham for the new JP court.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Commissioners voted to sign the minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings.

—There was no public comment received.

—Commissioners voted to approve the deputation of part-time clerk Mandy Pruet in the county clerk's office. The depu-

tation of Pruet is needed so she can sign court documents.

—Commissioners voted to approve the contract with Western Towers to construct a communication tower on County Road 470 near Belle Plaine.

Under the bid agreement, Western Towers will construct the 480 guy-wired tower at a total cost of \$135,176.85.

Western Tower began construction of the communications tower on June 27. The company has 90 days to complete the project.


—Commissioners took no action concerning the contract with Hart Intercivic to purchase 17 electronic voting machines for Callahan County. Judge Roger Corn said the contract to purchase the electronic voting machines was not yet received.

—Commissioners voted to approve the Electricity Aggregation Agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Callahan County is one of some 150 entities which will purchase electricity offered through TASB.

Judge Corn said the eight month contract will be rebid in October or November 2005.


The current contract to provide electricity for Callahan County is provided by Direct Energy.

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Cisco Writers Club 2005 Summer Writing Contest Opens—Details for Entries Provided

The Cisco Writers Club is holding its 29th Annual Contest for the Summer 2005. Entries may be made through July 31, 2005.

If you are not judging contest entries, you may enter as many categories as you wish, but no more than two entries per category. Judges may enter a category except the one they are judging.

Cash awards are \$10, \$5, \$3 and \$2, respectively will be made to judge's determinations of first, second, third and honorable mention at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in the Community Room at the First National Bank in Cisco.

There will be a \$4.00 fee for each prose entry and \$2.00 for each poetry entry.

Categories and maximum lengths: Limit two entries per category.

1. Christine Reich, Rhymed Poetry - 30 lines
2. Dr. Joe Starney, Unrhymed Poetry - 30 lines
3. Jasper Cook, Humorous Poetry - 30 lines
4. Short Shots (brief anecdotes like those in *Reader's Digest*) - 200 words
5. Columns of General Interest - 750 words
6. Children's Stories written for ages 12 and younger - 1200 words
7. Articles of General Interest - 750 words
8. Articles of Inspiration - 2,000 words
9. Articles of Nostalgia - 2,000 words
10. Short Stories - 2,500 words
11. Books...Brief Synopsis and first two chapters.

Categories receiving less than 5 entries, entries will be returned unjudged.

Selected Judges, competent in their categories, will be asked, but not required, to critique entries.

Manuscripts must be original work; unpublished as of May 1, 2005, and must not have placed first previously in this contest. Entries must be typed. You may send the original typed manu-

script (dark ribbon, please), a clean photocopy or a letter-quality computer printout. Retain a copy of your records. Note: While Cisco Writers Club exercises reasonable precautions, it is not responsible for lost or stolen material. A manuscript must be double spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced. Make book synopses brief summaries, covering basic plot or theme and revealing the ending.

COVER SHEET: In the upper left corner, put your name, complete address, telephone number and E-mail address (if any). In the upper right corner, put the name of the category and number of lines if poetry, words if prose (except books). In the middle of the sheet center the title **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY OTHER PAGE.**

FIRST PAGE: In the upper right corner, repeat the category and number of words on lines. Double space eight times; center title; double space twice; begin manuscript; book synopsis or first chapter page. (Center chapter titles two double spaces below book title.) **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS PAGE OR ANY SUCCEEDING PAGE.** On each **SUCCEEDING PAGE**, write the title and page number in upper right corner.

Fasten cover sheet and manuscript of each entry with a paper clip. **DO NOT STAPLE ANYTHING.** Make money order or check to Cisco Writers Club. Mail **FLAT**. If you cannot pickup your entries at the September meeting, please include a self-address and stamped envelope for return after September 13, 2005.

By entering this contest, you grant permission for Cisco Writers Club to use your name, town, contest placement and/or photograph in our publicity.

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Rep. Hilderbran's plan reduces frequency of property reappraisals

AUSTIN - Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) filed legislation today that would prohibit real property from being reappraised more than once every two years, effectively reducing the appraisal cap to less than 5 percent a year.

The tax code currently reads that property should be appraised at least once per three-year period, capping the increase at 10 percent per appraisal. This wording allows property to be appraised every year, leaving many homeowners to see an increase of more than 30 percent over three years.

"My bill takes a different route than what many of my colleagues have been trying to do in the House," Hilderbran said. "Instead of reducing the

appraisal cap, we can reduce the frequency of reappraisals, thereby getting the same results in a more effective manner."

For example, should the Texas House of Representatives pass legislation reducing the appraisal cap from 10 percent, a homeowner whose property was valued at \$100,000 would see their value increase to \$114,490 in two years. With Hilderbran's plan, the increase over two years would only be to \$110,000.

"Right now we are trying to fund education without relying so heavily on property taxes that we drive people out of their homes," Hilderbran said. "Limiting the number of reappraisals will lower taxes just as effectively as lowering the appraisal cap."

Hilderbran's legislation is HB83.

Texas Dept. of Agriculture seeking historic farms and ranches

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the 2005 Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,020 farms and ranches have been recognized in 226 Texas counties.

"We must not forget our past," Combs said. "There was a time when few buildings and roads could be seen on the Texas landscape. Instead, there were pioneer families, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their homes and staking their claim to the land. This program recognizes these

pioneers and the generations who have continued the farming and ranching heritage."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2006. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the 2005 Family Land Heritage Registry. In addition, honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. Applications are due by Nov. 15. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-2631 or melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us.

Cross Plains native named Dean of Distance Learning at Cisco Junior College

James Darron Koenig has recently been named Dean of Distance Learning at Cisco Junior College. Koenig, who is a Cross Plains native, graduated from Cross Plains High School and received a BBA from Abilene Christian University and a MBA from Amerton University.

In his new position, Koenig will be overseeing instruction and curriculum for electronically delivered courses and programs, for high school due enrollment courses, and other courses delivered off the Cisco or the Abilene campus.

Koenig said that distance learning is an alternative to traditional classroom instruction. "Unlike a traditional classroom setting, the Distance Learning instructors are not in the same location as the students. The instructor and students interact through one or more electronic means, such as an online website, email, online chat, discussion groups or even video conferencing. This allows much more flexible schedules for CJC students, and minimizes, if any, the need to commute to the school campus."

According to Dr. Colleen Smith, Vice-President of Instructional Services, there is a growing demand for off-campus and distance learning educational services. "The growth of technology and ease of internet use have fostered the necessity for such educational classes, and CJC is committed to providing and developing programs that meet today's needs. Students will be assessed in all Distance Learning courses to ensure that learning outcomes are equivalent to the course taught on-site at Cisco Junior College," she said.

"Distance Learning classes offered by CJC can be viewed at CJC's website, www.cisco.cc.tx.us, under

Course Schedules, and more information is available by calling (254) 442-5115," Koenig said.

Before assuming his duties at CJC, Koenig had worked over 20 years in Information Technology, working with companies as a business process analyst and leading the implementation of large-scale computer systems. He began his professional career as a computer programmer and later moved into management roles, including IT manager, IT director, practice manager for a large consulting firm, and also started a successful independent management and technology consulting firm before moving back to the Cisco area two years ago. Koenig was elected Chamber of Commerce president in 2004 and is also a member of the Cisco Rotary Club. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, Melissa and Daniel. Melissa is currently enrolled at Cisco Junior College, and son, Daniel, is a senior at Cisco High School. He is the son of James Oscar and Lucille Koenig of Cross Plains.

"I am especially looking forward to visiting with high school principals and superintendents concerning their dual enrollment course needs," Koenig said.

He explained that such classes allow high school seniors to enroll in college level course work such as English and receive both high school and college credit, making it possible for high school students to complete their first college semester prior to receiving their high school diploma.

Koenig added that he is glad to be a part of the Cisco Junior College community and is excited about this program and what Distance Learning can offer CJC students.

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News for Veterans

NEW JOBS—The West Texas Wind Energy Consortium, Job Fair will be held next Tuesday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m., at the Trent, TX Schools. Use Exit 261 from Interstate 20. Some 300 wind generators are presently under construction on Highway 277 just south of Coronado's Camp. Another big Wind Farm was announced last week to be built in Sterling and Glasscock Counties. This industry will provide many new jobs for West Texas and this is your chance to learn how you can participate.

VA PENSION—VA Pension is available for eligible Veterans upon reaching age 65 or for those under age 65 who are permanently and totally disabled. The disability does not have to be service related. Service during a time of war is necessary, at least 90 days of service and an honorable discharge. **ALL OTHER INCOME** counts against the pension, including Social Security. Rates are higher if the Veteran is Housebound or in need of aid and attendance.

COUNTY SERVICE OFFICE—Your Veterans Service

Office is open Monday and Tuesday 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. The telephone number is 325-854-1520 and the fax number is 325-854-1227. Callahan County Veterans have had the assistance of a County Service Officer since 1946.

NEW READING—**BROTHERHOOD OF HEROES: THE MARINES AT PELELIU, 1944—THE BLOODIEST BATTLE OF THE PACIFIC WAR.** 9,000 men of the 1st Marine Division went in against 11,000 well entrenched Japanese who knew they were going to die and were determined to take as many Americans down with them that they could. The Marines suffered 1,250 deaths among 6,500 casualties and the Japanese lost all but 30 of their 11,000 troops. The book is published by Simon & Schuster and is available for \$24.00.

TAPS—The last call has sounded for Alton Morris Gartman-USA, Hayden Harrell-USA, Clair Richardson-USA, Elbert L. Todd-USA, and Steve H. Williams, Jr-USA. Hats off to these Veterans who were there when their country needed them.

Demonstrations available for eSLATE voting machine

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 was signed by President George Bush, on October 29, 2002. This legislation was passed to improve the administration of elections in the United States. HAVA addresses three main areas. It creates a federal agency to serve as a clearing house for elections administration information. It provides for the replacement of outdated voting systems and helps to fund that replacement. HAVA also creates minimum standards for all states to follow. Each state is required to be in compliance by January 1, 2006.

HAVA has already changed the look and part of the process in which voters register to vote. Voters also saw changes in the November 2004 elections, if they were not on the Voter Registration Rolls. The Challenge voters process was replaced by the Provisional Vote.

To meet the new requirements, Callahan County will be using the eSLATE system from Hart Intercivic. The eSLATE

system is an electronic device that voters use to cast their ballots. It is about the size of a legal pad and very simple to use. The system is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The eSLATE System automates the balloting and tabulation process. Some of its qualities are its accuracy, security and efficiency.

This is an exciting time not only for Callahan County of the State of Texas, but for the whole nation, as we embark this new Election process. The next two weeks (July 6th-20th) a demo of the eSLATE machine will be available to the residents of Callahan County. Several civic organizations have already planned to have a demonstration at their meetings. If you or your organization would like a hands-on demonstration please contact the Callahan County Tax Office at 325-854-1020. This is a unique opportunity to get an advanced peek into the future of the elections balloting process.

Cisco Junior College

On-line Registration Underway

Cisco Junior College online registration is now underway for the Summer II semester and the Fall 2005 semester. Online registration for Summer II ends July 5, and online registration for Fall 2005 ends August 12.

Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. First class day for the Summer II semester is July 11, and fall classes begin August 29.

Visit our website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us; click on the Student Information link and Campus Connect for instructions on how to register online.

To register for courses you must meet the Texas Success Initiative requirements. For more information call the campus in Cisco (254) 442-5000 or the Abilene Educational Center (325) 794-4400.

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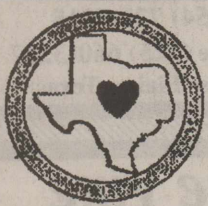
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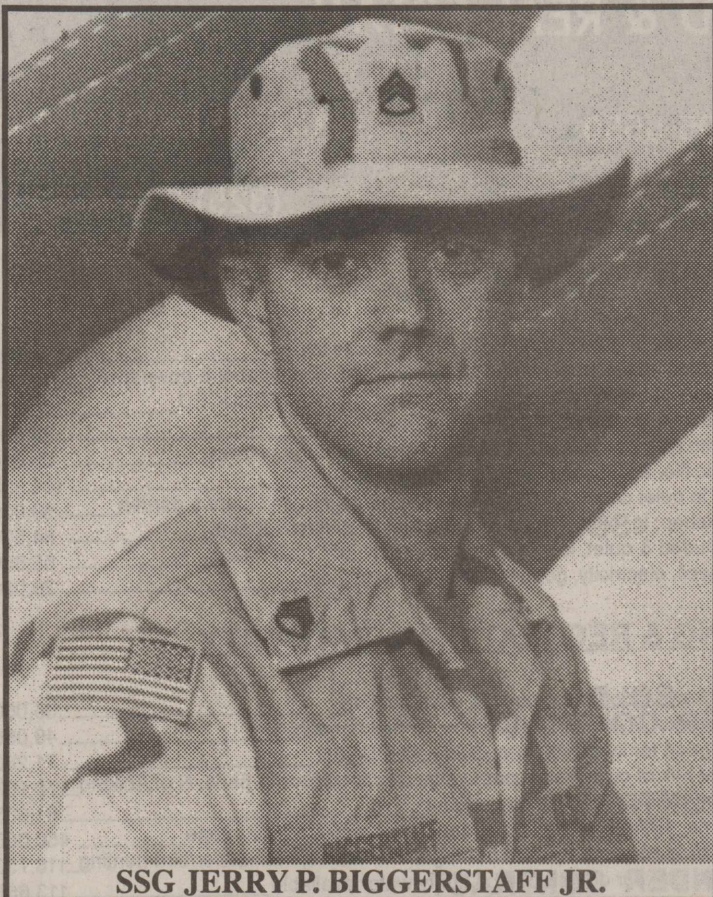
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This short column indicates the beginning of a 2 week departure from rigors of Iraq for my youngest son. What occurred during this time is not documented. I do know he had son graduate from high school, a birthday for his youngest son, and a birthday for his wife. The full columns will resume next week.

Sorghum Forage Production meeting set for July 8th

Callahan County Cooperative Extension is holding a sorghum forage production meeting July 8th at the test plots located two miles south of State Hwy 36 at the home of Miller and Marian Scott. The meeting is designated to give producers an opportunity to compare some of the different varieties of summer annual forages that are now available to help them plan for next years growing season.

The meeting will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m., with the program starting shortly thereafter. We will open the program with a discussion of site selection, soil preparation, seeding rates and fertility. We will also discuss prussic acid and nitrate poisoning as it is associated with sorghum forage production. We will discuss advantages and disadvantages between forage sorghum, con-

ventional sorghum/sudan crosses (haygrazer), Sorghum/sudan (3-way crosses), Brown mid-rib sorghum/sudan (BMR) and Photoperiod-sensitive sorghum/sudan varieties. The varieties that were planted and will be available to be viewed include: Frame, Sugar Graze Ultra, ForageKing, Sweeter-n-Honey, PS 210 BMR, Pacesetter BMR, SS204 BMR, Sweeter-n-Honey BMR, SS 200 BMR, SS206 BMR, Sugar Grazer II, Cattle Grazer, Sugar Queen and Hay Delay.

Two continuing education unit (CEU) credits for participants with a Texas Department of Agriculture Applicators License will also be offered.

Persons planning to attend are asked to contact the Callahan County Extension office at (325) 854-1518 by July 6th.

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New Support Group Offered for Children with Aging Parents Starts this Thursday

"Honor thy father and thy mother" is the greatest commandment that a child can keep. To honor them in their golden years is even more rewarding. But there comes a time that all children do not know what to do or who to go to for help for their parents.

Do you know about all the medical and legal aspects of caring for your parents? Do you know about Medicare or other benefits? What about nursing home care? What do we all need to know?

On Thursday, July 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the old fellowship hall at First Baptist Church, there will be meeting for Children of Aging Parents. Everyone is welcome to come and share what they know, and to ask questions. Together we will support each other and find out the needed information. Please contact Kathy Purvis at (254) 725-6219 for any questions.

*Note: Due to not much response, the Cancer Support Group will discontinue meeting until further notice.

Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp Scheduled for July 11-17 at CJC Campus in Cisco

The Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp will be held at Cisco Junior College Monday, July 11 through Sunday, July 17. The camp will include five days of teaching and nightly concerts featuring instructors and recitals by the students. The public invited to attend the nightly concerts, and there is no charge for admission. Concerts will be held in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium located on the Cisco campus.

Elmore has taught at music camps in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, New Mexico, California and Oregon. He began his professional career at age 20 and has worked with top name artists such as Reba McEntire, George Strait, Mel Tillis, Ray Price and Asleep At the Wheel. Elmore has received numerous awards including being named "Instrumentalist of the Year" at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, NM, inducted into the "Western Swing Hall of Fame" in Sacramento, CA, and inducted into the "Texas Fiddlers Hall of Fame". Elmore also won "Texas State Fiddle Champion" six times, "World Champion" twice was voted "Favorite Fiddler of the Year".

Other award-winning musicians/instructors scheduled to join Elmore at this year's fiddle camp are Sherry McKenzie, Dale Morris, Valeria O'Brien, Johnny Gimble, Paul Anastasio, Jim "Texas Shorty" Chancellor, Dick Gimble, Wes Westmoreland and Joey McKenzie. Biographies for each of the instructors and complete camp information can be found on Elmore's website at www.randyelmore.com.

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Texas Legislature reinstates important CHIP Benefits

The Texas Legislature restored several important benefits to the Children's Health Insurance Program, but fell short in fully funding the program for the 2006-07 biennium.

Dental, vision, hospice and mental health services were restored to the CHIP benefits package, monthly premiums have been replaced with more affordable and convenient enrollment fees, and lawmakers added funds to increase enrollment. An important provision also requires that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission request additional funding from the legislature if there is a CHIP shortfall before imposing a wait list, enrollment cap, or cuts to eligibility or benefits.

"These restorations are significant victories for uninsured children and represent the hard work and commitment of hundreds of organizations across the State that worked to restore the Texas CHIP program," said Barbara Best, Texas Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund.

The Campaign to Restore CHIP also thanks the lawmakers who supported CHIP restoration, particularly Senator Kip Averitt (R-Waco), who filed legislation to fully restore CHIP and championed an unsuccessful effort to restore 12 months continuous eligibility for children; and Senator Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) who developed the rider language to seek additional funds before creating a wait list or enrollment cap.

"Without such strong leadership for children's health, these restorations would not have been achieved," said Anne Dunkelberg, Assistant Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities. "We thank the legislators who worked tirelessly for restoration and achieved these successes despite many competing demands. Their commitment has made important progress for children."

Although these restorations are positive developments for low-income families on CHIP, critical program challenges remain for CHIP during the biennium. Renewed investment in outreach efforts to inform

Texas families about the improved coverage and more family-friendly cost sharing will be essential to rebuilding the Texas CHIP program. If enrollment does not recover, Texas will miss out on an estimated \$370 million in federal matching funds for the 2006-2007 biennium. Texas receives \$2.65 in federal matching funds for every \$1 of State funds invested in CHIP.

In addition, the Legislature did not allocate enough revenue to allow CHIP to grow back to 2003 levels. The Legislature provided funding for only about 24,000 additional children to be covered, yet CHIP enrollment declined by over 180,000 children since cuts took effect on September 1, 2003. Texas lawmakers pledged that they would find additional funds for CHIP in the case of a budget shortfall. It will be critically important to ensure that this provision is implemented and that CHIP eligible children are enrolled without a waiting list or benefit reductions throughout the 2006-2007 biennium.

According to 2003 U.S. Census data, Texas currently has the highest rate of uninsured children in the nation, with 21.6% of children lacking coverage. Nearly 90% of uninsured children have at least one working parent.

Restorations that were not achieved include:

- A final push for 12 month continuous eligibility, led by Senator Kip Averitt and passed by the Texas Senate, did not succeed, and 6 month coverage was made permanent in SB 1863.
- A 90-day wait for coverage remains in place for children who enroll in CHIP, including newborns.
- Income offsets for work-related expenses were not removed.
- A CHIP asset test remains in place, preventing families with more than \$5,000 in assets from qualifying for CHIP. Assets include cash, checking and saving accounts and certain vehicle values.
- Provider rate cuts remain in place, making it more difficult for CHIP health plans to recruit

and retain providers.

• Funding is not adequate to restore CHIP enrollment to pre-September 1, 2003 levels.

New CHIP Perinatal Program:

A last-minute addition to the budget creates new CHIP coverage of prenatal care and maternity services for women whose children, when born, would be under 200% of poverty and qualify for CHIP or Medicaid. HHSC estimates that coverage of these "perinates" will increase the CHIP rolls in FY 2007 by almost 48,000, most of whom under current rules would have been eligible for Medicaid as newborns.

Some of the state and local organizations supporting CHIP restoration include:

Metro 8 Alliance, The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Texas Medical Association, Texas Dental Association, United Ways of Texas, Greater Houston Partnership, Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Texas Hospital Association, Texas Pediatric Society, Texas Nurses Association, Mental Health Association of Texas and local affiliates, Texas Catholic Conference and Catholic Bishops, United Methodist Women of Texas, Texas Association of Public & Non-profit Hospitals, Children's Hospital Association of Texas, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, National Council of Jewish Women, Texans Care for Children, Texas Counseling Association, Center for Public Policy Priorities, Consumers Union, Texas Dental Hygienists Association, Texas Impact, The Freedom and Justice Foundation, March of Dimes-Texas Chapter, Mission Presbytery, American Jewish Congress-Southwest Region, American Jewish Committee-Dallas Chapter, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Greater Dallas Chamber, Children's Defense Fund Texas.

The Campaign to Restore CHIP represents more than 250 organizations and 2000 individuals statewide and is committed to the full restoration of benefits and eligibility to the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program.

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